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"Love your neighbor as Christ loved you."

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A Message From The Pastor



Pastor Jacob Mua with his wife, Mai, and children (left to right) Crystal, Faith, and Melody.

Greetings in the name of Christ. My name is Jacob and I would like to say hi to all of our Hmong neighbors in the Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center community. I was happy to have met some of you a few weeks ago when I was out promoting our Easter celebration. I am the pastor of Light of the World Alliance Church (LOTWAC) which was started just two years ago in the Brooklyn Park area. We are a second and future generation Hmong church whose goal is to help show the love of Jesus in every way possible to our community. My family and I invite you and your family to join us as we worship God together. We worship on Sundays at 1:30pm.

Pastor Jacob Mua

Hey, Where's the Easter Bunny?

“What is Easter” is a common question that many people may be pondering about. This Easter, Light of the World Alliance Church did not focus on bunnies, eggs, and candies, but of Jesus Christ's resurrection.

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Roger, Jenny, Crystal and Serena singing the song My Savior My God for Easter.

Let's Spice it up for Valentine



From left to right, Pao, Nang, Amelia, Keith, Pang, and Sheng enjoying their spiced up night at Tea House. Many said, "it was pretty spicy" when asked to describe the event.

Future events to look forward to:

Love Your Neighbor Summer Festival

Volleyball Sundays (in May if weather permits)

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To celebrate, Light of the World Alliance Church prepared special performances such as an Easter play, praise and worship songs, and individual performances. There were also Easter related activities for children during service. After service, church members and guests were joined together for a delicious Easter dinner.

The most memorable performance that day was the Easter play. It was performed by talented cast members of the church. It was beautifully performed with drama and excitement. Spectators of the play described it as "fun, unpredictable, and very entertaining."

This year, we celebrated, Easter, the day in which Jesus Christ rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion. He died to forgive us of our sins and to remind us that he is the way, the truth and the light. So, sorry Mr. Easter Bunny, you cannot distract us with your candy-filled eggs because we know the answer to the question, "what is Easter." As followers of Christ, we look forward to the offerings that Jesus can provide for us and we're happy with that.



Seng, Pao, Ryan and Josh as the disciples in *The Crucifixion* play.

This year's theme for Light of the World Alliance Church is "love your neighbor". With this in mind, there is no one that you should love most than your own partner, family, and close friends. And, the best time to celebrate them in your life is Valentine's Day.

The first kickoff event of the year for Light of the World Alliance Church was the Valentine Dinner at Tea House in St. Paul on Friday, February 15, 2008. With no children running around, the adults were able to "spice up" their dinner in elegance and sophistication.

Tea House is known for its authentic Szechuan cuisine. The restaurant was able to service the church guests with a beautiful setting of intricate décor, different dishes to choose from and the perfect back lighting for relaxation. Everyone enjoyed their experience at Tea House, but the most important enjoyment was the pleasure of spending time with their loved one.

When asking the diners to describe the experience, many said, "it was pretty spicy." So, make sure you invite all of your loved ones for more of LOTW's events, because we know it will definitely be spiced up.

Sunday schedule:

1:30pm-3:00pm

(Service in English)

Children's ministry and Hmong group is during service.

Snacks will be provided following after service every 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Small Group and Youth Ministry:

3:00pm-4:00pm

Any changes to the schedule will be announced before service.

Church Ministry

Light of the World Alliance Church has many ministry opportunities for the whole family. Come enjoy the joy of spiritual growth in Christ as well as growing a relationship with others through fellowship.

Children's Ministry is a place where infants through 6th grade children will engage in a captivating environment filled with bible lessons that develop their faith. We provide them with a loving and caring environment as they grow in their walk with God.

Youth Ministry is a junior and high



Teacher Pang and her students (left to right) Allison, Faith, Abby, Vivian, and Tavia.

school leadership program where loving God is cool. It is designed to provide each individual a place to hang out, laugh, have fun and receive guidance in developing a strong spiritual growth with God.

Small Group serves adults as a place where they can share their life experiences and connection with others as they discover and develop a better life centered on Christ. They will engage in group discussions filled with biblical concepts and develop a whole new level of relationship with God.

Hmong Group is committed to non-English speakers as they seek out what it truly means to follow Jesus. This class teaches them to live a healthier Christian life through modern bible study and life experiences.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray that the non-Christian Hmong in the Twin Cities would hear God's good news.
- Pray for the Hmong church plants across the nation (Thrive, MN; Mission Alliance Church, WI; Our City-Our Neighborhood Church, MN; New Life Christian Alliance Church, MN; New Life Alliance Church, CA; Konania Alliance Church, MN; Hmong Family Alliance Church, CA; and Light of the World Alliance Church, MN) that God will use them in special ways to do his ministry and to stand steadfast in God's calling.
- Pray for Light of the World's "Love Your Neighbor as Christ Loved You" summer festival 2008.
- Pray for our small group, Hmong, and youth group, that it would have a great impact on the lives of each person.

Special Prayer Request: 2-year-old Susanna Mua



Susanna Mua sitting in her chair at the hospital.

On December 21, Susanna was involved in a head-on car accident. The car was driven by Nou, Susanna's aunt, who was injured with broken ribs and wrist.

Susanna went through several surgeries due to her injured vertebrae. She is unable to use her limbs and cannot breathe on her own. She is recovering at home. Please pray that God will work a miracle and give her the strength to heal. Please pray for her family as well. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

For more information, please visit:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/susannamua

The Special Person in My Life

By Cheng (Pao Leng) Her, LOTW guitarist



Cheng acknowledges the special person in his life who greets him with a warm smile and influences him to be a better person everyday.

As I sit patiently and wonder what today's message is going to be about, I am greeted with a smile and a warm handshake from a special person. This person makes me feel welcomed. After his warm greeting, I start to feel anxious like a deep craving for ice cream on a hot summer day.

Every Sunday, I leave in awe, wondering and waiting anxiously for the next dose of encouragement. This special person is Pastor Jacob. He

wore a maroon buttoned down shirt tucked in with smooth black slacks and black dress shoes. He looked sharp. With his slick back hair cut he smiles positively to everyone he greets. One thing I cannot imagine him without is his glasses. There are some people who do

not look good with glasses, but Pastor Jacob is someone you can't imagine without them. He looks very smart with glasses. This is the image I always have of him.

Volleyball is what I love doing with friends and family. Every Sunday after church we would play volleyball. My pastor and church members would join the volleyball games. Every player comes to the court with excitement and joy. I usually try to play on the opposing team of my pastor's so we can get some action going.

My Pastor has taught me many things about life and how to deal with issues. He once said "You must be the light to others."

This feature will continue in next quarter's newsletter.

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