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## Life Together: What Is It We Actually Share

## The Perfect Church Part 2 "A Check List for Church Shopping"

Pastor Froh's Note: This month I offer this column from the Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the LCMS. In a recent article in The Lutheran Witness your church body President made these comments regarding the Life of the Church as it is lived together. The article was entitled as noted below: (http://www.Icms. org/pages/wPagex.asp?Content|D=922\&|ssueID=52)

## Life Together: What Is It We Actually Share?

So, what is this "life together" in the Church? What does it mean that we in the Missouri Synod are "in this together"? And what finally holds us together anyway?

The answer to these questions would appear to be quite simple. We are like-minded religiously or at least enough to participate in a local congregation. We are comfortable together in this or that congregation. We are free to associate as we wish in this country and have freely decided to join our local LCMS church. Though we have many differences across the Synod, we share certain goals, and as free individuals and congregations, we freely decide to associate for worthy religious and charitable ends.

As much truth as there is in these answers, they certainly don't get at what the Bible says holds us together as Christian and truly Lutheran.
In the new three-fold emphasis-WITNESS, MERCY, LIFE TOGETHER - this third aspect of LIFE TOGETHER is how we've rendered the New Testament word koinonia. The word means "participation," "having something in common," or "a sharing in something." Quite often in the writings of St. Paul, when he mentions this sharing, he also notes what is shared. Thus, "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship [koinonia.] of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9). In other words, those "called into fellowship" share Jesus.

Now note who the actor is: " God is faithful." He's the One acting. He's doing the primary sharing too! What Jesus says to His apostles applies also to us: "You did not choose Me, but I chose you" (John 15:16). "You were called [passive] into the fellowship of His Son." Because of God's action, God's doing, God's calling, we have been brought into a "fellowship," a "communion," a "sharing." As Paul
notes, we share in "His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."
This life in Christ-the vertical koinonia or sharing in Christ, created by Him—also creates a "life together" with others in Christ-the horizontal koinonia. Even with Christians with whom we do not share official church fellowship, we believe koinonia. exists, though hidden. For we believe, with our Lutheran Confessions, that wherever Jesus is with His Word and Sacrament, there are believers (Preface to the Book of Concord), also far and wide outside the orthodox Lutheran Church, if only the Gospel is not totally eclipsed.

The great importance of koinonia as LIFE TOGETHER is marvelously displayed by St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 10-12, his great teaching chapters on the Lord's Supper and the Church. Paul writes, "The bread that we break, is it not a participation [koinonia] in the body of Christ?" In the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we share Christ's body and blood, so Paul continues: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10:17). From our sharing in Christ's body come very deep ethical ramifications. Because we are one body in Christ, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (1 Cor. 12:26; cf. Acts 2:42, 45; 4:32).

Luther wrote a splendid tract on this topic. In one of my favorite passages, he stated, "This fellowship consists in this, that all the spiritual possession of Christ and his saints [i.e., believers] are shared with and become the common property of him who receives this sacrament. Again all sufferings and sins also become common property; and thus love engenders love in return and [mutual love] unites" (LW 35:51).

What do we share? What finally brings us together and holds us together? Jesus. And so we have a LIFE TOGETHER that includes a great array of important aspects and tasks (circuits, pastor and teacher conferences, Concordia Plan Services, seminaries and universities, reconciliation, CTCR, and many others).

Our life together is a gift ("spiritual possession of Christ") and a gift to be tended ("love engenders love . . . and unites").

Pastor Matthew Harrison
"Let's go!" Mark 1:38

## $27^{\text {th }}$ ACADEMIC YEAR

## CHAPEL OFFERINGS

Chapel offerings for the third quarter will be sent to Project Timothy to assist the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. To date $\$ 53.03$ have been received.

