

May Calendar of Events

**May 4th— Luther Manor Membership Auxiliary Drive
Bless the Years Sunday
Mortgage reduction/operating fund/finances informational meeting at 11:00 am**

May 6th—Mortgage reduction/operating fund/finances informational meeting at 7:00 pm

May 8th—*Mother-Daughter Dinner at 6:00 pm*

**May 11th—Pentecost Sunday
Music Sunday
Mother's Day
Services with Healing**

**May 14th—Wednesday, at 1:00 pm “*Can You Hear Me Now?*”
presented by Luther Manor and Dr. Rieder at WPLC**

May 18th—Confirmation Sunday at 10:00 am

JUNE 1st SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

- Please bring non-perishable food for Hope House on Sundays
- Please bring your aluminum cans and Campbell labels on the second Sunday, May 11th, ONLY.
- Dorcas Circle meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
- Knitting and Crocheting class meets every Tuesday, at 1:00 pm in the library.
- Sunday School at 10:00 am, meets in church Sunday, May 11th.
- God's Young Voices—meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 .
- Senior Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.
- Health and Wellness meeting, Thursday, May 1st, 7:00 pm
- Worship & Music meets Tuesday, May 6th, at 7:00 pm
- Ladies Aid meets Wednesday, May 14th at 11:30 am.
- OWLS meet on Thursday, May 8th, at 8:30 am at Forum Restaurant
- Property committee meeting Tuesday, May 13th, at 6:30 pm.
- Christian Education meeting Tuesday, May 13th at 6:30 pm
- Women's Bible Study meets Thursday, May 15th, 7:00 pm.
- Friends meet Tuesday, May 27th at 9:30 am.
- Parish Nurse, Barb Estrada is here on Wednesday mornings but not May 28th she will be here on the Friday, May 30th of that week
- PICK N SAVE WPLC *WE CARE* NUMBER IS # 934480





Shingles and Shingles Vaccine

Some physicians are beginning to discuss the Shingles Vaccine with their patients. I thought this might be a good time to write about the disease, the vaccine, and who pays when you receive it.

Shingles is caused by the varicella-zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. After you've had chickenpox, the virus can lie inactive (dormant) in your nerves. Years later, the virus may reactivate as shingles. Shingles, also known as herpes zoster, is a viral infection that causes a painful rash. It often appears as a band of blisters that appears on one side of your body only and follows the path of the nerve where the virus had been inactive. This can be an important sign to help diagnose shingles. The symptoms are pain, burning, tingling, numbness or extreme sensitivity in a certain part of the body. A red rash begins a few days after the pain with fluid-filled blisters that break open and crust over. The rash can be itchy and you can experience fever, chills, headache, and an upset stomach. Not everyone will have all of the symptoms. An episode of shingles usually heals on its own within a few weeks, but prompt treatment can greatly ease the pain, speed healing and reduce your risk of complications, including shingles.

Shingles isn't a life-threatening condition, but it can be very painful. Sometimes, the rash leads to a debilitating complication called post herpetic neuralgia. This condition

causes the skin to remain painful and sensitive to touch for months or even years after the rash clears up. Anyone who's had chickenpox may develop shingles. The reason is unclear why some people's immune system doesn't completely destroy the virus. Shingles is more common in older adults and in those who have weak immune systems. More than half the shingles cases occur in adults over age 60.

The varicella-zoster vaccine (Zostavax) can help prevent shingles in adults age 60 and older who've had chickenpox. The vaccine doesn't guarantee you won't get shingles, but it may reduce the course and severity of the disease and reduce your risk of post herpetic neuralgia. The vaccine isn't recommended if you have ever had an allergic reaction to gelatin, the antibiotic neomycin or any other component of the shingles vaccine. You should also not get the shingles vaccine if you have a weakened immune system or are receiving cancer treatment, steroids or have a history of cancer affecting bone marrow or lymphatic system.

