



January 2009

Goodnewsletter

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



As Christians we are live-long learners. Our faith journey never ends, nor does our learning. In January, there are numerous opportunities to continue on the journey of faith through study and learning. Come and join us!

from Pastor

The Four Acts of Prayer by Walter Wangerin.

Begins Sunday, February 1st following worship, in the Fireside/

Conference Room.

In The Four Acts of Prayer Wangerin uses stories to explore these vital elements of the complete circle of praying. He shows us that these four simple acts, practiced and developed with diligence, bring us into a close communion with God that supports us in our daily living.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We will begin a study of The Letter to the Colossians starting Tuesday, January 6th.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

On Wednesday, January 7th we begin a study of The Gospel of Mark.

Book Study of 'Faith & Fitness' by Tom Hafer

Begins Sunday, January 5th following worship in the Fireside/Conference Room.

"For someone like me whose life motto is 'faith, family, fitness,' this book is a must-read. Besides all his very useful tips about proper diet and necessary exercise, Hafer scores big as he powerfully describes how as we maintain the vigorous activities our bodies are designed for we are not only enhancing our own lives, but are better equipped to serve others, goals every one of us should want to achieve."

- Les Steckel, former NFL coach, author and president, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Kansas City

"Resourceful, anecdotal, factual, insightful, statistical, faithful, and spiritual -Tom Hafer has given those who care about holistic health yet another gift in *Faith & Fitness*. The call to live faithfully, caring not only for the betterment of self, but for the well-being and wholeness of others, makes this an important book to read and reread."

- Rev. Murray D. Finck, Bishop, ELCA, Pacifica Synod

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
4th Tuesday :	
Women's Business meeting	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:

Mona Anderson
Brian Cowan
Stephen Dietrich
Matthew Dippolito
Stuart Lindstrom
Bill Martin
Laura Stephens
Susan Shaddox

Financial Secretary: Judy Dietrich

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

Please join us at the Planning luncheon on Saturday, January 10 at 11 am. We're going to be setting up our events, deciding on an evening Bible study time and when to do the monthly business meeting. There will be some changes, so come and help us decide them. The meeting will be first; as quick as possible; then we'll enjoy lunch.



January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 4 WEGE & Potluck lunch
- 6 Epiphany
- 10 Women's Planning luncheon
- 13 Council meeting
- 24 SHARE pick up



Happy Birthday

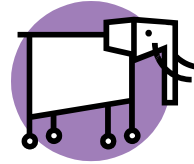
- 9 Carole Nelson
- 12 Maxine Matson
- 17 Mike King
- 27 Samantha Pazo



CHOIR NEWS

All members are welcome to join the choir. Please contact the church office (444-1272) and leave your name and phone number, so our director, Breena, can get back to you. Choir practice is on Thursdays starting at 7:30 pm.

"Sing a glad song to the Lord"



Save the date for the Epiphany WEGE (white elephant gift exchange) & Potluck lunch

**Sunday, January 4
11 am**

(White elephant gift— something useable you have that you don't want.)
New find that gift and bring it to the exchange and see what happens. Also bring a potluck dish to share.
Great fun, good food!

February

- 1 Super Bowl Sunday
- 10 Council meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 President's Day
- 24 Shrove (Fat) Tuesday
Pancake dinner
- 25 Ash Wednesday
- 28 SHARE pick up

From the Council Chairman's Desk

Happy New Year,

This month has been very busy. We started out with having the annual Congregational meeting, which was very well attended. We voted in three "new" (at least one new and two returning) members of Council. They are Matt Dippolito, Susan Shaddox, and Stuart Lindstrom. I want to welcome them aboard and thank them for agreeing to serve our congregation in this capacity.

We have a lot of activity, leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve, we had our annual candlelight service and of course, later that evening Santa Claus visited all of the good girls and boys. With all that has gone on, I hope that you and yours have enjoyed the peace that Christ brings during this season.

At our Council meeting later this month, the various committee assignments will be determined and the officers will be elected. We will let you know the results of the meeting the following Sunday and they will also be included in the next month's Council Chair's article.

We will have several challenges that will be coming up this year. As discussed at the Congregational meeting, our budget will be very difficult during 2009. It is important that we are faithful on our commitments and that we trust that God will provide for our needs.

That's not to say that we shouldn't be striving to meet our financial needs and goals as set in the budget. The council will be looking at ways to mitigate the shortfall and we will keep you advised of how it is going.

If you have any questions, please get a hold of me or any of the other Council members.

God bless,
Steve



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