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From the
Pastor's
Desk

Giving and Receiving in a Spiritual Context

One way to figure the value of an activity or endeavor is to ask about the Return on the Investment (ROI). What did I get back for the energy and effort I put in? I know this is a valuable measure in the Financial Investment World and also perhaps in the volunteering world as well. We want to feel like the time and energy we put into something is worth the investment.

But there is another reality that isn't so easily figured out. The return on investment in parenthood is best found in giving yourself completely, regardless of the consequences. Once you are fully invested, regardless of the outcome, then you are ready to see the great challenges and rewards that await you through the eyes of faith.

This is more like how it is in the spiritual world. It's more like jumping all in, so that you can *find out* what the reward and value is. In fact, some values we cannot find until we are fully invested. God works in this "full investment up front" kind of way. God is fully invested in us, long before we respond and even discover what God is really up to.

Nicodemus doesn't figure out who Jesus is or what He is up to at first. On the surface of things he could only find questions. But later, after committing himself to Jesus and the work of God through Jesus, there was a whole world of rewards he had no awareness of before.

Jesus being raised from the dead was a direct result of his being fully committed to the cause and work of God, even to the point of giving his life. It is only then, after we see his full investment that we see the first hint of the full activity of God – **life in spite of death... justice and peace in spite of betrayal and punishment** – hope and fulfillment in spite of the ways of the world. These discoveries are nearly impossible to discover through the eyes of "What am I going to get out of it" approach.

"Adoption is full of risks," they tell you again and again! "Go in with your eyes wide open," they say. I'm sure this warning is important and appropriate. But I say, as in adoption and parenthood, so it is in the life that is spiritual in nature: giving ourselves fully is the only way to have any idea what the gifts might actually be. In fact, some rewards can only be unlocked when we have already fully given our complete selves, without reservation.

Pastor Mitch

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From Pastor Mitch and your Worship & Music Team:

May 27th is Social Media Day and Pentecost Sunday!

Bring your iPad, smartphone, and/or text message tool! We will have the Wi-Fi open this day for the whole community to use. We will experiment with allowing our message and conversation on that day to be shared on our Facebook page, and anywhere you network or participate in social media. We will let the Spirit reach out to the world we are connected to, through us. **Truly this will be a "Pentecost" moment.** Come and see!

P.S. Don't worry: if you don't text, you hate Facebook, you aren't on the web, and you rarely email--this day is for you too! The message and our conversation will be right there in worship, and you will hear and see it unfold right in our gathering. You might even enjoy seeing the conversation unfold. Come and see!



Activities and Themes in Worship

Lately in Worship, we have been experimenting with "Choir as Worship Leader." You might have noticed that there are choir people seated up front in the Chancel area, and that they accompany and sing duets with the congregation in many of the liturgy pieces. **This hasn't taken place of the Cantor role, rather it has been a supplement to it.** Is it nice to hear harmony in our liturgical music? Have you enjoyed having verses of liturgical pieces in different voices and sometimes done in harmony? Sometimes, having a group singing to the congregation as well as with the congregation can really supplement our sense of fullness in the music. As they echo them back to us, the Choir can help us to truly hear the message of the words we sing.

In addition to these experiments in Worship, as well as leading and planning, your Worship and Music Team is also bringing you some additional activity in Sunday Worship through Worship Themes. **We are all familiar with Mother's Day and Father's Day.** We have long had Confirmation Sunday. This year, we will add Social Media Day and Kids Day to the mix. These are all just another way to highlight what we do and how it can impact everyone in our community. Here are the dates of upcoming themes in Worship.

