



November 2005

# Goodnewsletter

## ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the proph-*

*ets who were before you.*

The aim of this beatitude is to bring all who hear it to decision and salvation. All are called to be what in the reality of God they are already. The disciples are called blessed because they have obeyed the call of Jesus, and the people as a whole because they are heirs of the promise. But will they now claim their heritage by believing in Jesus Christ and his word? Or will they fall into apostasy by refusing to accept him? That is the question which still remains to be answered. The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, those who have already heard Jesus calling their names and who have responded to that call. It is the call that has made them poor, meek, and hungry. It is the call that has turned people to revile and persecute them. Yet, Jesus calls

them blessed, not because they are poor and endure sufferings of various kinds. It is from the call and the promise that they are blessed. Theirs is the kingdom of heaven; they will be comforted; they will inherit the earth; they will be filled; they will receive mercy; they will see God; they will be called children of God. The call and the promise of Jesus have made them blessed.

And what about you? Will you respond to Jesus calling out your name? Will you decide to follow Jesus, even though the road is difficult and full of anxieties, dangers and discomforts? Will you reach out to others in righteousness, mercy and with a pure heart? Will you be a peacemaker? Will you be willing to suffer for Jesus' sake? If your answer is "yes", then you are blessed. For yours is... a life of love and joy.

May God be with you and bless you always.

*Pastor*

*George*

### 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 7:00 pm  
Council meeting  
4th Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Women's Eve. Bible Study

Thursday  
Choir 7:30 pm

Council Members:  
Pat Cowan—President  
Glenda Holsbo—V.P.  
Stephen Dietrich—Treasurer  
Denise Lemler—Secretary  
Rod Cravens  
Vicky Gay  
Bill Martin  
Patty Persiani

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.*



### Happy Birthday

- 2 Nolan Stephens
- 14 Aileen Hamilton
- 16 Jeane Lawrie
- 19 Marilyn Litsheim
- 22 Mona Anderson
- 25 Drew Peterson
- 26 Stephen Dietrich
- 26 Arlene Fowler
- 26 Ruth Hazelebach

**If we are missing your birth date, or anniversary please let the office know when yours is. Thank you. Also, we have a new directory published and if you need one, please contact the church office, 444-1272.**

### *Are You 90 +?*

If you are 90 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.



### **"Sister's in Christ" Christmas Luncheon**

CoCo's Restaurant on East Main Street  
11 am

Come and meet your 2005 Secret Sister and get a new one for 2006. If you would like to become a secret sister, please join us for some great women fellowship and really good food. Please bring a gift to exchange and of course your "lunch money". A free will offering will be taken for WELCA.



### **Calling all bakers:**

WELCA will be putting together Shut- in Christmas baskets, next month. While you're doing some holiday baking consider adding a couple dozen extra cookies, cakes, etc. to the process. Our Shut-ins are so appreciative of this gift. If you're not a baker and what to help out with small gifts, candies, plants, etc. They are an extra bonus and thank you. We have 18 Shut-ins.














**I received a call from Betty, the local coordinator for Salvation Army**

**Back Country, the other day asking if St. John's could collect blankets and warm jackets for the Mountain folk. Every day our church opens it's heart and helps those less fortunate. It's starting to cold and wet up in the mountains, so please look through your closet and find an old usable coat, sweater or blanket to give to the Back Country. If you find something just bring it to the office, while I'm here. Thanks, from Laura.**



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## Monthly Planner

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## “Growing for Christ”

News from the Council Chair:

For all those for whom time seems to drag on so slowly, for those to whom the days seem endless, for those who sit and wait for something to happen: I highly recommend writing a column for the newsletter. The time just zips by, and then it's time for another column! I really think I wrote the last column just a few days ago, and it's already a whole month.

I know there's a lot of you reading this who can't get to church regularly, and who had to miss Pastor George's Installation, and I hope I can give you a sense of how special this was both to him and to St. John's. We had visitors from other churches in our conference, as well as 4 other pastors. Bishop Murray Finck presided at a full green-book church service. At one point in the service, Pastor George knelt at the altar, Bishop Finck placed his hand on Pastor's head, and the other pastors gathered around him, all placing their hands upon him, as the words of Installation were said and the prayers were uplifted. It was a beautiful sight, and a very moving experience.

