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Thoughts from Pastor Joe

By Pastor Joe Campeau

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By now you've read the *Signal* or heard the news about the church building being broken into the first week of September. And you no doubt likely know about how our custodian George (I've been calling him SuperGeorge lately) swung into action chasing down the bad guy not once but twice, holding him for police, pointing out a strange car in the Mulligan's



parking lot which turned out to contain all of our stolen equipment, and generally saving the church from a very bad day. Whew – you go, George! And while George is the first to acknowledge that his actions may not have been the safest or the wisest at the time, nevertheless he simply reacted to protect the interests of the congregation. Thanks, George.

And that got me to thinking. What really impressed me about George was not the speed with which he pursued the burglar – though he caught him despite the burglar having a half-block head start – nor his toughness, nor his eagle eye. What got to me was his heart. George demonstrated his investment and commitment to this staff, this congregation – to you – in a profoundly tangible manner. He didn't pause to weigh the consequences; he didn't balance out whether or not this would fit into his

schedule; he didn't do a personal cost benefit analysis. George just put his heart on the line for a place and people he loves. We are important to him, as he is to us. We are family. You make sacrifices for your family; you take risks for the ones you love. You put their needs ahead of your own; their well being comes in front of your own comfort or convenience. George's actions remind us all

that being a part of this faith family is about so much more than taking what it offers, but it calls forth from all of us devotion and dedication. Hopefully that doesn't involve others of us chasing down the paseo after bad guys, but perhaps it does inspire us to put a little more effort into our worship attendance, a little more thought into participating in a Bible study, a little more sacrifice into the offering plate, a little more joy when we are privileged to be in each other's company. May this place be as important to you as it clearly is to George.

The following Sunday, I found myself again being taught these very same values, this time by a 94-year-old man. Carl is one of our members who worships at 9:30. His wife, Elfreda recently celebrated birthday number 100! That morning Carl had volunteered to read the scripture lesson during the service. He needed

Thoughts from Pastor Joe, continued

help to get up to the lectern, and then took a few moments to shuffle through his papers and glance back at the Christ figure, before he began to speak in a powerful voice. If you weren't present at that service let me paraphrase what he said. Carl began the lesson by sharing how pleased he was to be able to have the privilege of being a lector. It was an honor, he said, to read the lesson, and since his birthday was coming up, he considered reading the lesson to be an early birthday present. And I found myself thinking about how difficult it can be to get people to agree to read the lesson: "I'm too busy." "I don't know if I'll be in church that Sunday". "It makes me uncomfortable." Well, Carl would have a word for you on that count, and any time that your commitment starts to soften, reminding you that it is not a task but a blessing, not a chore but a good fortune, not a bother but a joy. I wish we could all have a little more of Carl's spirit in our soul.

Two days, two men. One was fleet-footed as he raced down the paseo, the other haltingly made his way to the lectern, leaning on the arm of another person. One ready to do battle for the ones he loves, the other ready to share the Word of the Lord with his gathered family. One at the high noon of his life, the other nearing the end of the day. Both know what it is to love this place, and us. Both show us the importance of devotion and attachment to this most unique community of believers. Both have so much to teach us. Will you learn with me?

Update on the Solar Panels for Central African Republic (CAR)

We recently received word that the solar panels have arrived by container ship and are now in port in neighboring Cameroon. When it will arrive in Gallo we don't know. Pray for safety for that container on the slick muddy roads that now exist during the rainy season. We have also heard that a retired missionary to Cameroon, Jim Noss, whom Pastor Joe and Guy Distad met while in Cameroon a few years ago, has agreed to return to CAR on a short term basis to install the solar panels and teach others to maintain them.

We received the following email from the president of the Lutheran Church in Central Africa; we have reprinted it verbatim...

Greetings in Christ from Bouar.

It is a subject for God's glory indeed when we see now that Gallo Health Center is fonctionning and that the AIDS Awareness building is coming to its completion. We thank God and you too. We are really grateful to your continued effort.

The coming of Mr. NOSS will be of a great help for us. We need his expertise to make things done. We pray that God gives him health and more knowledge while preparing his trip to CAR.

We are also grateful to Rev. Joe Campeau for his concern. Please convey our greetings and thanks to him and his church members. May God bless all hands that give.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Jim for the installation of the solar system and other things.

Greetings to every body. May God bless you.

Bye!

Rev. Andre GOLIKE, President de EELRCA

Hearing God Workshops

Feel like you have no connection to God? Come to these workshops. Each Month, on the second Tuesday, we will explore a different aspect of hearing God.

