



# Messenger

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## Pastor's Logos [word]

Column by Paul Coen, Senior Pastor

Our children's tomorrows are being determined today. We are the ones - the parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, extended family and friends - who are helping to predestine the future generation. How are we guiding these children and what values are we modeling for them? As a pastor and parent, I know how much of an influence we have on our children's heads, hearts and bodies.

I believe that churches like ours can help parents equip their children with the tools and values needed to be good people, servants of God and caring neighbors. Values such as respect, honesty, compassion, gratitude, loyalty, kindness, perseverance, trustworthiness, graciousness and of course, love are all core values of followers of Christ. We can teach these at home, but if they are not reaffirmed in other parts of a child's life there will be little connection to their daily living.

Luther Memorial is a place where the love of God and the love of our neighbor is a cherished part of our lives in Christ. But we cannot help the children of this church and this community if parents don't help them see how important it is to be a part of this community of faith.

Please consider what values we want our children to take with them. Do we equip our children to become adults who love God, honor and respect the elderly, show compassion toward the less fortunate, act with justice, are loyal to nation, faithful to Christ and trustworthy in relationships? The only true way this can happen for our children is to teach them as a community of faith, this means all of us.

I pray that we will guide our children by fulfilling the promises we made to God and our children at baptism. As God's people, it is our calling to help parents and children live out these promises that truly offer a marvelous future.



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# Worship Assistance Schedule

AUGUST 2010  
9:00 am Service

<u>USHERS:</u>	<b>August 1:</b>	Alan & Kelly Rippe
	<b>August 8:</b>	Alan & Kelly Rippe
	<b>August 15:</b>	Alan & Kelly Rippe
	<b>August 22:</b>	Alan & Kelly Rippe
	<b>August 29:</b>	Alan & Kelly Rippe
<u>READERS:</u>	<b>August 1:</b>	Ron Wenninghoff
	<b>August 8:</b>	Jenny Panko
	<b>August 15:</b>	Jenniffer Panko-Rhae
	<b>August 22:</b>	Jenny Panko
	<b>August 29:</b>	Jerry Neeman
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	<b>August 1:</b>	Allison M. & Emily W.
	<b>August 8:</b>	Samantha H. & Allison N.
	<b>August 15:</b>	Patricia W. & Aubrienna K.
	<b>August 22:</b>	Lauren P. & Lauren G.
	<b>August 29:</b>	Connor C. & Elizabeth J.
<u>POWER POINT:</u>	<b>August 1:</b>	Lauren P.
	<b>August 8:</b>	Josh P.
	<b>August 15:</b>	none needed
	<b>August 22:</b>	Moriah D.
	<b>August 29:</b>	Shae F.
<u>VIDEO</u>		
<u>COORDINATORS:</u>	<b>August 1:</b>	Steve & Tyler Wellman
	<b>August 8:</b>	Eric Lamblin & Dan Watermeier
	<b>August 15:</b>	Ron & Mary Ann Wenninghoff & Arlin Rohlfs
	<b>August 22:</b>	Andy Brace & Jim Pfeiffer
	<b>August 29:</b>	Jerry & Rhae Werner
<u>VISITATION:</u>		Carlene Keim

If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to get your own substitute. Thank you for volunteering!

## WELCA NEWS

The Carol Joy Holling Quilt auction will be July 31st from 9 am to 5 pm. We will have six quilts there. (4 baby quilts and 2 large quilts) There will be a barbeque lunch from 11:30-1:00 pm.

**Autumn Renewal 2010** will be held September 18th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Wahoo. Hear the stories, learn about the mission and decide how you can "live love" with our sisters and brothers in Tanzania. Presentations will be by Bob Kasworm, operations leader for Alegent Health Tanzania and Pastor Martin Russell, assistant to the Bishop in the Nebraska Synod.

**"Together We Live Love With Tanzania"**

The next WELCA meeting will be Wednesday, September 1st, at 9:00 am. Bingo will be played at Good Samaritan September 8th.



## Fall Worship & Rally Sunday Begin September 12th

Sunday, September 12th at 8:00 & 10:15 worship, we will celebrate the opening of Sunday School. This is going to be a great day to return to worship and help our children grow in faith through a new Sunday School program. Worship times resume to 8 am & 10:15 am and Sunday School classes start at 9:10 am.

