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Adult Study -Wednesday Morning

Returns: September 5th @ 9:30 A.M.

The Wednesday morning adult Bible study group begins meeting again on September 5th at 9:00 A.M. Our third installment of the Crossways study will help us as we journey through the Prophetic Movement in both Israel and Judah. During our study this year we will be looking at the times and messages of: Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Ezekiel. It was the duty of these prophets to deliver a very special message from God to his people who were experiencing the consequences of their rejection of God. The life of the people of God was not good but then neither was the life of God's chosen servants – the prophets.

Our Bible study this year promises to be:

Challenging, Horrifying, Thought provoking, and Comforting.

The sessions are open to anyone who has the time to attend the sessions and share their thoughts and also the time to do some reading in God's word. I look forward to the opportunity to journey with you through God's word.

Adult Sunday School

September 16th 9:00 A.M.

- †- **Pastor Bill got impatient (so what else is new)!**
- †- **Over the summer Pastor Bill missed the opportunity to share with those in the adult class our thoughts about God's Word!**
- †- **As a result of Pastor Bill's impatience, the adult class began meeting on August 12th as the class began looking at the Psalms!**

On Sunday, September 16th the Adult Sunday school class will again refocus on God's word and the texts that will be used in the worship service following the class. There is plenty of room for more to attend the sessions. Hope you will join us.

Bon Appetit

BON APPETIT will meet on Saturday, September 8, at 5PM at **MIMIS CAFE** in Arlington. They do not take reservations so be prompt and they will seat us as quickly as possible. MIMIS is in the new shopping center at I20 and Matlock Rd. It is facing I 20 and next to Ethan Allen; that is the southeast corner of the center. **BE SURE TO SIGN UP!!!!**

Celebrating with our Members

September Birthdays

Erin Fitzgerald 9/3
Earleen Carter 9/5
Trey Alexander 9/6
James Blackburn 9/8
Greg Lain 9/9
Paul Grindstaff 9/11
Belen Eck 9/13
John Dietz 9/14
Brian Scott 9/15
Chris Dietz 9/16
Andrea Bryan 9/18
Mandi Askelson 9/19
Renee Riffe 9/25
Tom Teske 9/27
Rallin Aars 9/28
Amanda Dykman 9/29
Stephanie Dykman 9/29

September Baptisms

Ian Carr 9/1
Marty Hill 9/1
Azella Dykman 9/6
Lucile Robbins 9/6
Josh Thomas 9/6
Fern Butler 9/8
Chris Dietz 9/16
Neva Dykman 9/17
Megan Riley 9/17
Trevor New 9/17
Logan Smith 9/18
Earleen Carter 9/21
Travis Riffe 9/21
Melissa Dykman 9/24

September Anniversaries

Dennis & Sandy Roiger 9/16
Robert & Marion Holcomb 9/22

SING & PRAY WITH US

Sunday, September 23, 2007, 7:30 PM

Join over 150 voices from Lutheran Churches in the Metroplex

"I was filled with awe.....It is a moment I won't forget." - Walt Baumann

Walt Baumann, a longtime member of Grace Lutheran Church, Arlington, has sung in some elite settings – at The Today Show in New York City, with Fred Warring and the Pennsylvanians, and at the Miss America pageant. But he says he was overwhelmed the first time he stepped onto the stage of the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. "The Meyerson is such a beautiful hall. It was just a pleasure to be in such a fine building. There were 150 members in the choir and I was so proud to be a part of that group of fellow Lutherans. When we looked out into the hall we saw all these seats filled with Lutherans ready to sing and worship with us. I was filled with awe. It is a moment I won't forget." It is also a role that Walt has repeated five times. He has sung in every Lutheran Hymn Festival at the Meyerson!

Walt first sang with his Junior and Senior High choirs in his native state of North Dakota. It was while he was a cadet at the Naval Aviation Academy in Pensacola, Florida, that his singing and professional careers 'took off'. He credits his success in singing to another strong bass who stood behind him and sang all the right notes. His success and safety in flight school and as a fighter pilot is a gift from a gracious and protective Heavenly Father. In 4 years of active service and 28 and half years with the reserves, Walt states that he never was in danger while flying.