Worship Themes	May 6	Kids Day
	May 13	Mother's Day
	May 27	Social Media Day (Pentecost Sunday)
	June 3	Confirmation Sunday (Holy Trinity Sunday)
	June 10	Graduates Sunday & Teacher Appreciation Sunday
	June 17	Father's Day

Summer Music Program at Good Sam



This summer during the regular Sunday School time, we will be offering a weekly music camp for kids, ages 5 to 10. Music is a wonderful gift from God and a great way to express ourselves. During the summer music camp, kids will learn basic music skills through singing, rhythm games, and musical activities. Kids will be introduced to different instruments and lots of different ways of making music. **We'll share some of what we do as special music in some of our summer worship.**

This program is open to all and it's a great chance for families to invite friends and neighbors to participate. We are still looking for some adult leaders and youth helpers for this program. If you are interested in learning more about helping out or participating, please talk to Shannon A.

Middle School Youth Night!

Sunday, May 6th,
from 6-8 pm!

Remember your memory verse companions and your Bibles as we continue our Proverbs study. Contact Dawn M. with questions.

Taco & Talent Night — What A Success!

The 2012 Taco 'n Talent Show fundraiser was a big success! We raised almost \$500 to help send our Senior High youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. Coordinators Sandy B. and Sue W. would like to thank all those who helped out, from set-up of the Fellowship Hall before Tacos to the cleaning up of the Sanctuary after Talent Show, as well as everyone who ate a taco and/or shared their talent. This was one of our most fun yet! There are DVDs of the Talent Show available for \$5. If you would like to purchase one, please see Sue W.

Youth BBQ Coming — May 19

Mark your calendars—Our 6th Annual Youth BBQ is coming May 19th, 5:00-7:00 pm! Sign-ups for Cooking BBQ, judging BBQ, and silent auction items are up in the fellowship hall now! YUM!

We have a HUGE list of silent auction items, but always have room for more, especially from you! Bidding starts Sunday, May 13. You do not need to be present to win auction, just have the highest bid! Items include:

- ~**Mom & Pop's Pizza / Bruster's party**— 3 large pizzas and a mini ice cream cake
- American Dinner basket - gift cards to Red Robin, Cheeseburger in Paradise, large 1 topping pizza from Nicoletti's
- International Dinner basket - gift cards to Olive Garden, Bollywood Masala, Laughing Buddha
- 2 bottles of wine from California Wine and Spirits
- Gift basket from Chick-Fil-A
- Certificate for one day rental of kayak or SUP (Stand UP Paddleboard) from Patuxent Adventure Center, valued at \$70
- Simple Green cleaning products basket valued at \$50
- Voucher for 4 tickets to a June Southern Maryland Blue Crabs game
- \$300 in merchandise from Stampin' Up!
- Rod, reel, & line from The Tackle Box
- Mystery gift from Leonardtown True Value
- Year subscription to The Enterprise

Come join us for some tasty BBQ and see who wins the pig this year! All proceeds to benefit our youth attending the 2012 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING this summer!

Empty Nesters

Is your house quiet now because your children are grown? If so, please join the Empty Nest small group for dinner on Friday, May 11 at 6:30 pm at the Clarke's Landing Restaurant (24580 Clarke's Landing Lane) in Hollywood.

We spend one evening a month together just catching up on each other's lives. We take turns picking a restaurant and making the reservations. It is a very relaxing and enjoyable night out with friends. If you have any questions, please contact Diane H.

Stitching Sisters

On Monday, April 23rd, we met at Ele's home and we had a surprise visitor. Shannon took a few minutes off from the baby schedule and dropped in. To say the least, there was not a lot of knitting or crocheting going on that evening. And she was **able to enjoy Ele's chocolate sheath cake with fresh** local strawberries with the stitching sisters.

Our last knit-crochet night of the season will be **held on Monday, May 14th, at Ginger's home.** This is an annual potluck evening. Please speak with Ginger about the potluck if you plan to attend.

Fellowship News

April has been a busy month for fellowship. We especially thank Ginger L. and her team (Kim B., Gail W., Cyndi S., Sandy B., Ele B., and Michelle N.). In addition to the regular Sundays, they also facilitated the Easter Brunch and the baptism reception on the 22nd. Thanks to everyone who brought in items for the Easter brunch. We had a delicious assortment of egg dishes, fruit, and other items. We received some glowing feedback too. There are also some leftover plates & other items **from the Easter brunch. They're available to pick up in the Fellowship Hall or by speaking with Edna.**

Christa B. has joined the fellowship team. Welcome aboard Christa! We always have openings, so **talk with Edna, Ginger L. or Sue V. if you're interested.** No special skills required.

