



April 2007

Goodnewsletter

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

April 1st – Palm Sunday: We will meet out on the front lawn to begin our worship service. We will process in with palms waving and voices singing “All Glory Laud and Honor” to bring us into Holy Week.

April 5th – Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.: This day brings us into the Three Days of the mystery of our salvation. Our confessed sins are announced forgiven, we are called to practice servanthood, and we celebrate Jesus supper with his disciples.

April 6th – Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.: We gather to remember Jesus’ death on the cross, focusing on the agony of the cross and God’s on victory over sin, death and the devil through Christ’s crucifixion.

April 8th – Easter Sunday: Come, celebrated our salvation! New life is won for us, Christ Jesus’ disciples! Stay and enjoy an Easter breakfast (10 – 11:30 a.m.) with your friends in this community of faith.

Preschool Fence and Front Lawn Cross

Many, many thanks to all of you who have given your time to refurbish the preschool fence. Taking off the

peeling paint and rust is a much bigger job than I anticipated. Yet, at least for me, it feels good to get out there with some of you and do the work. In the end, we’ll have a great looking fence that will last for years – and we did it!

We have ordered the front lawn cross. As soon as it arrives we will be busy preparing it and putting it in the ground. A deep hole will be dug and the cross will be put in cement that will anchor it into the ground. The cross will be the center point of many new additions to our front lawn as it gets its face lift over time.

These projects are important for us at St. John’s. They are physical signs and actions which show the world, and show ourselves as well, that we are building for the future. We are alive, vibrant, relevant, and courageous! Yesterday’s troubles are behind us. Possibilities and opportunities await! New life and hope is what we have to look forward to! Join us for the journey!

“Hotter Than Thou” Clergy Chili Cook-Off for Lutheran/Episcopal Campus Ministry, SDSU

April 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach
4761 Cass Street, San Diego

Let’s face it. I’m going to cheat.
I’m soliciting the help of our 2006 chili cook-off winner, Kristine Hurtado-Bergstrom, to help me win the coveted GOLDEN LADLE in this year’s Clergy Chili Cook-Off. Kristine has agreed to cook that

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Sunday Worship:

Traditional (1st & 3rd Sunday)	9:00 am
Contemporary (2nd & 4th Sunday)	9:00 am
Children’s Sunday school	9:15 am
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 mtg	8:45 am
Women’s Eve. Bible Study	7:00 pm

Wednesday:

Confirmation class	6:00 pm
Bible study	6:45 pm

Thursday:

Choir	7:30 pm
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Council Members:

Pat Cowan	President
Glenda Holsbo	Vice President
Vicky Gay	Secretary
Mona Anderson	Treasurer
Rod Cravens	
Mike LaValle	
Bill Martin	
Paul Sofranko	
Laura 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

April

- 1 — Palm Sunday
- 5 — Maundy Thursday
- 6 — Good Friday
- 8 — Easter
- 10 — Council meeting
- 22 — 'Hotter Than Thou Chili' Cook-off for LCM



Happy Birthday

- 4 — Milt Mattson
- 14 — Sara Gay
- 27 — Linda Hopkins
- 29 — Barbara Gay



Happy Wedding Anniversary

- 25 — Gilberto & Paula Pazo
- 29 — Jake & Ruth Hazelebach



May

- 8 — Council meeting
- 13 — Mother's Day
- 17 — Ascension of the Lord
- 19 — Armed Forces Day
- 26 — Sister's in Christ May luncheon
- 27 — Pentecost Sunday
- 28 — Memorial Day



The Easter breakfast is being sponsored by the Women of St. John's.

Come and eat a delicious assortment of egg dishes, fruit and breakfast breads (you know the fattening stuff) that will be available from 10 - 11:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. If you just want coffee or juice that's available, too.

A free will offering will be taken; the suggested donation is \$5 per person. Thanks for helping our women's benevolences.

~Pastor's article continued

winning chili, but I also need your help as well.

The winner is chosen through votes by free-will donations. So, on April 15th and 22nd I'm taking donations after worship which will be placed in my donation jar.

Also, I need your presence at the chili cook-off to "encourage" others to vote for me so that I may win the coveted **GOLDEN LADLE**. I've already commissioned a special case made to hold my coveted **GOLDEN LADLE**, so please, come and support me.

Pacifica Synod Assembly – Honolulu, Hawaii

The 2007 synod assembly is May 2-5. Brian and Pat Cowan and I will attend representing St. John's. This is the first time the synod assembly is being held in Hawaii, allowing our sister congregations on the islands to be our hosts. The setting, however, makes it unusually expensive. This is why we are attempting to raise \$2,500 to cover St. John's uniquely high costs. Please help us cover these expenses so that this year's assembly will not overburden our yearly budget.

I will also be taking a few vacation days while in Hawaii (I might as well work on my tan!). I'll be leaving on Monday, April 30th and return Tuesday, May 8th. I'm planning to be in the office on Wednesday, May 9th.

