



President's Corner: by Rev. Al Maleske, President

Easter 2004

A number of years ago, I came across an article detailing the controversy that followed the theft of two valuable historical relics from a museum in Hawaii. Someone stole something significant to the culture and native religion of Hawaii's culture - special caskets that contained the bones of 15th and 16th century Hawaiian royalty.

Someone in the Hawaii state office offered an illuminating quote: *"It's hard to explain just how significant this is. It would be a little bit, to Christians, as if somebody had stolen the bones of Jesus."*

Come again? Clearly, this official didn't understand what Christians believe and care about. Apparently, this official had never entered a Christian church on Easter morning and heard our triumphant exchange: *"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"* Sadly, no one had given this official the good news.

It is good news that there are no bones in Jesus' tomb. We Christians count on it. If our Saviour's body had remained in the grave, our faith would be futile, and we would still be in our sins. Our hope would be only for this life, and we should be pitied (I Corinthians 15:17-19).

You see if Jesus' bones were not missing from the tomb, then it would be clear that he did not finish what he set out to do. He told his disciples that rising from the dead was part of God's plan to save us; a body left decaying in the grave would mean that he had failed to do what he came to do.

If there were bones left to steal, then we would have to call Jesus a liar - or at least, sadly mistaken. He called himself "the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). A lifeless corpse lying in the tomb would prove him wrong and sadly show that there could be no eternal life for those who believed in him.

If Jesus had left remains to be seen, then we would also see that God himself cannot be trusted. Through the prophets the Lord had given his word that Christ would not remain in the grave. If God had failed in this, our faith would have no

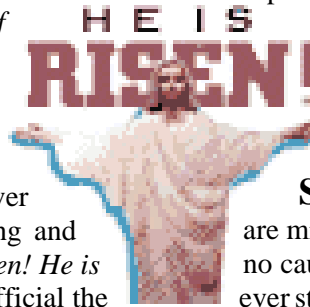
foundation, and none of his promises for this life or the next could be relied upon. We would have no hope and no reason to believe.

So make no bones about it - Christ's resurrection makes all the difference. It shows that he finished all he came to do. He suffered and died for us, took away our sins, gave us his righteousness, and crowned it all with resurrection to life eternal. That empty tomb proved that his words and all God's promises can be trusted - no one will go unfulfilled. Our faith is firmly founded and far from futile - we will rise again just as he did and live just as he does.

So if the word gets out that Jesus' remains are missing from their last resting place, there's no cause for concern among Christians. No one ever stole anything from Jesus' tomb - unless you want to speak that way of the power over us that Christ took from death, or the fear of the grave that our risen Lord removed from Satan's arsenal.

We can get excited about the news, through, and tell everyone the real reason Jesus' bones aren't in his tomb anymore: he took them along when he got up and walked out on Easter morning. Because he lives, we also will live.

A blessed Easter to all of you!



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Outreach Update by Pastor Azevedo

Proclaiming His Gospel Throughout The District

Along with this East District Newsletter you are receiving the 2004 Budget which was recently approved by our Board of Directors. A large share is allotted to the Department for Outreach. Our ninety-one congregations send their remittances to the District which then coordinates the mission work. As our Handbook states (Section 1:00): *The purpose of the district is to assist congregations, pastors and deacons to be in ministry.*

As the District's newsletter is distributed, our congregations will be celebrating the unique events of Holy Week. Again it is possible for us to see that God the Father Almighty gave us His Son Jesus Christ who freely went all the way to the cross to perform the work of man's redemption. The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord is the most important event in the Church Year.

The Small Catechism teaches:

The Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers.

By the grace of God we stand on the good ground of faith and strive to promote the mission work. This is materialized by the work conducted through the District. Your offerings, dear friends, help the Department for Outreach to subsidize congregations and maintain the mission work in our midst.

For your information as well as for your prayers here is an updated list:

- ◆ Christ Our Hope, Collingwood
- ◆ Grace, Kincardine
- ◆ Christ, Timmins
- ◆ Good Shepherd, Moncton
- ◆ Atlantic Ministry, Nova Scotia
- ◆ Eglise de L'Ascension, French Mission
- ◆ Eglise de L'Ascension, Malagasy
- ◆ Iglesia Luterana Unidos en Cristo
- ◆ Redeemer, Sudbury
- ◆ Korean Lutheran Church, Toronto
- ◆ Trinity, Toronto (Urban Ministry)

And even though the funds are limited, we will be adding two new works, namely:

- ◆ Atlantic Ministry, Nova Scotia (2nd Worker)
- ◆ Orangeville (Alliston/Shelburne Outreach)

MISSION STATEMENT:

"The Department for Outreach will assist District congregations and ministries in their work of gathering more people into a faith relationship with their Saviour."

These, dear friends, are the places where your offerings are being used to spread the message which is mighty to save sinners.

May the Lord bless us and bless the proclamation of His Gospel in the East District.



Trinity, Toronto - Music Ministry started by Deaconess Jannie DeGroot



Pastor Azevedo and Pastor Hartburg during a recent DFO meeting.



Iglesia Luterana Unidos en Cristo signs new constitution

Notices:

Notice of Annual Meeting

of the

**East District,
Lutheran Church-Canada**



**Saturday, June 5, 2004
@ 10:00 a.m.**

**East District Office
275 Lawrence Ave., Kitchener, ON**



Spring Circuit Forums



Hamilton	April 25 @ 2:30 p.m.	Emmanuel, Beamsville
London	May 16 @ 2:00 p.m.	Redeemer, St. Thomas
Stratford	April 25 @ 2:30 p.m.	First St. John, Seebach's Hill
Hanover	April 21 @ n/a	Faith, Desboro
Kitchener	April 18 @ 2:00 p.m.	Messiah, Waterloo
Ottawa	April 24 @ 9:15 a.m.	Christ, Petawawa
Toronto	April 18 @ n/a	Redeemer, Brampton
Windsor	April 17 @ 10:00 a.m.	First, Windsor
Niagara	April 18 @ 3:00 p.m.	Trinity, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Lutheran Heritage Anniversary Service

In 1987, the Commission on Worship of the Missouri Synod issued a Lutheran Heritage Anniversary Service in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the death of C.F.W. Walther, founding father of the synod. The service is based upon the Chief Service included in the 1856 agenda that congregations of our district were using when the Canada District was organized in 1879. Permission has been received by Pastor Teuscher from Dr. Paul Grime, executive director of the Commission on Worship, to photocopy, scan, edit, etc., this service for use throughout our district during our **125th Anniversary observance.**



A master copy of the service, suitable for copying or scanning, along with the music for the organist, is available from the district office.

Confirmands Camp 2004 - June 26 to July 2

Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center

Theme: **Its Time To Live Your Faith**



Who Qualifies? Any youth in Confirmation Class during 2003 or 2004

Registration Deadline? Before April 15th for best price

Pastors: Rev. Kevin Walrath; Rev. Steve Oetting; Rev. Paul Pollex

Cost: \$179 US Funds (if pd in full before April 15); \$189 US Funds (if pd after April 15)

Brochures/applications were sent to each congregation along with the February issue of the *With Great Boldness* newsletter.

Please complete the application and return along with payment to:
Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, 9324 Lake Shore Rd., Angola, NY 14006

For more info, email: pioneercamp@wzrd.com

DISTRICT EVENTS

Apr 10
DPS Meeting
@ District Office

Apr 15
DEADLINE: Registration for
Confirmand Camp,
Pioneer Camp, Angola, NY
June 26 - July 2

Apr 17
Spring Guild Day
CLTS, St. Catharines, ON

Apr 17
Dept for Parish Services
Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.
District Office

Apr 23
Spring Auction
CLTS, ST. Catharines

Apr 25
2004 Convocation
(Ottawa Circuit) &
125th Anniversary
Worship Service
(East District)
@ 3:30 p.m.
Christ, Petawawa
Speaker:
Rev. Tim Teuscher
Everyone is Welcome!