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| Recognizing God | Tuesday, October 12, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM |
| Obeying God | Tuesday, November 9, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM |
| Trusting God | Tuesday, December 14, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM |

Just because you missed the first one, doesn't mean you can't come to the rest. Come to any or all of these sessions as you are able to. We'll meet for one hour in the sanctuary every month to talk, teach, and learn.



Gaining Perspective: Seeing Your World Through Christian Eyes

ONE NIGHT STUDY, SUNDAY OCTOBER 17
4:00 TO 7:00 pm



it is important and how to develop a distinctly Christian world view. dinner together and be on our way home by 7:00 pm.

Do you know which city in the U.S. owns the most pairs of sunglasses per capita? You might think it would be L.A. Maybe San Diego. Phoenix, perhaps? The answer: Seattle. The city most known for rainy weather is the place that also has the highest rate of sunglass ownership. Maybe you wonder how that can be. Well, it's a matter of perspective. The sun does shine in Seattle after all, actually quite often in the summer. So the people of Seattle, from their perspective, need sunglasses. Sounds odd to those of us from L.A. But it's how they view their world.

Your world view is the way you think the world works and how you fit into it. What shapes your thoughts, your attitudes and actions? That's your world view, and your world view in turn shapes your approach to life. Everything you think about life is shaped by your world view.

Join Pastor Joe for a one night study in which we'll look at why Childcare will be provided. We'll wind up the evening with

From Pastor Mike

I was talking with somebody about the movie *Avatar* recently and we got on the topic of how stupid the whole thing was. I mean, it is a gorgeous movie and you can see every penny of the \$300 million they spent on the special effects. If only they had spent a couple of bucks on the script. I mean, it was really *Dances with Wolves in Space* (or *Dances with Smurfs*, take your pick). I mean, they send the guy in to negotiate with the natives and he forgets to do that because he is too busy flirting with the chief's daughter. And the evil guys are just dumb. They want to tear down the native's sacred tree when there are these giant floating chunks of unobtainium floating right there where nobody is shooting poisoned arrows at them. I mean, this movie had plot holes that you could drive the death star through. A great example is when the planet decides to kill all the humans ten minutes after the natives lose the battle. Come on, planet, couldn't you have done that ten minutes before? That was three hours I'll never get back.

We need to be aware of what we are consuming and what it is we are glorifying. Whether we realize it or not, most media has an underlying spiritual message. In *Dances with Smurfs*, the message is very new age with all the nature worship. I really don't think that we realize how much it influences us. Brain 'Head' Welch was the front man for the nu-metal band Korn. He was incredibly successful, but then one day he heard his three year old daughter singing the words to his band's song, "All Day I Dream About Sex". It was at that point, he realized he had to quit his life. He stopped doing all the drugs, got baptized and started following Jesus. For the Rolling Stone interview go to tinyurl.com/39gqxj5, his book is on Amazon tinyurl.com/2g5969v.

Welch realized that everything he was doing and everything he was consuming was glorifying sex, drugs and rock n' roll. He changed his life. He had to change the influences around him. He quit Korn and started making his own music. If you like metal, his new stuff is really good. It is very dark, because he uses the awful experiences he went through, to help others understand the power of sin and the need for redemption.

As Christians we are called to be in this world, but not of it. The problem for us is that when we watch everything that glorifies the things of this world that becomes normal for us. Part of the problem teenagers have is separating out what the media tells them is normal versus what their parents tell them is right.

This doesn't mean that we can't watch secular TV. It means that we need to be discerning about it. I really enjoy the new *Doctor Who*, at least partly because it values self sacrifice and heroism even though it is not a 'Christian' series. This is biblical, we see in Acts 17 Paul compliments several things about Athenian culture. We endorse what is good about the culture and reject what is ungodly.

If you are looking for an alternative to secular stuff, there is plenty of good Christian music out there. For instance, check out Air1.com (Adult contemporary Christian Radio) or M88.org, 897powerfm.com & yeshome.com (harder rock Christian radio stations). There is a plethora of Christian books out there that point us in the right direction, from Frank Peretti's scary fiction to Stephen Lawhead's historical novels, there is something out there for everybody. Ask yourself these questions, is what I am watching/reading/listening to, bringing me closer to Jesus? Is it glorifying the things of God? If not, try something else.

Now if I could only get *Firefly* back on the air.

(For reviews on current movies, music and video games, check out pluggedinonline.com.)



Council Corner

I am writing this on September 12, just before the Newsletter deadline. I had anticipated discussing the series of meetings with the ELCA Consultation Committee which were scheduled for Saturday, September 11. Alas the meetings were not to be that day.

Some five months after ELCA announced that CLC and another congregation and their pastors were being considered for disciplinary action, pending review by the Consultation Committee, the day was near for the meetings. Our pastors and Council Members had arranged their calendars to meet with the Committee. The congregation had been informed of their opportunity to meet with the Committee at noon.

Late Thursday, Pastor Joe received a call asking to cancel the meeting. After discussing the situation with the Council at the regularly scheduled meeting that evening, the decision was made to tell the Chair of the Committee that we were keeping our side of the appointment. On Saturday, Pastor Joe awaited the Committee at 9:00, Pastor Mike was prepared to meet at 10:00, the Council assembled shortly before 11:00 and about 50 CLC members arrived at noon.

The Committee was a no-show. As of this writing we have not even received an acknowledgement to Joe's email sent early Friday morning telling the Committee we would be there.

All was not lost. Pastor Joe led an informational meeting with the CLC membership who came to church Saturday to meet with the Committee. After an opening prayer, Joe explained why the Committee was not there, reviewed the events that have led CLC to this juncture, explained his, Pastor Mike's and the Council's position on the issues and reviewed the agenda of a service held recently in San

Francisco to ordain several gay pastors in accordance with the actions of the ELCA Assembly of August 2009.

In general, the events are rather disturbing from a biblical point of view but are serving to focus attention on the question of whether or not CLC should remain a part of the ELCA, as it has become. As you all know, CLC has taken a middle ground approach in its response to the ELCA actions of last year. We have joined Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and eliminated unrestricted benevolence to our ELCA Synod. You may be aware that a petition has been started by a member of our congregation to call a Special Congregational Meeting to consider withdrawing from ELCA. By its nature, such a petition is not authorized by the Council. (The Council can call a Special Meeting on its own.) Nevertheless, I for one believe the time has come, accelerated by the disappointing relationship with the Consultation Committee, to have such a meeting. I urge each member to consider signing this petition as a sign of concern with the direction the ELCA has taken.

Voting is most productive when those voting are well informed. Though not yet scheduled, I anticipate that several learning opportunities will be offered for each member to become fully informed on the subject. I look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Christ,

Dave Burnett

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



The Stewardship Committee would like to invite all current and past members of Christ Lutheran Church to our second annual Family Reunion. Sunday October 24 will be the day of our celebration. We will also be celebrating New Members day on this day. What a day to introduce new members to our family, a day when we all share in one service beginning at 10:00 AM.

Our 2010 Family Reunion will be like our service last year with one large service, so we will be able to see all of our family at one time instead of spread out over 3 services between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM. After the service is over, our family picnic will begin just as last year. The church will be providing the main course and beverages. Think about what salad, side dish, or dessert you could bring to share with your fellow congregants. Impressing your friends and family with your cooking skills is always something to remember. Being impressed by someone else's cooking is not only memorable but it can be surprising also. Sign-up lists will be available in October.

Remember, save the day, Sunday 24 October 2010.

Men's Breakfast

Attention Men! Don't miss our next Men's Breakfast scheduled for Saturday October 2nd 7:30 am–9:00 am. Marie Callender's Restaurant: 27630 The Old Road. Cost is \$12 and is payable at the door.



This month's Special Guest Speaker will be:

LAPD Officer Deon Joseph: A Bright Light in Dante's Inferno.

This local hero in a squad car patrols the harsh world of Skid Row with love, prayer, and faith in second chances. Please join us and hear more about how Officer Deon Joseph spends time praying with prostitutes, ex-gang members, and drug addicts. He takes personal interest in their lives and makes sure that everyone who wants help gets it.

You will not want to miss this interesting Christian speaker. Invite a friend or neighbor.

Questions? Email mensbreakfast@come2christ.com We look forward to seeing you!

Attention Shoppers!



Do you shop at Ralphs?

If you have a Ralphs Club card, you can join the Ralphs Community Contribution Program and help Ralphs decide where to allocate their charitable giving. Ralphs makes a donation to the organization you choose, for an amount that's a percentage of the shopping you've done at their stores.

If you've already been a part of this, you know that after you sign up, there is nothing else you need to do. However, they do require you to renew your commitment every year and it's time to sign up again.

To sign up with Ralphs, simply take the letter on the next page with you to Ralphs Grocery store and have the checker scan the bar code on the letter. You only need to do this once.

Or, you may login to www.ralphs.com, select Sign In/Register under the Welcome! heading. Complete the registration information. Once your account is created,

click on [Edit Community Contribution Program Information](#). You will need to enter your Ralph's card number, and then you can designate the charitable organization to which you would like Ralphs to make contributions in your name. You should be able to type in Christ Lutheran Church, but you could also enter 82660 (CLC's account number). That's it, you're done!

Other Grocery Stores:

If you shop at Vons, Pavilions, Bristol Farms, Tresrierras, or one of several other markets, you could also help generate donations to Christ Lutheran Church via the escrip program. To register, visit www.escrip.com and click on Sign Up Now. To select Christ Lutheran Church, you can either type in Christ Lutheran Church or our Group ID # 153435184. You'll notice there are several Christ Lutheran Churches. We sure hope you pick the Valencia one! By signing up for either or both of these programs, a contribution is made to CLC every time you shop, with no cost to you. ***So far in 2010, we've received over \$300 from this program.***



NPO# 82660
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Attention: VICTORIA BERREY
25816 N. TOURNAMENT ROAD
VALENCIA, CA 91355

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH:

Thank you for your interest in the Ralphs *rewards* Community Contribution Program. We are happy to be a part of your fundraising.

Here is your Organization's Scanbar code as requested. This supplemental process allows your members without access to a computer to be a part of your fund raising through our Community Contribution Program.

How it works

- Make copies of this form and give the copies to members of your organization who wish to enroll with your organization, but do not have access to register online.
- DO NOT remove these instructions from this letter. These instructions are necessary for the cashier in order to process the link between your card and your organization at the register.
- Participants take this form the next time they go shopping at Ralphs and hand it to the cashier to scan within their order IN ADDITION to either their Ralphs *rewards* Card, or phone number entry that is linked to their *rewards* card.
- Within 72 hours, your participants will then begin giving a percentage of each shopping trip for the duration of the Community Contributions Term to your organization.
- You only have to scan this letter once to create the link between your card and your organization. You must continue scanning your Ralphs *rewards* Card/phone number during all purchases to get credit for your organization. Unable to credit organization if card is not swiped during any transaction.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

- 1) If your participants register for the Community Contribution Program using this Scanbar method, the name of your organization WILL NOT APPEAR on the receipt.
- 2) If your participants register for the Community Contribution Program using this Scanbar method AND do not have their correct information updated in the Ralphs *rewards* Card Database, their name will not appear on your quarterly statements.
- 3) Any attempt by the organization to reproduce this scan bar (other than copying it) in any other format could result in your organization not receiving credit.



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“Not of This World” - view

Robin Hyland
Connected in Christ Coordinator

You've probably seen the stickers on back windshields; 'notw', with the 't' looking much like a cross slicing through the 'o'. "Not of This World" is what that stands for. It comes from the statement Jesus made in John 17:15:

¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

¹⁶They are **not of the world**, even as I am not of it.

(emphasis mine)

He is asking our Heavenly Father to protect us as we witness to the truth "in this world", but declares that we are not to be "of the world". What exactly does that mean? What does it look like?

Christians throughout the ages have wrestled with the concept and come up with various solutions, the Amish and Mennonite people being an extreme example of folks who are "in but not of" this world. They are certainly not "of", however I am not sure what kind of witnessing they can do, considering they are viewed mostly as a tourist attraction. They are living out their Christian faith, in a humble and obedient way, but I don't know if they can effectively share that faith being as isolated as they are.

So what does it mean for us, the people of Christ Lutheran Church, here in Valencia, California? We, in contrast to the Amish, are definitely "in" the world. We watch the movies and TV shows, listen to the music, use the language, share the same goals for our children, get caught up in the race for prestige, and see the world through the lenses of the secular media and academia. What can we do to fulfill Jesus' prayer for us not to be "of" the world?

Trading on my recent conversion, once again, I know what the solution is. You're going to have to trust me on this, I've been there baby and I know, the solution

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is to adopt a "Christian world view". I've been developing mine over the past almost 4 years of being a Christian, and it has made all the difference. It literally makes you "see the world" differently. The entire sweep of human history, the arts and entertainment, family relationships, science, nature, political issues, human dignity, world problems, become keenly focused when seen through the lens of the reality of Christ and the truth of Scripture (which naturally follows from the reality of Christ).

What has been affecting me the most lately in this regard is the perfect explanation for why we live in a world that is both amazingly designed and hopelessly broken. Who could express it more succinctly than the Bible has in Genesis: God created an absolutely perfect world, no death, no decay, no sickness, no pain, and we humans (not entirely satisfied) wrecked it by causing a separation from God that was the deserved consequence of our willful disobedience? Bingo. That pretty

much explains everything, including our desperate need for a savior. Without looking at the world in this way, it is very difficult to explain to people what Jesus is all about and why He is THE ONLY ANSWER.

Though it would be awesome for people of other faiths and persuasions to develop a Christian world view, it is extremely important for us Christians as well. We can go to church every Sunday, participate in the ministries and programs, and still not have a Christian world view. Because the truth is, we all have a world view, whether we recognize it or not.

To get us all on the road to developing a solid Christian world view, we are offering a special event on Sunday, October 17th, 4:00-7:00 pm, called: **Gaining Perspective: Seeing Your World Through Christian Eyes.** The presentation will be led by Pastor Joe, the entire congregation is encouraged to participate, childcare will be provided, and we will end with a shared meal. Let's be sure to honor Jesus' prayer for us, let's be "in but not of".

For information or to sign up, contact me at robin@come2christ.com or 259-0200 ext. 30.



Hands and Hearts

By Lee Stillman

“Can I ask you a favor?” Uh oh.

Of course, Karolle. Anything. I am so dead.

“Would you write the Hands and Hearts article for the newsletter?”

Well, at least she didn't ask me to paint her house. At this point it occurs to me that it might be a good idea to actually attend one of the meetings. Third Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm. I'll be there.

So, in through the doors to the Fellowship Center I go, wondering exactly what I have gotten myself into. I am soon led to a table with a legal pad and pen, and asked to write a letter to a soldier. A Marine Corps sergeant in Afghanistan is going to know what's going on in my life? Really? Okay, if you say so.

Soon I was telling this complete stranger how much I admired him and his brethren, and how I too had signed up for the Corps, but flunked the physical (how does that happen?) and that I was praying for him to serve with honor, complete the mission, and come back home safe and sound.

A page and a half later, I signed my name and turned it in to be mailed. I have no idea how my faceless sergeant is going to feel when he reads my letter; I just know that writing it was a very special, unique experience, and something that everyone should try at least once.

The rest of the evening was a flurry of activity, stuffing priority mail boxes to the gills (do boxes have gills?) with foodstuffs, toiletries, DVDs and magazines. I found myself making value judgments – Popular Mechanics or People? Spaghetti or chili? Body wash? Really? I'm sorry, but my soldier is far too much of a man's man to wear that product! Of course making all this fit in one box is an exercise in three dimensional puzzle working, but eventually everything seems to fit, well, okay, once held together

with the equivalent of two full rolls of packing tape. Got time for another? Sure! Lather, rinse, repeat.

All through the process the love of God was ever present in the room, being poured out through the hands, and (yes, you guessed it) the hearts of those participating. I met some new faces, and reconnected with old ones that I hadn't seen since my 8:15 (now 8:00) service days. Everyone was extremely friendly, and frankly, glad for the help.

I'll be there next (this?) month too. After all, I

have another soldier letter to drop off, and the folks I invited to come would be slightly annoyed with me if I didn't show! Not that I would not be there in any case – it's a wonderful cause, staffed by wonderful people, and I had a great time. How could I refuse?

This is your intrepid reporter, Lee Stillman, signing off. Goodbye and God bless.

p.s. Karolle, you owe me!



Hands and Hearts volunteers, along with the pastors and members of the church staff, pray over the August shipment of care packages.



Missions and Outreach

By Debbie Price
Missions Coordinator

I really do love my job. I love being able not just to help others but to help you get connected with and reaching out to others that are in need. There are so many great organizations that we partner with, but it takes all of us to make these things happen. Here's what we have going on now:

Santa Clarita Valley Emergency Winter Shelter – As the shelter prepares to move its location, there is much work to be done. We are helping by taking the siding off a couple of buildings and putting new siding up. We have new tentative dates set for October 2nd and 3rd and October 9th and 10th. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Dirk Gardner at (818)612-8779 or dgard466@earthlink.net.

Union Rescue Mission – There is a team of 15 that heads down to the Mission in Los Angeles on the second Sunday of each month to serve breakfast to the homeless. If you are interested in being a part of this team or would like more information, please contact Bret Wims at bret.wims@thrivent.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – This ministry reaches out with love and care to others by knitting and/or crocheting items for those that have particular needs. Even if you don't know how to knit or crochet you can come and learn. This team meets on Tuesday and Thursday evenings off campus and Wednesday mornings on campus. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Sydney Herbert at gsydneyj@gmail.com.

Hands and Hearts – This ministry offers prayer support as well as Care Packages for soldiers overseas. The care packages include sorely missed items from home, children's art treasures, hand-sewn and quilted items along with hand-written letters and cards. This group meets on the first and third Wednesday and on the second or third (depending on the month) Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in helping or would like additional information, please contact Karolle Blackson at blackson@pacbell.net.

Giving Garland – Each year the Giving Garland reaches out to organizations locally and globally during the holiday

season to help make Christmas a bit brighter for those in need. We have already held our first meeting, but it's not too late to become a part of this team. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Debbie Price at (661)259-0200 or debbie@come2christ.com.

Boxes of Love – This year we are teaming up with Canning Hunger for our fall food drive. We will be filling boxes with specific items so that families who might not otherwise can have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. You can help by not just filling and returning a box, but taking an extra box to give to a neighbor or friend to fill and return. If you would like any additional information, please contact Debbie Price.

Children's Hunger Fund Holiday Gift Wrapping – This team heads down to CHF to wrap holiday gifts for children across America and around the world who would otherwise go without any gifts during the holiday season. This year their event will be held on December 4th. If you are interested in becoming a part of this team, please contact Debbie Price.

Hope Gardens - Hope Gardens is a transitional facility that helps homeless women with children get back on their feet. They have a variety of service opportunities available throughout the week and are in need of volunteers. A few of these opportunities include: front office assistance, working in the kitchen, tutoring the children and teaching classes. If you are interested in volunteering or would like additional information, please contact Brenda Klehn at (661) 259-7213 or bhklehn@earthlink.net.

Starbucks Harvest Program – Starbucks is now donating day old products to organizations to help those in need. We currently pick up from 2 locations on Monday and Thursday evenings and take these products to an organization that can use them. We have a team in place, but would love to see the team grow. If you are interested or would like any additional information, please contact Debbie Price.

The Clothing Donation Box – The donation box located in the Welcome Center is there for your convenience to donate clothing and small appliances. These items are taken to a variety of organizations that help those in need. With the opening of the winter shelter and the holidays

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quickly approaching these types of items are especially helpful.

If you are interested in becoming a part of any of these teams, or would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Matthew 25:35-36

Women's Retreat – Save the Date

Our next Women's Retreat will be the weekend of March 25-27, 2011

Serra Retreat Center in Malibu, CA

Guest Speaker: Carole Wolaver
The Pottery Lady

*Yet, O LORD, you are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.*

Isaiah 64:8



MOLO (MOTHERS OF LITTLE ONES)

HARVEST FESTIVAL



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
JOIN US ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
FROM 5:00 — 7 PM

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF ☆ HOT DOGS AND DRINKS PROVIDED
THE KIDS CAN FILL THEIR BAGS WITH CANDY AT THE TRUNK 'N TREAT
EVERYONE IS INVITED!





High School youth group continues to have lots going on this fall. We enjoyed Senior Night at Impact in September where the Seniors led Impact for the evening. This month we will have Junior Night at Impact. All the juniors will be leading Impact on October 26. You don't want to miss all the upcoming High school opportunities. Check out the calendar. Call Kathleen Kahovec if you have any questions or ideas.

We meet every Sunday for Sunday School in the Youth Center at 9:30 am. Donuts and hang out time first. Then we have our lesson with a team of great High School teachers!

Monday Night Bible Study meets at 7:00pm in the youth center. We are studying the book of Luke. Bring your Bible and bring a friend. Get a little deeper into the Word. Give Bible study a try.

Impact will meet every Tuesday this month at 7:00 pm in the Youth Center. Don't miss Junior Night on October 26.

Saturday, October 23 is *Make a Difference Day*. The High Schoolers will be volunteering in the community. Watch the website and CLC Youth Facebook page for more information.

Confirmation is Sunday, October 31 at 11:00 am Please keep the Confirmands in your prayers as they affirm their baptismal promises.

The following 9th graders will be confirmed:

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| Heidi Bernstorff | Blake Gonzalez | Lauren Schreiner |
| Miles Berrey | Timothy Kahovec | Alicia Spadaro |
| Kyle Besa | Thomas Kebschull | Juliana Spiegel |
| Luke Distad | Kailie Kennedy | Mitchell Strenk |
| Keira Fernandes | Katelyn Martinez | Caitlyn Turner |
| Allyson Forster | Matthew Meyer | Stephen Volpei |
| Kristen Forster | Theodore Papenthien | Erick Werner |
| Derek Frezieres | | |

Children's Ministries



Sunday School – Praise the Lord! We are back in the swing of Sunday school. How exciting that we have all these little ones to share Jesus with. Please remain faithful in your attendance. It is important to come each week.

5th grade communion class takes place this month. You should have received a letter about the two mandatory meetings October 18 and 25 and the required reading involved. If you didn't receive a letter, please let Kathleen Kahovec know. First communion will be November 7 at all three services.

The Sunday School Christmas program will soon be upon us. The date has been set for Sunday, December 5 at 6:30 pm.

MIDWEEK PROGRAMS

KOK - KOK is back on schedule. What fun to see all the new faces and welcome back the children from previous years! We will continue to meet each Wednesday through November 17. Remember, bring a friend. This is a great way to evangelize to the community.

This midweek program is for ages 3 – 3rd grade on Wednesday nights. We meet in the Education Building from 6 – 7 pm. Dinner is served throughout the evening from 4:30 – 7 for a small fee to help busy families. Dawn Diaz is in charge of KOK and can answer any questions you might have at 263-8697.

Youth Adventures – Youth Adventurers has started with a bang of upper elementary students! We are off to a great start. Thank you for bringing your children. We welcome new teachers and familiar teachers. You don't want to miss out on this one if you are in 4th – 6th grade. We will continue to meet each Wednesday through November 17 from 6 - 7 pm in the Youth Center. Don't forget your bible, and you can bring a friend. Linda Ferguson is in charge of Youth Adventures and can answer any questions you might have at 296-0263.

Spaghetti Dinner - The Spaghetti Dinner will be November 6 from 6:00 - 7:00 in the Fellowship Center. The whole congregation is invited to attend this fun night of food and fellowship! This is the event that we organize and run to help raise money to pay for the El Camino Pines retreat. Please contact Linda Ferguson if you can help with the Spaghetti Dinner.



Junior High

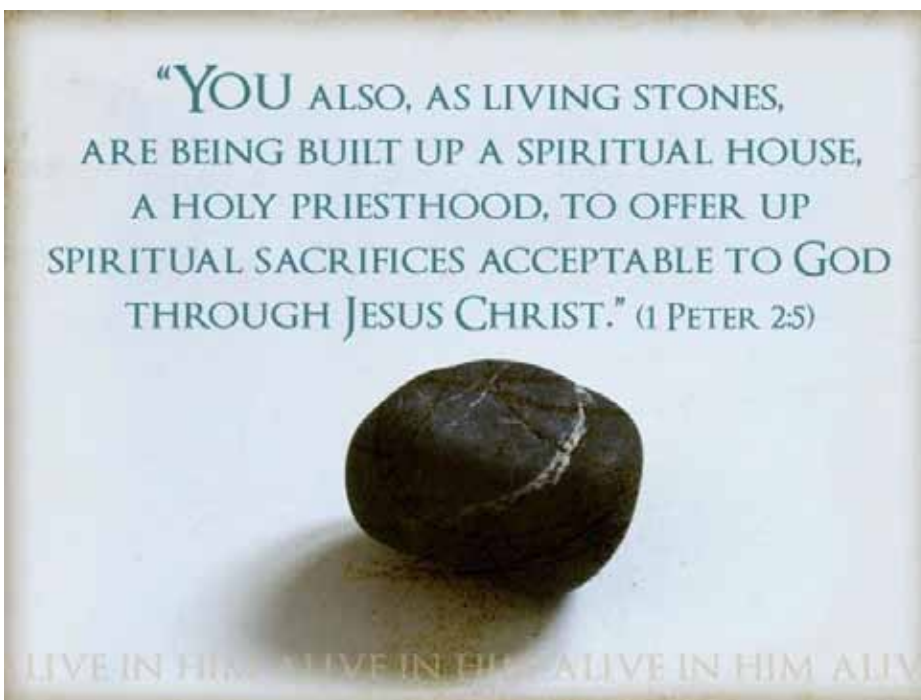


Confirmation meets on Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm
in the Youth Center for 7th and 8th Graders

7th & 8th Graders

We are off to a fun start on Wednesdays with confirmation. There is still time to come and be a part of the Jr. High gang. You are invited to learn about Jesus, sing songs, play games, and enjoy fellowship with friends. Yes, you may bring a friend. Call Kathleen Kahovec at 259-0200 ext 26 if you have any questions. See you there for the stand up game! Don't forget your bible and catechism. If you don't have a catechism, you can get one when you come to class. You can always check the website if you miss class and need to catch up: come2christ.com under Junior High Ministry.

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 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. You will receive your robes at that time. Be sure to turn in your confirmation verse, full name, height and weight to Kathleen or email her with it at: kathleen@come2christ.com.

Preschool News

The new school year has begun at CLC Preschool! We're always so happy to see all our friends back at school and to meet new friends too. We at CLCPreK are so fortunate – in spite of the economy, which has affected the registration at most SCV Valley preschools, we are full! We are so proud of our staff and program, it's nice to know others appreciate it too.

We are looking forward to a school year filled with fun and learning. Did you know that we have Chapel Time every week? Pastor Joe and Kathleen Kahovec lead us in learning about God's love. When many schools are cutting back on music programs, CLC PreK students have weekly music classes with Kristin Frederick, where they learn about different musical instruments, rhythm, movement – these are Pastor Joe's FAVORITE days since his office is directly beneath the music room and he gets to hear all the stomping and drumming! Ask him how much he loves the Boom whackers.



Last month, we had fun with reptiles! There were snakes, turtles, frogs... we learned a lot about some of God's more fascinating creatures (and got the chance to touch something slimy too!) This event was open to the community and we had over 50 people join us!

We want to invite members of the congregation to bring their children for Speech and Language testing with Susan Kasdorf, M.S., CCC on October 7th and 8th. The cost is \$15 per child. Your child does not have to be enrolled at CLC PreK to participate. If you have any questions or would like to bring your child, please call Chris or Tami in the Preschool Office: 259-0302.

Miss Chris
Preschool Director



1st

Deven Gregoy
Victoria Modugno
Brendan Rankin
Hope Rankin
Zoe Sand

2nd

Linda Bonar
Madalynn Bryne
David Cheatham
Lowell Kebschull
Jason Laibl
Monica Payne
Kristen Price
Vicki Svendsen
Scott Tenney

3rd

Matthew Chrislu
Ryan Chrislu
Amber Groenke
Amanda Skorniakoff
Janet Strenk
Ava Wunsch

4th

Collin Crowley
Julia Jensen
C.J. Witkowski

6th

Kirk Barcus
Gretchen Brookman
Heidi Brookman
Beverly Frandson
Bob Haener
Grace Hyland
Lisa Innes
Timothy Kahovec

7th

Effie Bird
Kathy Butler
Clair Carpenter
Ryan Garant
Michael Mendelson
Linda Scott

8th

Ethan DeForest
Lynda Florez
Sara Wedel

9th

Christine Dickerson
Andrew Dyroy
Sid Kirshner
Sharon Wuerl

10th

Lucy Banduk
Trudi Ernsberger
Ryan Farrow
Blayne Kalk
Steve Ullman

11th

Kim Burkhardt
Tamara Gavilan
Chelsea Jones
Erin Moss
Gerald Stillman
Heather Switzer
Victoria Tenney
Christopher Zinni

12th

Ethan Chavez
Tony Drake
Terry Holden
Sofia Ickes
Katie Johnston
Jordan Oleszkowicz
Kyle Rosauer

13th

Chelsea Hutton

14th

Maggie Edmiston
Maddie Rosenberger
Brandon Sampson
Mary Spadaro

15th

Thea Backes
Alicia Spadaro

16th

Heidi Bernstorff
Mark Fechner
Ann Heinstedt
Brian Kahovec
Jack McNulty
Elizabeth Schaefer

17th

Barbie Campeau
Gary Gaudio
Rob Sand

18th

Richard Bellmore
Chrystal Bouté
Peggy Curtin
Allison Miller
Kathryn Schreiner
Kurt Schreiner

19th

Nicholas Brinkley
Toby Catalano
Kathryn Rieck
Sean Smalstig
Arianna Werner

20th

Ron Anderson
Elleen Barnes
Sandra Bull
Alyssa Gaudio
Lindsey Gaudio
Erika Lorme

21st

Ted DeForest

22nd

Chasen Arima
Denise Boyd
Emma Seper
Victoria Strenk

23rd

Mary Klink
Christian Meyer

24th

Isabelle Jones
Parker Jones
Thomas Kebschull
James Magnuson
Gladys Mustain
Taylor Parkinson
Jeremy Smoak
Teresa Spiegel

25th

Elise Allen
Janice Kueppers
Donato Petote

26th

Jennifer Dinardo
Janelle Jankowski
Madonna Randolph
Thomas Sutherland
Hazel Zack

27th

Barbara Anderson
Amber DeForest
Sara Greaney
Laura Liddle
Mary Anne Post
Danielle Stob

28th

Lila Hotwagner
Jeff Long
Pauline Nossaman
Lauren Rodriguez
Kris Werner
Jane Wilson

29th

Danika Albertson
London Austin
Liland Guan
Courtney Lackey
Elizabeth Provencio
Michelle Rives
Robert Schertz

30th

Maya Boules Marcinko
Diane Jackson
Michael Kniss
Walt Krego

31st

Conner Marsalis



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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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