

The Lifeline

May 2011

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Pastor Gary Harris
My door is always open.

Living in Easter Hope....

As I read the texts for worship this coming weekend centered on “*The Walk to Emmaus*”, I found myself reminded that life is full of transition times... Consider Adam and Eve, allegedly Eve said to Adam as they were leaving the Garden of Eden, “*We are living in a time of great transition!*” No times are more filled with possibility and promise... no times are filled with more times of confusion and chaos than ‘transition times.’ Transition is when everything is possible, and when everything could fall flat and fail... Life is full of transitions, one thing in and among it all is to think about the first day that is tomorrow...

The rabbi and novelist Chaim Potok (1929-2002) put it this way in his autobiographical novel *In the Beginning* (1975): “*All beginnings are hard.*” It’s hard to be a new baby. It’s hard to start a new school. It’s hard to move to a new home. It’s hard to be a new teenager. It’s hard to be a new husband or wife. It’s hard to be a new parent. It’s hard to be a new widow or widower.

As I read the texts I realize how hard it must have been 2,000 years ago to be a new convert, a new disciple, of Jesus the Christ... The truth of the Gospel text from Luke seems to be this: these two disciples traveling to the village of Emmaus were basically rats fleeing a sinking ship. The uproar and tragedy of that transition week in Jerusalem had deeply traumatized them!

But, as darkness began to fall in earnest, these two slithering disciples invite a stranger to stay with them, a companion who had been offering them surprising comfort and support on their journey. In their honesty about their confusion and depression, their “slow hearts” began to beat faster with a cadence of hope... They began to hear a song of possibilities and dreams... As they walked and talked with the unrecognized resurrected Jesus, they received their own personal instruction. They began a new way of understanding scripture, a new way of understanding the Messiah, a new way of understanding love, a new way of understanding life... The *Emmaus Walk* is the journey that walked the disciple-community into its new identity as the body of Christ.

The awkwardness of “transition” is difficult. To understand what is going on now and in the future requires us to appreciate what went on before, and participate in the challenge of what is before us... The reality is that we tend to remember more what we anticipate than what we actually experience. Anticipation is another name for “hope, and “hope” is another name for “Christians.” As Christians we are the people first known for “great hopes.”

Here is something to consider... On the “Road to Emmaus...” on the “Road of Faith...” can we be faithful even when we’re living in “transition,” moving in the absence of understanding, walking in the valleys when sometimes there are shadows...? Are we “road ready...?” As I consider this, I find myself focusing on that maybe “transition” is another word for true happiness, which is found in this: “*trust and obey, for there’s no other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey...*”

Blessings as we travel together “The Road to Emmaus” ... living in Easter hope!
Pastor Gary

**Lord of Life’s mission: Empowered by grace through faith,
we gather to exalt the LORD, encourage fellowship with one another,
equip members to serve those in need and to make Christ known in the community.**



May Birthdays

5/6 Mackenzie Obermeyer
 5/7 Ashley Jozefowicz
 5/12 Patricia Smith
 5/12 Tyler Walock
 5/14 Ryan Hillard
 5/15 Kamryn Thomas
 5/15 Gary Hillard
 5/17 Carlie Schill
 5/21 Derek Lee
 5/22 Kristina Laha
 5/23 John Person
 5/26 Patrick Stevens
 5/26 Isabel Trometer
 5/27 Dominic Dixon
 5/27 Avery Schill
 5/30 Susan Moellinger

Happy Birthday

Worship assistances for May

May

	Council	Readers	Greeters	Communion	Acolyte	Drivers	Ushers
1	Heidrick	Jane Ray	Pat Smith	J & T Batson		Dealy	M. Gisel
8	Moellinger		Debbie Hunter			Obermeyer	G. Hillard
15	Brown	Jeff Morck	J & T Batson	J. Manuel		Person	J. Manuel
22	Lohrman					Heidrick	
29	Morck						

May Worship

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
8	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
15	Acts 2:42-47	23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
22	Acts 7:55-60	31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
29	Acts 17:22-31	66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21

