

The Shepherd's Voice

From The Pastor



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Luther's views on education

Public education was a fruit of the Reformation. Martin Luther and other reformers proclaimed that the neglect of educating common people—a notorious practice during the Middle Ages—endangered the welfare of a state. Instead, Luther asserted, a well-educated youth was an asset to society.

In a letter to German councilmen, dated 1524, Luther writes, “By helping the youth we shall be helping ourselves and all men.” In other words, a well-ordered and stable society must have men and women who are professionally trained in their particular fields. It’s essential because, Luther wrote, “Where there were no people who have been made wise through the Word and the laws, there bears, lions, goats and dogs hold public office and head the economy.”

This issue was so important to Luther that he thought it was the government’s general duty to keep children in school. “If it has the right to force its able-bodied subjects to carry pikes and firearms, to man the walls and do other work when fighting is called for, how much more has it the right and duty to force its subjects to keep their children in school.”

There were spiritual implications as well. “The devil would rather have coarse blockheads and people who are good for nothing.” Rather, Luther would have the common people educated to think, judge and act for themselves—that is, developing a sense of personal responsibility.

The Lutheran heritage is one of open inquiry, vigorous debate and intellectual honesty. Central to the purpose of Lutheran education is a mission to help each individual to find his or her vocation or calling.

Individuals and society weren’t the only ones to benefit from the general education of children. For parents, it was an investment. “House and home may burn down, but an education is easy to carry off,” Luther said. Yet, if the Holy Scriptures weren’t taught at a particular school, Luther would not advise parents to send their children. He embraced a broad curriculum, but students should also be unceasingly occupied with God’s Word.

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is entering its 40th year of providing unique learning opportunities where children are encouraged to grow academically and to develop their spiritual relationship with Jesus through worship, devotions, praise, service, outreach and other opportunities. **Join in the First Celebration Event: Pancake Breakfast/Open House on Sunday, September 25th** as everyone thanks our God for the opportunities and blessings of school mission and ministry over 40 years!



AN ELDER MOMENT

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

What is Stewardship?

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: "A manager." That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn't belong to Him. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13). So, let's dive into the God's Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

Parochial Education

MESSAGE FROM THE
MINISTRY OF PAROCHIAL EDUCATION
GSLC SCHOOL AND CDC

WHY LUTHERAN SCHOOLS?

STRENGTHENING CONGREGATIONS:

Lutheran schools equip children to become Christian leaders in the congregation. The school also involves young parents in congregation activities more than in congregations without schools. These young parents frequently become new leaders of the congregation. Students are encouraged to become future pastors and teachers, ensuring an ongoing supply of church workers.

NURTURING FAITH:

Faith is nurtured by daily proclamation of the Gospel, teaching children the Word of God and how to read and understand that Word on their own, and by modeling and challenging students to live the Christian faith.

A SAFE PLACE:

Unfortunately, in many communities, children are not safe. Lutheran schools provide places where children don't have to worry about being attacked verbally or physically. Loving teachers and other staff members daily demonstrate Christ's love for them and their love for children.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES:

Every community needs students who are academically qualified and have learned to practice appropriate morality and respect. Since Lutheran schools accept students from all parts of the community, they can have a strong effect on the community itself.

CHILDREN IN GOD'S WORLD:

As the Christian faith is integrated into their lives, Christian decision-making and problem solving are facilitated.

VALUE BY CONGREGATIONS:

Lutheran schools require a considerable investment of prayers, energy, money, and staff. Such an investment by a congregation clearly demonstrates to the community that it places a high value on children, God's beloved little ones.

SEEKING THE LOST:

Lutheran schools, which enroll children from all parts of the community, provide new and varied opportunities for evangelism by the congregation and its staff. These opportunities are not available in any other way. That's why Lutheran schools are considered the most effective agencies in congregational evangelism and why pastors of growing congregations with schools in nearly every case, identify the school as the congregation's most effective outreach agency. Eighty-five percent of the fastest growing congregations in the Synod operate schools.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

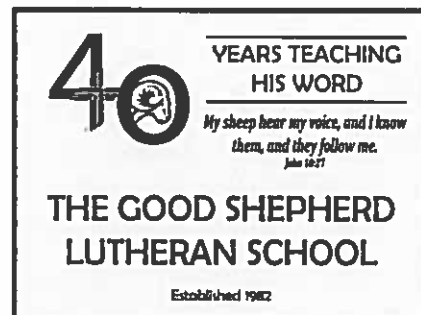
When the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod was formed, it became a requirement of Synodical membership that congregations would provide Christian education for their children. This was before public schools were available and before Sunday schools were popular. Thus, a congregation was expected to operate a Lutheran School if it was to become a member of the Synod. The Great Commission was not given only to parents, but to all members of the church. A current proverb, "It takes a village," reminds congregations that it is their corporate responsibility to provide a Christian education for the children of the congregation.

CONGREGATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY:

As the school reaches many segments of the community, the parents who come to the school begin to inquire about the sponsoring congregation. Members frequently ask each other, "Does this congregation have a school?" But non-member school parents frequently ask the school, "Does this school have a church?" The congregation becomes better known in the community because of the school parents, and the school's marketing efforts.

Lutheran Educators Association;

<http://www.luthed.org/about-lutheran-schools/>





*My Sheep hear My Voice
And they follow Me.
~ John 10:27*

In Thanksgiving, we are Celebrating 40 Years of God's Blessings of Good Shepherd Lutheran School

Please join us for this celebration on:
Sunday, September 25, 2022
Sunday, February 12, 2023
Sunday, November 13, 2022
Sunday, April 2, 2023

Prayer Vigil on Thursday before event: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sept. 22, Nov. 10, Feb. 9, Mar. 30

Please Plan to Join Us for these events to Celebrate 40 years
of God's Blessings.

Stayed Tuned for more Info
to come –

- *Food
- *Special Worship Services
- *Sunday School Classes for
the Children
- *Bible Class Session for
Adults
- *Children singing in Late
Worship Service
- *Children's Message
- *Special Gift for Children
- *Historical Display of
Photos and Memorabilia
- *Help us be in touch with
former students
- *Share your story of
happenings these past
40 years with the school



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You are invited to the Pancake Breakfast
and School Open House

Join in the first Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of our School

- 8 a.m. - 8:45 Early Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 8:45 - 9:25 Pancake Breakfast (Family Life Center)
- 9:30 - 10:15 Children and youth are escorted to the Fellowship Hall for time of songs, video, Bible lesson, and crafts
Adult Fellowship and "Tour Your School" guided tour
- 10:15 Parents pick up their child(ren) [from Fellowship Hall] and proceed to Sanctuary
- 10:30 Second Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Children's message, children sing songs, Backpack Blessing, receive a special gift,
Rededication of Teachers
Guest Proclaimer: Rev. Jeff Klade, past teacher and principal of our school.

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See You Then!



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John 10:27

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Come join us for a round of golf
 Sept. 17. Tee time is 7:30 a.m. at
 Choctaw Creek Golf Course,
 2200 North Hiwassee Road,
 Choctaw, 73020

- ◆ Registration opens at 6:30 a.m. with shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. This tournament benefits our school in many ways.
- ◆ In addition to golf, there will be contests for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Putting contest, Door prizes, Team prizes (cash), and continental breakfast. Lunch provided by Pelican's Restaurant, Midwest City.
- ◆ Men and Women welcome; scramble format.
- ◆ \$100 donation registration fee per golfer.
- ◆ All proceeds benefit our school tuition assistance fund. at Good Shepherd Lutheran School with grades Pre-school through eighth grade, a non-profit organization which serves pupils on a non-denominational basis.
- ◆ Register now by contacting 405-732-0070 or email MChrist721@aol.com or online at www.MyLutheran.School.
- ◆ Hope to see you on Saturday Sept. 17 between 6:30 and 7 a.m. to start at 7:30 a.m.



Sponsorships: There are several levels of sponsorships available. Choose which one you can support for our tournament. Ask others to Sponsor – Ask your insurance agent, your accountant, your physician, etc.

Volunteers to Assist: We are seeking volunteers to help on the day of the tournament as well as some of the preparation time before. We need people to assist with registration, hole watchers, prize assistants, transporters, etc. Sign the sheet in the Narthex at the Welcome Center if you can assist in any manner. It is a fun time to have lots of fellowship with others in this an event filled day.



Please contact us as soon as possible to let us know how you would like to participate in our golf tournament, either by sponsorship, providing prizes and/or playing in the tournament – (How about entering a team to represent your company or family!)

36th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday
 September 17,
 2022



Choctaw Creek Golf Course
 2200 N Hiwassee Road
 Choctaw, OK 73020

7:30 a.m. (Shotgun Start)
 Registration begins at 6:30 am
 Format: 4 Person Scramble-
 Men and Women
 Join Us!

