



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL
The Eagle Express
April 30 – May 6, 2009
'Led by God's Grace'



**LED BY GOD'S GRACE ...
PACKING YOUR PARACHUTE**



Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute," the man replied.

Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform ... a white hat, a bib in the back, and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning. How are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory -- he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say "Hello", "Please", "Thank You", or "Congratulations", give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason.

As you go through this week, this month, this year, please take time to recognize, and thank, people who pack you parachutes.

**INFORMATION RECENTLY RELEASED RECENTLY BY THE CDC –
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL.**

More information can be found at their website: <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/index.htm>

SWINE INFLUENZA:



Human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection have been identified in the United States. Human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection also have been identified internationally. The current U.S. case count is provided below.

U.S. Human Cases of Swine Flu
Infection
(As of April 27, 2009)

State	# of laboratory confirmed cases
California	7 cases
Kansas	2 cases
New York City	28 cases
Ohio	1 case
Texas	2 cases
TOTAL COUNT	40 cases

An investigation and response swine flu is ongoing.

effort surrounding the outbreak of

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STAY HEALTHY

There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Thursday, April 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Track Practice - Hosanna! Singers-MMR 	3:50-5:15 PM 6:30 PM
Friday, May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End Midquarter - Safety Patrol to Washington D.C. - Middle School Invention Fair/Fellowship Hall 	
Saturday, May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Happy Birthday Mrs. Linda Steltenpohl - Safety Patrol to Washington D.C. - Middle School Invention Fair/Fellowship Hall 	
Sunday, May 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adult Choir Sings - Hosanna! Singers Sing - Safety Patrol to Washington D.C. - Middle School Invention Fair/Fellowship Hall - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week 	8:00 AM 10:30 AM
Monday, May 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safety Patrol to Washington D.C. - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week 	

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| Tuesday, May 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 3 visit from Sheboygan County Homebuilders Assoc. 1:00 PM - Track Practice 3:50-5:15 PM - Safety Patrol to Washington D.C. - Cinco de Mayo - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week |
| Wednesday, May 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chapel – Pastor Knippa 9:00 AM - Grade 8 to Project Angel Hugs 1:15-2:00 PM - Track Practice 3:50-5:15 PM - Midquarters Sent Home - Reservation Cards for Recognition Night (Grades 5-8) due to Mrs. MacGillis - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Happy Birthday to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays this coming week.
God's Blessings on your special day!**

Brian Prening, Jr. – 3 year old Preschool – May 3

Box Tops For Education Update: Thank you to everyone who saves Box Tops to help the school. This year through these little 10-cent coupons, we have raised \$1,518.30 for the gym roof repairs!! A check for the coupons redeemed in fall totaled \$975.30; and this week, we received the spring redemption check for \$543.00. It is amazing how these little rectangle coupons add up! Please continue to save your Box Tops and deposit them at any time in one of the white collection bins around the church and school. Thank you for your support in this program. Also, a special thank you to Carl Schneider who diligently collects and cuts the coupons every week. I couldn't do it without you, Dad! Any questions about Box Tops, please contact Samantha (Sam) Wetenkamp at 893-8687 or kwetenkamp@wi.rr.com.

Come one, come all! To the **Middle School Invention Fair!** You are cordially invited to attend the Middle School Invention Fair the weekend of May 1-3, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall. Each of our middle school students (grades 6-8) have put on their inventing caps, found a problem, and created an invention to solve their problem. Their innovative handiwork will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall for all to see. Check them out between church services over the weekend at your leisure. Maybe they will solve a problem that has perplexed you! We truly have some talented, young inventors in our midst!

The **8th Grade Players of St. Paul Lutheran School** will present Shakespeare's "Macbeth" in the St. Paul Church Fellowship Hall, 1810 N. 13th Street, Sheboygan, on Tuesday, May 5th, at 7:30 pm, and Thursday, May 7th, at 7:00 pm. Set in ancient Scotland, this dramatic tale of the greedy desire for power and its downfall features three witches, a ghost, a battle with swordfighting--and bagpipes! Souvenirs will be on sale following each performance. Please join us for a great time.

The **Gospel Light Chorus** has recently returned from their tour to Chicago where they sang for chapel at Concordia University and at St. John's Lutheran School in Chicago. They will lead this same chapel service here on Wednesday, May 6 at 9:00 AM.

Attention - Grades 5-8 parents: The Middle School Student Recognition Night will be held this year on May 26, 2009 at 6pm at Anchor Lanes in Elkhart Lake. Please return your reservation cards to Mrs. MacGillis by May 6, 2009. Thank you.

Lutheran High music department presents their spring pops concert "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" on Wednesday, May 6th. The concert will take place in the Lutheran High gym at 7:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken with proceeds to enhance the music department. There will be five bands and choirs featured. Concert highlights: "Fiddler on the Roof," "Fanfare for the Common Man," "Stand by Me" and many more. Join us for a wonderful, relaxing and entertaining evening!

Like to Bake? GIFT could sure use your help – Decorated cakes/cupcakes (packaged in groups of 6) are needed for the cake walk game at the annual St. John Fun Fair on Friday, May 8th. If you would be willing to help, please bring your cake/cupcakes to the coffee room next to the cafeteria either Thursday, May 7th or Friday, May 8th after school. We appreciate your help! Any questions, please contact Julie Boening at 694-0800.

