

# ChristLutheranChurch Connected

September 2010

*The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit*  
*John 3:8*



## Thoughts from Pastor Joe

I've been thinking lately about circuit breakers. There's a reason for that, and it's not because I'm Mister Handyman around the house. The truth of the matter is that Barbie doesn't really let me have any tools because she knows what disasters are likely to ensue if I'm allowed to use them.

The other day we ran into electrical problems at home. I was trying to move a dresser by myself in our spare bedroom and in the process I knocked it against the wall. A bright spark lit up the wall behind the dresser and at the same instant the upstairs lights went out. I checked behind the dresser and thought I must have crimped the wire that ran from the lamp atop the dresser into the wall receptacle. So I went down stairs and checked the circuit breaker – sure enough it had tripped. Thinking this was a simple solution, I reset the breaker...but no lights. Sam came over and we replaced the receptacle...but still no lights. That's when I figured I would need to replace the circuit breaker itself. And that was also when Barbie decided she should go on Facebook and conduct a little poll; should she let me blow up the house or should we call an electrician. The electrician won the vote. It wasn't even close.

At any rate, after replacing the circuit breaker (which I did myself, thank you, and the house is still standing) to no avail, we finally figured out that the problem was actually a light switch in the same area that I had also bumped. Power has been restored. But that got me to thinking about circuit breakers, and wondering to what extent, when it comes to God's power and plans, I am a circuit breaker that interrupts the flow of power, or a completion of the circuit that allows God's power to flow through me to others for his glory.

Maybe we all need to think about that. Jesus' promise is clear: *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you..."* (Acts 1:8). And in John Jesus says, *"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these..."* (John 14:12). We're meant to be the completion of the circuit. So what gets in the way of that...lack of faith? Unwillingness to believe that God wants to pour the full range of his power into us so that it can flow out of us to others? Hesitancy over getting caught up in something that potent?

So let me ask...are you more of a circuit completer or a circuit breaker?

There are plenty of ways to help complete the circuit this fall, as we head into our new program year. You can assist in worship...read a lesson, serve communion, help with ushering. Or you could join a Bible study or a small group where you not only study God's Word for your own life, but support others in their study and pray for each other, the community, and the world. You could join in some of our mission projects, or sing in one of our music groups. You could help with Sunday School, or youth ministry, or offer to visit one of our home-bound members. Or you could invite someone to worship with you, or share your faith with a friend. One thing you can't do is opt out of all of these opportunities, show up on an occasional Sunday, and take up space in the pews. I'm afraid that would make you a circuit breaker. And God means to complete his circuit through you.

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# Council Corner

I had my hair cut by a soon-to-be first time mother a few months ago. As our conversation progressed from talking about the weather to golf, she mentioned having recently moved to Santa Clarita from San Diego. As you would expect, we soon got to the subject of visiting churches. No, she hadn't yet. In fact, she kind of missed singing in choir at her Lutheran church! I paused, looked up and sent God the arrow prayer with a smile, "You're really setting this one up on a tee for me." After going over the opportunities at Christ Lutheran Church, our worship times, location and preschool, I thought something was still missing. If this were related to work, we all know what would most likely happen next. "Here's my card. Please feel free to give me a call." Stay tuned for more information on a new way to share.

When opportunities do arise to share our faith, are you prepared to relate what we at Christ Lutheran Church believe? Sounds simple enough – we believe in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Additionally, the Bible is God's written and inspired Word. But is there anything else? Absolutely! There are very specific core Lutheran beliefs from the Bible and the Book of Concord. Council has approved a statement prepared by our pastors on Christ Lutheran Church's core beliefs in the Trinity, the Bible, human nature, our salvation, the Church, prayer, Holy Baptism, Lord's Supper, living a changed life and the return of Christ.

