



GOODNEWSLETTER
ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERANCHURCH
"Growing for Christ"

August 2005

God Gives Rest!

As I prepare this, I am looking at the Sunday Gospel that reads, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Then Jesus goes on to clarify, "You will find rest for your souls."

For some, summertime is a more leisurely time, a time for rest, for travel, for vacationing. By the time you receive this, Grace and I will have returned from two weeks of vacation in Alaska. We will fly there, rent a car, take a cruise to see glaciers, fly around Mt. McKinley and land on a glacier, and spend three days in Denali Park. Busy, but relaxing. After our big 4th of July Neighborhood Carnival, we don't have any big

things planned for the summer. However, *we will be welcoming our new Music Coordinator, Catherine Stephens-Doll on Sunday, August 21.*

And when the Call Committee completes their interviews, we will schedule a *Congregational Meeting to Call a New Pastor.*

And on *August 14 we hope to welcome new members.*

Other than that, it's a pretty quiet, restful summer. And I hope you are getting some good rest these days.

According to our Scriptural calendar, *every Sunday is a day of rest – a day to rest our souls in Jesus.* Events don't get any more special or refreshing than that. May God bless your resting, your refreshment, your napping, your worshipping, and all those special times that restore your body, mind, and soul.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Gene Holtz

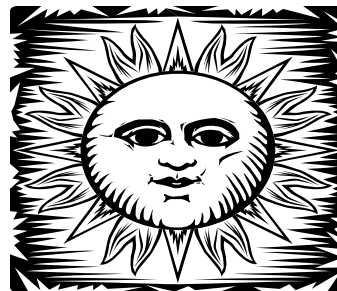
How's The

Interim going?

Pastor Gene Holtz continues to serve on a half time basis as our Interim Pastor. He is usually in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Feel free to contact him at home at other times at 858-613-0041. His email is - holtzgg@sbcglobal.net

The Transition Team completed most of the work on the profile and will come together to help plan the welcome for our new pastor and to help create a healthy transition into ministry together.

The Call Committee is doing the interviews of the candidates recommended to us by the Synod staff.



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 a m

Tuesday

Women's Bible Study 9:30 am
 4th Tuesday Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm

Thursday

Music Rehearsal 7:30 pm

Council Members:
 Pat Cowan

President
 Glenda Holsbo Vice President
 Denise Lemler Secretary
 Stephen Dietrich Church treasurer

Rod Cravens
 Vicky Gay
 Bill Martin
 Patty Persiani

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.

**From the Council
President's Corner:**

It's the 20th again, and it's hot and muggy, kind of like New Jersey all over again. I thought we were in Southern California to escape this kind of weather!

The 4th of July Carnival was terrific! We had lots of people and fellowship and fun and sun and food and activities – it was a great day. We're hoping to join together with EHCC for our Annual Chili Cook Off in October and continue getting to know each other better.

The Call Committee has done a stellar job, which I can say since I'm on the committee. John Stephens was wonderful in his role as our Chairman, and the entire process went smoothly and very effectively. The interface between our church and the Synod staff was terrific, and I felt truly a part of the entire body of the ELCA as we searched for our new pastor.

We will shortly be saying good-bye to David Bailey, our choir director for the past year, and welcoming Catherine Stephens-Doll to take his place. Both are truly talented individuals and we are blessed to have had so many gifted people working in our Music Department.

I wish you all a great summer and safe travels for those who are going away. Be safe, be blessed, see you in church!

Pat Cowan

Directory changes:

New number for
Denise Lemler—
Ernie Burkleo—

New address for
Arlene Fowler—

Ida Windress—

Norma Linstroth—

Betty Kuptz has moved to
Lake Forest, CA.



July 4th News:

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all those that helped out. What a great day, with over 300 people showing up. EHCC had supplied numerous games, a silent auction, and a raffle to keep us busy. So many prizes had been won. There was a huge inflatable for the kids to play in and on. Croquet and volley ball has some active participants, as well. There were also, 43 items for the "Cake Walk", WOW. The decorated cake contest winners being:

1st place—Molly Corless, Heather Brown & Amber

2nd place—Ben Meyer

3rd place—Frankie Corless

Awesome—L. Stephens

Great—C. Stephens

The Spaghetti Dinner was a HUGE success. Our chef, Kristine, did a superb job. It was absolutely delicious. Thank you Kris for spending so much time in the kitchen. We also had a great a selection of desserts and were they delicious. Those sweet tooth's got what they craved. See you next year.

