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THE STORY OF OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS, PART THREE

In our last lead article, I quoted from Martin Luther's famous treatise on education from 1524. For this month, I will quote from his also famous "Sermon on Keeping Children in School," from 1530. It is found in *Luther's Works: American Edition*, volume 46, pp. 207-258. Only portions of that sermon are reproduced here:

"You see with your own eyes how that wretch of a Satan is now attacking us on all sides with force and guile. He is afflicting us in every way he can to destroy the holy gospel and the kingdom of God, or, if he cannot destroy them, at least to hinder them at every turn and prevent them from moving ahead and gaining the upper hand. Among his wiles, one of the very greatest, if not the greatest of all, is this – he deludes and deceives the common people so that they are not willing to keep their children in school or expose them to instruction. He puts into their minds the dastardly notion that because monkery, nunning, and priestcraft no longer hold out the hope they once did [for a lifelong career], there is therefore no more need for study and for learned men, that instead we need to give thought only to **how to make a living and get rich.**"

"**Because they are not now willing to support and keep the honest, upright, virtuous schoolmasters and teachers** offered them by God to raise their children in the fear of God, and in virtue, knowledge, learning, and honor by dint of hard work, diligence, and industry, and at small cost and expense, **they will get in their place incompetent substitutes, ignorant louts such as they have had before**, who at great cost and expense will teach the children nothing but how to be utter asses, and beyond that will dishonor men's wives and daughters and maidservants, taking over their homes and property, as has happened before. This will be the reward of the great and shameful ingratitude into which the devil is so craftily leading them."

"Now if it is true and certain that God himself has established and instituted the spiritual estate [i.e., the office of preaching the Word] with his own blood and death, we may conclude that he will have it highly honored. He will not allow it to be destroyed or to die out, but will have it maintained until the Last Day. For the gospel and the church must abide until the Last Day, as Christ says in the last chapter of Matthew [28:20], "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." But by whom then shall it be maintained? Oxen and horses, dogs and swine will not do it; neither will wood and stone. We men shall have to do it, for this office is not committed to oxen and horses, but to us men. But where shall we get men for it except from those who have children? If you will not raise your child for this office, and the next man will not, and so on, and no fathers or mothers will give their children to our God for this work; what will become of the spiritual office and estate? **The old men now in the office [of preaching the Word] will not live forever. They are dying off every day and there are no others to take their place.**"

"In saying this I do not mean to insist that every man must train his child for this office [of

preaching the Word], for **it is not necessary that all boys become pastors, preachers, and schoolmasters.** It is well to know that the children of lords and other important people are not to be used for this work, for the world also needs heirs [of ruling office and estates], people without whom the temporal authority would go to pieces. I am speaking of the common people, who used to have their children educated for the sake of the livings and benefices but now keep them away from learning to earn a livelihood.”


“It is certain, then, that temporal authority is a creation and ordinance of God, and that for us men in this life it is a necessary office and estate which we can no more dispense with than we can dispense with life itself, since without such an office this life cannot continue. . . . Now who will maintain this office except us men to whom God has committed it, and who truly need it? The wild beasts will not maintain it, nor will wood and stone. And what men are capable of doing it? Certainly not those who would rule only with the fist, as many now think to do. . . . Briefly, then, it is not the law of the fist but **the law of the head that must rule – not force but wisdom or reason** – among the wicked as well as among the good.”

“Accordingly, since the government in our German lands is supposed to be guided by the imperial law of Rome, and this law is our government’s wisdom and reason, given it by God, it follows that this government cannot be maintained and will inevitably perish unless this law is maintained. Now who will maintain it? Not fist and weapons; **heads and books must do it.** Men must learn and know the law and wisdom of our worldly government. . . . Thus the jurists and scholars in this worldly kingdom are the persons who preserve this law, and thereby maintain the worldly kingdom.”

