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Speedster Lunch - June 13th

The second quarter Speedster luncheon will be hosted by the Deacons on June 13th following the 10:45 service in the Banner Room. Anyone 55 years old or older is encouraged to attend. Although the final menu has not yet been set, there surely will be another awesome dessert made by Shari. Please contact Tiffany Wylie with questions.

Remember Your Pledges This Summer

Summer is coming soon and we will have beaches, lakes, mountains and other recreation on our minds. Summer is also the time of year that The Nor'kirk experiences its most negative cash flow situation. Just as A/C bills soar our income tends to dry up. There seems to be a trend every year where people hold back on their pledged giving timed to their attendance. Remember, even if you are not in attendance as frequently this summer, electricity and personnel expenses still have to be paid. Please help us out by keeping your giving coming steadily this summer!

Pam McNutt - Finance Elder

June Lectionary

June 6 – 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time Communion Sunday – Senior Recognition

I Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146;
Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

June 13 – 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time Heritage Sunday

(see last page for more information)

I Kings 21:1-10; Psalm 5:1-8;
Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

June 20 – 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Father's Day

I Kings 19:1-4; Psalm 42 and 43;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

June 27 – 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time Family Camp

II Kings 2:6-14; Psalm 77;

"See what love the Father has given us,



that we should be called children of God."

1 John 3:1

Children's Sunday Was Special

If you attended worship on Sunday, May 16, then you know that it was a very special service. Our children (ages 3 to 11) led us in worship, and The Nor'kirk children's choir sang.

Fifth graders Laura Doocy, Melissa Ewart and Jada Lee presented the sermon in dramatic form. Melissa used the theme of the sermon (prayer) to design the bulletin cover used for the day, and Jake Kline began the service with the Call to Worship. Andie Hilburn led us in the Call to Confession and the Declaration of Pardon; Tara Davis led us in the Prayer of Illumination; Caroline Ready introduced the offering; Kathleen Ready offered the Prayer of Thanksgiving; Megan McClurg offered the Prayers of the People; Riley Carlin provided both the Gospel and the Epistle readings; Ellen Ready led us in the Creed; and Hope Bianco and Molly Kline helped Miss Nancy with the Children's Moment. Special piano music was provided by Brooke Bianco and Alex Smith. Jack McClurg, Jake Kline, Riley Carlin, and Andie Hilburn served as ushers. All Reverend Parr had to do was the Benediction!

Thanks to Anne Thomas, Elder who moderates Ministry with Children, for coordinating this special worship service, and special thanks to Kim Ready for working with The Nor'kirk Children's Choir and to all of the children who helped lead worship!



From
the
Pastor

One of our presidents of the United States, Franklin Pierce, became angry with God when he lost his son. When Franklin Pierce had been elected, he and Mrs. Pierce and their son took a trip to Concord, New Hampshire, by train, two weeks before the inauguration. The train had not gone far out of the Concord Station when there was a lurch — a jolt — and the car the Pierces were in tumbled off the tracks and down an embankment. Neither the president nor his wife was injured in the accident, but their son was killed. Franklin Pierce brooded over this, as most of us would. He asked the question of God that so many of us have asked. *“Why would God, at this moment of triumph, permit this tragedy in their lives?”* President Pierce was so upset that he refused to allow the Bible to be used at his inauguration.

Today, picture a gurney. It's a pallet with wheels. Lying on the gurney is someone waiting to be restored. Who lies there? Is it someone you know? Is it you? Is it me? Picture Jesus reaching out and touching and speaking, *“Young man, young woman, young of heart, I say rise! Leave your coffin. Leave your sick bed. Leave your cynicism, your anger, your hostility with God or whatever is deadening you to the things of God and the abundant life. For after all, it is I, Jesus, who promises, ‘I have come that you might have life and that you might have life abundantly.’”*

Isn't it time we asked God rather than *“Why Me?”*,
“Call Me?” God bless, Bill.

Bible Sunday

During the Children's Moment on Sunday, May 16th, Hope Bianco and Molly Kline arrived with special delivery packages for five of our Nor'kirk elementary children. Each child's package was wrapped in special gift wrap and they were encouraged to open the package while the rest of the congregation watched.

The gift wrap meant that these were very special gifts. Beneath the gift wrap was a layer of plain brown paper, indicating that the gift is something for everyone. Beneath the plain paper was a package wrapped in a map, symbolizing direction and adventure. Beneath that was a newspaper layer (Good News!) and the final layer was gold paper, indicating that this is a precious gift.

And when the children unwrapped the final layer, each found a Bible with his or her name embossed in gold on the cover! It was Bible Sunday, and the recipients were: Brooke Avery Bianco, Riley Claire Carlin, Andie Louise Hilburn, Jacob Lucas Kline, and Claire Marie Worley.

Congratulations to these five students — we hope you will bring your Bible with you to Sunday School, and that you will use them throughout your life as you study God's word.

Preschool News

Congratulations Diane!

The Nor'kirk Preschool was very happy to honor Diane Haist on April 29th for 25 years of service to the preschool. This year marks her 20th year as Preschool director and she was a teacher at the Preschool for 5 years prior to her directorship.

There was a SURPRISE program in her honor in the sanctuary in which a parent representative and a teacher representative said a few words about her, the Preschool choir sang for her, and she was presented with a Plaque and Memory Book (which many Nor'kirk members contributed to - thank you!). In a day and age where people often leave their jobs after just a few years, 25 years with the same organization is quite an accomplishment. Thank you for your dedication “Miss Diane”.



If you read the article elsewhere in this newsletter about our Nor'kirk Class of 2010, you can understand how valuable several of them have been to us as volunteers in our Vacation Bible School Program. They've safari'd the Serengeti Trek in 2005, enjoyed a Fiesta in 2006, climbed a mountain to Avalanche Ranch in 2007, endured experimentation in Power Lab 2008, and watched out for swamp animals during Crocodile Dock 2009!

And now we are planning a week of High Seas Adventure for summer 2010 — and we need YOUR help! It takes about 45 volunteers during the actual week of Vacation Bible School (July 19-23) and countless volunteers ahead of time to provide props and food and decorations, and to decorate. We will be joined this year by the youth and adults from our neighbors at St. Andrews Christian Church, but we will still need plenty of Nor'kirk youth and adults to make the program a success. If you can volunteer for any or all of the week's festivities, we can use you. We need crew leaders and station leaders, decorators and runners! Sign up now in the narthex if you can help, and watch the narthex for a poster listing all of the supplies that will be needed.

It will be a High Seas Expedition, and it is free to children ages four by September 1st through fifth grade. Volunteers need to be in the sixth grade or older! Come join us. Corey, Victoria, Lauren, Bryan, Kelsey, Andrea and Eric will tell you that VBS is a part of some of their favorite Nor'kirk memories!

Holy Cow! We exceeded our expectations during our Lenten Drive to support Heifer International. Our goal was to raise enough pennies and nickels and dimes and quarters during Lent to purchase two heifers, each to be given to a poor family somewhere around the world to provide them with milk for their own table and to sell. Part of the agreement made by the families who receive an animal from Heifer International is that they will give the first offspring to another poor family, so the gift continues in perpetuity.

A cow from Heifer International costs \$500. We thought we had a reasonable chance to raise \$1000 for two cows. Well, you surprised us with your gifts of coin, cash, and checks! The little milk bottles of coins and the red Holy Cow envelopes began pouring in, and the grand total raised was \$2160, enough for four cows, plus three flocks of chickens, three flocks of ducks, and two flocks of geese!

Thank you very much for your participation!



**Nor'kirk
Family Camp 2010
June 26th & 27th
Hidden Cove Park
Lewisville Lake**

The Nor'kirk has reserved a Pavilion and camp area at Hidden Cove Park, located on the shores of Lewisville Lake, from Saturday morning until Sunday at 2:00 p.m. the weekend of June 26th and 27th. Mark your calendar now!

