



June 2007

# Goodnewsletter

## ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish Pastor  
George's wife, Shan-  
non, God's blessing be  
upon her as she recov-  
ers from pneumonia.

Pastor George was  
unavailable at deadline  
time, so ...

### MY OATH TO YOU

When you are sad.....  
I will dry your tears.  
When you are scared.....  
I will comfort your fears.  
When you are worried.....  
I will give you hope.  
When you are confused.....  
I will help you cope.  
And when you are lost....  
And can't see the light, I  
shall be your beacon  
....Shining ever so bright.  
This is my oath.....  
I pledge till the end.

Why you may ask?.....  
Because you're my friend.

Signed: GOD

### 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

### 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

### 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.

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- 3 — Confirmation
- 10 — Congregational meeting
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- 12 — Council meeting
- 14 — Flag Day
- 17 — Father's Day
- 21 — Summer begins



## July

- 4 — Independence Day celebration
- 10 — Council meeting



## Happy Birthday

- 7 — J.R. Stephens
- 12 — Bonnie Walters
- 14 — Matthew Dippolito
- 17 — Pat Cowan
- 18 — Jeanne Kenney
- 25 — Denise Dippolito
- 27 — Brian Cowan



## Happy Wedding Anniversary

- 4 — Harvey & Glenda Holsbo
- 12 — Charlie & Mildred Meyer
- 15 — Tom & Susan Shaddox
- 29 — Dave & Patty Persiani

If you have a special event in your life, let us know about it so we can celebrate with you.



Many, many, many happy wishes for Dave & Patty Persiani as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Wendy Stephens who finished 2 years at California Lutheran University (CLU), with her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. After a summer trip to Kenya, Africa, (as a youth director) she plans on attending SDSU to work on her Master's degree, in Business Administration with a focus on Human Resources. The Diplomatic Corps is her future. *"I appreciates all the support you have given me."*

Sara Gay graduated from El Capitan High School. Over the summer, Sara will be traveling in Eastern Europe as a student ambassador, with People to People. She will be attending Cuyamaca Junior College and plans on transferring to CSU Sacramento to study Physical Therapy.

We wish them both much happiness and good fortune as they pursue their careers.

## From the President's Desk

Greetings! We've had a wonderfully busy month! Brian and I were so appreciative of the opportunity to represent St. John's at the 2007 Annual Pacifica Synod Assembly in Honolulu, Hawaii. This was my first trip to Hawaii, and a pleasant return for Brian who lived there when his dad was stationed at Scofield Barracks back in the '70's. We were able to spend 3 days as tourists, touring and swimming, and then the 4 days of the Assembly were wonderful too.

It never ceases to amaze me and fill me with awe when I see so many folks gathered in the name of the Lord, all singing and praising Him together. There was a church right next door to the hotel, St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, and they were kind enough to host us for our 2 worship services. We filled that church, and each person was wearing a beautiful, fresh lei of either yellow or purple flowers, and the aroma was absolutely divine. The pictures up on the Pacifica Synod website capture some of the beauty of our worship services.

Brian and I partook in a workshop which brought us to St. John Lutheran Church in Honolulu. It was a lovely little church complete with a preschool. They fed us a chili luncheon and made us feel very welcome.

Pastor George will lead us in a presentation of our time in Hawaii after church on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, and I hope many of you will be able to stay for it. We'll discuss what happened at the Assembly and share photos and memories.

The cross is still being treated; apparently it takes longer for the coating to dry than originally anticipated. So, slowly, we are getting it ready to install in our front yard. Also, the fence is coming along nicely too, which is a beautiful sight to see.

I'd like to share a little personal story with you: a friend of mine wrote to me that she was so astonished at my stories from church, and that she was envious of what a tight knit group we are. She said that from what she remembers of her childhood, her church was a group of judgmental, harsh people, none of whom were her friends. Needless to say, she no longer goes to church, and seems to participate vicariously through my telling her about St. John's. I think if she lived near us, she would even consider coming to meet you. That tells me that each of us has this same opportunity: we all know what great relationships we enjoy here at St. John's, and we all have friends and family that we talk to, and I think there are probably quite a lot of people out there who are envious of what we share here. We are certainly blessed!

Til next month,  
Your Sister in Christ,  
*Pat*



To receive your newsletter via E-mail, contact Stephen Dietrich at: [sjdietch@cox.net](mailto:sjdietch@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— Vicky Gay  
Stewardship—  
Worship and Music— Miria Stephens

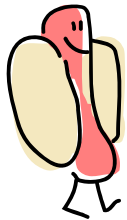
If you need to contact a council member, please leave them a note in their mailbox.



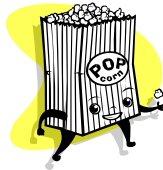
# JULY 4th CELEBRATION

4 pm

Come and enjoy the celebration by eating BBQ'ed hot dogs, popcorn, doing the activities and ending the day with a display of fireworks.



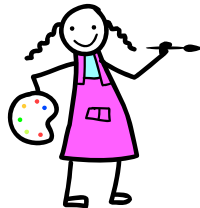
HOT DOGS



POPCORN



CAKE WALK

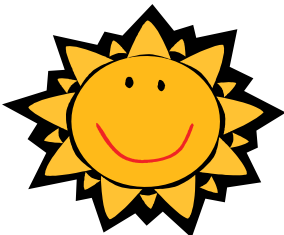


FACE PAINTING

GAMES



COLD DRINKS



## CALLING ALL JULY 4TH VOLUNTEERS

Now if you are one of those people that loves crowds, likes helping people, eating great food, watching fireworks; I think you get the idea; WE NEED YOU.

