



Goodnewsletter

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2009

Wow! The hottest season of the year is at hand, the last full month of summer, and school begins in four weeks. It will soon be snowing...in Minnesota.



from Pastor

this garden, I want to continue to lay this ministry in front of you so that it's not forgotten.

Men's Retreat

On Sunday, August 9th I invite all St. John's

men to gather in the Fellowship Hall following worship to discuss a Men's Retreat. I need your input about the kind of retreat you would like, where to have it, when to hold it, possible speakers, etc. This is your opportunity! Please come and participate.

My Vacation

My daughters and I will be traveling to my boyhood hometown of Yankton, SD September 2-8. We are making our yearly pilgrimage back to the holy land a little later this year. my niece is getting married on the 4th. Pat Cowan will our preacher on Sunday, September 6th.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our Bible study will resume following my vacation on Tuesday, September 15th from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Please come and enjoy the study...and bring a friend. It would be great to continue to grow.

So as you see, beyond the ministries we are already doing, there are many others we may begin. And all these are within the reach of our small, but mighty congregation!

Pastor George
Cell # 619-249-5224

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

Wednesday :

Thursday:

Choir practice	7:30 pm
4th Thursday: Women's PM Bible study	1:00 pm

Council Members:

Stephens Dietrich	Chair
Brian Cowan	Vice Chair
Mona Anderson	Treasurer
Laura Stephens	Secretary
Stuart Lindstrom	
Bill Martin	
Susan Shaddox	

Financial Secretary: Judy Dietrich

St. John's Lutheran Preschool

By the time this newsletter is in your hands we will have voted on opening our preschool. I wish to thank Ron Blake, preschool director of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran's preschool for all his guidance, and Pat Cowan and Stuart Lindstrom for all their dedicated work. If we vote to start the preschool, we will immediately begin our search for a preschool director and get the ball rolling.

Tecate Ministry

Tomorrow, Thursday, July 23rd, Rod and Luella Craven, Mona Anderson, Pat Cowan and myself will take a trip to Tecate, Mexico lead by Pastor Bill Bruggeman and his wife, Ann. We will explore some of the ways the Mexican lifestyle is different (and more difficult) than our own. One of the place we will visit is Miracle Ranch Orphanage. I would like us to begin a ministry with Miracle Ranch. There's numerous ways we can support them – financial assistance, work visits, etc. Our small, but mighty congregation can do immense ministry for the children of Miracle Ranch.

St. John's Community Garden

Yet, there's more. I still believe we have a huge opportunity for ministry within our community through St. John's Community Garden. So, although we're not quite ready to start

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.

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WOMEN'S NEWS

Hello, relax and enjoy your summer. We are taking a break and will return on September 24 at 1 pm, with the Bible study and a Business meeting.



Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry (LBCM) is gathering school supplies for children in Mexican schools. LBCM has helped establish churches Tijuana, San Luis, Mexicali and Sonora. One area of ministry is providing school supplies; pencils, pens, erasers, small bottles of glue, and glue sticks; for the Fall start up. LBCM will need notebooks in the Spring. So when you are out shopping and see a great deal on school supplies please pick a few and drop them by the church office.

What a simple way to help a child learn.



Happy Birthday

11 Mary Swanbeck
18 Gilberto Pazo

Happy Wedding Anniversary



16 Larry & Mona Anderson



TACO'S 6th Annual Christmas in July (and August)

Merry Christmas! The Third Avenue Charitable Organization's (TACO) Christmas in July is in full swing! TACO

is raising money to purchase 250 sleeping bags. Once the money is raised, the sleeping bags will be purchased in bulk from Big 5. These sleeping bags will then be filled with goodies, wrapped, and given to the homeless and low income of downtown San Diego the Friday before Christmas. Each gift of a sleeping bag and goodies will cost \$25. You can help make someone's Christmas brighter by contributing to this cause! Make checks payable to "TACO" with "Christmas in July" in the memo line.