At this time Medicare and most Medicare supplements do not pay for the vaccine. Other insurance companies may or may not cover this vaccine, so be sure to check with your insurance company about their reimbursement policy before receiving the vaccine. In the long run, your out-of-pocket cost may be well worth the risk of the disease and complications in pain and cost of treatment over months or years. If your doctor doesn't discuss the need for the vaccine with you, you may want to broach the subject with him or her.
—Barb Estrada, Parish Nurse, RN

Luther Manor Auxiliary Membership Drive

We thought it best to move our Luther Manor program to coincide with the Health & Wellness Committee's *Bless The Year's Sunday on May 4th*. Linda Lueck will again be present to give us an update on the "happenings" at Luther Manor and Ron and I, will be available to collect your memberships.

We hope you would continue to support this valuable ministry that we have with Luther Manor. Auxiliary dues still remains at only \$2.00 for an annual membership, \$50 for a Sustaining Yearly Membership and \$300 for a Lifetime Membership payable in three payments. Because we have moved up the Auxiliary Membership Drive a few months you are welcome to join at any time until the beginning of October. We want to thank all who gave cookies this first quarter, we donated 652 dozen, a record breaker!! *Also, continue your donations of clothing and household items for the Den of Antiquity (resale shop).*

Hope you will continue to participate and support this important ministry.—Kathy Sonntag

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

New advances in hearing aid technologies presented by Dr. Anthony Rieder, MD and Terri Kirchner, Audiologist—**Wednesday, May 14 at 1:00 pm** in WPLC's Hibbard Hall. Learn the common signs of hearing loss, and how the latest technologies can help you hear what you've been missing.

Condensed Council minutes from April 1st, 2008

Recognition of gifts

There is a need to record and send written recognition of non-offering gifts to donors for tax purposes. A thank you letter on church stationery should serve as a receipt. A member of the congregation has volunteered to record gifts every six weeks and mail out the necessary acknowledgements. Kyle Sorvick will compose a letter and e-mail it to Sandy for future use. The letter should be kept in a central location so that it is readily accessible and instructions for its use should be added to Sandy's job description.

Inclement Weather Guidelines

The church secretary will be asked to contact all major local networks (Channels 4, 6, 12 and 58) so that church closing information will be broadcast on more than just one station in the event of inclement weather. The request for a code must be submitted on church letterhead. Once the code for each television station has been established, that information must be communicated to the Pastor, the Council President and Vice President as well as the Chair of Property Committee.

If cancellations are necessary, church closing information will then reach more people via four different television stations and their websites.

Council Members up for Re-election

Gloria Brinkmeier, Jill Underberg and Jerry Pagel are up for re-election. Gloria and Jill have indicated they WILL run again. Jerry has informed us he WILL NOT run for re-election. Therefore, at least one replacement will be needed – more would be better.

Agenda Items for Semi-Annual Meeting

- 1) Motion made to increase the monetary amount council can approve without congregational vote from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This would require an amendment to the Constitution. (See page 10, Line Item C17.01 of Constitution for guidelines. Notice must be given in writing to the congregation 30 days before the semi-annual meeting. Council recommendation needs quorum to vote. MOTION APPROVED by those present at meeting, *however we did not have a quorum*. Other council members will be contacted by phone or e-mail for their vote on this motion. If approved by council, this item will be added to the agenda for the semi-annual meeting.
- 2) Motion also made to amend the Constitution to revise the dates of our Annual Meeting to take place between 2/15 and 3/31 and for the Semi-Annual Meeting to take place between 8/15 and 9/30. Bylaws of the Constitution must be amended. MOTION APPROVED by those present at meeting, *however we did not have a quorum*. Other council members will be contacted by

phone or e-mail for their vote on this motion. If approved, this item will also be added to the agenda for the semi-annual meeting.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting is set for Sunday, June 1st.

Treasurer's Report – Brent Rice

The Operating fund balance as of 2/29/08 is \$38,244. While down from year end, this is still at a very acceptable level. March income is over \$20,400 prior to 3/30. This is excellent, but the higher than usual figure includes Easter offerings and 5 Sundays in one month. The Building fund continues to decline. 2008 income as of 2/29/08 was \$7,057 and not sufficient to make mortgage payments of \$8,772. We are still short \$1,715 for the year. We only hold enough in reserves to pay two months of mortgage payments. This level is at a CRITICAL point and needs to be built back up to \$20,000 plus. March contributions show an improvement. Totals prior to 3/30 are \$4,350.

Expenses exceed income by \$4,052 as of 2/29/08 but this is normal, especially considering high snowplowing bills (\$1,003 for January and \$2,200 for February) All moving expenses of \$7,786 have been paid out of Memorial.

Pastor's Report

His statistical report indicated two members, John and Panagiota Dobogai, have been removed from our rosters due to transfer.

Insurance Coverage

In response to Church Mutual's recommendation of two additional coverages for our congregation – Directors & Officers Liability and Employment Practices Liability, we followed up with some questions:

Q #1) How many churches carry D&O coverage?

A #1) No numbers available, but this coverage becoming more popular over last few years.

Q #2) The price for \$1,000,000 of Employment Practices Liability coverage was quoted at \$240 for up to four employees. How is "employee" defined, and what would be the cost if we have more than four employees, but they are part-time?

A #2) "Employee" is defined as any person who is on the church payroll, whether full-time or part-time. Annual cost for 1 full-time and 7 part-time employees would be \$360. Annual cost for same number of employees, but \$500,000 of coverage would be \$194.

Note: WPLC only has 6 part-time employees; Barb Estrada is not technically on the church payroll, so the above figures should be somewhat lower. Ruth will contact Church Mutual for corrected quotes. Our church Treasurer, Brent Rice, has been invited to attend a Church Mutual Customer Advisory Council meeting in April. The meeting provides a forum for customers to provide input into the operation of Church Mutual (our insurance

carrier for over 13 years). The Company seeks to learn what their customers feel they are doing well, what areas can be improved upon and what additional services they might offer. In return for Brent's participation, WPLC will receive a \$100 honorarium. Council wishes to thank Brent for using his personal time to attend this meeting and benefit our congregation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education – Kyle Sorvick

- WPLC is again joining with Emanuel UCC for our Vacation Bible School this year, to be held the last week in July;
- Sunday school teacher training and setting goals are being discussed;
- Pastor has suggested uniting all Sunday school students with a mini-worship service before weekly classes;
- Still working on internet access for Kelly.

Endowment – Jerry Pagel

New officers are: Mary Ann Barrows - President, Jerry Pagel - Vice President, Sharon Hause, Secretary and Roger Brinkmeier - Treasurer. First quarter income and expenses are \$515. Total assets are \$403,439. The Endowment Fund must amend their Articles of Incorporation which requires representation of four people from council – change to two council representatives.

Fellowship – Kris Laposki

- Pastor Fazio's installation service and reception went very well.
- Plans are being made for the Mother-Daughter banquet in May.

Worship & Music – Ruth Rice

- Communion will be served every week during Easter season as follows: Both services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month; 8:30 service only on 2nd Sunday of the month, and 10:00 service only on the 4th and 5th Sunday of the month.
- Pre-filled glasses of grape juice will be placed in the inner circle of the tray holding communion cups.
- Music Sunday will be on May 11th (Mother's Day)
- Confirmation Sunday will be on May 18th.

Property – Jerry Pagel

- Cost for snowplowing in February was \$2,206.
- Roof update - Beyer Construction workers came and bleached out mold areas in the ceiling. The area is still being watching. Still seems to be a small leak.
- Three elevator operators have been called. (annual inspection?)
- Spring clean-up scheduled for 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 3rd.

Stewardship – Kris Laposki

This committee is still meeting with the James Company. Brochures are being prepared for mailing prior to the informational meetings after each worship service on May 4th.

Mutual Ministry – Kris Laposki

Members of the Executive Committee must be part of this group to deal with staffing concerns and problem resolu-

tion. Randy Sannes will be asked to work with church personnel on updating their job descriptions.

