

# Grace Notes

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## THE STORY OF OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS, PART TWO

In last month's lead article, I outlined the history of Lutheran parochial schools in the United States. At the beginning of the article, I explained that we have Lutheran schools because "Martin Luther told us to do that." Now I would like you to see that admonition from Luther in his own words, translated into English from German.

Luther began his reform of education by giving directions to the kings and princes of central Europe for the improvement of the universities in his treatise "To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation Concerning the Reform of the Christian Estate," published in 1520 (see *Luther's Works: American Edition* [hereafter AE], 55 vols. [Philadelphia and Saint Louis: Fortress Press and Concordia Publishing House, 1957-86], 44: 115-217). The only thing he mentioned about elementary schools in that treatise was that girls should also receive education, which was a revolutionary idea for its day (see AE 44:206).

Four years later, Luther came back to the topic of education, and this time wrote a systematic treatise on the topic of both lower and higher education in 1524 titled "To the Councilmen of All Cities in Germany that They Establish and Maintain Christian Schools" (AE 45:340-378). While the Renaissance humanists before Luther had ideas for improving universities and private tutoring, the Protestant Reformation, led by Luther, set as its goal universal, even compulsory, education for everyone. Where the churches could not, or would not, supply education for children, Luther demanded that mayors and city councils supply the need. Here are just a very few relevant quotes from that 1524 treatise that still ring true today:

"It is not surprising that the wicked devil takes a position in this matter [of education] and induces carnal and worldly hearts thus to neglect the children and young people. Who can blame him for it? He is the ruler and god of this world [John 14:30] . . . How can we expect him to permit and promote the proper training of the young? He would indeed be a fool to allow and promote the establishment in his kingdom [of this world] of the very thing by which that kingdom must be most speedily overthrown, which would happen if he were to lose that choice morsel—our dear young people. . . .

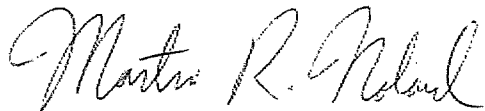
No one is aware of the devil's wily purpose. No one is on the alert, but just goes quietly along. Even though only a single boy could thereby be trained to become a real Christian, we ought properly to give a hundred gulden [about \$1500] to this cause for every gulden [about \$15] we would give to fight the [enemies of the German Empire].... For one real Christian is better and can do more good than all the men on earth" (AE 45:349-350).

"My dear sirs, if we have to spend such large sums every year on guns, roads, bridges, dams, and countless similar items to insure the temporal peace and prosperity of a city, why should not much more be devoted to the poor neglected youth—at least enough to engage one or two competent men to teach school?" (AE 45:350).

"Let this, then, my dear sirs and friends, be the first consideration to influence you, namely, that herein [by educating our youth] we are fighting against the devil as the most dangerous and subtle enemy of all" (AE 45:351).

"The third consideration is by far the most important of all, namely, the command of God, who through Moses urges and enjoins parents so often to instruct their children . . . . Indeed, for what purpose do we older folk exist, other than to care for, instruct, and bring up the young? It is utterly impossible for these [ignorant] young people to instruct and protect themselves. This is why God has entrusted them to us who are older and who know from experience what is best for them. . . . It is a sin and a shame that matters have come to such a pass that we have to urge and be urged to educate our children and young people and to seek their best interests, when nature itself should drive us to do this and even the heathen afford us abundant examples of it" (AE 45:353).

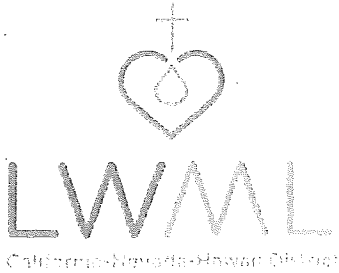
Yours in Christ, Pastor Martin R. Noland



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# Lutheran Women's Missionary League

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## Grace LWML Mission Statement

"Our mission is to encourage the women of Grace to grow spiritually through Word and Sacraments that they may serve our Triune God with their time, talents and treasures."

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**"Serve the Lord with Gladness"**

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## Mission Project Work Day

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 - 1:00pm at  
Dolores Keim's House

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### Upcoming dates:

June, 2019 - Ingathering for National Convention

Items to bring to box in Parish Hall: Twin sheets sets,  
Gift cards from Target or Walmart, \$10 or \$25, OR  
Arch Books from CPH.

July 20, 2019 - LWML CNH Zone 8

Summer Retreat, Trinity Lutheran, Palo Alto  
(see separate page)

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2018-2020

### Mission Grants

11. Worker Wellness for Chaplain  
Families

LCMS Ministry to the  
Armed Forces

\$3,000



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# School News

## JUNE 2019 - DATES TO REMEMBER

5	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dinner (6:00p.m.)
6	Field Day (10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.)
7	Last Day of School Awards Ceremony (8:30a.m.) Kindergarten Graduation (10:00a.m.) Closing Service and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation (12:00p.m.) Dismissal (12:45p.m.) Extended Care (12:45-6:00p.m.)
15	PTL Work Day (9:00-12:00p.m.)

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



[www.gracelutheransanmateo.org](http://www.gracelutheransanmateo.org)

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## Grace Lutheran School is a Hidden Gem of Peninsula Private Schools

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.

Our State-of-the-Art Computer Center and Robotics Program prepares students for our high-tech world, and our Spanish Language Program builds minds.

