

The Means of Grace

APRIL 14, 2024



As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. You know the commandments. ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’”

The man replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child.”

Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” (Mark 10:17-21)



"I'm sorry," I said.

"It's all good," came the response.

I knew what they meant, but it wasn't exactly the response I was looking for. I wasn't looking for a reply that would simply ignore or excuse what I had done under the under the statement "It's all good." That just didn't feel right to me. I was expecting a response indicating either forgiveness or not—maybe even a shot at reconciliation. The fact of the matter is that we live in a world that is anything but "all good". That's why I apologized.

In fact, I have no good apart from God. Jesus said that ONLY God is good. Do you believe that or do you think your life is filled with lots of good things, among which one good is God? Perhaps you even place Him as the highest good. Yet Jesus challenges us to live a life in which God is the only good for us, for all. How would your life be reoriented if you believed that God is the only true Source of any good you have?

Jesus lived that way. He lived knowing that *God alone is good*. Because God was His only source of good, because loving God was His highest good, Jesus lived for us in love. Of course, then Jesus died for us in love, but God raised Him from the dead because death could not hold him. His life was "good" not by the world's standards but by God's standards. Very good. Perfect. In place of your sin, God gives you His perfect and complete forgiveness in Christ. In contrite faith we come before God assured of the Father's merciful gift of forgiveness through His Son Jesus Christ.

So, when you repent, when you say you're sorry, God doesn't just ignore your sin... He forgives you and He removes your sin, giving you the righteousness of Jesus Christ. That's God's standard of "good". He removes it from you for the sake of Jesus. When we repent God reminds us of how he addressed all sin at the cross once for all and then He treats you and me as if our sin never happened at all and remembers it no more. God's goodness is yours because of Jesus. And that truly is *all good*.



Sunday	April 14, 2024 Easter 3
Comm. Prep. Hehr	
9:30 AM	WORSHIP with Holy Communion
10:30 AM	FELLOWSHIP
11:00 AM	Sunday School
11:15 AM	Bible Study
Monday	April 15, 2024
Tuesday	April 16, 2024
10:00 AM	Circuit Meeting @Trinity in Eugene
Wednesday	April 17, 2024
8:00 AM	Individual Confirmation
8:30 AM	Chapel-Pastor Janisch
9:00 AM	7-8 th Grade Confirmation
6:00 PM	Google Bible Study Meeting
Thursday	April 18, 2024
8:00 AM	5-6 th Grade Confirmation
6:30 PM	Church Council/Leadership Meeting
Friday	April 19, 2024
8:00 AM	7-8 th Grade Confirmation
9:20 AM	PK Jesus Circle
Afternoon Member Visits	
Saturday	April 20, 2024
9:00 AM	Confirmation
11:00 AM	Enda Krieder Memorial
Sermon Preparation	
Sunday	April 21, 2024 Easter 4
Flowers:	Faye Rutstein
9:30 AM	Worship
10:30 AM	FELLOWSHIP
11:00 AM	Sunday School
11:15 AM	Bible Study
6:00 PM	Basketball

IN PRAYER

Randy Jensen who underwent spinal surgeries on Wednesday and Friday of last week. Complications this week have kept him in ICU. We continue to lift up Randy asking the Great Physician for healing.

Bob Gelnett, Wendy Gelnett's father who is struggling with cardiac issues. We ask our gracious Lord for protection and healing.

Carol Baker, Trish Settje's mother who has suffered a stroke. We pray for the Lord's almighty and compassionate hand to cover her with strength and healing. We also ask God to grant the Settje's safe travel to California to visit her.

Grace Church Financial Update



“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing... If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. – John 15

We are One Together in ministry. Jesus is the Vine we are the branches and connected to him we will produce much! In fact, connected to Him all things are possible!

The approved budget: Our Grace budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 is set at **\$490,000** which calls for weekly gifts of **\$9423**. Last week’s gifts totaled **\$8165**.

Year to date: As of last week, the total amount of gifts we should have reached is **\$386,346**. However, at week 41, the amount in gifts we have received for the Lord's ministry is **\$305,731**.

We are grateful for the gifts of love that God’s people have brought! We are asking you to prayerful consider how you can use your gifts to help address our current needs and budget shortfall.

Shortfall: Currently, there is a gap of **\$80,615** between the amount received and the amount budgeted. To catch up, are asking members to consider special gifts or, an increase in weekly offering to **\$16,752** will be needed to make our budget.