Activities will include:

- « Swimming, tubing, water skiing and other lake-side fun Saturday afternoon
- « Pot luck dinner, games and singing around the camp fire Saturday evening
- « Lake-side worship service Sunday morning

Camp sites, un-air-conditioned shelters and RV hookups are available for those who would like to spend the night. There are no air-conditioned cabins this year. The shelters do have operable windows, interior and exterior lights and power. More information to follow as details are finalized.

Fellowship News

Thanks to all who participated in a very busy couple of months of Fellowship activities. We had over 50 folks at each event!

The first was the "**Highland Games**." Congratulations to Will Parr (son of Bill) and Angi Parr (wife of Bill) for winning this year's "Feats of Strength" competition. They tossed Cabers and launched Hammers so far that we almost had to stop traffic on Josey Lane. Eric Haist was this year's winner of the Chili Cookoff and he took home the coveted "Golden Spoon." (There is always next year Mike R.) We also had plenty of kid's games.

Our Second event was a **Murder Mystery Party** written by our own John Bara. The cast worked diligently to put on a great production. The weather was perfect for the outside reception and in case you missed it, the lawyer did it. (Thank you to Jack & Lore Martin for hosting!)-Editor

Lastly, we met for a **Mexican Lunch Buffet** on Sunday, May 2nd, after church at Nico's Cocina. They served handmade tortillas, omelets and churros. The "all you can eat" buffet was great. Fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all ages.

I want to say a big "**THANK YOU**" to my wonderful committee that worked behind the scenes to make all these events a big success.

Our next event is a combined event with the Coordinating Ministry. **Family Camp** will be held on June 26th and 27th at Hidden Cove Park which is located just north of the Colony. Come for the day on Saturday and/or stay the night and enjoy our morning service on the waterfront. We will have games, swimming and much more. Check for flyers and more info from the church.

Jack Martin, Fellowship Elder

Second Saturday Sisters Summer Activities

Our April Salad Luncheon was attended by almost 25 women. We had a wonderful time and immediately began making plans for our summer activities. Please join us!

Sunday, June 27 – Make plans to have a quick bite of lunch immediately after church and then drive to Richardson for an afternoon musical – Miss Saigon. This London musical import, which updated Madame Butterfly to the final days of the Viet Nam War, will be performed by the Theatre's acclaimed REP Company (55 member acting troupe). The Richardson Summer Musicals are presented at The Promenade Theater (Coit Road between Beltline and Arapaho). The tickets are \$25/adult; \$20/seniors; if we have more than 20 women attending we can purchase our tickets at a discounted rate! Contact Jan Mattson or Diana Farrar for details.

Saturday, July 10 - (actually the 2nd Saturday of the month!)
August 20-21 – Women of Faith Conference – Contact Shari Sobek for more details.

Confirmation

Sunday, May 23rd was a special day for six of our middle school students. It was Confirmation Sunday, when these six had the opportunity to confirm the vows made during their baptism, and to join the church family. During Sunday School this year, the students have learned about Faith, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and the Christian Life. They have written a class creed, prepared a banner representing the themes they have studied, and they have been examined by members of the 2010 Session, who declared that they were ready for church membership. Each student chose a Bible verse to be used during their confirmation, and it is our hope that they will use these verses again in 2015 and 2016 when they are celebrated as high school graduates.

A special reception was held following the 10:45 a.m. worship service, to honor the students and their three teachers, Daniel Baham, Kimberly Guinn and Sandi Haltom.

Congratulations to: Katie Hilburn, daughter of Scott and Dora Hilburn, Rachel James, daughter of Steve and Amber James, Samantha Lee, daughter of Kristina Robertson, Andrew Maust, son of Joel Maust and Diana Maust, Austin Sobek, son of Shari Sobek and Randy Sobek, and Mackenzie Young, daughter of Corby and Allison Young. Welcome to the fellowship and family of The Nor'kirk Presbyterian!

Special note: Their class creed was not available at the time of the Kirk News publication deadline, so it will be included in next month's newsletter.