Because of the expense of fellowship food items, we are going to have a food drive on the first Sunday of the month. What do we need? Packaged cookies, crackers, pretzels, large containers of fruit juices, orange balls, snacks. We hope that this new food drive will also supply items needed for the summer fellow. Our church funds the paper products.

Upcoming events:	May 6	Fellowship snack drive
	May 20	Strawberry Sunday
	June 3	Confirmation reception
	June 10	Summer fellowship starts (members are kindly asked to bring in their favorite)

One last item, we need a man! Actually, we could use someone to help us take out the trash at 11:30 am.

Thanks,
Edna A.

Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent donation. I can't tell you how much it **means to me. Kids' lives are being** changed as they encounter Jesus through relationships with adult leaders. Thank you for helping us to introduce them to Jesus and help them grow in their faith!

Kevin Burgess
Young Life, St. Mary's County



To Our Family at Good Sam,

Mitch and I have been counting our blessings lately. We have much to be thankful for. At the top of the list, of course, is our beautiful daughter Sara Noel. Also high up on the list is the community of Good Sam. From the day we found out that Sara was coming into our lives, you have walked with us, shared our joy, and showered us with support in so many ways. Mitch and I have been overwhelmed by your generosity: the meals you provided for us after we brought Sara home, the cards and gifts, the warm words, and the wonderful shower. We truly feel blessed to have such a wonderful congregation to help welcome our daughter into the world and into the Christian faith. Here we know she will learn what it means to be a person of faith and a part of community. She will learn it because she will see it in the people around her. What a lucky child she is to be part of this family. Thank you for all the ways you have welcomed her.

Shannon A.



THANKS to all who volunteered to make the Christmas in April Feed-A-Crew a success.

Without your donations of food, time, and talent, we would not have been able to successfully feed the 150 workers on the work crew!

Diane G.

Relay for Life of St. Mary's County

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life St. Mary's County will take place June 9 at the Leonardtown High School track from 5:30 Saturday night to 8:00 Sunday morning. Fighting cancer is a team effort. The impact we can make together is much greater than what any of us could do alone. Cancer affects all of us and every one of us has been touched by it one way or another. Your help is needed either by joining a team or by giving a general donation to support the American Cancer Society.

Participants will camp out overnight and take turns walking around the track to raise money and awareness to help the American Cancer Society save more lives from cancer. By joining or donating to a team, you will be a part of a life-changing event that gives everyone in the community a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that takes too much.

Please make a donation, or join a team and help us create a world where cancer can **no longer claim another year of anyone's life.** For more info please check out the website at: <http://www.stmarysrelay.org>, or contact Ken or Pat R. for more info.



Our Daily Bread Food Pantry: Giving Thanks and Preparing for Parking Lot Pantry Event!



Our Daily Bread food pantry is grateful and thankful for the recent donation and delivery of about \$1500 worth of food from the congregation of Bridgeway Church. We give thanks to all who contribute monetarily or with food donations. Currently, we are averaging around 500 visitors a month to the pantry. Another way to contribute is by volunteering at the pantry. The pantry is open on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Dennis A. or Rich S.

Additionally, Good Sam will be hosting a parking lot food pantry on Friday, May 11, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up, distribute food, and clean up. All inclusive hours would probably be from 9:30 am to 1 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. This event is being sponsored by the Maryland Food Bank and Priority Partners to provide food to low income families in rural areas.

St. Mary's Caring Fundraiser — Appetizer Extravaganza & Auction, June 3

The Soup Kitchen at St. Mary's Caring, a nonprofit organization, invites Good Sam to participate in its annual fundraiser to be held Sunday, June 3 at The Brass Rail banquet hall (20331 Point Lookout Rd, Great Mills). This event will feature both a live auction and a silent auction. The live auction will include a vacation house and a celebrity dinner, and the silent auction will have numerous items donated by local merchants.