TACO, through First Lutheran Church, is a non-profit charity that serves the homeless, elderly, and working poor primarily in downtown San Diego. Offerings include free meals, free medical, dental, and acupuncture clinics, a free legal project, a program for those who are homeless and terminally ill, as well as free mental health counseling to any and all who come.

Through the support of over 35 congregations like yours in this area, we are able to continue this mission. Thank you for your generosity!

Rachel Line
TACO Volunteer Coordinator

Mark your donation TACO when putting it in the Offering basket. Thanks.



Council Committee chairs:

Christian Youth Ed.— Mona
Evangelism — Brian
Negotiating — Stephen
Property — Laura, Bill
Social Ministry — Stuart
Stewardship — Brian
Worship & Music — Susan
To contact a council member:
either speak to one of them or leave a note in their mailbox.

Chairman's Report

Greetings,

With our vacation in July, I have missed a lot of what has been going on this past month, but will bring you up to date as best I can. By the time you read this, we will have had our special congregational meeting to discuss and vote on the proposal to re-establish the pre-school. Your council has considered the options that this presents before having brought it to you for a vote.

We are likely going to have an additional outside congregation using our building on Sunday afternoon. This is a small church that is being formed in East County that doesn't have a church home. We are looking to help their ministry efforts. At this stage, we are still working out the details; I will let you know more information in the next newsletter. God has blessed us with this great Church property and it is only right that we are able to use it to help other congregations.

That's about all I have for now, so until next month,

Steve



Worship and Music

St John's has a very dedicated group of volunteers who work behind the scenes. Without these willing individuals the services held every Sunday would not be possible. I'd like to thank all those who contribute their time every week to make things happen. The ushers who arrive early to prepare the sanctuary, the altar guild members who set up for communion and prepare the altar, the readers who take part in the service along with the assistants, cantors and our wonderful accompanists, Drew Peterson and Jeanie Lawrie (who has served for over 30 years!) It takes all these willing people working together with Pastor George to provide an inspirational Sunday service.

Sometimes I think people forget that things don't just happen. It takes participation to get things done and thanks to them for all they do! The choir is another important component to our worship service. We are blessed with such a competent director as Breena Loraine. Every Thursday evening the choir meets for practice. We are a small choir, but each member contributes their time and talent with a cheerful heart.

We are so saddened to lose one of our very faithful members Harvey Holsbo. Harvey has been a part of the choir for a long time. He was soft spoken but when he spoke everyone listened. Every week it seemed he brought some laughter to the practice. We feel like a close family and we will miss him so much. Choir members will always think of him when we warm up with "Bumble Bee" as that was his favorite. All our love and support to Glenda.

The choir is now taking its summer break. Breena is off to London to pursue her studies. We will resume in the fall and invite anyone who loves to sing to come and join.

There is room for help in all areas of volunteering. We really need more help on the altar guild. Please consider giving of your time. You will find it is so rewarding serving the Lord; after all, we are one family in Christ.

Sincerely, Susan Shaddox
Chairperson



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Breena Loraine

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Accompanist

Office hours: Tuesday—Thursday
8 am—4 pm

Churches that meet here

East Hills Christian Church (Sunday - 10:30 am) (shares building)

Jesus Mi Senor (Sunday - 1 pm & Thursday - 6 pm)

Family of God Community Church (Sunday - 11am)

Weekly Group Building Usage

Monday-Friday 7:30 am A.A. Coffee Clutchers

Monday-Friday 12 pm A.A. EC Daytime
Group

Monday 6:30 pm A.A. Monday Steps

6:30 pm A.A. Woman/s

3rd 7 pm 4H Beef

Tuesday 7 pm Women's Al-Anon
Closed

Wednesday

Every Other 5:30 pm Brownie troop

2nd 6:30 pm G. S. Leaders Circle

3rd 2 pm License 2 Freedom

4th 7 pm 4H Golden Clover

Thursday 6 pm DBSA (Depression
Bipolar Support Alliance)

8 pm NA Speakers

7:30 pm Al-Anon Open

Friday

Saturday

3rd / 4th 6 am SHARE pick up
Sign up for SHARE during church office
hours.