

LAKE SHORELINES

March 21, 2007



A Palm Sunday Soup Supper April 1 — 6:30 p.m.

benefiting Heifer International project in Bolivia

It started with a cow.

In 1939 Indiana farmer Dan West was a volunteer relief worker handing out cups of powdered milk to orphans and refugees of the Spanish Civil War. Moved by their plight, he had an idea: give suffering families a cow so the families could produce their own milk and not have to rely on temporary aid. From that idea

Heifer International was born. By 1944 West had returned to the states and organized “Heifers for Relief.” The first cows sent abroad were donated by West’s neighbors. The project grew, and thousands of cows were distributed throughout Europe after World War II.

Using livestock and training to alleviate hunger proved to be successful; in 1953 the charity became the organization known today as Heifer International. Today, Heifer has expanded its mission and provides more than 25 types of animals—from goats and geese, to bees and silkworms, to alpacas and llamas.

A cornerstone of Heifer’s philosophy is “Passing on the Gift.” Each family Heifer assists agrees to provide offspring of their animals to other families. Each new family does the same until an entire community is able to lift itself out of poverty. The end results are lasting self-reliance for families and sustainability for the environment.

For this year’s Soup Supper project, we will “pass on our gifts” to buy alpacas and llamas for Bolivian families who live high in the Andes Mountains. For \$15 for adults and \$5 for children you can buy a share in an alpaca or a llama. Eight shares equals one animal. To make reservations for the Soup Supper, you may sign up on the form in the sanctuary hallway or call the office (772-2910).

This is Lake Shore’s 11th annual Palm Sunday Soup Supper. Previous suppers have raised over \$13,000 for global missions projects.

Journey through Lent

In the silence of my prayer, a persistent thought craves an audience: a catalogue of all the sins of my lifetime. I am no spring chicken: it’s a long list. . . . I imagine myself holding up the line at the pearly gates, as St. Peter listens patiently to my dirty laundry list. But I also imagine a miracle there: item after soiled item turns sparkling clean as I pull it from my backpack to show him. It has all been taken care of.

—Barbara Crafton

Worship at Lake Shore

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 25, 2007

The Sermon

“In Heaven Scent”

Dorisanne Cooper

The Scripture

John 12.1-8

From Our Associate Pastor . . .

Jesus said, "Mary." Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" meaning "Teacher." John 20:16

How do we learn about the things that matter? For years I watched for brochures in my mailbox, advertising conferences that might "count" in my work, a seminar or workshop that would truly rank as "continuing education."

Times have changed. So has my method. Now I realize that an hour sitting at the feet of a master teacher is more valuable to me than a series of break-out sessions and nametags. I need wisdom more than I need extra bags with conference logos, and water to replenish my well more than airline miles.

So several times a year I "google" the names of people I want to hear – Anne Lamott, Rachel Remen, Kathleen Norris, Eugene Peterson, Frederick Buechner, Mary Oliver. I narrow my search to 2007, to spring, to Texas. I see whose schedule is in sync with mine. I love for these spiritual teachers to sign my copies of their books, a symbol that says for a few minutes our lives intersected, not just through written words but face-to-face.

If the teacher is wise and genuine, it doesn't matter that I hear a presentation a second, third, or even a tenth time. If the teacher tells a story that is true and healing and restorative, I need to listen until the message sinks into my bones. Like the disciples following their teacher

on the way to Jerusalem, I'm a slow learner. How quickly I forget what Jesus taught! I've heard "Love one another" and "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you" all my life; you'd think that in 55 years those commandments would have become second nature. But I tend to echo the disciples' requests: "Rabbi, Teacher, I have something I want you to do for me." "Teacher, order my brother to give me a fair share of the family wealth." "Teacher, I want to see." "Teacher! Teacher! Teacher!" I call, like an eager child raising a hand in class. Maybe what I most want is not an answer to a question but a chance to sit in the teacher's presence.

Since I first heard Rachel Remen, who wrote *Kitchen Table Wisdom* and *My Grandfather's Blessings*, in California a few years ago, I've felt like an evangelist in the Galilean countryside must have felt, spreading the news that Jesus, the Teacher, was nearby. I could not wait to take people with me to meet this new teacher in Oklahoma City and Houston and then, a few weeks ago, in San Antonio. To listen to her, even in a room with a thousand others, is a gift: "I sometimes think only mystery can sustain us." "I thought for years that I had come to fix life, but my job is to reflect mystery and to serve."

"Everything unborn in us and in the world needs blessing." She says this in a hundred different ways, each of them calm and wise and

reverent and humble. "When we recognize the spark of God in others, we blow on it with our attention and strengthen it, no matter how deeply it has been buried or for how long."

Most of my teachers are not be the authors of best-selling books. They are people who have taught me how to notice the beauty in a redbud tree, search for the right word for a poem, pay attention to the moon and to people coming to the church for food. They have taught me the right way to slice onions, the importance of showing up, the words to say at communion, the names of flowers, how to write a grant, and the importance of living with hope. So often, the skills I learn are secondary to sitting in the teacher's presence.

Remen says, "Life can speak to you through anyone, through a person who has never been educated or who does not speak your language, through someone who is ill or dying, through a child. It can speak without any words at all. I have learned a great deal about life from people who do not think of themselves as teachers."

I looked back at my notes from the times I've heard her speak and saw a repeated phrase that all my teachers have taught me: "All life needs is your faithfulness." It's a good teaching for me to hear – over and over again.

Shalanda



Easter Joy

Every year at Easter, you have the opportunity to give flowers in honor or memory of someone you love.

This year, we will adorn the front of the sanctuary with a variety of colors of hydrangeas in celebration of the joy of the resurrection of Christ and the renewal of the earth. After worship on Easter morning, you may take the hydrangea home to plant. Please order by Wednesday, March 28.

I wish to give a hydrangea on Easter morning:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

I have included \$15 by ___ check ___ cash.

Welcome, Clare Losey



What a touching experience it was to witness Clare Losey publicly sharing her faith with Lake Shore this past Sunday! Her parents, Jay Losey and Elizabeth Dell, and her older brother, Dylan, were ardent supporters as Clare was greeted by the church. Clare has been a part of Lake Shore since her birth, and this church has been the fortunate recipient of her quiet enthusiasm, warm smiles, and gentle grace. An active participant in the Helping Hands and Bridge Builders during her elementary years, Clare is now involved in the youth group. It was on the youth retreat over Spring Break that Clare “surrendered myself to God and made God the center of my life.”

Clare is in the seventh grade at Vanguard College Preparatory School where her favorite classes are Language Arts (with Carol Spain as her teacher) and Texas History. She has taken dance lessons since she was three years old (ballet and tap), is active in basketball, and plays the piano. She enjoys reading and playing with her cats, Myo-O and Playful.

Clare, we rejoice with you in this decision and anticipate a sharing of our faiths together as you continue to grow into the fullness of Christ.

Clean Up Day Saturday, March 24 8:00 a.m.

It's Spring Cleaning Time! On Saturday, March 24, we'll clean the church, inside and out, in preparation for Palm Sunday and Easter. Bring lawn tools, dust rags, and a will to work. Whether your skills include decorating or weeding, digging or organizing, we have a job for you. There will be jobs downstairs, upstairs, and outside. If you have a pickup and a strong back, we can use them.

Contact Donovan McNeil (outside) or Bruce Neatherlin (inside) if you can come.



“You Are Our Potter”

We are the clay, and You are our Potter.

We are all the work of your hands. — Isaiah 64.8

Adult Seminar, Wednesday, March 28

Barb Francis

On Wednesday evening before this year's Soup Supper, Barb will lead our conversation about the six “movements” in creating pottery — yielding, centering, deepening, opening, growing, and shaping — and how those movements echo our spiritual development. The careful crafting of a piece of pottery reminds us of the individual steps that trace our spiritual lives.

In 1996 Barb Francis brought to Lake Shore the idea of serving soup out of hand-crafted pottery bowls and donating the money to hunger causes. That year we began our annual Palm Sunday Soup Supper. Each year, Barb, along with several local potters have donated the pottery bowls from which we eat soup for this mission project.

