

# NEWSLETTER



Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church 57 Westpark Ave, Dollard-Des-Ormeaux, QC H9A 2J8

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April 2006

## Sunday Lessons

April 2, 2006

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 5:7-9  
John 12:20-33

April 9, 2006 (Palm Sunday)

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47

April 16, 2006 (Easter)

Isaiah 25:6-9  
1 Corinthians 15:19-28  
Mark 16:1-8

April 23, 2006

Acts 3:13-15, 17-26  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 20:19-31

April 30, 2006

Acts 4:8-12  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
Luke 24:36-49

When Easter comes...so does Spring, bringing new life to the world.

The Butterfly adorns the fields as it gracefully waves to the world.

The beautiful flowers pain the wind with their amazing fragrance, as the birds prepare their nest, they harmonize while winging the joys of spring and new life.

Just as the spring rains water the trees and plants giving them new life...

So did Christ's tears water our soul giving us life through His death. We call his act of love "Easter".

May you have a blessed Easter filled with His love.

Happy  
Easter

## Important Dates

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 Lenten Study @ Christ the Redeemer

Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 - 5:00 pm

"Giving Back to our Community Dinner"

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 - 7:30 pm,  
Family Movie Night & bring your own  
"Picnic"

Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday  
Service @ 7:30 pm

Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> - West Island Ecumenical  
Procession of the Cross @ 9:00 am

Good Friday Service @ 11:15 am

Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup> - Montreal Lutheran  
Easter Vigil at St. John's (Jeanne Mance &  
Prince Arthur) @ 8:00 pm

Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday  
Breakfast @ 9:30 am

Easter Service & Celebration @ 11:00 am

Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm Lecture -  
Geography and the Bible by Pr. Matthew  
Anderson

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - Dan Garvin & the  
group "Aeternal" join us for worship

Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm, Wine and  
Cheese & Dancing Anniversary Party

Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am, Anniversary  
Eucharist Service



### Family Movie Night & Picnic

Movie: Jesus' Life & Miracles

When: Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5:30-7:30

What to bring: Your picnic lunch and  
blanket!

## HOLY WEEK

**Maundy Thursday** (April 13<sup>th</sup>) **7:30 p.m.**  
The triuduum begins, we start with the Last Supper and the service ends with the stripping of the altar. This is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldiers' hands.

**Good Friday** (April 14<sup>th</sup>) **9:00 a.m.**  
We meet at St. Luke's parking lot to begin a Walk of Faith, carrying the cross through our communities, and stopping at places of worship on the way. **11:15 a.m. at Christ the Redeemer** we begin our own Good Friday service.

**Easter Eve** (Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>) **8:00 p.m.**  
This is a unique and beautiful service of darkness and light **8:00 p.m.** Easter Vigil begins at St. John's Lutheran Church (Jeanne Mance and Prince Arthur streets)

**Easter Morning** (Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>)  
**Breakfast – 9:30 a.m.** Come and enjoy!  
**Easter Eucharist – 11:00 a.m.**  
We celebrate the Lord's resurrection in worship, song and prayer!



### EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

Once again if you would like to contribute a flower for our Easter Garden, please fill out a flower donation insert. We will be purchasing the flowers for the garden the week of

April 9th, so all flower requests must be received on or before Palm Sunday, April 9th.



### EASTER BREAKFAST

...Easter morning come celebrate in the "Joy" of Easter starting with breakfast. Breakfast is served at 9:30a.m. Please sign up in the coffee room, don't forget we need "set-up" and "clean-up" help! **Note also that, for Easter Sunday (only), Worship begins at 11 am!**

## Anniversary Events

**Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 – 5:00 pm**  
**"Giving Back to our Community Dinner" Children's Entertainment Afternoon. A sponsored show & meal for underprivileged children & parents, who will go home with Easter baskets. We are working with Les Fonds de Depannage de L'Ile de L'Ouest identifying special families.**

**Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> - Wine and Cheese - followed by dance**

**Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> - Anniversary Eucharist Service, Bishop Michael Pryse**

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** was the 'Bring your own Bubbly' anniversary evening. It was a wonderful evening with good relaxed conversation. The Jazz musicians brought a nice atmosphere to the evening also. It was with sadness that we noted that Don and Pauline were not able to be there due to Don's health but they were remembered during the evening and the special induction as honorary chairs of council will be held at a later date.