For More Info:
 405.732.0070
www.MyLutheran.school

Help us Celebrate the 40th Year of
 Good Shepherd Lutheran School



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September 2022 Mission Grants

Bringing the Inner-City Children to Camp Lutheran Valley Retreat, Colorado — \$25,000

Lutheran Valley Retreat (LVR) shares God's glory through His creation in a retreat facility in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Research shows that camp transforms the lives of young people. Taking a break from regular routines, responsibilities, and technology allows young people to truly be themselves. Campers at LVR have an opportunity to enjoy nature through activities like archery, rock climbing, fishing, and crafts. They experience God's Word through daily devotions, singing, and worship around a campfire. The Gospel is shared through counselors and other campers, showing God's love to His children. Each summer, the camp serves nearly one thousand campers.

There are families in the Denver area that are unable to fully finance summer camp or provide transportation. With this grant, LVR will work with Lutheran churches in Denver to arrange 50 camp scholarships for multicultural children of all socio-economic levels. The remainder of the grant money will be used to provide transportation.

We Pray Together:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of a beautiful outdoor world. Please bless this mission grant to allow Lutheran Valley Retreat to provide scholarships and transportation to summer camp for inner-city youth in the Denver area so they may see You in the midst of Your creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Find out more details at www.lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-16.



Article submissions can be sent to secretary@gslok.org



Spiritual and Physical Food for Children of Peru La Mision Luterana del Peru — \$56,750

Castillo Forte Mercy House is the mercy arm of La Mision Luterana del Peru, the national Lutheran Mission of Peru. It provides for the physical and spiritual needs of children who are struggling to survive in one of the poorer districts in Lima, Peru. Castillo Forte provides a safe place for children to grow both physically and spiritually. They provide a balanced healthy lunch for children each weekday. Mercy House has daily chapel and catechism classes during the week. The missionaries teach the children to pray, memorize Scripture and they share Christ with them and their families. This grant in the amount of \$56,750 will help finance the work of the Castillo Forte Mercy House and La Mision Luterana del Peru as they reach out to help the children and adults in Lima, Peru.

For more information, go to misionluterana.com.

We Pray Together:

Dear Lord, be with the children who seek to find You at La Mision Luterana and the Castillo Forte Mercy House. Let the workers reflect You and Your love for them as they reach out to serve these, Your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Learn more about this mission grant at lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-17



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Lutheran Night at the Ballpark

to support Concordia Community
Foundation's Benevolent Care Fund.

Oklahoma City Dodgers Game!

Friday, September 9th at 7:05PM

**Tickets are \$18
each and include
an OKC Dodgers
Baseball Cap and
a Post Game
Firework show!**



**To purchase a ticket, contact Alexa at 405-218-2130
or alexa.major@okcdodgers.com**



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September



**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

David & Marilyn Alsip	9/3
Victor & Denise Ewing	9/16
Ronald & Judy Pendley	9/18



BIRTHDAYS



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY




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Oktok Eakes	9/2
Joshua Grundmann	9/2
Carroll Dinse	9/6
Dean Helberg	9/6
Michael Moore	9/8
Richard Anderson	9/11
Elise Webb	9/16
Taylor Williamson	9/16
Adrienne Junghanns	9/20
Janet Hart	9/22
Janet Quiram	9/27
Ellanie Fields	9/29

Emily Harke	9/2
Ethan Norton	9/4
Janet Quiram	9/5
Sandra Snelling	9/5
Connie Grant	9/6
Markus Carroll	9/13
Margaret Kincheloe	9/14
Helga Green	9/20
Marc Powell	9/21
Steven Hamlin	9/24
Natalee Norton	9/24
Londyn McNair	9/26
Elaine Fast	9/27
Zachary Guillotte	9/28
Dana Johnson	9/30

September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Go to www.gslcmwc.com click on the "Play Video" arrow.	THE LUTHERAN HOUR every Sunday at 8:00a - 94.1FM, or 9:00a - 89.5FM or 800AM or Sirius-XM 131, or online at www.lutheranhour.org	Ministry Support through tithes, offerings, and donations can be given by either PayPal or credit or debit card. To access go to www.gslcmwc.com scroll down to "Help Our Cause" and click on "Donate Now."	 REMEMBER GOOD SHEPHERD IN YOUR WILL!	1 10:30a ThuMBS— Thursday Morning Bible Study	2 6:00a WEBS— Week End(ing) BS	3
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11 8:00a Worship 9:15a Bible study 10:30a Worship 11:30a Parish Education 12:00p Evangelism	12 6:15p Bell Choir	13 10:30a Staff Meeting 2:30p TABS— Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study 4:00p Parochial Education	14 9:15a P-2 Chapel 10:00a DS Chapel 5:00p Confirmation 5:30p Fellowship Meal 6:00p Bible Study	15 10:30a ThuMBS— Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:00p Choir Practice	16 6:00a WEBS— Week End(ing) BS	17 6:30a—12:30p GSLS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
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