



Grace Notes

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Grace Lutheran Church & School

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THE STORY OF OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS, PART ONE

Why do Lutherans have elementary schools and high schools? Why don't they just let their children go to public schools like almost everyone else? Did you ever ask yourself that question? Do you know the answers?

It is a long and complicated story, but the basic reason Lutherans have "parochial" schools, i.e., schools built and supported by the "parish," is that Martin Luther told us to do that. This is how it worked in Germany, Scandinavia, and the Baltic nations where Lutherans were dominant. This is how it worked in the North American colonies and the United States, until the state of Pennsylvania adopted its public school system in 1834. After 1834, the older synods of American Lutherans lost their parish schools, because their members wanted to speak English, the public schools were cheap or free, and the public schools posed no threat to Christian beliefs or morality at that time.

The newer synods of American Lutherans, especially the Missouri Synod, did not want to lose the language of their homeland. As the Missouri Synod people emigrated here in the mid-to-later-nineteenth century, congregations and schools were planted all over the Central Midwest, speaking German in church services and school. Wherever those people moved to in the United States, they started German-speaking congregations and schools like the ones in the Midwest.

This all changed with World War One, when Germany became an enemy of the U.S. Slowly, but surely, church services and school classes in the Missouri Synod changed from the German to English language, starting about 1914. But this time, the Lutheran churches, instead of losing their parish schools, found them blossoming in the 1920s. Why? They grew partly because the congregations

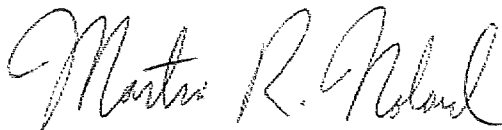
believed in their schools' mission, and partly because public schools were being influenced by "modernism," which included "pragmatism" (e.g. John Dewey), the "new morality," and the philosophy of evolution (e.g., Charles Darwin).

Christians who rejected "modernism" and who wanted to teach their children traditional morality and Christian beliefs found that the Missouri Synod schools were an ideal, safe place for their children. Many non-German-ancestry and non-Scandinavian-ancestry people joined the Missouri Synod congregations because of their schools. The Missouri Synod schools have proven over the years to be its most effective "evangelism" program for long-term membership growth and retention.

I commend the members of Grace Lutheran Church for starting, supporting, and continuing to support its Lutheran parish school. You have continued to support the school in spite of the high cost of living in this place, which affects everyone (congregation members, staff members, parents, etc.). You have continued to support the school in spite of the gradual decline in numbers of our church membership. You have continued to support the school in spite of the gradual decline in church members that have children in the school. God bless you for your efforts and faithfulness!

In the next article in this series, I want to look at what Martin Luther said to his "German people" to get them started on the road to supporting elementary education for boys and girls!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Martin R. Noland

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin R. Noland". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League



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, May 21, 2019 - 1:00pm at
Dolores Keim's House

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Upcoming dates:  
July 20, 2019 - LWML CNH Zone 8  
Summer Retreat, Trinity Lutheran, Palo Alto

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2018-2020

Mission Grants

10. Seaside CA Gospel outreach
Via ESL Class

Faith Lutheran, Seaside, CA

\$9,000



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School News

MAY 2019 - DATES TO REMEMBER

3	GLS Talent Show (6:30p.m.)
12	Partners in Worship (8:40a.m. Arrival)
17	All-School Academic Fair/JK-8 Open House & PTL Picnic Dinner (5-7p.m.)
19	Piano/Music Recital GLS and Ms. Marandi Students (2:30p.m.)
27	Memorial Day-No School/No Extended Care

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



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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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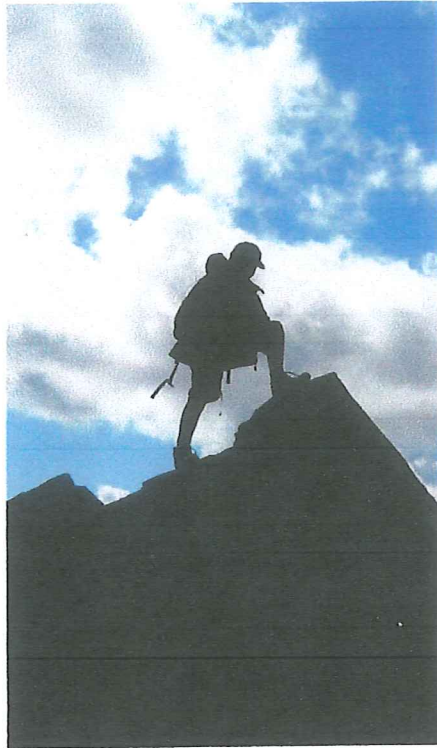


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Altar Guild is Looking for More Helpers!