Additional expenses:

- At the moment it would appear that our insurance will not cover the total cost of the school restoration from this winter’s pipe burst and water damage.
- We are also in dire need of roof repair at the school.
- The demolition cost and fees for the properties next to school have greatly exceeded the bid that PMG gave to us.

Grace Ministry has been blessed with financial miracles. We pray that God's children will give generously and joyfully according to His will. We are One Together in ministry.



Sunday SCHOOL

ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD
Growing in Faith Together

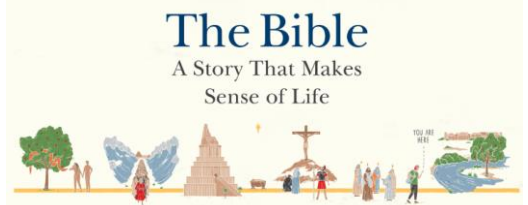
Sundays at 11:00 AM

Please plan on joining us after worship on Sundays for Bible Class and Sunday for every age! Following worship each Sunday we will continue to offer our refreshments & fellowship AND we will be adding to our opportunity for fellowship by offering Bible Class and Sunday School from 11:00 – 11:45. Please, plan to join us! Sunday School will be offered for kids Preschool – 8th. If you are interested in helping teach... please contact Pastor Bitter or Craig Baker.



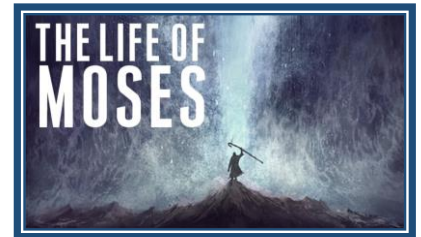
Sundays at 11:15 AM

Please plan on joining us after worship on Sundays for Bible Class as we continue our study of the Story of Scripture.
Teens to adults!



Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Please plan on joining us on Wednesdays by clicking on to our Google Meet study. This fall we will begin a new study on the story of Moses. Join us as we discover the ways that God graciously equips us to bless others.



Saturdays at 9:00 AM

We are beginning our Confirmation Classes for students who are not able to attend during the week at GLS. This class is especially for 6th - 9th graders but younger students are also welcome to attend.



Saturday APRIL 27th at 8:00 AM

Men's breakfast and bible study! Bring your sons! Once a month we will plan to meet again for bible study and breakfast at 8:00 AM at the SCHOOL!
Please let Pastor Bitter know if you'd be interested in attending or helping organize.



Saturday May 18th at 10:00 AM

Women's Bible Study

Childcare will be provided. Come spend some time in God's Word together!



Sisters in Faith ♦ Sisters in Christ



NEW – Women's Bible Study!

Our Sisters in Faith – Our Sisters in Christ – Our Sisters in Scripture
Seeing God's strength and faithfulness in the lives of women.

At Grace Lutheran School

Childcare will be provided at Grace School by teens

What's Happening @Grace

Weekly Fellowship Food & Drinks



THANK YOU to those who have been so faithful in providing all the goodness we enjoy after worship! Please consider contributing and supporting the goodness we enjoy after worship each Sunday! Your gifts are appreciated!

Mowing! – The grass needs to be cut every week!

We need to cut it every week again. Please consider signing up for spring and summer lawn care. The lawn at church needs you... can you sign up for a weekend to cut? **THANK YOU** to those who have been so faithful in taking care of the church property and making it beautiful!



Weekly Cleaning! – The church needs cleaning every week!



Please consider signing up for spring and summer church cleaning. The church building needs to be cleaned each week and we could use your help! **THANK YOU** to those who have been so faithful in cleaning the Lord's house and making it ready for worship!

Altar Flowers – Every week!

Please consider signing up for bringing altar flowers for our Sunday Worship. **We need flowers every week!** Signup sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall on the north facing wall.



PLEASE CONSIDER SIGNING UP TO HELP. WE NEED YOU



THE MARY MARTHA GROUP



SOMETHING NEW- GRACE MARKETPLACE BOARD

Mary and Martha group has sponsored a new bulletin board called Grace Marketplace. The purpose is to give GLC members a place to post items they wish to sell/give that they no longer need. MM will take the responsibility of managing the board. The guidelines are posted on the board. You may post an item with a small photo or a good description on a notice no larger than 3x5 ins. The contact info will be a phone # with the person's last name. At the top of the notice please place the date posted. Notices will remain on the board no longer than 1 month or until removed by the owner.



