



**Assisting Parents
in Bringing up their Children
in the Training
and Instruction of the Lord.**



THE PARTNERSHIP POST

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Parents Crosslink SVLS receives a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, *Parents Crosslink*. This newsletter is written from a Scriptural perspective and is published by Northwestern Publishing House, which is the primary publisher for WELS publications. Look in today's Partnership Post for one of the articles from the *Parents Crosslink*, and look in future editions of the Partnership Post for more snippets from this newsletter.

Transportation Arrangements at the End of the Day

Please be sure to communicate transportation arrangements for your children with their teacher(s) if there is anything different than the normal. This would include athletics games, appointments, etc. Thank you for taking the time to do this so we can help you keep your children safe and accounted for!

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

A couple weeks ago, Mr. Steinmetz sent out a short 4-question survey to each SVLS family last week via email in order to know approximately how many Choice spots/seats to plan for and in which grades. **If you have not completed this survey, we'd greatly appreciate you taking the time to look at your family's financial situation and to indicate whether your family would qualify for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.** We'd like to have every SVLS family complete the survey. Please read through the information and document attached from the original email from last week. If you have any questions on this or anything related to School Choice, please feel free to ask Mr. Steinmetz. Thank you!

CPTA - Meeting is tonight -Monday Nov 4. We will have a potluck dinner & a guest speaker! Childcare is provided. Arrive promptly at 5:30 for dinner and a short meeting. The presentation will start at 6. See you there.

CPTA's Upcoming events:
Cereal Drive - Nov. 11th
Family Dinner Night - Nov. 13

BEING A CHRISTIAN KID IN AN
ELECTRONIC AGE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 6:00-7:00 PM

LOCATION: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran School

N8728 S Coop Rd. | Menasha, WI 54952



PRESENTATION TOPICS

- Apps—the good, the bad, and the ugly
- Dealing with the drama
- Protecting teens from technology pitfalls
- Benefits of Social Media
- Open communication for parents & teens
- Setting limits

Please join us at 5:30 for a spaghetti dinner before the presentation.

Presented by:
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THIS WEEK'S HOT LUNCH MENU-salad served every day	
Mon	Loaded Nachos/Corn
Tues	Hamburger/Chips
Wed	Lasagna/Garlic Bread
Thurs	Chicken Cheese Rice Bake
Fri	Teacher's Conferences - no school

Worship Services Bethel
920-725-1822-English
920-840-5490-Espanol
Sunday Worship-English
8:00 & 10:30 am
Los Domingos Misa-Espanol
12:00pm

Worship Services St. Luke
920-788-4408
Wednesday at 6:30pm
Sunday at 9:00am

Worship Services Mt. Calvary
920-731-4001
Thursday at 6:30pm
Sunday at 9:00am

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Now that Box Tops is going digital, get to know the new mobile app so you can keep earning at your school. It scans your store receipt, automatically finds participating products and instantly adds Box Tops to your school's earnings online. No clipping required!



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Promote Humility

Pamela Holz

Teachers dread the confrontational parent. Imagine Mama Bear defending her cubs . . . and you've got an idea of how I can appear to a targeted teacher. My intent is not to be confrontational, but there is a topic that may have teachers apprehensive of my approach. With four children attending public school, I have talked with

their teachers about wanting to do something that goes against their norm.

Are you curious? It is not that I want them to feed my children only whole grains and purified water, local honey and grass-fed cattle, though those ideas are not without merit. Nor do I ask that they allow my children time to pick bouquets of wildflowers

and climb to the tops of willow trees, though that would be delightful. My unusual request? I would like them to praise my children less.

At the schools my children attend, there are all kinds of awards given out on a regular basis. There are awards for making the honor roll, for being kind, for being conscientious, for

improving one's behavior, for reading books, for doing well on tests . . . and none of these are bad. But aren't students supposed to be doing all these things in school? Why is an award being given for simply doing that which is expected?