## STUDENT RECOGNITION

The following students achieved honor roll during the $2^{\text {nd }}$ quarter of the school year. For using their God-given talents, congratulations are extended to:

Abby Hahn, Lindsey Lee, Michael Kilcullen, Aria Rouzmehr, Kaitlyn Underhill, Bella Archer, Tara Dezham, Angelique Gomez, Maria Khoury, Caroline Nagy, Ethan Smith, Sarah Wannonam, Jimmy Aredo, Sagrika Jawadi, James Kilcullen, Anjanette Gomez, Armon Plummer, José-Alberto Sandoval, Valerie Halasz, Katie Kilcullen, Julia Semmler, Elana Velichko, and Samirah Zada.

## LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

The students, faculty, and parents of Grace Lutheran School will be observing National Lutheran Schools week from March $7^{\text {th }}$ through March $13^{\text {th }}$. The P.T.L. is sponsoring a student and teacher breakfast on Monday, March $7^{\text {th }}$ at 8:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, Fratello Marionettes will perform Peter and the Wolf at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Parents and members of the congregation are invited to attend this delightful show.

## MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

7 Student Breakfast-8:30 a.m.
7-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences
8 Peter and the Wolf - 11:00 a.m.
9 School Choir - 7:00 p.m. service
10 Favorite Team Shirt/Hat Spirit Day
11 K-4 Musicals - 10:00 a.m. \& 7:00 p.m.
13 Primary \& School Choirs - 9:00 a.m. service
15 P.T.L. General Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
21-24 S.A.T. Testing
25 No School/No Extended Care - Teacher Inservice
30 Third Quarter ends
30 School Choir - 7:00 p.m. service

## PRIMARY MUSICAL

Christopher Columbus
presented by
Kindergarten-Grade 4
Friday, March 11th
10:00 a.m. \& 7:00 p.m.
"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

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Grace $\mathcal{L u t h e r a n}$ School

## 2011 Kindergarten and 1st thru 4th Grade



All welcome!

Two shows

## Friday, March 11

 10:00 am and 7:00 pm Parish HallGrace PTL asks for your commitment to our school by signing-up today!
www.escrip.com

## to benefit OUR SCHOOL

## What is eScrip and how does it work?

Escrip is an easy way for schools like ours to earn money through everyday purchases at

Safeway and many other eScrip merchants.
Once registered, Escrip contributes a percentage of your credit, debit and grocery club card purchases to Grace Lutheran School.

You pay no additional cost. it is all covered by the merchant.

School Parents, Congregation Members, friends and families are encouraged to register with the eScrip program.

You can register grocery club cards, VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Diners Club, debit/ATM cards. Registering credit cards earn the most for our school.

## Simple registration

1. Log on to eScrip.com and go to "sign-up".
2. Designate "Grace Lutheran School, San Mateo" to receive contributions.
3. Register your grocery club card(s) and your debit/creditcards.

The process takes only 10 minutes or less and helps so much!

If you are already signed-up, THANK YOU.

REMEMBER: Each year you MUST re-knew your SAFEWAY account on eScrip. Go to escrip website and click "Safeway re-knew here"