GERMAN PRETZELS

Mary and Martha ladies will be making German Pretzels May 9 and May 10. If you have an Electric Mixer and would like to learn to make them, please talk to either Sara Hehr or Linda Bern to sign up.



Supporting Our Neighborhood Foodbank – April 2024

Mainspring Foodbank appreciates your continued support.

In March we donated 20 lbs. of food and 10 lbs. of clothing.

For **April**, please continue to donate basic food items, focusing on:

- **Peanut butter & jelly**
- **Canned protein** (tuna, chicken, & beef)

If you are doing any spring cleaning, please consider donating any unwanted clothing to Mainspring.

Remember the clothing should be clean and in good condition. Especially appreciated items are:

- **Men's clothing** (all sizes, clean & in good condition)
- **Brand-new socks** (all sizes)

You may bring your donations anytime. Mary & Martha will then deliver the donated items by the end of April. There are baskets in the fellowship hall to place your food donations as well as clothing items.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text Leann Breza, (360) 921-6673.

Mainspring Foodbank most-needed foods: (please **no expired items or opened packages**):

- ✓ Canned proteins like tuna, chili, salmon, ham
- ✓ Soup
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Cooking oil
- ✓ Peanut butter
- ✓ Cup of noodles
- ✓ Canned vegetables
- ✓ Canned stew
- ✓ Canned fish
- ✓ Canned beans
- ✓ Pasta (all varieties)
- ✓ Pasta sauce
- ✓ Instant oatmeal
- ✓ Instant potatoes
- ✓ Shelf stable milk
- ✓ Juice
- ✓ Condiments
- ✓ Fruit snacks
- ✓ Crackers
- ✓ Sugar free snacks
- ✓ Snacks for high school students



MAINSRING

April Items:

- Brand-new socks (all sizes)
- Men's clothing in good condition

Grace School



The Eagle Message Grace Lutheran School DECLARE *His* PRAISES

April 9, 2024

Chapel Service at 8:30 on Wednesday

We will have our weekly school-wide **Chapel Service** on Wednesday morning at **8:30**. Pastor Bourman will lead our worship this week. An offering envelope is being sent home for your child's mission offering.

We will support mission work at **Peridot-Our Savior's Lutheran School** on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona for the *Second Semester*. Your gifts will help ministry at the school to reach more children and their families with the gospel. <http://www.poscrusaders.org/> Offerings gathered so far total \$314.96. Thank you.



Fundraiser for School Repairs

Pastor Paul Bourman (Theo's dad) is helping to raise funds for ice storm repairs at Grace Lutheran School by running in a race called "**The Banana Slug Backyard Ultra**". To help raise funds for GLS, we are asking you to consider pledging a dollar amount for each loop that **Pastor Bourman runs in the race on Friday April 19th**. To make a pledge, please click this link <https://pledgeit.org/running-the-extra-mile-for-grace-lutheran-school>

For example, if you pledge \$5 per loop and he runs 5 loops, the donation is \$25 total. If you pledge \$10 per loop and he runs 20 loops, the donation is \$200 total. **The classroom that pledges the most will get a pizza party with Pastor Bourman!** The student who guesses how many miles Pastor Bourman runs will get a gift card!

Please make your pledge by Friday April 19th

Donations can also be brought to the school office - cash, or checks made out to "Working Eagles". Thank you!

Grade School Olympics Saturday, April 20th

Grades 3-8 will be participating in the Lutheran Grade School Olympics on **Saturday, April 20th** at Franklin Pierce High School 11002 18th Ave. East, Tacoma, WA. See the **attachment** for more details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Eternick, jeternick@grace-wels.net

K-8 students sing on Sunday May 5

The K - 8th grade students will be singing two songs at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Hillsboro on **Sunday, May 5th** for their 10:00 worship service. Members at Beautiful Savior include current GLS students Owen & Gwen Setniker, as well as GLS alumni, and alumni parents and supporters. A map to Beautiful Savior will be sent home at the end of April.

