

“Grow in Faith, Make Disciples,
Serve in Love”

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“Working on the Dream”
w/PARENT MINISTRY TEAM

Rich Melheim, the creator of the Faith Inkubators program is celebrating FINK’s 15th Anniversary by going on the road to help House of Prayer and other churches build its new ministry team...made of parents!

House of Prayer will be hosting a FINK training event on Friday, June 26 2009. Hours are from 1:00pm to 7:00pm and dependent on those who sign up for the various events scheduled for the day.

FINK’s goal is to equip church leaders to effectively train their congregations in holistic, biblical, theologically sound faith formation systems. Now, the new goal is to create a revolution in home-based faith. They strive to make your home the primary “incubator” of faith for disciples of all ages by replacing current models of education with parent-centered small group models.

In an afternoon of thought and systems design work, Rich will show you a way you can transform Christian education from staff-driven programs



at House of Prayer into parent-driven nightly processes in the home.

Church leaders serious about exploring this change are encouraged to bring a task force of staff, church leaders, parents and key volunteers.



The afternoon events will unveil a comprehensive strategy to connect church to home.

The evening event will feature Rich modeling his “Working on the Dream” parent recruitment method. Following the parent/child event, a final strategy session will send you on your way ready to launch the revolution.

What comes with this day’s events?

- A new blueprint for children, youth and family ministry teams made up of committed volunteers who want caring faith conversations one-on-one every night with their own kids.

- A “Word Spreads” [Living Journal](#) and music CD.
- PLUS every parent who shows up for the evening event will receive a call to six weeks of significant nightly ministry with their own children.



Rich’s model will be inviting you to commit to these steps:

1. Share Highs and lows of the day
2. Read and highlight a verse of scripture in your bible
3. Talk about how the Bible verse relates to your highs and lows
4. Pray for your highs and lows, for your family and for the world
5. Bless one another

If you are interested in attending this event, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board or notify Pastor Marcus Otterstad (prmarcus@hopelca.org or 281/488-4439.)

TRIQUETRA



This early symbol for the Holy Trinity is formed from three equal arcs. The arcs represent equality, the continuous line expresses eternity and the interweaving represents indivisibility. At the center is a triangle, another symbol of the Trinity. Because of its beauty and simplicity, the triquetra is often used as a design element in church architecture.

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PRAYER CHAIN

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING: Barbara Alred, Amber, Johanna Anderson, Kyle Balusek, Rose Marie Ba-



dough, Bill Brown, Anne Buchanan, John and Pat Carlson, Vanessa Cizmar, William Contois, Ruth Cox, Carole Cunningham, Rebecca Dodd, Jacque Dunn, Chris & Kim Ensmann, Lana Evans Fisher, Ray Fetterman, Michael Giles, Nita Hammock, Ed Harlowe, Byron Heist, Susan Herd, Gerald Hintz, Rick Jackson, Patty Lawrence, Kristin Linn, Carl Lueders, John Luke, Sue Lyon, Pastor David Mancuso, Donald Maretti, Jay Marschke, Becky McCleary, Richard McCoy, Rev. John Mills, Jonathan O'Malley, Randy Oak, Frances Patterson, Helen Peszko, Norm Price, John Roberts, Anna Roschke, Lucy Saum, Susan Schref-



fler, Margaret Spivey, Einar and Martha Sundstrom, Douglas Szopa, Dick Theis, Norma Thompson, Esperanza Vasquez, Ruth Williams, Jim Wright and Walt Wright.

Please help us keep our prayer chain current. Contact either Anneke Ensmann (281-488-8158) or Carolyn Myers (281-326-1840) or the church office (281-488-4439) with updates or additions. Thank you!



Emily James (June 1), Zach Sbach (June 2), Hannah McCleary (June 4), Jen Mason, Jennifer Vassberg (June 5), Bill Baker (June 8), David Bacon, Jim Mikkelsen, Melinda Murray (June 9), Michael Skiba (June 11), Rebecca Hackler (June 12), Jay Aslaksen, Kris Brian (June 13), Anne Tarkington (June 14), Casey Brian, Jordan Vassberg (June 15), Karl-Heinz Ensmann (June 17), Karl Adam (June 18), Simone Crotteau (June 21), Gina Larson (June 22), Zamira Harris-Ryden, Sonia Swanson (June 24), Emery Gallia, Sr., Doug Mathera, Bert Noggle (June 25), Mark Noggle (June 26), Jon Shipman, Jonathan Schulze (June 28), Bonnie Greenisen, Michael Hernandez (June 29)

Richard & JoNell Lamothe—June 7
 Bill & Reata Baker—June 9
 Klaus Adam & Joyce Miller—June 10
 Kevin & Catherine Yendell—June 11
 Paul & Gina Larson—June 13
 Brian & Diane Busch—June 14



Stanley & Beverly Curtice—June 15
 Craig & Rebecca Clark—June 15
 Karl-Heinz & Anneke Ensmann—June 20
 Bert & Sue Noggle—June 23
 Bob & Denise Bourbeau—June 25

LADIES LUNCHEON—Thursday, June 4 2009, 11:30am

Our June Birthday Ladies Luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 4th, 11:30 a.m. at the Hope Village Tea Room, 15403 Hope Village Road in Friendswood, at the corner of Hope Village Road and Clear lake City Blvd. The Tea Room will be on your left as you come down Clear Lake City Blvd, from Highway 3. Make a U-Turn at the light, which is Hope Village Road and the Tea Room will be on your right. The Tea Room is by Clear Brook High School.

