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May 10th & 11th UEMI Mission in India



In May, Beautiful Savior will host John Peter Kirubagaran, founder of United Evangelical Mission International (UEMI). Mr. Kirubagaran will speak on Saturday, May 10 at 11 a.m. at BSLC. He will also preach both services on Sunday, May 11, and give a presentation during the Sunday school hour.

A light lunch will be served after the presentation on Saturday, hosted by the LWML. An RSVP is needed for the lunch by Monday, May 5th to the church office at 336-3616.

Mr. Kirubagaran will speak about his life and God's work through UEMI, which he founded in 1988 in India. UEMI's ministry includes their Community Transformation Centers, schools, orphanages, programs for women, and orphan sponsorships.

How is the LCMS related to UEMI?

The LCMS began mission work in India in 1895, and the last LCMS career missionary retired in 2003. India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) became an LCMS partner church in 1959, and today has 50,000 baptized members in 1,000 congregations.

According to Herb Hofer, LCMS Area Director for India and Sri Lanka, "Mr. Kirubagaran is a member of the IELC and runs his own mission society [UEMI]. He has conducted some evangelistic programs with the IELC and with our other partner church in the region, the Lanka Lutheran Church, in Sri Lanka. He has an official partnership with the IELC, and there is a UEMI mission society in the USA that is run by LCMS pastors and is part of ALMA (our LCMS-sponsored gathering of mission societies)."

How did we hear about Mr. Kirubagaran?

Tom Going, an LCMS missionary who visited Beautiful Savior last June, went on a UEMI short-term mission in November 07, and recommended Mr. Kirubagaran to speak at Beautiful Savior.

Should we support UEMI?

BSLC members are welcome to sponsor an orphan or contribute to the UEMI ministry. Mr. Hofer suggested that we designate our donations for the IELC-related work of the UEMI. Find out more about UEMI at UEMI at www.uemi.org.

What mission work can we do in India with the LCMS?

LCMS World Mission work in India is explained at <http://www.lcms.org/pages/internal.asp?NavID=4863>. In an email, Mr. Hofer wrote, "The one on-going short-term mission opportunity the India Evangelical Lutheran Church offers, thru LCMS World Mission, is the two-week Spoken English Workshop during the 2nd and 3rd weeks of June each year. In these, LCMS volunteers teach spoken English to young pastors, deaconesses, and seminary students. You can apply for this service through the LCMS World Mission web site."

Member News

- Anabel Dulce Anjelita Arevalos was received into the kingdom of God by baptism on 4/13. She is the daughter of Emmanuel and Nicole Arevalos, and the granddaughter of Wayne Valentine. Welcome, Anabel!
- Natalie Sophia Butkowsky was received into the kingdom of God by baptism on 4/20. She is the daughter of Scott and Angela Butkowsky. Bob and Jan Nesbit were her sponsors. Welcome, Natalie!
- We are pleased to announce our new members, joining April 27: Mike and Cindy Wilson, Robin Hoene with her children Quinn and Paige, Sonja Valentine Garza, Sonya Daniels and her son Tristan, and Martha Matson. We are excited you're here!

Join a Fellowship Small Group!

Fellowship small groups at BSLC have started meeting. Groups meet monthly for a meal or coffee at various locations. More participants and group hosts are encouraged to sign up on the list on the entryway bulletin board or to contact Terri Kroll at mdktwk@aol.com or 658-1659.

May 2nd-4th LWML District Convention



LWML President Arlene Warenko reports that at least 12 women from Beautiful Savior will take the bus together to the LWML District Convention in Park City, Utah on May 2nd. Our delegates are Cindy Wilson, Beth Rupprecht, Kathryn

Norton, with Ladora Butler and Jennie Zitlau as alternates. Sherrie Rumpeltes is running for an office. It is not too late to register; contact Arlene at 342-0064.

Progress on the DCE Call

The Boards of Directors and Elders have sent the call packet for Leah Steinbronn to District for review. The District will then review and approve the packet. Next, Concordia's Synodical Placement Office will review the documents. The final step is for Leah to sign the documents in acceptance of the call.

LWML Donates Books to City Light

The LWML Western Zone Spring Event on April 5th had 67 people in attendance, reports Zone Representative Kathy Bohlken. Participants exchanged Christian books, and studied the Bible, and donated 211 books for the City Light Home in Boise. "We praise the Lord for your interest in this project and ask for your prayers for the families who will benefit," Kathy said.

This 'N' That

- *Include in your summer plans the **BSLC Vacation Bible School**, which will be held August 3-7. The theme is "Discover Jesus' Miraculous Power." If you are willing to serve as a leader, contact Becky Young at rebeccayoung@earthlink.net.*
- ***BSLC Preschool** registration for the 2008-09 school year is going well. Both classes for 3's and morning classes for 4's are full and have a waiting list. There are openings in the afternoon class for 4's. Tell your friends and neighbors to call 331-3040.*
- ***LWML Prayer Service**, "Secure in Jesus, My Rock and Fortress," on April 12th attracted 20 people. "I just loved the songs in it," said Arlene Warenko. She especially liked the prayer for the coming week, which included, "Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves, when our dreams are fulfilled because we dream too little."*

Camp Perkins



Camp Perkins News

Plan your summer fun now! Camp Perkins retreats and summer camps are posted on their website. Call (208) 774-3372 or register at www.CampPerkins.org.

- About 60 people enjoyed songs and games at **Camp Perkins Night** at Friendship Celebration on 4/13.
- **Spring Work Weekend (May 23-26)** - Breathe in the spring air, stretch your muscles, and fill Camp Perkins with the sound of power tools! Housing and meals are FREE to groups and families of all ages.
- **Single Parent/Child Retreat (June 27-29)** - Single parents and their families enjoy time away and meet other single parent families. Friday evening through Sunday lunch. A free-will donation will be accepted.
- **Family Camp (August 1-3)** - Bring your whole family to camp and enjoy quality time together. There will be both scheduled times led by camp staff and open time for you to relax. Cost varies by accommodations.
- **2008 Summer Camps** - Camp Perkins offers a variety of activities and camp experiences in a Christian community in God's creation. Enjoy swimming, canoeing, campfires, Bible studies, mountain biking, archery, rock climbing, hiking, crafts, whitewater rafting, horseback riding, backpacking, Art Camp, Drama Camp, Fly Fishing Camp, Photography Camp, and Leadership Camp.
- **Adopt a Camp Perkins Summer Staff Member** - They're cute! They're cuddly! They're miles from home! Pray for your staff member and send a card or care package.
- **Health Care Volunteers Needed** - Camp Perkins is seeking EMTs, nurses, and doctors to serve as Health Care Volunteers this summer. Volunteers oversee campers' prescription medications and general health, and become involved in the life at camp. Serve from registration on Sunday through 1:00 p.m. Friday. Weeks still needed: June 22-27, June 29-July 4, July 6-11, July 13-18.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request, contact Linda Barth at 429-1112 or howardbar@msn.com, or contact the church office. All requests for prayer for individuals, families, or groups are welcome. We encourage you to follow up your request with more information, such as praise for answered prayer, or a change in the status of the request. No chain letters, web-lore, or urban myths will be accepted. If the request is not for you or your immediate family, we recommend that you have the person's permission to post the request.

Spiritual Gifts and Church Growth

Part 2 of a 3-Part Series

We find a similar emphasis on mutual service in 1 Corinthians 12, where Paul also discusses spiritual gifts. There is only one Spirit, Paul says, but there are different kinds of gifts (verse 4). There is only one Lord, but there are different kinds of service (verse 5). As members of the Body of Christ, we serve in different ways, each according to the gifts Christ has given us through the Spirit. There is only one God, but he leads and equips each of us to do the kinds of work that please him (verse 6). These spiritual gifts are distributed “for the common good” (verse 7), in other words, for the overall healthy functioning of the Body.

If he had wanted to, God could have given each of us ability to do everything, but he did not. He distributes his gifts differently to each of us, and this means we have to work together. Working together is, in a way, just as important as getting the job done — because working together in Christ is an expression of God’s love, which itself is part of the work of God. God is love, and he wants us to grow in love for one another.

Some spiritual gifts are spectacular; others are not. That fact can lead to pride, or to feelings either of superiority or inferiority. But Paul’s point in this passage is that all gifts are from God, and he is the one who distributes them as it pleases him, as he desires and determines best. Therefore, none of us has any reason to boast or to think our particular gift is more important than another, or to think our gift shows that we are

more important than others. And, on the other side of the coin, no one has any reason to feel inferior, or to feel that his or her gift is not so important.

The truth is, Paul explains, each person has at least one gift or ability given by God, and each person has the responsibility to use it for the common good of the Body of Christ. I hope we can begin to see why mutual service, cooperation and love are vital to the health and growth of the church.

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Contributed by Bill Young, and located at <http://www.wcg.org/lit/spiritual/gifts/growth.htm>.

Beacon Deadline is the 20th

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Springtime Studies

Join one of BSLC’s study groups this spring. Drop-ins are always welcome!

Study	Day	Time	Place	Contact Name	Topic / Notes
The Book of Acts	Sun.	10 – 11 a.m.	The side room off the sanctuary	Paul Petersen, 362-8942	Bring your Bible.
Marriage! The Great Adventure	Sun.	10 – 11 a.m.	Church - Choir Loft	The Youngs, 429-9933 The Lunds, 336-8331	For married couples
Odyssey of St. Paul	Sun.	10 – 11 a.m.	Church - Library	Rev. Martin Heinicke	
DAWN – Women’s Bible Study	Tues.	6:15 - 7:45 a.m.	Elmer’s on Capitol Blvd.	Ladora Butler, 377-1083	The lectionary
Men’s Bible Breakfast	Tues.	6:15 - 7:30 a.m.	Eddie’s Restaurant, 7067 Overland	Lynn Thaldorf, 362-5276	1st, 2nd and 3rd John
Mid-Week Bible Study	Wed.	1 - 3 p.m.	Church	Pastor Barth	“Office of the Keys”
Life Light Bible Study	Wed.	7 - 9 p.m.	Various locations	Don Brigham, 375-3419	The book of Joshua
Bethel Bible Study	Wed.	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Church	Shirley Paul, 336-6999	Overview of the New Testament
Mom’s Bible Study	Thurs.	12.45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Church	Angela Neiwert, 368-9991	"From God to Us: How We Got Our Bible" by Norman Geisler and William Nix. Bring a sack lunch. Babysitting provided.
The Purpose-Driven Life	Fri.	6:30 - 7:30 a.m.	Church library	Cedric Fedde, 338-5619	“The Purpose-Driven Life” by Rick Warren