



April 2006

Goodnewsletter

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’” (John 20:19)

During our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services I shared with you some thoughts from Kelly Fryer's book, *Reclaiming the “L” Word: Renewing the Church from Its Lutheran Core*. Each week we focused on a new “guiding principle.” The five “guiding principles” are Jesus is Lord, Everyone is Welcome, Love Changes People, Everyone Has Something to Offer, and the World Needs What We Have.

John's wonderful verse which is read each Easter Sunday sums up these five guiding principles. Since Jesus is Lord peace really will be with you. Because Jesus came everyone is welcome. While Jesus stood among them the disciples knew the love of God deep within their hearts and were transformed. With these words of grace Jesus acknowledges the specialness of everyone who really do have something to offer. And the world needs the peace of Christ which passes all understanding.

“The risen Christ appears to his disciples on Easter evening. Behind locked doors, they are terrified. Is there a more apt description of our contemporary context than this? We are fearful people: frightened by the possibility of a terrorist attack, fearful of the stranger in our midst, worried about the future. The risen Christ

stands before us today just as he stood before his frightened disciples. In the midst of our fear, he extends an ordinary greeting that becomes a most extraordinary gift: ‘Peace be with you.’”

From Bishop Mark Hanson's 2005 Easter Letter:

Jesus' has come and has stood among you and has said, "Peace be with you." You know, deep down, this is true. We are fearful people. These are fearful times. Yet, fear not; peace be with you! Rise up this Easter and live out the five guiding principles. Millions of Lutherans stand with you this day to live not in fear but with these guiding principles before them, beginning with the ultimate: Jesus is our Lord, no one nor nothing else is.

With Jesus we are promised peace.

You can reach Pastor George at 619-971-0399



Sunday Worship:

Traditional (1st & 3rd Sunday)	9:00 am
Contemporary (2nd & 4th Sunday)	9:00 am

Sunday church school	9:15 am
EHCC Sunday School	9:00 am
Sunday Adult Forum	10:30 am

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study	9:30 am
2nd Tuesday: Council meeting	7:00 pm
4th Tuesday : Women's Business meeting	8:45 am
Women's Eve. Bible Study	7:00 pm

Wednesday : Lenten soup supper	6:00 pm
Lenten service	7:00 pm

Thursday: Choir	7:30 pm
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Council Members:	
Stephen Dietrich	Chair
Glenda Holsbo	Vice Chair
Pat Cowan	Treasurer
Laura Stephens	Secretary
Mona Anderson	
Rod Cravens	
Vicky Gay	
Bill Martin	
Paul Sofranko	
Miria Stephens	

Financial Secretary:
Mona Anderson

St. John's Mission Statement:

St. John's is a congregation of believers in Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit into a community of faith and love to be God's instruments of love and grace.

St. John's Home Page



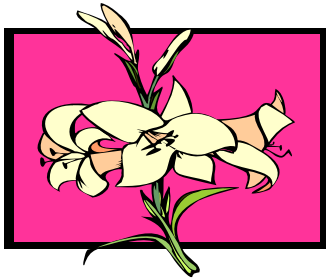
Happy Birthday

- 14 Sara Gay
- 22 Milt Mattson
- 22 Ruby Collins
- 27 Linda Hopkins
- 29 Barbara Gay



Happy Wedding Anniversary

- 25 Gilbert & Paula Pazo
- 29 Jake & Ruth Hazelebach



Council Committee Chairs Christian Education and Youth—

Mona Anderson
Evangelism and Stewardship—

Glenda Holsbo
Negotiating—

Pat Cowan
Property—
Rod Cravens & Bill Martin

Social Ministry—

Worship and Music—
Miria Stephens



A Thank You from First English Lutheran Church in Metairie, Louisiana: "August 29, 2005 is a day we will never forget. When Hurricane Katrina hit our lives were changed. Katrina destroyed our church building, but not our spirits. We were a scattered people, but weekly, our congregation returns to worship and to rebuild their lives. Your help and giving spirit has made a path brighter for our families at First English Lutheran. May God continue to bless you,"
Reverend Andrew Lissy



Monday, April 10, St. John's Women will be making Easter baskets for our Shut-ins. Your donation of candies, baked goodies or ??? would greatly be appreciated. Please be at church by 9 am to help construct or to help deliver. Thank you.

April's Events

- 2— Daylight Savings starts
- 5— Lenten supper at 6 pm Lenten service at 7 pm
- 9— Palm Sunday
- 13— Maundy Thursday
- 14— Good Friday
- 16— Easter Sunday
Easter breakfast



- 4— National Day of Prayer
- 6— Sister's in Christ Luncheon
- 14— Mother's Day
- 18-20— Pacifica Synod Assembly
- 30— Memorial Day



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Monthly Planner



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia.						
<p>2 9:00 AM Traditional 9:15 AM Church school 10:30 AM Adult Forum</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:30 AM Women's Bible study</p>	<p>5 6:00 PM Lenten supper 7:00 PM Lenten service</p>	<p>6 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Choir</p>
<p>9 9:00 AM Contemporary 9:15 AM Church school 10:30 AM Adult Forum 1:00 PM SHARE sign up</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 9:30 AM Women's Bible study 7:00 PM Council meeting</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 6:00 PM Seder Meal 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>14 7:00 PM Good Friday service</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:00 AM Traditional Service on Easter 10:00 AM Easter breakfast</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 9:30 AM Women's Bible study</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:30 PM Choir Newsletter deadline</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 6:30 AM SHARE pick up</p>
<p>23 9:00 AM Contemporary 9:15 AM Church school 10:30 AM Thrivent mtg</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 8:45 AM Women's Bus. mtg 9:30 AM Women's Bible study 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:00 AM Service 9:15 AM Church school 10:30 AM Adult Forum Newsletters delivered</p>						

News from the Council Chair:

This month has been interesting one. We are completing the Lenten season with the Wednesday night services and soup suppers. We are approaching Easter week, where we proclaim: "He is Risen Indeed!" We will have our traditional Easter service and for the second year, will be sharing our church home with East Hills. We look forward to having a large turnout for the services on Easter Sunday from both congregations.

You may have heard by now that the council is examining the possibility of using part of the lawn area within the circular drive on Melody Lane side of the church. Currently, we are looking at a "rock garden" meditation area, which may include a small waterfall or fountain. We will be seeking ideas from the congregation and will have some pictures/diagrams for those of you who are artistically inclined to draw out your ideas. As the project advances, I will let you know further details.

Each of the Council members now has an individual mail slot along the right side of the mail center (where you receive your newsletters) in the hallway. If you want to leave any notes or other information for any of us, please feel free to do so. We have asked the Council members to check these slots each time they are at Church.

As Pat has previously mentioned, we are continuing to pay down the loan. With the monies that we are receiving from East Hills and with all of your faithful giving, we are making good progress. We are doing much better than this time last year, but have a long ways to go.

We will be entering into negotiations with East Hills to extend their agreement to use our facilities. I realize that the shared usage of our Church has causes some minor issues to arise, but these generally have been minimal and have been worked out easily. I look forward to their congregation continuing their ministry here at St. John's and our sharing several events this year, just as we did during the previous year. I appreciate your continuing support of this process and making them feel a part of our family in the Lord. As a point of interest, Pat has taken over as the primary person on Council to interact with East Hills. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact her. If any other issues develop, she will work towards resolving them with the East Hills staff.

If any of you are traveling during this upcoming period, I hope you have a safe trip and look forward to seeing you when you return. God Bless.

Steve Dietrich



On Maundy Thursday, April 13, a Seder Meal will be served. Come and join us at 6 pm. Please call 444-1272 by April 10 to make a reservation or to offer to help cook and set up.



The Good Friday service, April 14, will be at 7 pm.



Easter Breakfast will be available between 10 am and 12 pm. The buffet will include egg dishes, fruit trays, pastries, juices, and coffee.



Saturday, April 22, Annual Conference Meeting at College Lutheran Church, 6650 Montezuma, San Diego. Conference starts at 9 am with a Continental breakfast and will end at 12 pm. Topics: Synod services, Lutheran Camps & Conferences, Lutheran Social Services, Campus Ministry, T.A.C.O., Transformational World Opportunities, La Frontera Ministries and others.

Community Events



April 4
7:30 pm

Free admission

Point Loma Nazarene University
3900 Lomaland, San Diego
Crill Performance Hall
Faculty Recital with Paul Kenyon.



April 7-9
Diamond Jubilee Morgan Horse show
Del Mar Fairgrounds

Arena
9 am—9 pm
Parking: \$8
Free admission



April 7—26
Easter Lily display in the Botanical Building, Balboa Park

April 8



Star Gazing in Mission Trails Regional Park
Kumeyaay Lake Campground, off Mission Gorge

7—9:30 pm
Free admission



San Diego National Horse Show
April 20-23 Western

April 27-30 Dressage
7 am—7 pm
Weekdays: 8 am — 5 pm
Free

Saturday & Sunday \$10 general admission, \$15 box seat
Call 858-792-4288 for more info.



April 21-23
Lakeside Rodeo
Lakeside Rodeo Arena is located between Hwy 67 and Ashwood (Wild Cat Canyon) on Maplevue.

Tickets: Friday: \$7, sections A-L.
Gate opens at 6 pm for the 7:30 pm rodeo.
Saturday & Sunday \$15 adults, 12 & under \$5 in sections A-F. Sections G-L \$10, over 13 years. Saturday gates open at 12:30 pm for the 2 pm rodeo and at 6 pm for the 7:30 pm rodeo. Sunday gates open at 12:30 pm for the 2 pm rodeo.
“Rider Up”



April 22-23
Adams Avenue Roots Festival
10 am—9 pm on 4/22
10 am—6 pm on 4/23

On Adams Avenue between 34th & 35th Streets Normal Heights
Free
Food, crafts, music, dancing and more.



Earth Day
April 23
10 am — 5 pm
Balboa Park

Free
Activities everywhere.



April 21–23
Antique Show
Del Mar Fairgrounds:
O’Brien & Crosby Halls

Friday & Saturday: 11 am — 8 pm
Sunday: 11 am — 5 pm
\$8 admission
\$8 parking



Wings over Gillespie-Salute to American Air Power
April 21-23
8 am—5 pm

If you’re over 12 admission is \$12. Under 12 is free.
Call 448-4505 for more info.
Gillespie Field, El Cajon
1960 Crosson Rd.
Great experience for all flyers.

Community Events



April 23
Vesper Concert Series
4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. San Diego
273-7423
Clairemont Lutheran Church will present this select group of Point Loma Singers at 7 pm.
Free admission



April 28-30
Spring Home Show
Del Mar Fairgrounds
Friday & Saturday:
10 am—7 pm
Sunday: 10 am—5 pm
Free admission
Parking: \$8



April 29 1 pm
Lutheran High School Golf Classic
Carlton Oaks Golf Club
9200 Inwood, Santee
Registration deadline: April 14
Call 619-262-4444 to register or to get more info.



Check out the Flower Fields in Carlsbad now until May 7. Open every day from 9 am—5 pm. Interstate 5 north, exit Palomar Airport Road. Call 760-431-0522 to arrange a guided tour. No admission fee.



After the Spring rain travel down to Anza Borrego State Park, off Highway S-22, Borrego Springs and see the desert flowers in bloom. Call 760-767-4684 for more info on exact dates of blooms.

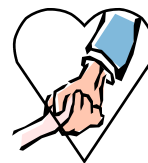


Lutheran High School Padre Night Saturday, May 6
Tickets are \$12.00 in sections 315, 317, and 319. The tickets need to be paid for by April 13. The game starts at 7:05 pm. Call the church office (444-1272) to reserve your seats, by April 9.



National Multiple Sclerosis Society Pacific South Coast

Chapter **MS walk**
Saturday, April 29
Carlsbad Night Walk at LEGOLAND California
Opening ceremonies: 6 pm
Walk starts: 7 pm
Festivities: 6–10 pm
Sunday, April 30
San Diego Day Walk at the Embarcadero Marina Park South
Opening ceremonies: 8 am
Walk starts: 8:30 am
Festivities: 8:30 am—12 pm
Become part of a team or you can go it alone.
The church office has registration forms or you can call 800-486-6762 for voice registration.
“Step by step...closer to a cure”



Sharp Hospice Care needs volunteers. Are you able to help?
Call 619-667-1900 to register for the informative classes, held in June, to help you be a Hospice Care worker.

April's Worship Assistant's Schedule

	9:00 am	
CANTOR	Kristine Hurtado-Bergstrom	2 & 16
READERS		SNACKS
4/2	Luella Cravens	Maxine Mattson
4/9	Luella Cravens	Marilyn Litsheim
4/16	Marilyn Litsheim	Easter
4/23	Marilyn Litsheim	Rene Brown
4/30	Marilyn Litsheim	
ASSISTANTS		
4/2	Luella Cravens	The Worship Assistant's Schedule is posted until August, in back of the sanctuary.
4/9	Luella Cravens	
4/16	Paul Stephens	
4/23	Paul Stephens	
4/30	Paul Stephens	
USHERS		
4/2	Carole Nelson	Please be prepared to light
4/9	Carole Nelson	and extinguish candles.
4/16	John Stephens	
4/23	John Stephens	
4/30	John Stephens	
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Dietrich	

Are You 80 + ?

If you are 80 or more, please call the church office so we can note your birthday in the monthly newsletter and on Sunday, if you are able to be with us.

The Bible encourages us to honor those who are faithfully following the Lord in their later years. May the Lord draw nearer and dearer to you with each passing day.

Louise Anway has admitted she's over 80, will

Thanks to all who have given to Rachel's House. Their wish list has expanded, if you are able to help with: socks, slippers, hair combs and brushes, laundry soap, ironing board covers, plastic cutlery, heavy duty paper plates and bathmats (without rubber backing.) We still collect toothbrushes and paste, deodorants, razors, lotions, and soaps. You can leave your items in the kitchen. There's a box marked Rachel's House.



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Drew Peterson Accompanist
Beth Stephens
& Corie Stephens Youth
Cynthia Cooley Sunday School Director

Weekly Group Building Usage

<u>Monday-Friday</u>	7:30 am	A.A.Coffee Clutchers	<u>Thursday</u>	6 pm	DBSA (Depression Bipolar Support Alliance)
<u>Monday-Friday</u>	12 pm	A.A. EC Noon Group		8 pm	NA Speakers
<u>Tuesday</u>	7 pm	Women's AlAnon	Every other	6 pm	G. S./Brownies
3rd	7 pm	4H Beef	<u>Friday</u>	9 am	License 2 Freedom
<u>Wednesday</u>				7:30 pm	AlAnon Open
1st & 3rd	6 pm	G. S./Brownies	<u>Saturday</u>		
2nd	6:30 pm	G.S. Leaders	4th	6:30 am	SHARE pick up
2nd	7 pm	4H/ Golden Clover	<u>2nd Sunday</u>	1 pm	SHARE sign up