We invite all ladies of House of prayer and their guests to join us for lunch. To make your reservations please call Shirley Kingsley at

Ladies Luncheon



281-480-7033 or Bonnie Peterson at 281-488-2185 by Tuesday, June 2nd.

In lieu of gifts, donations will be given to Hope Village, via House of Prayer. Please make checks payable to House of Prayer and write "Hope Village" on the memo section. Thanks to all the ladies for their May donation of \$105.00 to Meals on Wheels. A big thank you to Gudrun Sloan for hosting the birthday ladies in May at her home with a delicious lunch. We look forward to seeing everyone on June 4th at the Tea Room!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MAGAZINES!



A sincere thank you to everyone who has donated their "gently used" magazines to House of Prayer. A special thanks to Eileen Bowers, who donated dozens of her music tapes and CD's. Thank you Eileen!

I have been delivering the magazines each week. I take turns leaving them at Rosemont in Clear Lake, manor Care in Webster, and The Terrace on Bay Area Boulevard. Unfortunately, Regency Village in Webster is no longer accepting magazines.

The older folks are happy to receive the magazines, and they especially like the large print Reader's Digests. Your generosity is indeed appreciated. God Bless you All.

In Christ, Deloris Dugdale

PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

It's that time of year! We all start thinking about the summer and what we are going to do with all that extra time. Well, The Learning House Preschool is offering our summer program again this year.

The first summer session starts June 15 and runs until July 10. The second summer session runs from July 20 to August 14. The hours will be from 9am to 2pm; the same as last year. However, a school board decision in March has allowed the Preschool to offer extended care hours!

Registration fees are \$50 per session and \$75 for both. If you pay up front. Registration for outside students began on March 1. Siblings receive a 10% discount.



- 2 days a week = \$145 per session
- 3 days a week = \$190 per session
- 5 days a week = \$285 per session

And remember, children up to the age of 6 and just finishing Kindergarten can enroll.

So, take a look at our enclosed First Summer Session calendar and sign up now to reserve your spot!

Contact Rebecca Clark the Preschool Director at becca@hopelca.org or 832-623-8665 if you have any questions. We look forward to having your child with us this summer!

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"Life is Good; 888 Reasons Why" by Amy Hall

Reason Number 357: The clinking of ice cubes in a glass.



If you would like to submit an article for Newsletter consideration, please submit your article to the Church office by the 15th. **For example, submit July 2009 article by Monday, June 15.** Email article in an MS Word document to office@hopelca.org or mail to office at the address listed at the top of this page.

Southwestern Texas & TX-LA Gulf Coast Synod Women of the ELCA Convention August 7-9, 2009 Camp Allen Resort and Retreat Center

Theme: "Joined in Christ"

Verse: "... all of you have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind." ~ 1 Peter 3:8

Location: Camp Allen Conference & Retreat Center 18800 FM 362, Navasota, TX 77868 - (936) 825-7175 www.campallen.org

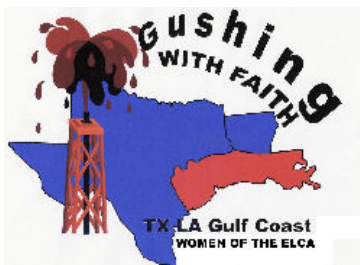
Keynote speaker Linda Post Bushkofsky, Churchwide Executive Director, Women of the ELCA, Chicago, IL

"All-Inclusive" Registration: \$215.00 (Includes Registration, Convention, Banquet, Room Accommodations, Friday Lunch & Dinner, All Saturday Meals and Sunday Breakfast) Dress comfortably for the weather and very casual..

DELEGATES – arrive by 12:00 pm Friday for orientation/lunch – BUSINESS 1-5 pm NEW! NEW! NEW!

ALL OTHERS – arrive by between after 1 pm in time for 6:00pm Friday for dinner. If you arrive early there will be activities – Shibashi Exercise around 2 PM (soft movements with breathing) or you could walk on trails, swim in pool or shop in Navasota on your own.

