



Happy Easter!

EASTER MORNING NEWS

The Official Newsletter of
Minnesota Metro Lutheran Teens Encounter Christ

"I am telling you the truth: A grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains." John 12:24



A message from Jason...

As a youth director I not only do I have to talk to youth and get them excited about experiencing TEC, but I also have to tell parents about what their child will experience, and TEC is a unique experience for everyone. Have you ever tried to tell your friends what it's all about and they look at you like you've lost your mind? It is a hard thing to describe. How can you tell your friends that you have experienced God and He has become the center of your life? I encourage you to share your experience with a friend and help TEC continue for years to come. Here are some ideas to help you share:

- It is a life-changing spiritual experience
- It is an amazing way to learn about youth faith
- It is a great chance to meet new people and make new friends
- You get to go to the pool. (if you're lucky you'll get to come back from the pool)
- You feel closer to God
- It is really fun!
- The Music Team rocks!
- There are crazy people that you will love
- Maybe you can find a new boy/girl friend

God's Peas and Carrots
Kempy

Wanna win a hoodie? See page 5

February TEC #99

Feb 15th - 17th, 2008

Immanuel Lutheran Church

16515 Luther Way
Eden Prairie, MN 55346
952-937-8123
www.immanuel.us

Co-Directors:

Audra Kirsch & Adam Barriger

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Directions to Immanuel Lutheran, Eden Prairie

I-494 to the MN-5 W exit, exit number 11C. Merge onto MN-5 W. Turn RIGHT onto EDEN PRAIRIE RD. Turn LEFT onto LUTHER WAY.

Welcome!

Weekenders of TEC 98

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What if They Gave a Party and No One Came...

For a majority of us, the Agape Dinner was the most memorable part of the TEC weekend. Sitting at the Lord's table, in his presence, the flowered cross in the middle and the heavenly voices serenading. This was followed by "Living Wheat." Remember the sanctuary filled with people and the ocean of candles? Those people were "TECies" that came to support you. Will you do the same to support the new weekenders?

*I prayerful ask that you attend the Agape serenade and Living Wheat for every TEC you can make it to. It is a brief sacrifice of time for you, **but a lifetime of memories for the weekenders.***

A note from Gene...

Happy Valentine Day

I might be a little early but it never hurts to let people know what you think of them. Or does it?

I remember Valentine Day as a kid in grade school (Yes a very long time ago). We would decorate boxes and place them around the classroom and then fill them with wishes for someone to be "our special Valentine". I always hoped I'd get one from Crystal who sat one row over from me and was the cutest girl in class. But I never got that "special" Valentine from her. They always seemed generic. What was wrong with me that she never seemed to care?

Are things that much different today?

We still seem to put so much effort into doing things to make that certain someone like us more, or even to notice us? Why? It is human nature to want to be loved by others. But what can 'make' someone love us. Is it our clothes, the perfume we wear, our hair style, or the people we hang out with? Those things might get you noticed, but then what? Do we show others what we think they want to see or do we show them our true self?

You might think that it's easy for me because I'm older and married. You may be right. Somewhere in time I stopped worrying about making others love me and I started loving them instead. I have found that if I let my love show, others see who I really am and want to know more about me. Then I can share with them that "I love because God first loved me".

God never cared how I looked or what I wore. He has ALWAYS loved me and always will because I am His child. This Valentine show love to someone you do not even know. The Agape dinner for February TEC is Saturday the 16th. Why not show up and share the love of God with a stranger. You'll be glad you did!

Happy Easter

Gene Whitbeck



New Drama at TEC?



While usually we try to steer clear of "drama" at TEC and stay focused on the cross, in this case we thought adding a little drama would be a powerful testimony to God's love and grace. Now we need your help! At TEC 99, in February, we will be showing a

video version of a skit to the song "Everything" by Lifehouse (If you aren't familiar with this awesome dramatization, visit youtube.com and type in "lifehouse everything skit") ...but in April, at TEC 100, we will be debuting a LIVE version of this skit... and we need actors! I know all you boys out there will be sorely disappointed that we won't be hounding you to be "naked Jesus" in this skit (haha), but I promise it'll be worth it anyways. Anyone working on a non-conference room team can help out. This will become a tradition at every TEC starting in April, so there will be plenty of chances to get involved, but in the interest of being prepared, please let me (Kate Sutlief) know if you are interested and/or want more details!

Email: Sutlief@augsborg.edu or Phone: 612-325-1577

Spread the Word...

Hey TECies! Do you know of a church that doesn't know anything about TEC? Or does your youth director know nothing about TEC? How DO we get more people involved? TEC has put together a DVD presentation that tells all about what a TEC weekend is. If you know of someone interested in TEC and they want to know more, A TEC Council member will be available for questions and a presentation on TEC at your church. Just email or call her or any member of the council for more details.



TEC Team Selections

We are frequently asked, "How do you put the teams together?" So here is how we do the selections. When we receive an application, we mark it by the date we **receive it**. It is then entered on our computer with your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice selections. Remember, you cannot work in the conference room until you have worked a team outside of the conference room. We then pray about the team selection. The teams are then assembled and every attempt is made to give you either your 1st or 2nd choice. But as teams fill this is not always possible. We do not let you know in advance what team you will be serving on because we want you to keep your focus on serving God rather than who you will be with you on team.

Remember; if you plan to give a talk, include an outline with your application.

Gene & Laurie Whitbeck, team allocations.

UPCOMING TEC WEEKEND

TEC # 100

April 18-20, 2008

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

18500 County Rd. 101
Maple Grove, MN 55311
763-420-5015

www.lordoflife.org

Have you worked on a team lately? Serving on a team is awesome. Check the website @www.MMLTEC.org for upcoming weekend dates.

Send in your applications early.



OFF TO COLLEGE? CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS OR EMAIL?

Help keep us up to date. Just click the "contact us" link on the web page and send us your email or address change.



TEC FOR ADULTS/PARENTS?

CURSILLO MAY BE JUST THAT!

If you are an adult or a parent of a TECie searching for a weekend to get away from it all and to have your "gas tank" filled with the Holy Spirit - a Via de Cristo weekend may be just the thing for you.

Minnesota Via de Cristo is similar to a TEC weekend in that it is a weekend retreat for encountering Christ and establishing or strengthening a personal relationship with Him. There are many opportunities to keep the Via de Cristo and TEC programs alive in you home congregations, but it takes all of us in prayer and action to make it happen.

Please consider attending a Via de Cristo, or **serve on a TEC weekend as an adult.**

Visit mviadecristo.org for details on VDC weekends in your area!

 Prior to all TEC weekends, the newsletter will be available on the web at www.mmltec.org

Welcome Weekenders of TEC 98

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St John's Mound

MARISSA ALLEN

COLE BENSON

LIZZ CARD

JAKE ENGEN

AMANDA GIVENS

JAKE GRIST

BROCK GUNDERSON

MARK HAAKENSTAAD

JULIE HANSON

ALI HEIDEMANN

KATIE HENRY

MEREDITH JOHNSON

JEFF LAVIGNE

TAYLOR MADSEN

BRETT MAES

COLLIN MAGNER

PEDRO MOREIRA

ELLIE ODLAND

ALLIE OLSEN

JON OLTMAN

SARAH PAGE

KATIE PENDLETON

JOSH PERSIGEHL

JULIE PRAZAK

DYLAN PRITCHARD

KYLA RATHJEN

EMILY SAATELA

ABBY SCHNORR

JACLYN SMITH

SAMMI SMITH

AMANDA SOEDER

TASHA SUFKA

DERRICH THRONNSEN

KELSEY TOLLEFSON

MADDIE TROW

DREW TUDOR

COLIN VOIGT

MARIT ZELINSKY



TEC #98 TEAM LIST

Marissa	Allen	Stephen	Nierengarten
Aaron	Barriger	Mary	Nyquist
Jason	Belz	Jillian	Pearson
Cole	Benson	Katie	Pendleton
Jenny	Brattensborg	Tim	Peterson
Lizz	Card	Dylan	Pritchard
Kelsey	Connor	Kyla	Rathjen
Chris	Cummings	Martin	Rathjen
Paul	Erdmann	Rebecca	Rathjen
Don	Frogner	Rob	Saatela
Terri	Furst	Emily	Saatela
Meredith	Grist	Liz	Saatela
Angie	Headman	Anne	Saatela
Jeff	Headman	Aubrey	Schmitt
Eric	Hendrickson	Abby	Schnorr
Laura	Hendrickson	Sammi	Smith
Mike	Inveen	Cahlor	Stedman
Peter	Jorgensen	Kate	Sutlief
Jason	Kempthorne	Hunter	Thompson
Audra	Kirch	Chris	Tianen
Craig	Larson	James	Verlautz
Brett	Maes	Ashley	Wagner
Arielle	Mastellar	Jason	Waldron
Megan	Morrow	Lindsey	Waldron
		Gene	Whitbeck

To be placed in a drawing for a free TEC hoodie, send an email with "Hoodie" in the subject line to **mmltec@yahoo.com**.

Be sure to include name, address and email. GOOD LUCK!!