Office hours are Monday – Thursday 7:30 – 12:30

May 2011

1	2 6:30pm Scout Recruit- ment	3 Area 5 Meeting 6:45 SP	4 Sew Faithfully 5:45 PM Live	5 Boy Scout Committee Meeting	6	7 Fellowship Hall CPR Class Scouts 5:30 Worship
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship scouts	9	10 Pastor's Meeting 6:45 SP	11 Sew Faithfully 5:45 PM Live	12	13	14 7:30 Men's Breakfast 5:30 Worship
15 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship scouts	16 Home Owners Meeting	17 Pastor's Meeting 6:45 SP	18 Sew Faithfully 5:45 PM Live	19 ***** Rummage Sale ***** Noon Lunch Bunch 7:00 Council	20 ***** Rummage Sale *****	21 ***** Rummage Sale ***** 5:30 Worship
22 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship scouts	23	24 Pastor's Meeting 6:45 SP	25 Sew Faithfully 5:45 PM Live	26	27	28 5:30 Worship
29 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship scouts	30 Memorial Day Office closed	31 Pastor's Meeting 6:45 SP				

Home Communion

If you are a shut-in and not able to come to worship or in a troubled situation and would like to have the Lord's Supper brought to you, please contact the church office. 316-722-5473

Lord of Life is now open to store your stuff! You may start bringing your rummage sale items to the church.

Marking/Pricing is only necessary if you have a minimum selling price. Since any unsold items will be donated to charity, PLEASE LET BILL KNOW IF YOU WANT YOUR ITEM BACK IF it is unsold. If you need assistance hauling/moving/lifting items, please get with Bill.

Also, we are looking for volunteers! And LOTS of them!

- We will need a couple of people to be in charge for Thursday and Friday during the day.
- We will need people to organize and sort merchandise brought in.
- We will need people to price/mark items.

- Movers and haulers.
- People to be cashier.
- People to supply baked goods and refreshments for bake sale.
- Anything else I may be forgetting.... ☺

This looks to be a pretty exciting event and I am hoping that we end up with lots of goodies to sell, and a lot of happy customers.

Everyone Help Spread the Word Sale is May 19, 20, & 21

I am also open to suggestions with this. Feel free to call or email me. 680-8272 or bill@concoconstruction.com

Together in Worship"

Here's an opportunity to share in the joy of being the community of the church as we gather to worship together...! Each week during worship a clipboard will be passing among you. You are encouraged to indicate where you would like to share in the experience of worship by placing your name in the area you are comfortable with, i.e., *Greeter, Reader, Usher, Communion Assistant*, on the weeks that will seem to work for you. For each of you who will be sharing through being a *Reader*, the readings will be sent to you in advance. God's blessings...! Thank you...!

Sew Faithfully

An Alteration Group has formed on Wednesday AM for anyone in our congregation or the community.

Following are the costs:

Hem Pants	\$8.00
Hem Skirt	\$10.00
Hem Dress	\$10.00
Replace buttons	.25 each
Replace Zippers	\$7.00 plus the cost of zipper (additional .50 per inch over 14")
Seams	\$1.00 per seam
Take in or let out pants	\$8.00
Miscellaneous alteration	– Cost given at 1 st

inspection

If you drop off your clothes on Saturday or Sunday with your name, phone number, and what repairs you want done; they will be returned to the coat rack the next Saturday or Sunday finished. An envelope with the cost will be attached. Please drop the envelope with your payment in the God's Sewers Box.

For any questions please call Jeannie Grunden 651-7849 or Lynda Harris 773-9975

Prayer Concerns

We love to pray for you and your loved ones!

Help us keep our list up to date.

Contact church office or Pastor Gary with up dates.

Sara – Dick and Jeanie Grundens' great-neice
Nancy – Dick and Jeanie Grundens' niece
Harry – Dick Grunden's brother-in-law
Ruth Towns
Marcella Wortz -recovery from arm surgery
Mara Conaway
Porter – Julie Brown's young relative (heart defect)
Janice – Kristin Persons friend
Sean and family – Royce and Jerry Shoemaker's friend
Geraldine – Marcella Wortz's sister
Kay Ann – Jack Vanek's sister
Kirby – Jack Vanek's nephew
Kay Vanek – Jack Vanek's Dad
Mike Collins – Lynda Harris' friend (Lou Gehrig's disease)
Henry – Judy and Mike Gisels' nephew's son (cancerous eye tumor)
Linda Carroll- Mary & Wayne Schultz friend with a brain tumor
Kristie Foreman- Friend of Angie Jozefowicz (malignant brain tumor)
Jessica & Peter
Justine – pray for healing
Tom Johnson – health
Elizabeth- pray for healing
George Potter
Tim Dawdy – health concerns
Darrel Bishop – Dick and Jeanie Grundens' friend
Judy Gisel – health concerns
Fred – John & Kathy's nephew (recovering from cancer)
Trish – friend of Kathy & Steve (cancer)
Andy's Family – (Andy died serving our country)
Kerri Dixon – (her Grandpa Kaiser died)
Tiahna – (friend of Molly Laha)

