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- **Lawrence Gauger**
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Gary & Carol Bain
Leland & Mary Magle
Jack & JoAnn Hinnenthal
Scott & Carol Apelt
Sharon J. Gieseke
Randall & Beth Gauger
Guy & Cathleen Trebesch
Charles & Phyllis Thomforde
Ralph & Ruth Marti
Clarice Trebesch
Shelly Halverson
Gregg Marti
David & Nancy Marti
Warren & Nereda Marti
Bob & Phyllis Thour
David & Debra Walz
David & Brenda Glodowski
Wayne & Kara Johnson
Mark & Joan Flaig
Philip & Mickey Petersen
William & Shirley Pick

- **Jenny Vergin**
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Michael & Gretchen Hafften
- **Vern Peters**
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- **David Waldner**
Donald & Marianne Vergin

- **Lee Telander**
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Brian, Julie, Emily & Ellen
Tommerdahl
- **Beverly Scharlau**
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- **Dorothy Bethke**
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In Remembrance of:

- **Jason Toops**
Tom Halverson Family

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PREPARING YOUTH AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THEIR SAVIOR

CALENDAR

January 15: Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL
January 22-26: Snow Week
January 27: Snow Dance
February 11-12: WELS Jazz Fest at WLC, Milwaukee
February 19: Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL
March 9-11: Band Festival
March 15: Sacred Concert – 7:30 pm
March 31: Wise Penny Luncheon at Wild Marsh Club in Buffalo

DEVOTION

Ponder the Wonder of God

He will be called Wonderful. (Isaiah 9:6)

What a wonder! God superseded the laws of nature to be born a human being. Nothing is beyond his ability; his love for us stops at no limits to exercise itself for our complete welfare.

Let the wonder of our Savior's nativity convince us once and for all that we ought not expect God's ways to coincide with our earthbound thinking. God's rescue plan for mankind required going beyond human comprehension. The wonder of the scene at Bethlehem is a testimony to that.

Ponder this in the solitude of your heart: What God accomplishes in our lives cannot always be gauged by appearances. If loneliness grieves us, if reverses or humble circumstances distress us, we must not conclude that our God has turned from us. It is through just such conditions that he can bring about the fulfillment of what he in his love is planning for our eternal benefit. His ways are not our ways. He often acts in ways that are mysterious to us — that are a wonderful display of his power, love, and discipline. He who once miraculously gave his eternal Son wrapped in human flesh can send us the most precious of blessings in the plainest packages. ■

Registrations for the class of 2011

are currently being accepted.

Registration forms may be turned into the West office immediately and registration deposits may come later.

If you need an information packet, would like a personal appointment

or tour, please contact the school office at 763-509-9378.



Thrivent West Hennepin County Chapter Board invited WLHS students to shop for Toys for Tots. The chapter approved a Care in Community project and allocated \$1,600 for the students to use to purchase toys. The students shopped on December 11 and delivered the toys live on KARE 11 news at the 5:00 pm broadcast. It was fun to see the students thinking about toys they would like to receive and making wise purchases with the dollars given to them. Photo shows students waiting to present the toys on KARE 11 TV. Deborah Arvidson (in front of group), Thrivent Chapter Board Member made the presentation on live TV with her son, Andrew.

If you no longer wish to receive this mailing or need to update an address, please contact the school office or e-mail shalverson@wlhs.net.

We applaud...

The award winners at the fall awards banquet which was held on Monday, November 13 at West Lutheran High School.

VOLLEYBALL

- Most Valuable Player – Alison Gerdes and Britni Jensen
- Most Improved Player – Kate Hallstrom
- All Conference Honorable Mention – Alison Gerdes
- Captains for the 2007 season will be Jenna Gehl and Alyssa Wiechmann

FOOTBALL

- Most Valuable Player – Luke Jannicke
- Offensive Lineman – Seth Neitzel
- Defensive Lineman – Dan Kuske
- Offensive Back – Trevor Funk
- Defensive Back – Eric Byrnes
- Special Team – Ross Liberato
- Most Improved Player – Michael Engel
- All Conference 1st Team – Luke Jannicke, Eric Byrnes, Daniel Kuske, and Trevor Funk
- All Conference Honorable Mention – Anthony Recht, Robbie Franklin, Seth Neitzel, and Michael Engel
- Captains for the 2007 season will be Michael Engel, Trevor Funk, and Dan Kuske

SOCCER – BOYS

- Most Valuable Player – Danny Marggraf
- Most Improved Player – Craig Bain
- All Conference Honorable Mention – Dan Marggraf
- Captains for the 2007 season will be Matt Behmer and Tommy Heitzman

SOCCER – GIRLS

- Most Valuable Player – Paige Olson
- Most Improved Player – Ashley Jensen
- All Conference – Janine Foggia, Paige Olson and Caitlin Seichter

- All Conference Honorable Mention – Ashley Jensen, Katie Johnson and Kendall Paulson
- Captains for the 2007 season will be Janine Foggia and Caitlin Seichter

TENNIS

- Most Valuable Player – Annie Crosby and McKenna Passolt
- Most Improved Player – Gina Berlein and Nikki Knutson
- Hardest Workers – Paige Nystrom and Ali Reinert

CHEERLEADING

- Most Valuable Cheerleader – Courtney Bennek
- Most Improved Cheerleader – Holly Recht
- Captains for the 2007 season will be Bianca Cornelius-Fuentes, Nicole Garaghty and Michelle Olson

The Forensics meet for elementary schools was held on November 15, 2006. The winners by category were:

- Humorous Reading – 1st place – Arielle Farness (KOG), 2nd place - Sarah Elder (KOG)
- Poetry – 1st place – Gabrielle Vincent (KOG), 2nd place – Heidi Brinkman (Bloomington)
- Prose – 1st place – Sierra Pemberton (KOG), 2nd place – Ryan Koch (Bloomington)
- Speech – 1st place – Kelsey Strand (Bloomington), 2nd place – Aimie Wiechmann (KOG)
- Storytelling – 1st place – Mary Janisch (KOG), 2nd place - Madeleine Nelson (KOG)
- The 3rd place school winner was Salem, Loretto, 2nd place was Bloomington Lutheran and 1st place was King of Grace! Well done to all participants! ■

Snow Days

It's that time of year again.....Snow Days at West Lutheran High School. This year's theme is Winter Warriorland. Students will participate in special theme days each day of the week. They will also enjoy an all school activity. The dance will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2007. A coronation will also be held to crown the king and queen of Snow Days. ■

Winter Sports Schedules Online

Basketball and Dance Team seasons are well underway. Join us at one of our games or competitions. Visit our website at www.wlhs.net and click on calendar to see a listing of the daily, weekly, or monthly activities. The games and competitions are fun and it's great to have fan support!

The girl's varsity basketball team took second place in their holiday tournament at St. Croix. The boy's varsity basketball team took fourth place at the Jordan Holiday Tournament. The Emerald Jazz Dance Team took 3rd place in their first competition of the year in both the Jazz/Funk and High Kick categories. This meet was held at Concordia Academy, Roseville on December 11. ■

Jr. Dance Team Clinic to be held at West Lutheran High School on Saturday, January 27.

Students in Kindergarten through 4th grade will learn a dance routine from 9:00 – 10:30 am and students in 5th – 8th grades will learn their dance from 10:30 am – Noon. Jr. Dancers will perform their routines at half-time of the boy's varsity basketball game on Friday, February 2, 2007. For more information or to register contact the West Lutheran High School office 763-509-9378. ■

Association Congregations

West Lutheran High School is blessed to have 19 association congregations that support the mission of the high school. These congregations include:

- Abiding Savior- Elk River,
- Ascension - Plymouth,
- Brooklyn - Brooklyn Park,
- Christ - Eden Prairie,
- Cross - Rockford,
- Cross of Christ- Coon Rapids,
- Faith - Excelsior,
- Faith - Prior Lake,
- Holy Trinity- New Hope,
- Hope - Andover,
- Immanuel - Buffalo,
- King of Grace- Golden Valley,
- Mt. Olive-Delano,
- Mt. Olive-Shakopee,
- Redeemer- Maple Grove,
- Salem - Loretto,
- St. Paul's - Montrose,
- St. Peter's - Monticello,
- Timothy- St. Louis Park.

For more information about Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod ministries, visit www.wels.net. ■

Basketball Nights for Association Churches

Basketball nights for Association Churches. Come and enjoy free admission and free popcorn!

January 9	Christ, Eden Prairie
January 11	Ascension, Plymouth Salem, Loretto Cross of Christ, Coon Rapids
January 12	St. Pauls, Montrose
January 13	Immanuel, Buffalo Faith, Excelsior
January 16	Mt. Olive, Shakopee
January 19	Cross – Rockford Abiding Savior – Elk River
January 20	Faith, Prior Lake
January 23	King of Grace, Golden Valley
January 30	St. Peters, Monticello Hope, Andover
February 2	Timothy, St. Louis Park Holy Trinity, New Hope Brooklyn, Brooklyn Park
February 6	Mt. Olive, Delano Redeemer, Maple Grove

Wise Penny Feature

The Wise Penny Thrift Shoppe is a nonprofit charitable organization whose primary purpose is to support West Lutheran High School in Plymouth, the metro area Lutheran Institutional Ministry Association (LIMA) and Christian Life Ministries. The store is located in Buffalo, MN.

For over 20 years, the Wise Penny has served the community by offering good quality reusable items at affordable prices. In 2002, they increased the size of their present facility to three times larger.

The Wise Penny is overseen by a nine-member Board of Directors. There are hundreds of volunteers and the volunteer opportunities are many. Volunteers can help with maintenance (every Thursday), sorting and pricing (every day and Tuesday evenings), working the store front (every day). West Lutheran families are volunteering to run the store on the last two Saturday's of each month. This is the third year they have been serving in this way. Average monthly sales at the store are \$26,500.

West Lutheran High School is especially thankful for the support of the Wise Penny. They were presented at Christmas time with a check that brought the contributions from the Wise Penny to West at over \$179,000 for the year. West Lutheran High School has received \$1.1 million dollars in support since 1984. We are thankful for their generosity and this ministry. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lanita Farstad at 763-658-2380 or Jan Nelson 763-498-8547 or call the store directly 763-682-4178. ■

Alumni News

- **Cassandra Klatt** ('02) was married to Chris Arnold at Salem Lutheran in Greenfield on July 28, 2006. They are currently residing in Big Lake, MN.
- **Rev. Paul Meitner** ('94) and Michelle Meitner wish to announce the birth of their daughter Olivia Anne Meitner on October 31, 2006. Olivia weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz and was 17½ inches long. Olivia and her parents live in Kingsford, MI. Olivia's proud grandparents are Merl and Cinda Meitner and Larry and Diane Miller.
- **Katherine Engel** ('04) was recognized as a first-team all conference selection in 2006 and was named to the 2006 NCAA national all-tournament team in volleyball. She is a sophomore at Northwestern College. She currently ranks 6th all-time in career kills (894) after just two seasons! ■