Financial Aid applications are available

The time frame to apply for financial aid for the 2024-2025 school year continues **through May 15, 2024**. If you would like to apply for financial aid, please fill out the application (**attached**) and submit the form **with your most recent 1040 tax form**. In order to process your financial aid application, **you MUST include the 1040 form and be current with your tuition payments**. If you have any questions, please contact our Board of Education Chairman Josh Luplow or Financial Aid Chairman Dan Paschke at financialaid@grace-wels.net.

Families will be informed of the Board of Education/Grace Lutheran Church voters decisions regarding financial aid by June 30.

Bottle and Can Collection Fundraiser

Help us add funds to our **BottleDrop** account. Gather up your cans and plastic/glass bottles and bring them in to school to support this fundraiser **Blue collection bags** will be available during drop off and pick up times or from the school office - just ask for them.

RUNNING TO REBUILD

<https://pledgeit.org/running-the-extra-mile-for-grace-lutheran-school>

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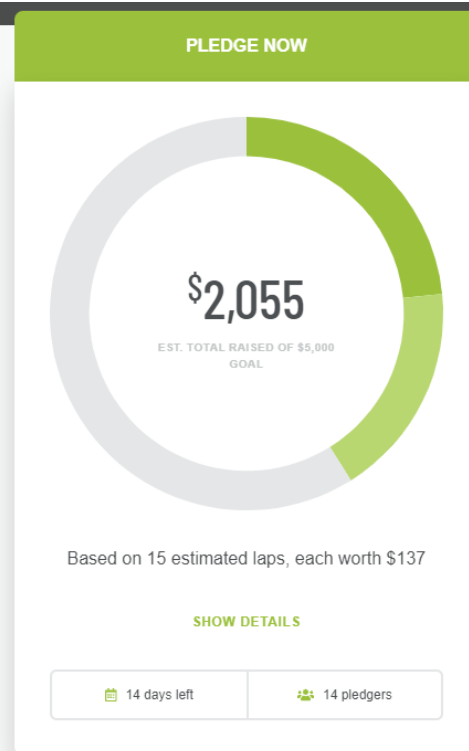
I think you probably all remember the ice storm that hit the Portland area this January. Thousands of people felt the effects of the ice and cold- being left without power, making homes cold, and for some even having their pipes burst leaving an enormous amount of damage behind.

Grace Lutheran School was not immune to the damage. During the storm, pipes burst inside their kindergarten and pre-school classrooms leaving the rooms completely unusable. Efforts have been ongoing to restore these classrooms, but the financial toll has been significant!

This April 19th, I (Pastor Bourman) am running in the [Banana Slug Backyard Ultra](#). It's a crazy running event. Here's how it works! Every hour, on the hour, each runner will line up on the start line and run a 4.16 mile loop. (Why that number? So that every 24-hour period marks exactly 100 miles!) You are free to run whatever pace you like. If you run quickly, you have more time to rest. If you run slowly, you don't tire as quickly. The race has no finish line, and only ends when there is only one person left.

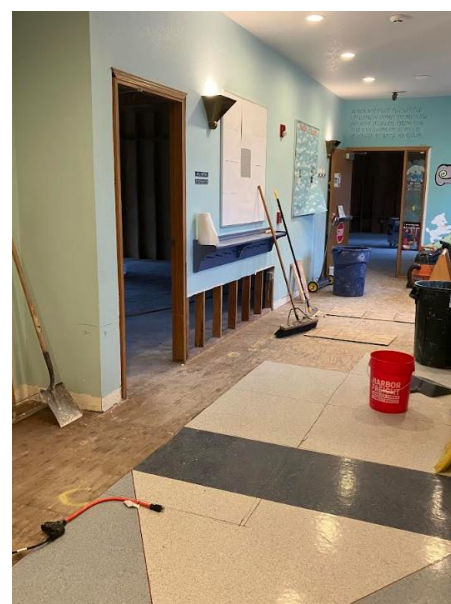
If you're interested in a video of how this race works, [click here!](#)

I am asking you to support Grace Lutheran School by pledging a dollar amount for each loop that I run. For example, if you pledge \$5 per loop and I run 5 loops, the donation is \$25 total. If you pledge \$10 per loop and I run 20 loops, the donation is \$200 total.



GRACE SCHOOL RESTORATION & REPAIR PROGRESS

During this past winter storm our Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms were affected by a pipe burst, necessitating a temporary relocation to the gym and office area. Thank you to everyone who has been able to stop in and lend a hand. You have made a significant difference! We also had a very large tree fall on our property.