Was there ever a glare and you couldn't quite see a face on the video screen? Or, have you noticed there seem to be some shadows in our sanctuary? Look up to the ceiling and you will see the reason - burnt out spot lights. It almost seems like a bad riddle. How many Lutherans does it take to change a light

bulb? Well, the answer isn't so much as how many but rather, what does it take. The lights are inaccessible using a ladder. This requires the rental of a boom lift. Although precautions have been taken to protect the floor, sometimes the weight of the lift has caused damage. Changing a light ends up costing approximately \$3,000. Since the winter of 2004, \$16,951 has been spent in changing these spot lights. Unfortunately, the problem won't go away. The existing spot lights have a life of only 300 hours. There appears to be a cost effective solution. Our council is evaluating the change out of these spot lights to computer controlled, low voltage, LED lights. LED lighting has an expected life of 10,000 hours. Payback in energy conservation is estimated between 4 and 5 years. Because the lights are computer controlled, many variable lighting scenarios are possible. This includes eliminating the need for special event, supplemental stage lighting rental. A cost effective, change in appearance could soon be taking place in our sanctuary.

We look forward to the resumption of our fall programs, activities and special events. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the council members regarding any of these or other ideas you may have.

Your brother in Christ,

Kevin Frandson

Church Council: Dave Burnett, Andy Dyroy, Hilde Ernsberger, Kevin Frandson, Mike McGeever, Karen Nelson and 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.***

# 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.

Hearing God	Tuesday, September 14, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Recognizing God	Tuesday, October 12, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Obedying God	Tuesday, November 9, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM
Trusting God	Tuesday, December 14, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM

No Experience Required! 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.



# Bible Study Opportunities

Do you want to get involved with others and have questions about what is in the Bible or what it means for your life today?

We want everybody to have the chance to be able to open the Bible with other believers. No matter if you are a Bible Marine or you have trouble figuring out where to start, we have a place for you.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Sunday	Adult	9:30 AM	Room 12	Hank Klehn
Sunday	Adult	9:30 AM	Conference	Bret Wims
Sunday (1st & 3rd)	Couples	6:30 PM	Off Campus	Bret Wims
Monday	Men's	7:30 PM	Room 11	Russ Laibl
Monday	Young Women	7:30 PM	Off Campus	Kisha Tate & Kelsey Abejon
Monday	High School	7:00 PM	Youth Center	Kathleen Kahovec
Monday (2nd & 4th)	Women's	7:30 AM	Off Campus	Jean Wims
Monday (every other)	Women's	11:00 AM	Room 12 & 13	Kathleen Kahovec
Tuesday	Men's	7:00 PM	Room 11	Walt Krego
Wednesday	Lutheran Studies	6:00 PM	Conference	Glen Warriner
Thursday	Women's	9:30 AM	Room 11	Lori Marshall/Sonja Speer
Thursday	Men's	6:30 PM	Room 11	Dirk Gardner
Thursday (2nd & 4th)	Women's	7:30 PM	Off Campus	Jennifer Kniss

If you have any questions about any of these small groups or if you are looking for something specific, please contact Pastor Mike (pastormike@come2christ.com or 661-259-0200 x25)

# From Pastor Mike

When we were getting ready for the birth of our son, one of the things that we learned about was the APGAR score. APGAR is a quick and easy way that the obstetrician determines the health of a newborn by assessing their Appearance (are they blue?), Pulse, Grimace (do they react to stimulus?), Activity, and Respiration. The idea is that you can take a quick ten second look to assess the newborn and see what care the child needs. If a baby is born that is having trouble breathing and blue all over, it needs serious care.

This month, Leadership Journal ran an article suggesting an APGAR score for congregations based on Acts 2 (tinyurl.com/25zlaf3)\*. It simply sets the baseline as the church was in Acts chapter 2:42-47:

*<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

If we are right where the early church was, we get two points in that category. If we are the spiritual equivalent of turning blue, we get zero points. Here is the table devised by Kevin Miller:

Practice	Zero points	One point	Two points
Apostolic Teaching & Worship ("They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.")	little or no devotion to these practices	moderate devotion to them	strong devotion to them
Power ("Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.")	few or no "wonders and miraculous signs" of God at work	occasional "wonders and miraculous signs" of God at work	many "wonders and miraculous signs" of God at work
Generosity ("the believers ... had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.")	people give, but with little sacrifice involved	people give, with some willingness to sacrifice	sacrificial generosity is frequent and characteristic
Association ("Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts")	little meeting together and sharing of meals beyond "church services"	occasional meeting together and sharing of meals	frequent and regular meeting together and sharing of meals
Reproduction ("... enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.")	rare or no addition of those who are being saved	occasional addition of those who are being saved	regular addition of those who are being saved

Take a look at the table and total the number of points. How do you think CLC scores? I'm guessing we come out at a 5, not perfect, but better than some other places I've been a part of. My question for you is this, what is your personal APGAR score? Are you walling yourself off from the places that God is at work within CLC or jumping in with both feet? Life is filled with choices. We can choose to pursue God where he is at or we can run away. This summer we have been reading through Genesis and looking at decisions that people have made when confronted with God. Some have been obedient, some have not. Use this as a tool to look and see where you are at.

Now, ask yourself, how can I grow closer to God? Have you been a part of anything other than going to worship on Sunday Morning? There are plenty of opportunities to get involved. There are tons of small group bible studies that you can join. We are having a new workshop once a month on hearing God. These are places you can plug in. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

\*Tiny URLs are a way of hashing a very long web address to something that people can type in without have to type an incredibly long web address. For instance, <http://www.christianitytoday.com/le/communitylife/churchlife/yourchurchapgar.html> becomes [tinyurl.com/25zlaf3](http://tinyurl.com/25zlaf3)



# CLC Women's Mission 2010

by Felicity Grover

On Monday morning, June 19, six women from Christ Lutheran Church entered the women's shelter at St. Johns in Sacramento. We didn't know exactly what to expect. A staff guided us on a tour of the shelter and she explained their mission. We learned that of the 115 spaces available to house women and their children, 65 were children and babies. Another 250 names were on a waiting list.

Posted on the wall we read a list of the shelter rules. Such as: Laundry room use is during your assigned time only. Every room will be cleaned and beds made daily. No belongings stored on the floor or under beds. All residents will be out of their rooms by 9 am, doors are locked until evening. No Television until after the dinner meal. All adult residents will participate in assigned housekeeping chores. These are just a few on the list. They seemed very strict, but necessary to maintain peace and order.

In the mornings the women and children had duties, training sessions and school. So we, the CLC missionaries, volunteered to work on supportive chores, such as: organizing and filing charts, rewriting the yearly calendar, computer data entry, scrubbing kitchen areas, organizing supplies, assisting with laundry needs, or sorting clothes in the warehouse of contributions. We prepared and served two of the meals, of all the chores perhaps this was the most fun because the residents were together and meals are a really jovial time.

The afternoons provided a greater opportunity to encounter

the women and children directly. We set up crafts of painting, coloring, and gluing the "Creation" coloring books, "God Loves" crosses, and Bible containing tote bags which not only the children enjoyed but the moms joined in and had a good time too. We sang songs, played games and shared the joys of gardening with them.

We learned of their sorrowful situations by observation, through other's comments and from them directly during our personal conversations. They went something like this:

That shy, introverted little girl, she's not 10 years old as she appears, she's 19...she has some issues.  
 I'm here with my 6 children...I have breast cancer.  
 I spent all I had paying for my son's legal expenses, then I lost my job and everything.  
 My baby and I were abandoned...after he ran up big debts and took what money we had left.  
 I ran away after he knocked my teeth out...4 of my 7 children are here with me.  
 I have a drug problem...

*Who can say how we affected these women, these children, these families... but we did our best to share God's grace by being helpful, joyful and kind. We laughed with them, read with them, spoke with them and we listened to them. We let them know we were praying for them. We tried to plant both the seeds of hope and Christ's love in their lives, even if all we could give was a welcoming smile.*

*One joyful visit was celebrated when a family returned to see two of last year's missionaries. They were so appreciative of the kindness and prayers*



## St. John's Women's Shelter - Sacramento

*they had received. Each shared a story of recovery and success in turning their lives around. They had gone back to school, gotten jobs, and were living together as a family in their own apartment. Praise God.*

*All six of us were truly blessed in those 3 days, by sharing in the lives of those lost and bewildered women and the hope provided at St. John's Shelter.*

- Charlotte Burruso

*While volunteering at the shelter there was one woman who touched my heart. This woman had 6 children all under the age of 9. She took her children and left her husband because of domestic violence. The day she left is the day she found out she had breast cancer. She told me she knew she was at this shelter for a reason. After being at the shelter for only a few days she met another woman who had to have a mastectomy due to breast cancer. This other woman was having a hard time coping and asked her how she deals with all the emotions. She said that she felt this was her chance to share her faith and that she had no worries because God has a plan. These ladies became friends and keep each other updated after doctor's appointments. I asked this woman what emotions she was going through and she told me "any emotion you can think of I went through but if you look at the big picture God placed me in this situation for a reason and I accept that." All of us struggle on a daily basis with obstacles in our lives; how we decide to react to these obstacles that can be a true test of our faith.*

- Amber Mueller

Thank you all for your prayers and support for our women's mission trip. We have many more stories to share which we hope to do in the near future. We gave away a teddy bear, made by our congregation, to every child under 6 years of age and Bibles

to the older children. We provided 216 polo shirts for school aged children and went shopping for much needed diapers. The tote bags that were also hand made by our congregation, were a huge success. Everyone loved them. Thank you! The following Scripture verse was written on each tote bag:

**"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."**  
1 Peter 5:7

When women and children come to St. John's they are at a point of crisis in their lives. At the shelter they are able to feel safe and discover the love and encouragement of Jesus as He walks with them through difficult days and leads them along the road to healing and hope. We give our thanks and praise to God for providing this wonderful shelter and giving us this opportunity to experience His blessings and amazing grace.

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91.1

2010 Women's Mission Team: Charlotte Burruso, Peggy Effertz, Bev Frandson, Felicity Grover, Cynthia Krego, Amber Mueller

Please Note: although it sounds impersonal, we have withheld the names of the women that we met for the sake of their privacy.

# Hands and Hearts

Knowing what your spiritual gifts are is helpful in giving us direction for serving God, but having the heart of a servant can be even more important. God often tests our hearts by asking us to serve in ways where we do not feel equipped. We've all heard about how God equips the called, not the other way around.

Six years ago I received an email suggesting I check out a particular web site. I clicked on the link to anysoldier.com, never suspecting how deeply my heart would be touched by what I read there.

Since that day in July of 2004, the tugging at my heart has never stopped. I mentioned it to a few friends and found that they too, wanted to reach out to the young men and women of our military. I kept thinking we would grow tired of it and want to move on, but the tugging continues on all our hearts.

You discover that while you may not be gifted for a particular task, you may be called to do it anyway. Yes, it's easier to do something if you feel gifted in that particular area and that's where you may feel drawn to serve. But God might have a different ministry in mind for you; sometimes it's simply where you're needed at the moment.

Hands and Hearts' ministry serves our deployed troops, offering daily individual



prayer support in addition to the Care Packages we send each month. We have been blessed by relationships fostered within the greater community as well as within our own church family as we gather to serve those who serve on our behalf.

You can find letters and photos on the new Hands and Hearts bulletin board in the Welcome Center. They are received from soldiers whose lives we have touched recently.

If you would like to share your faith with

a stranger, reaching out in God's love to them... have we got the ministry for you! All hands are useful; everyone is welcome.

Our next packing party will be on September 14th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. The following day, on Wednesday, the 15th at 9 a.m. we'll gather again to finish packing the boxes and see them on their way with a blessing. Please join us.

Questions? Contact Karolle at 255-3222 or [hands\\_n\\_hearts@yahoo.com](mailto:hands_n_hearts@yahoo.com)



*To Our Pastors and CLC Friends,*

*Our thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards and phone calls after the loss of our 2<sup>1/2</sup> weeks old grandson, Jason Vincent Biehahn Walline on July 14th 2010.*

*He was the most precious baby boy, loved by all. He will be cherished by all. He will live in our memories forever.*

*Thank you, he is with God now.*

*The Walline Family  
The Biehahn Family*



# Missions and Outreach

by *Debbie Price*  
*Missions Coordinator*

Outreach is such an important part of our ministry. God expects those who love Him to provide service to others and through this service, we become His hands. There are many opportunities available in which you can help:

**Santa Clarita Valley Emergency Winter Shelter** – This year the shelter will be moving its location to Newhall. They have acquired a couple of donated buildings which will allow them to expand so that they can accommodate more people this winter. We are putting together a team to go out to the new site and strip the siding off these buildings and then put up new siding. The dates are not set yet, but are tentatively scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends in September. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Dirk Gardner at (818)612-8779 or [dgard466@earthlink.net](mailto:dgard466@earthlink.net) or me.

Every year our congregation picks a week where we prepare meals and take them over to the shelter and serve them. If you have never done this before you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to work with those that are in need. I am looking for someone to head up this project along with people to prepare and/or serve meals.

**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 then taken to a variety of organizations that reach out to those in our community in need. The box needs to be emptied and dropped off at these organizations once a month. I am looking for an individual and/or team to take on this task.

**Starbucks Harvest Program** - Starbucks is now donating day old products to organizations that help those in need. We currently pick up from 2 locations on Monday and Thursday evenings and take these products to Help The Children. I am in the process of putting together a team that will share in the responsibilities of picking up and delivering these products.

**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 September 26<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Center immediately following the 11:00 service. We will be putting together a team to take on this annual event.

If you are interested in being a part in any of these outreach programs or teams or you would like additional information you can reach me at (661)259-0200 or [debbie@come2christ.com](mailto:debbie@come2christ.com). I am always open to ideas and other opportunities to serve, so if you have an organization that is special to you and you feel passionate about serving, please feel free to contact me.

Blessings,

Debbie Price, Missions Coordinator

*As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*  
*James 2:26*

# Do You Believe in God?



by Robin Hyland  
*Connected in Christ Coordinator*

## ***“Do you believe in God?”***

That was the question I forced myself to answer. After years of wishy-washy non-belief, of Oprah-esque solutions to life's problems, of self-help system after self-help system, I decided to make a choice. It was a nagging feeling of not behaving “ethically”. I mean, I prayed to “God” when I needed help, yet I never gave thanks when I received relief. It seemed unethical. So, I took a breath, and decided to figure out whether I believed in God or not. As I looked around at the world, it seemed obvious that there was beauty, order, design, and some sort of spiritual aspect to life. However, while searching for this particular answer, I pondered on how amusing it was that only humans question ethics, notice sunsets, enjoy music, or create works of art... “we're different from the other animals”, I noted. Hmmmm, isn't that what the Bible said? Not wanting to be suckered-in by this “Christian” thing, I figured I could be any religion I wanted, “maybe I'm Jewish”, I thought. After considering giving up the two Christian holidays I did celebrate, though in a secular way, I decided I'd skip over the Jewish thing and just really concentrate on learning about this Jesus fellow. After

a thorough investigation, I concluded Jesus is exactly who He said He is, the Son of God who sacrificed Himself...for me. Taking away my sins so that I would no longer be separated from God and could spend eternity with Him in heaven. The truth of Jesus was overwhelming, and I've tucked myself in to His loving arms ever since.

Certain things have followed from my “discovery” that Jesus is exactly who He said He is. Slowly but surely, my former worldview of ‘secular/evolutionary/naturalistic forces shaping human history’ has given way to believing that history as outlined in God's Word is...well...true. Why do I think that, considering not only the secular scientific culture would disagree, but much of the church would as well? Put simply, because I believe that Jesus is exactly who He said He is and He says it's true. Jesus quoted Scripture extensively when answering objections. Jesus took The Word literally. Only Jesus/God/the Holy Spirit were there at the beginning of Creation, I expect they know better than we puny humans as to how that all happened. I'm just going to go out on a limb and trust what God has to say about that matter...call me crazy.

Though it is far from the norm, I feel extremely blessed that I arrived at my faith from this awkward angle. Like an

infant, I am a sponge for information, learning new and exciting things each day. It's all new, it's all pure, nothing has become “ingrained”. But, having been brought up in it, my concern is the creeping of the world's ‘secular/evolutionary/naturalistic’ culture into the church. I know how destructive it can be. When we put the words of humans, as expressed in our culture today, before the Word of God we are doing exactly what Adam and Eve did in the Garden, rejecting God's authority. It has already proven to have dire consequences.

As we get back to our regular routines, I would urge you all to take time to sort through the things that our culture has ingrained in us. What ‘secular/evolutionary/naturalistic’ views do we hold on to out of habit? Are they at odds with God's Word? Are we more inclined to accept history as outlined by fallible humans than by God Himself? Do we allow God's Word to be our guide for our whole life or do we put our faith in a little box marked “Sunday” and keep it up on the shelf all week? Do we really believe that Jesus is who He said He is?

In short, do we believe in God?

# HIGH SCHOOL

What a great summer we had for the High School. Coming back from the Merced Mission trip, we have enjoyed being together on Tuesday nights for games, swimming, the beach and fellowship.

The Youth Center has been refurbished. Come and see the new space.



**Bible Study** – beginning Monday, September 13 we will meet for Bible Study in the youth center at 7:00 pm. We will enjoy snacks at 8:00 pm and fellowship time. Everyone is invited. Bring your bibles.

**Impact** has begun and meets every Tuesday night in the Youth Center at 7:00 pm. Bring your bible and a friend for singing, games, lesson, and small group time.

**Sunday Morning Sunday School** starts September 5 at 9:30 am in the Youth Center. Come early for donuts and fellowship. Bring your bible and a friend.

**River Rally** – We are invited to participate in the River rally clean up for the community on September 11 at 8:00 am. Meet at the church at 8:00 am and be ready to serve the Lord by serving in our community.

September 25 is movie & sundae night in the youth center.

**Senior Quilt Meeting** – All seniors and a parent should come to the quilt meeting to find out about senior quilts. Sunday, September 26 at 12:00 pm in the youth center after the third service.

# Children's Ministries

**Sunday School** – Sunday School is underway. Everyone is invited to attend. We offer Sunday School at 9:30 am for ages 2 – High school. Please make Sunday School a priority for your family. We miss you when you aren't here. In the fall we cover the Old Testament. Bring your bible, and you are encouraged to learn your weekly verses.

At 11:00 am this year we are offering Kids' Church for ages 3 – 6th grade. This will be just like our summer program where you go into church with your children. After children's time, they are dismissed to Kids' Church in the fellowship center. Contact Kathleen Kahovec at 259-0200 ext 26 if you have any questions.

**3rd Grade Bibles** – It is that time of year when our 3rd graders receive a bible of their own. Each year our congregation provides a copy of the Bible to each young person in third grade (and those older students who have yet to receive a Bible). We would like you to be a part of this tradition this year on Sunday, September 19 at the 8:00, 9:30, or 11:00 service.

To properly prepare for this important stepping stone in your child's life, we will hold a special session of "Using the Bible" on Monday, September 13 at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Parents wishing their child to receive a Bible should plan, with the child, to attend this session. We will spend our time that evening taking a brief tour of the Bible and talking about how to use it and get the most out of it.

**KOK** - This is a wonderful midweek program for our young children with games, craft, and bible lesson. We begin on Wednesday, September 8 from 6 – 7 pm. 3 year olds – 3rd grade meet in the Education Center. We welcome new children each week. Bring a friend! Dawn Diaz is in charge of KOK and can answer any questions you might have at 263-8697.

**Youth Adventures** – This is our midweek program for young people in 4th – 6th grade. We begin Wednesday, September 8 from 6 – 7 pm in the Youth Center. There will be lesson, games, singing, and small group time. Newcomers are always welcome and bring a friend! Linda Ferguson can answer any questions you might have about Youth Adventures at 296-0263.



# Junior High



## 7th Graders –

Upcoming Community Retreat at El Camino Pines  
September 17-19

You should have received all the paperwork in the mail for this one! It will be a great weekend of getting to know each other and how God wants us to be a community of faith together. Forms and money are due September 8.

Confirmation begins September 8.

## 7th – 8th Graders

Confirmation begins Wednesday, September 8

7:00 - 8:30pm

In the Youth Center

Bring a friend

Bring your bible

Questions? Call Kathleen Kahovec at 259-0200, ext. 26



## 9th Graders

We have two times to meet in the fall before Confirmation Sunday which will be October 31 at the 11am service. We will meet after third service on October 17. It will be an hour long meeting to discuss the 5 promises made during Confirmation. There is a mandatory meeting with Pastor Joe the Tuesday before Confirmation on October 26 at 6pm in the sanctuary. You will receive your robes at that time. Be sure to turn in your confirmation verse, full name, height and weight to Kathleen or email her with it at [Kathleenclc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kathleenclc@sbcglobal.net)

**Christ Lutheran  
Preschool  
Presents  
a Free Event!**

# **The Reptile Family**

**Wednesday, September 1**

**2 Shows: 10:10 and 10:50 AM**

**Space is limited - please RSVP to (661) 259-0302**





# September Birthdays

*1st*

Kim Altobello  
Barbara Walker

*2nd*

Vicki Anderson  
Jacky Bennett  
Nancy Schutz

*3rd*

Samuel Carty  
Sandi Jepsen  
Lindsey Kontra  
Christopher Mathewson  
Bruce Munster  
Mike Myers  
Grace Seper

*4th*

Orlando Gavilan  
Brian Greaney  
Celia Myers  
Nancy Tauber

*5th*

Emily Catalano  
Isabella Klein  
Alyssa Lapp  
Myriam Levy  
Wayne Schulze  
Stephanie Werts  
Jack Yacovone

*6th*

Hope Howland  
Shelly Jefferis

*7th*

Dillon Bouté

*8th*

Reagan Fernandez  
Spencer Rathkamp

*9th*

Mark Baroth  
Jackson Dow  
Keely Graybill  
Colin Jones

*10th*

Sam Florez  
Frank Gibbs  
Jen Rathkamp  
Bill Speer

*11th*

Jordan Bastin  
Tyler Heid  
Lara Henderson  
Steve Lemnah  
Mailiee Minitello  
Lee Weber

*12th*

Bruce Bernstorff  
Kim LeGassick

*13th*

Sarah Martinez  
Michael Rawls

*14th*

Rachel Chernos  
Morgan Ferguson  
Gabriella Klein  
Hudson Marks  
Mark Shreckengast  
Andrew Tiemann

*15th*

Hal Goldstein  
Michael Haro  
Esther Kloth  
Brian Loring  
Kristin McEwen  
Kim Pape  
John Pisaro

*16th*

Molly Miller  
Tim Shaner

*17th*

Sawyer de Los Reyes  
Don Duus

*18th*

Wayne Durand  
Kevin Eng  
Connor Griffith  
Kevin Hoyme  
Steve Miller  
Charles Powanda  
Tyler Scherer  
Trevor Tauber

*19th*

Henry Gabriel  
Kristin Stegeman  
William Stonefield

*20th*

Benjamin Allen  
Kari Nicolaisen  
Mary Elizabeth Terry

*21st*

Harry Bostwick  
Tim Lee  
James Mustain  
Michael Onuscheck  
Veronica Parkinson

*22nd*

Ron Butler  
Keirstin Fernandes  
Dirk Gardner  
Carrie Horton  
Joseph Martin  
Heather Miller  
Oliver Reams  
Kory Shaner

*23rd*

Elizabeth Benforado  
Presston Kennedy  
Joshua Matzek  
Bret Wims

*24th*

David Burnett  
Paul Gilbertson  
Kay Dee Johnson  
Brice Luther  
Erica Nelson

*25th*

Russ Laibl  
Terri Lincoln  
Isabella Provencio  
Lynne Putnam

*26th*

Zachary Allen  
Logan Chassman  
Olivia Dassler  
Jake Marshall  
Clare Muceniaks  
Stephen Volpei

*27th*

Rhonda Arima  
Elaine Benson  
Julie Shreckengast  
Clyde Smyth

*28th*

Sylvia Biss  
Kayla Colbert  
Bee Diederich  
Elizabeth Kirshner  
Linda Malbon

*29th*

Christian Clem  
Griffin Krumrine  
Ruthie Metlen  
Kirsten Nicolaisen  
Ryan Weitzel

*30th*

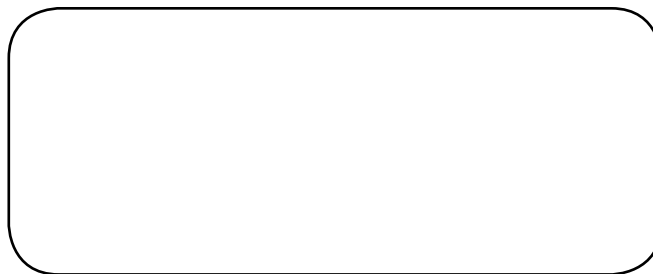
Amanda Daum  
Shane Huey  
Joel Nelson  
Nicole Rune  
Carolyn Schultz  
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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:  
8:00 - Traditional Worship  
9:30 - Blended Worship  
11:00 - Informal Worship  
Sunday School for all ages at 9:30  
Kids' Church at 11:00  
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# **Blood Drive**

## **Friday, September 10, 2010**

Christ Lutheran Church Fellowship Center

You may sign up with Brenda Klehn or online  
at: [www.clchurchgivesblood.org](http://www.clchurchgivesblood.org).  
Appointments are recommended, but  
walk-ins are welcome!