Thank you to Andrea and Dagmar who did a great job in framing the pictures of the history of congregation. Thank you also to Helmut Feese for hanging the pictures. It is a great gift for the congregation. Thank you to the anniversary committee for their hard work in putting the evening together!

*Thank You*

**Our church website is up and running again! Thank you to Nadia Nimé & Raagi Pandya for all their hard work!**  
**The address is: [www.christ-redeemer.com](http://www.christ-redeemer.com)**

## **Old Brewery Mission**

Geoff Günther-Farrell

On Luther's birthday, February 18<sup>th</sup> I was honored to be amongst those from our congregation who went to the Old Brewery Mission to serve a meal to the homeless of Montreal.

I was astonished to learn that the nearly 500 people we served on that frigid day were but a small fraction of the real numbers who regularly need meals in Montreal.

What struck me from my background as a peace-keeper were the similarities to the bread and water lines of Sarajevo and Zegreb in Bosnia and Croatia; this being homelessness and displacement in modern urban centers.

All of this makes me realize how privileged we are to be living very comfortable lifestyles, and we should be thankful for such. I personally believe every person, in a position to do so, should make it a part of their mandate to do something to assist in the easing of this blight!

***God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"***

***God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.***

***He who angers you, controls you!***

***The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.***

***We don't change the message, the message changes us.***

***The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:  
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.***

## **Christian One-liners**

***Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.***

***It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.***

***When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.***

***Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.***

***Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.***

***God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?***

***Peace starts with a smile.***

## **Recipe of the Month**

### **Raspberry White Chocolate Scones** (they'll be a hit at your next coffee!)

2 cups bisquick  
½ cup white chocolate chips  
1/3 cup whipping cream  
3 Tablespoons sugar  
1 egg  
¾ cup raspberries (fresh or frozen)  
Milk  
Sugar

Heat oven to 425\*. Grease cookie sheet. Mix bisquick, white chocolate chips, whipping cream, sugar & egg until soft dough forms. Carefully add raspberries. Drop by spoonfuls on cookie sheet. Brush with milk and sprinkle with sugar. Bake about 12 minutes until golden brown. Makes 6 scones.

*Submitted by Cathy Frederick*



## EXPERIENCE LUTHER HOSTEL

**This summer take a journey to an amazing destination of a different kind, Luther Hostel will leave you feeling inspired and energized as you take the time to explore your faith, meet new friends and rekindle old relationships. Be inspired – Meet new friends – Worship together – Stretch your mind  
Keynote speaker: Dr. Timothy Wengert  
When: June 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Waterloo Lutheran Seminary  
Registration deadline: May 24, 2006  
[www.seminary.wlu.ca/lutherhostel/](http://www.seminary.wlu.ca/lutherhostel/)**

### **EMBRACING ECUMENISM: ONE YOUNG ADULT'S JOURNEY**

*By Walt Wiltschek (\*)*

People come to ecumenism in different ways. Some grow up immersed in it. Some encounter it via a particular, momentous experience. Others come to an understanding of it gradually.

For Sara Faulhafer, a 28-year-old member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the lessons of ecumenism came through seminary. When she began studies at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary in Ontario two years ago, she encountered a very diverse student body.

Only 40 percent of the students there are actually Lutheran. The rest come from a variety of Protestant bodies and from other traditions, including Unitarians and Buddhists. Worship is held there each week, and this year the seminary administrators decided to reflect the students' diversity in worship. Ecumenical speakers come in regularly and help the students plan a week's worth of services from a specific tradition.