From the President's Desk

Our cross is on order!! It's due to arrive soon! I'm so pleased to report that we are moving forward with our front garden plans. We have agreed on treated Douglas fir, 8 inches across, to be made into a cross that will stand 13 feet tall and be placed in the middle of our circular front lawn facing Melody Lane. The cross is a dark wooden color due to its treatment, and rough-hewn in texture. The cross beams will be supported by metal brackets which probably will not be very visible.

We will dig a hole approximately 4 feet deep, layer it with rocks to handle any dripping moisture, and then place the cross in a puddle of cement to hold it in. This is heavy work so we'll need a few strong smart hands to do this part. Once it's in the ground and firmed up, then the weaker hands can get to work on beautifying the surrounding grounds. We'll plan out those steps once we get there, although we all have a few similar ideas to work from.

Also underway is the scraping and repainting of the fence around the children's playground. This is awful work. There's no better way to describe it. I personally haven't lifted the scrapers but it just seems back-breaking, and I salute all those who have given generously of their time and energy. It would have cost St. John's over \$1,500 to have the fence repainted professionally – not only am I grateful that we won't have to pay out those funds, but also I'm grateful for the fellowship and spirit of oneness that we are seeing in the work that is being done by our hands.

Speaking of money, we have a few items on the stove to collect for: first on the calendar is the chili cook-off at Agape House at SDSU. Kristine Hurtado-Bergstrom has won the privilege of representing St. John's with her famous chili, so let's give her a helping hand in buying the ingredients. And then let's join her at the competition on Sunday afternoon, April 22nd, as she brings our banner to the Winner's table!! (Okay, we don't have a banner. They don't have a table either, so we're even.)

Secondly, the Synod Annual Gathering is in Hawaii in May (YAY!), so let's dig deep into our pockets to help offset this expense. We need \$2,500 to fill the volcano, and I know we will all find a way to do our share.

I'm sure Pastor will be writing about Lent in his message for this newsletter, so I won't go into it as much, but I would like to share my thoughts for the season. I've noticed that Lent is quickly becoming an unknown season in the secular world. Most of my friends haven't a clue what I'm speaking about when I mention our Lenten services or giving something up for Lent. When they do know about it, they seem to think that a person can buy their way into heaven just by giving up chocolate. I think that as Christians we have a duty and a responsibility to live in such a manner that those who aren't Christians will want what we have. Lent is a time of preparation, of drawing back before we spring forward in joy, of introspection and renewal, and we by our celebration of this sadly little known season, can shine a beacon on the quieter, more personal side of our faith. I hope that by the un-trumpeted, unheralded observance of this pensive season that you will be enriched in your walk with Christ, and that others may see a little bit of what we're about reflected in your habits and ways.

Til next month,
Your Sister in Christ,

Pat



To receive your newsletter via E-mail, contact Stephen Dietrich at sdietrich@cox.net and he will send it back to you.

Council Committee chairs:

- Christian Education/ Youth—Mona Anderson
- Evangelism— Glenda Holsbo
- Negotiating—Pat Cowan
- Property— Rod Cravens, Bill Martin
- Social Ministry— Laura Stephens
- Stewardship—
- Worship and Music— Miria Stephens

If you need to contact a council member, please leave them a note in their mailbox.

Our Congregational Constitution will need to be voted on again. We had missed some of the ELCA's 2005 changes that needed to be done to the constitution. We will have a vote on Sunday, June 10 to accept these changes. Here is a list of the changes:

NEW ADDITIONS:

C5.03.d

adopt amendments to the constitution, as provided in Chapter 17, and amendments to the bylaws, as specified in Chapter 16

C5.05.

This congregation shall have a mission endowment fund that will operate as specified in this congregation's [bylaws] [continuing resolutions]. The purpose of the mission endowment fund is to provide for mission work beyond the operational budget of this congregation.

C9.08. This congregation shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to a former pastor before calling a successor. A pastor shall make satisfactory settlement of all financial obligations to this congregation before beginning service in a call to another congregation or employment in another ministry related to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

C9.14. The parochial records of this congregation shall be maintained by the pastor and shall remain the property of the congregation. The secretary of this congregation shall attest in writing to the bishop of this synod that such records have been placed in his or her hands in good order by a departing pastor before the installation of that pastor in another field of labor or the granting by the synod of retired status to the pastor.

LANGUAGE CHANGES THAT NEED TO TAKE PLACE-

C11.01.d. The Congregation Council elects its officers, the president, vice president, and secretary shall be selected from the elected membership of the Congregation Council.

C11.02. The Congregational Council shall elect its officers and they shall be the officers of the congregation. The officers shall be elected by written ballot and shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their terms shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

C13.04. A *Mutual Ministry* Committee shall be appointed jointly, by the Pastor and the President. The term shall be two years.

