

# Grace Notes

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## THE STORY OF OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS, PART FOUR

In part one of this series, I summarized the history of the Lutheran school in America. In part two, I showed how Martin Luther led the way to the establishment of Lutheran schools, and quoted from his 1524 essay on the subject. In part three, I quoted extensively from Luther's 1530 essay on the subject. If you have not read these essays, please contact our church office to get a copy.

Now we come to the question of "What is different about Lutheran schools?" compared to the alternatives. Our schools are different from public schools in that they are intentionally religious schools with moral instruction. The "separation of church and state" that restricts public school teachers in matters of faith and morals does not restrict our teachers from sharing their Christian faith, teaching the Bible, praying with students, and teaching the students what the Bible says about what is right and wrong.

How is a Missouri Synod school different from other religious schools? Almost all Christian "parochial" schools have teachers who share their Christian faith, teach the Bible, pray with their students, and teach the students what the Bible says about what is right and wrong. We are glad that these other schools do that, because this builds a strong Christian fabric into our communities and our nation.

But there are some differences in our schools, simply because we are Lutheran. That means that the Gospel predominates in our teaching, not the Law, because the Gospel is the power of salvation for those who have faith (Romans 1:16). That means that we talk mostly about Jesus, because he is the only Way, Truth, and Life (John 14:6). No one can come to the Father through prayer, or other means, except through Jesus (John 14:6). That means that we talk mostly about God's love for all people, because this is what caused God to send Jesus into the world (John 3:16) and to prepare the Israelites to hear and accept Jesus, their Messiah.

If there is a single idea that we Lutherans want our students to learn, it is the fourth article of the Augsburg Confession (1530), which states: "[People] cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works, but are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith when they believe that they are receive into favor and that their sins are forgiven on account of Christ, who by His death made satisfaction for our sins. This faith God imputes for righteousness in his sight (Romans 3 and 4)."

Why is this idea of "justification" important? Because it defines and explains saving faith. The person who believes these things and has this faith is saved eternally! Our religious curriculum is focused on this idea, though its full extent is defined by Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*.

In other respects, our elementary schools are similar to other elementary schools, with some unique emphases. One way to gauge this is to see what the curriculum was at the first Missouri

Synod “teacher’s seminary” in 1869. This was at Addison, Illinois, which later moved to River Forest. Three professors were employed by the synod to teach young men the subjects that they would then teach to their elementary-school-age students. The three professors were given the following assignments of classes [curriculum from *Evangelisch-Lutherisches Schulblatt*, July 1869, page 335]:

**C.A.T. Selle** – Bible History, Lutheran Confessions, Geography, English (a foreign language to most of the members of the Missouri Synod at that time), and Piano.

**Karl Brauer** – Singing, Violin, Piano, Organ, and Music Theory.

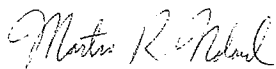
**J.C.W. Lindemann** – Catechism, Introduction to the Bible, Memorization, Introduction to Education, Practical Catechetics, German, Mathematics, History, Natural History (i.e., Science), Penmanship (in German and English), and Drawing (an art class).

Here you can see the universal “three R’s” of elementary schools: reading (German and English), writing (German and English), and arithmetic (Mathematics). Here there was already a difference from public schools in that Missouri Synod school students became bi-lingual at an early age. Geography, History, Science, and Art are still common subjects in elementary schools today. We would expect the History and Science courses to have Christian emphases and perspectives, as is proper.

What is unique about this curriculum is, of course, its religious subject matter and, surprisingly, its excellence in music. All elementary school students in the Missouri Synod were expected to learn how to sing, and all elementary school teachers were expected to learn how to play piano, so they could lead the singing. With this foundation, the Missouri Synod trained future congregation members to participate in worship with the great literature of Christian hymnody and Lutheran liturgy. The Lutheran church in America thus truly became a “singing church,” far beyond its peers.

By the way, the Karl Brauer listed above was a probable relative of our principal, Fred Brauer. Fred’s father, Friedrich E. Brauer, III (1926-2011) was a faculty member at Concordia College, Saint Paul, Minnesota from 1967-1989, in the department of Music. Family traditions in church-worker professions are strong in the Missouri Synod and we at Grace Church and School benefit from that.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Martin R. Noland



# School News

## SEPTEMBER 2019 - DATES TO REMEMBER

2	Labor Day (No School-Extended Care)
10	PTL Meeting
15	Partners in Worship-Choir Sings (8:40am) Back-to-School BBQ/Open House (11:30am)
25	Picture Day
27	PTL Movie Night (6:30pm)

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*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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# Back-to-School BBQ and Open House!!!!!!

