

The Witness

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Visuals in Worship

On Sunday April 20th New Life in Christ congregation participated in a discussion and an evaluation of "visuals in worship." The following are the results of the evaluations. This report will also be presented to the church council in order to help them make decisions about what NLIC will do concerning evaluations. While 57 evaluations were filled out not all participants answered all questions, therefore I will provide you with the number of answers on each question and the average of the answers as well as how many people voted (1-no) and how many voted (6-yes).

- 1. Do you think that the visuals that we have used in worship have added a dimension to our worship?**
56 people voted on this question with an average of 5.20 - (3 people voted "No" and 34 people voted "yes".)
- 2. Has the addition of visuals in the form of both pictures and text been helpful to you in grasping some thoughts that you may not have been understood without their use?**
56 people voted on this question with an average of 4.71 - (5 people voted "No" and 28 people voted "yes".)
- 3. Even when you could not hear all of the words has the use of visuals helped you to understand the focus of the text and worship?**
56 people voted on this question with an average of 5.00 - (4 people voted "No" and 31 people voted "yes".)
- 4. Have the visuals adequately reflected the mood and message in worship?**
56 people voted on this question with an average of 5.09 - (3 people voted "No" and 31 people voted "yes".)
- 5. Have the visuals given you some new insights into a passage or our worship?**
56 people voted on this question with an average of 4.87 - (3 people voted "No" and 27 people voted "yes".)
- 6. Do the visuals enrich the communication that takes place during worship?**
55 people voted on this question with an average of 5.06 - (3 people voted "No" and 32 people voted "yes".)
- 7. Has the use of visuals helped you to remember beyond Sunday worship some of the biblical messages and feelings that were shared as part of our worship ?**
55 people voted on this question with an average of 4.74 - (4 people voted "No" and 26 people voted "yes".)
- 8. Has the location of the screen and projector been acceptable?**
55 people voted on this question with an average of 3.17 - (11 people voted "No" and 6 people voted "yes".)
- 9. Over the past twelve weeks have you found the visuals in worship to be beneficial?**
55 people voted on this question with an average of 4.98 - (2 people voted "No" and 29 people voted "yes".)
- 10. In your opinion should we continue the use the visuals in worship every Sunday?**
55 people voted on this question with an average of 5.00 - (4 people voted "No" and 33 people voted "yes".)
- 11. In your opinion should we continue to use the visuals in worship on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays?**
57 people voted on this question with an average of 3.94 - (14 people voted "No" and 21 people voted "yes".)
11 of the people who voted "no" answered question number 10 with a #6.
- 12. In your opinion should we terminate the use of visuals in worship?**
52 people voted on this question with an average of 1.58 - (39 people voted "No" and 2 people voted "yes".)
1 of the 2 people who voted "yes" to end the use of visuals answered question 10 or 11 with a number 6.

Other comments:

- Make sure the people on the right have a good view.
- We need to make it professional looking. It will cost money to do.
- Did not like the selection of the visuals during lent - the devils.

Celebrating with our Members

May Birthdays

Marion Teske 5/1
Amy Beran 5/3
Leah Hedgepeth 5/5
Maudine Ruebman 5/5
Dylan Williams 5/8
Heather Kimbro 5/10
Judy Strickland 5/10
Dan Dykman 5/13
Gene Carr 5/16
Dana Alexander 5/17
Carleen Nolte 5/20
Jack Bartlett 5/23
Jim Gallatin 5/23
Ivory Haynes 5/24
Andrew Dykman 5/27
Marty Hill 5/30

May Baptisms

Carolyn Carr 5/1
Rocky Wing 5/1
Velma Lingo 5/3
Peyton Smith 5/6
Maudine Ruebman 5/8
Anna Scott 5/11
Amy Beran 5/18
Bob Green 5/18
Andrew Dykman 5/26

May Anniversaries

Daniel & Marcia Mitchell 5/18
Terry & Rocky Wing 5/23
Dan & Azella Dykman 5/24
Rob & Valerie Kelley 5/24

Youth News

**Graduation recognition will take place on May 18. Please notify any Youth & Education committee member if you have a high school or college graduate for the spring of 2008.

** Vacation Bible School is coming up! This year's dates are June 22-26. Our theme is "Power Lab—Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power". More information coming from Director Clique.

**Youth & Education will have an all-youth outing on May 4 after the potluck meal. We will be going to the wooden park called Kidsville in Duncanville . Come join us!

**We would like to give Azella Dykman a special thank you for working with us this year as our liaison to church council. We have really enjoyed her expertise and guidance.

"Thinking Beyond EXEMPLARY!!"

Parish Life

Parish Life Committee is looking for a few good members who are enthusiastic, creative, and willing to tackle a fun filled schedule. Please call Pat Rhody-Gallatin at 972-296-2442 or Patrice Pruitt-Story at 972-816-0655 if you are interested in helping out. Thanks.

Imagine...

- ...a child hearing about God's love for the first time.
- ...kids worshipping in powerful ways.
- ...children praying for each other.
- ...adults and teens modeling Jesus' love to children.
- ...the kids in our church sharing Christ with children around the world.
- ...children serving each other.

This summer, we will be transforming our church into a bubbling science lab. Be a part of our Vacation Bible school coming to New Life in Christ on June 22, 2008 – June 26, 2008. It's our goal to reach 40 kids with this program! That's 40 kids who will grow in their relationship with God. We're praying this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with God's love. Help kids in our community discover that Jesus gives us the power to be thankful, help others, be brave, live forever, and tell others about God.

To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers who can give some time, energy, and love to the kids who will attend. So let me share a few ideas about ways you might be able to make this program a success. Please check out the following list, then pray about where God might use you.

Station Leaders: Use easy-to-follow leader manuals and prepare one 20-minute session each day. Repeat that session, as you lead up to 20 children in...worship, crafts and missions, games, hands-on Bible discovery, daily closing show, Power point drama. Nursery attendants are also needed.

Lab Crew Leaders: Shepherd a group of 10 elementary children through each day's activities...and there's no preparation!

Still don't see something that interests you? We'd also love to have a...registration team, decorating team, photographer, publicity coordinator, and supply coordinator.

Guess what? There are also a few spots for anyone who's dramatically inclined! Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we've got a place for you!

As we plan and prepare for Power Lab, our team would cherish your prayers. Pray that God would give us wisdom in planning. Pray that God would begin working in the hearts of the children who will come to Power Lab and please prayerfully consider taking a role in Power Lab VBS. Feel free to contact me by e-mail, phone, or in person if you have any questions. For more information about our Power Lab, visit www.nlicvbs.info

Keith Clicque
VBS Director

A Must Read...

It will make you think about your life as it is today and what it can be tomorrow.
<http://video.stumbleupon.com/?s=ithct48cq&i=ufcchmyxsuj9vwsemax>

Thoughts for the Journey - The Perfect Prayer

Heavenly Father, Help us remember that *the jerk who cut us off in traffic last night* is a single mother who worked nine hours that day and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, do the laundry and spend a few precious moments with her children.

Help us to remember that the pierced, tattooed, disinterested young man who can't make change correctly is a worried 19-year-old college student, balancing his apprehension over final exams with his fear of not getting his student loans for next semester.

Remind us, Lord, that the scary looking bum, begging for money in the same spot every day (who really ought to get a job!) is a slave to addictions that we can only imagine in our worst nightmares.

Help us to remember that the old couple walking annoyingly slow through the store aisles and blocking our shopping progress are savoring this moment, knowing that, based on the biopsy report she got back last week, this will be the last year that they go shopping together.

Heavenly Father, remind us each day that, of all the gifts you give us, the greatest gift is love. It is not enough to share that love with those we hold dear. *Open our hearts not to just those who are close to us, but to all humanity.*

Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love.

May 2008 - Worship Assistants

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

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Usher	Askelson Family	Greg Lain Betty Doller	Johnston Family	Phil Ward Bill Strickland
Greeter	----- Marty Hill Family -----			
Lector	Valerie Kelley	Jerry Kersten	Jonica Knight	Ellen Ward
Cantor	Greg Lain	Jonathan Metting	Barbara Aars	Belen Eck
Communion Assistant	Pat Johnston	Greg Lain	Jack Bartlett	Laura Blackburn
Acolyte				
Coffer Server	Laura Blackburn	Lucile Robbins	Valerie Kelley	Mayra Espinoza
Altar Guild	----- Barbara Aars and Belen Eck -----			

FYI - Heart Attacks and drinking Warm Water

Reference Unknown

This is a very good article. Not only about the warm water after your meal, but about heart attacks. The Chinese and Japanese drink hot tea with their meals, not cold water, maybe it is time we adopt their drinking habit while eating.

For those who like to drink cold water, this article is applicable to you. It is nice to have a cup of cold drink after a meal. However, the cold water will solidify the oily stuff that you have just consumed. It will slow down the digestion. Once this 'sludge' reacts with the acid, it will break down and be absorbed by the intestine faster than the solid food. It will line the intestine. Very soon, this will turn into fats and lead to cancer. It is best to drink hot soup or warm water after a meal.

A serious note about heart attacks - You should know that not every heart attack symptom is going to be the left arm hurting. Be aware of intense pain in the jaw line.

You may never have the first chest pain during the course of a heart attack. Nausea and intense sweating are also common symptoms. 60% of people who have a heart attack while they are asleep do not wake up. Pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep. Let's be careful and be aware. The more we know, the better chance we could survive.

A cardiologist says if everyone who reads this message sends it to 10 people, you can be sure that we'll save at least one life. Read this & Send to a friend. It could save a life. So, please be a true friend and send this article to all your friends you care about.

God's work. Our hands.

Your savings can grow the church!

Yes, it really can. The money you are investing for future needs can grow Christ's church while it grows for you through the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. With your invested funds, MIF makes loans to ELCA congregations for capital building projects such as renovations and additions, and land purchases. Check out MIF's two special interest rates this month, each with a minimum investment of \$100.

For more info and current rates, go to www.MissionInvestmentFund.org or contact Pastor Carol Spencer at 817.927.3239 or Carol.Spencer@elca.org -- or call the Fund directly at 877.886.3522.

Update from Tom and Mary Holman, April 2008

Thank you for praying for Mary. Even though her computer screen died last week, she was able to finish her preparations for checking the Gospel of Mark with the Kaakye language project team. She feels that the team has done a good job on their first attempt at translating the scriptures, and she is looking forward to a mutually-encouraging visit to the project location during the last week of May to go over the first five chapters with them. Meanwhile, the computer department has given her a loaner laptop computer. Pray that we'll get it up and running for her so that she'll make friends with it quickly.

As Mary said last month, translation consulting is the part of our ministry we like best. This month I thought I'd share with you the best of the part we like least: administration.

Working with people like Mark Dundaa is one of the most satisfying things we do in administration. Mark is a university graduate who felt called to Bible translation. After receiving training from GILLBT, he now heads up the Kaakye language project team, consisting of four Kaakye speakers and two Russian women. Mark, his wife and three children live in one of the more remote parts of Ghana where a well-known fetish shrine exerts great influence on the lives of the Kaakye people and many other Ghanaians.

Last week, while Mary was finishing her preparations to work with Mark and his team on translation, Mark was in my office to discuss a more mundane but necessary part of his project: budgets. The Kaakye project receives funding from Wycliffe USA, and Mark is responsible for administering those funds and sending reports to the donors. From our discussions I could see that Mark is doing a good job of staying within his current budget and has made realistic plans and budget for the next year which begins in October. My task was a pleasant one: to affirm Mark in his management of the project and to pray for him and his team. Join me in praying that Mark and the Kaakye team would have adequate resources of prayer as well as funds to minister effectively in a challenging situation.

Organizing workshops to train translators is another aspect of our administrative responsibilities. Over the past several months Mary and I have been making arrangements for an Introductory Course in Translation Principles to be held May 5-24. This course gives people like Mark and his team of translators the basic skills to begin translation. Twelve prospective translators from six language groups are expected. Pray that nothing will prevent these participants from coming away from the workshop eager and ready to begin translation.

In Christ,

Tom

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THIS SAYS IT ALL:

Time passes
Life happens.
Distance separates.
Children grow up.
Jobs come and go.
Love waxes and wanes.
Men don't do what they're supposed to do .
Hearts break.
Parents die.
Colleagues forget favors.
Careers end.
BUT.....

Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach.

When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end.

Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you...Or come in and carry you out.

Girlfriends, daughters, granddaughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law, Mothers, Grandmothers, aunts, nieces, cousins, and extended family, all bless our life!

The world wouldn't be the same without women, and neither would I. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other.

Every day, we need each other still. Pass this on to all the women who help make your life meaningful. I just did. Short and very sweet:

There are more than twenty angels in this world.
Ten are peacefully sleeping on clouds. Nine are playing. And one is reading her email at this moment.

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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).
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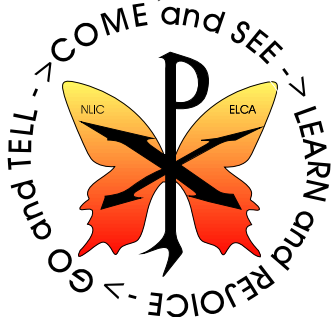
Procedures and Deadlines

- Notifications:** Pat Blankenship 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 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday.
- Bulletin:** Pat Blankenship will do the bulletin on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday she 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 is our 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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May 2008

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion