



Journeys

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God is With Us

As I write this article, I am preparing to take four wonderful 13 year old girls to the Middle School Youth Gathering in Anaheim, presented by Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and Conferences (LRCC). Together with the chaperone assistance of Ryan Kuester, these girls will experience three days of faith, fellowship, fun, and Disneyland! Yes, their ticket to the Gathering includes Disneyland admission, which will be decorated for Christmas and will serve to give the girls one more opportunity to bond together, have fun, and make memories.

In the hotel itself, the girls will join with hundreds of other middle schoolers from around the Pacifica Synod for high energy worship, skits, hilarity, and inspiring talks from Christians just a bit older than they are. They will join other kids as HUGE bounce houses, bean bag toss games, wheelbarrow races, and dance floors are brought in to line the hotel's banquet halls. They will experience a Jr., high paradise, middle school

heaven on earth. They will choose from fun and meaningful workshops, act silly, crazy, and goofy, eat a lot of junk food, play Giant Jenga, and come home Sunday afternoon exhausted, inspired, and finding Hotel Church to be an absolute blast! All the synod's chaperones will catch good long naps!

"They Shall Name Him



Which Means, God Is With Us."

life as usual? Or do we have theological reasons for doing what we do here?

We have theological reasons—and they have everything to do with Christmas. You know the story well. Jesus was born in a humble stable or cave, and placed among animals in a manger. The wonder behind that is that God descended to this earth. The great divine I

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Our Mission Statement

Striving to mirror Christ in word and action by reaching out to serve others!

Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, Dec. 17 at 9:30 a.m. service



Christmas Cantata
Sunday, Dec. 24 –ONE Service at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5, 8, & 10 p.m.



Christmas Day
Monday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.
ONE service only



Sunday, December 31
ONE Service only at 10 a.m.



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Congratulations for the Newly Elected 2018 Council Members and Assembly Voting Members

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PATHWAYS OF HOPE—LOOK WHO'S DANCING

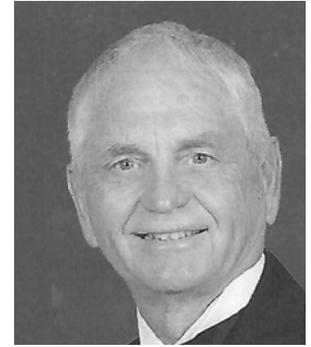


LOOK WHO'S DANCING

Fritz von-Collen will take the stage and dance his heart out to end hunger and homelessness! Will you support Fritz in his quest to feed the hungry

and shelter the homeless? You can help him win the trophy and raise funds for Pathways of Hope.

Visit pathwaysofhope.us/LWD where you can buy tickets. Cost is \$50 to see Fritz perform ion a spectacular show! \$1 = 1 vote for Fritz! Sponsor Fritz and receive Ad space in the event program, VIP seating and more!



Angel Tree

Again this year we will have the Angel Tree to provide Christmas gifts to be donated to La Habra Community Resources Care Center. We will have tags for you to take for children from infant to 16 years, both boys and girls.

As always, the tree will be up near the Thanksgiving holiday, so you can start your planning and possibly your shopping now.



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Am emptied down into a body made of flesh and bones, muscles and sinew. This changed all things for all time. God became incarnate to show us that God ALWAYS becomes incarnate. God is not way up in the clouds, or a wispy breeze or a disembodied idea. God lives in us, in flesh and bones, in muscles and sinew. God is in the stuff of this world!

Did you know that St. Paul sends all kids to camp at half price? St. Paul pays half of every kid's camp or local youth gathering, and a good portion of their distant ones, too. We also have scholarship funds for families in need. We at St. Paul value kids and want them to grow and experience God's love. We want them to experience the love of friends, mentors, teachers, pastors, and the larger Church, because love is from God, and God is right here. We want

them to bounce and play and ride Space Mountain, because joy is from God, and God comes to meet us in this world. They experience fun and laughter and friendship because all of those things are incarnate signs of their ever-incarnate God, meeting them in the wonder of life, and in the beauty of this world.

Thank you, St. Paul, for always supporting our youth, for sending them to the Middle School Youth Gathering and other camps, conferences, and gatherings. Thank you for giving them a taste of the incarnate God, Jesus, who meets them in this wonderful life. Merry Christmas!

Pastor Stephanie

Journeys Newsletter and Compass Bulletin Deadlines

Articles for Journeys is by noon on the 15th of each month, Compass deadline is by noon on Monday for the following week's bulletin. Please e-mail your information to Lori Seargeant at stpaulfullerton@gmail.com

Journeys is now being printed professionally, saving St. Paul L.C. an estimated \$2500 a year in printing costs. We would like to thank our newsletter sponsors. Please show your support by giving them your business.



Updates from our Interim Lead Pastor

Retailers are selling Christmas decorations and gift items. Christmas music is on the radio. Christmas trees are available. All around us businesses, media, and people tell us that, ready or not, Christmas is coming and will soon be here. Many of us are making Christmas plans. **What are your plans for Christmas? What does Christmas mean to you?**

Advent Thoughts

In the face of this rush toward Christmas, we are also at the start of a new church year with the season of Advent. Advent is a time when we take a step back and slow the rush toward Christmas by recalling that Jesus came, comes, and will come again. Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the coming of the anointed one, the Messiah, the Christ, who is the savior of humanity and all creation.

The word Advent brings together two Latin words, which can be translated as “coming towards” us. God comes to us and meets us in the person of Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of hope, the color blue, active waiting, and pregnant anticipation. We anticipate and expect Jesus’ coming and his coming again. So we wait, prepare, and daily look for sightings and experiences of Jesus.

Jesus comes, meets, and enters our lives and creation in many ways. We recall that first Christmas when Jesus became human and incarnated God’s forgiveness, love, mercy and grace. Today, we look for and experience Jesus in many ways, such as at worship, among fellow Christians, in bread and wine, in prayer, while reading the Bible, in sing-

ing, through service, in expressions of love, in relationships, while on retreat, in nature, in the church, and even among people who have been marginalized and viewed as outcasts. Look back and recall the ways you have experienced and seen Jesus. Our experiences of Jesus today are a foretaste, a glimpse of God’s kingdom and of Jesus coming again. We look ahead in anticipation of Jesus’ return.

Jesus comes and is present among and in everyone of us and our lives. Use this Advent season as a time to receive and experience Jesus anew for personal renewal, congregational renewal, and to deepen Jesus’ relationship with you. Be on the look out for Jesus.

To assist you in being attentive to and in noticing Jesus during this Advent season, the Advent devotional, *Love Come Down*, produced by Lutheran Hour Ministries, will

be available in the entry area (i.e., narthex) to the worship area and the church office. In addition, I encourage you to try out a new spiritual discipline or to expand your present spiritual discipline.

If you want to converse about Advent, or share Jesus stories, you are welcome to contact me.



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Christmas Thoughts

For Christmas, I want you look up one word, incarnation. Here are three questions to guide your consideration and reflection on the word incarnation and the incarnation we experience and know through Jesus Christ, especially during Christmas.

- What does incarnation mean to you, especially when you think about Jesus?
- In what ways have you experienced the incarnation?
- What does the incarnation say and tell us about God and God's relationship with us?

The Christmas season is a wonderful time to consider the incarnation and the meaning of Jesus. If you want to engage in a conversation about Christmas, incarnation, or about Jesus, you are welcome to contact me.

Other Thoughts for Your Consideration

"One of the essential paradoxes of Advent: that while we wait for God, we are with God all along, that while we need to be reassured of God's arrival, or the arrival of our homecoming, we are already at home. While we wait, we have to trust, to have faith, but it is God's grace that gives us that faith." — Michelle Blake

"The birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it." —Frederick Buechner from *"Listening to Your Life,"* Christianity Today, Vol. 37, no. 15

"What good is it that Christ was born 2,000 years ago if he is not born now in your heart?" —Meister Eckhart

Concluding Comments

The angel said to her [Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:35-38 nrsv)

As a reminder, here are the five developmental tasks for intentional interim ministry:

1. *Understand and accept the congregation's history*
2. *Renew the congregation's sense of mission*
3. *Manage shifts in leadership*
4. *Experience and strengthen denominational linkage and relationship*
5. *Commit to new directions in ministry in preparation for new pastor*

As we progress through this congregation's transition, I plan to share information about these five developmental tasks with you. Keep in mind that this transition marks a new beginning for St. Paul Lutheran Church, which will result in change.

I again want to emphasize I keep an open door at the church office. If you have questions or want to converse about what I have written in this col-

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umn, about this interim ministry, about St. Paul Lutheran Church, about this congregation’s mission and ministry, or about your ministry, you are welcome to contact me or come to the church office. I am interested in meeting you and in engaging you in conversation.

Finally, I ask you to read the Transition Team update article in this December 2017 issue of Journeys. Also, when the Transition Team extends an invitation for all St. Paul folks to participate in various activities and events, I urge your participation. Your participation is vital to this congregation’s discernment and eventual call process because I have observed and learned that God works and

speaks through these processes. The transition process moves forward.

God’s guidance, support, and wisdom be with us all in this time of discernment and transition.

In anticipation and hope in the coming Jesus Christ,



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Transition Team Update

Now that we have completed the Casual Conversations, we hope you all are looking at the Word Clouds on the sanctuary walls and adding your notes. That’s what the post-it pads and pens in the well at the bottom of each stained glass window are for. Be sure to add any additional thoughts generated by the Word Clouds.

The Transition Team is working on the next steps in this process:

Congregational Survey

A survey is being developed to more specifically flesh out the themes generated by the Casual Conversations. Both computerized and paper copies of the survey will be available. The point is – we want all of you to take the survey. It will help our call process enormously. Kathleen’s graduate students have agreed to help with a few “survey

events” we have planned for Sunday mornings in December and early January. They will be on hand to guide you for those who would like help with either the computerized or written version of the survey. Target date: mid-December through early January.

Historical Timeline

Five decades of St. Paul history will be on this timeline. Similar to the Word Clouds, each decade will be mounted on poster board and placed on the walls of the sanctuary for your input. **Target date:** mid-December through early January.

St. Paul Historical Celebration

It’s helpful to know where we have been to better understand where we want to go. Sunday, February 25, will

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Mental Health Awareness

Look around you. Listen. Everywhere there are signs of Christmas and the happiness it brings. Music wafting here and there. Resplendent trees decked out in finery and sentimental objects. Creches pronounce the coming of the Christ Child. Children in line to laugh or cry on Santa's lap. Greens, ribbons, carols, special services at church, children's programs at school, parties, presents. All bringing us joy and mirth!

In the midst of the happiest season of the year, it is also not uncommon for some people to be struggling to keep their lives or the life of a loved one together.

- ◆ Some are facing the season after losing a loved one this year and the overwhelming emotions that brings.
- ◆ Folks can be worried about having a "nice Christmas" for everyone if only the budget will reach.
- ◆ Teens may be concerned about the not-so-good grades having fallen this quarter or a "friend" who's been bullying them.

- ◆ Maybe there's a veteran friend having difficulty getting reincorporated into home society.

People want everyone to be happy. Suppose, though, there's someone in your life who's having trouble being happy. This is a very hard season to be among the sad who can't seem to bring themselves out of the doldrums. We can be accepting, non-judgmental, and supportive, but our attempts to help are not always enough. It may be time for that person to get some professional help.

The following pages (Pages 8-9) are supplied for your reference. There are resource groups, websites, support groups. Please keep these pages. Also, Pastor Bill and Pastor Stephanie are eager to help and to give you local sources. Perhaps it's even time for you to take the lead in restoring your own well being by joining that support group you heard about or see in these pages.

God be with you and your loved ones!

Submitted by Sara Jimenez

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be **St. Paul History Day** featuring a guest speaker at worship service followed by an old-fashioned Lutheran potluck packed with stories, memories and fun. It's an opportunity to celebrate our history together as we turn our attention to the future. **Firm Date: Sunday, February 25.**

Other events are also in the works; announcements with specifics will be forthcoming as plans develop.

The Transition Team is grateful for your participation, your input, and your patience as we execute this process. We are all in this together – thanks be to God.



HEALTH MINISTRY PAGE

Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,* whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.



Resources for Mental Health

Crisis Resources

Centralized Assessment Team - a program of the Orange County Health Care Agency – Behavioral Health Services. CAT provides emergency psychiatric evaluation services to the community. If an individual is assessed with a serious mental health condition, the CAT can facilitate a 72 hour psychiatric evaluation (5150) at a nearby hospital. (866) 830-6011 or (714) 517-6353 (available 24/7)

Child Help USA – Crisis line helps both child and adult survivors of abuse including sexual abuse and provides treatment referrals – 1-800-4ACHILD (1-800-422-4453)

Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Hotline (24 hours per day – 365 Days/year) – 1-877-727-4747

Emergency - 911

NAMI OC Warm Line – (714) 991-6412

National Suicide Prevention Hot Line (24 Hrs/day – 365 Days/year) – 1-800 – 273 – TALK

New Hope Crisis Counseling Hotline– offers live counseling at www.newhopenow.org or (714) **NEW Hope** (714 – 639-4673)

Orange County Crisis Triage – Emergency Only – (866) 830 - 6011

Veteran's Crisis Line – 1-800-273-8255 – Press 1

Services

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry – www.aacap.org

Children & Adolescent Mental Health Services – ssa.ocgov.com or (714)-834-5015 (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., M-F)

County Behavioral Health Information and Referral – Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (855) 625-4657 or (714) 834-2332

NAMI – Orange County provides emotional support, education, and resources for families and those affected by mental health conditions. www.namio.org or (714) 991-6412

Orange County 211 (Dial 211–toll free)–Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Legal Assistance, Housing & more.

OCLinks - 1-855-OC-Links (625-4657) Information and referral service to help navigate the Behavioral Health Services System within the Health Care Agency in Orange County.

Orange County Mental Health Clinic – Provides mental health care on a walk in basis. Call for appointments, times and directions, (714) 834-4707 or www.ochealthcare.org

Orange County Psychiatric Society – Local chapter of the American Psychiatric Association. Represents psychiatrists and includes reference resources. (949) 250 - 3157

Education, Advocacy & Support

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – www.afsp.org

Depression Bipolar Resource Center – St. Joseph's Hospital – (714) 744-8718

Depression Bipolar Support Alliance – www.dbsalliance.org

Know The Signs – Education on recognizing the signs of suicidal thoughts. www.suicideispreventable.org

Mental Health America - Mental Health America (MHA) – founded in 1909 – is the nation's leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to addressing the needs of those living with mental illness and to promoting the overall mental health of all Americans. Advocacy, education, activism, grass roots action. www.mentalhealthamerica.net

Mental Health Association of Orange County - The Mental Health Association of Orange County is dedicated to improving the quality of life of Orange County residents impacted by mental illness through direct service, advocacy, education and information dissemination. (714) 668-1530, www.mhaoc.org

NAMI – Orange County provides emotional support, education, and resources for families and those affected by mental health conditions. www.namioc.org or (714) 991-6412

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – Federal agency with education and resources - www.samhsa.gov

Suicide Prevention Resources Center - www.sprc.org

The National Institutes of Mental Health supports research on anxiety disorders, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Autism Spectrum Disorders, Bipolar Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorders, Depression, Eating Disorders, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Obsessive – Compulsive Disorder, panic Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Schizophrenia, Social Phobias, and Suicide Prevention. Information on mental health can be found at <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/index.shtml>

Walk in Our Shoes – Lived experience and resources for youth - www.walkinourshoes.org

Veteran's Resources

Long Beach Veteran's Administration Hospital

Mental Health Treatment Center – Gateway for mental health treatment - contact triage nurse at (562) 826-5737

Outpatient Psychiatry Program – (562) 826-5603

Substance Abuse Treatment Center – (562) 826-5610

The Program for Traumatic Stress – (562) 826-8000 (x 5308)

Women's Mental Health Center – (562) 826-8000 (x4919)

Other

Soldier's Project – Connects post 9/11 combat veterans with mental health services – (818) 761-7438

Strength in Support – Provides confidential mental health services to military and veterans. (949) 505-5015 x 106/102, www.StrengthinSupport.org





Women
of the
ELCA

December
2017

WELCA—Happenings

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE CHRISTMAS TEA

Sunday, Dec. 3 @ 2 p.m.

Our theme this year is
"Be a Light to the World"



The WELCA Christmas party will be at the home of Pam Montgomery this year on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. ALL women are invited to attend and feel free to bring a friend if you so desire. Here is what we need from you: Please bring a dish and a beverage of your choice to share. (AKA pot luck) We will have an optional gift exchange – usually to do with Christmas (decoration of some sort) NOT to exceed \$20 in value. Two steals and it's yours – can be a bit of a rough and tumble but all in good fun. Please join Esther Circle in a night of laughter and libations! Questions call Pam – (H) 714-526-6417 (W) 714-526-7001 (C) 714-348-5929

Now onto daily business ~

We have 5 active circles which meet monthly - please feel free to contact a circle leader for more information and give it a try—circle meetings usually have a short bible study, lots of fellowship and work on various outreach projects during the year.