Chairman, Glenda Holsbo



**Happy
Birthday**

Alice VanPatten
Laura Rudin
Toivo Aukee
Mary Swanbeck
Ruby Laffey
Kathy Coleman

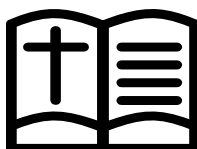
**Happy Wedding
Anniversary**



Larry & Mona Anderson
John & Miria Stephens
Jim & Ruby Laffey
Pastor Gene & Grace Holtz



Mildred Meyer sends a Thank you for all your prayers and cards, while she was hospitalized and recovering.



The Women's Morning Bible Study will be meeting in the Conference Room on Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Come and join them for some wonderful fellowship as they study the Bible.

“Growing for Christ”

We're Closer than We Were

Have we called a new pastor yet? No, but the Call Committee and Council will let us know when they are ready to recommend a pastor to the congregation. They are in the process of interviewing and having conversation with the candidates recommended by the bishop's office and who are interested in being considered to serve St. John's on a half-time basis.

During the interview process, any information regarding the candidates needs to remain confidential until the Committee is ready with a recommendation. The calling of the pastor must be approved by a 2/3 vote at a regularly called special meeting of the Congregation. Prior to that meeting, the Committee will arrange an opportunity for members to get acquainted with the pastor being considered.

The members of the Call Committee are John Stephens (chairperson), Ernie Burkleo, Pat Cowan, Luella Cravens, Judy Dietrich, and Laura Stephens. Keep them in your prayers.

Make St. John's Your Church Home

On Sunday, August 14, we will welcome new members into the congregation. If you would like to make this your church home, please contact Pastor Gene Holtz.


Perhaps you were formerly a member and wish to rejoin. Perhaps you have been worshipping here regularly or now and then and want to say, “This is home.” Perhaps you are searching to get to know God for the first time.

We receive new members by transfer, by affirmation of faith, or by baptism if you have not been baptized.

We're collecting



Women's personal items (small bottles of shampoo, lotion, hand soap, tooth paste & brushes, etc)
You can put them into the flowered box. It's in the kitchen, marked Rachael's House.

 Used ink cartridges
(we get cash back for our recycled ones)

Box Tops for Education

Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry (LBCM) is in need of rice, beans, Spanish Bibles, school supplies and backpacks.

“To feed a child is to help a child grow.”

You can leave the above items at the office. Thank you.

Are You 90+?

We recently observed Ruby Laffey's 95th birthday on May 30. 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.

Upcoming Local Community Events

El Cajon



“Cajon Classic Cruise”
Every Wednesday night until
September 29

5:30 –8:30 pm

A special Halloween show on October 26
Main Street Downtown



“Concerts on the Green”
Free Friday Evenings
5:30 –7:30 pm

Prescott Promenade Downtown

Aug. 5	Rock n’ Roll
Aug. 12	Salute to Jimmy Buffet
Aug. 19	Salute to Janis Joplin
Aug. 26	Rock n’ Roll
Sept. 2	Big Band/Swing
Sept. 9	Rock/Swing/Blues
Sept. 16	Salute to The Beatles
Sept. 23	Tribute to Louis Prima
Sept. 30	Zydaco

La Mesa



“Summer Concert Series in the Park”
Free Sunday Evenings
6:00 pm

Harry Griffin Park 9550 Milden St.
Aug. 7 Kahuna Cowboys



“La Mesa Classic Car Show”
Free

Every Thursday night until Aug. 25
5:00— 8:00 pm
La Mesa Village/ La Mesa Blvd.

Santee



“Santee Summer Concert Series”
Free Thursday Evenings
6:30 pm

Trolley Square Amphitheatre
Mission Gorge and Town Country Ave.

Aug. 4	Country
Aug. 11	Surf Rock
Aug. 18	Zydaco
Aug. 25	Top 40 Hits

Ramona



“Country Fair”
August 4-7
Free entry

Thursday/Friday 5:00—11:00 pm
Saturday/Sunday 11:00 am—10:00 pm
Located at Aqua Lane and 5th Street

San Diego



“Renaissance Faire”
August 6 –7
10:00 am— 6:00 pm
\$ 15.00 adults

Costumes encouraged
Morley Field/ Balboa Park

Pine Valley



Pine Valley Days July 29—
31

10:00 am—6:00 pm
Various locations throughout Pine Valley
Huge BBQ on Friday 5:00—7:00 pm
\$7 adults/\$4 children

FOR THE CHILDREN!