There will be numerous activities to do and in turn we need someone to "run" them. Contact Glenda Holsbo, either at church or call her, 440-2493 and let her know what you want to do.

NOW for all those cake decorators, boy can we use your abilities to help our cake walk be absolutely GREAT. Pat Cowan has said she will co-ordinate this event, so watch for further details around the church.

So much will be happening that day, but if you want to do something or have an idea call Glenda and let her know.



# **EHCC VBS**

**July 7– 13**

**9-11:30 am**

Are you ready for  
**AVALANCHE RANCH?**

EHCC is looking for volunteers to help make VBS a special event for all the children. If you would like to help out, call 444-1621 x 201 and leave a message for their lead person, Beth. They need people to help in the stations doing: arts & crafts, snack set up/clean up, and classroom assistants. Classes for preschool to kindergarten and first to fifth grades. You can either spend the whole time or part of it. So come on over and have a lot of fun working for and teaching about Jesus.

If you have child that wishes to attend, contact EHCC at the same number; also look for the sign up sheets, closer to the VBS date.

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SERVE AND  
PRAISE OUR LORD.

## **BALBOA PARK MUSEUMS**

### **FREE TUESDAYS LIST**

#### **First Tuesday**

San Diego Natural History Museum  
Reuben H. Fleet Center  
San Diego Model Railroad Museum

#### **Second Tuesday**

Museum of Photographic Art  
Veteran's Museum & Memorial Center

#### **Third Tuesday**

San Diego Museum of Art Permanent Exhibit  
San Diego Museum of Man  
Japanese Friendship Garden  
Art Institute of Living Artist  
Mingeii International Museum

#### **Fourth Tuesday**

San Diego Aerospace Museum  
San Diego Automotive Museum  
House of Pacific Relations  
International Cottages and Hall of Nations films













#### **Fifth Tuesday**

Normal museum price in effect.

**1 pm every Tuesday & Sunday there is a 1 hour guided tour. Meet at the Visitor's Center, in the park's House of Hospitality.**

# June 2007

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 9:00 AM Service 10:30 AM Adult Forum Confirmation</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5  9:30 AM Women's Bible study</p>	<p>6  6:45 PM Bible study</p>	<p>7  7:00 PM Choir/ Music practice</p>	1	2
<p>10 9:00 AM Service 10:30 AM Congregational mtg. 11:00 AM Hawaii Luau</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12  9:30 AM Women's Bible study 7:00 PM Council meeting</p>	<p>13  6:45 PM Bible study</p>	<p>14  7:00 PM Choir/ Music practice</p>	8	9
<p>17 9:00 AM Service <i>Happy Father's Day</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19  9:30 AM Women's Bible study</p>	<p>20  6:45 PM Bible study <b>Newsletter articles due</b></p>	<p>21  7:00 PM Choir/ Music practice</p>	15	16
<p>24 9:00 AM Service</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26  9:30 AM Women's Bible study 6:30 PM Women's Bus. mtg. 7:00 PM Women's Eve Bible Study</p>	<p>27  6:45 PM Bible study</p>	<p>28  7:00 PM Choir/ Music practice</p>	22	23 6:30 AM SHARE pick up
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29	29	29	29	29	29	29
30	30	30	30	30	30	30

## June's Worship Assistant's Schedule

	9:00 am	
<b>CANTOR</b>	Brian Cowan	
<b>READERS</b>		<b>SNACKS</b>
6/3	Susan Shaddox	Rene Brown
6/10	Susan Shaddox	Pat Cowan
6/17	Stephen Dietrich	Doris Hartman
6/24	Stephen Dietrich	Mona Anderson
<b>ASSISTANTS</b>		
6/3	Susan Shaddox	
6/10	Susan Shaddox	
6/17	Stephen Dietrich	
6/24	Stephen Dietrich	
<b>USHERS</b>		
6/3	Marilyn Litsheim	Please be prepared to light
6/10	Marilyn Litsheim	and extinguish the candles.
6/17	Maxine Mattson	
6/24	Maxine Mattson	
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Jeanne Kenney	
	<b>Thank you for all your help</b>	



### California style Hawaii Luau

Attention, attention all you Hawaii cooks, California style means hot dogs and hamburgers. We are asking the congregation to bring side dishes that go with dogs and burgers; all the rest will be supplied by the church. Oh yeah dessert; well something ooey-goey would be great. See you there. There will be an overview of the Pacifica Synod trip after the lunch.

### CHOIR NEWS



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

*"Sing unto the Lord"*



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**Staff:**

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

**Office hours:**

**Tuesday—Thursday 8 am—4 pm**

**Weekly Group Building Usage**

<b><u>Monday-Friday</u></b>	7:30 am	A.A.Coffee Clutchers	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	6 pm	DBSA (Depression Bipolar Support Alliance)
<b><u>Monday-Friday</u></b>	12 pm	A.A. EC Noon Group		8 pm	NA Speakers
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	7 pm	Women's AlAnon	<b><u>Friday</u></b>	9 am	License 2 Freedom
3rd	7 pm	4H Beef		7:30 pm	AlAnon Open
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>			<b><u>Saturday</u></b>		
2nd	6:30 pm	G.S. Leaders	4th	6:30 am	SHARE pick up
4th	7 pm	4H/ Golden Clover	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>		
			2nd	1 pm	SHARE sign up