“By this I do not mean to say that we should despise, reject, or do away with soldiers, fighting men, and those whose business is war. They too, when they are obedient, help with their fist to maintain peace and protect things. **Every occupation has its own honor before God, as well as its own requirements and duties.**”

“At this point I should also mention how many educated men are needed in the fields of medicine and the other liberal arts. Of these two needs, one could write a huge book and preach for half a year. Where are the preachers, jurists, and physicians to come from, if grammar and other rhetorical arts are not taught? **For such teaching is the spring from which they all must flow.** To speak of this here in detail would be too big a task. I will simply say briefly that a diligent and upright schoolmaster or teacher, or anyone who faithfully trains and teaches boys, can never be adequately rewarded or repaid with any amount of money, as even the heathen Aristotle says. Nevertheless, this work is as shamefully despised among us as if it amounted to nothing at all. And still we call ourselves Christians! If I could leave the preaching office and my other duties, or had to do so, **there is no other office I would rather have than that of schoolmaster or teacher of boys; for I know that next to that of preaching, this is the best, greatest, and most useful office there is.**” [emphasis mine]

Yours in Christ, Pastor Martin R. Noland



School News

JULY/AUGUST 2019 - DATES TO REMEMBER

J 4	Independence Day-Office Closed
A 15	Ice Cream Social-Meet the Staff (6-8pm)
24	PTL Work Day (9:00-12:00pm)
27	First Day of School PTL Welcome Tea (8:15am) Family Welcome Chapel Service (9am)

Great things are happening at
GLS Grace Lutheran School
A Junior Kindergarten - 8th Grade Christian School since 1958



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Intimate, vibrant and diverse, Grace is a special place to send your child.


Our Full-day Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Programs prepare students for elementary school and results in earlier development of reading, social and learning skills.

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Camp Woe-Be-Gone

A One Day Summer Camp for Christian Women

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to tread on the heights.

Habakkuk 3:19



Annual Summer Retreat



Zone 8
California-Nevada-Hawaii
District

- Two Bible Studies Sessions with Pastor Stewart Crown
- Baby Shower Ingathering
 - Silent Prayer in Chapel
 - Crafts & Games
 - Music
 - Dessert & Beverages
 - Fun Skit
- Wear your "day camp" clothes!

Saturday, July 20, 2019

Registration: 9:30am

10:00AM –3:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

1295 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto, CA

BYBL & B

(Bring your bag lunch & Bible)



Baby Shower Ingathering for Real Options:

- * infant clothes, up to 2T (new or gently used)
- * maternity clothes (new or gently used)
- * toiletries for expectant mothers
 - * wipes, diapers, etc.
- * blankets (new and gently used)
- * car seats and breast pumps (only new)

**Any questions : If you would like to RSVP or need more details, please contact:
Mary Deger Seevers: 650-735-5811 or seeversmd@aol.com**



LWML Zone 8

Annual Summer Retreat



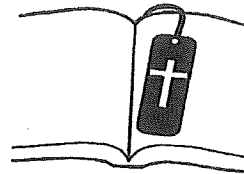
More info to follow soon

Save the Date

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May 2019

Dear friends, and partners in the Kingdom of God

This is Pastor Shiu Ming Lau. I am serving as senior pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, San Francisco, CA. My church and I are actively involving in the mission work last eleven years. God has opened our eyes and envisioned us through the mission experience and inspired us in the Great Commission.

Now I want to share with you a mission opportunity in this summer.

Perhaps you are interested in this mission opportunity which is to teach VBS in Hong Kong during July 12-29. The VBS is run by the Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod. Under the Synod, there are a number of the kindergartens, elementary schools, and high schools.

Last year, they have recruited over 2000 students to join the VBS. This year, they want to find more volunteers and helpers in this ministry. Those whose English as primary language are invited to join; Baptized and confirmed Christians are preferred.

They will cover the around airfare tickets and meals; they will also provide lodging place (stay in the classrooms of the schools) during the trip (unless you want to check in hotel, which will be out of your pocket.)

It is good to get the mission experience in Hong Kong, China. For those who hold US passport, no visa is needed for the entry of Hong Kong.

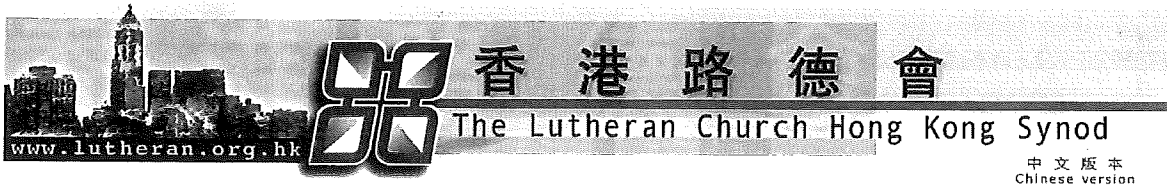
Below is the information of this VBS mission trip for your reference (see next page). I hope it will provide you all the details. Please help spread the news to your Christian friends and other LCMS churches. If you have any question, feel free to contact me at 650-455-8842, or email me for any question.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Together we serve

Blessings
Pastor Shiu Ming Lau
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Hong Kong Lutheran Synod

2019 Summer VBS in Hong Kong

Target :

Kindergarten, elementary school students, junior high school students

Period

July 12-29 (Expecting team to arrive HK on 12th, July and departure on July, 29th)

How many people do we need?

Each period requires about 10-15 people

Age limit

College student, serving, retired (but in good health)

We will provide

- ✓ Around tickets for per person
- ✓ Accommodation (but most of them are arranged to sleep in the classroom and will also arrange related equipment)
- ✓ Arrangement of airport pick-up / drop-off
- ✓ Meal allowance of HK\$100 per day
- ✓ Transportation allowance of HK\$200 (one-time)
- ✓ A team T-shirt

Remarks:

1. We will arrange team members to serve in different institutions (Church/School) according to the actual needs of the local community and the number of team coming to HK.
2. We will provide materials for the relevant courses.
3. We will arrange a team leader from the United States to assist team members for the event arrangement.
4. We will arrange sightseeing and house visitation for the team to learn about the local culture.
5. The main responsibilities for the team members are VBS teachers, and they are also responsible for worship, storytelling, games and etc. Relevant of the VBS activities will be provided later

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More Information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutheran_Church-Hong_Kong_Synod

JULY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Randy Wimmer Charles Schaefer	3	4	5 Daniel Semmler	6
7	8	9	10 Karla Brauer Detlef-Hannelore Starkowski	11	12 Bill Eng	13 Barbara Smoot
14	15	16 Bob-Dolores Keim Arthur Hayame Doug-Paty O'Donnell	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Marty-Leann Udisches	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Oh, sing unto the Lord a new song!
 Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our
 salvation.

Psalm 95:1

AUGUST 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Alex Gomez	7	8	9	10
11 Floyd Oatman	12 Darren-Joy Hayame	13	14	15		17
18	19	20	21 Pastor-Karla Nolan	22	23 Caden-Rebecca Young	24
25	26 Doug O'Donnell	27	28 David Smoot Stefanie Kilcullen	29	30	31 Paul Brownlee

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Tech Know How - 2 GLS classrooms	10:00-100 Ann. Cmte. Tech Know How - 2 GLS classrooms	5:00p-Library-Mirandi Tech Know How - 2 GLS classrooms	Independence Day	Tech Know How - 2 GLS classrooms	9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
7	8	9	9	11	12	13
9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study	Tech Know How - 2 GLS classrooms	10:00-100 Ann. Cmte. 4:00p-School Board Tech Know How - 2 GLS classrooms	5:00p-Library-Mirandi Tech Know How - 2 GLS classrooms	Tech Know How - 2 GLS classrooms	Tech Know How - 2 GLS classrooms	10:00a-organ practice 1:00p-LWML Zone E/B Meeting
14	15	16	16	18	19	20
9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study	7:00p-Planning Council	10:00-100 Ann. Cmte.	5:00p-Library-Mirandi		9:00a-Senior Choir	9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:20a-Adult Bible Study		10:00-100 Ann. Cmte.	5:00p-Library-Mirandi			10:00a-organ practice
28	29	30	31			
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August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study	4	5	6	7	8	9
		10:00-100 Anniv. Cmte.	5:00p-Library-Mirandi			10:00a-organ practice
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	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Prayer Page

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. ~Galatians 6:10

Egon Adam	Charlotte Custino	Michael Innes	Karla Noland	Darryl Sterner
Bella Archer	Robert Doody	Donald Iocco	Renee Noland	Sandra Sterner
Marilyn Baillie	Natalie Dubbel	Heather Iocco	Heidi Noland	Michelle Sterner
Patricia Bailey	Bob Egan	John Iocco	Floyd Catman	Brett Toensing
Richard Bailey	Maria Eggert	Judy Iocco	Doug O'Donnell	Anne-Marie Toensing
Rev. Frank Balgeman	Doris Emery	Ko Ishikawa	Patty O'Donnell	Brooke Toensing
Valerie Balgeman	Bill Eng	Mariko Ishikawa	Elizabeth O'Donnell	Ryan Toensing
Chandler Balgeman	Sara Eppler	Yuzo Ishikawa	Gil Ramirez	Hans Tuft
Mike Bannister	Carly Eppler	Lance Johnson	Kathleen Ramirez	Gina Tuft
Tami Bannister	Larry Franquez	Doreen Johnson	Fred Robinson	Mark Tuft
Nathanael Bannister	Shelly Franquez	Katarina Johnson	Roberta Robinson	Sue Tuft
Mike Beebe	Nick Franquez	Bob Keim	Akram Saber	Martin Udisches
Jolene Beebe	Chad Franquez	Dolores Keim	Ghada Saber	Leann Udisches
Kay Bell, III	Pam Frisella	John Kilcullen	Daniel Saber	Christine Ullrich
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Nathanael Bell	Rev. Glendon Genthner	Katie Kilcullen	Charles Schaefer	Octavian Vasilescu
Adele Bergstrom	Brooke Genthner	James Kilcullen	Donald Schaefer	Diana Vasilescu
William Bethke	Alex Gomez	Michael Kilcullen	Maria Schaefer	Flora Lisa Vasilescu
Susan Bethke	Herlin Gomez	Barbara Kilpatrick	Martin Semmler	Joan Weckerle
Alice Boerschinger	Anjanette Gomez	Bill Koester	Michelle Semmler	Randy Wimmer
John Bordy	Angelique Gomez	Faye Koester	Scott Semmler	Caden Young
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Judy Boyd	Roger Guse	Amanda Koester	Julia Semmler	Chandler Young
Fred Brauer	Dan Hahn	Gesine Kruse	Sandy Shanks	Logan Young
Karla Brauer	Lori Hahn	Glenn McEnroe	Jessica Shanks	Rowan Young
Jordyn Brauer	Abby Hahn	Alison McEnroe	Detlef Starkowski	Eugene Zahnow
Justin Brauer	Arthur Hayame	Alexis McEnroe	Hannelore Starkowski	Judy Zahnow
Klayton Brauer	Barbara Hayame	Fred McKenna	Ethan Smith	Mamie Zimbelman
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Lois Brownlee	Darren Hayame	Steve McLaughlin	Barb Smoot	
Marcus Brownlee	Joy Hayame	Heather McLaughlin	Paul Soals	
Scott Brownlee	Hannah Hayame	Sandra Means	Stacey Soals	
Katherine Brownlee	Miriam Hitzeman	George Melke	Jacquelin Soals	
Robert Crews	Richard Hoffmeister	Molly Munson	Dimitry Spencer	
Veronica Crews	Theresa Mui	Caroline Nagy	Peter Spittler	
Clara Crews	Robert Innes	Pamela Nelson	Candice Stahl	
Celeste Crews	Shirley Innes	Rev. Martin Noland	Tamaray Starling	