Praise:

Ginny – Kathy Person's friend (continuing progress in her fight against cancer)

Military Service:

Andy Miller, Stephanie Barragree, John Dixon, Mark Dixon,
King Dixon – Dominic & Demetrius Dixon's dad (serving in Afghanistan)
Isaac Miller – Joyce Miller's son (82nd Airborne, Ft Bragg, NC) (divorcing)

KID'S KINGDOM EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

a ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran is welcoming new enrollments for children ages 3-5 years. Due to the economic climate of our times with less people working, less people are in need of quality child care. They are in danger of closing! 10 children are needed by June in order to stay open. Please call 263-2433 or 263-0810 if you or someone you know is in need of child care. Flyers are available on the narthex table. Check out the website at <http://www.stpauls-wichita.org/kidskingdom/index.html> for more information.

"Lord of Life's Men's Breakfast"

Saturday, May 14th

Begins at 7:30 am

In the Multi-Purpose Room

Please bring your favorite breakfast item to share!

Doors open at 7am if you would like to prepare your favorite item in the kitchen.

Food, fun, and conversation for all ages!

Please contact Jon Laha for additional information...

email: Jon.Laha@Daltile.com ph: 316-773-2206



Lord of Life "Lunch Bunch"

~Road Trip to Village Inn~

Thursday, May 19th

Begins at 12:00 – Noon

Come... Enjoy the Food & Fun!

Village Inn

7020 W. Central

Please contact Pastor Gary for additional information
and if you would like transportation to Village Inn...

email: prgaryharris2007@aol.com ph: 316-722-5473

From the "Faith Formation Team"

We are quickly approaching the last few weeks of Sunday School for the school year... There will be a "*Final Celebration*" held on May 22nd... Please watch for more details!

In addition everyone interested and/or involved with Sunday School and Youth Education and Faith Formation are invited to meet together right after church on ***Sunday, May 22nd.***



“Hometown Nazareth – Where Jesus was a Kid”
Vacation Bible School

Coming to Lord of Life!

~Sunday, July 17 through Thursday, July 21st~

...Tentatively planned to begin each evening at 6:00pm

...Tentatively planned conclude each evening at 8:00pm

You have heard stories from your childhood...!

Can you imagine the kinds of stories Mary could tell about Jesus’ childhood!

“Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School” will take everyone back to Hometown Nazareth, where you’ll stand up for your faith among people who doubt that the carpenter’s son is really God’s Son!

*You are invited to join the planning team on Sunday, May 22nd
Meeting during the “2010-2011 Sunday School Final Day Celebration”
Watch for more details coming shortly...!*

“Theology on Tap”

Launches on Tuesday evening, May 24th

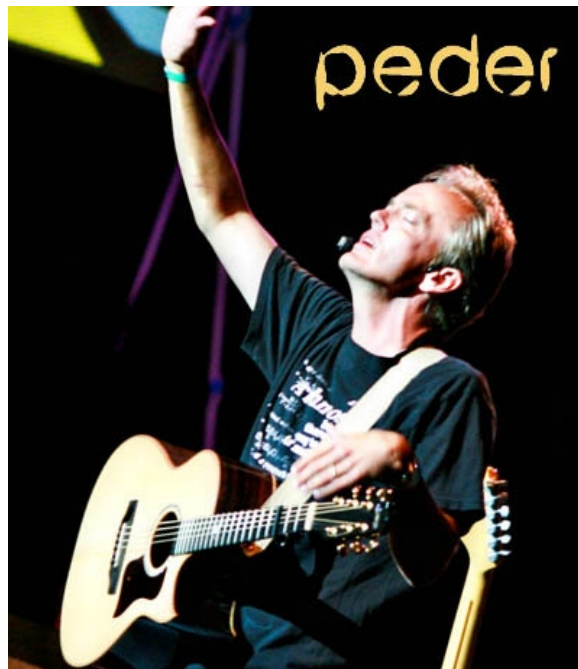
7:00pm to 9:00pm

Old Chicago

2240 N. Tyler Road

Come... join the conversation on “Hot Topics” in our lives!

