



Christ Lutheran Church
Connected

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Happy Summer

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

Psalm 19:1

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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

On Wednesday nights Pastor Mike and I take turns teaching our Pastors' Bible study. It is really a lot of fun to prepare the study and then have a chance to teach it. This past week it was my turn to teach and our schedule called for me to work through Galatians 4:8-31. At first glance this seems to be an odd and kind of obscure passage, so I began by complaining to Pastor Mike that he got all the good stuff in Galatians and I was stuck with kind of a backwater passage. He didn't seem to share my anxiety, at least not to the level I had hoped. So, I got to work.

What I discovered were three very nice verses:

- In Galatians 4:15 Paul asks, "What has happened to all your joy?" Well, the answer to that was that the Galatians had decided that following the Jewish Law was what was going to get them right with God. That was the whole point in Paul's writing to them, to counter that idea. A life built on keeping the rules for fear of the consequences does not lend itself well to joy. A faith that is anemic, or filled with a sense of obligation is not a recipe for joy either. It seems to me that one of the marks of a Christian ought to be overwhelming, toe-tapping, belly-rumbling JOY. We have the best news the world has ever heard. How can we be anything less than joyful? Wouldn't it be something if people looked at Christians and said, "I've never seen such a pack of joy-filled people. How can I experience that joy?" I think Jesus would be honored.
- In 4:16 Paul talks about worrying that he may have become the Galatians' enemy for telling them the truth. These were people who had welcomed him when he first arrived and helped him because he was in bad shape at the time. So by telling them the truth he is risking their friendship. That is always frightening.



Thoughts from Pastor Joe, *continued*

Truth sometimes bears a high price. But Paul tells them the truth out of love. That's the church's job, to tell the truth in love. If we won't tell the truth to our world, to our culture, then we can hardly claim to love them. I hope you know that Pastor Mike and I will always preach the truth to you. Sometimes that truth will be comforting; sometimes it will be hard to say and hard to hear. But I promise it will always be God's truth from His Word. Because we love you. And in the end, it's all that we have to give you.

- Paul makes his aim in writing to the Galatians very clear in 4:19. He wants Christ to be formed in them. In other words, what mattered to him above all else was that Jesus' own life would become their life and the life of the community (2:20). Paul echoes my deepest desire for CLC. More than anything, more than fine buildings or great programs or enviable ministries or success by any other definition, my prayer is that Christ would be formed more completely in you...in us.

I guess I got the good passage after all.

Women's Mission Trip to Sacramento



We had loaded up the car and were about to leave the shelter, having spent our first day at St. John's Shelter for Women and Children in Sacramento, when a woman, just returning from a tough day in court, approached me, asking, "Would you pray for me?" Her face was puffy and reddened from her tears and the stress of her day. The others on our 2009 Women's Mission team got out of our car and we all prayed with "Sandy." It was one of those "impact moments" when her heart was touched by the love of Christ, giving her a sense of hope, when all she felt was despair. The next morning, while we were in the activities room doing crafts with the women and children, Sandy walked in. Immediately I said, "Hi Sandy!" The expression on her face was one I will never forget. She was delighted and simply amazed that I had remembered her name.

God works in our hearts as well as in the hearts of those lives that we touch. This was just one of many "impact moments" for our mission team. It is through these moments we feel compelled to respond in faith to God's call to go out and reach the lost with the Good News of his love and grace. I am looking forward to meeting others like Sandy and the children, to share God's love and compassion and encourage them in their time of need and sadness of their circumstances. If you are ready for an adventure of "impact moments" and acts of compassion, I invite you to join us for our second mission trip to St. John's in Sacramento. We have a good team preparing for this trip and there is always room for more.

For information, contact Felicity Grover through the church office.

Women's Breakfast

Attention: All Women

Mark July 31 on your calendars for the next Women's Breakfast at Marie Callendar's Restaurant. Our speaker will be Norma Shannon, who has been totally blind since birth. Norma worked for 40 years for the state of California in rehabilitation for people with all types of disabilities, providing adjustment counseling, occupational training and job placement. She will discuss persons with disabilities and how they can integrate into our society.

Plan to join us to hear Norma's compelling story.

Reservations will be taken at the table on the church patio on Sunday, July 18 and Sunday, July 25 between services.

You won't want to miss this!



From the Editor

Summertime! When you're a kid, that is the best word in the English language, followed only by "Christmas vacation" and "birthday party". Summer had definite associations when I was a child—it meant you could play outside until late, you could be barefoot, watch TV in the daytime (I guess I had a better tolerance for daytime television then), and generally enjoy everything life had to offer.

I remember the simple pleasure of splitting a popsicle with my friend, swimming in our little above-ground pool, and going through sheets and sheets of paper as I drew for hours. I was fortunate that we could sometimes take road trips to visit my grandparents. We would drive through the country, visiting some of the great National Parks: Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Four Corners... examples of God's magnificent creation. But there was wonder to be found in small things too, like blowing a dandelion and watching it float on the breeze, finding a lady bug or a caterpillar, watching my cousins play Little League, and watching fireworks on the 4th of July in the park. Every experience seems to be heightened in the summer. I guess that's why my memories are still so vivid.

Sometimes we think of summer as a time for taking it easy, taking a break; but really, I think we're just taking the opportunity to shift our focus from our narrow world and looking at the "Big Picture". It's said that God sent Jesus in the winter, when things were bleak and grey to give us hope and remind us that He is always with us. Spring, the time of rebirth and renewal, is the time of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection. I've been reading a lot lately about what different people believe happens to us after death. I've come to the conclusion that we can't know as long as we're alive, but I think summer is a perfect time to reflect on the promises of God. The sun, the bright colors of the flowers, the oceans and lakes... God's kingdom on earth for us to enjoy. I think it's as if God is telling us, "Look around you, isn't this all amazing? How can you not trust that what I have in store for you is more wonderful than you could possibly imagine?"

I start this summer with the words of an old hymn in my head, "This is my Father's world; Why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God, reigns, let the earth be glad"

Happy Summer!



Council Corner

It is indeed an honor for me to serve on your Church Council.

We continue to look at the staffing needs based on the priorities of worship, children's programs, education and discipleship, mission and young couples/families.

Compassion weekend was a great experience for everyone involved. It was a way to experience serving outside of our church. It reminds me of how we are able to share with others the joy and blessings God has given us.

This past month the congregation was invited to an information meeting regarding our synod. Approximately 80 people attended. The Southwest California Synod Assembly of the ELCA will be holding its annual meeting in June. Pastor Joe and two delegates will attend.

As summer approaches my two older children, Kyle and Trudi, will be home from college. I am so thankful they are off pursuing higher education, but, more importantly, I am thankful that they have Christ living in their hearts. I owe a great deal to you, my church family. You have helped me raise my children in a loving, supportive way while educating them about the importance of a life lived with God at the center. I would like to change the phrase "it takes a village" to instead "it takes a church". We, as a church family, have a responsibility to each other. We must love and encourage each other and provide a safe, God-centered environment to nurture our children. For they are not only our children; they are God's children given to us to raise. So, if you see my children on the church campus, my youngest – Aubrey, too, give them a hug. They are your children; you helped raise them. Praise God!

With thanks for all God has given us,

Hilde Ernsberger

Your Church Council: Dave Burnett, Andy Dyroy, Hilde Ernsberger, Kevin Frandson, Mike McGeever, Karen Nelson, Kisha Tate

Men's Breakfast

Please plan to join us at our next breakfast scheduled for Saturday, June 5, at 7:30 am
at Marie Callendar's Restaurant

Questions? Please contact mensbreakfast@come2christ.com

Newhall VBS Outreach



With much prayer, passion, praise and purpose, planning is underway for our Newhall VBS Outreach which is just a little over a month away:

July 12-13, from 9:00am – Noon at Hart Park.

This is a huge challenge!

We ask for **prayers** for our volunteers who are working hard and diligently making preparations. We are still in need of volunteers who have a **passion** for serving Christ and reaching children with His compassionate care and concern. We **praise** God for this wonderful opportunity to blaze a trail out into our community and plant seeds of faith in the hearts of young children, teaching them about Jesus and His love for

all people. Our **purpose** is to bring the message of Jesus to unchurched children in our neighborhood, and see how powerfully God can use us to spread the Good News and impact a child's life with the awesome love of Jesus.

Saddle up and join us and serve Christ through this amazing ministry. We will have Worship, Bible Study, Crafts, Games, and provide snacks for the kids. We need lots of help to corral the crowd and share the joy of the Lord! Our themes for each day are as follows:

July 12: DAY 1	MADE BY GOD (Gen. 2:4-23) Life Application: I am God's greatest creation. I can praise Him	Psalms 139:14
July 13: DAY 2	DOES GOD CARE ABOUT ME? (Gen. 45:1-14) Life Application: God cares about me. I can trust him no matter what.	1 Peter 5:7
July 14: DAY 3	HOW CAN I BE LIKE JESUS (Luke 4:14-16, Luke 5:16, Mark 6:30-46) Life Application: I can be like Jesus. I can follow his example	Philippians 2:5

At the conclusion of our Newhall VBS Outreach program we will be hosting a BBQ lunch at Hart park and invite you to come and be a part of our team! Contact Felicity Grover or Kathleen Kahovec if you can join us.

Summertime - Perfect Time to ... Study?

By Robin Hyland
Connected in Christ Director

"What? I thought it was time to relax!" Ha. I don't think so...

I love summertime because, as someone who works for the school district, my schedule loosens up a bit and offers me time to focus on those things that otherwise get crowded out. Like strengthening my faith.

To that end, I will be facilitating two very exciting small group studies this summer.

The first one is a **Bible Study for Beginners**. We want to invite anyone who is either new to the faith or new to Bible study to attend. As a church, we know how important it is to be grounded in God's Word. We also know how intimidating that can be. I can't tell you how many people I've spoken with who don't get involved in Bible study because they literally don't know where to begin, that includes new believers AND long-time Christians. This study begins at square one ("How to Mark your Bible") and takes it from there. We hope to develop a love for Bible reading, learn disciplines for Bible verse memorization, and deepen our devotional lives. We will also address prayer, fellowship, and sharing our faith, all based on Biblical principles. We will kick-off the first session, led by Pastor Joe, on Sunday, June 27th at 4 p.m.(childcare provided, BBQ to follow!). He will give a broad overview of the Bible, how it is organized, how it was recorded, who the authors are, and any important information he thinks we should know before embarking on our study. Subsequent meetings will be led by me. We will be using a study guide called [Growing Strong in God's Family](#). When I get an idea of the participants' availability I will choose a day and time that best fits our schedules. Jesus thwarted Satan's threats by quoting Scripture, let's follow his lead and get our noses in those Bibles!

The second group I will be leading is a continuation of last summer's very stimulating study **Exploring Apologetics**. As an extension of Missionary Training, last summer we delved into [The Case for Christ](#), former atheist Lee Strobel's best-selling book that systematically cross-examines the evidence for Christ, His deity, His miracles, His resurrection, in order to break down barriers people may have to believing in the truth of the Gospel. This summer we will be taking it from another angle and looking at all kinds of *scientific* evidence that backs up Biblical truth. From the worlds of astronomy, geology, biology, we will see scientific experts share their perspectives that show how science and Biblical claims are not incompatible and that, in fact, our most recent scientific revelations point to the Bible's accuracy! Go figure! We will use a curriculum called [Answers Academy](#) which includes short DVD lessons and study guides. They assert that the evidence, when seen through the lens of "Biblical glasses", matches most closely the reality we experience.

The goal of any apologetic study is to take on the misconceptions people have about the Bible's accuracy in this case, or the reality of Christ in last summer's case, so that we can feel well-equipped when sharing our faith and, as I mentioned earlier, help break down barriers our culture has erected that keep people from coming to Christ. We stand on solid ground, we sometimes need to be reminded of that. **Exploring Apologetics II** will be offered twice a week, a morning session and an evening session, childcare will be available for the morning session. Exact times/dates TBD. Look for sign-ups on the patio!

For additional information: robin@come2christ.com

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your **mind** and with all your strength.*

Mark 12:30

Compassion Weekend Wrap Up

God is good! Once again we had another incredible weekend that touched many in our community. I love hearing the stories that come from those that we have helped and from our congregation members that have been touched by being able to help. What a great gift it is to be able to get out into the world and share God's love with others.

This year during Compassion Weekend we had over 530 people signed up to help with a variety of projects intended to share God's love with others. Thanks to the dedication and hearts of our team leaders and all who participated, we were able to accomplish the following:

- * One hundred comfort bags packed for the Bags4Kids organization.
- * A variety of different projects started and/or completed at Hope Gardens.
- * Clean up work done and painting done at the Santa Clarita Valley Emergency Winter Shelter and El Camino Pines.
- * The inside of a bungalow demolished in preparation of their move to our Emergency Winter Shelter.
- * *Bicycles refurbished and repaired for families and shelves built for their new food pantry at Lutheran Social Services.
- * The painting of Central Lutheran Church
- * The painting of over 200 feet of fencing at Gentle Barn.
- * Over 85 teddy bears completed to be given to cancer patients
- * Sixty lunches along with hygiene items passed out to the homeless in Sun Valley Park.
- * The sorting of all the food collected from our last two food drives and 123 boxes being packed to be sent to Haiti through Help The Children.
- * Dinner being served to hundreds of homeless men, women, and children at Union Rescue Mission.
- * Material cut and projects completed for the off campus VBS programs
- * Letters written to soldiers.
- * Almost 550 hamburgers being served, crafts made with children, along with boxes and boxes of clothing passed out to those in the Newhall area at our Community Dinner.
- * Over 150 hot dogs were served, crafts completed, and over 1,000 carnival prizes being handed out at the carnival through L.A. Family Housing.

I hope that all who participated were touched in one form or another and that the spirit moves within your heart to continue serving throughout the year.

Many Blessings

Missions and Outreach

Compassion Weekend 2010



Youth News

Everything you need to know for the next three months!

June

- Merced Mission Trip: Leave June 6th after the 9:30 service and return Saturday Morning, June 12.
 - Don't forget packing day—June 5th, 10:00 AM
- VBS, June 14-18
- Welcome BBQ and Pool Party for all the incoming freshmen, June 22. Location TBA.
- June 29th, 7:00 PM, Kickball in the park, meet at church

July

- Event: July 6, 13, 27, 7:00 PM in the youth center
- Friday, July 16th, girls' sleepover
- Tuesday, July 20th, Beach day
- Friday, July 23rd, guys' sleepover

August

- Event: August 3, 7:00 PM Youth Center
- End of summer party: August 10, 7:00 PM
- Impact Kick off: August 17th, 7:00 PM
- Impact August 24th, 31st

Children's Ministries



Sunday School

The Sunday school picnic will be Sunday, June 6, here at the church campus after the 11 am service. We will BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs and enjoy games and booths provided by each Sunday school class. You can bring a side dish to share. Everyone is invited. Don't miss the picnic!

The last week of Sunday school this year will be June 6. Each class will have their own party to end the year with joy! We look forward to seeing the children in Kids' Church at 9:30 each week during the summer. Sunday school will resume August 29. We are still recruiting for Sunday school teachers next year for 5th grade and at 11:00 am. Please prayerfully consider teaching this fall. It is so rewarding for you and for the children. You will learn more than you can imagine!

Midweek Programs

KOK (Kids of the Kingdom)

KOK is on break now for the summer and will resume in the fall on September 8. Thank you to Dawn Diaz for serving as coordinator this year. We are looking for teachers to serve on Wednesdays in the fall. Please contact Kathleen at the church office if you are interested. KOK is our midweek program for children ages 3 – 3rd grade. We meet on Wednesdays from 6pm – 7pm. The KOK leader planning meeting will be Wednesday, August 25 at 6pm in room 11.



Youth Adventures

Youth Adventures is also on break for the summer and will resume September 8. We meet in the Youth Center from 6 – 7pm. This is our mid-week program for children in 4th – 6th grade. We are recruiting adult and high school volunteers for Youth Adventures. Please let Kathleen Kahovec know if you are interested in working with 4th – 6th grade. The leader planning meeting will be August 25 at 7pm in the Youth Center.

Children's Ministries



Junior High

Current 8th graders – Congratulations! Your official confirmation lesson time is officially completed. Use the summer to finish your worship notes and service hours. Confirmation Sunday will be October 31 at 11 am this year. There is a fall schedule listed below. Please also be thinking of what you want your confirmation verse to be. You can turn that in to Kathleen Kahovec anytime over the summer.

October 17 -Meet after the 11:00 service in the Youth Center. This is an hour long meeting after worship to go over the 5 promises you will make during Confirmation. This meeting is mandatory for all students.

October 26 - 6pm in the sanctuary. Meet with Pastor Joe to discuss the confirmation service. You and a parent must attend this meeting in order to be confirmed!

**October 31 -Confirmation Sunday at the 11:00 am service.
Arrive at the church in your robe and ready for pictures at 10:00 am.**

Incoming 7th and 8th Graders – This summer we have a few things planned for Jr. High. July 12 is a swim party. August 20 is the Jr. High sleepover in the Youth Center at 6pm. The parent meeting is September 1 at 7pm in the sanctuary. The first night of confirmation will be September 8 at 7pm in the Youth Center. If you haven't received the schedule in the mail, please see Kathleen Kahovec to make sure you are on the mailing list.



Children's Ministries

Vacation Bible School June 14-18



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! June 14 – 18.

Volunteer meeting is June 9 at 7pm
in the sanctuary

Questions?

Email Kathleenclc@sbcglobal.net

Outreach VBS

We will have an Outreach VBS in Newhall this year! This is in response to the Compassion Dinner we hosted in Newhall last May. We want to continue to serve that community by hosting a VBS in July. It will be at Hart Park July 12, 13, and 14 from 9am – 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 is putting a team together for this VBS. There will be a volunteer meeting on June 2 at 9:30am and on June 21 at 7pm. Please see Felicity Grover or Kathleen Kahovec if you are interested in helping.

Summer Camp

Brochures for El Camino Pines summer camps are available in the Fellowship Center. There are camps for all ages offered throughout the summer. These are great programs put on by the Lutheran Camp located one hour north in Frazier Park. See you at camp.



Notes from the Preschool

The summer months are upon us and we are enjoying the warmer weather. Our water table is flowing with busy hands exploring the coolness. We have planted a variety of vegetables and can not wait to reap their benefits. We are also enjoying watching an explosion of lady bugs as they hatch, become tiny black larvae, becomes a pupa and then sheds its hard dry shell to become the familiar ladybug we are used to see. As the school year comes to a close we are enjoying every last minute.

Chris Porrazzo

June Birthdays

1st

John Bowman
Doug Cheatham
Freddie Svendsen

2nd

Bill Clark
Tammy Dixon
Kyle Ernsberger
Patrice Lanier

3rd

Hjordis Bakke
Brandon Caraballo
Ross Jones
Emily Rieck
Travis Rinehart

4th

Natalie Cavarretta
Daniel Chao
Maxton Henderson
Kate Koscki
Charlie Schufer
Jackson Schutz

5th

Chris Anderson
Michelle Bernstorff
Rebecca Bernstorff
Stacey Mangold
Mike Powanda
Alice Pratt

6th

Carl Breitinger
Noah Bryne
Benjamin Carstensen
Chris Clayton
Michelle Heid
Drew Kacena
Ann Louis
Paul Mangione
Maggie Watson

7th

Pastor Mike Matzek

8th

Reese Albertson
Victoria Berrey
Alyssa Liddle
Sara Rinehart

9th

Jason Biss
Gary Brown
Zachary Lindquist
Madison Marks
Amber Petty
Kaleb Schultz

10th

Emilie Apel
Julie Dooley
Dan Fellbaum
Alan Grider
Tristan Miller

11th

Minna Blackson
Kyle Butler
Vanessa Gelin
Zoe Larson-Pitt
Megan Mendelson
Chance Schultz
Randy Sharp

12th

Tonya Chrislu
Daniel Fernandez
Eric Jensen
Eric Muhl
Jeff Walk

13th

Alicia Barros
Breanne Forster
Alexandria Ryan
James Ryan
Tom Surak

14th

Ryan Jacobsen
Connor Ogburn

15th

Kathleen Volpei
Richard Warriner

16th

John Musella
Tara Seper
Hazel Tielens
Brian Wilcher

17th

Alexandra Klein
Katherine Teske
Sandy Wilcher

18th

Rob Boyd
Jacqueline Hofmann
Art Lian
Jackson Reyes

19th

Tim Lapp
Mark Long
Clarice Nichols
Scott Parkinson
Leila Rosenberger

20th

Luke Distad
Kelsey Gabriel
Lauren Kessler
Lindsay Marsalis
Amy Petersen
Todd Santos
Kristine Whitson

21st

Steve Belgau
Gary Horton

22nd

Tommy Papenthien
Adam Wims

23rd

Bob Harris
Laura Hendry
Stacy Herb
Toccoa Kahovec
Jennifer Kniss
Cyndie Krego
Amanda Lottemoser
Rick Price
Meaghan Ridenour
Kylie Stahl

24th

Chloe Andersen
Kelly Diaz
Ethan Dudeck
Kristeen Fernandes
Edwin Huey

25th

Barbara Ash
Paul Chan
Grace Ganderup
Delaney Gibbs
Ryan Leavins
Sean Leavins
Peter Schertz

26th

Herb Moore
Kenny Payne
Bob Theberge
Nicholas Vairo

27th

Justin Cooper
Joey Eledge
Ryan Metlen
Nancy Myers
Haley VanAmberg
Kelly VanAmberg

28th

Kirsten Lorme
Lisa Loskorn
Kira Marshall

29th

Zoe Albertson
Denise Allen
Erik Distad
Ben Gordon
Ryan Lee
Brendan Pask
Susan Sielke
Damien Sielke

30th

Misha Boules Marcinko
Tammy Gordon
Madison Hollinger
Chelsea Peterson
Rachelle Rodriguez
Travis Wyckoff



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When: Sunday June 27, from 12:15-1:45 PM

Where: Christ Lutheran Church

Refreshments will be served.

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Sign up on the registration form in the church office. Contact Bret Wims or Mary Haley at 661-287-4000 or email bret.wims@thrivent.com or mary.haley@thrivent.com.