And Pastor George isn't letting any grass grow under his feet – he's jumping right in with the Adult Bible study on Sunday mornings and getting to know the committees and who's who and what's what.

Back to the more mundane matters: CHILI! The cook-off is coming!! This is an annual favorite and I'm looking forward to winning this year ( yeah, uh huh, sure that'll happen... wink). Isn't it just lovely to have nothing more pressing on our minds than chili? We've come a long way in 12 months!

*Pat Cowan*

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### November's Events

**Nov. 4-6**—WELCA Gathering

**Nov. 8**— Voting Day

**Nov. 10**—Martin Luther's Birthday

**Nov. 11**—Veteran's Day

**Nov. 20**—Christ the King Sunday

**WEAR WHITE/GOLD**

**Nov. 24**—Thanksgiving

**Nov. 27**—First Sunday in Advent



**Dec. 3**— WELCA

Secret Sister Christmas Luncheon

**Dec. 17**— Choir practice

**Dec. 18**— Continental Breakfast

**Dec. 19**— Shut in baskets construction & delivery

**Dec. 24**— Christmas Eve

**Dec. 25**— Christmas



## Carlsbad Village Fair

Sunday, November 6  
8 am—4 pm  
Grand Avenue, 1 block north of Carlsbad Village Drive, Downtown Carlsbad  
Enjoy shopping for arts, crafts, clothing, antiques and unique items. Be prepared to walk, this is the largest single day street fair in the country. Parking is non-existent, so take a shuttle from the Poinsettia Coaster Station or the Westfield Shopping Center down park by Sears. Shuttles run every 15 minutes.



## East Hills Christian Church

“Bountiful Blessings”  
Dinner  
Wednesday, November 9  
St. John’s Fellowship Hall  
6—8 pm  
\$5.00 a person  
Get in the Thanksgiving spirit early and enjoy a delicious dinner, with great Christian fellowship.



## Poway Fall Fest Street Fair

Sunday, November 13  
10 am—4 pm  
Midland Road just south of Poway Road  
Enjoy an array of entertainment, arts & crafts.



## Outdoor Film Series

Friday, November 18  
6 pm  
Judson Park, Magnolia & Park  
Downtown El Cajon (where the gazebo is)  
Dr. Seuss’ “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”  
Free  
Refreshments available



## Poinsettia Festival

Sunday, November 20  
9 am—4 pm  
Coast Highway 101 between “D” & “K” Streets, Encinitas  
Bring the family to enjoy food, entertainment and shopping for that unusual gift.



## Mother Goose Parade

Sunday, November 20  
12 pm  
Starting at Chambers Street El Cajon, going down East Main Street to Second Street and ending at Wells Park on Madison Avenue.  
Come and enjoy the marching bands, floats, horse riders, clowns and so much more, and Santa Claus, too.



## Thanksgiving Dixieland Jazz Festival

November 23-27  
Town and Country Convention Center, Hotel Circle, Mission Valley  
Wednesday & Thursday 7-11pm \$15/\$20  
Friday & Saturday 10am-11pm \$30  
Sunday 8am-5pm \$20  
Sets are an hour long, with a mixed venue of Jazz music to enjoy.



# Happy Thanksgiving

## “Growing for Christ”



### Lutheran Social Services of Southern California

Project Hand is planning for the Christmas rush already. They need:

- Canned hams
- Canned veggies
- Stuffing mixes
- Biscuit/ Cornbread mixes
- Canned yams
- Boxed desserts
- Canned fruit
- Canned olives
- Gift cards to purchase frozen turkeys, hams
- Sleeping Bags
- Plastic grocery bags
- New unwrapped toys or children under 14 years old

Deadline date is December 12. You can leave these items in the church office.

