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San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project Newsletter

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## IF YOU CAN SPEAK CANTONESE, YOU CAN PROVIDE A VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE LORD IN OUTREACH AT OUR GRACE FOOD PANTRY!

The new Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church has now been serving over 100 families every Saturday morning, and the original food pantry at Shepherd of the Hills distributes food to 45 to 50 families at the same time each week. While we cannot ask client families to attend worship services as a condition for food distribution, and we cannot use overt evangelism programs, we can talk with our clients and let them know how Christ is the center and support of our own lives. Most of the families served at Grace are Cantonese-speaking. While we have had a good core of volunteers for both Saturday distributions, **we need Cantonese-speaking volunteers** at the Grace Food Pantry to assist these client families with food selections and to answer their questions about how we can help their families in many other ways.

## WE NEED HELP ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS AT OUR FOOD PANTRIES – CAN YOU LIFT A BAG OF POTATOES?

**We particularly need volunteers for our Friday Delivery Acceptance teams at both Grace and SOTH.** These teams wait for the Food Bank delivery truck between noon-time and 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, unload the pallets of food when they arrive, and stock the food and produce to the tables in the distribution room so it is all ready for our distribution on Saturday. **Our weekly shoppers also need help to move the carts around with food once a week at the S.F. Food Bank – so if you like shopping and have a couple of hours on Wednesday or Thursday morning, please let us know.**

And the shopping does cost the Nehemiah Project money each week. The San Francisco Food Bank gives us plenty of free fresh produce every week, but they sell us the food at \$.18 per pound of dry food (cans, cereal boxes, whatever) and \$.04 per pound for bread. Thus the Nehemiah Project spends about \$80 to \$90 of food per week for each pantry. So if you want to make a special offering to the Nehemiah project to help us buy food, we would appreciate that very much.

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Please let your congregational representative know that you would like to join a food pantry team or donate to buy food. Your representatives are:

Bethel Lutheran Church – Beverly Lipscomb or Frank Moser

Grace Lutheran Church – Mildred Furness or Norma Byrd

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church – Karl Randolph

Hope Lutheran Church – Anne Dulik

New Life Lutheran Church – Susan Yee

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church – Jerry Haney or Mel Schenck

West Portal Lutheran – Karen Jacob

Zion Lutheran Church – Tina Haner or Pastor Zimmerman

-- Mel Schenck

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## **Music To The Lord's Ears**

Are there any budding (or blooming) musicians out there floating around our sister churches that would like to play in a church band? We at Bethel and Grace Ministries are playing some wonderful contemporary Christian music in hopes that some new people in the neighborhood will be caught up and drawn to Christ, through us. However, we really do need some more musicians to fill in: drummers, guitarists, keyboardists, whatever-you-play-that-will-add-to-the-mix.

And singers...are you a frustrated soprano/alto/baritone that wants to express his/her love for Christ through song? We'd be happy to let you express that devotion with us. We love our Lord Jesus. And we know that, in order to reach today's new and changing society, we need to touch them with the music they know and love...but with words of adoration for our Lord.

If this touches something in you, please call us. Start with 415-587-7387, asking for Verna Moser. (Leave a message on her answering machine if no live voice answers.) If you don't reach her, just contact either Grace or Bethel churches. Your message will reach us...and we will reach you back.

We're standing by!

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It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by."

"Wouldn't you know it," the boy fumed. "The one Sunday I don't go, He shows up!"

## LET THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT KNOW HOW YOU CAN SERVE THE LORD IN MISSIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICES

The Nehemiah Project continues its ongoing social services projects to collect coats and blankets for distribution to those in need. Pull out your old coats and blankets (ideally reasonably clean) and bring them to your congregations. The Nehemiah Project will collect these items throughout the year and distribute them to homeless families at St. Anthony's.

Tina Haner of Zion Lutheran continues to head up our project touching the lives of homeless people through the distribution of personal care items. By now, all congregations should have a collection center for such items as tooth paste, tooth brushes, shaving items, etc.

And our two food pantries continue each Saturday to serve our neighborhoods.

The Nehemiah Project is now considering social services projects that directly provide evangelism opportunities. Let your congregational Nehemiah Project representatives know if you have spiritual gifts that will enable the Nehemiah Project to begin new projects, such as

- 1 "Conversation Partners" to help non-native English speakers to help practice their English language skills (and make new friends at the same time, with the possibility of bringing them to Christ through your conversations)
- 1 Computer training classes
- 1 Music classes

And we continue to have a goal to begin prayer groups or small-group ministries in the Financial District of San Francisco.

**BUT ALL OF THESE INTERESTING PROJECTS NEED YOUR HELP!**

Through your response, we can gauge what is possible at this time and which projects should go first. Let us know what you think, and bring new ideas for projects.

Our purpose is to bring Lutherans together in the City to fulfill our mission of **"Congregations doing the work of the Lord together, building urban ministry."**

Please let your congregational representative know that you would like to join the Nehemiah Project in support of these mission outreaches. Your representatives are:

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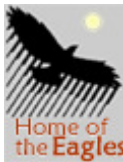
## Lutheran Schools A Great Place To Grow

"...grow up into Him ... Christ." Ephesians 4:15

### Hope Lutheran Church and School

55 San Fernando Way,  
Daly City, CA  
Phone: 650-991-HOPE (4673)  
Fax: 650-991-9723

Now enrolling  
Kindergarten  
through 6th grade  
for Fall 2005.  
Call office for details.



### West Portal Lutheran Church and School

200 Sloat Blvd,  
San Francisco, CA 94132  
Phone: 415-665-6330  
Fax: 415-661-8402

Now enrolling  
Kindergarten  
through 8th grade  
for Fall 2005.  
Call office for details.



### Zion Lutheran Church and School

495 - 9th Ave,  
San Francisco, CA  
Phone: 415-221-7500  
Fax: 221-7141

Now enrolling  
Kindergarten  
through 8th grade  
for Fall 2005.  
Call office for details.



## National Lutheran Schools Week

"Lutheran Schools: A Great Place to Grow"  
"Growing in Christ."

March 6-12, 2005.

The two Scripture references for the theme are, **1 Corinthians 3:16**  
Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

and **Ephesians 4:15, 16**

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

The sub-theme is based on **Ephesians 4:12, 13**  
to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

## Bethel & Grace Lutheran Ministries

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Pastor Terry Chan  
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### The Place To Be

It has really been exciting to be a part of the development of this new ministry. The worship services are very uplifting. Pastor's sermons and the music have built a Gospel and joy filled celebration of Christ. The attendance at our services is beginning to grow and more people are coming early for worship to join in the pre-service praise music. Since joining together last August we have received five new members.

The music program consists of organ and piano, the Praise Band, and choir. We have had special flute pieces, singing duets and a full praise service, combined cantata with West Portal and a musical Sunday School Christmas program.

We continue to develop the programs and the mission part of our new venture. Last Sunday, we were blessed to welcome DCE Karen Jacob, she will be working part-time developing a ministry to the community children and doing some administrative assistant duties. Her first project is developing a neighborhood Easter Saturday event. We will be inviting the 500 children that attended our Halloween event and the 50 who attended our VBS. Karen will also help us develop a Summer Day Camp program and hopefully a youth ministry.

Carolyn Wilson-Koerschen has been contracted as a project manager for our pre-school. Since so much time has elapsed since we had the Genesis Study, she is again reviewing the demographic data to be sure a preschool is viable in the Grace area. If it is we are still praying for a September opening. There is a lot of intense work that must be done to achieve this time goal.

The food box continues at Grace, 80-100 families are served each week. This is also being looked at for the Bethel location. Before we do that we need volunteers to run it. We are hoping to develop some type of small group ministry or fellowship ministry.

One interesting mission idea is *conversation partners*. Since many of the members are fluent/native English speaking we can match up volunteers with those people who want to practice and improve their English speaking ability. It does not require any special skill or advance training, does not require cost for materials, and allows for meaningful relationships to develop. This program is being considered for both the Bethel and Grace locations.

Other programs we are looking at are computer classes, music academy and Chinese small groups.

Once a month, on the first Saturday, we have started prayer meetings. With all the plans, goals and programs this is a vital part of our lives and though prayer is not limited to once a month, this is a special time to gather together for prayer.

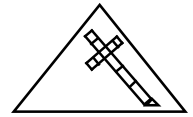
We are also developing a web site for our ministries. Check it out at:  
<http://www.geocities.com/bethellutheran@sbcglobal.net/>

And please, keep our ministry in your prayers.

# Hope Lutheran Church and School

55 San Fernando Way, Daly City (650) 991-4673

Pastor Daniel Woo



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Pastor/Education Director: Rev. Jeff Schufreider

Our elementary students are heading into March with excitement as National Lutheran Schools week approaches – March 6-12. The students have been busy with their studies and have enjoyed presentations from visitors to the campus including an assembly with Mr. Bubbleman. They also attend enrichment classes which include scrap-booking, literature, music, dance and fun with mathematics. Our Parent Teacher League and our Hope Lutheran Church Ministries are quite active in providing the necessary funding for computers, software, books, sports equipment, buses for field trips, and snacks. We will be sending out flyers, hanging posters and signs as well as participating in community events in order to spread the word about Hope Lutheran Elementary and Pre-Schools.

The Pre-School now has an enrollment of 30 children. The *Teddy Bear Tea and Advent Fair* on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, was able to raise the funds new pre-school materials and we thank God for all who supported this endeavor.

The annual Chinese New Year Celebration, February 13<sup>th</sup> was a success with over 100 people in attendance. We will be sending out information about our annual Gospel Night in the next few weeks. Our next event will be the Annual Spring Luncheon. This event will be held over two days April 23-24; we will be sending out flyers and bulletin inserts within the next few weeks.

***Please continue to pray for the teaching and resource staff of Hope Lutheran Ministries. Also, keep the growth of the schools in your prayers. We ask that you pray with us that we seize every opportunity to boldly proclaim the "Good News" to those who come to Hope Lutheran Church and Ministries.***

Hope Lutheran Church will hold Mid-week Lenten Worship Services on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; Maunday Thursday Worship Service at 7pm; Good Friday Worship Service at 7pm and Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Hope Lutheran offers many opportunities for fellowship through our schools—Pre-school\*, Elementary K-6\*, Extended Care, After School Tutorial, Chinese Language—Bible Studies, Youth Groups, sewing group, Mr. "Fix-it" group and Chinese Fellowship Groups.

\*Currently accepting applications for Pre-school and Elementary School.

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.? Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet; You've got no time to spare, But as you hurry and scurry- ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER In the midst of family chaos, "Quality time" is rare. Do your best; let God do the rest- ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER. It may seem like your worries Are more than you can bear. Slow down and take a breather- ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER God knows how stressful life is; He wants to ease our cares, And He'll respond to all your needs

A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

# Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR** - To all our friends in Lutheran land, we wish you “Kung Hay Sun Neng Fai Lok” as we celebrate the beginning of the “Year of the Rooster”. Members of several fellowships from our church passed out red envelopes containing gospel tracts and chocolate coins, to people they met on the sidewalk near our church, in celebration of the Chinese New Year.

**TSUNAMI RELIEF FUND** - We praise the Lord for our members' sacrificial giving that resulted in the collection of \$14,693.15 for this relief fund, together with \$2000 from our church council, a check totaling \$16,693.15 was sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Thrivent Financial will match, dollar for dollar up to \$2 million, individual gifts from Thrivent Financial members to LWR. Holy Spirit is a member of Thrivent Financial. We continue to remember in our prayers the vast number of victims in Southeast Asia.

**SPRING RETREAT** - Thirty-three young people attended the Peace Fellowship Spring retreat, with DCE Allan Tong, at Zion Lutheran Church in Piedmont, CA the weekend of January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We thank the Lord for a time of spiritual and personal reflection. The theme was “Evangelism Training: Live the Life” May God continue to guide them in bringing more people to know His love.

**TIJUANA MISSION TRIP** - Excitement is growing as DCE Allan Tong continues to prepare the 35 young people who are planning to make this mission trip this summer. We look forward to a full report upon their return, in the meantime we keep them in our prayers so that they may have a wonderful experience serving in a new culture.

**CALLING A NEW PASTOR** - We are thankful that the Lord has provided for us the guidance of Rev Ted Iverson, during this interim period. Our Church Council has appointed a Pastoral Call Committee to work with Pastor Iverson. We pray, in joyful anticipation, that the Lord will send a very special pastor to lead our unique congregation, with its many fellowships and various age groups, so our outreach to the Chinese community will expand, as we seek to fulfill our Lord's command.

In appreciation of the countless hours Pastor Iverson has spent with our congregation, during this interim time, the congregation presented him with a special plaque on which was written in Chinese, Pastor Iverson's favorite Bible verse and his new Chinese name in Chinese characters.

**Valentine's Day Celebration** - Chinese Couples Group hosted a Valentine's celebration on February 13<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon at our Extension church. Approximately 22 couples attended the celebration. Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Kwong were the special speakers. They are a certified Leader Couple For Marriage Enrichment Retreat of Chinese Family for Christ.

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect” 1 Peter 3:15

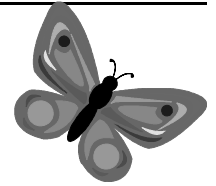
# New Life Chinese Lutheran Church

www.newlifechinese.org

395 Addison Street, San Francisco

(415) 586-6525

Pastor Chip



## A Time of More New Beginnings!

On Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Ed Krueger led New Life in an all day **Natural Church Development** meeting where 30 leaders/members of New Life examined and brain stormed how by the Spirit's guidance we might realize God's great mission plan as we enter 2005. The comments helped us to praise God for the blessings He has given us, and helped us to take a close look at areas in which we may grow.

On **Christmas** Eve New Life celebrated with a Candlelight Service geared for outreach. Before the service began, we first sang Christmas chorals at the intersection of Addison & Diamond Heights Blvd. Everyone enjoyed the witness of these "angels": "Not-yet-Christian" participants were noticeably touched by the sung Word; and because of seeing the church activity, a local "unchurched" Chinese family came to worship.

The meaning of **Christ's Birth** was brought home especially during Advent with an adult confirmation and during our best attended Christmas celebration on Christmas Day, when a child and an adult were "reborn" through baptism, and the adult also confirmed!

New Life's **Youth Fellowship & Hosanna Choir** (Small Group) have both increased to meeting every week. A **Mandarin** (Training) **Small Group** has also begun meeting once every two weeks.

## Praise Band and Basketball Small Groups

Through the Praise Band and Basketball small groups, New Life has actively sought out opportunities to participate in events of common interest with other local Lutheran churches. In January, the two distinctly gifted small groups (although several people participate in both) found the perfect opportunity during the Lutheran Brotherhood Basketball Tournament. The Praise Band provided music and led the singing and praise portions of the special worship service prior to the tournament with the help of Zion musicians. Members of Holy Spirit, Hope, New Life, and Zion all heard Pastor Zimmerman share a message reminding us that our spiritual lives also require training and preparation like our athletic endeavors.

During and after the tournament, players and members from the various churches shared in conversation and highlights from the game. Among the ideas heard and discussed:

- do something "like this" again with the other churches to further develop the friendships
- have a multi-congregation praise night targeted for the high school and college age
- do another tournament but this time with an emphasis on fund raising for a specific mission or missionary

We ask for your prayers make these ideas a reality. Please contact us if you have other ideas or just want to chat more about the possibilities.

## Please Pray For Us!

- 1) That God give our leaders & members hearts ablaze & His power to share the Good News of Jesus!
- 2) That God would guide New Life's outreach through our small group ministries & during Easter!

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Pastor Chip, [pastorchip@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorchip@sbcglobal.net)



## Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

395 Addison Street, San Francisco

(415) 586-3424

Pastor Chip Fox

Shepherd of the Hills members in collaboration with New Life members have been busy making repairs to two walls in our facilities, completing one window wall and a new exterior wall in an old office that will now be an office for Pastor Fox.

Our English language worship services are at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, with Pastor Fox leading us. Retired Deaconess Jackie Haug-Schulz is currently leading our 9:00 a.m. Bible Class in a study of the book by Romans.

-- Mel Schenck

## West Portal Lutheran Church and School

[www.westportallutheran.org](http://www.westportallutheran.org)

200 Sloat Blvd, San Francisco

(415) 661-0242

Pastor David Stechholz



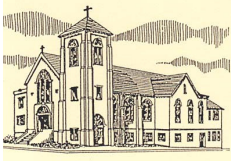
The month of March at West Portal Lutheran Church and School finds us continuing to observe the Lenten Season with midweek Lenten Services preceded by Congregational Dinners. Our Evangelism Committee and Youth Groups will be distributing door-hangers in our neighborhood inviting people to our Holy Week Services. In addition, our School 8<sup>th</sup> Graders have made posters inviting our neighbors to these Services as well. The posters will be distributed to businesses on Ocean and West Portal Avenues. We will begin Holy Saturday with a Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt and end with an Easter Vigil with Baptisms at 6:00PM that evening. We will celebrate Easter with Services at 8 and 11AM, and an Easter Breakfast in between the Services.

In April, we look forward to the visit of Tim Ewell, English District Parish Services Executive. Tim will be able to attend our new member welcome dinner on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and we'll invite him to be part of our School PTL Walk-a-thon on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>! He will also get a chance to see the newly painted halls, corridors and foyer of Haake and Janssen Halls, as well as the new siding on Janssen Hall.

April 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> is the date for the National Chinese Lutheran Ministry Conference which is being held this year—not in Houston or Toronto or Seattle or Boston—but right here in the Bay Area in Fremont! We encourage you to attend.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, while the CNH Pastors are MIA at their conference in Santa Rosa, West Portal will be having an Ascension Service at 7:30PM to which all are invited.

May is also the month for youth Confirmations with 19 young people being confirmed on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. This is the Memorial Day weekend, and we want to remind you that there are Memorial Day Observances at the Presidio and the Golden Gate National Cemetery. Let's take a moment to honor those who have served and given their lives for our nation.



## Zion Lutheran Church and School

[www.zionlutheranchurch.org](http://www.zionlutheranchurch.org)

495 - 9th Ave, SF

(415) 221-7500

Pastor Ted Zimmerman

### ZION INSTALLS TOM HURLEY AS PASTORAL DEACON

Zion took an important step forward in expanding its pastoral and outreach ministries by creating the office of Pastoral Deacon and appointing Mr. Tom Hurley to fill that office on a part-time, volunteer basis. His installation took place on Sunday, February 27, in the 11 a.m. service.

Tom Hurley, better known to many of us as “Mr. West Coast Church Supplies (no order too big or too small for me to drop off on my way home!)”, completed a series of biblical, confessional and practical courses to prepare him for certification by the President of the C-N-H District, Rev. Dr. Robert Newton, for “word and sacrament” ministry in the District under the supervision of a pastor. Of course, Tom will be serving in his home congregation under the supervision of Pastor Ted Zimmerman. As part of his responsibilities he will preach and design worship regularly for the congregation’s new contemporary service, “iPraise”. He will also preach occasionally for the other church services, officiate at communion in the absence of the Pastor, and assist the Pastor with sick and shut-in calls. He will also assist the Pastor and the Board of Elders in some of their ministry programs.

Please remember Tom as he assumes his responsibilities in March.

### ZION’S NEW CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IS REACHING THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART.

Several months ago Zion inaugurated a new contemporary worship service, “iPraise” on Sunday mornings, during the 9:30 a.m. hour. It’s target areas were the youth of the congregation, school, and community, the school parents, and “seekers”.

Leadership for the service is provided by the new pastoral deacon, Tom Hurley, but he is assisted by two very capable young adult musicians and technology wizards, Bobby Bardenhagen and Mark Lindow, and several other gifted assistants: Shelly Lindow, Julie Bardenhagen, Jennifer Louie, and Kevin Yamabe. The message style is interactive, the music cutting edge praise style, and a lot of attention is given to visual presentations.

Currently the service is held in the Fireside Room, since Canaan still occupies the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. However, the small intimate setting has worked well for the style of worship. Attendance is growing.

Please pray for this significant outreach ministry of Zion congregation.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE FOR ZION:

**Palm Sunday** – 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Includes Palm procession and Holy Communion at the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. First Communion for eight young people in the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Maundy Thursday** – Holy Communion service at 7:00 p.m. Service ends with the traditional stripping of the altar.

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## Zion Lutheran continued

**Good Friday** – School and Community Good Friday Service at 12 noon. Evening service at 7:00 p. m.

**Easter Sunday** – 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Festival service with special music by choir and instrumentalists. Holy Communion in both services. Easter Breakfast served between services.

### **ZION'S FIFTY-PLUS INVITES PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN THEM**

Zion's Fifty-Plus, Mature Adult Fellowship, invites people from the community to join them on the third Wednesdays of every month in the Parish Hall for food, fellowship, fun, and (I'm running out of alliterations) useful information for seniors. Some of the special guests of the past have been a 62 year-old tap dancer, Zion's own Physical Therapist (some read Physical Terrorist) Marty Rado- vich, a detective who focuses on scams aimed at seniors—and when nothing else is available, they get Pastor Ted to show some of his travel slides (oh, hum). Many of the regulars bring their friends and neighbors. Y'all come! All you have to be is—well, 50-something!

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### **Know Youth Who Would Consider a Church Work Career?** **Exploring Church Careers Event is for them!**

Concordia Seminary St. Louis is again hosting this great event to help encourage and inform our young people on the great benefits of church work. They will participate in Bible Study, worship, prayer and discussion. The event is limited to 80 participants, so a nomination process is re- quired. Adults from the congregation are encourage to nominate the youth, after discussing the nomination with them. Lodging and meals are provided free of charge. A \$50 registration fee is the only fee. Scholarships are available to assist with travel cost. The event is July 30-August 2, 2005.

Nominations will be accepted after March 1, 2005. The nominee must be in high school (9th-12th grade) in the 2005-2006 academic year. Churches were sent the nomination forms, which can be duplicated, or you can get them online at

<http://www.csl.edu/ECCE.htm>

There is also an Exploring the Pastoral Ministry event for high school young men August 2-5, 2005. This is a \$60 registration fee. The same nomination form is used.

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***Working for God on earth does not pay much,  
but His Retirement plan is out of this world.***

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## You are invited to join us for an Easter Cantata

West Portal and Bethel & Grace choirs will again be doing  
a wonderful cantata.

This year they will sing *God So Loved the World*  
on **April 10th** at Bethel and Grace Ministries  
located at Grace Lutheran Church at 10:30 am  
and on **April 17th** at West Portal Lutheran Church at 8:30 am.

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### 2005 Summer Servant Events

We are planning to try 2 Servant Event this summer, 2005, in order to get information and practice so we can send in an application by Sept. 1, 2005 to have a Synodically Sponsored Event in the Summer of 2006. Our Summer 2005 events will focus on San Francisco and invite youth groups from the Bay Area. There may be a possibility to grow into a Mission Trip to Mexico with these groups as well. SFLNP was going to be the sponsoring entity for these events. We can probably get some funding through Thrivent. We will be looking for other donations as well.

We are looking at the weekends of July 8-10, 2005 and August 5-7, 2005.

For July 8-10, we are hoping to make this a Join Hands Day (Thrivent sponsored event) and help our congregations or congregational members. We will do projects at the church properties or homes of members or neighbors. These projects will be decided on prior to the event.

The second event, August 5-7 will be a Homeless and Hungry theme. We will have the participants experience, in some degree, what it is like to be homeless and hungry and then go and help some who have to experience it every day. We can work with the Food Pantries, Food Bank, Soup Kitchens, and Organizations that try to combat homelessness.

If you are interested in participating, volunteering to help lead, or donating food or other items for these projects, please contact Karen Jacob, 650-583-6920.

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### Congregational Needs?

SFLNP wants to help your congregation with things you may need. What are some things your church may need help with? Volunteers for specific events, painting, repair work, cleaning or something else? We are looking for more projects and would like to put out a special edition of the Our Church paper just to present these needs to our other congregations. We want to help each other and find places for everyone to volunteer. Please give projects to your SFLNP representative, or contact us directly and let us know where you need help.

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