Topic to consider May 24th... “Living in Transition”



Peder Eide in Concert...
"Drawing families closer together and closer to God"
Coming to Lord of Life!
Friday evening, July 15th!

It's a "Festival Weekend" in the planning!
...Will begin with a "Community BBQ!"
...Inviting "All" to come and see and experience!
...Concert beginning on the lawn at 7pm!

"I have one of the greatest jobs in the world!" says singer/songwriter/speaker Peder Eide (pronounced "I'd") For nearly 1/3 of his life Peder has led Christ-centered concerts, praise and worship for youth conferences, festivals, camps, churches and any other venues youth and their families have gathered! His passion filled and creative approach to helping his audience *"draw closer to God and closer together"* are "refreshing" and "heartfelt"!

Watch for updates...!

To the Community of Lord of Life...

Included here please find a copy of the response by ELCA, through the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Mark S. Hanson, to the death of Osama bin Laden. As Bishop Hanson lifts up, it is a time 'solemn remembrance'...

Together living in the grace of God...

Pastor Gary

ELCA NEWS SERVICE

May 2, 2011

Bin Laden death calls for 'solemn remembrance,' says ELCA presiding bishop

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CHICAGO (ELCA) -- Responding to the May 1 news of Osama bin Laden's death, the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), said bin Laden's death "is an occasion for solemn remembrance."

Hanson addressed his May 2 statement to ELCA members. He focused his comments on those who died because of bin Laden's choices "of hatred and violence," and those who continue to mourn the deaths of loved ones.

Hanson also said "joy finds its fullest and deepest expression not over a human death, but in God's promise to unite all things in heaven and on earth, to reconcile the human family and to bring God's reign of peace."

The full text of the ELCA presiding bishop's statement:

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

The death of Osama bin Laden is an occasion for solemn remembrance. We remember the lives of all whose deaths resulted from his choosing hatred and violence. We stand with those who continue to mourn the death of loved ones while giving thanks for their lives, their love and their faith. We also continue to hold in prayer all whose service in the military, in government and in humanitarian and peacemaking activities contribute to a safer and more prosperous world.

At the same time we also recall who we are: people baptized into Christ, freed to serve our neighbors. We are people called as Christ's ambassadors of reconciliation with our neighbors, serving God's work of restoring community. We engage our neighbors of other faiths, including our Muslim neighbors near and far, in respectful, searching dialogue and shared commitment to build a world that reflects God's will for peace with justice. We pray for our neighbors, even those who are our enemies.

Most of all, in these 50 days of celebrating Christ's resurrection, joy finds its fullest and deepest expression not over a human death but in God's promise to unite all things in heaven and on earth, to reconcile the human family and to bring God's reign of peace. Confident in what God has promised, we witness our resolve against any act of violence in the name of religion and our renewed commitment of service to the neighbors and world God so deeply loves.

In God's grace,

Mark S. Hanson

We are glad to arrange for bikes to be picked up by a volunteer. Just call Teresa at 263-1389. Thanks!



We're spreading the word and "Pedaling for Planeview."

What: We are collecting good usable bikes, trikes, and/or helmets to give to our Planeview neighbors in need. Can you give and collect some "pedals"?

Why: "Pedaling for Planeview" will give bikes, trikes and helmets to children, youth, and adults at the Planeview Safety Fair on June 18 at Colvin Recreation Center. All ages in the Planeview area of Wichita need bikes, trikes, and helmets for fun – school – jobs – worship – errands - to get around and get ahead!

Who: A community effort of Safe Streets Wichita/Planeview program of Partners for Wichita, and Planeview area ministers, working together with neighbors.

When and Where? Deliver bikes, trikes and helmets between May 18 and Saturday, June 11, at

Lao Baptist Church, Pastor Lang Sengvilay, 2938 S. Hillside, 516-4042 or 612-1201, Saturdays 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 21 & 28, June 4 & 11,

or at

Brookside Vida en Cristo United Methodist Church, Pastor Walter Marsella, 2760 S. Roosevelt, 652-0152, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday 1 - 3 p.m.

We need as many bikes, trikes, helmets, as possible! Spread the word in newsletters and announcements, tell friends and neighbors.

We're "Pedaling for Planeview!"



For more information or pick up of donated bikes, trikes, and helmets (if needed), contact Teresa Cook, Safe Streets, 263- 1389; teresa.cook@partnersforwichita.org
Partners for Wichita, 925 N. Waco, Wichita, KS 67203; www.partnersforwichita.org.