Choir Happenings

The Nor'kirk Chancel Choir has been branching out! Adopting The Nor'kirk World Missions slogan of "Reaching Out", the choir has begun their own style of outreach and mission.

They have been singing at both worship services every Sunday since September and our choir has taken their voices into the community as well. They presented their Palm Sunday musical "Singin' in the Spirit" for the residents of the Lakeview Retirement Village in Carrollton on May 2nd, where one woman said she wanted to join the church on the spot! Other future plans include patriotic musical presentations at the Castle Hills Fourth of July Celebration in Lewsville, and some good ole' Southern Gospel tunes for a Tent Revival on the lawn of The Nor'kirk for Round-up weekend on September 11th. Please mark these special dates on your calendar NOW!

Besides presenting the message of God's love and the gifts of faith that He gives to us, the choir is also enjoying the gift of fellowship, having had several group dinners, and a lake day at Susan Terry's cabin on Lake Lewisville is planned for July 24th.

We encourage you to join us in our fun and fellowship as we continue to grow in voice, in faith, and in number.

The Nor'kirk Music Department
Lane Paschal, Choir Director



A Special Thank You For a Special Gift

Recently, The Nor'kirk was the recipient of a very special gift—a beautiful grand piano. The long awaited piano has added a new dimension to our musical program and our worship services. A great deal of research went into locating the perfect piano for our congregation. Lane Paschal and Susan Terry worked with a small group of committee members to secure the piano, transport it and position it in our sanctuary. We were blessed to have the new piano in place in time for Resurrection of our Lord Sunday. (Easter)

This wonderful gift was given to the church anonymously by six Nor'kirk families. They have chosen to give this gift to our congregation to enjoy now and in the years ahead. On behalf of the congregation, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to these generous families for their wonderful gift—the gift of music. Thank you very much!



Class of 2010

It's June, and that means it is time to celebrate our high school graduates. This year's class includes 12 students. We've watched most of them grow up and we've had the chance to meet a few of them at a later point in their spiritual journey. Whatever the case, each of these young people is a cherished part of The Nor'kirk and we wish them the best as they leave high school and begin the next step in their lives.

Ashley Davis is the daughter of Jim and Karen Davis and the older sister of Shannon and Tara. She graduates from Hebron High School on June 12. Ashley has been a part of The Nor'kirk family since birth and was a member of the 2004 Confirmation Class. Ashley will attend Pacific Northwest Ballet School in Seattle, Washington this summer, and will either stay in Washington to dance with the Pacific Northwest Ballet Company or return to Dallas and attend Southern Methodist University.

Corey Henry is the son of Danny and Andrea Henry and the older brother of Kristin. He will graduate from Creekview High School on June 5. Corey has been a part of The Nor'kirk family for 18 years and was a member of the 2004 Confirmation Class and the Kirk Orchestra, where he played viola, and he has served throughout middle and high school as a Vacation Bible School volunteer. Corey will attend Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge beginning this fall.

Victoria Hines is the daughter of Craig and Lynne Hines and the older sister of Shannon. She will graduate from Creekview High School on June 12. Victoria was one of our three 1992 Holy Week babies, born on Maundy Thursday, and she was a member of the 2004 Confirmation Class. She has been a valuable leader in our Vacation Bible School program throughout middle and high school. Victoria will attend The University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma beginning this fall.

Lauren Hopper is the daughter of Robert and Susan Hopper and the older sister of Valerie. She will graduate from Hebron High School on June 12. Lauren has been a part of The Nor'kirk family for 9 years and was a member of the 2004 Confirmation Class and the Kirk Orchestra, where she played cello. She volunteered to lead Vacation Bible School throughout middle and high school. Lauren will attend Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas beginning this fall.

Ryan Kinkade is the son of Dan and Peggy Kinkade and the younger brother of Megan. He will graduate from R.L. Turner High School on June 5. Ryan was one of our three 1992 Holy Week babies, born on Good Friday, and he was a member of the 2004 Confirmation Class. Ryan was called and ordained as a Youth Deacon in 2008, and he built the Nor'kirk Prayer Garden as his Eagle Scout project. Ryan will attend Texas A & M University in College Station, TX beginning this fall.