*September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

*Partners in Worship-Choir Sings 8:40a.m.*

*Divine Service 9:00a.m*

*Sunday School/ Bible Study 10:30a.m*

*BBQ & Open House 11:30a.m.*

Come meet and greet our new teachers, take a tour of our classrooms, and enjoy some delicious BBQ with friends old and new!



# '19-'20 GLS Calendar

updated 8/26/19

■ No School   
 ■ PTL   
 ■ Special Days/Events

■ PIW   
 ■ End Ctr: P/T Conference   
 ■ School Resumes/Ends

July 2019						
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July

4 Independence day

August 2019						
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August

15 ICE CREAM SOCIAL-Meet The Staff (6-8pm)

15-26 Teacher Workshop Days/Home Visits

24 PTL Work Day (9am-12pm)

27 First Day of School-PTL Welcome Tea (8:15am)

Family Welcome Chapel Service (9 am)

September 2019						
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September

2 Labor Day-No School/No Extended Care

10 PTL Meeting (6:30pm)

15 Partners in Worship-Choir Sings (8:40 am)

Back-to-School BBQ/Open House (11:30 am)

Picture Day

25 Mid Quarter 1: 23 days PTL Movie Night (6:30 pm)

October 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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October

29-3 PTL Scholastic Book Faire

3 Parent/Teacher Conf. (3:45-8pm) Ext Care 3:30-6pm

4 No School Parent/Teacher Conf. (8am-12:00pm)

6 Partners in Worship-Choir Sings (8:40am)

14 Columbus Day-No School/No Extended Care

25 Harvest Festival/Silent Auction

31 Reformation

November 2019						
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November

1 Quarter 1 Ends 47 days

3 Partners in Worship-Choir Sings (8:40am)

11 Veterans Day-No School/No Extended Care

12 PTL Meeting (6:30pm)

25-29 District Teachers Conference

Thanksgiving Break-No School/No Ext. Care

December 2019						
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December

3 JK-8 Open House (6-8pm)

6 Mid-Quarter 2: 19 days

8 Partners in Worship-Choir Sings (8:40am)

11 JK-8 Advent Service (8:40am & 7pm)

20 12:30 dismissal (Extended Care 12:30-6)

23-31 Christmas Break-No School/No Extended Care

January 2020						
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January

(1-3) Christmas Break-No School/No Extended Care

(6) (7) School Resumes - (7) PTL Mtg (6:30pm)

12 Partners in Worship School Sings (8:40am)

14 JK/K Information Night (6-8pm)

20 MLK Jr Day-No School/No Extended Care

24 Quarter 2 Ends 42 days

27-2 Lutheran School's Week-(27)Student Breakfast

February 2020						
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February

2 8:40-Partners in Worship; Pancake Breakfast

6 Parent/Teacher Conf. (3:45-8pm) Ext Care 3:30-6pm

7 No School Parent/Teacher Conf. (9am-12:00pm)

14 Kid- Heart Challenge!

17 President's Day-No School/No Extended Care

21 Mid-Quarter 3: 19 days

22 Spagnetti Feedi Church/School Social Event!

March 2020						
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March

8 Partners in Worship-Choir Sings (8:40am)

13 JK/K & 1-5 School Musicals (10am & 7pm)

16-20 Achievement Tests Grades 1-8

17 PTL Meeting (6:30pm)

20 PTL Movie Night (6:30pm)

27 Qtr 3 Ends-44...No School- In Service

April 2020						
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April

5 Partners in Worship-Choir Sings (8:40am)

10 Good Friday: 12:30 dismissal

Extended Care Available 12-6 pm

13-17 Easter Break-No School/No Ext Care

20 School Resumes

May 2020						
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May

1 GLS Talent Show 6:30 pm

1 Mid Ctr 4: 20 days

10 Partners in Worship-Choir Sings (8:40am)

12 PTL Meeting (6:30pm)

15 All-School Academic Fair/JK-8 Open House & PTL Picnic Dinner (5-7pm)

25 Memorial Day-No School/No Extended Care

June 2020						
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June

3 (10th) Eighth Grade Dinner (6pm)

4 (11th) Field Day

5 Last Day of School-Quarter 4 Ends-44 (177)

Kindergarten Graduation (10am)

Closing Service & 8th Grade Graduation (12pm)

12:45 Dismissal-Extended Care (12:45-6pm)