As part of that ecumenical effort, a delegation from World Council of Churches member churches visited the seminary last spring. They talked about the upcoming 9th Assembly in Brazil and about the stewards' programme for young people. That caught Faulhafer's interest.

She was worried about missing several weeks of classes, but the faculty quickly put those worries to rest. "The professors were all very supportive," Faulhafer recalls. "They said, 'Just go! It's a once in a lifetime opportunity. Forget about school!'"

And so a few weeks ago, she found herself in Porto Alegre, joining with about 150 other stewards who aid the operation of the Assembly while learning about ecumenical life, as well as numerous youth delegates, interns and others.

"I really wasn't sure what to expect", she said. "Pretty much everyone I talked to said it was going to be life-changing. It's just been phenomenal."

She found herself making friends from all corners of the world during the youth pre-Assembly event. They heard from speakers, studied the Bible together, discussed issues and planned for the Assembly ahead. They worked on topics of special interest to them to be covered in ecumenical conversations - in Faulhafer's case, on women's issues in the church.

A highlight of the event, she said, was when a group of African youth led singing and taught the group a dance. There was no rehearsal, no formality - just an invitation to get up and try it. "The whole room was praising God," she said. "It was amazing".

Very quickly, Faulhafer felt at home. She said the design of the programme, bringing the youth together first to build friendships and become oriented in a smaller group, works well. Only four members from her church came to the Assembly, so developing other connections has been important to her.

"I think the stewards have a different experience than a lot of the delegates", she said. "We're here for the pre-Assembly and live together. We've really grown into a strong community fast."

Smiling, she adds, "It's good to be able to walk into the worship tent or plenary hall and have a

half-dozen people recognize your face, and also to be able to reflect together on our experience here. It's so fast-paced and so intense."

The ecumenical conversations have been Faulhafer's favourite part of the agenda. Her work as a steward has been focused on the worship tent, where she helps to prepare for morning and evening prayers each day, hands out sheets with the order of the service and answers questions.

She has been heavily involved with the youth striving to make their voices heard in the Assembly. She found other young people, like her, passionate about ecumenism and determined to be involved in more than "bit parts" or purely supporting roles. They are committed to having their age group and perspectives fairly represented on the WCC central committee and in other leadership positions.

Faulhafer has made careful plans to take this first-hand experience of global ecumenism back with her to Canada. She has been keeping an online blog from the Assembly so that her church and the seminary community may keep up with her reflections. Several congregations have already asked her to do presentations when she returns home, and she plans to do a programme at the seminary, as well.

She is also seeking to get something placed to the agenda of her synod convention this summer, and plans are in the works to do something with other Canadians who have come to Porto Alegre at a Canadian Council of Churches justice festival for young adults occurring in August.

For Sara, ecumenism is here to stay.

"Long-term, it's definitely going to shape my ministry", said Faulhafer, reflecting on the Assembly experience. "I want to become further involved with the WCC or other local ecumenical initiatives - in both, hopefully. It's something I'm going to draw on the rest of my life."

(\*) **Walt Wiltschek** is editor of *Messenger*, the denominational magazine of the Church of the Brethren. An ordained minister, he lives in St. Charles, Ill., in the United States.

From World Council of Churches *Feature* (WCC)

### Cherokee Wisdom

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between 2 "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

*Thought you might enjoy the following essay, written by Danny Dutton, age 8, from Chula Vista, California, for his third grade homework assignment to "Explain God".*

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way, He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this.

Because He hears everything there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your man and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him.

But He was good and kind like His Father and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK.

His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore, He could stay in heaven. So He did.

And now He helps His dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to Church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God.

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach.

This is wrong! And, besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can.

It is good you know He's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases.

And that's why I believe in God.

*Submitted by Birgitta Jakobsson*

#### **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL 2006:**

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**Note:** Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter will be April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please give submissions to Patricia Languay or Cathy Fredericks @ the church office.