Bryan Legere is the son of Lonnie and Sandy Legere and the older brother of Tyler and grandson of Lois Harper. He will graduate from Hebron High School on June 12. Bryan has been a member of The Nor'kirk family for 10 years, and he has served as a Vacation Bible School volunteer throughout middle and high school, and played percussion in the Kirk Orchestra. He was a member of the 2004 Confirmation Class. Bryan will attend The University of Texas in Austin beginning this fall.

Lizzie Mayo is the daughter of Mike and Helen Mayo and the granddaughter of Edward Goetsch and Norine Mayo. Lizzie has already graduated from high school – she finished at Dallas Lutheran High School on May 23! Lizzie is new to The Nor'kirk family, having been a member for about a year, but she has made her mark participating in dramatic readings and Sunday School. She will attend the University of Texas at Dallas beginning this fall.

Catherine McKenas is the daughter of David and Laurie McKenas and the younger sister of Erin. Catherine will graduate from Creekview High School on June 5. Catherine attended The Nor'kirk with her family when she was a little girl, and then returned about a year ago and officially joined us! Catherine will attend Austin College in Sherman, Texas beginning this fall.

Kelsey Nelson is the daughter of Brad Nelson and Gretchen Kipp-Nelson and the younger sister of Jordan. Kelsey will graduate from Creekview High School on June 5. She has been a part of The Nor'kirk family for 11 years, and she was a member of the 2004 Confirmation Class. Kelsey has volunteered throughout middle school and high school for Vacation Bible School each summer, and she played percussion in the Kirk Orchestra. Kelsey will attend The University of Oklahoma in Norman beginning this fall.

Erin Reas is the daughter of John and Helen Reas and the older sister of Emily. She will graduate from Plano Senior High School on June 8. Erin was our Easter Sunday 1992 Holy Week baby, the last of the trio! She was a member of the 2004 Confirmation Class. Erin was called and ordained as a Youth Deacon in 2009. She will attend the University of North Texas in Denton beginning this fall.

Andrea Sitton is the daughter of Susan Pitzer and Andrew Sitton. Andrea will graduate from Hebron High School on June 12. She has been a member of The Nor'kirk for almost two years, and she has volunteered to help lead Vacation Bible School for the last several years! Andrea will attend Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania beginning this fall.

Eric Wyman is the son of Rick and Kathy Wyman and the younger brother of Lynn. He will graduate from Hebron High School on June 12. Eric has been a member of The Nor'kirk family since birth, and he was in the 2004 Confirmation Class. Eric has volunteered throughout middle and high school for Vacation Bible School. Eric will attend The University of Texas at Dallas beginning this fall.

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Celebrate Heritage Sunday June 13

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Do you remember the year 1977? Here are a few hints of what was going on: Jimmy Carter was President; Disco was at its peak with Donna Summers leading the pack; the VW Bug was taken off the market; on TV Laverne and Shirley were weekly number one, and the mini-series Roots was setting viewing records; on the big screen space was the item with *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *Star Wars* being the big events; and we said goodbye to Groucho Marx, Bing Crosby, and the King – Elvis.

In the summer of that year The Nor'kirk was chartered. Serving the Lord in the northern reaches of Carrollton and southern reaches of Denton county, the Presbytery formally chartered this congregation. Thirty-three years later we continue to serve the Lord, as we reach out to our community and our world. As the ministry grows and changes, it's good to take a moment and celebrate what the Lord is doing through this congregation. We continue to be a family sized church, where everyone, including the pastor, knows your name.

On Sunday, June 13, we will celebrate Heritage Sunday. It's a day when the pastor and the liturgists wear kilts and/or tartan skirts. Everyone is encouraged to wear tartan apparel on this special day. We will hear the sounds of the bagpipes and in keeping with the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church, will "Kirk the Tartans." Come celebrate what God is doing through this congregation.