You have three choices on Sunday morning. You are welcome to enroll your child in the East Hills Christian Church’s Sunday School that begins at 9:00 am. Or you can bring your child with you to worship and then send him/her to our own Sunday Church School. They go to Church School just prior to the sermon. Or they are always welcome to be with family during the entire service. If there is interest, we may provide our own Sunday school following worship.

ELCA Churchwide Assembly

August 8-14 there will be 65 synods represented at the assembly in Orlando, Florida. Let us pray for them as they consider:

- Plans, Designs and the Mission of the ELCA in America.
- Changes in the Pattern of Governance
- New Worship Book
- “Renewing Worship” proposals
- Sharing the Eucharist with the United Methodist Church
- ELCA Studies on Sexuality
- Arab, Middle Eastern and African descent ministry strategy
- Amendments to the ELCA Constitution
- Reorganization Amendments
- Ordained Ministers in the ELCA
- Rostered Lay Leaders
- Discipline guidelines and

A teacher asked her pupils. What are the Seven Wonders of the World were and what they thought topped the list. The teacher noticed one girl and asked “Are you having trouble getting the answer.” The girl answered “Yes, I can’t make up my mind there are so many.” “Well tell us what you have. Maybe we can help you” said the teacher. “Well, the Seven Wonders of the World are: 1) to touch, 2) to taste, 3) to smell, 4) to hear, 5) to see.” She hesitated and continued on with “6) to laugh, 7) and to love.”

So many things for a child to experience. Inspire a child by teaching them to read. OASIS Tutoring program will be having training sessions on

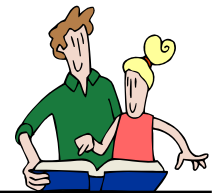
September 14, 15, 16

3:30—5:00 pm

Flying Hills Elementary School
1251 Finch Street, El Cajon

To reserve your space or get more info call Roxanne Prine at 619-296-2594 or email -oasistutor@yahoo.com

Enrich their life and yours by becoming
an
OASIS tutor.



***The “Will of God” will
never take you to where
the “Grace of God” will
not
protect you.***

AUGUST WORSHIP ATTENDANT'S SCHEDULE

	9:00 am	
CANTOR 7 & 21	Brian Cowan	
READERS		<u>SNACKS</u>
8/7	Mona Anderson	Rest, relax—No planned snack person during the summer.
8/14	Mona Anderson	We start again in September.
8/21	Connie Reck	
8/28	Connie Reck	
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS		
8/7	Mona Anderson	
8/14	Mona Anderson	
8/21	Paul Stephens	
8/28	Paul Stephens	
USHERS		
8/7	Maxine Mattson	Please be prepared to light and extinguish candles.
8/14	Maxine Mattson	
8/21	Rene Brown	The remainder of this year's schedule is posted, in the back of the sanctuary.
8/27	Rene Brown	
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Ross	



EHCC VBS

**East Hills Christian Church will be having
Vacation Bible School**

August 1- 5

2:00—5:00 pm

Come and explore the “ wilds “ of Africa.

Fun, fun, fun and so much more.

Call 444 -1621 for more information.



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Laura Stephens Secretary
David Bailey &
Catherine Stephens-Doll Director of
Music
Cynthia Cooley Sunday school Director
Jeane Lawrie Accompanist
Drew Peterson Accompanist
Beth Stephens &

BUILDING SCHEDULE

Sunday	4 pm	Women's Way	Thursdays	6 pm	Serenity Seekers
Monday-Friday		CNU-Refuge Aid	Every other	6 pm	Girl Scouts/Brownies
Monday-Friday	7:30 am	A.A.Coffee Clutchers	3rd	7 pm	4H Beef/Dairy
Monday-Friday	12 pm	A.A. EC Noon Group	Fridays	9 am	License 2 Freedom
Tuesdays	7:30 pm	Women's AlAnon		7 pm	AlAnon
Wednesdays	6:30 pm	Line Dancing Class	Saturdays	6 pm	Alcoholics Only
1st & 3rd	6 pm	Girl Scouts/Brownies	4th	6:30 am	SHARE pick up
2nd	7 pm	4H/ Golden Clover	2nd Sunday	1 pm	SHARE sign up