

ChristLutheranChurch Connected

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Thoughts from Pastor Joe

By Pastor Joe Campeau

God is a God who always has good things in store.

All the way back in Genesis God was making promises for a better day to come. When Adam and Eve disobeyed, and God explained the consequences of their actions, he did so with a promise. Referring to the descendants of Eve and speaking to the serpent, God said, “He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” This passage (3:15) is often called the first promise of the Gospel for it looks forward to the day when Christ would defeat Satan on the cross. In the midst of the pain and sadness and wreckage of that first sin, God was pointing toward a better day to come.

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God is always doing that kind of thing. Later in Genesis God promises Abraham and Sarah that she would have a child from whom an entire nation of God’s people would spring. Old, barren Sarah, at the end of a long and eventful life, would have a baby. The best is yet to be.

God’s people caught in slavery in

Egypt? God says, “I’m going to break you out of here because a better day is on the way.”

Later in the Old Testament, when God’s people have settled in the Promised Land, built a kingdom, and turned away from God yet again, God raises up prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah, Zephaniah and Micah. These prophets invariably brought a harsh word of judgment to a people who had strayed from their faith, sold out as they had to the values of their surrounding culture. But embedded in the threats of immanent exile and certain disaster were words like these: “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14), and “But out of you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah...shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler of Israel...” (Micah 5:4). There’s more to come.

During the season of Advent we remember that God’s promises always have a forward looking characteristic. There is light on the horizon; someone is coming; get ready for something even better. With the birth of Jesus we celebrate what God has done in coming among us. But even then God is straining forward, asking us to focus our attention on the promises he has yet to fulfill, promises like the one in which Jesus says he will return for us and take us to be with him when he

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Thoughts from Pastor Joe, continued

brings the curtain down on this world and opens for us the gates of heaven. There's something to look forward to.

In 2011 we will begin the year which will mark 50 years of ministry in and through Christ Lutheran Church. The first worship service took place on October 22, 1961; the congregation formally organized in 1962. It will be an occasion to look back and see from the vantage point of a half-century the many ways that God has blessed this ever changing and growing group of people, and all God has done. But more than that, it is a prime opportunity to focus on where God is leading us in the years to come. The thing that always worries me about anniversary celebrations is the idea that we're supposed to look back to the glory days, as if they are behind us. But if God's promises are to be trusted – and they are – the glory days are yet to be. The best for CLC is yet to come.

HOLY LAND TOUR UPDATE

Nearly 30 people gathered in November to consider a possible trip to the Holy Land in November, 2011. It is not too late to indicate an interest if you were unable to make it to the meeting. Speak to Pastor Joe and he will be glad to share the information with you. To save \$200 off the cost of the trip and to reserve your spot a \$500 deposit is due by February 1.

UPDATE ON THE SOLAR PANELS FOR THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Recently we received two emails sharing the progress that has been made on the solar panels. You'll recall that last spring we set about collecting funds to provide solar panels for the Emmanuel Health Clinic in a rural area of the Central African Republic. It is a newly opened clinic that serves the poorest of the poor. The solar panels were a project we undertook to provide reliable and sustainable electricity for the clinic and those doctors and staff who live on the clinic grounds. In a matter of months we were able to send a check for over \$35,000 to provide for the solar panels.

An email from Africa:

Dear Pastor Joe,

Good morning and greetings from Gallo in CAR!

I am so happy and excited and lost with words. I write on behalf of Emmanuel Health Center staff to say that we have light - the Solar energy is working for us. We thank you and your church for raising money for our solar system. The solar energy equipment arrived in the container and Mr. Gordon Olson sent Jim Noss who you may know well ELCA Missionary from Ngaoundere. He has been working long hours - from sunrise to late in the evening and by end of yesterday I had light in my house. Today he will be installing the same in the other two residential houses. Next week he will be working at the center building

Please accept our gratitude and sincere thanks for all you and your

church is doing to help us have light. We are coming into the dry and sun period so we will enjoy the solar energy. We hope that you will come back to see us again and witness what God is doing among the people of Central Africa. You are part of our celebrations and rejoicing

Most sincerely your

Teresa Obwaya

Gestionnaire de Projet

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And another from Gordon Olson of Lutheran Partners in Global Mission:

I just talked with Jim Noss a few minutes ago. He was standing on a hill near the Gallo Clinic and got a cell phone signal so he called me. The excitement in his voice was apparent - even from a missionary who has served that region for more than 30 years. He said, "I'm looking down at the clinic from the hilltop and I see the lights from the clinic. We have turned the lights on for the first time for the whole clinic is lit from solar alone and the light is shining bright for all to see. Everyone is literally jumping for joy!"

The impact that your congregation has had on this whole project is truly remarkable. We thank you all!