When asked what he would tell someone thinking of singing in the Hymn Festival, Walt said, "Join up. It's alot of fun. And you get to meet some fine people, some fellow Lutherans." Walt and his lovely wife, Diane, both holders of perfect attendance records, will be some of those fine people, those fellow Lutherans, that you can meet on September 23rd. Join up, you'all!

Order your tickets on-line anytime at www.lutheranhymnfestival.org

Purchase 10 or more tickets and save \$2.00 per ticket! Get your tickets early.

You can also download bulletin inserts, a publicity article and a poster from the website.

Listen to selections from the 2004 Lutheran Hymn Festival.

Thoughts for the Journey - Church Smiles

Sayings to Remember about God and Life

1. If you feel far away from God, guess who moved?
2. Fear knocked. Faith answered. No one was there.
3. I am God's melody of life and He sings His song through me.
4. No matter what is happening in your life, know that God is waiting for you with open arms.
5. God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
6. Do your best and then sleep in peace. God is awake.
7. God has a purpose and plan for me that no one else can fulfill.
8. The will of God will never take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.
9. We are responsible for the effort, not the outcome.
10. We set the sail; God makes the wind.
11. Begin to weave and God will give you the thread.
12. Sometimes when God says "no", it's because He has something better in store for you.
13. The task ahead of us is never as great as the power behind us.
14. Prayer: don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty.
15. Serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace amid the storm.
16. How come you're always running around looking for God? He's not lost.

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." - Jeremiah 29:13...

Update from Tom and Mary Holman, August 2007

This afternoon we flew back to Ghana from Lagos, Nigeria -- one of the largest cities in the world! This was not where we had expected to be at the end of our time in Nigeria, but we had to stay two nights there to collect our passports and Nigerian visas. It took a whole day, going from one office to the next, but everyone was friendly and helpful.

There were seventeen of us on staff for the translation workshop, squeezed into six bedrooms, but we got along amazingly well and grew quite close. It was special to see how God used each of us in our different roles.

The participants from the twelve language groups there were so appreciative of our efforts, and I really enjoyed working with the three men from the Waja Translation Team, to which I was reassigned at this workshop.

I taught several sessions on how to translate figures of speech in the Bible. The Waja team collected some idioms using parts of the body -- "Ya bo twiyau" is literally translated "He has no hole in his ear," and it means "He is not obedient" -- makes sense, doesn't it? Another one, which is similar to English, is "Dwi gicineng", literally "Head is hard", meaning "He is stubborn."

There were several times while we were in Nigeria that we really sensed that we were covered by your prayers. We thank God for you! As the Nigerians say, "Well done!"

Many thanks for your prayers!

With love in Christ, Mary (and/for Tom)

News Briefing

Congregational Newsletter Insert – Please forward to all interested persons – September 2007

A DiscipleLife Synod: Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Synod, ELCA *Sowing and Growing Disciples of Jesus*

Actions of the "CWA"

The ELCA's **Churchwide Assembly (CWA)** met at the Navy Pier in Chicago on August 6-11 and began its work by re-electing Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson to a second term, thereby affirming his strong and visionary leadership for the past six years. With the retirement of the ELCA's only Secretary (the Rev. Lowell Almen), the assembly elected a layman, Seattle attorney David D. Swartling, 60, to the Office of Secretary for a six year term. Gathering daily for worship and Bible study, the Voting Members were empowered to deliberate a number of other issues: adopting a Social Statement on Education, endorsing the study *Book of Faith: Lutherans Read the Bible*, calling for a Social Statement on Criminal Justice by 2013, asking for a strategy for responding to HIV and AIDS, urging congregations to reach \$25 million in annual giving to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, opposing any escalation of the War in Iraq and calling for efforts to achieve peace in that region, and calling for a recommitment to the strategy for peace in Israel and Palestine. In the discussions related to the ELCA's policies on gays and lesbians in faithful, chaste and committed same-gender relationships, the CWA declined to adopt any changes in current policy (which precludes their service as rostered leaders), but urged restraint in how discipline is enforced while the ELCA concludes its current discussions on the next Statement on Human Sexuality. Bishop Hanson, speaking to the CWA following the adoption of the resolution to show restraint, said, "These are words of counsel. They are not words that change the standards of the church." The CWA meets every two years and sets the policy and direction for the life and ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