Small Class Size is Important at Grace. All students receive the attention they deserve, no matter their educational level.

Grace Lutheran School Graduates excel in top public and private high schools and many enroll in top colleges.

Student who transfer to Grace at any grade level, find it to be a place to improve and excel.

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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

Senior Pastor

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The Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod

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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:

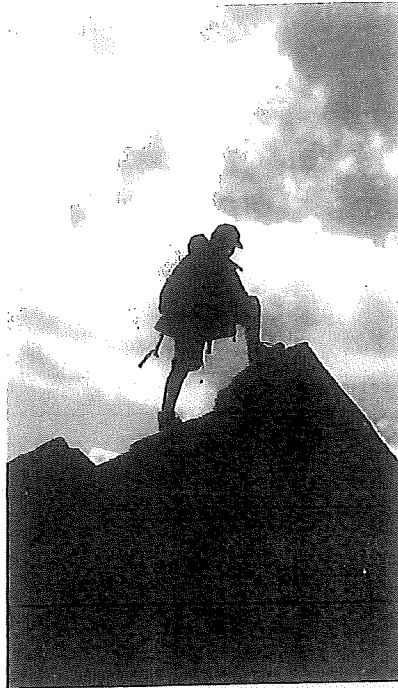
1. We will arrange team members to serve in different institutions (Church/School) according to the actual needs of the local community and the number of team coming to HK.
2. We will provide materials for the relevant courses.
3. We will arrange a team leader from the United States to assist team members 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

**Contact person:** Rev. Anthony

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**Phone:** 852+95057822.

**More Information:** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutheran\\_Church-Hong\\_Kong\\_Synod](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lutheran_Church-Hong_Kong_Synod)



**LWML Zone 8**

**Annual Summer Retreat**



More info to follow soon

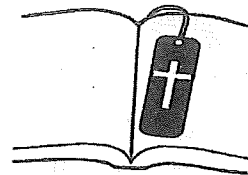
**Save the Date**

July 20, 2019

**Camp**

**Woe-Be-Gone**

A One Day  
Summer Camp  
for  
Christian Women



Trinity Lutheran Church

Palo Alto, CA

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

## Altar Guild is Looking for More Helpers!

Altar Guild is a wonderful opportunity and a joyful way to serve! All it takes is an occasional hour on Saturday and a ½ hour after worship on Sunday. A training meeting for new helpers and those already serving will be forthcoming to go over the duties and proper procedures. Anyone who is interested please contact **Ellen Bordy** at **(650)747-0501** or **(650)575-1144**.







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"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses  
entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2)

May 20, 2019

Dear Pastor Nolond and  
Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gracious  
welcome yesterday. It was both a  
joy and edifying worshipping with you!  
What a wonderful Divine Service!

I appreciate the opportunity to speak  
about the "Save the Seminary" project in  
Siberia. It was a quick, last minute  
request, yet both pastor and congregation  
were very supportive. The excellent turnout  
for the Bible Class hour presentation was  
attentive & enthusiastic.

The accommodations + hospitality at the  
parsonage by Pastor and Kasia were  
wonderful.

The Lord bless and keep you all in His  
grace and mercy.  
Christ is risen indeed!

Pastor Timothy Quill

# JUNE 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4 Judy Boyd	5	6 Alice Boerschinger	7	8
9	10	11 Glenn McEnroe	12	13	14 Miriam Hitzeman	15 Art-Barbara Hayame
16 Jerry-Sandy Means	17	18 Joy Hayame	19 John-Stefanie Kilcullen	20	21 Doreen Johnson	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Nathan Bannister
30 Fred-Karla Brauer						

# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
2 9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School	3	4 9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:00-100 Anniv. Cmte.	5 6:00p-Eighth Grade Dinner	6 GIS Field Day	7 <b>GIS Last day of School</b> 10:00a-Kindergarten Graduation Noon-Closing Service & Eighth Grade Graduation	8 9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
9 10:30a-Voters' Meeting	10	11 9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:00-100 Anniv. Cmte. 4:00p-School Board	12	13	14	15 9:00a-Senior Choir 9:00a-PTL Work Day 10:00a-organ practice
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23 10:30a-Adult Bible Study	24 7:00p-Planning Coun.	25 6:30p-PTL Meeting	26	27	28	29 9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
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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	Robert Doody	Robert Innes	Caroline Nagy	Dimitry Spencer
Bella Archer	Natalie Dubbel	Shirley Innes	Pamela Nelson	Peter Spittler
Marilyn Bailie	Bob Egan	Michael Innes	Rev. Martin Noland	Candice Stahl
Rev. Frank Balgeman	Maria Eggert	Donald Iocco	Karla Noland	Tamaray Starling
Valerie Balgeman	Doris Emery	Heather Iocco	Renee Noland	Darryl Sterner
Chandler Balgeman	Bill Eng	John Iocco	Heidi Noland	Sandra Sterner
Mike Bannister	Sara Eppler	Judy Iocco	Floyd Oatman	Michelle Sterner
Tami Bannister	Carly Eppler	Ko Ishikawa	Doug O'Donnell	Brett Toensing
Nathanael Bannister	Larry Franquez	Mariko Ishikawa	Patty O'Donnell	Anne-Marie Toensing
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Marcus Brownlee	Darren Hayame	Alexis McEnroe	Detlef Siarkowski	Rowan Young
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