IN OUR CIRCUIT!



International Youth Rally

WELS International Youth Rally attendees come from huge churches in big cities and small churches in farming communities, from Alaska to Texas. And everywhere in between. No matter where you come FROM, when you come together at a youth rally, you're home! Home with your family of believers.

That's a big family! You get to say the Lord's Prayer and sing praises to our Savior with thousands of people. That WILL give you goosebumps.

A youth rally is designed for teens. Workshops hit timely teen topics. Performances and recreation are planned with teens in mind. There's time to discuss

issues, time to eat, time to play frisbee, and time to just chill!

Some have said that the youth rally changed their lives. I won't go as far as to say that it WILL DEFINITELY change yours or the lives of your church's teens. But it may: one may be motivated to pursue the ministry; another may meet a new lifelong friend; another may confide in a workshop leader about a struggle with temptation. Front and center at the youth rally is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

CANYONVIEW SILVERTON IS BACK... OREGON BIBLE CAMP!



Lutheran Bible Camp returns to beautiful Camp Canyonview in Silverton June 23-28. This is a wonderful opportunity for children going into grade 4-12 to make new Christian friends and spend time with old ones. Daily devotions, Bible studies, and the example of Christian adults will help feed and nurture the faith. Crafts, outdoor skills, sports, swimming, and other activities from the crazed mind of Pastor Tembreull provide fun for everyone and opportunities to build friendship and teamwork. Details on costs and registration dates will soon

follow but mark your calendars and make your plans today! If you have any questions call or email Pastor Tembreull: pastor@corvallislutherans.org or 5412316189. You can also follow Lutheran Bible Camp-Oregon on Facebook.

Come join us!

LWMS Cascade Circuit **SPRING RALLY**

Grace Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon

Saturday, April 27, 2024 9:30 am – 3:00 pm



“Rooted in Hope”

Guest Speaker: Mr. Chris Mundstock

Teacher at Peridot-Our Savior's Lutheran School,

San Carlos Apache Reservation

Activities Devotions Fellowship Music

Lunch Mission Displays Door Prizes

Please send your mission money by **April 20, 2024** to:

Brenda Cowdery, 6872 SE Borwick St. Hillsboro, OR 97123

Please wear **GREEN** and bring an **UMBRELLA**

for a special Cascade Circuit photo shoot!!



FROM THE DISTRICT

Evergreen Calls:

- Emily Muir accepted to Lakeside Lutheran High School, Wisconsin
- Ryan Schmeling, ELHS holding to MLC, New Ulm, MN
- Brent & Lacey Sorn (Parkland / ELHS) holding to Apostles, San Jose, CA
- Joseph Schmudlach ELHS holding to Onalaska Lutheran High School, Wisconsin

Evergreen Music – our choir sang at several churches this last month (Light of Life, Faith, Parkland). They also performed at our Easter concert along with our band. Five band members traveled to the Midwest to attend Band Fest. We are blessed to see the many talents of our students praise their Savior and tell of His love for us.

Junior Eagle Classic – We hosted eleven teams this year and had many students on campus using their gifts and abilities on the gym floor. While teams may be competitors on the court, what a blessing we have to be one in faith. Continue to pray for these students that Evergreen be an option for them to attend during their high school years.

Teacher's conference – We took a few days off for our teachers to get together with the other teachers in our district to continue to grow together. We are grateful for these opportunities for our teachers individually, their staff, and for the future students they bless.

Coming up this month in April.

Prom – It is never too early to start planning for prom which will take place at the end of the month. While we tend to have many opportunities for our students to be busy, it is always good to have these events too for students to have fun.

Finances -- Financially, we have been working on several projects. We are wrapping up our property perimeter fence project with the installation of the gates this past week. We had a light project in the back section of our parking lot that we completed a month or two ago. Earlier in the year we had a surprise crack in our septic tank that needed immediate repair. We are in the process of getting quotes for a roof replacement within the next 3 years and doing a site evaluation on all our HVAC units, knowing we need to replace one unit right now. We also continue to support our families who need financial support to attend Evergreen. We know Christian Education is a sacrifice for families, over the past few years we have continued to increase the total amount of aid available to families to help make Evergreen possible. While this is a lot of projects and lofty goals, the best way to look at this is how blessed we have been to be able to have these conversations. There are many stories in Evergreen's past talking about week-to-week needs and struggles. We are blessed by generous donors and supporters who continue to give to help us change those conversations. We are able to grow and think bigger because of your support. Thank you!