Evangelism/Publicity – Gloria Brinkmeier

- Sharon Hause and Roger Brinkmeier are working with Sandy on publishing a non-pictorial membership directory which will provide info about our various ministries as well as names, address and phone numbers of the entire church membership. A flyer requesting up-dated information from each family might be included with the mailing about our semi-annual meeting.
- Liturgical Publications sent us their annual profit-sharing report indicating that we did not qualify for a rebate. (They reimburse 30% of paid ad revenue over \$8,423.40; however our current receipts for the past year were only \$7,975. If we could generate more ads in our monthly newsletter, we would receive a rebate!)

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Rice, Church Council Secretary

WATCH FOR THE MAIL

Dear Church Family,

By the time this newsletter reaches you, you should also have received in the mail an invitation to attend one of two informational meetings being held the first week of May:

- **Sunday, May 4, immediately following second service (11 a.m.)**
- **Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m.**

Both meetings will be held in the church sanctuary. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of these meetings. **You will also be asked to respond to a brief survey, on page 3 of the brochure. Please detach and fill this out before you come to the meeting or shortly after the meeting concludes.**

There will be a box in Hornburg Hall for these surveys, and we are asking you to print your name at the bottom so that we may contact you for further information or to answer your questions.

As a result of the congregational response, we will have the necessary information to prepare for the annual meeting, June 1st. If for any reason you are not able to attend either meeting, please fill out your survey on the basis of information provided in the brochure. You are welcome to contact me or Ron Labott, Stewardship Chair, with questions.

Yours in Christ,

Kris Laposki

Church Council President

Birthdays

- 1 Earl Prescott
- 2 Kevin Farber
David Palmersheim
Mary Schubert
- 3 Susan Arthur
Rebecca Brown
- 5 Randy Sannes
- 6 Jacqueline Underberg
- 8 Seth Kaempfer
- 9 Don Albrecht
Gary Duensing
Richard Katschke, Jr.
Douglas Tikkanen
- 10 Harvey Breese
Bonnie Halper
Darlene Kelley
Paul Saari
- 11 Jacob Edmundson
Haley Just
- 12 Brayden Beschta
Gloria Brinkmeier
- 13 James Lorenz
- 14 Lorene Nelson
Madeline Schubert
- 15 Carl Hanson
Dorothy Sprengel
- 16 Kylie Just
Ward Kopp
Kenneth Perkl
Raymond Schlueter
Clarence Wagner
- 17 Jonathon King
Kaitlyn King
- 19 Kristin Martens
Arlyn Weltzien
- 20 Kaitlyn Ehleiter
Sarah Kopp
Heidi Martin
Nathan Tikkanen
- 21 Kimberley Brown
Maria Peyer
- 21 Kathy Ross
- 22 Jeanette Eberhardt
- 23 Nancy Lietzau
Amanda Stone
- 24 Evelyn Klug
Rosemarie Konczal

- 25 Dawson Loebel
David Ross
- 26 Sarah Martin
- 27 Matthew Hegge
Matthew Johnson
Larry Pfeil
Gregg Sorvick
- 28 Ryan Buss
Marsha Horcos
Chad Stein
- 29 Doris Dickmann
- 30 Rachel Krainer
Roger Strube
- 31 Michelle Harbort
Matthew Hembrook
Edward Krause
Nancy Olson

Anniversaries

- 1 Antonio & Bernice
Sparacino **60**
- 4 James & Darlene Meier
Kevin & Susan Schlueter
- 6 Kristi & Brian Martens
- 10 Warner & Patricia Kilbey **56**
- 11 Ralph & Leta Klute
- 14 Gregory & Lynn Stanton
- 16 James & Linda Shea
- 19 Gerald & Anne Magyera
- 20 Aaron & Sarah Knier
David & Angela Cotey
- 29 Duane & Susan Larson

TO ALL WOMEN OF WPLC:

We have been invited to a meeting of women from churches in the Milwaukee area to learn how we can improve leadership skills and to share ideas of what we're doing at Whitnall Park that has worked well for us. The Saturday morning event, "Women Working Together," will be held at Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 9235 W. Bluemound Rd., on **Saturday, May 19**, beginning with registration at 8:30.

Carole Ropel, President of the Women of the ELCA, wants all churches to be represented at this meeting, so please give this some prayerful thought to see if you are willing to attend. Registration fee of \$5 (or \$10 maximum each congregation) will be paid for you. Even if you do not consider yourself a leader within the church, you will learn much about how to connect with other Lutheran women in this congregation, in our Cluster, in our Synod, and Churchwide. For a registration blank or for more information, please contact Marjorie Pagel, 414-425-4066 or e-mail: mepagel@milwpc.com.



- May 2nd—Lock-in at 7:00 pm**
- May 3rd—Church Spring Clean-Up, 8:00 am**
- May 11th—Youth Group sponsor Mother's Day and Pentecost celebration**
- June 8th—Youth Group sponsored coffee hour**

Social Ministry Update:

Walk A Mile In Her Shoes

This year's Walk A Mile In Her Shoes is taking place at Marquette University on Sunday morning, May 4th. The walk raises fund for the family and domestic violence programs of Jewish Family Services, Sojourner Truth House, and the Task Force on Domestic Violence. Some of the programs are a shelter for abused women and their children, a 24-hour hotline, help with the legal system, and Batters' Anonymous. The need is great so contribute generously.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has generously provided \$900 in matching funds. Thrivent will match every dollar raised by Whitnall Park at fifty cents on a dollar up to the total grant. As a result your contribution will go that much further in making a difference in helping end the cycle of family and domestic violence.

Contributions can be made by cash or check (made out this year to "Sojourner Truth House" with "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" in the memo line). All money raised goes entirely to fund the programs of the three benefiting agencies and is fully tax deductible. Pledges will be solicited Sundays May 4th, 11th, and 18th.

The Social Ministry Committee and the Youth Group are participating in this year's Walk A Mile In Her Shoes. Anyone else who wants to walk or help raise funds can join Whitnall Park's efforts, even as late as the day of the walk--May 4th.

—Charles Schoenleber

FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE TABLE

The Social Ministry Committee's fresh produce table is back in 2008. The funds raised by the table will benefit the CROP Walk, the Hunger Task Force, and Second Harvest. Everyone is encouraged to bring in garden produce for the table and the enjoy the bounty.

Seeds have already been planted (An especially appropriate metaphor in this Easter season.). Look for tomato plants and flowers on May 18th or 25th (depending on when it looks safe to plant them outside). Spinach and other crops will follow as soon as the weather cooperates.



Feinstein Million \$ Giveaway

March and April were the two months designated for WPLC to join the Feinstein Foundation's Million Dollar Giveaway to fight hunger. We were challenged to donate extra non-perishable food items for the South Side Food Pantry at Hope House in March and April.

As of April 15th, a total of six grocery bags of food items in March and 10 bags through April 15th were given. For each pound of food donated, \$1.00 will be given to the Food Pantry to purchase additional food supplies! The total bags of groceries collected will be reported in the Sunday bulletins and the June LEAF. Many heart felt thanks to all who donated food for the Feinstein Challenge. This food is greatly needed for children, families and seniors in the greater Milwaukee area!—Marilyn Schoenleber

Altar Guild Update:

We have five new members to help us set up communion. They are: Krista Bainbridge, Pat Noeske, Linda Shea, Jim Shea, Pat Suderland. Welcome! We are happy you joined us!!

Thanks to the generous people who baked and made the food for the Easter Breakfast. We took in \$278.00. It was a great success. Again, thanks to all who helped make this possible.

Yours in Faith,
Evie Schubert

Altar Guild made a generous donation of \$1,500.00 to the mortgage fund.

Luther Manor
Auxiliary
Membership Drive
Sunday, May 4

May 4	Bless the Years' Sunday / Luther Manor Auxiliary Drive/Congregation information meeting	
8:30	Assisting Minister Linda Shea Ushers Ron Hause, Carl Hanson Greeter Evelyn Klug Altar Guild Jerrrijo Cowman	Acolyte Stacy Tikkanen
10:00	Assisting Minister Ron Labott Ushers Sid Arthur, Steve Mason, Ron Noeske Greeter Nancy Sherman Altar Guild Sandy Abraham	Acolyte Georgi Llanas Nursery Tricia Henneberry
May 11	Pentecost/Music Sunday/Mother's Day/Sunday school meets in church Services with Healing	
8:30	Assisting Minister Marjorie Pagel Ushers John Hembrook, Dorothy Perkl, Don Jensen Greeter Joan Lance Altar Guild June Jensen	Acolyte Cody Suchla
10:00	Assisting Minister Kim Mason Ushers Tom Laposki, Brian & Kristi Peyer Greeter Susan Schlueter Altar Guild Elaine Johnson	Acolyte Stacy Tikkanen Nursery Becky Brown
May 18	Last day of Sunday School meets again September / CONFIRMATION / Holy Trinity Sunday	
8:30	Assisting Minister Jane Dillon-Perkl Ushers Jim and Linda Shea Greeter Shirley Meyer Altar Guild Sandy Johnson	Acolyte Erik Fedran
10:00	Assisting Minister Student Ushers Students Greeter Student Altar Guild Bernice King	Acolyte Confirmation class Nursery Jennifer Just
May 25	Memorial Day Weekend	
8:30	Assisting Minister Ron Sonntag Ushers Jim Gaffney, Duane Hause, Lyle Lance Greeter Karen Olson	Acolyte Jessica Fedran
10:00	Assisting Minister Tom Laposki Ushers Jerry Pagel, Jerome Thome, Larry Pfeil Greeter Nancy Sievert	Acolyte Heather Hasenstein Nursery Tammy Johnson
June 1	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 11:00 am	
8:30	Assisting Minister Lou Graef Ushers Ron Hause, Carl Hanson Greeter Dorothy Perkl Altar Guild Kristi Bainbridge	Acolyte Samantha Llanas
10:00	Assisting Minister Ruth Rice Ushers Sid Arthur, Steve Mason, Ron Noeske Greeter Gary & Dawn Stein Altar Guild Marilyn King	Acolyte Michelle Fedran Nursery Jennifer Just

**From M.E., Kelly Brown
Minister of Education**

Thank You!!

It has been a great year and we want to thank all of the teachers for their time and commitment.

Three & four year olds: Kim Graef

"I like to see them grow in their faith. I love their answers to questions. It is funny to hear what they come up with."

Helper: Haley Just

"I like getting to know them and their different personalities. It is amazing how much knowledge they sustain throughout the year."

First & second grade: Lori Nelson

"I enjoy the interaction with the kids. I enjoy watching them learn and listening to their ideas and responses to what they have learned during the lesson."

Helper: Becky Brown

"I like to help the kids better understand their daily lesson. I like to put a fun spin on helping them learn."

Third & fourth grade: Jodi Graef

"I enjoy the interaction with the kids. I like helping the children learn about God. I also want to be a good influence on them and help them grow."

Fifth grade: Amanda Stone

"I enjoy the interaction with the kids. I also enjoy their different personalities and their great responses to questions."

Sixth grade: Corrin Laposki

"I teach Sunday school because I feel it is my place in the church. I enjoy sharing my knowledge and joy for God. I know how to make the class fun but also to teach the lessons kids need to know. I look forward to coming each Sunday just to teach and hear what the kids have to say in turn. I enjoy every aspect of teaching and I hope to continue until I leave for college."

Seventh & eighth grade: Sharon Kaempfer

"It is rewarding to see them grow in their faith."

We appreciate the time and talents that these teachers and helpers have given. So much can be gained from being involved in Christian education. Please let us know if you are interested in being a teacher or a helper. We are also looking for people who would be interested in being on our substitute teacher list.



Sunday school update:

Our Lenten project was a big success. The items will be taken to Hope House where I know they will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone that donated items.

Save those egg cartons!!

As we plan ahead for next year, we are looking for empty egg cartons for our Lenten project. They can be dropped off in a container labeled egg cartons.

The Youth Group is building a float for the 4th of July Parade! What a great way to get the word out about VBS. . . .

God's BIG Backyard a Family Fest

Where kids have a blast serving Jesus.
VBS/or Family Fest is for everyone, even if you don't have children attending.
How does it work?

A dinner will be served at 5:45 pm. At 6:15 pm the adults attend a Bible Study, given by Pastor Fazio, while the children are attending VBS, learning lessons and doing crafts. At the end of the evening all will meet in the sanctuary.

