



Grace Notes

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THE STORY OF OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS, PART SIX

In this sixth, and final part, of our series on Lutheran schools, I want to look at how the Lutheran parochial school was understood in the twentieth century in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This would be after the synod had transitioned to the English language and before it began to be influenced in certain places by “modernism” in theology and educational theory.

For a “window” into this period, we can look at Edward W. A. Koehler’s *A Christian Pedagogy*, published in 1930. At the time Koehler was teaching a required course titled “Christian Pedagogy” at Concordia Teachers College in River Forest, Illinois. This book thus tells us what college students who were planning to become Lutheran teachers were actually being taught at the time.

Koehler admits in the Foreword to his book that “the general groundwork of the present volume and much of the subject matter was taken from J.C.W. Lindemann’s excellent chapters on *Schulerziehung*” [school training]. Lindemann had been the president and professor at the LC-MS Addison Teacher’s Seminary from 1864-1879. This means that the ideas and practices in Koehler’s book go back to the beginning of the LC-MS elementary education program and demonstrate great continuity across the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

At various times in the LC-MS elementary education program, its leaders looked to the public schools for ideas into their methods and practices. Sometimes LC-MS students with a good training in theology at church and home studied in non-Lutheran teacher education programs. My great-grandfather, Johann H.F. Hoelter, enrolled in the Saint Louis Central High School teacher education program in 1891, under the encouragement and guidance of his father, Heinrich Hoelter, who was an LC-MS school principal in Saint Louis. This high school had one of the best teacher education programs west of the Mississippi River at the time. Johann graduated in June 1895, served as an LC-MS teacher in Missouri for ten years, then was called to Saint John Lutheran School, San Francisco in 1905, where he served for the rest of his career.

Regarding the public schools, Koehler said:

We ought to be very careful in our criticism of the public schools. We must not imagine that, because they lack Christian instruction and training, they are also of no account in every other respect. Let us study their courses and their methods, their requirements and their achievements, and make use of whatever is sane, good, and profitable. . . .

We must not create the impression as though we expect the state schools to make suitable provision for the Christian instruction and training of children. We oppose every attempt on the part of the state to do so. It is in the interest of the state to provide facilities for the education of its citizens. But it is no fault nor neglect of the civil authorities if they do not provide a

religious education. On the contrary, they would transgress the limit of their power and trespass upon the most personal rights of individuals if they would teach and enforce upon all under their jurisdiction a certain type of religious education.

Although Koehler was a strong promoter of the Lutheran parochial school, and considered it, next to the Christian home “the most effective agency for the Christian training of children,” he also commented on the Sunday school as an agency for Christian education for children when no parochial school was available. Comparing the Sunday School to the Lutheran parochial school, Koehler said this in his *A Christian Pedagogy*:

It stands to reason that a child occupying himself.. intensely with the study of God’s Word and being subject to Christian influence five days a week will receive more lasting impressions and a more thorough Christian training than a child that attends Sunday-school but once a week for a brief hour. While half a loaf is better than none, and a good Christian Sunday-school is better than no Christian school at all, a true evaluation of the Christian parochial school will show that both in instruction and training it is far superior to the best Sunday-school.

Since the teaching of religion is an essential part of the curriculum of a parochial school, Lutheran teachers ought to be knowledgeable in Holy Scripture and have a good understanding of biblical doctrine. With respect to knowing Scripture, Koehler observed:

As the Word of God is the chief means of Christian training, it is evident that a Christian pedagogue must acquire an exact knowledge of its teachings and of their use In order . . . to teach plainly and to train effectively, the educator must himself have a thorough knowledge of the Christian doctrine. . . Vague and hazy knowledge is often the cause of indefinite and ineffective teaching.

In order to assist students learn Scripture and doctrine in an exact and thorough way, Koehler authored a book titled *A Summary of Christian Doctrine* (St Louis: CPH, 1939), which was still being used at Concordia Teacher’s College, River Forest when I was studying to be a Lutheran parochial school teacher in 1976-1979. It is presently available through Concordia Publishing House in its third revised edition.

Our Lutheran schools are indeed a treasure to benefit parents, children, as well as our neighbors in the community! May our Lord continue to bless our schools, as they continue to teach God’s Word for generations to come!

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 at the bottom left of the page.

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.”



Serve the Lord with Gladness”



Grace LWML Christmas Luncheon

**Sunday, December 8, 2019
12:00 Noon
(See next page)**



2018-2020

Mission Grants

14. LCMS Missionary Expenses

Mission Central (RSO)

\$10,000



Save your mites



“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”
 Luke 2:11

GLC LWML Christmas Luncheon



Sunday, December 8, 2019
 12:00 Noon – Parish Hall



Everyone Welcome! Men, Women, Children
 Grace Members Grace School Families - Friends

Potato Bar with all the fixings
 Bring a salad or dessert (beverages provided)



Monetary Love gift for our tree: For Kenyan Ladies Sewing Group (more info to follow)
 (Make checks payable to GLC LWML)

Program: Singing Christmas Carols

School News

NOVEMBER 2019 - DATES TO REMEMBER

1	First Quarter Ends
3	Partners in Worship-Choir Sings (8:45am)
11	Veteran's Day (No School)
12	PTL Meeting (6:30pm)
25-29	Thanksgiving Break/District Teacher's Convention (No School)

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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Healthy Kids

FUN RUN



COMING SOON!

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Kick Off Date:

NOVEMBER 5th

Fun Run Date:

NOVEMBER 21st

A Healthy Fundraiser That Will Be Tons of Fun!!

Students will have a BLAST Exercising, receiving Fun Prizes & Raising Money for the School!

The Fun Run Team Will Reinforce Our Messages



Watch for upcoming Informational Emails!

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						9:00a-Senior Choir 2
9:00a-Divine Service Partners in Worship GIS Choir sings 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study 6:00p-Private event 3		9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:30a- Anniv. Cmte. 4	8:35a-Chapel 6	11:00a-Organ Practice 2-3p-Library 7		9:00a-Senior Choir 9
9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study 10	Veteran's Day- No School 11	9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:30a- Anniv. Cmte. 4:00p-School Board 6:30p-PTL meeting 12	8:35a-Chapel 13	9:30a-Circuit Meeting 11:00a-Organ Practice 2-3p-Library 4:00p-Concordia Univ. - Workshop 14		9:00a-Senior Choir 9:00a-PTL Work Day 16
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9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study 24	5:00p-Elders meet 7:00p-Planning Council 25	9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:30a- Anniv. Cmte. 12-3p-Quilting 26	11:30-1p-Welcome Amigos 27	10:00a-Matins Thanksgiving 28	4-7:30p-Bright Beginning Preschool 29	9:00a-Senior Choir 30
9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:30a-Adult Bible Study 31						

November 2019 Vital Statistics

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Pattie O'Donnell	1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Dolores Keim	James Kilcullen Marty Udisches		Maria Schaefer	Shelly Franquez	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Elizabeth O'Donnell	Scott Semmler Nick Franquez					

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