

DISTRICT UPDATE

Hope Members Get Good Wrap



LUTHERAN EDUCATION is very important to the Czerwonka family of Marietta, GA. Five Czerwonka brothers — (left to right) Matt, 8th grade, David, 5th grade, Jacob, 3rd grade, Luke, 1st grade, and Sam, ECE3 — attend Faith Lutheran School-Marietta. Mom Barbara is a classroom teaching assistant, and dad Greg served as the director of the School Board for three years. Also attending the school are two cousins, Jessica in 4th grade and Tommy in the 1st grade. All are active in sports, music groups and service to the school and community. Maternal grandparents are also active members of the church and school. Paternal grandparents are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church- Sigel, IL. □

On Sunday, December 4, 2005, members of the Christian Growth & Human Care Ministry Teams of Hope-Plant City, FL, came together for a wrap party . . . complete with rolls and rolls of Christmas wrapping paper. They joined forces to prepare the 97 gifts collected through Hope's Family Bible Hour offerings for Messiah's Tampa Migrant Ministry Christmas Outreach.

During November, members of Hope selected the name of a child who is a part of the

Migrant Ministry and purchased a gift appropriate for that child.

Gifts were distributed by Connie Sikkema at the Migrant Ministry Christmas outreach

event at Camp Christina in Riverview. She was assisted by numerous volunteers from Messiah-Tampa and the youth of Hope. □



Shown here after the wrap party are some of the exhausted elves of various ages who gave of their time and talents that afternoon.



GRACE-WINTER HAVEN, FL, welcomed 30 new members by adult confirmation and transfer during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on November 20, 2005. They were honored at a reception following the service. Rev. John R. Koczman and Rev. Dr. Milan Weerts serve Grace. □



William Brath



Kenneth Buth



Brent Hartwig



John Pearson



Matthew Priem

FIVE FLORIDA-GEORGIA DISTRICT members are among the 118 new students who enrolled at Concordia Seminary-St. Louis last fall, including (left to right)

- William Brath, St. Paul Lutheran-Weston, FL;
- Kenneth Buth, Faith Lutheran-Sebring, FL;
- Brent Hartwig (with wife Kara), Woodlands Lutheran-Montverde, FL;
- John Pearson, Good Shepherd Lutheran-Sarasota, FL; and
- Matthew Priem, St. John Lutheran-Ocala, FL. □

REV. BEN HAUPT was one of four Concordia Seminary-St. Louis students who received a call to be pastor during the October 28, 2005, chapel service. At that service, 18 students were given vicarage assignments, with two other assignments pending. Haupt, a graduate of the Seminary's master of divinity program, is being installed as associate pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church-Boca Raton, FL, on Sunday, January 15. The Seminary's winter class is traditionally smaller than the spring class for pastoral calls and vicarage assignments. □



Rev. Ben Haupt



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by Rev. Gerhard Michael Jr.
President, Florida-Georgia District

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 Cumming GA..... Living Faith
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 LaBelle FL..... Christ the King
 North Miami FL..... Holy Cross
 North Palm Beach FL..... Faith
 Pompano Beach FL..... Hope
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 St. Petersburg FL..... Grace
 St. Petersburg FL..... Our Savior

Associate Pastor

Bradenton FL Hope
 Brandon FL..... Immanuel
 Winter Haven FL Grace

Assistant Pastor

Eustis FL Faith
 Lutz FL Holy Trinity

Associate/Assistant Pastor

Delray Beach FL Trinity

Mission Developer

North Dade County (Miami Shores FL) Redeemer

Principal/Administrator

Brandon FL..... Immanuel
 Davie FL Gloria Dei
 Orlando FL Prince of Peace
 Orlando FL Trinity
 Sarasota FL Good Shepherd

DCE/DCO

Kennesaw GA Living Hope
 Marietta GA Faith
 Orlando FL Trinity
 Savannah GA Trinity

CALLS EXTENDED

St. Paul-Peachtree City GA, extended a call to Mr. Cory Smith, Mt. Calvary-St. Louis MO, as Director of Youth Ministry.

CALLS RECEIVED

Rev. C. Mark McIntyre, Tampa FL, received a call as chaplain, Calvary Hospital-Bronx NY.

CALLS ACCEPTED

Rev. C. Mark McIntyre, Tampa FL, accepted the call as chaplain, Calvary Hospital-Bronx NY.
 Mr. Cory Smith, Mt. Calvary-St. Louis MO, accepted the call to St. Paul-Peachtree City GA.

TRANSFERRED TO OTHER DISTRICTS

Rev. Dr. Ronald F. Fink to Southeastern
 Rev. Dennis L. Bartels to Mid-South
 Rev. C. Mark McIntyre to Atlantic
 Mr. Leroy F. Beer to Texas

TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

Rev. Alan W. Havekotte from Indiana
 Mr. Robert W. Reed from SELC

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Rev. Walter A. Pieper, September 25, 2004
 Rev. Eduardo A. Llerena, May 28, 2005