Apr 30
30th Anniversary Dinner
& Annual Meeting
L.B.T. Canada
@ 6:30 p.m.
Bethel, Kitchener, ON
Guest Speakers:
Scott Westermann &
Annette Westermann,
Missionaries on furlough,
Cameroon, West Africa
Call: 519-742-3361

May 2-5
Dynamic Daughter
Church Planting
Conference
@
Church of the Good
Shepherd, Barrie, ON
Contact:
Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer
gschaeff@drlogick.com

www.lcceastdistrict.ca

COMING EVENTS

Notices:

Correction



Peter Bjerland has accepted the position of President of **Lutherwood Child and Family Foundation** effective April 1, 2004. In the previous issue we reported that Mr. Bjerland had accepted the position of President of Lutherwood.

Living Faith, Orangeville Requests Your Help

SHELburne ♦ ALLISTON ♦ ORANGEVILLE

Living Faith is a lively young congregation and the only Lutheran congregation for the region bounded by Mount Forest, Bradford, Georgetown and Collingwood.

† If you have family or friends in the Shelburne, Alliston or Orangeville areas, please contact Living Faith, so we may extend a personal introduction and invitation to worship with our congregation.

BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN IN SHELburne - APRIL 17TH

Living Faith Services: Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.; Bible Study @ 10:15 a.m.

Holy Week Services: Mon. Apr. 5 @ 7:30 p.m.; Thurs. Apr. 8 @ 7:30 p.m.

Good Fri., April 9 @ 9:00 a.m.; Easter Sun. April 11 @ 9:00 a.m.

CONTACT: Living Faith Lutheran Church,

311A Broadway, Orangeville, ON **519-942-0387 OR**

Pastor Aaron Rubach - 50 Gage St., Kitchener, ON N2G 2E2 **519-576-9303**



Equipment Available For Your Church or Mission

We're been doing some spring cleaning at the district office. If you see anything in the list below that you can use, give us a call. It's yours for the taking.

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| #1 2 large gold-coloured altar cloths | #23 1 large candle holder (approx. 4 ft. high) | #47 1 silver baptismal bowl |
| #2 1 red parament set - altar cloth, lectern frontal, pulpit frontal | #24 1 box long candle wicks | #48 1 white altar cloth |
| #3 1 red velvet parament set - altar cloth, lectern frontal, pulpit frontal | #25 2 wooden offering plates | #49 ~ |
| #4 1 white velvet parament set - altar cloth, lectern frontal, pulpit frontal | #26 4 glass candle tops | #50 ~ |
| #5 1 purple altar cloth | #27 1 wooden box (approx. 5" X 7") | #51 1 Life Light banner |
| #6 2 green frontals | #28 2 brass vases (6"); 2 brass candle holders (8"); 1 brass wax saver | #52 1 purple parament set - altar frontal, lectern frontal, pulpit frontal |
| #7 1 red frontal | #29 1 silver, individual cup, communion tray & lid (cross missing on lid) | #52 1 red parament set - altar frontal, lectern frontal, pulpit frontal |
| #8 1 green parament set - altar cloth, lectern frontal, pulpit frontal (from Bethel) | #30 ~ | #54 1 white stoll |
| #9 1 red (burgundy) parament set - very large altar frontal, lectern frontal, pulpit frontal | #31 ~ | #55 1 green altar frontal; lectern frontal; pulpit frontal |
| #10 1 green stoll | #32 1 felt banner (" <i>Come Forth To New Life</i> ") | #56 1 white parament set - altar frontal, lectern frontal, pulpit frontal |
| #11 2 green long altar frontals | #33 1 small lectern (approx. 10" sq.) | #57 1 red parament set - altar frontal, lectern frontal, pulpit frontal |
| #12 1 white velvet banner | #34 2 candle lighters | #58 1 green Christmas banner |
| #13 1 piece purple velvet cloth | #35 1 beige felt banner (" <i>INRI God The Son</i> ") | #59 2 wooden candle holders (approx. 6 in. high) |
| #14 1 long green altar frontal; lectern frontal, pulpit frontal | #36 1 burgundy banner with star | #60 1 white Christmas banner |
| #15 1 long white altar frontal; lectern frontal; pulpit frontal | #37 1 red Pentecost banner | #61 1 complete set of paraments - white, red, green, purple suitable for Sunday School |
| #16 1 white banner | #38 1 hymn board (with green erasable marking board) | #62 5 pieces of cloth (could be used for Sunday School) |
| #17 1 white banner (shows the figure of Christ) | #39 1 red Christmas banner (" <i>Unto Us A Child Is Born</i> ") | #63 1 green Hosanna banner |
| #18 1 wood Baptismal Font with bowl & cover | #40 1 blue Baptismal banner (" <i>By Water and The Word</i> ") | #64 1 wooden plant holder |
| #19 1 silver flagon | #41 1 gold VBS banner - 1980 | #65 1 multi-coloured banner - undivided hearts |
| #20 1 large silver chalice | #42 ~ | #66 1 black altar cloth |
| #21 ~ | #43 1 blue banner (" <i>Radiate His Love - Tell His Story</i> ") | #67 2 small altar fronts - purple, green, red |
| #22 ~ | #44 1 dark green banner with crown | |
| | #45 1 large wood (oak) cross (approx. 6' high) | |
| | #46 1 large beige banner | |

1-800-465-8179 or 519-578-6500

Business Briefs

by Anna Fierling

Martin, Kathryn
Kleiber, Kathryn
Otterman, William or
Catharine
Meitz, Elizabeth (deceased)

Do You Have 'Lost' \$: ① *Check the list to the left*
② *If you see your name - CALL US!!*

District Office: 519-578-6500 or 1-800-465-8179

Carolyn Mohr: extension 217 cmohr@lceastdistrict.ca

Online Update: www.lceastdistrict.ca (click on the mailbox)

The names above are the last on our account list with no address and we want to say "Thank You" to everyone who helped locate many of the people on this list over the past several months.

CEF Update



Our Church Extension Fund (CEF) Committee has met on a few occasions in the last few months to discuss and review the CEF policies and procedures, taking into account the new government legislation with regard to the Privacy Act. Unfortunately we are not exempt from this legislation. We must comply with their rules and regulations. A revised CEF Policy and Procedures Manual has been compiled and was approved at the most recent Board of Directors meeting early in March 2004. More information will be forwarded to you regarding the procedures of investing in the Church Extension Fund.

We are committed to being a responsible administrative staff. This commitment extends to include the protection of information for each individual CEF investor.

I wish to thank the CEF investors for your patience during this transition. You are always welcome to call the East District office for any deposit or withdrawal transactions that you wish to make. Don't hesitate to contact the office with any questions or concerns. Please advise us of any address or name changes promptly. We enjoy hearing from you.

I would also like to extend a special "thank you" to the congregational Church Extension Fund representatives, who have so faithfully given of their time in acting as a liaison between the congregational members and the East District. Your support has been invaluable. In recent months a few temporary changes have taken place and the solutions have impeded the usual process. It is with your understanding and flexibility that this transition will be successful.

Look for more details regarding the CEF in the near future.

Richest blessings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anna Fierling
Business Manager

Sorry, we don't have mission receipts this month.
They'll be back next month.

May 14 - 16th
A joint retreat with
East District Youth & EDLYA



@ Historic St. Paul's, Kitchener

Theme: "Under The Influence"

Speakers: Pastor Steve Oetting & Karen Gaul

Youth (12-17): talk to your youth leader

Young Adults: talk to your circuit rep or visit www.edlya.ca

Leaders contact: Maxine Arnold: 905-779-3475

max.arnold@sympatico.ca

See enclosed poster for more info...