"The NT-NL Synod will Sow Disciples of Jesus by Giving Public Witness to Peace and Justice." (Synod Assembly, 2007)

This is the third of six goals adopted by the synod assembly for the coming five years. With wars and rumors of war all around us, not to mention the endless list of ways in which injustice is perpetrated on those who are powerless, voiceless and forgotten, it is the church's privilege to do as Christ did to aid those in need and advocate for them. We will do this by supporting the ELCA's World Hunger Appeal, studying social issues for action, and helping congregations as public witnesses. Support our *DiscipleLife* efforts; info contact www.NTNL.org/gmcmenu.asp.

Alternatives for Simple Living

Tony Campolo, Peter Marty (from *Grace Matters*) and Minnesota State Senator John Marty join many others in writing about creative, fun and responsible ways to celebrate Christmas apart from the commercialization of the season. A booklet, *Whose Birthday Is It Anyway*, is available from Alternatives at bulk rates. Info contact 800.821.6153; www.SimpleLiving.org; Alternatives@SimpleLiving.org.

The Little Lutheran

It's a magazine for toddlers produced by *The Lutheran* magazine – something you can read to your child, grandchild or godchild to fill them with visions of faith and life. There are 10 issues per year. Go to www.TheLittleLutheran.org, subscriptions@augsborgfortress.org, or 800.328.4648.

FYI...

September Emphasis: Texas Lutheran University

❖ The third annual **Seeds That Change Dinner/Fund Raiser** in support of the synod's Mission Endowment Fund takes place Sunday, Oct. 21 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Richland Hills. It's a festive evening of dinner, entertainment and program, including a silent and live auction. Info contact Hattie.Hammer@att.net.

❖ **SeniorFest 2007:** The National Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA) invites all seniors, 50 and over, to gather at King of Glory Lutheran Church, Dallas, on Saturday October 27 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for SeniorFest 2007. The conference features speakers and workshops on *Hope, Health, and Wholeness*. Registration information will be available soon.

❖ Our synod's **Lutheran Men in Mission** plans to engage in clean up projects at Briarwood on Sept. 29 and Dec. 29. They also plan to sponsor a retreat for Feb. 1-2 at Briarwood. The LLM president is Tom Ness (Thomas.Ness@gmail.com).

❖ The Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas is the site of the seventh annual **Lutheran Hymn Festival**, featuring Mr. Robert Hobby (Fort Wayne, IN) as guest organist, a mass choir from area congregations, and the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas. The theme for the September 23 event is *Holy God We Praise Your Name*. Info contact www.LutheranHymnFestival.org; 817.530.2500.

September 2007 – Worship Assistants

*If you cannot fulfill this appointment, please arrange for a substitute and then notify the church office.
Bulletin is printed on Wednesday.*

	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30
Usher	John & Pat Johnston	Dennis & Sandy Roiger	Marty Hill & Jerry Kersten	Phil Ward & Greg Lain	Ral & Barbara Aars
Lector	Jonathan Metting	Ral Aars	Jack Bartlett	Anita Hicoock	Jim Gallatin
Communion Assistant	Ral Aars	Jim Gallatin	Bill Strickland	Laura Blackburn	Marty Hill
Cantor	Jerry Palermo	Anita Hicoock	Jonathan Metting	Valerie Kelley	Greg Lain
Coffer Server	Carol Dietz	Sandy Roiger	Barbara Aars	Azella Dykman	Judy Rosebroch
Altar Guild	----- Sue Polinski and Belen Eck -----				

What does it look like to be 100 years old?

