



# NEWSLETTER

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## Jesus is...The Good Shepherd

*"I am the good shepherd.  
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."* (John 10:11)



**Man Dies to Save Trapped Bunny** pops up as you scroll through your news app. You tap on the video. You see what reminds you of the furry little Cadbury Creme Egg mascot. A heroic rescue follows.

You're baffled. You're impressed! You think... What inspired that guy to give his own life for a bunny? Come to think of it, I sometimes forget even to feed my own pet!

Try another headline: **Man Dies to Save World.** That headline actually does pop up when you read the Bible. At first it may sound like it's from a too-predictable superhero movie. It seems too good to be true. But it is true! Jesus is that man. He died an agonizing, humiliating death on a Roman torture-pole to save the world. He wasn't saving it from global warming or hunger or war, but saving it from damnation. And despite what some speculate, Jesus didn't come to post the 10

commandments at every town hall and enforce them. No, the world already stood condemned by the law because of its sin. Instead, Jesus came to rescue the world. By the way, "world" means everyone in it. You too!

Look at the extraordinary heroism in Jesus, this world's Rescuer! Really, it was more than heroism. He, being true God, displayed God's love and God's plan to give forgiveness and eternal life to all! Jesus' life, death, and bodily resurrection show us the very heart of God. This is a headline worth your time. It is worth hearing and reading more about. Scroll on.

Here's a way to picture Jesus your God and Savior: Jesus is *The Good Shepherd*. He describes himself, ***"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep"*** (John 10:11). We're the sheep. We've strayed and "bleated up" life because we're sinful. We are lost sheep needing rescue. Not just by a hired hand. Not just by any shepherd, but by *The Good Shepherd*. Not just a no-name hero, forgotten tomorrow. Jesus is the good shepherd who, being both God and man, laid down his life for you. He really did save the whole world. Your sins are forgiven.

Your life's headline reads: **Good Shepherd Dies to Save THIS Sheep.** It's a headline others need to hear about too! Share it!

## CHURCH NEWS

**Confirmation** Eighth grade students, Paige Litzua, Blake Ortloff, Taryn Reichow, Derrek Schmidt, Theresa Siers and Jacob Willmsen will be confirmed on May 4<sup>th</sup> in our Sunday worship service. They are precious souls which the Lord has entrusted to our care. Remember them in your prayers, continue to encourage our young students as they grow in their faith.

**Sunday School** Our last day of Sunday School will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will have a year-end awards ceremony at 11:00am with treats to follow. Even though we come to an end of Sunday School, remember it is still important to stay connected to Jesus. We hope to see our Sunday School families through the summer!

**Thank You** We are finishing another Sunday School year in May. We give a big "thank you" to the Sunday School staff (Janet Schuth, Pauline Schmidt, Althea Mathwig, Lonnie Rabe, Dennis Rabe, Kathy Stuedeman) for their dedicated and faithful service. We thank the substitute teachers (Cassandra Bratsch, Jenny Scherer, Jael Schmieg Heather Schulz and Kathy Stuedemann) for their help and willingness to serve. Thank you to the spouses of these staff members and any others who gave their direct support, encouragement, and help.

**Volunteers Needed for Chapel Basement Project** Looking for an opportunity to use your hands to help a place that's close to your heart? WELS Kingdom Workers/Builders for Christ and Martin Luther College (MLC) are considering an exciting partnership project for the summer of 2014. The Chapel of the Christ's basement at MLC has remained entirely unfinished since its opening in 2010. Lord willing, an elevator will soon be installed and a "fellowship hall" space for large-group gatherings will be built below the narthex. This is where we need your help! Before we can move forward, we need to determine whether enough volunteer manpower would be available. If your heart enjoys giving with your hands, contact Pastor Reichow to learn more about how you might help with this project.

**Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus Concert** MLC proudly welcomes the Seminary Chorus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as they perform their annual concert "All Praise to God" on Saturday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Christ.

The concert program includes traditional and contemporary anthems and hymns for choir and congregation. All are invited to attend the concert.

**Children's Theater:** The MLC Forum, a student led, directed and produced theater organization, presents its Children Theater production, "Rumpelstiltskin" on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm at the MLC Auditorium. Admission is \$2 at the door. The public is welcome.

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## SOCCER – BIBLE CAMP

We will be partnering with St. Paul's, Arlington to host the 2014 SOCCER-BIBLE CAMP. We are glad to say that FIDE will be back as our instructors! FIDE will lead the camp from soccer to songs to devotion. The Bible camp will be held at Oscar Olson Park, Glencoe, on Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00pm. The camp is for children ages 4 to 14. Registration is due by May 15<sup>th</sup>, and the cost will be \$40. There will be a BBQ picnic on Friday following the camp program. Further details will follow in the upcoming church bulletins. Adults and teens are encouraged to come and lend a helping hand. Please spread the word! Come for the fun and fresh air.

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## YOUTH NEWS

**Ditch Clean-up** is being planned for Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon (weather permitting). Think ahead for a backup date. If you have questions or can't make it, please contact Pauline Schmidt. Watch the bulletin for more specifics.

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

9 <sup>th</sup>	April Muchow John and Sharon Glawe (55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Reichow
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Koepp and Amber Schmidt
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christy Ittel
19 <sup>th</sup>	Jakob Siewert
21 <sup>st</sup>	Aaron Goette and Ava Koenen
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Earl and Beverly Schuth (55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Gansen
27 <sup>th</sup>	Jamin Goette, Tony Roush
28 <sup>th</sup>	Arya Wills
31 <sup>st</sup>	Jodi Lange