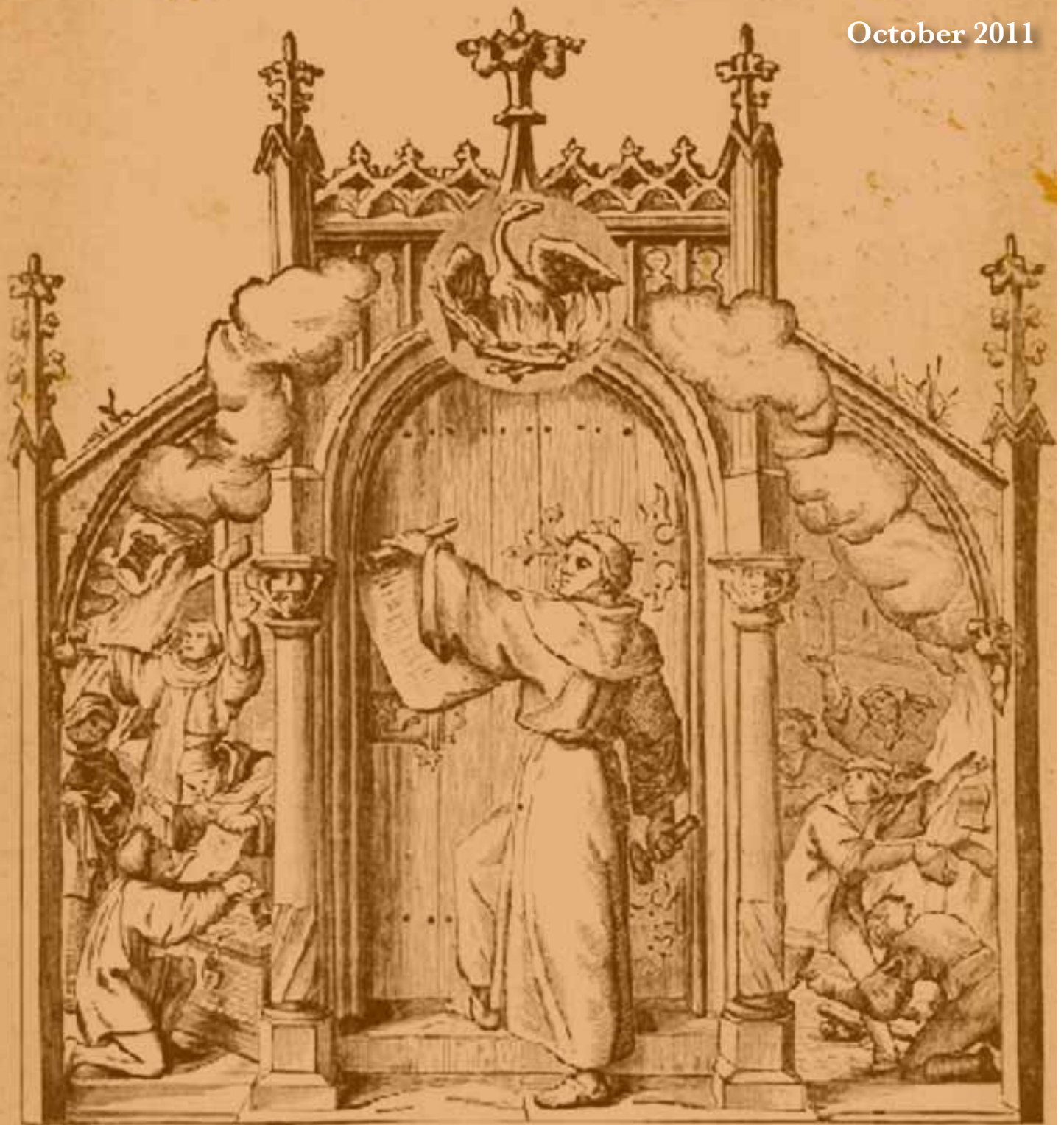


Christ Lutheran Church Connected

October 2011





Thoughts from Pastor Joe



It Takes A Little Refining

You would probably not be surprised by now to learn that I have loaded some new images on the digital picture display that sits on my desk, photos from our recent trip to Alaska. That was a mistake the first couple of days, as I found myself spending way too much time watching the pictures flash across the screen and dreaming about the tour bus I should be driving.

One of the pictures that appear now and then is of an excursion we took to a glass blowing studio when we were in Skagway. I've been to a lot of those over the years, but what made this one different was that we each got to participate in the glass blowing process. The artist took his long tube and inserted it in the furnace that contained the molten glass. He then withdrew it and asked which colors we would like our piece to be in and rolled the taffy-like glass in the colors of our choice. Once again he reheated it, inviting us to hold and turn the rod before withdrawing it and moving to his work station. We then blew air through a tube to expand the knob of glass at the end into a ball, after which we took a pincer-like tool and pulled and twisted the hardening glass to create a design with the color. The final product was a glass ball ornament which now sits on the mantel in our family room.

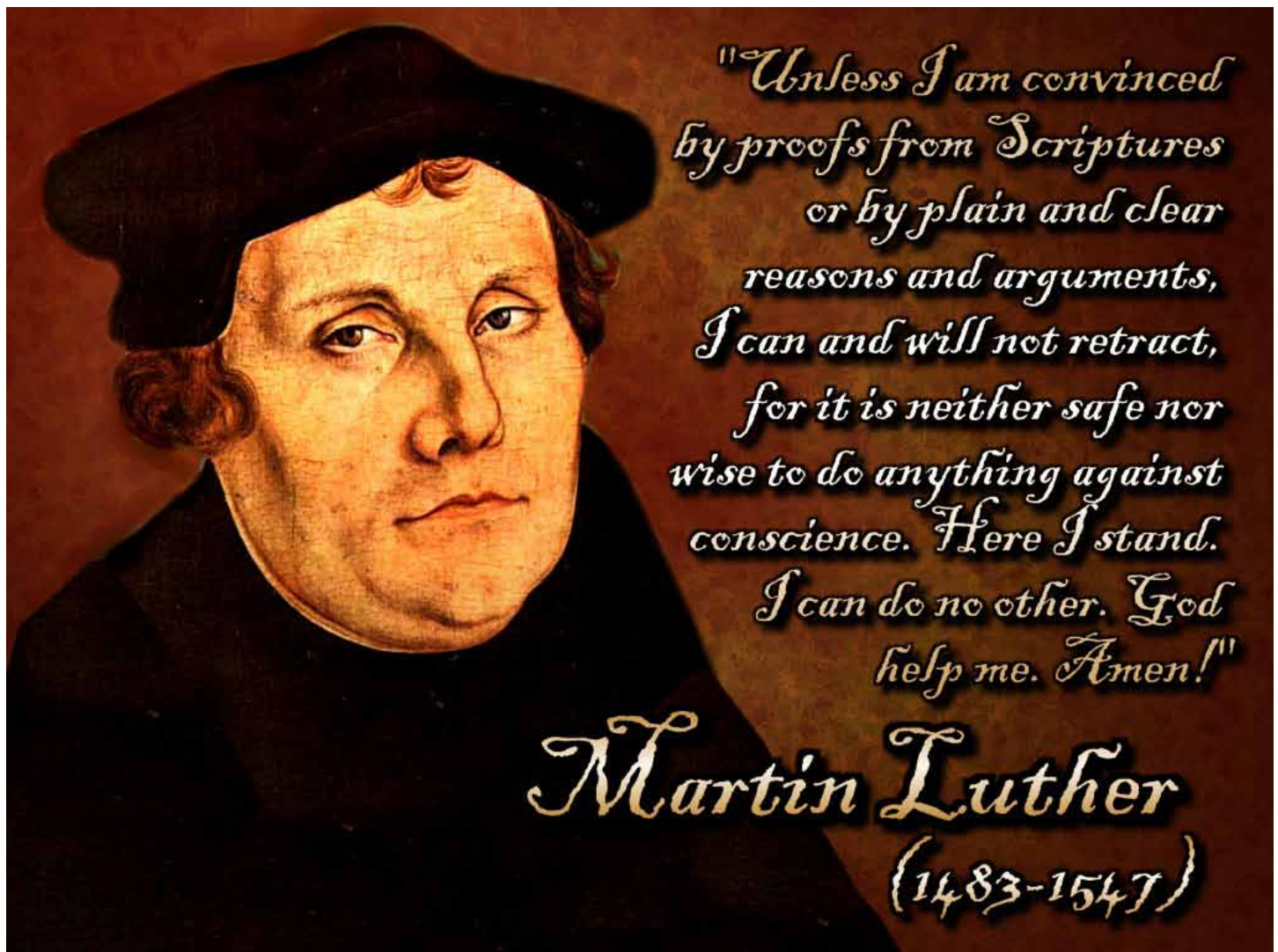
As we've been working our way through the Wilderness Wandering stories from Exodus on Sunday mornings I've found myself trying to give some relational context to their 40 year journey. In 1971 I was a junior in high school, wearing a "McGovern for President" pin as I campaigned door to door for a family friend who was running as a Republican for a seat in the Minnesota legislature. (They asked me to take the pin off when I was working for his campaign. They both lost.) Forty years ago CLC had already been worshipping together for 10 years, though the congregation was still more than two years away from locating to the empty field we now occupy. Back then I still did not have my first car, and wouldn't be expecting to see one in the driveway any time soon since the car my parents drove was already ten years old and held together with Bondo and scrap pieces of tin. Forty years was a long time for the Israelites to be stuck amid the scrub and dirt and dangers of the desert. To read through those stories is to see in them a time of serious challenge and troubling obstacles that lasted until all the people who had left Egypt died away and only their children would make it to the Promised Land. It was a time of testing and growth that lasted an entire generation, the characteristics of which were not unlike what the glass went through as I created my ornament.

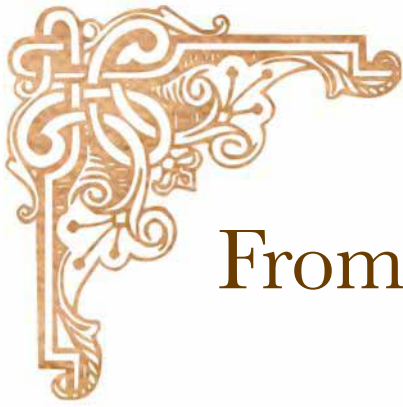
Thoughts from Pastor Joe, *continued*

As I look at that picture and remember my glass blowing experience I am reminded of 1 Peter 1:3-7, in which Peter talks about our faith being refined through suffering in the way that gold is refined by fire. If glass had feelings, emotions and thoughts and awareness, its experience of being shaped into something beautiful would be anything but enjoyable. It would be painful, with all the searing ache of being burned. The glass would chafe at the stretching and twisting necessary to form it into something more than an unfinished blob. It would rebel at getting plunged into the furnace again and again. It would find nothing enjoyable about the process at all, until it had become what it was meant to be. It doesn't take long in reading through the stories of the Wilderness Wanderings to realize that the people mostly resisted the lessons God sought to teach, mostly longed to be left alone in Egypt, mostly wished that the stretching and shaping that God wanted to do in their life could be accomplished more comfortably, and with a whole lot less heartache.

No one enjoys being refined in the fire. No one longs to be twisted and shaped and molded. No one seeks it out. But it seems that faith building is most often a process like glass blowing. It hurts sometimes. A lot. But God means for us to be beautiful in the end.

OCTOBER 30TH IS REFORMATION SUNDAY





From Pastor Mike



What formed you as a Christian?

We all have the trials and experiences that have shaped us and how we relate to God. Right now, we are in the middle of the Exodus story on Sunday Mornings. Those forty years with all the things that went with them, Manna, Pillars of Fire, Water from a Rock, all shaped the nation of Israel. It got to the core of who they were. Those forty years became one of their keystones of identity and of their relationship with God.

When Jesus gathered the disciples for the meal that we call the Last Supper, they were celebrating the Passover, a meal where they celebrated God bringing them out of Egypt. That Passover meal is still celebrated today, 3400 years after God lead the Israelites out of slavery. We still celebrate the Lord's Supper 2000 years after Jesus instituted it.

What are the big events that shaped who you are as a Christian? I can point to a number of things in my past. One of them for me was a retreat ministry in Minnesota called Teens Encounter Christ (TEC). I first attended a TEC weekend when I was 16. It was a three day weekend where we walked through Lent, Good Friday and Easter. We had great times of prayer and worship as we shared and strengthened our faith together. Over the years I participated in both TEC and the college version and it was huge formation piece for me. I was talking to somebody about this and I started

singing one of the songs and I couldn't get it out of my head for the next three days.

Now if you would like to experience something like this, you don't have to travel to either the 1980s or Minnesota. Cursillo is the adult version of TEC, or more accurately, the adults who were involved in Cursillo started TEC. And there is a Cursillo organization here in Southern California that many of our LCMC colleagues are involved in.

I'd like you to consider coming on a retreat weekend. Each weekend is hosted at a retreat center in Rosemead so you get a real bed and a real shower. You'll spend the weekend with about 40 others experiencing the same things that you are for the first time. Here are the dates for next year:

February 23-26, men

March 1-4, women

July 5-8, men

July 12-15, women

October 18-21, men

October 25-28, women

It is strongly suggested that you go attend the same set of weekends as your spouse. It would be great for your faith. I'm planning on being at the February weekend. If you have further questions Please check out the website (www.lcsocal.org) or contact me.

In hope,

Pastor Mike

ANYONE WHO IS TO FIND CHRIST MUST FIRST
FIND THE CHURCH. HOW COULD ANYONE KNOW
WHERE CHRIST IS AND WHAT FAITH IS IN HIM
UNLESS HE KNEW WHERE HIS BELIEVERS ARE?

MARTIN LUTHER

Council Corner

October is here! We're off and running with our fall programs, including Sunday School and our mid-week opportunities. It's nice to see everyone back in action! Personally, I'm very much enjoying the High School Sunday School class – they're great kids.

As reported previously, your council has been working with several contractors to obtain concepts and bids for a new sign. After much discussion (and negotiation, saving the congregation a couple thousand dollars) we're happy to announce that the process is moving forward: we've settled on a contractor and work will commence shortly. This is good news as the old sign is falling apart rapidly, making it a poor representation of this congregation. As cliché as it sounds, first impressions *are* important, and our sign is a physical first impression of our campus. The new sign with the updated logo will do a much better job of helping us to fulfill our mission of *inviting* people into a life changing relationship with God.

Even more important to that same mission – though not nearly as visible to the community as the new sign – are the council's efforts to bring our congregation's constitution up to date. Just like the sign, the existing constitution no longer adequately represents our congregation. Much has changed in the past 50 years that needs addressing including state laws regarding organization, the size of our community, and our newfound association with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. We expect to have a finalized draft for your approval at the annual meeting.

Speaking of 50 years, plans continue to be made for the 50th anniversary celebration. It's approaching quickly! What an amazing thing it is to recognize that God's hand has been at work through this special community for half a century. If you'd like to help with the celebration planning, please feel free to contact Hilde Ernsberger.

The council as a whole certainly looks forward to the celebration, and to another 50 years of fruitful service to this valley.

Blessings,

Ryan Metlen

Church Council: Hilde Ernsberger (president), Andy Dyroy, Mike McGeever, Ryan Metlen, Kevin Frandson, Rachel Swartz and Kisha Tate

Hands and Hearts

Hands and Hearts ministry serves not only our deployed troops, but we serve as an outreach to our community, as well. We are blessed to work side-by-side with members of other churches as well as volunteers who have no church family. This article is written by a member of Newhall 1st Presbyterian Church, one of a number of Presbyterians who regularly volunteer at Hands and Hearts.



It was at a Lutheran Social Services Coalition meeting that I first met Karolle and heard about Hands and Hearts. I have represented the Newhall 1st Presbyterian Church Mission Committee since the LSS Santa Clarita Community Care Center was originally established.

A providential series of events followed that introduction. Our son-in-law, Scott Headley, was being deployed to Iraq, so I asked if he could be included in the Hands and Hearts mailings. (Karolle just received the same request from Scott's mother, who is her foster sister.) Helping with packing seemed reasonable and I have been at the monthly Tuesday night packing events for nearly 3 years now.

My husband, Jeff, soon began attending packing nights when I assured him that there would be something to do and a great group of people to do it with! In fact, he enjoys it so much that he invited fellow Presbyterians Gary Kanagi and his 11 year old granddaughter, Lauryn to join in.

Gary comments that Hands and Hearts is kind of a feel good thing, that he is surprised at how many people come that have friends or family in the military and that he likes to be a part of such a nice group of people to be around. Gary and Lauren attend faithfully, as well.

Lauryn tells us, "I like Hands and Hearts because I know I am helping soldiers around the world." "I write letters at Hands and Hearts, I build towers of boxes that are to be filled and I sometimes get to fill the boxes, too."

Jeff and I agree completely with Gary's comments and have stayed on long after our son-in-law has returned safely home (and even retired from the Army). We value the work of Hands and Hearts and the opportunity to be a small part of this important Christ Lutheran ministry.

Carole Wheeler

Please join the diverse members of our community as we gather to share Jesus' love by supporting our soldiers with our letters, our prayers and Care Packages. We will gather in the Fellowship Center on Tuesday, October 18th from 7 – 8 p.m. and on Wednesday, October 19th from 9 – 11 a.m. Contact Karolle at hands_n_hearts@yahoo.com or call 255-3222 for more information.



New Bible Studies

Beginning Bible Study - 10 weeks on Revelation

Please join us upstairs in the Choir Room for a beginning Bible Study on the book of Revelation every Wednesday from 6:00 - 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome as we explore this book together! For more information, contact Elizabeth Abrahamson at elabrahamsom@gmail.com.

Early Bird Bible Study

If late evening Bible studies don't work for you, we'd like to invite you to join our Early Bird Bible Study Mondays from 6:30 am-7:30 am, in rooms 12/13 in the Education Building. Our first study will parallel the sermon series, Wilderness Wanderings. We will go deeper in to the text and discuss the message as we seek to incorporate God's Word into our daily lives. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Barbara Benforado at deanatncsigns@netscape.net

Good News for Every Season: A Study of Romans

We invite you to join the new weekly Women's "Seasons" Bible Study. We meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the home of Felicity Grover (28728 Darrow Ave., Saugus). Together we can grow in new ways by sharing the gift of friendship, encouragement and prayer support as we take steps to knowing God better and serving Christ, pursuing what makes for peace and mutual upbuilding (Romans 14:19).

For more information, contact Felicity Grover (661/714-9768) or Tammy Gordon (661/263-1963).



Community Outreach

Debbie Price

Director of Missions and Outreach

As we head into the holiday season, there is much to be done. There are many annual outreach opportunities available along with ongoing programs. The following is a list of our annual programs. If you are interested in participating and/or would like any additional information, please contact me, Debbie Price at: debbie@come2christ.com.

Make A Difference Day

Make A Difference Day will be held on October 22nd. It is the national day of doing good and is the largest community service event in the nation. Each year this event grows and this year promises to be the largest yet. The city will be assigning our team a site in our community that needs some love and attention. Sign ups will begin on the patio October 2nd. We look forward to seeing you all out there.

Fall Food Drive

Last year we partnered with Canning Hunger to provide "Boxes of Love" to those in our community that might not otherwise have the means to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Last year was such a huge success that we will once again be participating in this program. You can help by taking a box and filling it with the items requested on the shopping list that will be provided. We also encourage you to take an additional box to share with a friend or family member. Boxes will be available for pick up on October 30th and the collection of boxes will end on November 27th. If you know of an organization or family in our community that would benefit from receiving these boxes, please feel free to pass that information along to me.

Christmas 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. The first planning meeting will be held on October 16th in the Youth Center immediately following the 11:00 service. We will be providing a light lunch for those in attendance. If you are interested in being a part of this team please R.S.V.P to me by October 12th.

Santa Clarita & Sylmar Emergency Winter Shelters

The shelters will be opening their doors once again on December 1st. We will be providing and serving dinners for the clients that will be at the shelters and

Community Outreach, *cont'd*

I am looking for a couple of people to take the lead and plan the meals and to handle the sign ups for food and servers. If you are interested please contact me.

Children's Hunger Fund Holiday Gift Wrapping

This team heads down to CHF's warehouse 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 3rd. We do need to reserve a spot, so if you are interested, please contact me.



Our ongoing programs include:

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 helping to serve a meal or would like any additional 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 morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Sydney Herbert at gsydnej@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 in the morning on the first and third Wednesday, in the evening 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.

Harvest Program

We have recently added Mimi's Café to our weekly pick up of Starbucks. This team picks up products twice a week that are still good, but that the stores can no longer sell and takes them to a local organization to be distributed to those in need within our community. There is still plenty of room on this team if you are interested in helping, please contact Debbie Price at: debbie@come2christ.com.

Hope Gardens

Hope Gardens is a transitional facility that helps homeless women with children get back on their feet. They have a variety of opportunities available throughout the week and are in need of volunteers to work in the kitchen, tutor children and teaching classes, along with many others. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Brenda Klehn at: bhklehn@earthlink.net.

"IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN US, IT IS NOT OUR OWN; IT IS A GIFT OF GOD. BUT IF IT IS A GIFT OF GOD, THEN IT IS ENTIRELY A DEBT ONE OWES TO LOVE, THAT IS, TO THE LAW OF CHRIST. AND IF IT IS A DEBT OWED TO LOVE, THEN I MUST SERVE OTHERS WITH IT, NOT MYSELF."

MARTIN LUTHER

New Member Sunday!

On Sunday, October 16th, we will be welcoming new members into the CLC family during all three services.

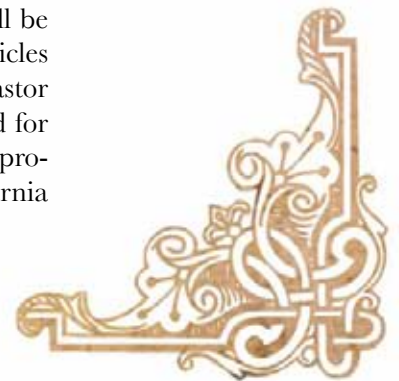
THIS LIFE THEREFORE IS NOT RIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT GROWTH IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT HEALTH, BUT HEALING, NOT BEING, BUT BECOMING, NOT REST, BUT EXERCISE. WE ARE NOT YET WHAT WE SHALL BE, BUT WE ARE GROWING TOWARD IT, THE PROCESS IS NOT YET FINISHED, BUT IS GOING ON, THIS IS NOT THE END, BUT IT IS THE ROAD. ALL DOES NOT YET GLEAM IN GLORY, BUT ALL IS BEING PURIFIED.

MARTIN LUTHER

The BBC Comes to CLC!

If you think you would enjoy looking at your favorite books through a biblical lens, a new book club, The Biblical Book Club or BBC, is starting at CLC! Our first book will be C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" from the series, "The Chronicles of Narnia". The first meeting will be held this Wednesday from 6:00 - 7 p.m. in Pastor Mike's office on the ground floor. All ages are welcome. Nursery care is provided for children under 3 years, older children may participate in the Wednesday evening programs. So pick up the "Chronicles..." and join us for an interesting walk through Narnia and the Scriptures!

Contact Esther Lepisto with questions: eflepisto@gmail.com.



Men's Breakfast

Our October 1st Men's Breakfast will feature Christ Lutheran Church member Michael Pin, MD.

Dr. Pin will present: *Men's Health from Head to Toe*.

Michael Pin, M.D., is the founder of Santa Clarita Advanced Medical Care. Dr. Pin was educated at Georgetown University, USC and UCLA. Dr. Pin has provided Family and Urgent Care in Santa Clarita Valley since 1983. Dr. Pin is a Board Certified Family Practitioner, a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice, an active member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Pin is on staff at Providence Holy Cross and Henry Mayo Hospital.

When: Saturday October 1st 7:30 am -9:00 am

Where: Marie Callender's Restaurant

Cost: \$12 Payable at the door. Includes buffet breakfast and coffee

Questions? mensbreakfast@come2christ.com



Moving On to Toddlerhood

Robin Hyland
Connected in Christ Coordinator

I thought it was pretty cool that the 5th anniversary of my baptism, October 22nd, just happened to be the same day as the 50th anniversary of CLC. My enthusiasm was dampened as most folks shrugged their shoulders: “And...” they seem to be thinking. I’ve been wondering when my Miss America-style sash of “Baby Christian” was going to wear thin. I guess it’s, well, right about now.

I have enjoyed my babyhood. I got to ask any silly question I wanted, and my wide-eyed naïveté seemed almost charming, “Isn’t that darling, she didn’t know that Jesus really rose from the dead, she thought it was just a metaphor, how cute!”. When I led worship using our VBS moves it was considered being youthfully-filled-with-the-Spirit. Never taking off my baptismal cross, so I remembered who I belong to, maybe seemed a little immature, but still precious. I guess it’s time to move on, time to mature.

But before moving on, I’d like to reflect on the past 5 years and note the journey thus far. I took a leap of faith when I became a Christian at age 43, a leap that baffled my secular family (still does!). We are told that “anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come”, so what exactly does that look like? It looks a little something like this: though I am recognizable on the outside, my insides have completely changed. I love and speak with God almost constantly, I view everything through a biblical lens, I see things in terms of God’s plan, I have a really hard time listening to secular music, watching secular movies,



and reading secular books or magazines (they give me a bad feeling in the pit of my stomach, seriously!), curses sting my ears, my favorite thing to do is sing praises to God, my dream is to be an evangelist, I love people, I don’t “believe in” evolution, I don’t fear death, and I have a sweet sense of peace even though things aren’t always optimal here on earth. I know I will spend eternity in heaven, and that is certainly “new” for me.

I assume the next phase, post-babyhood, is toddlerhood. Toddlers have a measure of independence (or at least they think they do), so they get out there and explore. They push the limits and make mistakes. The house definitely needs to be child-proofed and they’re going to cause some hair to turn gray! As for my toddler years, I want to learn Hebrew, I want to get a degree in Christian Apologetics, I want to lead worship on cruise ships! Too much? Possibly. I’ll let you know when I reach adolescence.



Worshipfest Benefit Concert October 21st

We are getting a CLC group together to take advantage of a great opportunity to see an excellent Christian band right here in the SCV! Trinity Classical Academy is pleased to welcome **DOWNHERE** (hit song - “Hope is Rising”) to Santa Clarita for the 6th annual **Worshipfest** benefit concert to be held on Friday, October 21 at Grace Baptist Church. Join families from all over the Santa Clarita Valley and enjoy an evening of family fun and great music. Tickets are \$20 each. Please contact Maryann Fernandez at madf@ca.rr.com to purchase tickets.



50th Anniversary

In the year 1961:

President Kennedy announced the creation of the Peace Corps.

Construction began on the Berlin Wall

And a Soviet astronaut was the first human to travel in outer space.

Famous people born in 1961 include: Eddie Murphy, Michael J. Fox, George Clooney, Princess Diana and President Barack Obama.

Kids enjoyed the games *Operation* and *Twister*. They read the new books: *Green Eggs and Ham* and *Where the Wild Things Are*.

They played with *Easy Bake Ovens*, *GI Joe* and *Etch A Sketch*, and Mattel introduced the Ken doll.

On the radio, you could hear songs like: *Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow* by the Shirrelles, *Blue Moon* by the Marcells and *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* by the Tokens.

Playing in the movie theaters: *West Side Story* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

Women copied Jacqueline Kennedy's bouffant hairdo and the big news in sports was Roger Maris hitting 61 home runs, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

50 years ago on October 22, 1961, 127 men, women, and children from the Santa Clarita Valley gathered at the Rollerama in Saugus to worship together as Christ Lutheran Church for the first time. Weekly this faithful group transformed a skate rink into a place of worship. As reported in the Signal on October 26, 1961 "The usual scene of skaters and soft colored lights was transformed to create an impressive pageant of dignified worship. Replacing the low rumble of spinning wheels and pop tunes were the powerful and spirited strains of hymns and anthems". Then in May 1963 they began the construction of their first church home on Market Street in Newhall and held their first worship service on September 15, 1963.

To honor and celebrate our 50th anniversary, Sunday morning services on Oct 23rd will include special music, speakers, tributes and introduce a new video.

Mark your calendar to be in church this day, Oct 23rd.

Then in May, we will hold a celebration on our campus with food, music, videos and special guest.

Please continue to watch the bulletin, newsletter and patio for updates on these events.

We truly believe God's Best is Yet to Come!

Congratulations to Mike Gabriel for submitting the design that was chosen for our 50th Anniversary logo! You will be seeing this logo, incorporating the new church logo designed by Rick Price, many times as we celebrate the gift God has given us; fifty years of worship together as a church family! Our theme, which helps us to focus on the future, is "God's Best is Yet to Come"

HARVEST FESTIVAL



HOSTED BY CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us on Saturday, October 22nd from 5:00 - 7 PM

Bring your favorite chili to share Hot Dogs and Drinks Provided

Press up the kids in their costumes for the Trunk 'N Treat in the parking lot!

They can get their candy baskets filled and enjoy the decorated cars!

Everyone is invited to decorate their car and hand out candy

Sign ups for the event begin Sunday, October 2 on the church patio

Everyone is Invited!



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 17 and 24 and the required reading involved. If you didn't receive a letter, please let Kathleen Kahovec know. First Communion will be November 6th at all three services.

The Sunday School Christmas Program will soon be upon us. The date has been set for Sunday, December 4th at 6:30 pm.



Kids' Church

At 11:00 am we offer Kids' Church for ages 3 – 6th grade. This is a great worship experience for kids. After children's time in the sanctuary with Pastor, the children are dismissed to Kids' Church in the fellowship center for songs, lesson, and lots of fun. Contact Kathleen Kahovec at 259-0200 ext 233 if you have any questions.

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 16. 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 Adventures has started with a bang of upper elementary students! We are off to a great start. Thank you for bringing your children. 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 16 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.





Youth Adventures Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

**November 5 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM
in the Fellowship Center**

Everyone is invited to attend this fun night
of good food and fellowship!

This event is organized and run by Youth Adventures to
help raise money for the El Camino Pines Retreat

Contact Linda Ferguson if you can help us with the dinner.

Junior High



Confirmation meets on Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm in the Youth Center

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. 233 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 Jr. High ministry.

9th Graders

We have two times to meet in the fall before Confirmation Sunday which will be October 30 at the 11am service. We will meet after third service on October 16. 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 25 at 6pm 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

Confirmation



High School Youth Group continues to have a lot going on this fall. We will enjoy Senior Night at Impact on October 4 where the Seniors lead Impact for the evening. Next month we will have Junior Night at Impact. All the juniors will be leading Impact on November 1. 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!

Impact will meet every Tuesday this month at 7:00 pm in the Youth Center. Don't miss Senior Night on October 4.

Saturday, October 22 is Make a Difference Day. The High School will be volunteering in the community. Watch the website and CLC youth Facebook page for more information.

COLLEGE + CONNECT

College Sunday school continues to meet each week at 9:30 am. The women meet with Sarah Carty upstairs in the Flex Office in the Worship Center. The men meet upstairs in the Choir Room in the Worship Center with Mike McGeever.

Preschool News

A Fall Song

by Ellen Robena Field

Golden and red trees
Nod to the soft breeze,
As it whispers, "Winter is near;"
And the brown nuts fall
At the wind's loud call,
For this is the Fall of the year.

Good-by, sweet flowers!
Through bright Summer hours
You have filled our hearts with cheer
We shall miss you so,
And yet you must go,
For this is the Fall of the year.

Now the days grow cold,
As the year grows old,
And the meadows are brown and sere;
Brave robin redbreast
Has gone from his nest,
For this is the Fall of the year.

I do softly pray
At the close of day,
That the little children, so dear,
May as purely grow
As the fleecy snow
That follows the Fall of the year.



The change of the seasons brings new activities and childhood energy to the preschool. We are even looking forward to picture day where the children dress in their finest and pose for an unforgettable snap shot with their friends and teacher. Of course Halloween costumes will dominate many conversations. Room 1 and Room 3 will enjoy their annual trip to Lombardi's Pumpkin Patch with the parents. Fall is a wonderful time in the school year.

You can now follow us on Twitter.

Chris Porrazzo, Director

October Birthdays

1 st Deven Gregoy Victoria Modugno Susie Pyle Zoe Sand Skylar Scherer	9 th Christine Dickerson Andrew Dyroy Sid Kirshner Sharon Wuerl	17 th Barbie Campeau Gary Gaudio Rob Sand	26 th Jennifer Dinardo Janelle Jankowski Madonna Randolph Thomas Sutherland Hazel Zack
2 nd Linda Bonar David Cheatham Jason Laibl Monica Payne Kristen Price Vicki Svendsen Scott Tenney	10 th Lucy Banduk Trudi Ernsberger Ryan Farrow Steve Ullman	18 th Richard Bellmore Chrystal Bouté Peggy Curtin Allison Miller Kathryn Schreiner Kurt Schreiner	27 th Barbara Anderson Sara Greaney Laura Liddle Mary Anne Post
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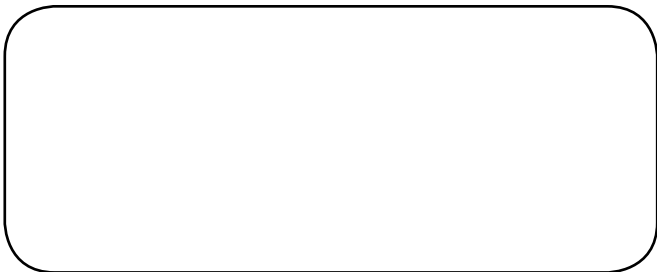


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