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A message from Pastor Quinn

Kurt Eggert: Not Unto Us

Kurt Eggert's life's work was dedicated to studying, preserving, and improving the worship life of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Born in 1923 in Wausau, Wisconsin, Eggert, the son of a pastor, grew up in Watertown, Wisconsin where his father was called to be pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He attended Northwestern Preparatory School, Northwestern College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Following his graduation from seminary he served as tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw. He also served a mission congregation in North Dakota, a rural congregation near Watertown, and two congregations in Milwaukee. In between his service to the Milwaukee congregations Eggert served as the head of the music department at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee.

A musician from childhood, Eggert planned to pursue a degree in music. Though his plans changed he did study at many prestigious musical institutions throughout his life. He began directing choirs when he was a high school student. Every congregation he served as pastor he also served as choir director saying, "It is simply ideal to be both in the pulpit and choirloft." With his dual role Eggert was able to prepare weekly worship from the perspective of pastor and musician.

While his influence on the congregations he served was great, Eggert's influence spread even across the entire Wisconsin Synod. He hosted a series of church music seminars and published a newsletter based on these seminars for pastors and church musicians. He founded and directed The Lutheran Chorale of Milwaukee, a choir made up of WELS members, which sang at seminars, workshops, hymn festivals, and regular concerts. For three decades Eggert produced a religious television program in Milwaukee called *Lutheran Guideposts*. He also served the Synod at large in a few official capacities.

He was appointed as a representative of the WELS on the Synodical Conference's committee to revise *The Lutheran Hymnal*. After the split with the LCMS, Eggert was a charter member of the WELS' Commission on Worship for which he was also the editor of *Focus on Worship*, a newsletter dedicated to Lutheran worship. Perhaps his greatest contribution to our Synod is something you hold in your hands every Sunday. Kurt Eggert served as the project director for the creation of *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*. His death in June of 1993 came a few days after its publication. Eggert's influence on the Wisconsin Evangelical Synod continues to this day. For the work of this faithful servant and tremendous gift we thank our God and Savior.

This month we will take a look at Eggert's hymn, "Not Unto Us", a beautiful hymn which gives all glory to God in the work of salvation. Both the text and tune were written for the 125th anniversary of the WELS in 1975. Its powerful message reminds us of the free grace of God in Christ – the firm foundation on which our church is built.

*Not unto us, not unto us be glory Lord;
Not unto us but to your name be praise;
Not unto us but to your name all honor be giv'n
For matchless mercy, forgiveness, and grace.*

Amazing grace – that chose us e'er the worlds were made;

*Amazing grace – that sent your Son to save;
Amazing grace – that robed us in your righteousness
And taught our lips to sing glory and praise.*

O faithful love – that shepherded through faithless years;

*Forgiving love – that led us to your truth;
Unyielding love – that would not let us turn from you
But sent us forth to speak pardon and peace.*

*Not unto us but to your name be glory, Lord,
For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.
Abide with us till trav'ling days are over and done,
And pilgrim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.*

Coming up in September

September 5	Labor Day
September 6	Opening Services of LES 6:00 PM, reception following Board of Trustees, 7:00 PM
September 13	Ladies Guild, 6:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM
September 27	Board of Elders, 7:00 PM

THE LAST VOICE

One Survivor's Story of the 1996 Mount Everest Tragedy

10 May 1996 is the date of the worst tragedy in Mount Everest history. Eight climbers died. Lou Kasischke was there. He lived that story.

The setting is mountain climbing. The climbing events and the forces of nature, especially when things were going wrong, are powerful and extreme. The drama is high.

But part of the story has much in common with everyday life. This was Lou's struggle with himself when he faced a tough decision and conflicting internal voices about what to do. The story is an example of how and where to go for the guidance and strength needed in such moments.

Lou will tell the story about what happened and what went wrong on Mount Everest. But Lou's personal story is more than about being there and climbing the highest mountain in the world. It's also about his long aftermath journey to understand his experience, to find meaning in it, and to find guidance from it for his future goals and challenges.

Lou entitles his remarks -- The Last Voice. Lou wants the listener to know the nature and content of the last internal voice he heard and acted on in his struggle about what to do -- just 400 feet from the top of Mount Everest. The voice that saved his life.

Ladies Shopping Trip

Marilyn Schwab, President Ladies Guild

We left Midland after breakfast at Big Boy. Destination Rockford, Michigan! After meeting Joyce Tafel's sister Janet, who joined us for our shopping trip, we visited a thrift store, dollar store, Rosie's Diner, Blodgett Hospital, Gaslight Village and Olive's Restaurant. From there we went to our Bed and Breakfast, "Grandma's House." We had stayed there ten years ago on another ladies shopping trip. Supper was at Arnie's where we enjoyed free cupcakes and filled muffins after our meal.