Presenting the Confirmation class of 2008



Melissa Hoffmann
Is attending Whitnall Middle School and will attend Whitnall High School in the fall. She likes to draw and hangout with her friends. She volunteers at the YMCA. Melissa's family and friends are very important to her.



Jenna Laposki
This will be a busy summer for Jenna as she is going to Europe and is very excited to visit England and France. At Forest Park Middle School she was in the talent show and a student Ambassador program, People to People. Her hobbies include: tennis, soccer, writing, singing, and reading. She likes to volunteer on church activities like the WPLC Picnic and WPLC Pancake supper.



Danielle Kaboskey
Loves to swim, play basketball, camp and go shopping. She also enjoys making cookies and sewing. Danielle volunteers where her mother works at the Marquette Child Care Center, helps with the WPLC Fall and

Spring clean-ups, Safety Town and collects food to feed the hungry. She is going to Eisenhower High School in the fall, after graduation she would like to attend nursing school.



Cassidy Stein
At Park View Middle school Cassidy is a cheerleader and on FCA. She loves hanging out with her friends and playing softball and rugby. Some of her volunteer activities include helping with bake sales and other school functions. Going to camps like Lutherdale are fun for her. She will be going to Mukwonago High School in the fall.



Elizabeth Katschke
Attends Forest Park Middle School where she is a cheerleader; part of the forensics team, is on student council and sings with the Pop Singers. Her hobbies include FACT, ice skating, reading and camp-

ing. She volunteers on the Franklin Youth Coalition, making Franklin smoke-free.



Sara Kussard
Will attend Muskego High School where she hopes to be on the Poms Team. Her hobbies are dancing, shopping and swimming. Sara participates in the WPLC Youth group volunteer activities, Fall and Spring

clean up and the coffee hours. She helps making food baskets with the Muskego Lions Club. In her spare time she likes to hangout with her friends. She looks forward to going to the Muskego Fest at the end of the summer.

2nd Annual



Mother Daughter Dinner

Thursday, May 8th, 2008—6:00 pm

Adults-\$6 · Age 5 thru 13-\$3 · Under 5-Free

An evening for moms, daughters, sisters, aunts ...and their dolls!

Tickets available on Sundays or in church office

Bring your dolls—yes, ladies, you too



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may or may not be aware, Whitnall Park Lutheran Church has resurrected our Stewardship committee, and we have been hard at work responding to the call of God. I know, when Lutherans hear the word “Stewardship”, thoughts typically turn to money and “*how much are they going to be asking me for now?*” It would be less than honest if I were to say that Stewardship has nothing to do with money, of course it does...but there is so much more to it than that. True Christian Stewardship has to do with recognizing God’s gifts in our lives and responding accordingly to utilize our gifts to further God’s creation in a variety of settings. Whether we serve through the giving of our finances, our time or our many and varied talents...the action is always in response to what we’ve first been given.

The following is something I came across a few years ago and it still strikes me as incredibly profound when I look at it in the light of all that I have...perhaps it will affect you in the same way.

If we could shrink the earth’s population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following. There would be 57 Asians...21 Europeans...14 from the Western Hemisphere, both North and South...8 would be Africans...52 would be female (48 male)...70 would be non-white (30 white)...70 would be non-Christian (30 Christian)...89 would be heterosexual (11 homosexual)...6 people would possess 59% of the entire world’s wealth and all 6 would be from the U.S....80 would live in substandard housing...70 would be unable to read...50 would suffer from malnutrition...1 would be near death...1 would be near birth...1 (ONLY 1) would have a college education...1 would own a computer.

When we consider our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent. Therefore, if you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you woke up with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the 2 million who will not survive this week.

If you have money in the bank, in our wallet and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world’s wealthy.

If you can attend church without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death, you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

As you read this and are reminded how life is in the rest of the world, remember just how blessed you really are! Learn to recognize everything you have is because of God. Cherish the gifts He has given us, but also remember to use those gifts to help others.

May God continue to bless you in every aspect of your lives,
Pr. Michael