In Christ,

Ryan Schmeling

Director of Mission Advancement

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FROM THE WELS

The number of vacancies for pastor, teacher, and staff minister positions continues to present a real challenge for congregations throughout our synod. At the direction of last summer's synod convention, a special task force has been formed to study the issue of enrollment at our synodical schools and bring recommendations regarding how we can encourage more young people to prepare for the public ministry.



Thankfully, we are approaching the month of May when some relief will be provided for the vacancy situation. The Conference of Presidents will be meeting as the synod's Assignment Committee to assign teacher and staff minister candidates from Martin Luther College (MLC), New Ulm, Minn., and to assign pastoral candidates at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS), Mequon, Wis., to their first calls.

This year at MLC, 145 candidates will be available for assignment. Some of those will be teachers who will be assigned to their first calls; others who were assigned for one year last year will either be permanently assigned to the call in which they are now serving or be re-assigned to new locations. Thirty-seven of the candidates are restricted in where they can serve due to marriage or other circumstances. Many of these will be assigned in May; others will receive assignments in the weeks and months after call day. **CALL DAY IS MAY 18th.**

At WLS, 27 men will be assigned as pastors. Most of those will serve in parishes; several will be assigned to one-year calls in one of our ministerial education schools as tutors. The Assignment Committee, with the input of the seminary, will also assign 40 men as vicars in congregations throughout our synod. Many of those will be assigned as "Vicars in Mission" to home mission congregations. **CALL DAY IS MAY 23rd.**

Assignment days at MLC and WLS are joyful days—joyful for the young men and women who learn where God will have them serve in the ministry and joyful for the members of the synod who see God keeping his promise to send workers into his harvest field. Keep giving thanks to God for these gifts to his church and keep praying that God will provide even more workers in the years to come.

Board For Home Missions: New start and enhancement requests received WELS Home Missions has received requests to start 16 new home mission churches and support 17 enhancements at existing congregations across North America. Each request will be thoroughly reviewed by a dedicated team of Board for Home Missions (BHM) members. The entire BHM will meet **April 18-19** to review and evaluate the requests.

Each week we will highlight ministry reports in the WELS annual report:

Congregational Services



WELS Congregational Services exists to encourage and equip congregations for faithful and fruitful gospel ministry.



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE EQUIPS MEMBERS TO SERVE

More than 1,300 WELS members gathered in Chicago in January for the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership. For three days they dedicated themselves to learning about leading in the congregation and community as well as enjoying worship and fellowship. The conference was for all WELS members, both called workers and laypeople, men and women of all ages, current leaders and future leaders. About 47 percent of attendees were called workers, 44 percent were lay members, and 9 percent were high school or college students.

Sixty-one teenagers from WELS high schools attended the conference. One of the breakout sessions even featured a panel of high school students discussing their experiences and views.

"[Our church body] is hemorrhaging young adults, and you often hear people my age (or even older) speculating on why that is the case," says Jonathan Hein, coordinator of WELS Congregational Services. "So we wanted to have some presentations where we actually listened to young people. What are their views on why their generation is quitting church? What do they think we can do better to attempt to retain and reach young people today?"

Hein adds, "**Teens want to be more than consumers of gospel ministry. They want to be doers of gospel ministry.**" The conference exposed them to some of the very real conversations happening in the synod surrounding leadership, ministry, and outreach.

Videos of select presentations are available at lutheranleadership.com. To learn more about topics covered at the conference, visit forwardinchrist.net/lutheran-leadership.



The WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership was held Jan. 16–18, 2023, in Chicago.

EVERYONE OUTREACH

Thirty-six WELS congregations participated in an Everyone Outreach workshop in 2023. Everyone Outreach was designed by Kurt Nitz (pictured presenting at the National Conference on Lutheran Leadership) and Eric Roecker, the director of WELS Evangelism, to help congregations build a culture of outreach so that every member and every ministry is thinking about and participating in outreach.

When a congregation participates in Everyone Outreach, a facilitator visits the congregation for a two-day workshop. During the workshop, the facilitator uses group exercises and reflection, grounded in God's Word, to help members focus on outreach. After the workshop, the facilitator continues to encourage and support the congregation in maintaining an outreach mindset.