CREW in CONCERT
15th Anniversary Concert Tour
May 15, 2004

@

Historic St. Paul's Lutheran
Church

137 Queen St. S., Kitchener, ON

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

In conjunction with the East District Youth and EDLYA Retreat to be held at Historic St. Paul's from May 14-16th, 2004

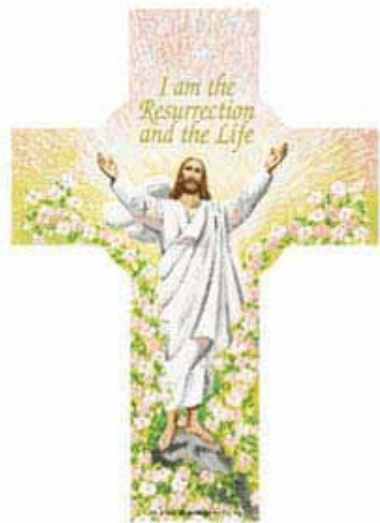
Gary, Joel, David and Paul met in 1988 while attending Concordia College in Edmonton. Fifteen years and thousands of concerts, conferences, camps and 6 recording projects later, the CREW is still making noise together.

Their unique combination of humor, harmonies, and a message of hope in Jesus still warms the hearts of thousands each year.

See enclosed poster for more info...



Announcements:



CLTS Annual Spring Auction



Concordia Lutheran
Theological Seminary,
St. Catharines, ON

Friday, April 23, 2004

@
Hernder Estate Winery
8th Ave., St. Catharines

Doors Open: 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction: 6:15 p.m.
Live Auction: 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15

Includes a complimentary glass of wine, hor d'oeuvres, wine tour and door prizes.

Call: 905-688-2362

Congregations:
Please include this notice in
your church bulletin

The Canadian Lutheran EAST DISTRICT NEWS



**2004 Submission
Deadlines:**

Issue	Deadline
July/August	May 14
September	July 23
October	August 13
November	September 17
December	October 15

Submit articles/photos to:


East District Office,
ATTN: Ilene Fortin, Editor EDN
or Email: ilene@lceeastdistrict.ca

CALLS & VACANCIES

PASTOR	CONGREGATION	RESULT
Rev. Markus Zeuch, Ji-Parana, Brazil	Unidos en Cristo, Ottawa, ON	Accepted
Rev. Dr. Bryon King, Ottawa, ON	Redeemer, St. Thomas, ON	Declined
Rev. Fred Rink, Kitchener, ON	Immanuel, Georgetown, ON	Declined
Rev. David Smilek, High Level, AB	Redeemer, St. Thomas, ON	Considering

Calling Congregations:

Redeemer, St. Thomas, ON;
Immanuel, Georgetown. ON

Lutheran Church—Canada 
East District

Concordia Golf Tournament

June 7, 2004

**Sawmill Golf Course
on the
Niagara Peninsula**

Contact:

Gord Wonnick: 905-639-8296
gord.wonnick@sympatico.ca
Ron Litwiller: 519-744-1669
Annette VanderHeide: 905-688-2362
Concordia@brocku.ca



54th East District International Lutheran Layman's League Convention

September 18, 2004



**Remember to mark
your calendar!**

@ St. Peter's, Delhi, ON

Plan to come & join the wonderful
fellowship and take the opportunity to
learn how we as God's people can share
His love through Lutheran Hour
Ministries.

www.lhm.org
Reaching 130 countries!

SERVANT EVENTS

Young people from around the
District volunteer their time and
talents to assist with local church
activities.



The Youth Ministry
Committee is
**READY, WILLING,
and ABLE.**

**Where there is a need, our
young people are ready to help!**

**Pastors and Congregations seeking
the assistance of District youth
contact:**

Mrs. Maxine Arnold, Chairman,
Youth Ministry Committee
Ph: 905-779-3475
Email: max.arnold@sympatico.ca