If you're Lutheran Campus Ministry, it looks pretty good! Come test your wits against the youngsters! Join us for our Centennial Celebration on Sunday, November 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Dallas.

There's a silent auction, table décor competition, and LCM Trivia Challenge. Start gathering your team of eight and get ready for fun! Proceeds benefit Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, a vital outreach to young adults. Registration is due October 21st. For more information, contact Pastor Celene Welch at 817/269-1229 or PastorCWelch@msn.com.

Many Thanks to Keith Clique

Without Keith's leadership vacation Bible school otherwise known as Avalanche Ranch would not have gotten off the ground or taken place without him. Thank you Keith for everything.

New Email Address for the Skeels

Chuck and Carolyn Skeels have a new email address. Their new email is tigerkitty25@sbcglobal.net.

Marty Hill returns to Seminary

Members of New Life in Christ,

As I write this, I am on the eve of beginning my second year of seminary at the Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest, where I will now be considered in seminary speak as a "Middler". I have just finished my second year summer requirement of Greek that I took at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Ft. Worth. This was probably the most taxing and grueling class that I have ever taken in my life. What it amounted to was one full year of Greek crammed into six weeks. The class was actually entitled "Turbo Greek", and believe me, it lived up to the hype! They say that memory work and doing things such as crosswords keep the mind sharp, so I figure that with all the memorization I had to do for Greek, my brain should be good and honed for at least a couple of years, HA! However, it was good to move back home for the summer and be with my family for an extended period. I am extremely blessed by both my children and Jennifer, who keeps plugging away at work to keep the family afloat financially. My parents, who live in Waxahachie, also help out enormously through child-sitting. As for my studies in the upcoming year, the main course I will begin is "Exegesis for Homelitics". That is the fifty-cent graduate level wording for "Interpretation for Preaching". This is the reasoning for taking Greek this summer, as to prepare you to take the text to its original form and work from there. This means that I will begin preaching in chapel this year. At L.S.P.S. we have a very small student body, (my Middler class consists of 3 people, with the Junior and Senior classes having about 8 students) therefore, I will be preaching quite a few sermons before I graduate. The Episcopalians on campus only have to preach one sermon, which is called their "Senior Sermon", due to their having 20-30 students in each class. One of the main advantages of going to the smallest E.L.C.A seminary is that we get a lot of practice in chapel and are thus a lot more experienced when we enter into the rostered ministry. I do not want to confuse you about the status of L.S.P.S., it is not actually a seminary on it's own, but rather a satellite program of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. Many of you may have heard of Wartburg, because our own Pastor Bill is an alumni there! Before I end, I want to send out a heartfelt thank you to all of my church family for the prayers and support I receive from you all. This journey has challenged me in ways that could not be withstood on my own. I truly feel surrounded by your love and God's guidance as I go along! One specific area of prayer that I request from you is in the area of my internship. After the completion of my Middler year, I will go on a year long internship at a church to be determined. With the emphasis on Spanish in my seminary, I will be required to intern at a church that not only has an English speaking service, but a Spanish one as well. This placement process will begin in October of this year. You are told up front that you can be sent anywhere in the United States that they choose. However, there are some churches in the D/FW area that have Spanish speaking services. I really hope that I can serve at one of these churches in the area so that I would not have to pack up and leave my family for a year. The placement people at Wartburg say that they take family considerations to heart, which I hope that they do. So, calling all prayer warriors, please keep my internship in your prayers, that I might be placed in one of the churches here in D/FW. Finally, I will hand out a list during the fundraiser for e-mail addresses for anyone who would like to receive a frequent update of my thoughts and meanderings during my seminary life. A big butterfly of thanks to all of you!

In Christ,
Marty Hill

Thank you

Bob and I would like to thank our friends and family at New Life in Christ for all the cards, food, phone calls and visits during Marian's surgery and recovery. Thank you again for your loving support.

Bob and Marian Holcomb

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend

A Weekend Of Discovery... ... A Life Time Of Love!

