

- 333 listeners called to request booklets and Lenten devotions in February.

DRAMA REPORT

Lucas has been requested to introduce Drama as a ministry to the personnel at the Krugersdorp Prison.

PRISON MINISTRY

Lucas travels to Krugersdorp Prison each Tuesday. This added ministry has contributed to a huge increase of 428 responses.

BREAKING NEWS

Position of LHM-SA Manager

Eight applications were received and seven persons were invited to be interviewed by the Board.

The five short-list candidates were sent to Dr Esayas, Area Counsellor for Africa and the Middle East.

Dr Esayas will be conducting the final interviews in June 2006.

Applications for the position are still being taken and may be submitted until end of April 2006.

A heart-felt "Thank You" for 15 donors who gave gifts totaling over R 8,000. Special thanks are given to the Lutheran congregation in Philippi for a gift of R 3,500.

If you would like to support LHM-SA, please consider a gift today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EEP Events

18th March – EEP One and EEP Three “Elders” workshop in Mamelodi East, presented by Desmond Kaas.

22nd April – ETS workshop for ELCSA Youth League in Eldorado Park.

16th April to 4th June – “50 Days Ablaze” programme for participating congregations. For more information, call Desmond at 011-791 1661.

Other Events

23rd March – Meeting of the Church Councils of the **FELSiSA** and **LCSA**.

11th April – LCSA Co-workers meeting in Arcadia, Tshwane.

17th-21st April – LCSA Clinical Pastoral Counselling workshop at the ELCSA Central Diocesan Centre, Western Jabavu, for all LCSA pastors.

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EEP News



South Africa

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ETS goes to Cape Town

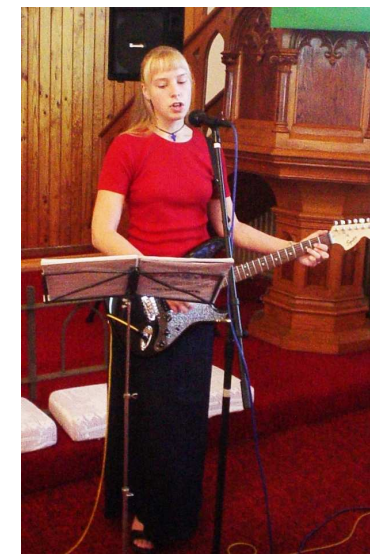
(Philippi) - by Pastor Arthur Becker

Just over a year ago, the Lutheran Hour Ministry team gave us suggestions during the **EEP workshop** as to how we might live out our faith. We identified evangelism and youth work as a priority in our congregation. And so we invited the team to come and help us.

On Saturday 18 February Leon Heyl, assisted by Christel Scharlach, presented a course called **Equipping to Share** to about 14 participants. The course brought the need for evangelism to our attention. I believe that our members cannot be reminded enough of our Lord's commission to make disciples. This is especially so important in our time when the general attitude seems to be that, "what my neighbour believes is none of my business." This time we have homework to do. From Easter to Pentecost we are to have daily devotions based on a course called **50 Days Ablaze**. It includes a weekly Bible Study. At the end of the 50 days the team will present the second part of the **Equipping to Share** program.

On Sunday after Service, the third member of the team, Lena Pfitzinger, shared with a surprisingly large youth group and parents what the Johannesburg Lutheran Youth do. The message that came across was that it is possible to do youth work even when the youth are spread out over a large geographical area.

We are looking forward to the second part of the course, which the team specially presents in Afrikaans, since we are an Afrikaans speaking congregation. We want to thank the team for accommodating us in this way.



Lena Pfitzinger

Ablaze-SA training in USA

- by Pastor Josef Henning

The Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa (FELSISA) and the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (LCSA) have kept the momentum that was started with the Scudieri Workshop in January.

Pastors D. Reinstorf and R. Gevers of the FELSISA will be joined by two pastors from the LCSA, as they travel to the USA to learn more about the church planting that has become part of the Ablaze initiative.

A training course for Basic Mission Planning will be held from the 24-28 July 2006 in Irvine, California. Whereafter the FELSISA is planning on introducing the materials into the Pastor's Conference, especially the creation of **Core Values** and a provisional **Vision and Mission Statement** for the FELSISA.

The FELSISA will also be introduced to the whole concept at the Synodical Convention to be held in August 2006. So too this year's FELSISA Church Elder Training camp will have these key areas as their focus.

We wish the representatives all the best. May this work bring much fruit in His Kingdom.

“Real Life” - from Prison to Family

by Lucas Baloyi

A young man by the name of Sherwin, who is in JHB Correctional Centre asked me to post his “Real Life” Certificate home to his parents. I subsequently received a phone call from his family who were happy to hear that Sherwin has found the Lord in prison. The family was so impressed that they also registered for the “Real Life” Bible Correspondence Course. The sister now feels less scared to visit Sherwin in prison and thanks God that her brother came to his senses.

Launch of Prison Fellowship International

By Lucas Baloyi

(PFI) is a global association that reaches out to prisoners, ex-prisoners, victims, their families, and others. PFI is in 111 countries worldwide and the launch of PFI in South Africa was held on 25th February. The event was attended by national and international dignitaries.

Lucas Baloyi performed the “Demonized Man” (Mark 5) drama. Mr. Ron Nikkel, PFI President, subsequently has asked Lucas to Canada for the July 2007 PFI Conference!

Dr. Toi, the PFI Africa Chairperson based in Kenya, also suggested that Lucas might visit Kenya.

Lutheran astronaut plans to worship from space.

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His Christian faith is important to astronaut Jeff Williams, who wouldn't dream of leaving home (or Earth, for that matter) without it.

He says that his wife, Anna-Marie, came to faith first and witnessed to him. **"She stimulated me to start studying the Bible,"** he said. **"Her faith is an inspiration to me."**

Williams, a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston, says he plans to stay in touch with his congregation even though he'll be off the planet, orbiting 250 miles above the earth during a six-month stint aboard the International Space Station.

In fact, if Williams has his way, and NASA technicians can make it happen, the Gloria Dei lay minister will "join" fellow congregation members in a July 2 worship service. Williams, still aboard the space station, will receive only audio from the service, but if all goes well the congregation will be

able to see and hear Williams via a live video feed from space.

Williams, 48, began his service at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston on assignment with the U.S. Army in 1987, the year he and his wife, Anna-Marie, became Christians. They joined Gloria Dei the following year and remained members even during Army relocations from 1992 to 1996.

"I consider space [travel] my vocation, my calling," he said. **"It's what God has equipped me to do."**

(What has God equipped you to do? Ed.)

WEEKLY REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

EEP REPORT

Apart from the **ETS Workshop** and **EEP Three “Youth Ministry”** presentations in Philippi on the 18th and 19th February, Leon Heyl and Christel gave an **EEP-50 Days Ablaze- ETS overview** to 12 congregational leaders of the St Christopher Lutheran Church in Reiger Park on the 4th March.

RADIO REPORT

Radio Pulpit is still on air till 11am on Radio 2000. This is probably due to the national outcry from thousands of avid listeners. “Spotlight” is also still being broadcast on Fm.