Altar Guild is a wonderful opportunity and a joyful way to serve! All it takes is an occasional hour on Saturday and a 1/2 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**.





LWML Zone 8

Annual Summer Retreat



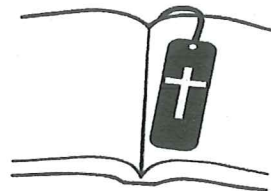
More info to follow soon

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

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and
to sing praises to your name,
To declare your steadfast love in the
morning, and your faithfulness by night.

Psalm 92:1-2

MAY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Don-Maria Schaefer	3 Kay Bell Jr.	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 David-Barbara Smoot	27	28	29	30	31	

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			8:35a-Chapel 2:00p-GLS Library		6:30p-GLS Talent Show	9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a Adult Bible Study	4:00p Information Meeting for CU-Irvine	9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:00-100 Anniv. Cmte.	8:35a-Kids of the Kingdom 2:00p-GLS Library		9:00a-12:30p Welcome Amigos	9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice
9:00a-Divine Service Partners in Worship (GLS Choir sings) 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study		10:00-1:00 Anniv. Cmte. 4:00p-School Board 6:30p-PTL Meeting	8:35a-Kids of the Kingdom 2:00p-GLS Library	9:30a-Circuit Pastor Meeting	5:00p-GLS-All School Academic Fair Open House PTL Picnic Dinner All are welcome!	9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice 10:30a- Genealog. Society 2:30p- Piano/Music Recital Practice-GLS and Ms. Marandi Students
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9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a Adult Bible Study	No School/Ext. Care Office closed Memorial Day	9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:00-100 Anniv. Cmte.	8:35a-Kids of Kingdom	12 Noon-Divine Service Ascension Day	9-11a-Welcome Amigo	

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 Baillie	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 Epler	Judy Iocco	Floyd Oatman	Michelle Sterner
Tami Bannister	Carly Epler	Ko Ishikawa	Doug O'Donnell	Brett Toensing
Nathanael Bannister	Larry Franquez	Mariko Ishikawa	Patty O'Donnell	Anne-Marie Toensing
Mike Beebe	Shelly Franquez	Yuzo Ishikawa	Elizabeth O'Donnell	Brooke Toensing
Jolene Beebe	Nick Franquez	Lance Johnson	Gil Ramirez	Ryan Toensing
Kay Bell, III	Chad Franquez	Doreen Johnson	Kathleen Ramirez	Hans Tuft
Kay Bell, Jr.	Pam Frisella	Katarina Johnson	Fred Robinson	Gina Tuft
Nathanael Bell	Shirley Gangelhoff	Bob Keim	Robert Robinson	Mark Tuft
Adele Bergstrom	Rev. Glenndon Gentner	Dolores Keim	Akram Saber	Sue Tuft
William Bethke	Brooke Gentner	John Kilcullen	Ghada Saber	Martin Udisches
Susan Bethke	Alex Gomez	Stefanie Kilcullen	Daniel Saber	Leann Udisches
Alice Boerschinger	Herlin Gomez	Katie Kilcullen	Michael Saber	Christine Ullrich
John Bordy	Anjanette Gomez	James Kilcullen	Charles Schaefer	Zachary Ullrich
Ellen Bordy	Angelique Gomez	Michael Kilcullen	Donald Schaefer	Octavian Vasilescu
Judy Boyd	James Graziano	Barbara Kilpatrick	Maria Schaefer	Diana Vasilescu
Fred Brauer	Roger Guse	Bill Koester	Martin Semmler	Flora Lisa Vasilescu
Karla Brauer	Dan Hahn	Faye Koester	Michelle Semmler	Joan Weckerle
Jordyn Brauer	Lori Hahn	Ryan Koester	Scott Semmler	Randy Wimmer
Justin Brauer	Abby Hahn	Amanda Koester	Daniel Semmler	Caden Young
Klayton Brauer	Arthur Hayame	Gesine Kruse	Julia Semmler	Rebecca Young
Paul Brownlee	Barbara Hayame	Glenn McEnroe	Sandy Shanks	Chandler Young
Lois Brownlee	Tim Hayame	Alison McEnroe	Jessica Shanks	Logan Young
Marcus Brownlee	Darren Hayame	Alexis McEnroe	Detlef Siarkowski	Rowan Young
Scott Brownlee	Joy Hayame	Fred McKenna	Hannelore Siarkowski	Eugene Zahnow
Katherine Brownlee	Hannah Hayame	Marilyn McKenna	Ethan Smith	Judy Zahnow
Robert Crews	Miriam Hitzeman	Steve McLaughlin	Dave Smoot	Mammie Zimbelman
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Celeste Crews		George Melke	Stacey Soals	
Charlotte Custino		Molly Munson	Jacquelin Soals	