Automotive

| 89glass.com | $5 \%$ | eScrip.DriversEd.com | $5 \%$ | Walnut Creek Transmission | $2 \%$ |
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| Big O Tires | $2 \%$ | Main Street Automotive | $2 \%$ | Webtrafficschool.com | $5 \%$ |
| Ducky's Car Wash | $4 \%$ | Portola Valley Garage | $2 \%$ |  |  |
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| Grocers |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Andronico's | up to 4\% | JJ\&F Market | up to 5\% | Podesto's Market \& Deli | up to 4\% |
| Bianchini's Market | up to 5\% | Key Markets | up to 4\% | PW Supermarkets | up to 4\% |
| Bristol Farms | up to 4\% | Kingsburg Supermarket | up to 4\% | Sacramento Natural Foods | pup to 4\% |
| Cal-Mart | up to 5\% | Lira's Supermarket | up to 4\% | Safeway | up to 4\% |
| Cosentino's Markets | 4\% | Lunardi's Markets | up to 4\% | Safeway.com | up to 4\% |
| DeLano's IGA | up to 4\% | Mollie Stone's | up to 4\% | Scotty's Market | up to 4\% |
| Diablo Foods | up to 5\% | New Leaf Community Markets | up to 5\% | Sonoma Market | up to 5\% |
| Draeger's Market | up to 2\% | Pak 'n Save | up to 4\% | Trag's Market | up to 4\% |
| Evergreen Market | up to 4\% | Paradise Foods | up to 5\% | Vallergas Markets | 5\% |
| Fircrest Market | up to 3\% | Payless Market | up to 5\% | Vic's Markets | up to 4\% |
| Food 4 Less | 3\% | Petaluma Market | up to 3\% | Village Market | up to 3\% |
| Foodville | up to 5\% | Piazza's Fine Foods | up to 5\% | Wildberries Marketplace | up to 4\% |
| Gene's Fine Foods | up to 2.5\% | Piedmont Grocery | 4.4\% | Woodland Markets | up to 6\% |
| Glen Ellen Village Market | up to $5 \%$ | Planet Organics | up to $4 \%$ |  |  |
| Restaurants |  |  |  |  |  |
| Claim Jumper Restaurants Le Boulanger | $\begin{array}{r} 5 \% \\ \text { up to } 3 \% \end{array}$ | Rewards Network Dining Round Table Pizza | up to 5\% up to 6\% | The Duck Club Restaurant | 5\% |


| Specialty Items \& Services |  |  |  |
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| Anna's of San Francisco up to 5\% | Final Wrap | 10\% | Private Education Network 5\% |
| 866-SFANNAS - www.annascookies.com | Goldspeed.com | 5\% | Sacramento Bee 10\% |
| Carlmont Pharmacy up to 3\% | Haldane Computers | 2\% | (New Subscriptions or conversion to EzPay) |
| DiscountedNewspapers.com Call $O R$ visit us online to order any national $20 \%$ or regional paper 866-230-1301 | Liberty Tax Service Mugshots Photography | $\begin{array}{r} 7 \% \\ \text { up to } 5 \% \end{array}$ |  |
| eScrip Visa up to 2\% | Pacific Dental Group | 5\% |  |

## Sporting Goods

Orvis $5 \%$ Outdoor Kids up to $5 \%$

## Travel \& Transportation

American Airlines Flight Certificates 3\%
up to 5\%
(leader in the cruise industry)

## Evangelism at Grace

## Proclaiming the faith



A letter received from Rev. Matthew Harrison, President The Lutheran Church ---Missouri Synod:
I want to introduce to you a new theme as we go about
Sharing Christ"s Love which we will be using to share the ministry of our Synod. It centers around three concepts that will guide our work together. These are Witness, Mercy and our Life Together. Your prayers and support are essential. It is more important than ever that you and I help people live confidently for Christ and embrace people with His love. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

## Greetings from Kenya

God's blessings to you.Lorna and I are doing well. We have moved to Kisumu. It is very hard to leave a place where you have poured out your heart and soul. God being so meriful has guided us to Kisumu. We thank God for introducing us and nurturing such a good relationship. Your prayers and support defines your hands of mercy and mission work around the world. We are planning to start our own school. Greet all at Grace for us. Rev. Dennis Meeker and Deaconess Lorna

## CTS Military Project;

## Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift to the Seminary's Military Prcject. Your mission offerings bring the mercy of Christ to the war zone for our LCMS chaplains and those they serve, both the military personnel and the indiginous people. We greatly appreciate your help with this important work.
Carolyn Brinkley
Deaconess Intern
fissues, Etc.
Lutheran Public Radio
Jeff, Craig and I thank God for your gracious generosity in support of the Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused message of Issues, Etc. Also, thank you for your continued prayers for the radio program.

