



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...

On My Honeymoon,  
Be back soon!

(By the way, take your dog for a walk)

## November TEC #101

November 14th - 16th, 2008

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**Welcome!**

Weekenders of TEC 100

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UPCOMING TEC WEEKEND

TEC #102

February 13th -15 , 2008

Immanuel Lutheran, Eden Prairie

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## *A note from Gene...*

Summer is over! How sad is that?

Another school year is well underway. For many of you that means college now, with new classes, living arrangements and being on your own. To some of you, it is the same old thing. Or, is it?

We get many chances in our lives to change how others see us. You may not agree with that statement, but it's true.

Everyday when we get up we make a choice (consciously or unconsciously) on how we will approach the day and those we meet. Are you the kind who says, "I'm tired and do not want to be here and I refuse to put any effort into trying to change". Or, are you the kind who wakes with a smile and cannot wait to meet the challenges of the day? I think most of us fall somewhere in between those two. We try our best to be upbeat, but sometimes it is so hard.

Everything we say and do reflects who we are (or does it reflect who our God is?) Often the things we do speak much louder than the words we say. It's called communication. What are you communicating to those around you? Are you reflecting your needs or God's wants?

God wants you to be His voice in the world. You don't have to say a word; just let your actions reflect Jesus' love. "Love one another as I have loved you". So tomorrow when you get out of bed ask God to help you to be His hands and feet. You'll be amazed at how different your day will be and how others will see you.

The choice is yours.

Happy Easter,

Gene



## 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 your 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 [mnviadecristo.org](http://mnviadecristo.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](http://www.mmltec.org)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

## 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.***

## **TEC 101 Agape**

Plan to serenade at the Agape dinner and stay for the "living wheat" service. Please arrive by **6:00pm** to serenade.

**Directions to Minnetonka Lutheran**  
1 mile west of 494 on Minnetonka Blvd



## **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.



## **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.

# Welcome Weekenders of TEC 100

**April 2008**

**Lord of Life, Maple Grove**

Alexander, Laura

Bailey, Cindy

Berwald, Brooke

Butler, Allie

Castleman, Monica

Crofoot, Stephanie

Heller, Emily

Hinke, Caitlin

Iverson, Carl

Jessup, Micah

Kevlahan, Dana

Kurmis, Emily

Lamb, Brittani

Leu, Erin

Lyden, Ali

NAME

Oie, Jake

Osegard, Cody

Palm, Angel

Peterson, Ethan

Schmidt, Maddie

Schrot, Nate

Selser, Becky

Streifel, Mari

Strieter, Laura

Tolzien, Trent

Tuseth, Shelby

Voss, Breana

Wall, Jared

Walstrom, Matt

Walther, Brian



# TEC #101 TEAM LIST

Card, Lizz	Persigehl, Josh
Claussen-gubrud, Kent	Pritchard, Dylan
Eckberg, Anna	Reynoldson, Taylor
Frogner, Don	Rogers, John
Gleason, Christie	Saatela, Rob
Haakenstad, Mark	Saatela, Emily
Halvarson, Gina	Schnorr, Abby
Heule, Jane	Sherman, Kristin
Hinz, Courtney	Smith, Sammi
Inveen, Mike	Stadler, Steve
Jorgensen, Peter	Sufka, Tasha
Kempthorne, Jason	Sutlief, Kate
Kujawa, Kristin	Thomas, Joey
LaPlant, Jovanna	Thompson, Derek
Larson, Craig	Tianen, Chris
Lavigne, Jeff	Ullman, Katie
Maes, Brett	Verlautz, James
Morrow, Megan	Waldron, Jason
Nierengarten, Paula	Waldron, Lindsey
Nierengarten, Stephen	Weiberg, Christina
Osegard, Cody	Whitbeck, Gene
Pearson, Jillian	Whitbeck, Laurie
Pearson, Terry	Woll, Chris
Pendleton, Katie	Zelinsky, Marit

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!!