



Grace Notes

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THE STORY OF OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS, PART FIVE

The idea of the Lutheran parochial school was not unique to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. As we have seen previously in this series, the idea and practice came from Martin Luther, and was even found in the United States prior to the arrival of the pastors, teachers, and laymen who would establish the Missouri Synod in the mid-nineteenth century.

After the Civil War, there were a number of Lutheran synods in the United States west of the Appalachian Mountains that spoke German, Norwegian, and/or English and that were in church fellowship. The expression of that fellowship, on an organizational level, was the “Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America” (a.k.a. “Synodical Conference”). It included, at various times, the Missouri Synod, the Concordia Synod of Pennsylvania and Other States, the English Synod, the Michigan Synod, the Nebraska Synod, the Ohio Synod, the Slovak Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Illinois, the Minnesota Synod, the Norwegian Synod, and the Wisconsin Synod. In later years, the Norwegian Synod split, and the smaller of the two parts, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod also joined the Synodical Conference, when the larger part left.

This is significant for the history of Lutheran schools, because in 1877 the Synodical Conference discussed the following theses:

Thesis 12: It is exceedingly inconsistent with the church's confessional position if an ecclesiastical body which calls itself Lutheran and wants to be Lutheran does not, to the extent that it is able, show earnestness and zeal to establish orthodox parochial schools where they do not exist.

Thesis 13: It is a further inconsistency with the church's confessional position if a Lutheran fellowship does not insist that in its congregations only orthodox liturgical books, hymnbooks, catechisms, instruction, and devotional books be used, or if it does not do its utmost to see to it that unorthodox books of this type be done away with where they are in use and orthodox books be introduced.

The discussion that ensued spent most of its time on Thesis 12. The report about Thesis 13 indicates that the term “instruction books” was intended to refer to books used by the parochial schools described in Thesis 12.

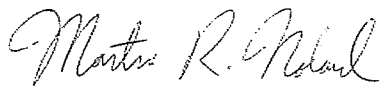
The report in the 1877 conference proceedings includes this statement, which was a result of the discussion of the two theses:

An additional major reason which should spur us on to establish parochial schools is also the mission work which we are thereby able to carry on among the children of those people who do not belong to our church. Experience teaches that many such children can be won and that after confirmation they still remain faithful. . . . For that reason, a congregation must be willing to pay the price to erect schools and also not to require a higher school tax [i.e., tuition] from those who are not members of the congregation. In this way we can conduct a great mission activity and through the children win the parents themselves.

The Concordia Synod, Illinois Synod, English Synod, and Slovak Synod eventually merged into the Missouri Synod. The Michigan Synod, Minnesota Synod, and Nebraska Synod eventually merged into the Wisconsin Synod. All of these synods were the most zealous in establishing parochial schools, with the result that their laymen became very knowledgeable in Lutheran doctrine and the Bible. As a later result, both the Missouri Synod and Wisconsin Synod resisted the trend toward Bible skepticism and doctrinal ignorance that characterized the other Lutheran synods that merged into the American Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church in America, finally forming the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1988 (ELCA).

Although historically it is difficult to determine **chief causes**, there is no doubt about the **correlation** of the commitment of those synods that established parochial schools and their later faithfulness to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. We can thank God that today His Word is still proclaimed in its truth and purity and Luther's doctrine is preserved in the Missouri Synod, Wisconsin Synod, and Evangelical Lutheran Synod, much of that due to the Lutheran parochial school!

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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2018-2020

Mission Grants

14. LCMS Missionary Expenses

Mission Central (RSO)

\$10,000



Save your mites

Mission Project Day - Quilting

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 - 12:00 Noon
at Grace Church Library

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Upcoming dates:

October 26, 2019 – LWML CNH Fall Gathering  
Our Savior's, Pacifica (see next page)