Day two started at the farmer's market where we shared a quart of big, plump raspberries. Some of the stores we visited were toy stores, Rudy Kazoody's (candy store), art gallery and Women at Risk (a store whose products are made by women of several countries who have been rescued from women traffickers and the money from these products goes back to the organization, WAR International).

Lunch was at Sam's Joint. Loved those sautéed shrimp! After sharing supper at Red Robin in Grand Rapids we went back to Rockford and spent the evening walking around the local park, enjoying the water, flowers and aquatic critters.

Sunday began with breakfast at "Grandma's House" and then on to church at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church. We had lunch at Rosie's Diner and then headed home, shopping along the way.

Please join us in the fall for our next trip. You'll enjoy every minute!

Little Lambs Bible School

The Little Lambs Bible School will begin at Good Shepherd on Tuesday, September 27th and will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from that date on. The children will meet with Mrs. Kim Schuette from 9 to 11 on those days for a Bible story, a craft project, singing and snacks.

Children from the age of 3 to young 5's are cordially invited to attend. There is no charge for this program.

If you know someone who has small children, you might pass the word along about our Little Lambs Bible School. Please contact Kim Schuette for more information or the Church office 835-4181.

Scholarship Fund

Each year at the July Voters' Assembly an amount to be given to each student of Good Shepherd enrolled at MLS, MLS or WLS is decided upon. This year each student attending Michigan Lutheran Seminary will receive \$200.00. Three students at Martin Luther College will each receive \$400.00. Two students are enrolled at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and will receive \$400.00.

We can't think of a better place to spend our money than to help the young people in our congregation prepare for a life in the public ministry either as a teacher or a pastor.

Recipients this year are:

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Kayla Fournier
David Delu
J.B. Pitt
Cheyenne Lehman
Aaron Pretzer
Tosha Arthur
Sarah Fournier
Grace Johnson
Jessica Riggs
James Westphal

Martin Luther College

Abigail Gawel
Tyler Glessner
Michael Schwab

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Paul Krueger
Joe Gawel

Ladies Guild

The September meeting of Ladies Guild has been moved to **Tuesday, September 13th** because of a scheduling conflict. September 6th would be the usual date for Ladies Guild to begin after summer vacation but this year it conflicts with the opening service of our Lutheran Elementary School. The September 13th meeting will begin at 6:00 with a "salad"

New Officers will assume their positions at the September 13th meeting:

President: Marilyn Schwab
Vice President: Norma Lewis
Treasurer: Joyce Tafel
Secretary: Diana Johnson

The purpose of our Ladies Guild is to promote the spiritual welfare of our congregation through the study of God's Word, mutual encouragement in Christian living, support of the work of the church including Christian charities and to give aid and comfort in cases of sickness and need as we are able.

Membership is open to all ladies who are communicant members of our congregation. To become a member, all that is required is signing the Ladies' Guild Constitution.

Here are some of the things Ladies Guild does:

- Order altar flowers
- Send cards to new mothers, get well cards, and sympathy cards to members
- Meals for anyone who needs them in our congregation
- Funeral meals
- Potluck meals, church picnics, and soup suppers
- Order and alter robes and provide corsages for confirmands
- Inside church cleaning days
- Holiday food baskets and other care packages
- Communion and baptismal napkins

Scripture Readings for September

September 4 Trinity 11

Daniel 9:15-18

Psalm 73

1 Corinthians 15:1-10

Luke 18:9-14

September 11 Trinity 12

Isaiah 29:18-21

Psalm 133-134

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Mark 7:31-37

September 18 Trinity 13

Zechariah 7:4-10

Psalm 34

Galatians 3:15-22

Luke 10:23-37

September 25 Trinity 14

Proverbs 4:14-23

Psalm 121

Galatians 5:16-24

Luke 17:11-19

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Following is a list of birthdays and anniversaries being celebrated this month by members of Good Shepherd.

Birthdays:

September 3 Mischael Pitt
September 5 Sheila Gobeski
September 5 Irvin DeLong
September 13 Len Lehman
September 15 Ben Shaffer
September 16 Brandon Lehman
September 18 Rod Gunsell
September 25 Robert Beeman
September 28 Aaron Pretzer

Anniversaries:

September 1 Gale and Judy Krueger
September 19 Len and Ros Lehman
September 25 Dave and Sue Rummel
September 26 Ben and Heidi Cummings

Our shut-ins

Please see your paper copy of the Newsletter, or call the church office, for information on our shut-ins.

Besides our regular shut-ins who get our newsletter, Daily Bible Readings and Meditations, we also have a mailing list of those who are not shut-ins but may live in another town and still want to hear about Good Shepherd (like former members). Our monthly newsletter is mailed to 12 people as well as our Daily Bible Readings. DVDs are mailed each week to those who cannot attend worship services and several who were on our mailing list are now watching our worship services on MCTV, Channel 97 and 99.

Big Jungle Adventure

Pam Krueger, VBS Coordinator

During the first week of August the narthex, hallways, classrooms and sanctuary were transformed into a leafy jungle setting for Good Shepherd's Big Jungle Adventure – A Journey with Jesus VBS. We welcomed 44 young adventurers from 3 year olds to kids entering 6th grade, 25 of whom were visitors to our congregation.

Beginning with the Sound Off Opening Devotions followed by Bible Storytelling, Bobo's Banana Hut Snacks, Kiki's Crafty Creations, Bible Challenge Activities and interactive music the kids learned that God takes care of us through Jesus, our Savior.

- Jesus rescues us from our enemies: sin, death, and the devil.
- Jesus is the Light of life that we share with others.
- Jesus rose from the dead to save us.
- Jesus, our Savior, prepares our heavenly home.

Many thanks to the dozens of teens and adults who volunteered their time and talents to make this VBS a week to remember. We couldn't have done it without you. Sound Off!

School News

Opening services for LES this year will be September 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM. A small reception will follow for everyone to catch up on what has happened over the summer.

Mr Michael Fetcenko was installed at the 10:00 AM service on 28 August 2011 as our upper grade teacher and principal apprentice. His assignment was made permanent in May.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin on September 14th and will be from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity to study with a small group and have your questions answered.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

Friday, September 9th is MLS Foundation Jersey Night beginning at 7:00 PM. MLS Varsity takes on St. Charles. Wear your own jersey from the past or one you have purchased from Cardinal Corner. When you wear your jersey and visit Cardinal Corner you'll receive a great Cardinal Fan goodie just to add some fun to the evening. Jerseys will be available for purchase at Cardinal Corner under the press box.

Rehearsals for the 2011 Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chorale will begin Friday evening, September 11th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the chapel of MLS. This is a wonderful opportunity for worship, music, good fellowship and service. Contact Phil Eich with any questions: call the church office for his contact information.

Looking ahead to October there will be the MLS Homecoming Tailgate Party on Friday, October 14 beginning at 5:00 PM, on the practice field along Hardin Street. This affair gets bigger every year. Buy your tickets early! (Ticket price does not include admission to the 7:00 PM football game vs. Valley Lutheran.)

Choir

Do you enjoy singing? The choir needs you! There are no tryouts—just come to rehearsals, which will be held on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 PM, beginning August 31st, 2011. This is the perfect opportunity to join your Christian brothers and sisters in singing praises to our Lord, and to thank him for all he has done for us. Amy Lindesmith is choir director.

Riverside

As part of our outreach to the community, Pastor Quinn holds a Bible Study for those living at Riverside in downtown Midland every Wednesday afternoon. This fall Bible classes will start September 14th and run from 1:30 to 2:30 PM.

Catechism Classes Begin

Catechism classes will begin for 6th-8th graders on Thursday beginning September 8th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and continuing on each Thursday thereafter. If your child cannot make it to class, please call the church office at 835-4181.

Labor Day 2011

Today Labor Day is regarded as a day for picnics and parties. For kids, it's the last free Monday before school begins. Over the years Labor Day has become the symbol for the last day of summer although summer doesn't end until much later in September. But did you ever wonder WHY we have a Labor Day on the calendar every year?

The first Labor Day in the United States was held on September 5, 1882 in Boston, Massachusetts by the Central Labor Union, the nation's first major trade union. In 1894 it became a federal holiday with President Grover Cleveland passing legislation just six days after the death of a number of workers were killed during the Pullman Strike.

In the beginning Labor Day actually celebrated labor. Parades were held and a festival for workers and their families followed. Speeches were part of the celebration and was a ready platform for political speeches.

Labor Day today is regarded as a day of rest, barbecues, fireworks displays, water sports and other public events. During election year politicians continue to travel around the country giving speeches and greeting men and women who, hopefully, will vote them into office.

However you celebrate Labor Day, make it a safe one.