

# HighLites

"Faith That Moves Mountains"

Matthew 17:20



A Monthly Newsletter

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## Filthy Diapers & Filthy Rags

World Magazine recently reported that the use of disposable diapers declined by nine percent last year while unit sales of diaper rash cream increased by 2.8 percent. Apparently, in yet another indicator of the tough economic times and recession, parents are trying to save money by making their babies wait longer between diaper changes, leading to an increase in diaper rash. Many babies, sadly, are paying for their parents' stinginess or miserliness.

I do not want to judge families whom I do not know or have any idea about their economic circumstances. Yet, I thought the story provided a terrific opportunity to reflect upon the actions we take, or do not take, as parents, caregivers, or leaders of our congregation. The diaper rash story begs the question on a spiritual level: What rashes are we giving or allowing to form on our children—the future of our church—by our inaction, stubbornness, stinginess, and sinfulness?

The Bible tells us that "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). Indeed, we know that we are born with a sinful nature and follow our fleshly desires. Nothing good comes out of our own doing. We do what we know is wrong, and fail to do what is right. We need a Savior.

Yet so many in the world intentionally or inadvertently teach their children that they can find any path to God or paradise. They can succeed in life without God. In fact, life without God, some teach, is freedom-enhanced—no more commandments or moral codes to follow. So many in the world teach our young people that they are nothing more than the product of an evolutionary mutation started, allegedly, billions and billions of years ago in some primordial pond. So many in the world



today teach, mostly by example, that church does not need to be a priority compared to fishing trips, shopping, football games, or a huge 401(k) account. Young people learn these lessons well. They adopt the ways of the world, believing that they can just apply some man-made diaper rash cream to their problems and the rash will simply go away. Instead, these young people are left with life rashes and life habits that only grow more embedded and problematic over time.

Thanks be to Jesus! He washed away all our rashes, all our sins. He redeemed us from the abyss and the clutches of Satan. He has freed us from our sins and given us a life of value and purpose.

I give thanks for our Lutheran High School Association—congregations that teach and preach the crucified and resurrected Jesus and Word of God in all its truth and purity. I also give thanks for the Lutheran High School Association congregations that support Lutheran High School so that students learn about Jesus' love and are prepared to be Christian servant leaders both now and in the future.

Let us not hold back and go stingy on our children. Let us not keep them from being fed God's Word on a daily basis. Instead, let us encourage our families to be in church where they receive the blessings of Christ's love. And let us continue to support and pray for Lutheran High, a school that is, more boldly than ever, *Preparing Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time.*

In Christ,  
Jim Pingel  
Executive Director



Homecoming Court Left to right: Freshmen - Rachel Holk & Tommy Kind, Juniors - Elizabeth Falconer & Alex Ourada, Queen Ariana Shank & King Josh Wheeler, Senior Attendants: Nicole Holk & Mark Thalaengkit, Sophomores - Lorendana Herdic & Luke Burkart.

## Lutheran High Students of the Month

have been chosen based on their service, behavior, leadership, attitude & academic achievements.

**Senior - Sam Dekker**  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

**Junior - Liz Falconer**  
St. John Evangelist - Kohler

**Sophomore - Martha Steffen**  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Sheboygan

**Freshman - Jacob Muth**  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Sheboygan



### Senior Citizens and Grandparents Day

It was our pleasure to host approximately 150 Senior Citizens and Grandparents for this annual event. There was a welcoming reception, chapel service, Soul Train drama performance, classroom experiences, and a luncheon buffet with many home made salads and desserts. It was a great opportunity to share the Lutheran High experience.

## Thankful For A Bountiful Harvestfest!

Fine food, friendly faces, song and dance, games of chance, crafts and quilts, bakery delights, sparkling jars of jams and preserves, all combined to bring bountiful results to Harvestfest 2011.

We thank Harvestfest Chairs, Julie Jurs and Jamie Olsen, and all who contributed, participated, volunteered, and cheered. It truly was a blessing for Lutheran High School and all involved.

Pray, Praise and Give Thanks!