Doors open at 2 pm, and the live auction starts at 3 pm. The \$20 cost includes an array of fine appetizers and desserts, courtesy of local restaurants, as well as wine, beer, and non-alcoholic drinks.

St. Mary's Caring is also seeking auction items. Suggested items include gift certificates, gift baskets, or in-kind donations. Proceeds from the auction will assist the Soup Kitchen in its efforts to feed those in need. In 2011, St. Mary's Caring served over 16,000 meals to people in need. Its continued success depends on the generosity of people in our community. This is a wonderful opportunity for Good Sam to continue support for our neighbor.

To make a donation, purchase tickets, or for more information, call 301-863-5700 by May 23. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$20 each. Please speak with Sue V. if you have any questions.



Nursery Staff Position Open at Good Sam

Good News! Council has recently approved a proposal to shift our Nursery During Worship Program to a staff position supported by volunteers. The Nursery Staff will be present from 8:45 am to 11:45 am each Sunday morning, during Worship, Fellowship and Sunday School time. Our Nursery will have a learning/discovery emphasis around stories, games and play.

The hiring committee is looking for someone who has early childhood experience and would be able to implement a program which includes age-appropriate bible stories, crafts, as well as activities for learning-play. This person must relate well to children and to parents. Nursery will be for 2-year-olds through 5-year-olds with an emphasis in helping families of 5-year-olds to transition into attending worship together.

If you are interested in learning more about this position or have suggestions for candidates, please see Cyndi S., Sue V., or Michael P. Salary range for this position has been approved for \$12.00—\$15.00/hour, based on skills and experience.



Rays of Light Christian Preschool is Now Enrolling!

Rays of Light is now enrolling for the 2012-2013 school year. We have spaces available in the 3-year-old program and the 4-year-old program.

For more information, you can visit our website at www.raysoflightpreschool.com or call the church office at 301-863-4740 (open Monday-Friday, 9 am-noon).



Baby Bottle Blitz



Help us Change Lives & Save Babies

On Mother's Day weekend, you can pick up an empty baby bottle at your church to fill with your spare change.

Return it to Church on Father's Day weekend.

You will be helping us to continue and expand our mission to assist women who are facing a pregnancy during a difficult time in their lives. We strongly believe women who are healthy, educated and encouraged are better able to make decisions and provide loving and safe homes for themselves and their babies.

Information & Questions:
301-737-4604

CARENET
Pregnancy Center
of Southern Maryland

Books for Kids AFRICA

in Mozambique

Pictures tell a thousand words or something like that. As you can see from the pictures, the children in my community are excited about having books to read, and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mozambique, Africa, I am excited about an opportunity to get books for them.

It is my hope to start a community-lending library with the help of Books For Kids-Africa and you. Books for Kids-Africa has been working in Mozambique since 2009. It's a really cool program that is working with Peace Corps to start community-lending libraries. They have already provided my roommate and I with about 50 children's books, all in Portuguese. At times, our backyard looks like the library! However, they have a much larger collection available that includes more children's books and books for an older audience.

I also want to start a literacy program. This would involve older students from the secondary school going to the primary school with books to teach the younger students to read. Many can't read, and part of the problem is that there are no books.

I have been told for the 200-book library, I need to raise \$3000. If you would like to make a donation, you can donate through the church, so one check can be sent from the church to the **program. Please mention on your donation that it is for "Books for Kids-Africa."**

If you would like to read more about Books For Kids-Africa, you can visit their website at <http://www.booksforkidsafrica.org/>

You have been helping me on so many fronts recently. Thank you so much!

Love, Steph H.

P.S. Also, I am looking for pen-pals! If any youth (especially Jr and Sr high school age) would like to write a letter about life in the US, many of my students would like to write you back. We have found that letters do not get to me so if you are interested in writing a letter, please give it to my mom (Diane H.) and she will put it in a package she sends. Thanks again!