Oct 19-21, 2007

(Tentative future Weekends: Spring 2008)

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends are for husbands & wives who are in love and want to make that love even stronger. The Weekend is an opportunity for husbands & wives to get away from the every day hassles. It is a time to focus on their lives together. The Weekend improves communication between husbands and wives. Three Lutheran lay couples and a Lutheran clergy couple lead the Weekend. They help the husbands & wives become more sensitive to the needs of each other. The Weekend is a rich experience that touches those married 5 years or long enough to be grandparents. It is a very private experience. Husbands & wives practice the communication skills in the privacy of their own rooms. The Weekend is not group oriented. There are no group discussions. It is for any couple that is in love and wants to continue living together in the vows they made on their wedding day.

Marriage Encounter is the world's largest pro-marriage organization. Over 2 million couples have attended weekends in over 65 countries. Over 80,000 couples have attended Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends. Over 2000 Lutheran clergy couples have attended.

The Weekend is not just an educational event. Couples will hear about the life experiences of the couples leading the weekend. After each presentation couples will reflect on how the topic has been part of their lives. After individual reflection, couples return to the privacy of their hotel rooms to communicate together. What makes the weekend a powerful experience is the openness of the presentations and the universality of the topics. This environment encourages couples to be lovingly open with each other. During the course of the weekend the husbands & wives practice using techniques for individual reflection and couple communications. Because there are no group discussions, each couple starts communicating at the level they are currently comfortable and works to become more open. The weekend is a very personal and private experience.

The Weekend begins on Friday at 7:30 pm and ends on Sunday evening at about 5 pm. The application fee is \$45. During the Weekend there is an opportunity to make an anonymous contribution to cover the Weekend expenses. Applications after 30 days prior to the weekend are as space is available. For more information talk to Pastor, call Herb & Betty Doller (972-780-0920, HerbDoller@sbcglobal.net, info@LME-dfw.org) or Allen & Jeannine Gray (817-246-9560). To apply call Chris & Roger William (972-530-1218), Application@lme-dfw.org. More info at: <http://www.LME-dfw.org>. Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend There is now a link to an LME Informational Video. Could you please include it in your announcements about our DFW upcoming weekend! http://in.lcms.org/About_us/Invitation.wmv

CHINESE IMPORTS MAY BE TOXIC! ARE ATHLETES USING STEROIDS? ILLEGAL BETTING BY OFFICIALS. DANGEROUS BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES! FLOODING! RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURES! GLOBAL WARMING?

You've read the headlines and heard the reports on TV. Now is the time to **revive your soul** and **forget about the troubles** of the while you are building up the body of Christ and enriching our congregation's worship by joining with others to **make a joyful sound** unto the Lord.

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 5th at 7 PM**. I look forward to seeing you then.
Barbara Palermo

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New Life In Christ Lutheran Church -Office Information

Office Hours

Pastor Bill Metting Tuesday thru Friday, normal hours from 8:30 am until 12:00 (noon).

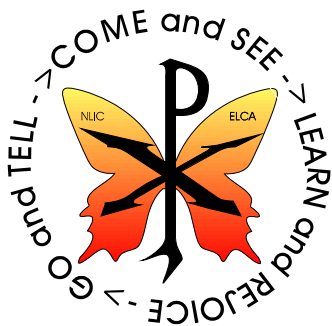
Procedures and Deadlines

- Notifications:** Pastor Bill will send out notifications to Worship assistants on a monthly basis and then each week on Tuesday will either mail or email the list of Worship assistants to volunteers. If changes are to be made to the schedule, please notify the office by noon on Wednesday.
- Bulletin:** Pastor Bill will do the bulletin on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday he finalizes the bulletin by 10:00 and runs the bulletin so that it can be folded on Friday.
Please be aware of our schedules and deadlines.
- Newsletter:** Articles are due in the church office the third Sunday of every month. Articles may be e-mailed to nlic_editor@sbcglobal.net or hard copies placed on the secretary's desk. Betty Doller our new newsletter editor will put the publication together the last week so that our volunteer staff can put the newsletter together and have it ready to be picked up that last Sunday of the month.

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9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion