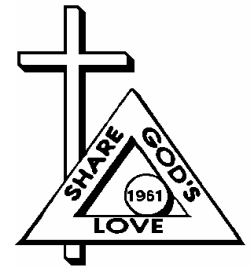


May  
2008

Pastor Scott Johnson



*Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

—John 14:6

This month marks the first time that our newsletter is moving to an electronic format. Some will still receive the newsletter via their mailboxes instead of by e-mail, either because they do not have e-mail, or it is just their preference. Currently, a new website for our church is under construction and in the future the newsletter will be posted there as well. In addition, not everyone gets the opportunity to make it to church on a regular basis, and there is a possibility that our new website might also contain audio sermons for people to listen to while away from church. With that thought in mind, I thought I would provide you with a sample excerpt from a sermon preached on the above verse on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

The above verse is a beautiful verse, but also one where people can become offended. This can be taken by some as proof positive that Christians have the corner on God, that people of any and all other faiths are condemned. What about Jews, or Muslims. Isn't it interesting that three of the largest religions all worship the same God...the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Laurie's sister even said, "Why do you bother believing in Jesus if you don't believe that he is the only way to heaven. Her response was, "There are many routes from Chicago to North Carolina, but I have my preferred route—they all get you there though!" You see folks, when it come to who goes to heaven and who doesn't, we don't make that call....That's God's call.

In Marcus Borg's book, "Reading the Bible Again for the first time, he states this: "I once heard a sermon preached by a Hindu professor in a Christian seminary. He said when Jesus said he is the only way, this is absolutely true. But he went on to say, "And that way—of dying to an old way of being and being born into a new way of being—is known in all of the religions of the World." This has a baptismal ring to it, doesn't it? We die to the old self and are raised to new life through Christ.

In his ministry, Jesus brought sight to the blind, clarity of mind to the ignorant, life to the lifeless—in a sense; bringing wholeness where there is brokenness. Those are the works to be emulated. This is how one makes a way in the present. Jesus promises to be with us always.

So trust in His presence. When everything seems dark & gloomy, when everything seems to be falling apart, remember Jesus' promises. Then trust Jesus himself. You won't get lost. You won't go down the wrong path, because Jesus is God's Positioning System....Jesus, for us as Christians, is the Way! Amen!

See you in Church,

*Pastor Scott*

## NUBS OF NEWS

**NEWSLETTER Deadline** - 20<sup>th</sup> of each month!  
**BULLETIN Deadline** - each Thursday morning!

**\*\*NOTE: \*\*** The newsletter will now be sent electronically. If your Email is not current, please notify us at [lcc60005@sharegodslove.org](mailto:lcc60005@sharegodslove.org) so we can update our records. You may also call the office at 847-437-5141. If you prefer to have the newsletter printed and put in your mailbox, please let us know.

### Vacation Bible School

Save the dates for this summer's VBS.

July 21 – 25, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Cost is FREE

Register online at

[www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/lcc08](http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/lcc08)

### Baptisms in April

Congratulations on the recent baptisms:

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Kyle Terrence Jelic; parents Danielle and Anthony Jelic.

### Check out “the august”

Our congregation is blessed with a very talented member, Jacky Dustin, who in years past has sung her personal rendition of "O Holy Night" at the Christmas Eve Candlelight services. Jacky is part of the musical group "the august". You can follow her performances and read her blog on their website [www.theaugust.com](http://www.theaugust.com)

### Pancake Breakfast's

We will have our monthly pancake breakfast on May 4th after the 1<sup>st</sup> service with a free will offering to benefit the food pantry. We will not have pancake breakfasts during June, July and August.

### Fellowship

We will have regular fellowship time for April and May. For the summer, starting in June, we will have coffee and juice only.

### Thank you to “Chef” Brandon

Brandon has been our chef this year during all the pancake breakfasts. We appreciate all your work and the delicious pancakes!

### Spring Clean Up

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to clean up the church. There are many odd jobs, window cleaning, etc. Please consider coming early and helping all day or just of couple of hours. We need you!

### Garage Sale

Thank you to everyone involved with the rummage sale. Many hours were spent preparing and working the sale and many donations were received. An extra day was added to boost the profit. The sale brought in just short of \$4,000.00. Half of the monies will go to the Food Pantry and half to WELCA. Thank you very much for your generous spirit!

### New Address

Jolinda Pacay

2400 George St.

Rolling Meadows, Il. 60008

847-818-5801

### -FOOD PANTRY-

Sign up to hand out bags on  
**TUESDAY & THURSDAY** mornings!



**PANTRY PUSH**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY EVERY MONTH**

food bags handed out as of Mar. 31 : 924

value of: \$14,784

Family members served: 2,331

We are on track to hand out 1200 more bags than last year. Your past support is greatly appreciated as is your continued support.



**ADULT EDUCATION**

**10:15-11:05**

**May 04 – no Adult Ed./ Pancake breakfast**

**11 – “Ten Questions for the Dali Lama”**

**18 – “Women for Women International”**

**25 – “Difference between Law and Gospel”**

*See flyer for more information*

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## Adult Ed



May 4: No Adult Education --- Pancake Breakfast

May 11: "TEN QUESTIONS FOR THE DALI LAMA"

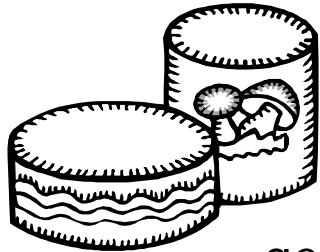
In light of the Tibetan difficulties being aired daily on the news, this is a very timely and interesting DVD. A very lucky film maker was allowed an interview with the Dali Lama, but only permitted to ask 10 questions. This documentary also sheds light on Tibetan history, Buddhist tradition and the unfavorable Tibetan relationship with China.

May 18: **6:30 PM** "WOMEN FOR WOMEN

**INTERNATIONAL".** Right now, in Congo, in West Africa, a bitter conflict is being waged and women and children are the long affected victims. BUT some lovely Americans are trying to do something about the conditions in which these women live. Come to hear Tracy Ronzio, a fellow resident of Arlington Heights, talk about her ANNUAL RUN FOR CONGO WOMEN. She will also share information on Congo history and culture. We will serve Congolese refreshments. It should be a very eventful evening.

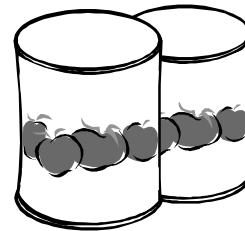
May 25 : "HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL" The seventh in our series of sessions from The Lutheran Handbook. Presented via DVD by James A. Nestingen, Professor of Church History at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Subsequent discussion to be led by Kathy Mills.

# POST OFFICE FOOD DRIVE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Post Office Food Drive on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>! Our own LCC Food Pantry will receive a generous amount of food from this drive. We need many volunteers to help pick up the food at the Arlington Hts. Post Office & many more to help sort the food in our Fellowship Hall for days to come!

Help is needed throughout the day,  
beginning at 1:00 p.m.



# The Holy Land

## A Pilgrim's Perspective



Join us on Wednesday May 28th at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation by Rainey Koga. She will be sharing her experiences from her recent trip to Israel. You will get to see several video clips from her trip including an Israeli Palestinian Human Rights video, "Walking the Footsteps of Jesus", and a video of the Bishop of the ELCA Church – Jordan.



## Are you in a swoon over what to bring to the next pot luck?

On May 18, Esther Circle will be hosting the fellowship table between services. Esther Circle members will be preparing different foods from mixes provided by *Tastefully Simple*.

*Tastefully Simple* is a company that creates wonderful food and beverage mixes that are gourmet delights. Most products only require the addition of 1-3 common ingredients, such as eggs, sour cream, mayonnaise, water, milk, etc. Although there is a shipping/handling fee, orders will be shipped directly to your home, so there is no additional pick up for you or anyone who chooses to order. There can be a savings if some of you decide to combine your orders.

You will be able to sample many of these scrumptious treats. This is a wonderful opportunity place an order for their line of mixes, which are only available for purchase through either home parties or fund raisers. A portion of all purchases will go to WELCA which in turn will benefit everyone at Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Order forms and catalogs will be available at the table. Additional order forms will be available at church before the 18<sup>th</sup>, so that those who have used and wish to reorder the products can take advantage of this opportunity. Feel free to bring a form to work, etc., for friends and family to place orders. People who have purchased *Tastefully Simple* products, often reorder.

Please have all orders accompanied by a check made out to Debbie Olson, who is our *Tastefully Simple* Representative. She will be at church on the 18<sup>th</sup> to collect the orders and answer any questions.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Sosnowski ([mamasos@yahoo.com](mailto:mamasos@yahoo.com)).



# WELCA

Please join us at a circle meeting.

See: Jill Kummer, Myrna Salazar or Lynnea Semasko

**May 2008**

**Esther-May 13th**

**Rebecca- May 13th**

Both circles will meet at Laurie Johnson's house at 7:30 p.m. There will be a caravan leaving from church at 7:00 p.m.

Laurie Johnson  
5726 W. Windsor Ave.  
Chicago, IL.  
773-282-0563

**Fellowship treats – May 11th - Rebecca Circle– Sue, Joyce & Lynnea  
May 18<sup>th</sup> - Esther Circle**

**St. Matthew's Birthday Party – August 10<sup>th</sup> – Please donate gift items**

**JOIN A CIRCLE** for good Christian fellowship, study & prayer. Circles are open to ALL the women of the church. Please feel free to visit any meeting.

**SAVE CUB FOODS RECEIPTS** for 1% rebate in the envelope on the WELCA bulletin board.

Finance Committee:

Jill Kummer  
Virginia Lloyd  
Phyllis Olson  
Debbie Paddack

Myrna Salazar  
Lynnea Semasko  
Muriel Tripp

Communications Coordinator

Virginia Lloyd

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## LUTHERAN HOME - LUNCH & LEARN SESSIONS FOR SENIORS

Sessions begin at 11:00 with a lunch following at 12 noon. There is no cost for the lunch or seminar but please register for any of these sessions one week prior to the event. Contact Linda at 847-368-7403 or [lstammer@luhome.org](mailto:lstammer@luhome.org).

**May 8** "The Saging of Aging-Put a Little Spice in Your Life"

**June 12** "Home Safety and Medical Equipment"

**July 10** "Your Life Story is Unique... a Gift... a Treasure".

## THE AMPLIFIED PHONE

Schaumburg Township Disability Services is a selection center for the ITAC amplified phone program. The program distributes free phones to qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. There are no age requirements and no income requirements. Telephone service and a doctor or licensed audiologist's signature on the application is required. There are four phones to choose from Call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 to schedule an appointment to try the phones.

## ST, MATTHEW CENTER FOR HEALTH

Volunteers are needed to help with activities and visitation. Youth and adults have the opportunity to make a big difference in the lives of seniors. If you would like to be a part of this rewarding experience, please call Kelly Fitzgerald at 847-825-5531. St. Matthew is located at 1601 N. Western Avenue in Park Ridge, two blocks south of Lutheran General Hospital.

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR FRENCH STUDENTS

Host families are needed for 2 to 3 weeks for French students visiting the Chicago area from August 4 to August 25, 2008. Students bring their own spending money and there are planned activities during the week. Hosting and exchange student is a wonderful way to learn about another culture and make an international friend. The Center for Cultural Interchange is a non-profit student exchange organization. For more information contact Lynne at 847-337-3318 or [chicagoareahost@yahoo.com](mailto:chicagoareahost@yahoo.com)

**SPA DAY (A Pampering "Fun"Raiser)**  
Are you overtired and under pampered?  
Do you desperately need some "you"  
time?

If so, then WINGS Spa Day is the place for you!

### **Pampering Includes**

♥ Soothing facials and makeovers ♥ Mini massages and manicures ♥ Raffle prizes (beauty baskets, 2 round trip tickets from Southwest Airlines, bath and body baskets gift certificates and more) ♥ 50/50 Raffle

*Saturday, May 17th, 2008 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

*Lutheran Church of Martha and Mary  
606 West Golf Road, Mt. Prospect*

**♥Love Donations appreciated♥**

Proceeds to benefit "Project Lifeline" the mentoring program for current WINGS Residents and graduates

*Please R.S.V.P to Dawn Martorano,  
Donations Coordinator, WINGS Program  
@ (847) 577-4668 as space is limited  
and scheduling is necessary!*

For more info visit [www.wingsprogram.com](http://www.wingsprogram.com)

# “THE END OF THE SPEAR”

This is the name of the movie shown at church the evening of April 13<sup>th</sup>. It portrays the efforts of a handful of missionaries to save a small South American tribe from extinction at their own hands. Their only shield: the Word of God.