May 2012 Worship Assignments

9:00 am Service	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Worship Assistant	Dennis A	John S	Sue W	Lisa B
Communion Assts (2)	Nancy S	Cyndi S	Ashley C	Breana B
	Edna A	Ginger L	Sarah D	Torie B
Lector	Michael P	Sue W	Ken R	Michael O
Acolyte	Astri C	Paige M		Anthony L
Crucifer	Hannah C	Matthew B		Kamesha H
Ushers (2)	Kevin K	Rich S	Kevin K	Brian S
	Harry C	Luther L	Randy B	Seth B
Welcome Greeter	Martha R	Debbie J		

Pastor's Family Leave in May

Monday, May 14—Thursday, May 24: Pastor Mitch will be away in Oregon, introducing Sara to his family. During this time, you are encouraged to contact the church office with any questions you have about ministry. Office Manager Jill S. will help get you to the right person to answer your question. Pastoral Care needs will be directed to John M. and Dennis A.

**Church Office Closed:
Monday, May 28
(Memorial Day)**

Google Calendar & Reserving Space in Church Facility

Here is the current process for adding an activity to the Good Sam calendar. ("Church grounds" means any rooms in the main church building, the Disciples' Den, the church parking lot, etc.)

- 1) If the activity does not take place on church grounds but you would like it added to the church calendar — email the activity to calendar@goodsamlutheran.com, and Jill S. will add it. *(An example of this would be Empty Nesters who often meet at local restaurants.)*
- 2) If you are requesting to use anywhere on church grounds for an activity, please send your request to calendar@goodsamlutheran.com, and Ken R. will respond to confirm if the space is available. Once approved, Ken will notify Jill to update the calendar.

A reminder: To promote consistent communication, the Good Sam Google Calendar is the church's only calendar. By using Google calendar, the most recent church calendar is always accessible by any church or community member with Internet access. Any questions, please email Jill at office@goodsamlutheran.com.

Church calendar is always available on the Church website, here: <http://www.goodsamlutheran.com/Calendar.html>

Deadline for Submissions to June Issue of *The Way*:

Friday, May 25

Please send all submissions to bytheway@goodsamlutheran.com.

Event recaps, pictures, articles, announcements, etc.— all are welcome!

Another Great Sunday School Year Comes to an End

May 20th is the last day of Sunday School for this year.
We will have a Teacher Appreciation Sunday on June 10th!

Special thanks to all of our Sunday School Teachers for another wonderful year!

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Diane H, Mary D

1st & 2nd grades: Ginger L

3rd & 4th grades: Jim and Diana K

5th & 6th grades: Lisa B, Rob H

7th & 8th grades: Jennifer N, John S

High School: Corinne M, Rick T

Adult Bible Class: Chuck L

For leading opening music for Sunday School: Kami C

We are so blessed to have all of you!

Ginger L, Sunday School Superintendent



SonRise National Parks VBS

Join us at Good Samaritan July 30-August 3, from 9am-12pm!
Registration is now open for kids and volunteers! See the attached forms.

Discover the best destination of the summer—SonRise National Park! Come to a land of invigorating power and beauty where there is nothing between you and God's big sky! Kids will enjoy the thrills of daily treks where they can face extreme challenges and learn to depend on the promises of Jesus--promises each of us can cling to! They will discover the true treasure described in Philippians 4:19: "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Adult Forum on May 13 & 20 — Discovering God's Vision for Your Life

A time to reveal the Spiritual Gifts God has given to you will take place May 13 and 20 during the Adult Forum hour (10:30-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall). Come and explore the possibilities for the gifts you have and how they might be used in our community!

Look at issues like:

- Do our Spiritual Gifts change?
- Bloom where you are planted
- Spiritual Gifts and burnout
- Christianity is not a spectator sport.
- What does God want me to do with my life?

We will provide tools to help with these issues and more and give you a questionnaire that will help you discover your gifts. Contact Dennis A. or just come and participate!