Lutheran Social Services also needs:

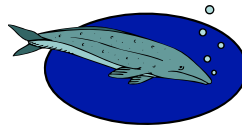
- Hygiene kits (wash cloths ,soap, toothbrush & paste, wipes, razors, shaving cream, nail file, comb, brush, shampoo)
- Layettees: (diapers, wipes, Desitin, powder, blanket, pacifiers, formula, baby food)
- Self adhesive white envelopes
- White ink jet mailing labels (ie. Avery 5160)
- Items for the Thrift Store:

Good clothes, household items, children’s items, plants, etc.)

If you’re doing Fall cleaning think of LSS Thrift Store for your items. 619-291-8721.

Of course cash donations are always appreciated. Mail it to:

Lutheran Social Services Southern California/  
San Diego Office  
3101 Fourth Ave. San Diego, CA 92103



### Gray Whale Watching

November to February

Hornblower Cruises will get you up close and personal with the California Grey Whale. Call 686-8700 to get more info. You can also have a long distance view of them from Point Loma. While you’re out there visit the Cabrillo Monument. Open 9 am—5 pm daily and costing \$5.00 per car. It has a wonderful exhibit about the Gray Whale migration.



### Meteor shower

Leonids from the constellation Leo will occur on November 17. If you can’t see it that night, try one or two days before or after the peak.



### Thanksgiving Community Service

Wednesday, November 23

Foothills Methodist Church  
4031 Avocado La Mesa  
7 pm

Come worship and give thanks for what the Lord has given you.

## November Worship Assistant's Schedule

	9:00 am	
<b>CANTOR</b>	Brian Cowan	<b>6 &amp; 13</b>
<b>READERS</b>		<b>SNACKS</b>
11/6	Denise Lemler	Kristine Hurtado-Bergstrom
11/13	Denise Lemler	Glenda Holsbo
11/20	Vicky Gay	Laura Stephens
11/27	Vicky Gay	Rene Brown
<b>ASSISTANTS</b>		
11/6	Paul Stephens	
11/13	Paul Stephens	
11/20	Vicky Gay	
11/27	Vicky Gay	
<b>USHERS</b>		
11/6	Judy DeLong	<b>Please be prepared to light</b>
11/13	Carole Nelson	<b>and extinguish candles.</b>
11/20	Marilyn Litsheim	
11/27	Marilyn Litsheim	
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Laura Stephens	

### ***TO ALL WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDENTS***

**USHERS, ASSISTANTS, CANTORS, READERS, & ALTAR GUILD VOLUNTEERS: PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES IN YOUR VOLUNTEERING STATUS. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING AT OUR SERVICE? CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. (444-1272)**

**THE OFFICE IS ALSO UPDATING THE SNACK LIST FOR 2006. If you would like to come off the list or would like to become part of the list, please contact the church office as well.**



**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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Laura Stephens	Secretary
Katherine Stephens-Doll	Choir Director
Jeane Lawrie	Accompanist
Drew Peterson	Accompanist
Beth Stephens	
& Corie Stephens	Youth
Cynthia Cooley	Sunday School Director

**Weekly Group Building Usage**

<b><u>Sundays</u></b>	4 pm	Women's Way	<b><u>Thursdays</u></b>	6 pm	DBSA
<b><u>Monday-Friday</u></b>		CNU-Refuge Aid		8 pm	NA Speakers
<b><u>Monday-Friday</u></b>	7:30 am	A.A.Coffee Clutchers	<b><u>Every other</u></b>	6 pm	G. S./Brownies
<b><u>Monday-Friday</u></b>	12 pm	A.A. EC Noon Group	<b><u>3rd</u></b>	7 pm	4H Beef/Dairy
<b><u>Tuesdays</u></b>	7:00 pm	Women's AlAnon	<b><u>Fridays</u></b>	9 am	License 2 Freedom
<b><u>Wednesdays</u></b>				7 pm	AlAnon Open
<b>1st &amp; 3rd</b>	6 pm	G. S./Brownies	<b><u>Saturdays</u></b>	6 pm	Alcoholics Open
<b>2nd</b>	6:30 pm	G.S. Leaders	<b><u>4th</u></b>	6:30 am	SHARE pick up
<b>2nd</b>	7 pm	4H/ Golden Clover	<b><u>2nd Sunday</u></b>	1 pm	SHARE sign up