

Christ Lutheran Church Connected

July/August 2010



**Have a Blessed
Summer!**

Want to snatch a day from the manacles of boredom? Do overgenerous deeds, acts beyond reimbursement. Kindness without compensation. Do a deed for which you cannot be repaid.

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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00AM	Traditional Services
9:30 AM	Blended Worship
11:00 AM	Informal Worship

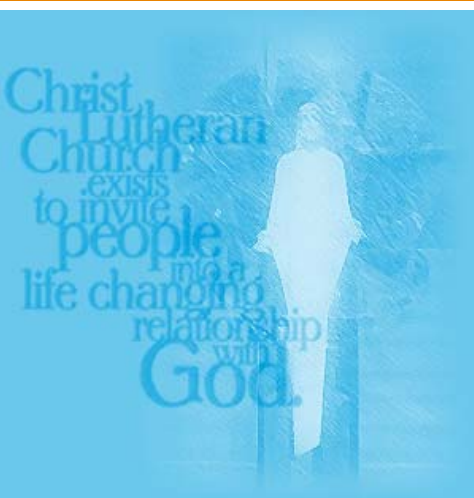


Thoughts from Pastor Joe

Growing up in Minnesota trained me to notice the natural rhythms of life. Summer was something different than winter, and both of those seasons were distinct from spring and autumn. School began after Labor Day and ended by Memorial Day, a schedule that seemed natural (none of this going into June and starting again in early August, which seems to be the norm now). Winter was for business and work; summer was for recreation. Autumn meant a return to routines. Spring was the season of anticipation; winter was almost over and summer was coming. The lines were pretty clear between the seasons, as clear as the line of cars that would snake their way out of the city on their way to the cabin on the lake "up north" each Friday night during the summer. The seasons of the year were distinct, which helped, I suppose, to delineate more clearly as well the seasons and rhythms of life. Many of us in California, I think, are more likely to identify the seasons of life with sports...it's the season of soccer, or the season of baseball, then comes the season of football.

For me the summer season means not only a road trip somewhere – this year it will be back to Wisconsin to join Sam and his new wife Michelle at a wedding reception for her friends and relatives who couldn't make it out here for the wedding. It also means planning time for the fall. Summer is when we think about sermon series and Christmas worship, Bible study plans and programmatic opportunities. And we have a lot to think about and plan this summer, which is exciting.

With a new staff configuration, and new staff members, we'll spend time adjusting to new responsibilities and new patterns for how work is distributed. Pastor Mike will begin working on a more extensive development of small group ministry. Robin will be gearing up for a leadership summit of our ministry leaders in the fall, teaching a couple of classes, and developing more intentional ways of helping new believers in the area of faith formation in their lives. We will plan for a process to begin developing mentor groups within the congregation so that we can be more purposeful in identifying, mentoring, and discipling each other in this congregation. We'll continue to imagine ways that we can get peo-



ple deeper into the scripture so that they can own their own faith and be better equipped to share it with others. The Stewardship team will spend the summer gearing up for another Family Reunion celebration in the fall, and developing videos that celebrate and encourage us to invest ourselves in this community of faith which is so important to us.

I love the ebb and flow of life. May your summer be relaxing (but not so relaxing that you forget to worship!) And I can hardly wait to see the plans we put into place this summer here at CLC take root and grow come September.

Solar Panels On Their Way!

The new Health Clinic in Central African Republic is now open and treating its first patients, but it is currently operating without electricity.



Here's an update on the solar panel project we undertook earlier this year to fund solar equipment for the Emmanuel Health Clinic in Gallo, Central Africa. By supplying this equipment we make it possible for the clinic to better meet their power needs to run lights, diagnostic equipment, etc. This is so important be-

cause the clinic is located in an area where health care is not easily accessible, meaning that many people suffer and die from otherwise treatable and preventable diseases. This is especially true for women and young children – 25% of children die before the age of five. Our goal was to raise \$40,000. Recently we sent a check to Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry for \$37,500! Yay!! The solar panels are on their way, due to arrive sometime in July. Any additional gifts we re-

ceive will complete the cost as well as fund a person from the U.S. to train local people in how to maintain the equipment so that this will be a sustainable situation. Thanks for your participation. God is good and we give him all the glory and praise.



From the Editor

“Where do you want to go this year?” That’s a common question families ask each other during these summer months. Many of us are planning a vacation; time to take a break from our routines, see something new, relax and recharge our batteries. These days, with money being tight, it’s not surprising that the term “staycation” has become popular. Even if we can’t afford to travel, we can be creative and find things to do that don’t require a lot of money. It’s important to take some time for ourselves. It’s tempting to think that we’re too busy, that we have too many things to do, that we can keep going no matter what. It was once pointed out to me that even Jesus got overwhelmed—by the crowds, by the demands—so much so that he had to go off by himself for awhile. I don’t think any of us has anything more important to do in this world than Jesus!

But maybe we should ask *ourselves* “Where do you want to go this year?” We probably started out the new year with some goals and probably we forgot about them by March. Here we are, half-way through 2010—are you where you want to be? I don’t just mean your physical location, but are you where you want to be mentally, spiritually? Where do *you* want to go this year? Maybe this summer would be a good time for all of us to take stock of ourselves. Where do we need to grow? Some people take vacations that involve new challenges like scuba diving, rock climbing, or river rafting. It’s good to try something new, it gets the adrenalin pumping and we get a great sense of accomplishment; but what about doing something that challenges our thinking about who we are? How about serving in our community? Or committing ourselves to spend more time in prayer and reading the Bible? How about helping in worship here at church? You want an adrenalin rush? Try being a lector some Sunday! Do you enjoy singing? Think about joining one of our musical groups in the fall. Do you like working with kids? Consider being a Sunday School teacher or helping with the youth. If you want to support those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Hands and Hearts could use your help to assemble the care packages they send over every month.

It can be a huge challenge to make a commitment to serve on a regular basis, but maybe it’s worth a try to change around our priorities and put God first on the list.

Where do you want to go this year?



Hollywood Bowl

The Bowl is BACK!

Do you enjoy fellowship, fun, fireworks? Join us for an exciting evening at the Hollywood Bowl. Meet us for a picnic at our reserved site, enjoy the boundless energy of R & B legends Earth, Wind, and Fire, and top it off with a spectacular fireworks display. Bring your own picnic dinner plus an appetizer to share. This will be a night to remember! Tickets are limited, so don't delay.

When: Saturday, September 4, 2010

What Time: Picnic starts at 7:00, performance at 8:30

How Much: \$ 27.00 per person

Sign-up on the patio.

Contact Chris Dickerson for information: 661-296-0798

Council Corner

It's that time of year again! The temperatures are climbing, kids are out of school, and family vacations are approaching quickly. I hope everyone has something to look forward to in the coming months, and where ever your plans take you, we look forward to your safe return to Christ Lutheran.

I am writing this a day after a group of our high school kids, adult leaders, and Pastor Mike returned from a week of service in Merced. I have not had an opportunity to talk to the kids and hear their stories, but I am excited for that opportunity. You, the congregation, are the sole reason this group, and others, are able to travel to areas of need and spread God's love. I hope you get a chance in the coming weeks to hear some of the amazing accounts of, what I am sure was, a life changing experience for this group of individuals.

Many of you may not be aware, but next year will be Christ Lutheran's 50th anniversary. It's remarkable to think about how much this congregation has grown and will continue to grow. In our monthly meeting we discussed possible ways to celebrate Christ Lutheran's milestone. We have decided to leave it in the hands of the congregation. Hilde Ernsberger has volunteered to organize a committee to plan for a 50th anniversary

celebration. This is an opportunity for us to remember where we have been and look to the future. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee for our 50th anniversary, please contact Hilde.

Towards the end of May, we received a letter from an ELCA consultation committee. The purpose of this consultation committee is to advise our Bishop on his response to the actions we took at our annual meeting. The letter we received requested meetings with Pastor Joe, Pastor Mike, the council, and members of the congregation. At this time, we do not know the purpose of these meetings, but as soon as we are presented with more information, it will be communicated to the congregation.

In closing, please watch for updates regarding the upcoming meetings with the consultation committee and consider lending a hand in the planning of celebrations for a wonderful milestone in our church's history. I hope all of you get a chance to relax and enjoy your summer with family and friends.

Peace and blessings from yours in Christ,

Mike McGeever

Synod Assembly Report

Your representatives were Pastor Joe and Bill & Sonja Speer. A total of 421 people from LA to San Luis Obispo to Bakersfield came together to: 1. Do business on an area/synod (100+ churches) level, 2. Hear inspiring speakers, 3. Be informed and challenged at the work we are called to do as followers of Christ. Here are just a few highlights.

Business covered the election of Synod Council Members and Delegates to the Churchwide Assembly in 2011, discussing and passing of the budget, reviewing and voting on the resolutions presented. All resolutions speaking to the church wide decision of last year were defeated. A resolution to support "The Lutheran Malaria Campaign" - a 10 year program - passed. Huge undertaking but doable as Malaria is a preventable disease that infects 500 million a year.

We were lifted up by the keynote speaker, Bishop Stephen Marsh, from the Detroit area. Using the scripture on Jesus and the woman at the well, he challenged us to leave evangelism alone and simply "tell the Good News." On Friday we attended a panel discussion on the subject of evangelism...the diverse backgrounds of the panel: The Moravian Church, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and Episcopal Community, gave us a wealth of thought and encouragement. We were blessed and filled by these servants of God.

We were informed: at a daily Bible Study by Rev. Dr. Julia Fogg, Professor/Chair Religion, CLU; at the display booths from Lutheran related organizations and affiliates...even USC campus ministries (who knew?); at all the reports given; and at the many workshops.

You must attend if you ever have the opportunity. Think next year...we are entitled to 4 delegates plus adding 2 youth (16-30). Blessings abound at these events. With thanks, Sonja and Bill



The Power of a Simple Gift

By Megan Town

My name is Megan Town. It has been both my pleasure and my privilege to be the moderator of what we, at Valley Oaks Village, fondly refer to as "The Apron Club". Following Compassion Weekend 2009, I asked God to fill me with His Spirit and help me to create a ministry to do His work. My eyes were opened and everything became clear.

Pastor Joe once told me that we often pass up opportunities to do ministry in the most obvious places, like our places of employment when the opportunity is appropriate. It occurred to me that my job was able to fit, like a puzzle piece, right into the reasons why I am a Christian.

I have been the Activities Director at Valley Oaks Village Senior Apartment Community (ages 55+) for over 7 years. My job consists of making people's lives more fulfilling. I present them with opportunities to stay active, healthy, and social.

I have worked with senior citizens who were volunteers before, and it always amazes me how busy they are, and how cheerful. By enriching the lives of others, they are rewarded with gratitude for the things that they have. So, by starting "The Apron Club", I wanted to make sure that our seniors were able to volunteer as much as they wished without ever having to leave their apartment community....and what do you know? It worked!

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Participating in charities such as "Project Any Soldier", "Comfort Bags for Chemo Patients", Midwife Kits for Global Health Ministries, a food pantry for the Domestic Violence Center of Santa Clarita, and others, our Apron Club volunteers have made a difference in so many lives. It is incredible to see the looks on the faces of our residents when they realize how many people they have helped, both locally and globally.

Around the end of last year I searched for a special mission which would expand volunteer participation throughout our community. We even got the SCV Senior Center involved! The season of giving never meant so much to me before and I know that many of my friends at Valley Oaks felt the same way. The project is entitled "Operation Christmas Child". With this endeavor, we were able to give almost 200 Christmas gifts to needy children all over the world. To my absolute joy, I was approached a few weeks ago with the wonderful news that we at Christ Lutheran Church, are joining Samaritan's Purse this year in preparation for Christmas 2010. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian relief and evangelism organization led by Franklin Graham. "Go and do likewise," Christ commanded after explaining the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10. So they do. Samaritan's Purse travels the world's highways looking for victims along the way. They are quick to bandage the wounds we see, but like the Samaritan, they don't stop there. In addition to meeting immediate, emergency needs, they help these victims recover and get back on their feet.

They offer help. They offer hope. To suffering people in a broken world, they share the news of the only One who can bring true peace—Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Operation Christmas Child is a shining example of their work. This outreach will be taking place at Christ Lutheran Church in July: Beginning on July 1, literature will be available that will explain how and what to pack in the shoe box (please use a standard size shoe box). Shoeboxes can be returned to the Narthex from July 11 through July 25. If you choose to wrap the shoeboxes, you must wrap the box and lid separately.

GIFT IDEAS

TOYS—small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS—toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER—Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE—In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

Please keep in mind that it is about \$7 to send each shoe box, so if you would rather donate money instead of packing a box, there will be a donation container in the Narthex for checks made out to "Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child". You may also include a financial donation inside your shoebox.

Most importantly, PRAY for these children. Pray that they are safe, that they receive these gifts in health, and that they will know that God loves them.

To learn more about Samaritan's Purse and Operation Christmas Child, visit www.samaritanspurse.org.



International Mission Trip August 28 - September 6, 2010 Guatemala, Central America

Thrivent & Habitat

Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity may be the most recent chapter in the ongoing relationship between the two organizations, but both have been working side-by-side with volunteers and homeowners for more than a decade, creating decent, affordable housing for those hoping to enter the economic mainstream.

Since 1991, Thrivent Financial and Habitat together built 500 homes. And with Thrivent Builds, the goal is to build hundreds of homes each year in the near future with Thrivent Financial members, Lutheran congregations and other volunteers around the United States and around the world.

This year's trip to Guatemala promises to be even more meaningful with the recent volcanic activity and with Tropical Storm Agatha wiping out roads, homes, and families. Our goal is to have a team of at least 25 members this year, which will mean we will be able to help build 4 homes. Each build site will include 6-7 team members, a qualified mason provided by the local Habitat Affiliate who is accustomed to building these specific Habitat style homes, also sometimes a mason's helper and the homeowner. The trip is 10 days long and includes 4 ½ days of building, sightseeing before, during and for 2½ days after the build, and the rest of the time getting to and from our destinations.



TRIP DETAILS

- Cost is \$1,200 plus airfare (currently \$500)
- No experience required
- Goal is 25 team members
- Team Members and Sponsors needed
- For information or questions please contact
- Bret Wims at bret.wims@thrivent.com or (661) 287-4000

Ways you can help:

- Join the team
- Financial Support (i.e. sponsor a team member)
- Pray for our Safety
- Help with organizing our trip

**IF YOU
REALLY WANT
TO LEND A HAND,
LEND AN ARM.**



OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE WILL
BE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.
IF YOU PLAN TO DONATE AT
THAT DATE PLEASE GIVE ON OR
BEFORE JULY 16TH.

CONTACT BRENDA KLEHN FOR
MORE INFORMATION.

THANK YOU!

Young Women's Bible Study

Are you a 20-something, post-college-age, not-quite-into-family-life-yet, kinda gal? Kelsey Abejon is leading a Bible Study that fits you to a "t"! They meet every Monday night at 7:30 at rotating group members' homes in the SCV. They are currently working through *Live Intimately: Lessons from the Upper Room* by Lenya Heitzig and Penny Rose, a study that focuses on Jesus' last evening with His disciples. With only hours left, how did he spend that precious time? Join Kelsey in this in-depth study created specifically for women by women. For more information contact Kelsey at kabejon@gmail.com or 661-259-1224.

Women's Breakfast

Women! Don't forget to mark your calendars for our July 31 Women's Breakfast at Marie Callendar's Restaurant. Our speaker, Norma Shannon, has been totally blind since birth. For 40 years she worked for the State of California in rehabilitation working with people with all types of disabilities providing adjustment counseling, occupational training and job placement. Norma will discuss persons with disabilities and how they can integrate into society.

Reservations will be taken on Sunday, July 18 and Sunday, July 25 between services on the patio. Don't miss this! It's bound to be an inspiration for us all.



Apolo-what-ics?

By Robin Hyland
Connected in Christ Director

You may have heard the term “Apologetics” and assumed it had something to do with apologizing for your faith, “I’m sorry...I’m a Christian”. And why wouldn’t you, that’s exactly what it sounds like! But “apologetics” has a different meaning entirely. It comes from the Greek word, apologia, which translates most closely to “reasoned defense”. Christian apologetics is a field of study that attempts to face head-on the various objections that people have to the Christian faith, in order to break down the barriers that our culture has erected. Since the objections are as varied as the people who have them, apologetics can take many forms.

a·pol·o·get·ics [uh-pol-uh-jet-iks]

–**noun** (used with a singular verb)

the branch of theology concerned with the defense or proof of Christianity.

Last summer we took a look at the life of Jesus...what kind of ‘evidence’ can be found that backs up the claim that He is the son of God? We worked through *The Case For Christ*, written by atheist-turned-Christian-apologist Lee Strobel and discovered that there is, indeed, vast evidence that Jesus is exactly who He claimed to be.

This summer we will take a look at the Genesis account of creation, the fall, and the flood of Noah. Is there also ‘evidence’ that these Biblical histories are reliable, or are they mythological stories that man has written to explain his own existence? We’ll hear from experts in the fields of astronomy, geology, and biology make their case for the accuracy of Scripture. What do these scientists have to say about the Word of God?

The study of apologetics is entirely fascinating and can be used in two very important ways. When you know that there is considerable knowledge and information that confirms the Bible’s accuracy you can feel confident in sharing your faith. Also, in times of inevitable doubt, I go back to the TRUTH of the Christian faith, and find comfort. I find comfort in its reality-based evidence...I’m weird that way! Please join me for this exciting summer study.



Exploring Apologetics II

- Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. (on CLC campus)
- Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. (on CLC campus)

You only need to be at one, they are the same.

Childcare available.

Contact: Robin Hyland, robin@come2christ.com
or 259-0200, ext. 30



Hands and Hearts

Recently one of our soldiers sent a Thank You note. It was very much like so many we receive; an expression of gratitude and surprise that someone had taken the time to write to them personally.

'You see those "Thank you, dear soldier" notes from time to time, but when they're written directly to you, it really hits home. A nice, hand-written letter - with my name at the top.'

What an incredible opportunity we have to be able to touch a stranger's heart, sharing Christ's love with them from half way around the world.

One of the things we often hear from volunteers as they sit down to write is, "I don't know what to say." We think our soldiers are not interested in what we do in our everyday lives, "They don't want to hear about me." The responses we get would indicate just the opposite.

A hand-written letter speaks volumes before the first word is read. However long it takes to read the letter, he or she is mentally transported back to the country they love, back home where they long to be. We have the opportunity to give them words of support and gratitude as well as bringing memories of home.

Won't you consider writing to a Hands and Hearts soldier? We need 50 personalized, hand-written letters each month. We support members of all the Armed Forces – you can even choose which branch. It's really not as hard as you might think! To get a name or for more information call Karolle at 255-3222 or hands_n_hearts@yahoo.com.

This month we will be packing on the 13th from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. We will gather again on the 14th from 9 – 11 a.m. to complete the shipment. We are asking for donations of Peanut Butter, Jelly or Honey. (No glass containers, please.) All are welcome.

YOUTH NEWS

High School - Summer is here and school is out, but don't forget about our High School Youth Group. Whether you've been to Youth group before, or are new to us, we welcome you. Come to see your old friends and make some new friends as well.

Check out the calendar below of High School activities. If you have any suggestions, or would like to plan something, give me a call or email me. Also, keep reading the Sunday announcements, the CLC website, or the CLC youth facebook page.

JULY

- TUESDAY 6, 13, 27 Impact 7pm YC
- FRIDAY 16 Girls' Sleepover
- TUESDAY 20 Beach Trip to Santa Monica
- FRIDAY 23 Boys' Sleepover

AUGUST

- TUESDAY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Impact 7pm YC
- SATURDAY 7 Bike Rally
- 29 Mission Sunday – all three services



Staying Healthy in College

To those of you who have just graduated from high school, congratulations. Some of you will soon be headed off to college, shortly, you may, or may not, receive a readiness package, a check list of things to do before you leave home. As a Family doc, I have noticed that there are a few important items which get overlooked by many young adults, year after year. Were you headed for the military, Uncle Sam would paternalistically take care of you by giving you 10 immunizations and fixing all your teeth the first day you report for duty. The rest of you need to take a more active role in your preventative health .

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There is a good chance that you will be living in crowded quarters. Epidemic infections tend to spread in such conditions. The most worrisome of which, is the meningococcus , which can kill a healthy young adult in a day. Thankfully, this infection is very rare, and bet-

ter yet there is a vaccine which protects young adults from this infection. Even better, most insurances pay for the vaccine.

The 2 more common brands are Menveo and Menactra, both are very safe and recommended by the CDC for all teens, but especially for those who will be living in crowded dorms and barracks.

California presently has an epidemic of Whooping Cough, this is only an annoying illness for most of us, but this illness does cause a fair number of infants to end up in the hospital and a few of those infants will die. The State Dept of Health has issued a mandate for everyone from 11-64, who has not received an Adacel shot in the last 10 years to get one this Summer and save a baby’s life. Most of you who have had a tetanus shot in the last 5 yrs have received an Adacel. Again this is a very safe shot covered by most insurances.

Most of you born after 1990 have received your Hepatitis A and B shots, check your records or get a blood test to see if you need a booster. Hepatitis A can cause you to miss a semester, Hepatitis B can destroy your liver.

Young women should have 3 doses of Gardasil vaccine by college age. This vaccine is safe and prevents cervical cancer. Most times it is covered by insurance.

Lastly, don’t forget a preventative dental visit this Summer. And parents, make sure that you send your students plenty of dental floss , tooth paste and brushes, a few dollars per month can save thousands in crowns.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Come to Kids' Church this Summer!

We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Fellowship Center for ages 3 – 6th grade. It will be June 13 – August 22. Each week will have an “Aha” moment” (kind of a mini faith story) and a “Where you see God in this picture” theme. It will be run again by HS and college with adult staff on hand as well.

Outreach VBS

We will have an Outreach VBS in Newhall this year! It will be at Hart Park July 12, 13, and 14 from 9am until 12noon with a snack provided and a BBQ lunch on the 14th. We need LOTS of volunteers to serve in order to make this ministry effective. Felicity Grover put the team together for this VBS. Please see Felicity Grover or Kathleen Kahovec if you are interested in helping.



Pre - Rally Clean-Up Saturday, August 28

Come and help get ready for Sunday school by cleaning the church campus from 9 – 12noon.

Everyone is invited to come and get the church ready for Sunday school. All the rooms need a good dusting, sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, window washing etc. Please help us get things ready for the fall.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Sunday School

Registration time is coming!

It is time for Sunday school again on August 29. We offer SS for children ages 2 – high school at 9:30 and for ages 3 – 3rd grade at 11. Registration for Sunday school will begin August 1. Please find the table out on the patio between services and make sure you are registered for SS. Calendars and maps will be available also for room location. We are still in need of a team teacher for 11:00am and one teacher for 5th grade at 9:30am. Please prayerfully consider teaching this year. It is a wonderful learning experience. We will be using Growing in Christ Curriculum this year. If you have any questions about Sunday school, please contact Kathleen Kahovec at Kathleenclc@sbcglobal.net or 259-0200 ext 26.

Midweek Programs

KOK is on break for the summer. This is our midweek program for children ages 3 – 3rd grade. We have a wonderful time with games, lesson, snack, craft, and lots of playing. Everyone will meet from 6 – 7. Sign ups for KOK will be out on the patio between services starting August 2. KOK will start up again September 8.



Youth Adventures

Youth Adventures is also on break for the summer. This is our midweek program for kids age 4th - 6th grade. We meet in the Youth Center for lesson and games and small group time. Newcomers are always welcome and bring a friend! Linda Ferguson can answer any questions you have about Youth Adventures at 296-0263. YA will start up again September 8

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Junior High

On July 11 we will have a Swim party and BBQ at Matt Tate's house for all Jr High students. Come to Matt's to meet the new Jr. High classes. The party is from 12pm – 3pm. The Tate's address is 26742 W. Kendall Lane, Stevenson Ranch,

August 20 there will be a sleepover in the Youth Center

All Jr. high students are invited to spend the night and play games and have great fellowship time together. Arrive at 6pm. \$10 for food and pick up time is Saturday morning by 9am.

September 1 Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting 7pm

Confirmation resumes Wednesday, September 8, 7-8:30pm in the Youth Center.

The 7th grade community retreat is coming up September 17-19. Please mark your calendar and look for the information in the mail soon.

9th Graders

We have two times to meet in the fall before Confirmation Sunday which will be October 31 at the 11am service. We will meet after third service on October 17. It will be an hour long meeting to discuss the 5 promises made during Confirmation. There is a mandatory meeting with Pastor Joe the Tuesday before Confirmation on October 26 at 6pm in the sanctuary. You will receive your robes at that time. Be thinking of your confirmation verse and give it to Kathleen over the summer along with your full name, birth date and weight and height.

Community Outreach VBS—July 12-14

9 am -Noon at Hart Park

We are trusting and asking for God's blessings on this event and are very excited about reaching out to the unchurched children in our local community, bringing them the good news about Jesus, through Bible lessons, music, games and crafts. This is a great opportunity for everyone to serve and glorify God. We invite you to join us for a prayer walk throughout the community on Tuesday July 5th and Wednesday July 6th at 9:00am (meet at church). For information or to help at our VBS please contact Felicity Grover or Kathleen Kahovec. Thank you to all those who helped make the tote bags and who have otherwise provided support, including Thrivent who have provided a grant to help us do this important ministry.

Notes from the Preschool



The banner features a blue background with a white border. On the left is a cartoon character with a blue body and yellow hair. In the center, the text reads: 'PRESENTS A FREE Children's Concert by: Christ Lutheran Preschool'. To the right, it says: 'Magician Doug Hoover's Magic Show Thursday, July 8th, 2010 (10:30am) Christ Lutheran Preschool - 25816 Tournament Rd. Valencia, CA - RSVP (661) 259-0302'. On the far right is a photograph of a man in a black suit and top hat, smiling, with a colorful parrot on his shoulder.

Yay! Summertime is here!

Summertime is upon us. That means lots of water play, no shoes, watermelon treats, lemonade stands and fun with bugs, just some of the great activities the preschoolers will do during the months of July and August. As teachers take turns taking vacation time to rejuvenate, the children will get the chance to experience the different types of exciting activities we have planned. We are looking forward to Doug Hoover and his magic show and will invite the public as an outreach. I love how magical everything seems during those hot months of summer.

Enjoy and be safe.

Miss Chris



July Birthdays

1st

Megan Long
Kristin McCardy
Debbie Price

2nd

Ella Holt
Lauren Kreuter
Grace LeGassick
Emily Mulhausen
Doris Weydahl

3rd

Carol Nichols
Juliana Spiegel
Zachary Wims
Lisa Woodcox

4th

Jill Brink-Lemnah
Pastor Paul Kloth

5th

Amy Bellmore
Patty Chao
Richard Hall
Blake Hotwagner
Megan Huber

6th

Jack Dudeck
Josie Long
Lisa Onuscheck
Ellen Rea
Emily Thompson
Hailey Thompson

7th

Jerry Addison
Alex Brinkley
Peggy Effertz
Peyton Grider
Holly Holland
Makena Nolan

8th

Keith Fernandes
Sherri Langham
Barbara Shaner

9th

Linda Ahmed
Alison Tate

10th

Matt Bett
Kylee Foster
Ryan Mitchell
Tyler Yamauchi

11th

Jade Chan
Grace Ferguson
Sue Mangione

12th

Samuel Gordon
Patrick Guan
Brian Mueller
Marjorie Myers
Sherri Tomer

13th

Josh DeForest
Pete Dowling
Madeline Wyckoff

14th

Ellen Blankenship
Steven Clayton
Jake Florez
Scott Hoppes
Ken Iverson
Sara Scharnweber
Craig Skoch

15th

Jacklyn Holden
Nicole Huey
Leila Jacobsen
Samantha Traina

16th

Jhoe Abejon
Samuel Hagkull
Jeanie Kaufmann
Jessica Parr
Natalie Socher
Dave Swartz

17th

LeAnn Belgau
Patty Connolly
Ron Estes
Neil Kacena

18th

Emma Allen
William Allen
Jordan Dean
Christa Dinsenbacher
Alyssa Greene
Brynja Maxwell
Collette Rune
John Teague

19th

Alina Martinez-Loring
Danielle McNeil
Kathryn Ott
Leslie Patton
John Stob
Robbie Witkowski

20th

Nicholas Meyer

21st

Spencer de Los Reyes
Debbie Erickson
Brigitte Graham
Hank Klehn
Vincent Koch
Sofie Martin
Brian Pape
Lee Stillman

22nd

Heather Edmiston
Steve Miller
Jessica Newby
Carly Olsen
Jack Rodriguez

23rd

Meagan Meyer
Egmar Mucenieks
Matthew Pratt
Mary Jo Robinson

24th

Lauren Chase
Julian Esparza

25th

James Vojtech

26th

Dave Edmiston
Ethan Guan

27th

Anthony Cavarretta
Erik Klink
Kirby Lanier

28th

Sarah Distad
Sarah Dixon
Ron Estes II
Pat Garant
Samuel Schulze

29th

Scott Klein
Jacob Myers

30th

Thomas Catalano
Jim Cochran
Bryan Herbert
Sierra Ledbetter
Gregory Malbon
Kelsey Motschenbacher
Leah Sampson
Zachary Schulze
Cody Turner

31st

Kyle Besa
Shari Gibbs
Risto Salo
Richard Turner
Mike Vogel
Amelia Wayne
Patricia Wayne

August Birthdays

1st

Miles Gause
Bruce Hoyme
Ryan Pask

2nd

Natalie Krantz
Alexandra Rice
Christopher Salo
Laura Strunck

3rd

Leanna Barros
Trevor Bennett
David Berrey
Lauren Denzin
Tiffany Earnhardt
Brett Erickson
Scarlett Fernandez
Kelly Leavins
Ardis Natterstad
Mike Pin
Will Tate
Katie Vogel

4th

Lola Dyroy
Debbie Gardner
Micah McGaunaughy

5th

Evan Ballard
Suzanne Kloth
Gina Peterson
Jacob Shalkevich
Ryan Shalkevich
Cameron Stonefield
Dalton Ullman
Jackie Wims

6th

Brianna Anderson
Matthew Berrey
Renee Cheatham
Ann Dodson
Tamara Dowling
Amy Jones
Blake Kirshner

7th

Jason Abrahamson
Captain Jack Alexander
Aimee Newton
Cheryl Olsen

8th

Jill Abejon
Annabel Brinkley
Jenna Miller

9th

Jackie Costanzo
Joseph Cubas Jr.
Jill Grider
Robert Path
Mimi Tate

10th

Luke Huey
Andrew Patti
Natalie Schreiner
Samantha Speigel

11th

Helen Barlow
Emily Brown
Clare Csernay
Sarah Ganderup
Ralph Meschkat
Gregg Strenk

12th

Kyle Boyd
Ashley Cossio
Katherine Denzin
Matthew Miller

13th

Connor Chassman
Allison Long
Dustin Rawls
Michael Strunck

14th

Sam Campeau
Michelle Gilbertson
Patti Handy
Thomas Kloth
Doug McEwen
Lori Pin

15th

Janice Brown
Fiona Delger
Don Jepsen
Jacob Miller
Kathy Slemp

16th

Judy Dow
Sean Maxwell
Dylan Monson
Kara Monson
Lief Nicolaisen
Amanda Patton
Kimberly Sielke
Michael Vairo
Garrett Wedel

17th

Linda Ferguson
Taylor Nelson
Morgan Stonefield

18th

Jo Anne Koch
Paul Ludden
Angela Muhl
Ben Mutz
Abe Nungesser
Baylee Perera
Kara Shreckengast
Ryan Solano
Ashley Stevens

19th

Steve Gilbertson
Laney Grider
Charles Johnston
Emma Petersen

20th

Lori Cipressi
Kim Fernandez
Margaux Scott

21st

Gavin Langston
Jacob Martin

22nd

Tom Catalano
Nathan Conell
George Lara Jr.
Joey Mutz
Brooke Sganga

23rd

Samuel Scharnweber

24th

Kim Dudeck
Mary Smith
Jenay Van

25th

Phillip Brown
Alex Cossio
Lindsey Theberge

26th

Ron Frezieres
Brian Kebschull
Coley Kies
Mackenzie Kies
Mia Menzano
Parker Rice
Vallie Walline

27th

Lorenzo Obligacion
Mary Stob
Kiley Ullman
Dave Widdison

28th

Brendan Ambrose
Robyn Schreiner
Mark Town

29th

Tom Cole
Michael Fernandez
Sydney Herbert
Connor Reyes

30th

Neal Bakke
Jasmine Bett
Bonita Brown
Heather Sielke
Moriah Tenney
Jessica Vogel

31st

Nicholas Diaz
Will Goldstein
Alexandra Lacy
Matt Lincoln
Cheyanne Rodriguez



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Women's Mission Trip July 18 - 22

A group of 7 or more women from CLC will be spending 3 days at St. John's Shelter for Women and Children in Sacramento. We will be doing various VBS craft activities with the children, lead Bible study and prayer opportunities for the women, serve in the clothing warehouse, and engage in other community service projects such as preparing and serving lunch on Monday and Wednesday, and dinner on Tuesday night. There are currently about 116 residents at the shelter of which 60 are children (and there are lots of babies and toddlers!).

How can you participate?

Pray for us, and pray for the residents and staff at the shelter.

Help us to gather school uniforms for the kids (blue and white polo shirts, blue or khaki pants, socks and tennis shoes), and provide diapers.

Or, if you can, please join us on this mission trip...

For information, contact Felicity Grover at 714-9768