## Themes for Sundays in August

Sunday, August 1: How Christians of the Lutheran Tradition understand and interpret the Word of God

Sunday, August 8th: Our belief in Holy Baptism

Sunday, August 15th: The Lord's Supper

Sunday, August 22: The Theology of the Cross & God's Grace

Sunday, August 29: Why & How Lutherans Worship the way we do!

Come and find new understanding and meaning on these essential parts of our Faith life as Christians of the Lutheran Tradition. I know you will find these themes for the Sunday sermons in August quite interesting. This is most certainly true!!!

# Youth & Family NEWS



**VBS WAS A HIT!**

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE VBS SUCH A SUCCESS!

- to the leadership team: Traci Bjork, Linda Liesemeyer, Tammie Mead, Linda Shanks, Jo Weiler, Pr. Mike Widner, & Terry Zimmer.

- to the family leaders, marketplace vendors, drama folks, game players,

music leaders, youth helpers & general supporters: Carrie Brandt,

Fred Bredehoeft, Shirley Conradi, Karena Danner, Pr. Tony Dawson, Cecilia Dilley, Moriah Dilley, Pr. John Finster, Shirley Finster, Judy Hespen, Angie Hiller, Sam Hoppe, Mariah Husen, Terri Jansen, Ellen Kuenning, Laurie Kuenning, Carol Lindquist, Sydney Lintner, Karen

McCoy, Deb McWilliams, Mariah McWilliams, Ally Mead, Kerri Meyer, Paula Nichols, Melinda Ortiz, Lauren Panko, Chuck Porter, Riley Porter, Susana Porter, Deana Reichmuth, Bev Spohrase, Andrea Stubbendick, Susan Thies, Carol Wallman, Jeanette Wellsandt, & Michaela Wirtz!



And thanks to the congregation for supporting VBS!



## Confirmation - Introduction Night & Parents Meeting

With school starting soon, so will confirmation. We will have an introduction to the year for all 6th - 8th grade students **AND** parents on September 1st at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Rally Day is  
Sept. 12th**  
watch for more details.

If you're interested in helping with Confirmation as a Small Group Guide or in being a Sunday School teacher, please call the church office!  
We need everyone's help!



# Youth & Family NEWS cont'd.

Back to



School

School starts August 23rd!

We will have a blessing for all students, teachers and faculty at worship on Sunday, August 22nd.

As part of this, we will also have a blessing of the backpacks, tote bags, briefcases or whatever you'd like to bring for a blessing of your school or work (This is not just for those going to school).

Blessing of the Backpacks



Training for Sunday School Teachers &

**Confirmation Small Group Guides** - As students return to school, we are reminded of the importance that education plays in all our lives and so all Sunday School Teachers and Confirmation Small Group Guides are asked to attend either ONE of two sessions to be trained, refreshed and/or re-energized for the vitally important ministry which you do with the youth of Luther Memorial. Please RSVP to the church office. Thanks!

**Sunday, August 22 at 10:15am or Tuesday, August 31st at 7pm**

## Milestones Ministry

What is Milestones Ministry? Milestones ministry is a way for us to celebrate the promises made in baptism, provide learning opportunities for families, and recommit ourselves as a congregation to nurture one another as the body of Christ as we mark "milestones" in a person's journey of faith.

Highlighting these key turning points, rites of passage, accomplishments, and other significant events throughout the entire lifespan, Milestones Ministry allows us to connect the events of our lives with God's grace, peace, forgiveness, hope, and love. By focusing on God's presence in the midst of our daily lives we carve out a sense of sacred holiness, placing God at the center of our everyday, ordinary living. In short, it is all about faith formation and acknowledging the presence and purpose of God in our lives.



WATCH FOR UPCOMING MILESTONES MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS!

## BLESSED EVENING WITH FRIENDS!!!

Once again, we will be hosting a meal on Tuesday, August 10th, for all members of our congregation. The only thing that has changed is the name: "Blessed Evening With Our Friends". This free meal is open to anyone in or outside the congregation. Please contact Mary Blacker at the church (269-2360) or Barb Miesbach (269-2030) to RSVP by August 6th. Hope to see you there!!!!

## MINISTRY POSITION OPENING - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: AFTER SCHOOL COORDINATOR

We are currently looking for someone to work with Pastor Mike in developing and implementing an after school program for elementary age children for one day a week. The estimated time commitment is 5 hours per week. If you are interested, please contact the church office for a job description and more information about compensation.



Rally Sunday is September 12th.

Sunday School Teachers are needed for the Fall classes. There is a "Help Wanted" sheet on the kiosk. Please sign up. We need YOU!!!!