Circle Leaders ~

Dorcas Circle

Donna Austin - 2nd Tues. @ 7 p.m.

Elizabeth Circle

Judy Christopher - 4th Wed. @ 9:30 a.m.

Esther Circle

Diane Collins - 1st Tues. @ 7 p.m.

Rahab Circle

Greta Goellrich - 3rd Thurs. @ 7 p.m.

Sarah Circle

Sheila Richards - 4th Mon. @ 7 p.m.

Current WELCA Board ~

President - Diana Bock

Vice President - Janet Kitchen

Secretary - Leah DeSoucy

Treasurer - Marilyn Minnich

Mission Action - Ardis Carroll

Mission Community - Sue Bedell

Mission Growth - OPEN

Newsletter - OPEN

Cheer - Sally Moore

Heartline - Annette Nygard

Good Sam - Janet Kitchen & Sue Bedell

WELCA Programs - OPEN

Member at Large - Always open

Board meets the 1st Wed. of the Month at 9:30 a.m. **Everyone is Welcome!**

WELCA is always looking for new members and new ideas! Please *prayerfully* consider joining the board or a circle ~ you won't regret it!! You are welcome to contact me or any board member if you are interested or have questions.

Blessings!

Diana Bock - WELCA President

COFFEE PREPARATION:

December — Dorcas Circle



Elementary Youth

Sunday School—Power Hour is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am worship service.

Christmas Party—SPY Lites will join Jr. High and High School Youth for a cookie frosting/ gingerbread decorating Christmas party! Sunday, December 10, 11 am.



Christmas Pageant —is to be held at the 9:30 service on December 17th. Come show your love and support to all the kids!

Living Nativity —will take place December 22 from 5:30-7:30 pm. All youth (and parent help!) welcome! We have costumes for everyone and hot chocolate and cookies to share.

Middle School Youth

Sunday School Class — Every Sunday during the 9:30 service, middle school students are welcome to sit together and leave the sanctuary with Ryan Kuester following the sermon, to discuss the sermon and scripture passages for the week.



Religious Education— Confirmation classes meet every Wednesday evening at 5:00 pm for all 7th and 8th grade students. We study the Scriptures, play games, develop great friendships, and engage in the community with service. We are now studying Lutheran/ Reformation history. Participants also have the opportunity to meet regularly with an adult mentor to discuss matters of faith and life. Please see Pastor Stephanie or Ryan

Kuester with questions or if you would like to participate. Students can join in any time.

Fellowship and Fun—The Jr. High group meets with the High School group twice a month for spiritual formation, fellowship, and fun. One of these days will be a Sunday afternoon, and one will be a mid week activity. Look for sign-ups in the Narthex, and bring a friend!

Christmas Cookie and Gingerbread Decorating Party! —December 10, 11 am.

Service —Join us Saturday, December 2 for a morning of service for our hungry neighbors! 8:30 am, Richman Elementary School in Fullerton. It is God's work with our hands! Kids, friends, and parents welcome to help serve.

High School Youth

Sunday School Class - Every Sunday during the 9:30 service, high school students are welcome to sit together and leave the sanctuary with Michelle Kuester following the sermon, to discuss the sermon and scripture passages for the week.

Fellowship and Fun — The High School group meets with the Jr. High group twice a month for spiritual formation, fellowship, and fun. One of these days will be a Sunday afternoon, and one will be a mid

week activity. Look for sign-ups in the Narthex, and bring a friend!

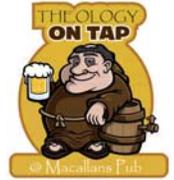
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Youth Page

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join Pastor Stephanie and Pastor Bill as we discover what theology ("God talk") has to say to us. In true Martin Luther style, we meet in a pub - Macallans, 330 West Birch Street, Brea. Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 19 at 6:15 pm.



FAITH EXPLORATIONS

We break for a month as we celebrate Advent and Christmas. New studies to come in January!

Back to the Well—Friday Bible Study

How did women relate to Jesus? How did Jesus relate to women? Join us as we explore the stories of New Testament women and see our own relationship with Jesus in a new way. We are using the book, *Back to the Well: Women's Encounters with Jesus in the Gospels* by Frances Taylor Gench. This study is held on Friday mornings 10 am, led by Pastor Stephanie - for both women and men. We conclude on December 8, and meet for a potluck Christmas party at the home of Dolly and Raul Valdivia on December 15.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study Continues

Start your Tuesday with a blast of the Holy Spirit. Come to the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study. All men are invited to this study and experience God among us.

What are the stories of the early church? Who were the apostles? What did congregational life look like in the early church? Who were Peter and Paul? What were the struggles among the early Christians?

The Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study gathers at 6:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast is provided. We are studying the Acts of the Apostles. Bring your Bible. To guide our study, we are using a study book titled, *Acts*, which is part of the NavPress Life Change Series. Copies of this book are available at the church office or at the Bible study. Also,

you are welcome to read ahead in the book of Acts.

Pastor Bill Wong helps lead this study. No prior Bible study experience necessary. Come and bring your desire and willingness to learn, to be open to God, to share your insights, and to be a part of this fellowship.

During December, this Bible study will gather on Tuesdays, December 5 & 12. Because of Christmas and New Year's Day, this Bible study will be on holiday on December 19 & 27 and January 2, 2018. The Men's Bible Study will resume on January 9, 2018.

Again, all men are invited. Come and experience God's presence and word among us.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION

October 31 marked 500th anniversary of Luther nailing the 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Join Phillip Cary (Ph.D. in Philosophy and Religious Studies from Yale University and Professor of Philosophy at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania) on a DVD journey

through the life, thought, and lasting impact of one of the most influential people of the last millennium, MARTIN LUTHER.

Time: Sundays (10:30-11:30am)

Where: Fellowship Hall

Led by Eric Lape



Longest Night Christmas Service

Join us at St. Jude Hospital Chapel as we remember those who suffer, miss loved ones, and grieve for any reason this holiday season. Please come to this beautiful and meaningful service if you want a special time to remember and pray for your departed loved ones. This service is also broadcast into every hospital room at St. Jude. December 21 at 7 pm.

New Year Resolutions and Stewardship

Our Stewardship awareness campaign begins in 2018. Beginning the first week in January we will be trying something new. The event announcements usually on the back of our Sunday morning attendance slips will be replaced by:

With gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed on me, as part of my weekly stewardship:

This week I will pray for _____.

This week I will use my talents to _____.

This will be an opportunity to commit your individual “time” and “talents” for something specific each week. This is a time for you to make a personal/confidential promise with

God for the upcoming week. It can be as simple as a phone call to a long lost friend, a “God Bless” to a favorite cashier or wherever the Spirit leads you. The slips will be taken to the altar along with any monetary gifts as part of our weekly offerings.

The “treasury” or financial aspect of stewardship will be presented beginning in mid January and building to Consecration Sunday on February 11, 2018 – save the date – there will be one worship service with a guest speaker followed by a catered meal. The program is based on the “New Consecration Sunday” program authored by Herb Miller.

As we begin the new year please give some thoughtful discernment of your stewardship commitment for 2018.

Blair Giboney
Community Minster

Notes and Notices

A HUGE thanks to all who came shopping at our Rummage sale/Boutique!! We had 20 sellers and the weather was just perfect! WELCA worked hard to clean out closets of items that hadn't been used in years. We made about \$960 from sales and rental of parking lot spaces to vendors. We couldn't have done it without these wonderful people who helped to make this event successful—thanks to: Lori Seargeant, Diane Collins, Kathy Peters, Sara Falk, Janet Kitchen, Norm Johnson, Rick Stone, Sally Moore, Ning Amante, Barb Meyer, Donna Austin, Carol Schumaker, Karen Allen, Diana Bock and Sue Bedell. And of course hugs and kisses go out to our 2 super supportive husbands, John & Mark, who did an amazing amount of work over several days. Thanks everyone /s/Linda Kelton and Leah DeSoucy



HEALTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE—has a registry of medical, at-home equipment available for loan. If you have something you wish to loan or if you need to borrow something, contact Sara Jimenez at 858-254-2848. Please note that we do not have space to store the equipment.

BEEN TRAVELING?? —Took some of those freebie toiletries??If you have small size soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions, etc. and need a good place to put them to use, consider donating them to the basket in the Narthex. They will be donated to the Homeless through Pathways of Hope.

2018 FLOWER CHART—Is now in the narthex. If you would like to donate altar flowers for Sunday Worship, please fill out a dedication form and place it and \$25 in the offering plate or return to the church office. No more than 2 per Sunday, please.



CARDS— Thank you to everyone who left cards in the narthex for me. I really appreciate it. If you have someone in the congregation you think should receive a card, please email Sally Moore at we2moores@earthlink.net or call the church office at 714-879-8290. /s/ Sally Moore

COLLECTING ANY OCCASION GREETING CARDS FOR CAMP PENDLETON

Can you help????? Camp Pendleton is collecting ANY type of greeting card for ANY occasion or holiday (even blank cards) to be sent to our military men and women serving over seas for them to use for family and friends since they don't have access to card stores where they are stationed. Card donations can be placed in a basket in the Narthex labeled "Cards for the Military"--if you have any questions contact Cindy Von Coelln (cindysenften@yahoo.com)

GREETERS, READERS & ACOLYTES

Greeters

	8 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
Dec. 3	Blair Giboney Mark DeSoucy Leah DeSoucy	Bonita Hix Honey Leas Barbara Littrell	Joyce Wolf
Dec. 10	Wayde Schatz Alice Schatz	Fritz Von Coelln Cindy Von Coelln Shelia Richards Dale Richards	Bob Buhl Anna McDonnel
Dec. 17	Janet Kitchen Daryl Braun Sherry Braun	Rick Stone Dawn Stone Suzy Young Sue Weaver	Joyce Wolf

ONE SERVICE at 10 a.m.

Dec. 24	TBA
Dec. 31	Todd Shaw Maria Shaw Doug Strom

Readers

Dec. 3	Leah DeSoucy	Dawn Stone	Joyce Wolf
Dec. 10	Sara Jimenez	Cindy VonCoelln	Lawrence Stark
Dec. 17	Martha Huff 5 p.m.	Tom Pankow 8 p.m.	Evelyn Bryeans 10 p.m.
Dec. 24		Carol Pankow	Laurin Peters
Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.		Pearl Mann	
Dec. 31 at 10 a.m.		Caitlin Peters	

Acolytes**

Dec. 3 — Bakken
Dec. 10 — Beining
Dec. 17 — Day
Dec. 24 — Farais
Dec. 31 — Holden

***If your child would like to serve as an acolyte, please contact Pastor Stephanie. If you are unable to attend church on the date you are scheduled please reach out to someone else on the list. You are more than welcome to swap Sundays.*



St. Paul takes the trophy for October. But the hungry reap all the rewards! St. Paul LC - 4883.2 oz; FFUMC - 2878.0 oz.; UUC - 2022.4 oz.; St. Andrew LC - 1128 oz.; Fullerton LDS - 338.7 oz. For a grand total of 703 pounds of peanut butter collected for our communities. Great job all! **December challenge will be canned meats.**



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those in extended

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in assisted living:**

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La Habra, CA 90631-7374
714-871-4916

Dee Ermes
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Fullerton, CA 92835-3552
714-256-5915

Janeen Ostby
11918 Central Ave.
Chino, CA 91710
909-548-2100

Floyd and Virginia Seifert
c/o Helena House1
3762 Palace Way
Tustin CA 92780

Celette Vanderford
15538 Mottley Dr.
La Mirada, CA 90638-5463
714-521-0614

Yvonne Winston
805 W. Glennwood Cir.
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714-446-8845

*Drop them
a note or visit!*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

**STRENGTH, HEALING, COMFORT, MERCY,
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**—For the United
States of America & the World—God Bless America

HEALING

Russ Holden	Gordon Solomonson
Jay Tesch	Celette Vanderford
Charles Austin	Dee Ermes
Natalie Reggio	Martha Huff
Rose Lloyd	Jesse Meyer
Frank Christopher	Karen Legel
Harold McDonnell	Nancy Jordan
Janice Noren	Rachel Bedard
Wilfred Strauss	Bob Wolf
Babette Smythe	Sandy Canlas
Margaret Swanson	Leslie Richardson
Veronica Sandoval	Thomas Sandoval
Sue Weaver	Jack Bedell
Daniel Meyer	Ada Gaughan & Family
Chuck & Sharon Tate	
Floyd & Virginia Seifert	Betty & Don Reid
Robert & LaVerne Francis	
Kevalleen & Dennis DeBolt— <i>Sister & Brother-in-Law of Kathy Peters</i>	
Pastor Bob & Dot Westerhoff— <i>Friends of Kathy Peters</i>	
Michael Heinle — <i>Husband of Kathy Peters' niece</i>	
Joe Stok— <i>Father of Sue Coopman</i>	
Cele & Kim Obuch — <i>Friends of June Bosley</i>	
Kim Bowden— <i>Family of June Bosely</i>	
Donald Bosley— <i>Brother-in-law of June Bosely</i>	
Ayla & Jonah Reiner— <i>Grandchildren of Stan and Carole Reiner</i>	
Erin Vessey— <i>Granddaughter of Chuck & Sharon Tate</i>	
Marge Shaw— <i>Mother of Todd Shaw</i>	
Brooklynn Landis— <i>Granddaughter of Ken & Sara Falk</i>	
Terry Kuester— <i>Sister-in-Law of Ryan & Michelle Kuester</i>	
Linda Hahn— <i>Niece of Marje Young</i>	
Katy Duran — <i>Daughter of Ken & Beth Sackett</i>	
Ann Chance— <i>Sister of Pearl Mann</i>	
Ora Garrett— <i>Mother of John Draxler</i>	
Tony Leazzo— <i>Cousin of Diane Collins</i>	
Bill Rendondo— <i>Nephew of Jim & Sandy Roberts</i>	
Linda & Ernie Foxworth— <i>Friends of Karen & Marjorie Legel</i>	
Amy & Jeff Hickmann— <i>Neighbors of Lawrence & Susanne Stark</i>	
John & Pete Strom — <i>Family of Doug & Shirley Strom</i>	
Phyllis Tyner — <i>Friend of Juanitia Solomonson</i>	
Ron and Joanne Oglevie, Larry Metes & Carol Crowley — <i>Friends of Leslie Richardson</i>	

STRENGTH AND HEALING

Marilyn Minnich	Tom Peters
Marjorie Legel	Pastor Mark Cansino
Marianne Nugent	
Bill & Dorothy Aanestad	
Karly— <i>Daughter of Nancy Romstedt</i>	
Irene Larson— <i>Mother of Sharon Huemoller</i>	
Kimberly — <i>Daughter of Ada Gaughan</i>	
Monte & Altha Hedman— <i>Parents of Sue Goellich</i>	
Patricia and Thurman Rock, Richard Bogucki, Lauretta, Frances Hunter, Bill King, Kathy Wagner, Judy Tardie, Hank, Doug & Joanne, Allen & Brendan, Gabriel, Mark, Alisa & Brittaney— <i>Friends & Family of Fritz and Cindy von Coelln</i>	
Crystal Farias— <i>Daughter of Rick & Monica Farias</i>	
Cris Dopher— <i>Friend of Bill & Barbara Meyer</i>	
Marian & Johanna Locke — <i>Friends of Anna McDonnell</i>	
Lynda Underwood and Family — <i>Friend of Sue Bedell</i>	
Heidi Glantzberg & Jacob Simms— <i>Niece and Nephew of Pearl Mann</i>	
Art Castro — <i>Friend of Marth Huff</i>	
Greg Vaughn— <i>Friend of Barbara Meyer</i>	
Rosa Pentucci, Vicki Airries, Joleen Thompson, Jennifer & Paul Lauzon-Halligan— <i>Family & Friend of Marianne Nugent</i>	
Jennifer Sullivan— <i>Friend of Jack & Sue Bedell</i>	

COMFORT

Fran Madigan and family on the death of Kelly
Madigan—*Friend of Doug & Shirley Strom*
The Buchmann Family on the death of Hilde
Buchmann — *Friend of Juanita Solomonson*
Mary Madraki Rodriguez and family on the death of
her father
Charlie Harrington and family on the death of Peggy
Harrington

SAFETY

Pvt. Allen Moss Charlie Co 84 Army Chemical
Battalion—*Grandson of Cindy and Fritz von Coelln*
1st Lieutenant George H Cushman, 1-77AR - *Friend of
Kathy Salter*

*We welcome and encourage all prayer requests. Please
submit your requests in writing on your Worship
Registration card, via email or phone call to the Church
Office. Once or twice each month, names will be removed
from the list who have been in print at least 3 consecutive
weeks (except those deployed overseas). You are welcome to
re-submit any name removed from the list, or you may
remove a name at anytime by contacting the Church Office.
Thank you! If you or someone you know is in the hospital,
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