Learn more at everyoneoutreach.com.



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DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK OF EASTER 3 2024

Sunday Acts 12:1-3

- ✚ What is Herod's purpose toward the Jews? How far did he go with this activity?
- ✚ Whom did Herod please with his activity? What did this prompt Herod to do?
- ✚ How do these acts of persecution differ from what we experience today? Mt. 5:10; Luke 21:12.

Monday Acts 12:4-10

- ✚ What was Herod's plan for Peter?
- ✚ Who intervened and set aside Herod's plans? To what was God responding?
- ✚ Describe the events as they unfolded? What was the end result of God's plan for Peter?

Tuesday Acts 12:11-19

- ✚ When did Peter realize that this was not a dream but real?
- ✚ Describe the scene which greeted Peter.
- ✚ How would we describe the act which freed Peter?
- ✚ Do such acts still occur for God's people today?
- ✚ Discuss the idea that "all things work together for good."

Wednesday 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

- ✚ What was Paul doing? Why did he leave Troas? What do these two things tell us about Paul?
- ✚ For what does Paul offer thanks to God? Why should we be thankful for the same reason?
- ✚ What is Paul talking about in verses 15 and 16?
- ✚ Why does Paul think of this as an awesome task?
- ✚ What important point does verse 17 make?

Thursday 2 Corinthians 3:1-6

- ✚ What does Paul consider the best recommendation for his preaching?
- ✚ How are Christians letters from Christ?
- ✚ Why can we be competent "ministers of the Gospel"?
- ✚ How does Paul describe the difference between law and gospel in the last verse?
- ✚ What do law and Gospel reveal? Romans 3:20; Luke 2:9-11

Friday Luke 24:36-42

- ✚ Look at the previous few verses and set the scene described here. What far reaching significance is found in the greeting "peace be with you".
- ✚ Where were the disciples in believing and understanding the resurrection at this point?
- ✚ What was one purpose in Jesus coming to them? How did he carry out this purpose?

Saturday Luke 24:44-49

- ✚ How does Jesus carry out the second purpose of his post resurrection appearances as carried out in these verses?
- ✚ On what does he base the evidence of his resurrection?
- ✚ Explain how it happened that they understood him? How do we understand God?
- ✚ Describe their assignment.
- ✚ From where will they receive power to carry out this assignment?
- ✚ How does all of this apply to us?

Grace April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation	3 8:00 AM Indv Confirm 8:30 AM Chapel 9:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 8:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	4 8:00 AM 5-6 Confirmation	5 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 9:20 AM PK Jesus Cir. Afternoon Member Visits	6 9:00 AM Confirmation
7 <i>Easter 2</i> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Sunday Sch 11:15 Bible Study	8 	9 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 10:00 AM Mary Martha 3:30 PM Staff Meeting	10 8:00 AM Indv Confirm 8:30 AM Chapel 9:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 3:30 AM Staff Mtg. 8:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class Bend Meeting	11 8:00 AM 5-6 Confirmation 6:30 PM GLS Board of Education	12 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 9:20 AM PK Jesus Cir. Afternoon Member Visits	13 9:00 AM Confirmation 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
14 <i>Easter 3</i> 9:30 Worship Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Sunday Sch 11:15 Bible Study	15	16 10:00 AM Circuit Meeting Trinity, Eugene	17 8:00 AM Indv Confirm 8:30 AM Chapel 9:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 8:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class	18 8:00 AM 5-6 Confirmation 6:30 PM Church Council Leadership Meeting	19 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 9:20 AM PK Jesus Cir. Afternoon Member Visits	20 9:00 AM Confirmation Erda Krieder Memorial
21 <i>Easter 4</i> 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Sunday Sch 11:15 Bible Study	22	23 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 6:30 PM Elders	24 8:00 AM Indv Confirm 8:30 AM Chapel 9:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 8:00 PM Google Meet Bible Class Bend Meeting	25 8:00 AM 5-6 Confirmation	26 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 9:20 AM PK Jesus Cir. Afternoon Member Visits	27 9:00 AM Confirmation 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  LWMS Rally Grace Church
28 <i>Easter 5</i> 9:30 Worship Communion 10:30 Fellowship 11:00 Sunday Sch 11:15 Bible Study	29	30 8:00 AM 7-8 Confirmation 3:30 PM Worship Comm	