



Goodnewsletter

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 2010

We Have Great Hope

The new year forces us to pause and reflect on the past year and anticipate the coming. I have great hope for St. John's in 2010. I believe we are on the path God has chosen for us. So, let's be faithful, work hard, pray constantly, and place our complete trust in the God of Jesus Christ. God will lead us down the narrow path of righteousness and salvation.

I found this hymn on the internet and thought I would share it with you.

"As the Old Year Passes"

By David MacGregor, 2007

As the old year passes
we look back, reflect:
times of joy and promise,
times we'd best forget.
God of the ages
help us walk your way.
Help us greet your future,
seize tomorrow's day.

As the old year passes
sorrow wells within:
loved ones no more 'round us,
all that could have been.
God of compassion
heal each ailing heart.
Guide us to your future
where new life may start.



from Pastor

As the old year passes
we cry for our struggling world.
Climate ever-changing,
fighting too-often

heard.
God, you have called us
to cherish all you give.
Call us to your future
where all in peace, might live.

As the new year dawns now
we would give you praise.
Faithful God, come lead us
onward in new ways.
We'll love and serve you
in the faith of Christ,
in your Spirit's future;
people of new life.

Pastor George's cell
619-249-5224

Sunday Worship:

Traditional	9:00 am
(1st & 3rd Sunday)	
Contemporary	9:00 am
(2nd & 4th Sunday)	
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	
Susan Shaddox	
Beth Stephens	

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.

St. John's Home Page



WOMEN'S NEWS

This month is busy for us.

January 9 – Planning luncheon
Join us for a great time of working on our 2010 calendar. We'll start at 11:30 am.

January 28 — Bible study and Business meeting. We'll start at 1 pm for the study and then have the meeting to work on the Silent Auction items.

January 31— Silent Auction and Chili Cook-off start at 11 am. Good food and great deals.

Join us for all the fun.

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

- 11 Levi Dippolito
- 12 Maxine Mattson
- 17 Mike King



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"



WEGE

(white elephant gift exchange)

SUNDAY, January 10
11 am
Fellowship Hall

To participate in the exchange, find that white elephant gift and bring it to recycle. Remember the gift is something you already have and don't want. Pot luck lunch will be served, please bring a dish to share.

Great fun.

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 6 Epiphany
- 9 Women's Planning lunch
- 10 WEGE (white elephant gift exchange) & Potluck lunch
- 12 Council meeting
- 17 Martin Luther King holiday
- 31 Silent Auction/ Chili Cook off



February

- 9 Council Meeting
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 Preschool board meeting
- 17 Ash Wednesday
- 21 First Sunday in Lent

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hauoli Makahiki Hou
Blwyddyn Newydd Dda
Stastny Novy rok
Feliz Ano–Neuvo
Bonne Anne
Bliadhna mhathur
Shchastlyvoho Novoho Roku
Godt Nyttar
Selamat Tahun Baru
Prosit Neujahr
Bliain nua fe mhaise dhuit
Manigong Bagong Taon
S Novim Godom
Felice anno nuovo
L' Shannah Tovah
Onnellista Uutta Vuotta
Kiortame pivdluaritlo
Nupela yia i go long yu
Srekjne nova Godiva
Xin Nian Kuai Le
Kul' am wa antum bikhair
Shuvo Nabo Barsho

Something to live by.....

Promise yourself to be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. To talk health, happiness and prosperity to everyone. To make all friends feel that there is something in them. To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true. To think only of the best, to work only for the best and expect only the best. To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future. To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others. To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.



Volume 8 Issue 1

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
1430 Melody Lane El Cajon, CA 92019

Address service requested

Office phone: (619) 444-1272
Kitchen phone: (619) 328-1994
Fax: (619) 444-1353
Email: secretary@sj.sdcoxmail.com
georgeekeren@live.com
Website: www.stjohnslutheranelcajon.org
Preschool Website:
www.saintjohnslutheranpreschool.com
Preschool phone: (619) 749-2605

Staff:
George Ekeren-Moening Pastor
Laura Stephens Secretary
Breena Loraine Music Director
Jeane Lawrie Accompanist
Drew Peterson Accompanist

Office hours: Tuesday—Thursday
9am—4 pm

Other Churches that meet here

East Hills Christian Church (Sunday - 10:30 am) (shares the building w/ St. John's)
Jesus Mi Senor (Sunday - 1 pm & Thursday - 6 pm)
Family of God Community Church (Sunday - 11am)

Weekly Group Building Usage

<u>Sunday</u>	6:00 pm	Sober Sunday A.A.	<u>Thursday</u>	6:30 pm	DBSA (Depression Bipolar Support Alliance)
<u>Monday-Friday</u>	12 pm	EC Daytime Group A.A.		8 pm	NA Speakers
<u>Monday</u> every other (10/12)	3:30 pm	Girl Scout/Brownie troop	<u>Friday</u>	6:30 pm	Friday AA
	6:30 pm	Monday Steps A.A.		7:30 pm	Al-Anon Open
	6:30 pm	Woman's Closed A.A.	<u>Saturday</u>	3rd or 4th	6 am SHARE pick up
<u>Tuesday</u>	7 pm	Women's Al-Anon Closed			Sign up for SHARE during church office hours.
<u>Wednesday</u> 2nd	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Leaders Circle			