October 27, 2019 – Grace LWML Sunday

December 8, 2019 – Grace LWML Christmas  
Luncheon - Noon

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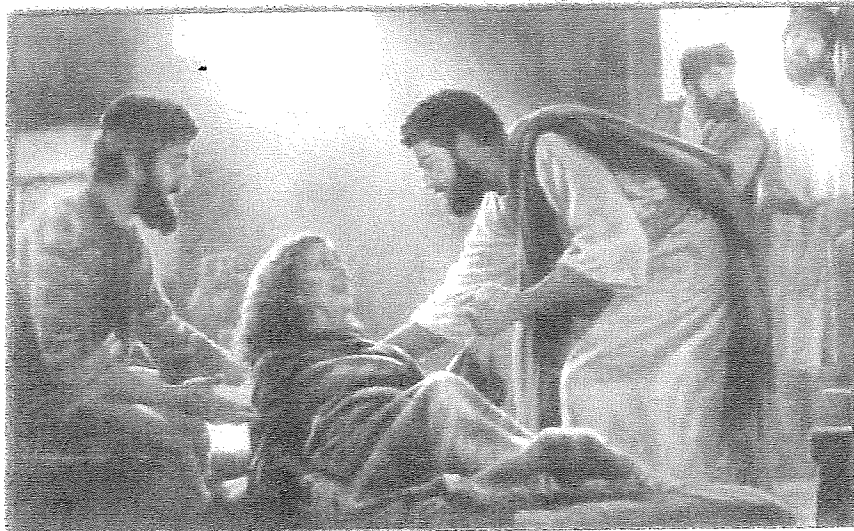
Zone 8
California-Nevada-Hawaii
District

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
CALIFORNIA~NEVADA~HAWAII
ZONE 8 ~ FALL GATHERING
October 26, 2019 ~ 9:30am – 1:00pm
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
4400 Coast Highway ~ Pacifica, CA

Mercy, Care, and the Christian Faith

"And [Peter] gave her his hand and raised her up... he presented her alive."

- Acts 9:36-42



Ingathering Items For the Pacifica Resource Center

Non-perishable/canned goods i.e.:

- Peanut Butter
- Canned chicken, tuna, salmon
- Apple sauce
- Canned soups, beans, fruits,
vegetables
- Dry pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Rice and dry beans
- Unused small toiletry items

**Guest Speakers from Sutter Care at Home ~
Hospice San Mateo**

Bible Study Leader: Rev. Martin Noland
Grace Lutheran Church ~ San Mateo

Registration: \$15.00 ~ BYOB Lunch ~ Dessert Provided

**Free Will Love Gift Offering to support the efforts of
Lutheran Care for the Aging - San Francisco**

**Please make out any check donations to LWML CNH Zone 8
memo: Lutheran Care for the Aging**

Carpool - Grace Lutheran Parking Lot at 9:00 am Questions, call Shirley, 773-4952

School News

OCTOBER 2019 - DATES TO REMEMBER

29-3	PTL Scholastic Book Faire
3-4	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School or Extended Care on 10/4)
6	Partners in Worship Choir Sings (8:45am)
14	Columbus Day (No School)
25	Harvest Festival (5:30-8:30pm)
31	Reformation Day

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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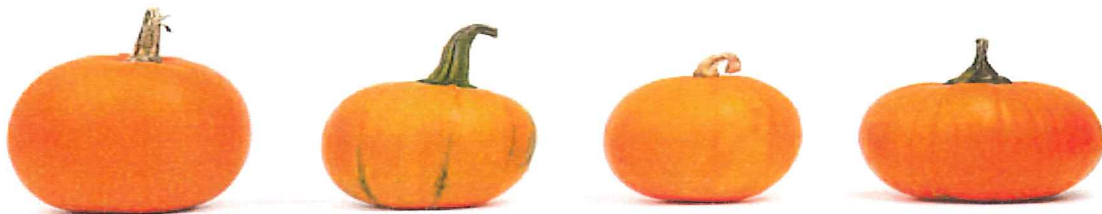
Fall Festival

Friday, October 25th

5:30-8:30p.m.

Come One! Come All!

This year's activities include a jumpy house, donut-eating contest, chili cook-off, raffle, craft table, and pumpkin painting. Come socialize and enjoy the BBQ!



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	Akrum 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	Kate 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	