**Good Samaritan's 2012 Vacation Bible School, July 31st - August 4th, 9:00 AM-
Noon**

Registration is open to children ages 3 (must be potty trained) through entering 6th grade this Fall. All registrations must be received by July 22nd. Scholarships available.

Child's name	Grade this Fall/Age	T-shirt size	Food allergies/health issues

Registration fee is \$15 per child & includes a T-shirt (while supplies last), music CD, daily crafts, snack and much more!

_____ children @ \$15.00 each = \$_____ total enclosed. (Max \$40/family)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Emergency info - Name: _____

Phone: _____

T-shirt sizes available: YXS (2-4), YS (6-8), YM (10-12), YL (14-16), YXL(18-20), AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2X

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(return this half to the church office!)

(save this half for your fridge!)

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School 2012

July 31st - August 4th

9:00 AM-Noon

for children ages 3(potty trained) - entering 6th grade in the Fall

Please allow extra time on Monday morning to check-in your child(ren).

Questions? Contact the church office at 301-863-4740



Good Samaritan Lutheran Church is located at 20850 Langley Road, Lexington Park, MD. Please note that lunch will not be served, but the children make a theme-based snack each day!

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Date: July 30 - August 4, 2012

Time: 9am - Noon

**Before VBS, I would like to help by
(circle one or more):**

- Praying for team members and children
- Planning publicity
- Preparing craft materials
- Planning decorations
- Decorating
- Registering children
- Contacting local businesses to donate coupons
- Copying music CDs

**During VBS, I would like to help in one or more
of the following areas (please circle):**

- | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| Bible Story Center | Leader | Helper |
| Bible Games Center | Leader | Helper |
| Skits/Closing Program | Leader | Helper |
| Craft Center | Leader | Helper |
| Recreation Game Center | Leader | Helper |
| Snack Center | Leader | Helper |
| Music Center | Leader | Helper |
| Missions | Leader | Helper |
| Pot Luck Dinner | Leader | Helper |
| Actor | | |
| Photographer/Videographer | | |
| Tech Arts | | |



Age-Level Preference

- Prekindergarten (3-4 yrs.) Kindergarten (5 yrs.) 1st grade
 2nd grade 3rd grade 4th grade 5th grade 6th grade

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (cell) _____

E-mail _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

If you have any questions about Vacation Bible School or your involvement in it, please call

or e-mail Diane Glasgow (301)904-9485, dianeandjake@md.metrocast.net

(name and phone number)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FLYER IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR TO THE CHURCH OFFICE.



Mar-Lu-Ridge invites you to visit and learn about our Summer Camp during our Open House on Sunday, May 13, from 2-4:30 pm. You will meet some of our staff, try some delicious food, and take a tour of the facilities. All are welcome – summer camp changes lives, come join the fun! Mar-Lu-Ridge is located in Frederick County, MD. Website: www.mar-lu-ridge.org

German Food and Polka Show on **Father's Day**



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans invites you and your family
to join us for Sonnenwendfeier (midsummer festival)

Sunday, June 17, 2012

Doors Open 1:00 PM Buffet 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Polka Music, German Dancers 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Blob's Bavarian Beer Garden

8024 Max Blobs Park Drive Jessup, MD 20794

Cost for German Buffet & Admission: Nonmembers--\$25, Members--\$20

As a "thank you" to our Thrivent members who bring a non-member guest, your tickets will be \$15 each. Children under 6 are free. Limited to first 100 that register by mail.

Bratwurst, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Lasagna, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut, Steamed Vegetables, Garden Salad, Coffee, Tea, Sodas. Cash bar

R.S.V.P. by June 9 to Ken Waibel (410) 719-8689 or mail check to: Ken Waibel, 733 Crosby Rd, Catonsville, MD 21228. Make checks out to "Thrivent Financial." Contact Ken Waibel for a ticket order form before mailing a check.

You are welcome to bring a guest you would like to introduce to Thrivent.

Blob's is located six miles south of BWI (between Baltimore and Washington) off of the Baltimore/Washington Parkway (295) at Route 175 east. Take the Odenton exit and then make a right at the flashing light onto Max Blobs Road. It winds around for about a quarter of a mile then you will see the hall.