Please join us next Wednesday as we look at the spiritual side of pottery.



Children's Corner

Hike-a-thon for Heifer

This Sunday

March 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Redwood Shelter,

Cameron Park

Bring the whole family!

Schedule of Events

3:30-4:00 Get Organized

4:00-5:00 Hike

5:00-5:30 Cook-out

Things to remember:

- ✦ Call/email and let us know how many in your family are coming so we'll have enough food.
- ✦ Bring your pledge envelopes.
- ✦ Bring a pedometer if you have one, although we will have them available.
- ✦ Bring your assigned item for the cookout. If you don't have one, call Karyn Miller.
- ✦ Wear shoes appropriate for hiking.
- ✦ Dress with the weather and rugged terrain in mind.

Prayer Concerns

Millie Held is doing well following a lumpectomy last week. She is awaiting further treatment.

Sharon Wynn is in hospice care at St. Catherine's. Prayers for her family and caregivers.

Joe Morrow has moved from the Willow wing to the Magnolia wing at Wesley Woods.

Mike Raymond's mother died last week after a long illness. The Raymonds will travel to Cincinnati on Wednesday to attend the service.

Dot Landes, Sharlande's cousin, died Monday evening of a brain tumor. Sharlande will attend the service Friday in Magnolia, AR.

Our Church Staff

Richard Aslanian, Music Director
 Dorisanne Cooper, Pastor
 Aaron Garcia, Organist
 Pattie Herbert, Custodian
 Caryl Miller-Compton, Administrative Secretary
 Heather Robards, Director, Lake Shore Baptist Children's Center
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MINISTRY AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, March 24

8:00-Clean-up Day

Sunday, March 25

9:30-Sunday School

10:45-Worship

Monday, March 26

5:30 – Yoga

Tuesday, March 27

5:30-Yoga

Wednesday, March 28

8:30 – Staff Meeting

5:30 Wednesday

Night Supper

6:30 – Mid-week Activities

7:30 – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 29

10:00-Food Pantry Open

Looking Ahead

April 1 — Palm Sunday

Wednesday Night Supper

March 28



Joan's Spaghetti

Garlic Bread

Green Salad

Dessert

Book Club to Meet

Lake Shore's book club will meet on Tuesday, March 27, at 7:00 at the home of Judy & Gary Bowman, 1708 Trinity, to discuss *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

Extended Care & Visitor/Offering Schedule Sunday, March 25

Infants: Alice Baird
 Toddlers: Gin Courtney
 Preschool: Miller-Compton
 Reynolds family

Visitor Cards: Chelsea Jones
 Mackenzie Love
 Annette Brister
 Harriet Morrow
 Joan Rectenwald
 Hope Rouse

Offering:

Youth News

Sunday Morning:

Breakfast at 9:30 – Kelly/Davies
 Sunday School – Mike Sciretti

Sunday Night:

Hike-a-thon: 3:30-5:30. We will join the children at 3:30 at Cameron Park, Redwood Shelter. Pick up youth at 5:30 in the same place. Dinner served by the children's ministry. Refreshments brought by York/Warren/Bailey. No other youth activities Sunday night.

Wednesday Night (28th):

Ultimate Frisbee, C&C, & walking the labyrinth.

Next Sunday:

Journey to Adulthood @ 4:30 followed by Soup Supper

Coming Up:

April 8 – No Activities/Easter
 April 15 – Journey to Adulthood
 May 13 – Youth Sunday
 SPRING RETREAT DATE CHANGE — May 4-5

Children's Center

Self-Study Update

You still have time to complete your survey for the Children's Center study. Everyone's input is valuable. If you would like to have a copied e-mailed to you, please contact Caryl: (772-2910 or lbaptistchurch@hotmail.com). Thank you to everyone who has completed a survey.

Weekly Budget Report

Your contributions to our budget help fund our mission work, church programs, human resources, and physical facilities. Weekly budget needs for our 2007 budget of \$435,456 are \$8,374.15. This week we received \$ 4,131.00

<u>Year to date needs</u>	<u>Year to date received</u>	<u>Difference</u>
\$ 92,115.69	\$ 83,150.20	\$ (8,965.49)