



Goodnewsletter

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2006

Pastor George's wife, Shannon, was in the hospital at time of printing. We wish her well.

We have some news about Pastor George's daughter, Hanley. She is performing in Community Youth Theatre, playing one of the birds in "Cinderella."

The performances are:

Friday, March 3 7 pm
Saturday, March 4 1 pm
Sunday, March 5 1 pm
Friday, March 10 7 pm
Saturday, March 11
1 & 7 pm

You can view this wonderful production at
Bob Burton Center for Performing Arts, Fallbrook High School, 2400 South Stagecoach Lane, Fallbrook. The tickets are \$10. Pastor George will be our "ticketmaster."

Let's try and get a bunch of us together to go see this production. Call the office and let Laura know what day works best for you and the greatest number of votes will decide when we go. Please vote by February 17.

Church Council news:

At our annual meeting, Mona



Anderson,
Paul
Sofranko,

Miria Stephens and Laura Stephens were nominated to be on council. They all accepted the nomination. Welcome to our new council members. There will be a council meeting on February 21 (note the change in the day), at this meeting the officers will be decided.

"The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us"

Sunday Worship:

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

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 Eve. Bible Study 7:00 pm

Wednesday :
Bible Study 6:45 pm

Thursday:
Choir 7:30 pm

Council Members:
Mona Anderson
Pat Cowan
Rod Cravens
Stephen Dietrich
Vicky Gay
Glenda Holsbo
Bill Martin
Paul Sofranko
Laura Stephens
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

9	Paul Stephens
14	Ernie Burkleo
21	Corie Stephens
23	Phil Anderson
27	Rod Cravens



Happy Wedding Anniversary

3	Brian & Pat Cowan
22	Rod & Luella Cravens



The family of
Dewey
Litsheim

wishes to thank the people of St. John's for the love you have shown us during our most difficult time.

To Pastor George, for his spiritual counsel, for Jeanne's rendition of favorite hymns, for Laura's attention to detail on our bulletins, to the women who provided such a bountiful, delicious lunch, for all our visiting family and church family. May God bless you all.



**Shrove Tuesday
(Fat Tuesday)**

Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 28

Come and enjoy the last day of all those fattening calories, that you should give up for Lent. Dinner will start at 5 pm and end at 7 pm. St. John's Women's Group will be controlling this caloric intake by serving pancakes, sausages, fruit, juice and coffee.

They are suggesting a \$5.00 donation for each person. See you there.

February's Events

- 2—Groundhog Day
- 5—Super Bowl Sunday
- 12—Lincoln's birthday
- 14—Valentine's Day
- 20—President's holiday
- 21—Council meeting
- 22—Washington's birthday
- 26—Transfiguration Sunday
- 28—Shrove/Fat Tuesday
cake Dinner

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- 1—Ash Wednesday
- 14—Council meeting
- 17—St. Patrick's Day
- 20—Spring begins
- 25—Annunciation of the Lord

February 2006

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:15 AM Sunday church school 10:30 AM Adult Forum Super Bowl	6	7 9:30 AM Women's Bible study	8 6:00 PM Confirmation class 6:45 PM Bible Study	9 7:30 PM Choir	10 7:30 PM Choir	11
12 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:15 AM Sunday church school 10:30 AM Adult Forum 1:00 PM SHARE sign up	13	14 9:30 AM Women's Bible study Valentine's Day	15 6:00 PM Confirmation class 6:45 PM Bible Study	16 7:30 PM Choir	17	18
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January

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29	30	31				

March

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

“Growing for Christ”

Greetings to my fellow members of St. John's! I was tempted to write “Grace and Peace Unto You”, but I'm a little shy about writing so biblically: you all know me too well to know that I don't normally speak in that manner. But, I've learned about St. Paul's usual greeting, and the fact that he always says “Grace and Peace”, never “Peace and Grace”. That's because without God's grace, we can never have His peace.

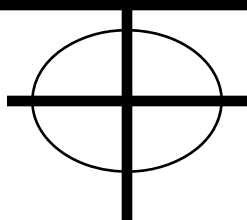
I'm looking forward to our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, January 22, as we have many good things to report. We can all feel the atmosphere is upbeat around church. We have new members, and are welcoming back old friends. The ministries are bubbling along: the home-bound team is busy bringing communion to our shut-ins, the telephone ministry is literally buzzing with prayer, the choir is humming, St. John's Women are off to an active year: we have a lot of irons in our fires and it feels good. Our finances reflect our upbeat mood too: we're not rich, but we're not in the dire straits as we were last year.

We will be making a special request regarding finances. The council is happy to report that we have reduced our bank debt by \$37,000 this year: we paid off the \$25,000 loan, and we paid down the line of credit by \$12,000. That leaves us \$88,000 in debt. We don't have room in the budget to pay as much towards that debt as we did last year, so, if any of you have a heart to help out and wish to make an additional gift to St. John's to be used specifically for paying down the debt, we will make absolutely certain that it happens.

St. John's Women are also planning several fund raisers to enable us to send delegates to the annual assembly in Hawaii in November. First one will be the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 28th, so I'm giving you lots of notice and I hope to see you all here and putting lots of money in their basket!

I don't want to end on a note of asking for money, so let me close by wishing you all God's grace and peace, so with joyful hearts and uplifted hands we can thoroughly enjoy being in His service and worshipping the Lord our God here in our little corner of El Cajon.

Pat Cowan



Are you an equipped lay person to “handle” Christ-centered care? To learn how attend this Stephen Ministry workshop on Saturday, February 25 from 9 am—12 pm. Christ Lutheran Church, 4761 Cass Street, San Diego. Call Joan Wood at 858-483-2300 to get more info or make a reservation. Cost-\$15 per person or a congregation group of 4 or more is \$50. Please arrive 30 minutes early to do your registration and enjoy refreshments as workshop starts promptly at 9 am.

Our California Lutheran College student , Wendy Stephens, is taking an International Business Seminar from May 20–June 13. She will be visiting numerous sites: Rome, Florence, Innsbruck, Munich, Lausanne, Paris, and London. But before she leaves for that tour, she will also be involved in the 2006 CLU Choral Ensembles Scandinavian Tour from May 14–25. You wonder why I'm telling you this info, it's simple, she can't afford all of it herself and really needs our help to get there. Not many student have \$7,000 in their back pockets. Needless to say this is a wonderful opportunity for her. She will be doing fund-raising and will gladly accept any donation given. If you would like to contribute to her trip, you can leave a check for her in the office or give it to her parents, John and Miria. They'll make sure she gets it. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Community Events



Every Saturday this month learn about Hawks, from 9 am—12 pm. Wildlife Research Institute, 18030 Highland Valley Road, Ramona. Dress for the weather; it can be cold. Heavy rain will cancel it.



Noir Film Festival
February 2-5
Screenings held at Pacific Theatres, 501 5th Ave., Gaslamp

District, downtown San Diego. Call 619-685-7215 for more info.



Saturday, February 4 & Sunday, February 5
Camellia Society has a show in room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park. 10 am—5 pm. Free.



Sunday, February 5
Super Bowl Sunday
Steelers vs. Seahawks
3 pm PST channel

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International Dance Festival
Sunday, February 5
12:30-4:30 pm
Balboa Park Club, near the Mary Hitchcock Puppet Theatre. Free.



Friday, February 10 & Saturday, February 11 & Sunday, February 12
10 am—5 pm

Head to Toe Women's Expo
Del Mar Fairgrounds-Seaside Pavilion & Exposition Hall
Use the Salona entrance off Via de la Valle
Entry: \$7.00
Park: \$8.00
Happy hour of wine, cheese, & chocolate—Friday & Saturday 4–6 pm.
Call 858-272-5677 for more info.



February 10—26
XX Winter Olympics
Enjoy the winter

games at Torino, Italy via television.
See skiers, skaters, bobsled-ers and so much more compete for an Olympic medal in the 15 categories at the games.



Saturday, February 11
Cactus & Succulents show
Room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park.

10 am—5 pm. Free.

Saturday,

February 11
THQ Supercross
7 pm



Qualcomm Stadium
Tickets: \$10-\$40. Available at www.ticketmaster.com



Sunday,
February 12
7 pm
Clairemont

Lutheran Church
4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
Love! Love! Love!
Come and enjoy an evening of art song, opera, and musical theater. Free.

Harlem Globe Trotters
I Pay One Center
(San Diego Sports Arena)



Friday, February 17
7 pm

Sunday, February 19 4 pm
Call 1-800-279-4444 for ticket info.

Sunday, February 19
Family Day
Railroad Museum,
Balboa Park
11 am—2 pm



Annual pass for a family is \$30 or you can spend \$5 per person at entry. Under 15 are free, when accompanied by an adult.

Saturday,



February 25
Little Italy Carnevale
5-9 pm
Free

Little Italy, downtown San Diego—Covering an area from India Street, Pacific Highway, A Street, to Laurel Street. Go in Venetian costume and enjoy the entertainment.

“Growing for Christ”



During the month of February, St. John's will be collecting food for Lutheran Social Services (LSS). Please leave your non-perishable food, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a box for it. Thanks.

“Cleaning Angels”

We are getting ready to clean the church for Easter. The “angels” can show up on these days to help out: Saturday, February 25 and Saturday, March 4. Or if you wish to come during the week, that's OK, too, just make sure Laura's here to let you in.

We'll start at 9 am.

Projects to be done:

1. Weeding planters
2. Dusting Sanctuary
3. Cleaning windows in Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall
4. Cleaning marks off the walls
5. Cleaning the kitchen
6. Shampooing the carpets
7. Painting women's bathroom in Fellowship Hall
8. Cleaning Linoleum floors
9. and whatever you might find that need to be done.



The Annual Rumage Sale is approaching on **Saturday, March 11**. St.

John's Women's Group will be gathering together to “handle” this event.

“Spring time is clean time”, so if you discover any items you wish to donate, please leave them in the Fellowship Hall on or after February 28. The women will be setting up on March 8,9, and 10. Please call the church office (444-1272) if you have a spare moment and want to help out, just drop something by or to get the set up times. (they vary with each day.)

On sale day, they will be opening up at 7 am, so they could use some early risers to come and help finish setting up.

The sale will be collecting customers from 7 am—12 pm.

Stop by, you never know what you'll find, besides the last hour (11 am-12 pm) everything will be half price.

Bargains, bargains, and more bargains.



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
Walk 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
Walk festivities: 8:30 am—
12 pm

Become part of a team or
you can go it alone.
The church office has registration forms for all interested parties or you can call 800-486-6762 for voice registration.

“Step by step...closer to a cure”

February's Worship Assistant's Schedule

	9:00 am	
CANTOR	Brian Cowan	5 & 12
READERS		SNACKS
2/5	Pat Cowan	Marilyn Litsheim
2/12	Pat Cowan	Rene Brown
2/19	Marilyn Litsheim	Pat Cowan
2/26	Marilyn Litsheim	Laura Stephens
ASSISTANTS		
2/5	Pat Cowan	
2/12	Paul Stephens	
2/19	Pat Cowan	
2/26	Paul Stephens	
USHERS		
2/5	John Stephens	Please be prepared to light
2/12	John Stephens	and extinguish candles.
2/19	Carole Nelson	
2/22	Carole Nelson	
ALTAR GUILD	Jeanne Kenney	

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.

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The first Sunday of each month we will have altar flower's. If you are interested in getting flowers for the altar, on another Sunday, please call the church office. It's a wonderful way to remember birthdays, anniversaries, or other special days.