Fun Fair Dress Up Day – Friday, May 8th is Dress up day. Wear your pajamas for a Night Under the Stars or dress as a space alien – your choice. Don't forget the fun fair starts at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

"A Night Under The Stars" – Our Fun Fair is Out of this World! – This is the theme for this year's Fun Fair. Friday, May 8th St. John Lutheran School will be holding its Fun Fair from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the school gym and cafeteria. Tickets are 4 for a \$1.00. The Senior Youth group will be selling food/concessions in the cafeteria. Games, prizes and food will be abundant. A Take A Chance Drawing and a silent auction will be part of this year's Fun Fair. Proceeds from these will benefit the Tuition Assistance Fund, the General Fund, the Senior Youth Mission Trip and the Roof Repair Fund. Come and join us for the fun fair. Open to the public – bring a friend.

Volunteers needed! **Lutheran High's spring clean-up and work day** is Sat., May 9th. Anyone that is willing and able to assist with lawn work, gardening, painting, general clean-up, etc. (inside and outside work) should contact the school office or come to Lutheran High between 8:00a and 2:00p. If you have questions, contact Tom Rusch at rusch@lutheranhigh.com or call 452-3323. Your help is greatly appreciated!

LOST & FOUND: Items that have been collected in the school, church, kitchen and locker rooms during the third and fourth quarters have been placed on a table by the elevator entrance from Monday, April 27 through Monday, May 11. Please take a moment to check if any of these items belong to you. Thank you.

Order forms for the **2008-09 Yearbook** were sent home last week. Please be sure to return your order form by May 13 so we can get our order to the printer in a timely manner. Cost is \$13.75 per book. Thank you, Mrs. Reil

Spring Cleaning? Please consider donating your unwanted items to **St. John's Garage Sale & Bake Sale!** (May 16th). All donated items can be brought to St. John Lutheran's gym on Thursday, May 14th, 2009 between 4:00 & 8:00p.m. If that time/date does not work for you please call Tracy at 893-9626 (work) or 893-8963 (home) to make arrangements. We accept clean clothing, shoes/boots, jackets, toys, puzzles, household items, videos/DVD's, books, crafts, furniture- anything except major appliances, air conditioners and items that are broken. Please place all clothing of the same size in one bag with the size/gender labeled on the bag. If you would like to help please call Tracy at 893-8963 (leave a message if I am not home). **Baked goods** can be brought anytime on Friday, May 15th but please use Stafford St. entrance during school hours so the office can let you in or after school using the gym doors (playground side) after school hours. Help is needed on Thursday, May 14th for set up at 3:00 and Friday, May 15th anytime that works for you to help organize and price the items. We are also in need of cashiers and baggers on Saturday, May 16th from 7:45-2:00. (We will make shifts for these hours) Help is also needed for clean up. **Thank you** for your help and your donations they are very much appreciated. Shopping hours are on Saturday, May 16th from 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

CENSUS FORMS – Were sent home recently. Please complete the form and return it to school immediately. Your cooperation with this is appreciated.

LIBRARY BOOKS – All school library books will be due back in by Thursday, May 21, 2009.

Aluminum Can Drive Has Ended: Thanks to all who donated cans. We decided to end the collection before May 15 because the price per pound is quite low. Thanks for all your help! Scott Haun and Beth Reil

SCRIP Sales for the week of 04-24-09

Sales \$10,870.00; Special Orders \$50.00; Total Sales \$10,920.00; Tuition Profit \$389.93; General Fund Profit \$204.32 (of which \$80.00 profit is from the 10% Kwik Trip sales; Total Gen. Fund Kwik Trip 10% From March, 2009 to Date \$408.00)

CHECK POLICY--CHECKS MUST BE FOR EXACT AMOUNT OF ORDERS. THERE WILL BE NO CASH RETURNED FOR OUT OF STOCK ITEMS. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR CHECK UNTIL YOU HAVE CONFIRMED THAT YOUR ORDER IS IN STOCK.

Chester's is now OPEN. Chester's is available in \$5.00 gift certificates with a 10% profit.

KWIK TRIP is available at a 10% discount in denominations of \$20, \$50, and \$100 gift cards (At 20% profit last year the General Fund received \$13,583.00 in one year. 10% is still a **great deal** to help with tuition and general fund!!!). The discount will be 10% until February, 2010, after that date it will go to the regular 5% discount.

With summer vacations fast approaching, it's time to start planning for your travels. From Saturday, April 4, 2009, through Friday, July 31, 2009, you will receive an additional **1% bonus profit** when you purchase **Shell** Gift Cards. That means Shell's \$25, \$50 and \$100 gift cards will have a 2.5% profit instead of the normal 1.5% during that time period only.

What is SCRIP? Gift certificates are purchased at a reduced rate and then sold for face value. For instance if you purchase a \$25.00 card, you pay \$25.00 for it and the difference in what we originally purchased it for becomes the profit. The profit can be applied to the General Fund or the student's tuition of your choice.

*Providing a Christ-centered education focusing on academic, physical, spiritual, emotional, and social growth;
Preparing students for an active Christian life and eternal salvation.*

Does your family now qualify?

Free and Reduced Price Lunch/Breakfast Application

- It takes only moments to complete.
- Information is kept confidential.
- May be well worth your time to apply: see if you can qualify for your students to receive either free or reduced price breakfast and lunch. . .

Today's financial times are tough, the economy is tight and there is a growing number of employment changes; St. John Lutheran School understands there are many families who **may qualify** and benefit from this program.

If you think you may qualify, please request an application from the school office and send it to:

St. John Lutheran School
222 N. Stafford Street
Plymouth, WI 53073

Any questions, call 920-893-5114