Please understand that I realize this is drawing a fine line. In public school settings, teachers don't have the opportunity to motivate using the gospel. And it is important to reinforce good behaviors and attitudes. But can they do this without all the praise and awards? This request befuddles the majority.

As a Christian parent, I struggle to refocus my children's attentions away from themselves and instead to fix their eyes on Jesus. I want to foster in them an attitude of Christlike humility, of giving glory to God for the abilities with which they have been blessed. Teachers serving in public schools are not allowed to express much of an opinion on the topic of giving glory to God, but the idea of encouraging humility is met with quizzical expressions sometimes. I get the feeling they don't receive requests like this very often. I am thankful for the blessing of wonderful teachers, but ultimately this humility challenge is a responsibility that is up to me, the parent.

So back to that fine line. . . . I want to avoid being a stoic, simply looking at my child's report card, remarking, "You did as you ought to have done," and leaving it at that. On the other hand, there are children who are paid big bucks for every A they receive. Is this wrong? Not necessarily, but it may send a confusing message to the children about their abilities and to whom the praise truly belongs.

In order to give glory where glory is due, I need to take a step back and consider my original situation. When I peer into the mirror of God's law, stripped of my flimsy facade, and examine my naked, sinful condition, I can do nothing but react as did the penitent tax collector. He could not even look up, but cringed before God, begging for mercy (Luke 18:9-14). I know that I have been sinful from conception. I know that I can do absolutely nothing to earn God's favor or blessing. I am dead on my own, decaying and putrid in God's nostrils. Looking at

myself in this dire situation, there is no room for pride or boasting, only shame and despair.

But that is not what God wants for me. He so loved me and all in this world that he gave what was most precious to him to be a sacrifice in our place. He sent his Son to live and die in this corrupt world, to take the place of sinful people who reek of hell's decay, showing a love that's incomprehensible to mortal minds. And yet, by the power of the Holy Spirit working in our hearts, faith's vision is now clear. We bask in the glow of the love of a Father who sees us through the blood

of one Christian writer puts it: "Humility is forged in the fires of an unmistakably clear vision of God, a biblically rich and abiding perspective of the cross, and a robust sense of man's desperate sin-condition! When confronted with these realities, our deficiencies are properly magnified and successes are never allowed to take on a life of their own" (Jerry Wragg, *Exemplary Spiritual Leadership: Facing the Challenges, Escaping the Dangers*, p. 33).

What is needed to both encourage a child and give praise to God is a different perspective. God has blessed each one of us with different amounts of

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of Jesus. He pours out that love upon us, his beloved children, and blesses us beyond our comprehension. Our response is simply, "Thank you, God. Help me live for you."

In this world of "I am so proud of myself!" promoting humility is definitely swimming against the current. And yet our loving Father gives us this directive in 1 Peter: "All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble'" (5:5). Is it wrong to feel proud of one's self? Looking at that phrase in the light of God's Word, there is just no room for me to be proud of myself. A better phrase to use would be "I am thankful that God has given me the ability to do this."

Martin Luther pointed out that true humility does not know that it is humble. If it did, it would be proud from the contemplation of so fine a virtue. Psalm 139:14 reminds me of where praise belongs: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Acknowledgment of where the gifts originate results in giving the proper recipient praise for the gifts. As

various gifts and abilities. I can't claim that I am responsible for the talents I have. I can work to improve the natural talent with which I have been blessed. I can strive to achieve a momentous task. However, none of this would be possible if God hadn't given me the abilities in the first place. It is like the story of the scientists who challenged God that they too could create something. They got ready to begin by gathering up some dirt, and God had to remind them that he created the dirt!

It is not wrong to acknowledge our gifts; they are blessings from God. Parents can assist their children in recognizing these blessings and encouraging their children to put these gifts to use, not to receive praise and awards but for the glory of the One to whom the gifts belong. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

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