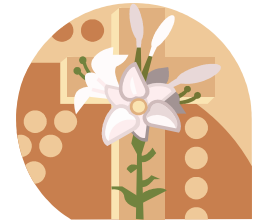


Administrators' Notebook



April 2010

A Few Reflections—Surprise!

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Several years ago when my wife was teaching grade one at St. Peter's, Edina; they invited Herbert Brokering to be a guest artist for a week. Herb Brokering spent time working with each grade level in the area of writing and story telling. He loved working with the students and they loved the grandfather image (white hair, beard, walking stick) and stories he told.

Herb Brokering died in March of 2010. You may not know who Herb Brokering is. But you have sung his hymn texts. You may have sung his words on Easter Sunday. Mr. Brokering, along with others, has provided us with the words to sing praise to our crucified and risen Lord with these words from Lutheran Service Book #474.

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping be gone; sorrow, be silent, death put asunder, and Easter is bright.

Cherubim sing: "O grave be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!

"Surprise." I've never seen a Brokering hymn yet that didn't have that word in it—"surprise!" That's not a bad word for us to consider as we remember Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Sometimes we are surprised by the crosses we Christian bear. And yet the best surprise awaits us—Our Easter Day, Our Resurrection, our empty tomb. Are you surprised? Don't be. Like Herb Brokering says, "Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!"

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Eight Empty Cribs
- ✓ School Ministry News
- ✓ Calling an Experienced Educator
- ✓ School Resources

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The Challenge of Eight Empty Cribs & Five Baptisms

It started with eight cribs along the walls in the sanctuary. Each Sunday St. Peter's prayed that God would send the infants and their families to fill our new infant room. One by one we rolled another crib down the hall into the room to celebrate each registration. This was a blessing for our once thriving K-8 school community to witness. After all, the space was an unfilled elementary classroom. God wasn't finished!

An infant teacher glowed as she reported "They asked about baptizing Claire!" Christmas week, we baptized a precious little child of God. A family discovered God's grace in a whole new way. At the first staff meet-

ing of the year, my only Pastor's Report item was "5!" I believed God would give us the opportunity for five more baptisms in January & February. I challenged the teachers to pray with me that it would happen. By the end of the week, we had lined up our 5! Pictures on the walls and teachers inviting parents to learn more about baptism opened those conversations. By the way, that is more baptisms at St. Peter's than in the last 2 years! We are currently discuss-



It all started with eight empty cribs.

ing baptism with five more inquiring families. God is building His family.

The comments from Pastor Mark Shockey reflect a congregation/school that decided to examine their ministry emphasis and make some significant changes to reflect the needs of their community. Pastor Shockey is pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Elementary School, & Early Childhood Education Center, Edina.

Servant Leaders in Action—Kids Against Hunger

Three hundred students in grades Kindergarten to 12 and several adult volunteers joined forces to "feed God's starving children" on Tuesday, March 9th as part of the Lutheran Schools Week celebration. With the recent earthquake in Haiti, this project tied into the Lutheran Schools Week theme of "Securing Each Child's Future for a Life of Service."

Students and teachers donned "Kids Against Hunger" aprons and hair nets and packed 50,976 meals. When training the students for the food pack Tim Stromer, Mankato, MN Division Director of "Kids Against Hunger" said, "This servant event is a testimony to the God each one of you serve".

Each meal costs \$.23 cents and consists of rice, soy, dried vegetables and chicken flavoring. Samples of the packaged food

were prepared for the students to taste.

Participating schools were Martin Luther High School and St. James Lutheran School in Northrop, St. Paul Lutheran School in Fairmont, and St. Paul's Lutheran School in Truman.

The Martin Luther High School National Honor Society and Student Council and Principals from the four participating Lutheran schools coordinated the event. All students were challenged to raise \$50 each with some students raising as much as \$400 individually. Parent-Teacher Leagues of each school provided support to help the students reach their goals. Over \$12,000 was raised to cover the cost of the food that was packed that day.

Assembly lines were set up throughout the gymnasium.

Each work station carefully measured and weighed the ingredients and heat sealed the bags. Martin Luther High School students assisted the elementary students with their duties throughout the day.

Wal-Mart donated the trucking to transport the food to and from the pack site which totaled over 250 boxes. The food from this pack will go to established distribution sites in Haiti.

Students and adults experienced first-hand the gratifying feeling that comes when giving selflessly to help those in need. This servant event was a testimony to the God they serve and learn about everyday in their Lutheran schools.

The above article was submitted by Marge Thiesse, Director of Development, Martin Luther High School, Northrop.

School Ministry News—LCMS

UPCOMING FUNDING WEBINARS

A series of Webinars are being offered by the Funding Academy presenters.



Webinar VI - Teaching Stewardship

Perry Bresemann - April 20 - 11:00 am Eastern

Webinar VII - Audit Time

Joel Wahlers - May 4 - 11:00 am Eastern

There is no cost to participate.

The webinars are hosted by LCEF in partnership with LCMS School Ministry. Space is available for 90 participants.

Requirements:

>A computer with internet access.

>Computer must be equipped with speakers, headset or earphones.

No microphone or camera is necessary. To register for the webinars, contact Perry Bresemann at perry.bresemann@lcms.org. An instruction document with login information will be provided upon registration.

If your schedule does not allow you to view the Webinar on the day and time scheduled, you may still view the Webinar if you subscribe to the Lutheran School Portal. Log on to the Lutheran School Portal and Click the National Tab – Technology page. The list of recordings is on the right panel. Simply click on the name of the event and the recording will begin.

Thank You From Bill Cochran—LCMS School Department

Good Morning! This week I visited schools in Florida with Mark Brink. It was a great experience and it reminded me how much I value each one of you. The time I have been able to spend with each one of you has helped

me grow in my ministry and has been a major blessing to me. So, I just want to take this opportunity to say **Thank You** for your ministry and for our friendship. I feel that God has blessed me tremendously to be

able to know and work with you! Easter Blessings!

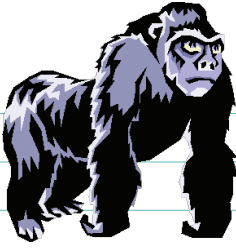
“Calling” An Experienced Educator?

If you find your school in the calling process for an experienced teacher, you will be interested in a new feature on the Lutheran School Portal. If you would like to see a list of teachers who are immediately avail-

able due to a school closing or Reduction in Force (RIF), you should go the LEIF Management page and at the top of this page you will see “click here to view a list of people immediately available due to school closings

or RIF.” Even if you aren’t subscribed to the School Portal, you can be granted search rights by contacting Gae Ash, Administrative Assistant to Dave Roth, at 952-223-2156.

Still Time To Register For “600 Pound Gorilla”



I was recently reading the Lutheran Education Information Form (LEIF) of a potential administrator candidate for a Call List for one of our schools. Question 3 on the LEIF asks the candidate to respond in writing to his/her understanding of team ministry. One of his statements said that “there has to be an understanding among all (pastor, principal, teachers, secretary, etc.) that we all have the same church mission in mind

and if conflict arises, we will do our best to handle it as Christian brothers and sisters and pray that God continues to bless our efforts.”

How is your relationship with your fellow workers? Do you want to learn how to strengthen and improve your team ministry? What does team ministry really mean?

There still is time to register for **“The 600 Pound Gorilla” on April 27 at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Plymouth.** Even if your pastor or secretary can't attend, you will learn new

insights into the concept of team ministry. You will find the registration material on the District's web site at www.mns.lmcs.org. We do need an accurate account of the number of participants to prepare material and food so please phone Mr. Chuck Lieder at 507-436-5289 to indicate your attendance.

See you at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool.

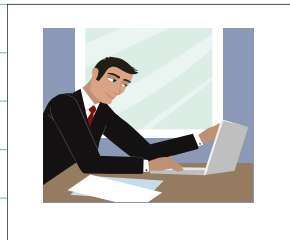
School Resources...

MISSION ENABLERS

Mission Enablers consults primarily with schools to create and implement plans that enhance their mission, build their capacity to serve, and improve their sustainability. If your school is strong and wants to step up to the next level, they can help. If the school is under stress because of declining enrollment, they can help you increase enrollment, build strength, and achieve sustainability. For more information go to www.missionenablers.com.

PRESENTATIONS

Are you interested in making an interesting presentation without using PowerPoint? Prezi is a fairly easy to learn/use tool you can use instead of a PowerPoint presentation. Prezi allows you to spatially show relationships between points of discussion and subpoints. Go to <http://prezi.com> for more information.



DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

The annual Early Childhood Conference sponsored by Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska, will be held on June 16, 2010. The Keynote speaker is Dr. George Forman and Dr. Ellen Hall of Videatives Incorporated which supports the professional development of early childhood educators, helping them to see what children know. Various sectionals will also be available. For more information contact Professor Annette Oliver at 800-535-5495, extension 7474 or e-mail at Annette.Oliver@cune.edu.

Lutheran Educators Call Update - as of April 14, 2010

Accepted	From	To
Patricia Bryngelson (Colloquy)	Rochester, MN	Rochester Central Lutheran School, Rochester Teacher
David Gosa	Mayville, WI	Zion Lutheran School, Cologne Principal/Teacher
Stephanie Morschen	Cologne, MN	Zion Lutheran School, Cologne Teacher (Gr. 3-4)
Brittany Moen (Contract)	Cologne, MN	Zion Lutheran School, Cologne Teacher (Gr. 1-2)
Pending	From	To
Brittany Ewald (Graduate)	Concordia University, St. Paul	Central Lutheran School, St. Paul Teacher (Gr. 6)
Curt Boeder	Hillsboro, OR	St. John Lutheran School, Norwood Young America Principal
Joel Witt	Farrar, MO	Faribault Lutheran School, Faribault Principal
Declined	From	To
Leah Olson	Fulda, MN	St. Paul Lutheran School, Bourbonnais, IL Principal
Sean Martens	Apple Valley, MN	Zion Lutheran School, Mayer Administrative Director
Calling Congregations		For
Faribault Lutheran School, Faribault		Principal
Zion Lutheran School, Mayer		Administrative Director
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Prior Lake		DCE
St. John's Lutheran School, NYA		Principal, Teacher (Gr. 4)
St. John's Lutheran Church, NYA		DCE
Peace Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale		Director/Teacher
Trinity Lutheran Church, Waconia		DCE/Youth
Central Lutheran School, St. Paul		Teacher (Gr. 6)
Mt. Hope Lutheran Preschool		Director/teacher
Good Shepherd Lutheran School, N. Mankato		Principal/Teacher
Hope Lutheran High School, Winona		Administrator
Martin Luther High School, Northrop		Teacher (Music)
Zion Lutheran Church, Albert Lea		DCE
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glencoe		DCE
Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer		Teacher (Theology)

He is Risen, Alleluia

My prayer for each of you is that the season of Easter will be not only professionally fulfilling, but also personally meaningful.

What a gracious God we have!

What tremendous love He has demonstrated to us through the gift of His Son!

What joy fills our hearts at the daily reminder of His forgiveness of our sin!

What sorrow and suffering He endured on the cross for the guilt of all mankind!

What a privilege to serve the risen Savior who gave His life that we might have life that never ends!

God's richest blessings to each of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, as you celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and share the resurrection message with your students and parents. God is good!

Easter
 **BLESSINGS**

TO: All Lutheran School Administrators

FROM: David M. Roth
Assistant to the President

RE: Teachers Not Returning for the following school year

Please Note The Following:

*When a teacher decides not to teach for the next school year, it is very important that the District Office be informed. If the teacher is rostered, we need to contact the teacher to determine which category the rostered teacher falls under. A rostered teacher (Synodically certified) may only be one of four categories. They are: **Active** (serving a congregation), **Candidate** (eligible for a call, but not serving a congregation), **Non-Candidate** (not eligible for a call) and **Emeritus** (retired). If a teacher has resigned his/her teaching position and is not returning, please complete this form and return to:*

*Minnesota South District
14301 Grand Ave. South
Burnsville, MN 55306*

or Email: gae.ash@mnsdistrict.org

Call me at (952) 223-2152 or Gae, at (952) 223-2156 with questions. Thank you!!

Name of Teacher: _____

Home Address of Teacher:

Home Phone # of Teacher: (____) _____

Last Date Employed: _____

School Name/Location: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____

Minnesota South District

14301 Grand Avenue South
Burnsville, MN 55306
Phone: 952-435-2550
Fax: 952-435-2581

We're on the Web!
www.mns.lcms.org



The mission of the Schools/Commissioned Ministers of the Minnesota South District is to encourage, support, and promote the ministry of Lutheran schools/congregations and to nurture and equip those who carry out that professional educational ministry, so that Christ is proclaimed and the body of Christ may be built up.

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Important Dates & Events

April 15	Region 1 Principals at CSP, Noon
April 20	High School Administrators at CA, 10:00 AM
April 27	Administrator In-service, Beautiful Savior, Plymouth, 8:30 AM
April 28-30	Accreditation Visiting Team – Central Lutheran School, St. Paul
May 3-5	Accreditation Visiting Team—King of Kings Lutheran School, Roseville
May 4	MNS District Board of Directors, 9:00 AM
May 10-12	State Pastors Conference, Brainerd
May 20	Region 2 Principals, NYA, Noon
May 31	Memorial Day
June 10	District Accreditation Commission, 9:00 AM
Aug. 3-5	Administrators' Retreat, Trego, WI
Oct. 21	President's Conference, Verizon Center, Mankato