## Lutheran Heritage Foundation

You've given the very best gift of all: You've told someone about Jesus. With your mission gifts to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, you've provided books of the Lutheran faith for your Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

## Glad Tidings- Concordia Mission Society

The eyeglass clinic prcject is a wonderful instrument of evangelism and rendering humanitarian aid to the poor and needy. We pray God will allow the eyeglass clinic to continue its work. Elena Bykova (Concordia Lutheran Church in Kyrgzstan has served some 20,000 people, providing the rare opportunity for a vision exam.)

## Mission Testival at Grace

Dear members of Grace congregation
On behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya and those who will be trained for service as pastors and deaconesses, thank you so much for the opportunity to share in San Mateo what the Lord is doing at Matongo Lutheran Theological College through Prcject Timothy-Kenya. The visit at Grace was a highlight for me at this Christmas break between semesters. As I return to Africa next week, I am thanking our gracious God for you and for His provision of support for the coming year through your generosity!
Rev. Aadland
3rd Sunday Mission Endeavor- January 16th Concordis Mission Sociei:: $\$ 300$ was sent to the society for their work in Kyrgzstan. Thank you for your generosity 3rd Sunday Mission Endeavor- February 20th Hope for the Destitute is a Kenya based church ministry. Rev. Joseph Omolo heads the prcject assisted by Dennis Meeker, Steve, Janette Frank and Michael Trombley. Report next month

## 3rd Sunday Mission Endeavor- March 20th

Good News Journal The Evangelism board is looking into shipping some journals to Rev. Aadland for his work in Matongo. We are in the process of gathering information for this endeavor.

## VITAL STATISTICS CALENDAR <br> MARCH, 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 <br> Pam Nelson | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 <br> Betty Egan <br> Robert-Veronica Crews | 9 <br> Scott Brownlee | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 <br> Barbara Hayame Gail Frey | 15 <br> Mike Bannister | 16 | 17 | 18 | $19$ <br> Darryl-Sandra Sterner |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 <br> Win-Eva Swarr | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \\ & \text { Megan Bordy } \end{aligned}$ | 31 |  |  |

Legend: Birthday indicated by one name Wedding Anniversary indicated by two names
A Birthday Prayer: Dear Father, today is $\qquad$ 's birthday. Thank you for the gift of life you have given to $\qquad$ . Keep $\qquad$ ever mindful of $\qquad$ baptism. You have made __your child an heir of your heavenly Kingdom. Thank you. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

An Anniversary Prayer: Gracious Father, today is the wedding anniversary of your servants $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ . Be with them in the year ahead. Keep them faithful to each other and to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.


## 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."

## Morning World Friendship



Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 10:30am in the Church Library Please join us as we cut stamps, labels, etc.


## GLC LWML Bible Study

Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 10:30 am
in the $7^{\text {th }} \& 8^{\text {th }}$ Grade Classroom
Lesson 1: "Simply Jesus"
from the Winter Quarterly Page 18
All Women Welcome!
"Serve the Lord with Gladness"


## Circle Bible Study

Meets in the Church Library
Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 11:00-1:00 pm
Bible Study: Lesson 10: Prayer - Bible: Read I John 5:13-21
Leader: Ellen Bordy Hostess: Sandy Means Bring lunch - dessert \& tea served

New Members Welcome!

## Upcoming Dates:

March 5, 2011 - CNH LWML Women's Conference, Grace Lutheran Church, Modesto, CA March 25, 2011 - Mission Project Work Night, 7:00-9:00 pm, Dolores Kim's house March 26, 2011 - Zone 8 Spring Rally, First Lutheran, South San Francisco(see separate sheet)

# All Women Invited to Attend!! 

LWML, Zone 8, Spring Rally

## Outreach!

1 Peter 2: 9-11. "Chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation - proclaiming God"


Saturday, March 26, 2011. 9:30 am - 2 pm.
(9:30 am Hospitality, 10 am, Bible Study)