## MOVIE, TV & BOOK REVIEWS

By Paul Coen, Senior Pastor

"Green Zone" On DVD \*\*  
Rated "R" for violence and language

The story takes place in 2003 during the early days of the invasion of Iraq. A group of soldiers are looking for Weapons of Mass Destruction, they can't find any and are wondering if the intelligence is accurate. As these men faithfully carry out their mission, they begin to doubt the reasons for the war. This action packed film is not an easy one to watch and I was greatly disturbed by its conclusions. The movie makes the point that it is not only our freedom to ask questions of our government, but an obligation especially, when it comes to going to war. After you watch this movie, let's talk about it.

"Toy Story 3" Currently in theaters  
Rated G \*\*\*\*1/2

Honestly, this is the best of the three movies. Pixar and Disney have hit a homerun with this one. There are so many great Biblical and theological pieces in this film, I could do a whole Bible study class on just the images. Not only that this is one very funny and fun movie for children of all ages. Most of the characters return with some new ones added to the mix, the humor engages kids and adults and the story is really very good and I laughed as much as the kids in the theater, if not more. Let's talk, after you have watched this movie!!!!

"The Book of Eli" On DVD \*\*\*\*  
Rated "R" for language and violence

This movie is the sleeper film of 2010 and could rank up there with "Shawshank Redemption" as a movie that transcends its theatrical release. The story takes place in the future after the world has gone through a nuclear war that has wrecked havoc with the environment. The main character is trying to take the Bible across of what is left of the United States to a place where it will be kept safe and duplicated for others. With the exception of 10 minutes of muted violence (little or no blood) and some vulgar language, this is a really good film. There are some excellent examples of Lutheran theology here as well as great images of faith and grace. After you watch this film, let's get a bunch of us together to talk about it!

## JULY 2010 CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

### Highlights of July 19th, Council Meeting

- Second quarter Benevolence payment of \$6500 was paid. Operating funds are decreasing. Estimate that there is 3 months in account to pay for expenses.
- A special Congregational meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. church service for a vote to allow the council to seek borrowing funds in the event we need for operating expenses.
- Pastor Paul will be putting together a group for Haiti mission for a long range evangelism outreach program for winter 2011.
- \$3000 from the Stillahn fund was approved by council to use towards making health kits for Haiti. The items will be purchased and brought to the church to be made on Rally Sunday by church members.
- Pastor Mike recommended hiring a Children's Ministry Position. This position would be in charge of putting together an after school program on Wednesday's for elementary age children. Similar programs are being done at other churches in Syracuse. The Council approved funding of \$4500/year for 3 years (salary and supplies) to get the program going from the Stillahn funds.
- The church has been offering a meal for people once a week. The name of this outreach program will be called "A Blessed Evening with Friends". Council approved using \$2000/year from the Stillahn fund to continue offering this program.
- There will be a "Come See How Blessed We Are Sunday" on September 26<sup>th</sup> during both services.
- The church will start a Backpack Club starting this fall. The program will target 20 (more if we have enough funding) children in the lower grades to help feed them and their families over the weekend during the 40 weeks of the school year. The cost is \$200 per backpack/food/certificates from the local food pantry, Lincoln Food Bank, and local vendors for supplies. Council approved using \$4000 of Stillahn fund with matching up to \$2000 from fundraising efforts. Volunteers are needed to help get the food, pack the food and deliver the food in the backpacks to the children. Members can adopt a backpack but will need to be responsible for also volunteering the time to fill it.
- Starting Rally Sunday (Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>), a clipboard will be sent down the pews to get e-mail addresses of members. The church will use the e-mail addresses for communicating newsletters, notifications, weekly happenings, etc.
- Council approved getting 2 bids for commercial dishwasher and labor not to exceed \$10000, using Stillahn funds.
- Next council meeting will be August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with the long range planning committee; regular meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.
- Council meetings will move to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month starting in September at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Ann Watermeier, Council Secretary



**Thank You.** . . . . .

Pastor Reinhard Beckman and family wish to say a sincere "thank you" to all members of Luther Memorial for contributions in various ways made to the July 4th celebration of Pastor Beckman's 75th anniversary of ordination. The thoughtful expressions of congratulations were so very meaningful and special. They were truly appreciated!

**Members of Luther Memorial:** Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, and kind words of concern following my surgery. I am so lucky to belong to such a supportive and caring church family. You're the BEST!!

Love, Savannah Zimmer