***C15.02.** The process for discipline of a member of the congregation shall be governed as prescribed by the chapter on discipline in the *Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*. If discipline against a member proceeds beyond counseling and admonition by the pastor, charges against the accused member(s) that are specific and in writing shall be prepared by member(s) of the congregation who shall sign the charges as the accuser(s). The written charges shall be filed with the pastor, who shall advise the Congregation Council of the need to issue a written citation to the accused and the accusers that specifies the time and place of the hearing before the Congregation Council. The written charges shall accompany the written citation to the accused. A member charged with the offense shall appear before the Congregation Council after having received a written citation, at least ten days prior to the meeting. If the member charged with the offense fails to appear at the scheduled hearing, the Congregation Council may proceed

with the hearing and may pass judgment in the member's absence.

C16.03. Changes to the bylaws may be proposed by any voting member provided, however, that such additions or amendments be submitted in writing to the Congregation Council at least 60 days before a regular or special Congregation Meeting called for that purpose and that the Congregation Council notify the congregation's members by mail of the proposal with the council's recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the Congregation Meeting.

C17.01. Those sections of this constitution that are not required, in accord with the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, may be amended in the following manner. Amendments may be proposed by at least 10 voting members or by the Congregation Council. Proposals must be filed in writing with the Congregation Council 60 days before formal consideration by this congregation at a regular or special Congregation Meeting called for that purpose. The Congregation Council shall notify the congregation's members by mail of the proposal together with the council's recommendations at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

C17.02. An amendment to this constitution, proposed under *C17.01., shall:















- a. be approved at a legally called Congregation Meeting according to this constitution by a majority vote of those present and voting;

- b. be ratified without change at the next annual meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting; and
- c. have the effective date included in the resolution and noted in the constitution.

C17.04. Whenever the *Model Constitution for Congregations* is amended by the Churchwide Assembly, this constitution may be amended to incorporate any such amendment by a simple majority vote of those voting members present and voting at any subsequent meeting of the congregation without presentation at a prior meeting of the congregation, provided that the Congregation Council has submitted by mail notice to the congregation of such an amendment or amendments, together with the council's recommendations, at least 30 days prior to the meeting. Following the adoption of an amendment, the secretary of the congregation shall submit a copy thereof to the synod. Such provisions shall become effective immediately following a vote of approval.



April 2007 Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Service Palm Sunday 	2	3	4	5 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday service 	6 7:00 PM Good Friday service 	7
8 9:00 AM Service 9:45 AM breakfast Easter 	9	10 9:30 AM Women's Bible study 7:00 PM Council meeting 	11 6:00 PM Confirmation class 6:45 PM Bible study 	12 7:00 PM Choir/Music practice 	13	14
15 9:00 AM Service 9:15 AM Children's Sunday class 10:30 AM Adult Forum	16	17 9:30 AM Women's Bible study 	18 6:00 PM Confirmation class 6:45 PM Bible study 	19 7:00 PM Choir/Music practice 	20 Newsletter articles due	21 6:30 AM SHARE pick up
22 9:00 AM Service 9:15 AM Children's Sunday class 10:30 AM Adult Forum	23	24 8:45 AM Women's Bus mtg 9:30 AM Women's Bible study 	25 6:00 PM Confirmation class 6:45 PM Bible study 	26 7:00 PM Choir/Music practice 	27	28
29 9:00 AM Service 9:15 AM Children's Sunday class 10:30 AM Adult Forum Newsletters delivered	30	<h2 style="font-size: 2em;">Alleluia, He is Risen.</h2> 				

April's Worship Assistant's Schedule

CANTOR	Susan Shaddox	1 & 8 & 15
READERS		SNACKS
4/1	Mona Anderson	Pat Cowan
4/8	Mona Anderson	breakfast
4/15	Luella Cravens	Doris Hartman
4/22	Luella Cravens	Mona Anderson
4/29	Matthew Dippolito	Kristine Hurtado– Bergstrom
ASSISTANTS		
4/1	Mona Anderson	
4/8	Mona Anderson	
4/15	Luella Cravens	
4/22	Luella Cravens	
4/29	Luella Cravens	
USHERS		
4/1	Judy DeLong	Please be prepared to light
4/8	Judy DeLong	and extinguish the candles.
4/15	Judy DeLong	
4/22	Rene Brown	
4/29	Rene Brown	
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Dietrich	Thank you for all your help.

Our Social Ministry
is collecting:

- Diapers, any size, for Salvation Army Back Country
- Box Tops 4 Education for the Navajo Lutheran Mission
- Used eye glasses
- Personal hygiene products
- School supplies for Lutheran Border Concerns Ministries and Lemon Grove Lutheran Church

Sonshine/West & Harvest Cluster
Spring Event

Saturday, April 21

“Fashioned with Love”

Coldwater Creek

Fashion Show

Registration: 1:00 pm \$5.00

Program: 1:30 pm Friendship Tea



Clairemont Lutheran Church
4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego

RSVP by April 16:

Sonshine/West — Joyce Boutte 619-463-6734

Harvest— Joan Bassett 760-757-3836

Love Gifts: school supplies for the children of Afghanistan.



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Jeane Lawrie	Accompanist
Drew Peterson	Accompanist

Office hours:
Tuesday—Thursday 8 am—4 pm

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
4th	7 pm	4H/ Golden Clover	<u>Sunday</u>		
			2nd	1 pm	SHARE sign up