- Bible Study - Rev. Jeff Schufreider, First Lutheran Church

Bring your Bible

- Guest Speakers
- Lindsey Gibbon, Bethel-Grace Lutheran Church, San Francisco, Afterschool outreach program
- Rev. Aaron Smith, Hispanic Outreach, St. Paul, Mt. View

Offering Donation: The offering will be shared between the two Ministries (Bethel-Grace, San Francisco, after school program and St. Paul, Mt. View, Hispanic Ministry)

## Ingathering: (please bring)

## Bethel-Grace, San Francisco

Books, books, books!
especially children's
Bible Story books.
Children's puzzle (100
pieces or less).

## St. Paul, Mt. View

New or slightly used children's clothing for community outreach.

First Lutheran Church
350 Dolores Way
So. San Francisco, CA
RSVP by March 21 - Judy Korte (650-992-4966)


BYOBL*
*Bring Your Own Bag Lunch. Dessert and beverages served.


## Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lenten Scheduled 2011

March 9-Ash Wednesday Services:
Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.
Evening Service - 7:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Matins
And the Lord's Supper

Ash Wednesday Divine Service Lord's Supper

The Midweek Services will focus on people involved in the Passion History
Midweek Morning Prayer-10:00 a.m. Midweek Evening Prayer-7:00 p.m.
March 16: Judas Disciple Turned Traitor
March 23: Caiaphas: Religious Leader
March 30:
April 6:
Peter: Boaster
April 13:

Disciples: Offended
Barabbas: Choice of the World

March 2011

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Stewardship for Today and Tomorrow <br> 2 Corinthians 8:9 <br> (NKJ) <br> "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." |  | 8:35 a-Matins prayed <br> 10:30 a.-MW Friendship <br> 7:00 p-All Boards meet | 4:00 p.-Jr. Confirmation | 7:00 p-Senior Choir |  | 8:30 a-Elders meet |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 9:00 a-Divine Service <br> 10:15 a-Sunday School <br> 10:30 a-Bible Study | Lutheran School Week Parent/Teacher Confer. | Lutheran School Week Parent/Teacher Confer. 7:00 p-Planning Council | Lutheran School Week <br> Ash Wednesday <br> 10:00 a-Morning Service <br> 4:00 p.-Jr. Confirmation <br> 7:00 p-Divine Service <br> 8:00 p-Senior Choir | Lutheran School Week | Lutheran School Week 10:00 a-K-4 Musical 7:00 p-K-4 Musical |  |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 9:00 a-Divine Service <br> 10:15 a-Sunday School <br> 10:30 a-Bible Classes <br> 1:00 p- G. I. F. T. |  | 9:15 a-Bible Study <br> 11:00 a-Circle Bible <br> Study <br> 7:00 p-PTL meeting | 10:00 a-Lent Midweek <br> 4:00 p.-Jr. Confirmation <br> 7:00 p-Lent Midweek <br> 8:00 p-Senior Choir |  |  | 2:00 p.-Confess./Absol. |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 9:00 a-Divine Service <br> 10:15 a-Sunday School <br> 10:30 a-Voters' Meeting <br> 1:00 p- G. I. F. T. |  | 9:15 a-Bible Study <br> 7:00 p-Sunday School <br> Teachers meet | 10:00 a-Lent Midweek <br> 4:00 p.-Jr. Confirmation <br> 7:00 p-Lent Midweek <br> 8:00 p-Senior Choir |  | No School/Ext. Care Teachers' In-Service 7:00 p-Mission Night | 2:00 p.-Confess./Absol. |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |  |
| 9:00 a-Divine Service <br> 10:15 a-Sunday School <br> 10:30 a-Bible Study |  | 9:15 a-Bible Study | 10:00 a-Lent Midweek <br> 4:00 p.-Jr. Confirmation <br> 7:00 p-Lent Midweek <br> 8:00 p-Senior Choir |  |  |  |