Come and spend a relaxing weekend worshipping with hundreds of your sisters in Christ from Texas and Lou-



isiana at beautiful Camp Allen, set in the piney woods near Navasota, TX. Camp Allen offers either a "short walk" to the conference center, chapel, and room accommodations all in close proximity to each other or a "long walk" with 5 miles of walking trails as well as pool, tennis courts, and exercise facilities. All buildings are wheelchair accessible and there are elevators in Chapel and hotel buildings.

Bible study by Chaplain Stacy Kitahata from Washington State Synod. Stacy Kitahata will also offer a workshop on "Weaving God's Love Across Cultures" & classes on "Shibashi", a gentle and deeply relaxing exercise routine.

WORKSHOPS: Offering everything from information, education, and enlightenment to exercise and crafting opportunities. Look for more information to come in your synod newsletters. e.g. Antique Rose Rustlers, Workshops by Church wide representatives on their respective topics, Linda Post Bushkofsky, Leadership, Dance For Health (Belly Dance), Water Workshop and more.

Friday night Ice Cream Social
Saturday night Banquet with entertainment by "The Wabash Ramblers" – not too casual dress



Friday Evening Opening Worship with Full Communion and closing Sunday with Full Communion in an inspiring chapel. **Donations to the Silent Auction and Country Store** will become part of a combined effort to support our global mission as part of Women of the ELCA by supporting the "Water to Thrive" project and our companion synods in Costa Rica, Central African Republic and Peru. Contact **Colette Wunderlich (979-250-1201, colette-wun@aol.com)** and or Dawn Young (210-413-6121, dyoung@qvec.net)

Convention Information: if you need additional information, please contact your **Convention Chairs:** TX-LA Gulf Coast: Janie Mehrens (979-836-6066, rme-hrens@sbcglobal.net), Patricia Lazenby (936-346-7333, lazenby@imsday.com)

Southwestern Texas: Margaret Vogt (210-566-3330), Leoma Steffen (830-914-2163)

Completed registration forms are to be mailed to Mikki Coles: 100 Sunderland Cove, San Marcos, TX 78666 or E-mail togmcoles@centurytel.net **Due to Camp Allen policies ALL attendees must register in advance:** NO Late Registrations or NO At-the-Door.

Checks should be made payable to: **Women of the ELCA**

SEE YOU ALL IN AUGUST!

SPIRIT LIFE DAY CAMP 2009—July 13-17 2009, 9:00am-3:00pm

House of Prayer Day Camp will be held July 13-17, 2009 from 9am-3pm. Once again those fun and lovable Lutherhill Counselors will be back to lead games, Bible study, worship, songs, arts and crafts and more.

Children completing grades K-5th are eligible.

Day Camp for 3, 4 & 5 yr olds will be available from 9-noon.



www.hopelca.org

Cost is \$10/child, maximum of \$25/family.

Registration is now open to HOP members and will open to the public June 1st. Look for registration Forms in the Narthex or at

Please join us for 5 days of God filled fun and bible study.

DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Day Camp is right around the corner (July 13th through 17th) and it can't go on without the help of volunteers. We are in most need of a Preschool Teacher and Host Family. Please prayerfully consider helping in one of the following capacities.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER – Looking for someone who likes to work with Preschoolers and is enthusiastic about teaching the word of God. Assistant volunteer(s) will be available to work with this person.

HOST FAMILY – Provide a place to sleep for 4 counselors. Counselors are to arrive Sunday, July 12th for late service and leave after VBS ends on Friday, July 17th.



VOLUNTEERS – Adult and Teen assistants are needed to help the counselors with their groups of campers.

MEALS – In the form of hosting the counselors for an evening meal (Sunday thru Thursday), donating a gift certificate for a nearby restaurant, or donating money to provide the counselor's lunch or dinner (5 lunches, 5 dinners).

SNACKS – Donate snack items such as Goldfish, Pretzels, M&Ms, cheese crackers, cheese sticks, Isee pops, etc... or donate money for the Day Camp Coordinator to purchase these types of snacks, fruit and drink mix.

For more information, please contact Mary Norlin at 281-797-7928 or mary@norlin.us.com.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN FAMILY?

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one in which parents so live the Christian life, and practice the presence of God that children come to accept God as the greatest reality of life.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one in which each member is accepted and respected as a person having sacred worth.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that accepts the responsibility of worship and instruction to the end of



developing the spiritual life of each person.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that manifests a faith in God, observes daily prayer and grace at meals.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that is committed to behavior in keeping with Christian ideals for family relations, community life, and national and world citizenship.



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PRESCHOOL SUMMER SESSION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17	18	19 MOVIE DAY	20
	RAINY DAY FUN					
21	22	23	24	25 FIELD TRIP	26	27
	WESTERN DAYS					
28	29	30	1	2	3 WATER WORKS AND PICNIC	4
	INDEPENDENCE DAY					
5	6	7	8	9	10 MAKE OUR OWN PIZZA	11
	PIZZA PARLOR					

JUNE AND JULY