PTL Work Day-(9am-12pm)

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>9:00a-Divine Service 10:15a-Sunday School 10:20a-Adult Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p>	<p>9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:30-100 Ann. Cmte.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p>	<p>8:35a-Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p>	<p>11:00a-organ practice</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p>	<p>9:00a-Senior Choir</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p>
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<p>8:40a-Partners in Worship Choir Sings 9:00a-Divine Service</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16</b></p>	<p>9:00a-Adult Bible Class 10:30-100 Ann. Cmte.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p>	<p>8:35a-Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p>	<p>11:00a-organ practice</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p>	<p>9:00a-Senior Choir 10:00a-organ practice</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p>
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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	Charlotte Custino	Michael Innes	Renee Noland	Brett Toensing
Bella Archer	Robert Doody	Donald Iocco	Heidi Noland	Anne-Marie Toensing
Marilyn Bailie	Natalie Dubbel	Heather Iocco	Floyd Oatman	Brooke Toensing
Patricia Bailey	Bob Egan	John Iocco	Doug O'Donnell	Ryan Toensing
Richard Bailey	Maria Eggert	Judy Iocco	Patty O'Donnell	Hans Tuft
Rev. Frank Balgeman	Doris Emery	Ko Ishikawa	Elizabeth O'Donnell	Gina Tuft
Valerie Balgeman	Bill Eng	Marko Ishikawa	Gil Ramirez	Mark Tuft
Chandler Balgeman	Sara Eppler	Yuzo Ishikawa	Kathleen Ramirez	Sue Tuft
Mike Bannister	Carly Eppler	Lance Johnson	Fred Robinson	Martin Udisches
Tami Bannister	Larry Franquez	Doreen Johnson	Roberta Robinson	Leann Udisches
Nathanael Bannister	Shelly Franquez	Katarina Johnson	Akram Saber	Christine Ullrich
Mike Beebe	Nick Franquez	Bob Keim	Ghada Saber	Zachary Ullrich
Jolene Beebe	Chad Franquez	Dolores Keim	Daniel Saber	Octavian Vasilescu
Kay Bell, III	Pam Frisella	John Kilcullen	Michael Saber	Diana Vasilescu
Kay Bell, Jr.	Shirley Gangelhoff	Stefanie Kilcullen	Maria Schaefer	Flora Lisa Vasilescu
Nathanael Bell	Rev. Glendon Genthner	Katie Kilcullen	Martin Semmler	Joan Weckerle
Adele Bergstrom	Brooke Genthner	James Kilcullen	Michelle Semmler	Randy Wimmer
William Bethke	Alex Gomez	Michael Kilcullen	Scott Semmler	Caden Young
Susan Bethke	Herlin Gomez	Barbara Kilpatrick	Daniel Semmler	Rebecca Young
Alice Boerschinger	Anjannette Gomez	Bill Koester	Julia Semmler	Chandler Young
John Borden	Angelique Gomez	Faye Koester	Sandy Shanks	Logan Young
Ellen Borden	James Graziano	Ryan Koester	Jessica Shanks	Rowan Young
Judy Boyd	Roger Guse	Amanda Koester	Detlef Starkowski	Eugene Zahnow
Fred Brauer	Dan Hahn	Glenn McEnroe	Hannelore Starkowski	Judy Zahnow
Karla Brauer	Lori Hahn	Alison McEnroe	Ethan Smith	Marnie Zimbelman
Jordyn Brauer	Abby Hahn	Alexis McEnroe	Dave Smoot	
Justin Brauer	Arthur Hayame	Fred McKenna	Barb Smoot	
Klayton Brauer	Barbara Hayame	Marilyn McKenna	Paul Soals	
Paul Brownlee	Tim Hayame	Steve McLaughlin	Stacey Soals	
Lois Brownlee	Darren Hayame	Heather McLaughlin	Jacquelin Soals	
Marcus Brownlee	Joy Hayame	Sandra Means	Dimitry Spencer	
Scott Brownlee	Hannah Hayame	George Melke	Peter Spittler	
Katherine Brownlee	Miriam Hitzeman	Molly Munson	Tamaray Starling	
Robert Crews	Richard Hoffmeister	Caroline Nagy	Darryl Sterner	
Veronica Crews	Theresa Mui	Pamela Nelson	Sandra Sterner	
Clara Crews	Robert Innes	Rev. Martin Noland	Michelle Sterner	
Celeste Crews	Shirley Innes	Karla Noland	Chris Strom	