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The Word Became Flesh

Robin Hyland
Connected in Christ Coordinator

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Forgive me if I seem like I'm going off on a tangent, but lately I haven't been able to stop thinking about the phrase "The Word became flesh". Every time I read a Bible passage, I think about how this bit sticks out as a prophecy about Jesus (for example the part of Zechariah 9:9 that told of the Lord riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey, which Jesus fulfilled on Palm Sunday when he entered Jerusalem), but the very next line is some intangible description, something I can't quite connect to Jesus ("I will take away the chariots from Ephraim, and the war-horses from Jerusalem" Zechariah 9:10). Hmm...confusing. Until I started to think in 3-D.

When we see something in three dimensions, we see both light and shadow, things that predominate and things

that recess into the background, highs and lows. Could it be that Scripture, Jesus in word form, has a shape to it? That when understood as the true word of God, the figure of Jesus Christ emerges, in both the Old Testament and the New? That would help explain the clear passages (the light areas), the confusing passages (the dark areas), and all the passages in between (varying areas of gray!).

It has helped me to put the Bible in this context. I believe that the Bible is God's Word, so the things that don't make sense to me confuse and confound me. I want it all to be crystal clear. But maybe it's not meant to be crystal clear, maybe there are parts that are meant to recede into the background, to form the contours of the person of Jesus. He is not one-dimensional, and neither is the Word.

As we marvel at the unimaginable truth that the Creator came to us as a human child, born in the most humble of circumstances, let us remember that we have access to Him every day, through prayer, through worship, through song, and most directly, through His Word.

May this season of giving bring your family joy and peace. I give thanks for the blessing of your fellowship.

LIFT, a new worship opportunity is coming in January 2011.

Tuesday nights at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited!

In Psalm 22:3, God tells us that He inhabits the praises of His people.

When we praise Him, lifting up His name with open and expectant hearts, God's presence draws close and...

His Word becomes vivid and more understandable.
It is easier to forgive and serve people.
Priorities settle into the right place.
Bondage is broken.
Fear is washed away.

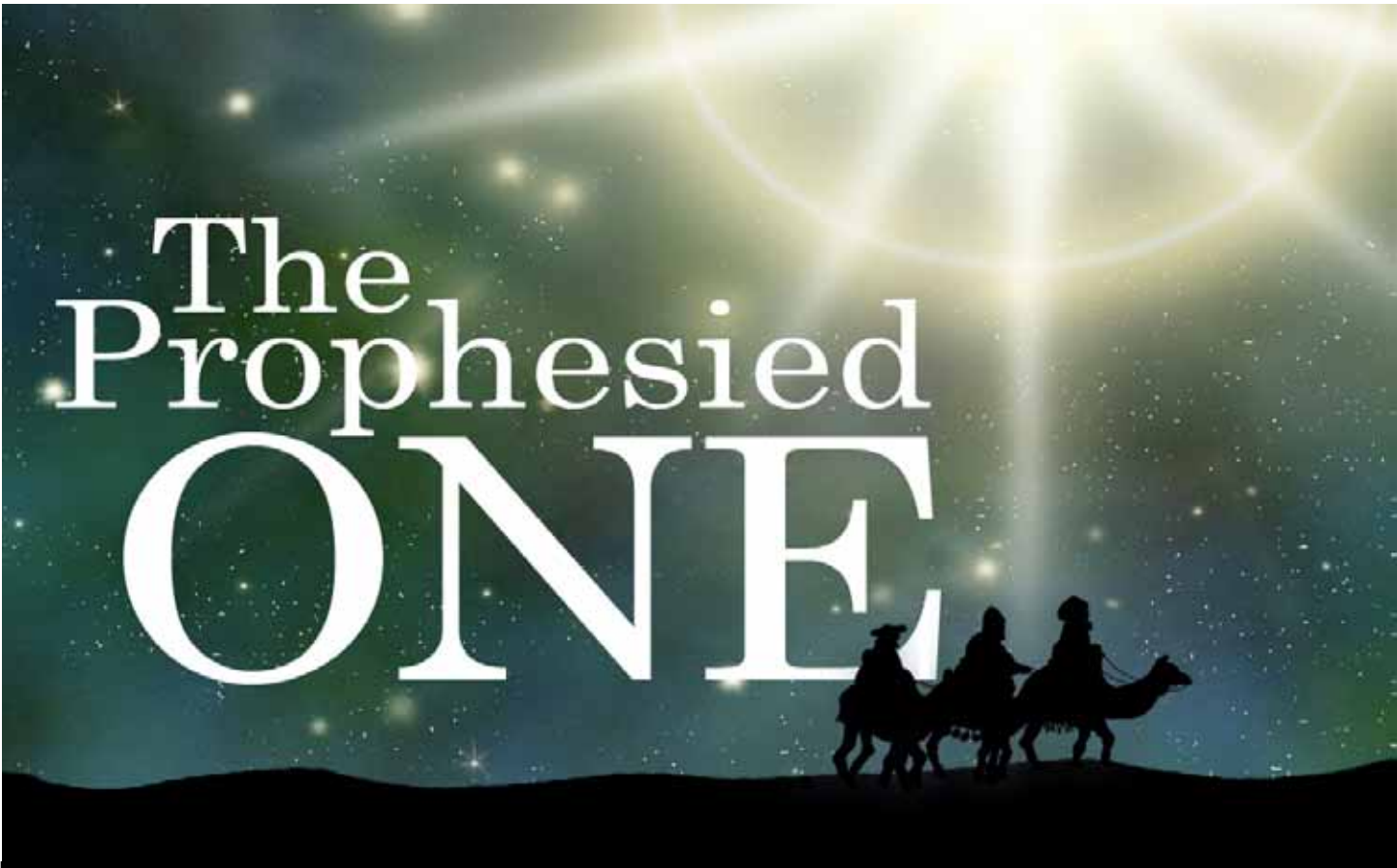
That's why you feel good after Sunday service!
God is sharing Himself with you; responding to your praise.

Now, the King of Life is calling us to seek His face mid-week! He wants to share more of Himself with us!

So come and LIFT!



For info email Ryan Metlen: metlenkids@sbcglobal.net



The Prophesied ONE

Worship with us this Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Family Worship

Music and Drama

Featuring music by "Messenger"

5:30 PM Family Worship

Music and Drama

Featuring music by our combined Children's Choirs

8:00* and 11:00 PM Candlelight Service

Featuring music by our Chancel Choir and an instrumental ensemble

There will be 20 minutes of beautiful Christmas music presented by the instrumental ensemble prior to both services at 7:40 and 10:40 PM.

** please note new time*

From Pastor Mike

When I was in college, I wasn't sure of anything related to Jesus. Being a typical college student, I was sure I knew everything and I thought I knew better than the bible. But I got with a group of friends who had made the commitment to get together and study the bible every week. And it was in that time that I really got to know Jesus. Not just because we were studying what he said, but because how it was lived in their lives. When we get together with other believers, it changes how we look at things. It stops being a theoretical exercise.

My story is a common one. I just finished doing a census of all the bible studies in this congregation. Right now, we have about 150 people meeting on a weekly basis to study the bible. These studies take place in homes and on campus and lives are being changed. Don't just take my word for it. Amber and Brian Mueller have been attending a couples study and here is what they have to say



Brian and I were attending CLC for a little over a year before we decided to join; in that time we were only involved with big projects like compassion weekend but no small groups. During basics of faith Pastor Joe said to get involved or we would be lost in the shuffle among this large congregation. I jumped on board and signed us up for everything we had time for. One of the things I signed us up for was couples bible study. I have to admit we were both very apprehensive because we didn't know what to expect. After the first night at the Wims' couples bible study we were hooked and couldn't wait to attend the next one. The Wims' are an amazing couple and they do a fantastic job of leading this bible study. We felt at ease and we simply enjoyed the fellowship among other Christian couples. Brian and I both agree that diving into the word with other Christians is like a recharge for our faith battery and for our marriage. We have been attending couples bible study for over a year now and look forward to continuing our journey learning the word with wonderful people.

We want to give everybody a chance to be in a bible study. So, this January we are going to do something a little different. We want to do church as a team. We want to give each and every one of you the opportunity to gather with other believers and talk about God's Word. And we want to make it as easy as possible for you.

Every Sunday from January 9th until Ash Wednesday, the sermon will be focused on a story that Jesus tells. It might be about being lost, the promise of heaven or what we've been blessed with. Then sometime during the week, you can get together with a small group and study your bible together on the same topic. As great as it is to get together to hear preaching on Sunday morning, it means so much more when we get together with others to talk about how it plays out in our lives. This month, you will have the opportunity to sign up for an existing or new bible study. There is going to be a wide variety of times and groups so that you can find one that fits your schedule.

Take some time and check out these bible studies. Get together with a group to read God's word and see how your life might be changed.

Council Corner

by Hilde Ernsberger Council Member

Do you mind if I whine? I miss my mom. It's been two years this month since she went to be with our Lord. Most days I am ok. I have accepted my life without her. But.....these are hard times. My mom lived through the Great Depression. I want to talk with her about how hard it is now. There seems to be more month than check and I don't see any improvement on the horizon. I am battling some health issues; nothing too serious; just enough to slow me down and be uncomfortable. I have three friends whose husbands are out of work. I know at least two families whose children are battling huge medical crises. There is heartache and pain all around me.

The good news is that God is here amidst all the suffering. He is here for us to turn to, to depend on. He wants us to cling to Him. He is really the only safety net we have. We can get through these hard times through daily reading of the Bible, having a strong support system of fellow believers (Bible study), and having weekly worship together where we get fed more about God's word and receive the sacrament of communion. We can weather any storm if we trust God. If we hold His word in our hearts....there is nothing that is insurmountable. God wants us to need Him. I have my mom, my own personal saint, to thank for instilling in me a life lived for Christ. She may not be here physically, but her spirit lives on in me. So, when God asks me to trust Him and to give more.....I do it.

The council has been hard at work to balance the budget for the church. Like probably every family, we have had to make cuts here and there. We make sacrifices. But, we are joyous in our ministry. God is good and He will continue to bless us.

Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.
Nehemiah 8: 10

The year 2011 will mark 50 years that our Lord has chosen us to minister in the Santa Clarita Valley. It is an honor to serve our Lord. We will celebrate this special year in several ways, and we are still in the planning stages. If you would like to help us plan these celebrations, please contact me. All are welcome; just as all are welcome in our church.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and learn not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Church Council: Karen Nelson (President), Dave Burnett, Andy Dyroy, Hilde Ernsberger, Steve Gilbertson, Mike McGeever, Kisha Tate

Hearing God Workshop

No Experience Required!

Feel like you have no connection to God? Come to this workshop. This month we will continue to explore a different aspect of hearing God.

Tuesday, December 14, 10:30 AM

Just because you missed one, doesn't mean you can't come to this session. We'll meet for one hour in the conference room to talk, teach, and learn.



The Giving Garland

by Debbie Price
Missions and Outreach Coordinator

Once again this Christmas season, we will have the opportunity to be a blessing to our neighbors, both near and far. The Giving Garland is not just a way to reach out to others in need, but it allows us to give in honor and celebration of our Savior's birth. You can help by selecting a tag from the garland, purchasing the requested item and returning it by the date indicated on the tag. Some tags will ask you to provide your name and telephone number. If so, please complete and place in the gift box located in the narthex. Please remember to attach your tag to the gift you return as it will help in sorting and distribution. If you have any questions or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact Debbie Price at (661)259-0200 or debbie@come2christ.com.



These are the organizations that we will be supporting this year, along with a brief description of each:

The Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services

The LA County Dept. of Children & Family services was founded in 1984 as the public agency charged with establishing and managing a system of support services for families and children of all ages and backgrounds. Social workers have identified needy children that will receive our gifts.

Lutheran Social Services

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California celebrates the love of Christ for all people through acts of service. Their mission is that all people will have the opportunity to live and work in a safe community with dignity and hope. Gifts are distributed to families in need by LSS.

Senior Center

The SCV Senior Center is a multipurpose center dedicated to providing independence, dignity and quality of life for our senior citizens and the community at large. The requested gift cards will assist seniors that need supplemental income for basic necessities.

Santa Clarita Valley Convalescent Home

The Santa Clarita Valley Convalescent Hospital is located in Newhall and has a ninety-nine bed capacity. They serve

primarily those with lower income and very little family, if any at all. For some, the thought of knowing that there are people who care for them may keep them warmer than the pajama bottoms that are being requested.

Hands and Hearts

The Hands and Hearts team currently sends care packages and letters of support to our military personnel serving our country overseas. We will continue to support our soldiers by sending them DVD's this Christmas Season.

Project Angel Tree

Project Angel Tree provides Christmas presents to children of incarcerated individuals on behalf of and in the name of the parent. These children all live in the Santa Clarita Valley. The gifts are hand delivered to the children and the message of God's awesome love for us through His Son, Jesus Christ, is shared with each child. Millions of children across the country have been touched through this program since its inception in 1982.

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The Pencil Project

The mission of the Pencil Project is to help the highland children of Chichicastenango, Guatemala obtain the supplies needed to attend school. The Pencil Project continues in its original purpose because many of the Guatemalan highland villages exist on a barter economy and any cash for school supplies, even for a pencil, is difficult to come by. Without at least a pencil, children cannot go to school and are instead sent to pick coffee beans on the surrounding coffee plantations. For the price of a pencil, we can change the life of a child in this third world country.

Pet Project

With pet overpopulation and abuse on the rise, we will be supporting three organizations that reach out to help stray, unwanted and/or abused animals:

Pooch Heaven - is a charitable organization dedicated to the rescue and placement of stray dogs.

The Giving Garland, *continued*

Pet Orphans of Southern California – is dedicated to combating the national crisis of overpopulation through extensive education programs. They rescue and rehabilitate adoptable homeless dogs and cats and place them into suitable homes.

The Brittany Foundation – is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, care and placement of homeless dogs.

Free The Children

Free the children is the world's largest network of children helping children through education. The primary goals of the organization are to free children from poverty and exploitation and free young people from the notion that they are powerless to affect positive change in the world.



You are invited to join us for our *Women's Advent Tea*

Saturday, December 11, 2010

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

CLC Fellowship Center

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! All women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join us for our first annual "Women's Advent Tea" celebrating the joy of the season! Please bring a plate of savory or sweet treats to share, your favorite tea cup and a treasured friend. We will provide the tea, holiday music, devotions, and you provide the joyous fellowship!

For more information, visit our table on the patio or call Denise Allen at 297-7933.

Hands and Hearts

By Elizabeth Abrahamson

It was a rare rainy day in Santa Clarita, a day of thunder that shook the earth and lightning that lit up the sky, almost too much weather for the California girl in me as I headed to participate in the Hands and Hearts ministry for the first time. As I nervously anticipated what to expect, I glanced at my reflection in the rearview mirror. My reflection made me laugh in irony as I took in my outfit: Ugg boots to protect my feet from the “weather”, designer jeans, a scarf, a pink Juicy Couture purse, and a face full of makeup. To top it off, I was driving up in my new SUV. Somehow, I was supposed to be able to relate to people brave enough to risk their lives to fight for my freedom? It seemed a far cry from my usual selfishness, and I wondered if I would really be able to do anything to relate to these men and women, yet alone make myself useful in this ministry.

But of course, I'd volunteered to write the article this month, so there was no running back to the protection of my SUV and my bubble of comfort, so I made my way through the rain, of course with a rhinestoned umbrella to top it all off, and awaited my assignment.

The fellowship center was bustling with energy and excitement, despite the dreary weather. Small children furiously scribbled cards and pictures with the help of parents, while their grandparents bagged items and chatted about current events. It seemed that everyone, young and old, really had a place here. I wondered how I would fit into all of this. I approached Karolle and asked her to

give me a job that I couldn't mess up. She motioned for me to double-bag some toiletries and I felt relief-this was surely a task I could muster!

As I double-bagged sunscreen my thoughts wandered to the men and women who would be receiving it. I've been so fortunate to grow up in the Santa Clarita Valley where I have always felt safe and protected, yet this has also provided a bubble for me. It is hard for me to relate to what it might be like to courageously put myself in danger for the freedom of others, as those in our armed services do. Because of this, I have shied away from ministries such as Hands and Hearts in the past. But as I worked furiously I couldn't help but think of how lucky I was to have these people to protect me and how I wanted to do more to help them and relate to them.

Once all the items were prepared, we were read some devotionals and were also told who we would be packing for that month. When I heard we would be packing for those who lost some of their comrades, I felt a lump in my throat. I vowed to do my best to bring some source of comfort to those who had experienced a loss, however small my part might be. I got a box buddy and began picking out items for a soldier. I giggled as I imaged him putting on the false teeth, wig, and other Halloween décor items we gingerly tucked in the folds of the brown boxes. I tried to picture his face and reaction to the magazines, DVDs, and books he would receive. As I sat down to write him a card, I was surprised when the words I didn't know I was thinking seamlessly flowed

from my heart onto the card. I closed my eyes as I sealed the envelope, and silently prayed for this soldier as I slipped the prayer card with his name on it into my pocket, so I could continue to lift him up long after this night.

Once finished, the box was then given to the expert packers to close up. Karolle came and told me that she heard I had packed the first box well. I was immediately relieved that I had managed not to mess up, but now I had a reputation to live up to! I scurried around packing more boxes and engaging in conversation with those around me, many of whom were new faces. I was too busy to realize that this was far out of my usual comfort zone, but somehow I was fitting in and enjoying myself.

Before I knew it, all of the boxes were packed and it was time to pray over them. As I lay my hands on some of the boxes with my brothers and sisters in Christ, I felt the Holy Spirit moving within the room. The faces of those relatives who had served in the military whirled through my mind, along with the names of those for whom I had just packed boxes. I pictured those men and women receiving the love being poured out to them and felt a peace within myself. As the prayer came to a close, I realized what a truly wonderful ministry this is, and how anyone and everyone can have a place in it. I hugged everyone goodbye and headed back into my world, but somehow things were different.

It was still raining when I left,



Hands and Hearts, *continued*

including the lightning which gave me a show comparable to fireworks as I headed back home for the night. I glanced at my reflection once again. Although I still had the same outfit on, somehow I was different and knew I had been forever changed by this night. I knew now I was capable of making a difference in the lives of these men and women, and that through this wonderful ministry, God was truly at work with me once again.

One of the things I've always loved about the rain is the sense of renewal and newness that I feel when it happens, as if the earth has been cleaned and is beautiful, and brand new once again. When we follow God's will and do his work, I truly believe that we are renewed, refreshed, and cleaned, then able to be who he wants us to be and do better for others. Though I attended this ministry to give of my time and help others, I did not anticipate what peace and comfort it would give to me as well. The next day I woke up to the sun shining through my window, and the rain was gone. I looked out the window to see the earth sparkling and the promise of a new day. As I prayed for those men and women in our armed forces, I looked forward to continuing to serve this ministry and grow in Christ through his helping hand, grateful for the mere opportunity to do so.

Please join Hands and Hearts at our December packing party on the 14th at 7 – 8 p.m. or on the 15th at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Center. For more information contact Karolle at hands_n_hearts@yahoo.com or 255-3222. Everyone is welcome.

Welcome to the CLC Family!



Samantha Cheatham with David and Joshua



Joan Costa



Paul & Carrie Hendry
Nicole and Laura



Brian and Joy Lottermoser
Amanda and Nicholas

With great appreciation, I'd like to thank our guests: Karolle Blackson, Brenda and Hank Klehn, Karen Nelson, Steve McNulty, Lori Marshall, Tim Tiemann, Denise Allen, Dave Burnett, Berit Chassman, Bret and Jean Wims, Kathleen Kahovec, Debbie Price, Teri Gaudio, and Pastor Mike Matzek.

Special thanks to 'Team Basics', October 2010: Rachel Swartz, Vincent Koch, Barbie Campeau, Mike, Laura and Owen Strunck, Elizabeth Abrahamson, Tina Jacobi, Jeanne Papenthien, Jenn Denzin, Charlotte Burruso, Karen Kibbee, Mark Long, Robyn Schreiner, Patty Chao, Kevin Liddle, I couldn't have done it without you, I praise God for your ministry!

Our excellent childcare team: Debi Colbert and Kelsey Gabriel, you are the best!

Your gifts of time and talent have helped shine God's light on our new family members, thank you so much.

Robin Hyland



Tim & Margie McMenamin
Collin, Sean and Megan



Jack & Marie Mutz with Joyce, Joey and Ben Mutz



Eric & Karen Reade
(Brienne), Ethan and Cassidy



Eric & Nicole Scherer
Cole, Tyler, Skylar, Tanner



Cindy Schmidt



Gina Wileman with Paul and Conner



Outreach Opportunities

I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives.
- Tracy Chapman

No one can argue that Christmas has become a stressful time filled with shopping, cleaning, cooking... It's easy to say "no" when we're asked to volunteer, it's true that we don't have the time or energy - but maybe we should instead ask ourselves what we've been saying "yes" to. What have we made a priority? Why not give some thought to sacrificing a little of your time to serve others who find themselves in difficult circumstances? Here are a few opportunities for you to spend some time being an angel.

Gift Wrapping – Children and families across America and around the world will go without gifts this holiday season. With your help, Children's Hunger Fund will pack and wrap gifts for thousands of children in need. On Saturday December 6th a team from our church will head down to Children's Hunger Fund to help. If you are interested in being a part of this team please contact Stephanie Lee at (661)313-2461 or stephanieleepsyd@sbcglobal.net.

Meals for the Santa Clarita Winter Shelter – Each year we go to our local homeless shelter to serve meals to those who would otherwise not have one. Our dates of service this year are December 12th – 18th. This is a great opportunity to help those in need and connect with people to share the word of God. You can help by signing up to donate food for a meal or serving a meal on one of our scheduled nights. I am looking for someone to help organize and lead this team. If you are interested in serving, donating or leading this team, please contact Debbie Price at (661)259-0200 or debbie@come2christ.com.

Donation Box – As you clean out your closets this holiday season, don't forget about our clothing and small appliance donation box located in the Welcome Center. These items are taken to organizations that reach out to those in need.



HIGH SCHOOL

What a blessing it is to do High school ministry and hang out with your teens.

When asked what the most important thing that a youth leader can do to help teens grow closer in their relationship with Christ, here is what they said:

1. Lead by example!
2. Connect with me!
3. Help me understand!
4. Make it relevant!
5. Pray for me!

The youth leaders are working on all 5 of these areas to help your teen grow in Christ.

Please let me know if you have any additional ideas or needs for our CLC Youth group.

The highlight of October was Junior Night at Impact with 52 youth energized in the Youth Center and praising God together. We look forward to Sophomore Night at Impact on November 30 and getting ready to celebrate our Savior's birth.

Here is what is coming up in December:

Sunday School will meet throughout December at 9:30 in the Youth Center. We will NOT meet on December 26.

Impact will meet throughout December on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Youth Center. We will have a Christmas party and gift exchange on December 21 at 7pm.

Senior Quilts – Seniors, you should have purchased your fabric by now and have handed out those quilt squares. The quilt squares should be collected back to you by January 16.

Retreat – The High School retreat is March 11-13, 2011. We are going to Forest Home in Ojai. Mark your calendars. Sign ups begin in January.

Arizona Mission Trip – the youth mission trip will be to Arizona this July 31 – August 6. We will build 2 houses with Amor Ministries. Sign ups will begin in January.

Children's Ministries



Sunday School Christmas Program rehearsals in the sanctuary are on December 1, from 6 pm – 7:30 pm, and again on Saturday, December 4, from 9:00 am – 10:30 am.

Sunday School Christmas Program is Sunday, December 5 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Come to the Fellowship Center afterwards for refreshments. Bring a plate of cookies to share.

Christmas Caroling and Refreshments on Wednesday, December 8, 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Meet at the church. Bring some Christmas cookies to share for refreshments after caroling.

Children's choirs continue to meet throughout December from 5:15 – 6pm on December 1, 8, 15, and 22.

4th – 6th Grade Retreat at El Camino Pines is coming up February 4 – 6, 2010. Medical forms and payment of \$110 are due January 12. You don't want to miss this one! Friends are welcome to attend.

A big thank you to Linda Ferguson and the entire Youth Adventures team for a very successful Spaghetti Dinner. LOTS of families were served a delicious dinner with spaghetti, bread, salad, and dessert. All donations raised help pay for the retreat in February at El Camino Pines. Thank you to all who helped cook, serve, set up, clean up etc.

KOK and Youth Adventurers and Confirmation are on break until January 5.

No Sunday School on December 26.

Vacation Bible School

The VBS dates have been set for June 20 – 24, 2011. We will be using Group Curriculum again with the theme "PandaMania, Where God is Wild About You."

Registration will take place in the spring. Mark your calendars now.

We will have an Outreach VBS in Newhall again. The dates are July 11, 12, and 13. Please plan on volunteering to help reach the community of Newhall with the love of Jesus. Felicity Grover will be coordinating the Newhall VBS.

Junior High



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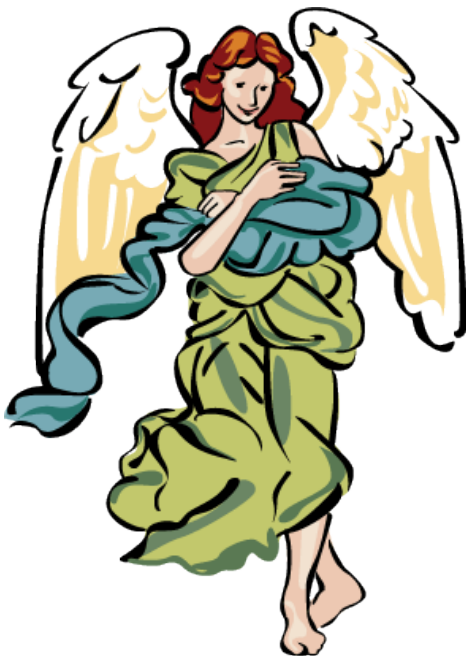
Confirmation is on break for the season of Advent.
We will meet again starting January 5.

Please join us for Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30pm at the church. We will carol at the homes of three shut-ins from CLC and then come back to the Youth Center for refreshments. Please bring a plate of cookies to share.

9th Graders

It was a wonderful Confirmation Sunday on October 31. Thank you to all 22 students who worked so hard and made affirmation of your baptismal vows. It is a joy to watch you grow in the Lord. Thank you also for the wonderful cards and gifts that you gave me that day. I pray you had a special celebration of the day and that you will continue to grow in your faith and stay close to Jesus.

Sunday School Christmas Program - December 5



Everyone is invited to the Sunday School Christmas program December 5th at 6:30 p.m. This year we are presenting "The Next Noel". What a great way to celebrate the season and get ready for Jesus' birth! The children have been practicing the songs during Sunday School and are ready to sing and spread the exciting news. The 6th grade class meets every week to rehearse for the play. Come and see Leon (Zach Theberge) try to figure out the meaning of Christmas. The 2 year-olds through Kindergarten will also sing at the beginning with their own Mary and Joseph and Wise Men.

Following the program, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Center for refreshments and a Happy Birthday Jesus party hosted by the moms of MOLO. Please bring a plate of cookies to share.

CHRIST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL PRESENTS
HIGHLAND HALL HAND BELL CHOIR



Please join us for a program of enchanting tunes and holiday favorites presented by the talented students from Highland Hall in Northridge.

Wednesday, December 8th
At 11:00 AM

Christ Lutheran Church Sanctuary
25816 North Tournament Road - Santa Clarita



December Birthdays

1st
Jeanette Carlstrom
Jannelle Grover
Sky Olsen
Madison Wolpert

2nd
Patrick Apel
Tammy Gabriel
Stephanie Lee
Morgan Traina

3rd
Kelly Anderson
Rich Anderson
Matthew Deegan
Amy Miller
Nancy Myers

4th
Sandra Brookman
Gail Maijala

5th
Karen Bostwick
Nathan Hadden
Julie Kebschull
Trevor Schrock
Jessica Vairo

6th
Joseph Pulaski
Nicole Scherer
Brad Van

7th
Earl Bull
Floyd Cox
Donald Effertz
Emilie House
Brandon Surak
Cathy Sutherland

8th
Betty Granger
Kurt Lorme

9th
Mark Cavarretta
Deborah Dole
Duncan Krumrine
Connie Marsden
Curt Meyer
Tom Payne

10th
Richard Granger
Rodd Hitch
Spencer Nelson
Morgan Shaner
Alex Skorniakoff
Laura Lathrop Warriner

11th
Jeanette Gorham
Brooke LeGassick
Eric Miller
Donald Sielke

12th
Elizabeth Guzman
Joanne Metcalf

13th
Kaitlyn Cappelletty
Angus Ferguson
Melanie Fitzgibbons
Walter Gause

14th
Katalina Duenas
Michele Krantz
Sheri Maxwell
Jim Smith

15th
Sue Bett
Tom Fellbaum
Herb Fulmer
Christina Miller
Ron Nolan
Bonnie Theberge
Robin Tielens

16th
Andrea Carstensen
Collin Curtin
Andrea Deegan
Malcolm Edmiston
Delaney Hollinger
Christina Mendelson

17th
Pastor Joe Campeau
Melanie Meyer

18th
Nicholas Bryan
Ethan Franco
Adam Frandson
Michelle Frezieres
Eric Kniss
Thomas Lapp
Dane LeGassick
Kevin Rosenberger
Amanda Smith

19th
Caylee Meja
Les Rune
Christopher Smith
Erick Werner

20th
Ralph Blackson
Connor Gibson
Heidi Metlen
Dawn Miller
Donna Nolan
Jill Sand
Jackson Turner

21st
Chris Connolly
Courtney Jones
Kimberly Myers

22nd
Lorraine Coleman
Rebecca Davis
Cole Tynon

23rd
Grace Daucher
Jakob Daucher
Stacy Friedler
Kevin Liddle
Sinthia Petote
Hannah Rosauer
Savannah Schutz

24th
Bruce Krumrine
Maureen Wilcher

25th
Brooke Backes
Holly Estes
Fran Powanda
Edna Prokosch
Fran Rawlins
Nicole Stefani

26th
Steve Flynn
Doni Payne
Margaret White

27th
Tyler Crowder
Ashlyn DeForest
Chad Langston
Annamaria Lepisto
Leslie Nelson
Nevan Rodriguez
Diane Smith
Talitha Tumpal

28th
Brittany Asaro
Jessica Deegan
Isabelle Hadden
Rachel Hansmire
Steven Hoffman
Celia Hofmann
Steve Tannehill

29th
Kelsey Chao
Kim Clayton
Deborah Estes
Elizabeth Kebschull
Adam Liddle
Melissa Rea

30th
Laura Brennan
Brad Eledge
Megan Flynn
Jonathan Papa
Dana Patton
Irene Petty
Betsey Schubert
Sonja Speer

31st
Erin Hall
Madelyn Johnson
Laurence Martin
Ashley Motschenbacher
Julie Musella



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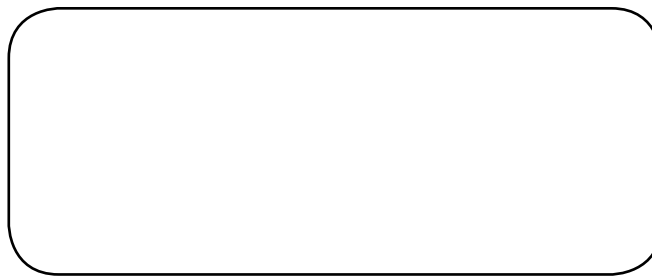
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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:
8:00 - Traditional Worship
9:30 - Blended Worship
11:00 - Informal Worship

Sunday School for all ages at 9:30

Kids' Church at 11:00

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*Merry
Christmas*



Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

4:00 & 5:30 PM - Family Worship

Music and Drama

Music by "Messenger" at 4:00 and Children's Choirs at 5:30

8:00* and 11:00 PM - Candlelight Service (*please note new time)

Music by Chancel Choir and Instrumental Ensemble

There will be 20 minutes of beautiful Christmas music presented by the instrumental ensemble prior to both services at 7:40 and 10:40 PM