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Silver Spring, MD 20906-4041
(phone - 301/949-5317)
(web site - <http://www.LutheranLayFellowship.org>)

2012 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

GENERAL - The Lutheran Lay Fellowship of the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area (LLF) is pleased to announce the availability of one scholarship award for 2012 for a minimum of **\$1,500**.

ELIGIBILITY - Eligibility requirements are stated in the Scholarship Program brochure, copies of which may be obtained from: your church office; Daniel E Bella, Chair, Scholarship Committee, using the contact information cited, above; or <http://www.LutheranLayFellowship.org>

APPLICATION - The application process is informal; however, information required of an applicant is also specified in the brochure.

SELECTION PROCESS - Consideration for the award will be weighted toward promising applicants planning to pursue a career which would enable them to help those who are in need of spiritual and/or material assistance either at home or abroad, and who would be planning to attend Lutheran colleges and universities.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **June 15, 2012**



the art of **marriage**[®]
registration form

event info and cost:

FRI May 11 7-9:30pm

SAT May 12 9am-4pm

Doors open 30 minutes early

\$35 through April 22

\$45 beginning April 23

\$55 walk-ins

(individual registration is half price)

your information:

name _____

spouse's name _____

address _____

city _____

state _____ zip _____

phone _____

email _____

please return to: (including check payable to)

Patuxent Presbyterian Church

Art of Marriage Event

23421 Kingston Creek Road

California, MD 20619

Online registration: (Visa / MC / Discover)

https://paxpres.webconnex.com/art_of_marriage

additional event info

- ✦ Snacks will be provided during breaks
- ✦ Make plans for a lunch "date" on Saturday at a local eatery (or try a picnic!)
- ✦ Child care is not available at this time
- ✦ Singles & engaged couples are invited
- ✦ Visit TheArtOfMarriage.com for video excerpts and more details
- ✦ Questions? Ask us: artofmarriage@paxpres.org
- ✦ Registration is discounted through April 22 and available online: (Visa / MC / Discover) https://paxpres.webconnex.com/art_of_marriage
- ✦ Please invite someone you know.

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Friday, May 11 7-9:30pm

Saturday, May 12 9am-4pm

Doors open 30 minutes early



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the art of **marriage**[®]

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fresh and unique

The Art of Marriage brings a fresh approach to a video event by weaving together a variety of elements that help the principles come to life through engaging stories, real-life testimonies, humorous vignettes, and more. The accompanying manual you will receive is full of articles, useful tips, and powerful projects to help you live what you learn.

a solid foundation

This event is designed to help you grow as a couple and strengthen the foundation of your marriage through six dynamic sessions:

- **Love Happens**
Discover God's plan and purpose
- **Love Fades**
Understand how to overcome isolation
- **Love Dances**
Learn how to fulfill our responsibilities
- **Love Interrupted**
Find ways to improve communication and effectively resolve conflicts
- **Love Sizzles**
Take steps to experience real intimacy
- **Love Always**
Make plans to leave a lasting legacy

in their words

What others have to say about The Art of Marriage event:

- *I think it is life-changing. It's very entertaining and, not as most men expect, boring.*
- *This is the best marriage enhancer we've ever been to.*
- *I believe any couple would benefit regardless of where they are in their marriage relationship.*
- *The video was enjoyable and well done.*
- *This event was a do or die for our marriage. I was ready to give up even though I had been super committed to keeping us together. This event was a catalyst for the healing of 2 people at the end of their marriage ropes.*

respected experts

The Art of Marriage brings together some of the most respected and influential pastors and experts on marriage and family all in one setting:

Al Mohler
Voddie Baucham
Michael Easley
Dennis Rainey
Barbara Rainey
Mary Kassian
Wayne Grudem

Dave Wilson
Ann Wilson
Crawford Loritts
Bryan Loritts
Paul David Tripp
Dave Harvey
and more ...

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