Many of us saw and enjoyed this movie. We learned its heartbreaking and heart healing message. For those of you who couldn't join us, we encourage you to rent the movie and watch as a family or with other friends.

Here's what some of those who saw it had to say:

**“Adult Education's biggest Hit !!”**

**“It was engrossing. And so inspiring.”**

**“The Word changed their World 4 ever, 4 better”**



***“The missionaries were unbelievably courageous.”***

**“A remarkable movie. God blessed them with the ability to forgive in a way most of us cannot imagine.”**

***“I'm glad I didn't miss this action-packed, moving movie!”***

**“The personal sacrifices are amazing.”**

Those of you who couldn't make it: We Missed You! If you need help with transportation, someone is always willing to help. Please ask.

# May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10-12 Food Pantry 6:30 Bell Choir 8:00 Adult Choir	2 8p-10p Disciple Church	3 9a-3p "Spring Clean -Up" 10-4 SDA Church
4 9:00 Worship 10:00 Pancake break- fast 10:30 Blended Worship 1-4:30 Disciple Church	5 10am E-team 6:30 Chicago Bronze	6)10-12 Food Pantry 5:30p W&M meeting 6:30 Music group 7p Read to Learn	7 10a-11a Bible Study 8p-10p Disciple Church	8 10-12 Food Pantry 6:30 Bell Choir 8:00 Adult Choir	9 8p-10p Disciple Church	10 Postal Food Drive 10-4 SDA Church
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# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR MAY

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS & SET UP

5/4	9:00	Joanne Szukala Don Boeing
5/11	9:00	Carl Malin Julie Malin
5/18	9:00	Peg Teske Laurie Johnson
5/25	9:00	Greg Paddack Myrna Salazar

## ACOLYTES

5/4	Mike Garbis
5/11	Christine Lekas
5/18	Brad Ecklund
5/25	Mandy Ehlert

## GREETERS

5/4	9:00	Mary Teppen Stacy & Ryann Uden
5/11	9:00	Bill & Debbie Koch Greg & Deb Paddack
5/18	9:00	Glen & Joan Tucker Carolyn Bonness
5/25	9:00	Doris Olson June & Herb Hanson

## EXIT GREETERS

5/4	9:00	Stacy Uden – North Ken Miller – South
5/11	9:00	Jean Hineman – North Karl Becker – South
5/18	9:00	Greg Paddack – North Ken Miller – South
5/25	9:00	Jody Check – North Don Boeing - South

## LAY READERS

5/4	Al Haak
5/11	Marilyn Anderson
5/18	Dick Bukowski
5/25	Jean Bukowski

## LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

5/4	Dick Bukowski
5/11	Tom Gnoyke
5/18	Carl Malin
5/25	Carolyn Ohman

## COUNTERS

5/4	Klaus Schuetze Phyllis Olson
5/11	John Teppen open
5/18	Greg Paddack Joyce Johnson
5/25	Tom Fedro Jill Kummer

## USHERS

5/4	9:00	Ernest & Anne Wurfel Jean Hineman
5/11	9:00	Jim Lagerhausen Greg Paddack Joanne Szukala
5/18	9:00	Klaus & Gail Schuetze Karl Becker
5/25	9:00	John & Mary Teppen Sue Miller

## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

5/4	Pancake breakfast
5/11	Rebecca Circle (Sue, Joyce, Lynnea)
5/18	Esther Circle
5/25	June Hanson



COME & WORSHIP  
at  
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Sundays

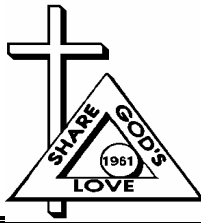
9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship

9:25 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Blended Worship



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