



Journeys

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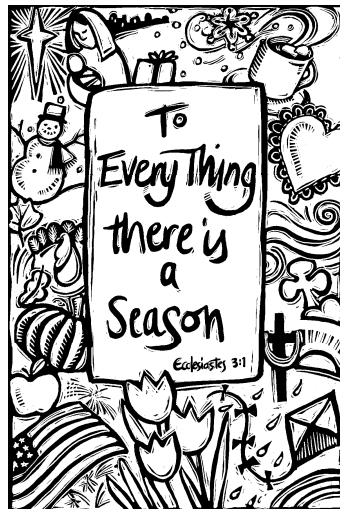
**“To everything there is a season...
and a time for every purpose under heaven.”**

I grew up in Northern Ohio where there was a very definite change in the seasons. How well I can still remember the deep smell of wet mud as the sun peeked out from under the winter sky, the snow melted and the crocus and hyacinths began to break the ground in

spring; the dog days of heat and humidity that marked August and the height of summer; the cooler air and the colors that blazed in fall; and the rushing to classroom windows in wide eyed amazement as the first flakes of snow began to float down and cover the grass. Years ago when I first moved to Southern California, I felt like I was living in endless summer! But over time the

subtle changes of temperature, sea and sky have made their way into my consciousness. I am able to appreciate the rhythm of the year in this place. It is much the same way for me with the church year. The colors of the parameters, the sanctuary banners and decorations, the change in the music of hymns and liturgy, and the tone of the

readings all work together to help me remember and rehearse... over and over again... the story of God and God’s people, the life of Jesus Our Lord, and the history of the church of Christ. Though we are in the middle of Ordinary Time now... in just a short time Advent will



be upon us and the yearly church cycle will begin once more.

But there is another rhythm at work among us – the universal American rhythm of the school year. Labor Day marks the “official” end of summer and the beginning of a new one. Families, childless couples, singles, even corporations and traffic planners know the changes that the start and end of school bring to our

communities. And it is no different in the congregation. As September approaches we look toward the “new year” and the excitement it will bring. As I write for this newsletter I am aware that this may be a banner year for “newness” at St. Paul:

The repair and renovation of the Par-

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Our Mission Statement

**Striving to
mirror Christ
in word
and action
by reaching
out
to serve
others!**

Celebrating Our 45th Anniversary
1966-2011



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ish Hall is completed! Have you taken the time to look around the building at the new ceilings and lights? paint and fixtures? cabinet and glass doors? carpet and tile? We start the new POWER* Hour and program year with refreshed furnishings for our education and fellowship events.

The completion of the audio/visual system in the sanctuary will be final by Rally Sunday! The new screens and sound will give our worship space a polished look as well as enhance our ease and enthusiasm in giving honor and praise to our God. The new faceted glass window at the front will be the final touch. It is still a way down the road... but the excitement of planning it and watching it come into being is be a blessing.

The nine Stephen Ministers who were commissioned in June have begun taking on care receivers and this ministry expands by the week. If you or someone you know feels the need for distinctively Christian care-giving, someone to walk alongside and listen, pray and be with you in a confidential relationship through a difficult time, please contact the pastors and let us put you in touch with a Stephen Minister!

Adult Ministry expands with the beginning of "Prime-Timers" at lunch time on third Wednesdays. Though we start casual, speakers with interesting topics are committing to come and make our time together not only profitable for our spirits but also engaging for our minds... our hearts... and our souls.

And then there's LifeTree Café! The casual, "coffee-house" -style setting provides the stage for a creative hour that is a primary outreach to persons in the

community. Hosted by the congregation; held at The City Grill in Brea on Monday nights and in the Parish Hall of St. Paul on Tuesday nights; staffed by volunteer members – LifeTree Café has the power and potential to draw people of different backgrounds, beliefs and personalities together into conversation around topics that people are already interested in and talking about; topics that really matter in our lives; and grounds all the presentations and conversations in the help, hope, healing, wholeness and holiness that comes by grace through faith in God and God's son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. St. Paul's LifeTree Café opens in September and we are in the recruiting process for volunteers to serve in this exciting new ministry. Watch for information meetings and training sessions being held. And watch also as the north end of the Parish Hall takes on an attractive new set-up.

There is so much to look forward to in God's kingdom taking shape in... and around... and through this congregation. Can you hear the rhythm? Can you feel the beat? The season in our world is changing once again and we need to recognize it, appreciate it and move into it with the same faith, hope and conviction with which we move through all the seasons of our lives. Will you catch the wave? Will you step to God calling you out into action for the sake of all God's people? May your answer be an excited, enthusiastic "Yes!"

Partnering with you in the seasons to come,

What's happening in Life Tree in September?

St. Paul continues to expand efforts for local mission outreach with preparations for the launch of Life Tree Café St. Paul. The first Life Tree Café in California! The Vision of the Life Tree Café St. Paul mirrors our local mission purpose.

"The community of St. Paul, creating a forum to engage the larger community in which we live and play, in faith based conversation on current topics"

August was a time for the Life Tree Leadership Team to share information with the congregation and to invite the congregation to engage. It was also a time of preparation on our way to sharing stories with the greater community and with each other.

September will have opportunities for additional information sharing, for more answers to questions, several more awesome Life Tree video clips. We will continue to dig deeper, to better understand the various roles and responsibilities of Life Tree and get ready to launch.

Information will be provided explaining the various roles and how you can participate.

- † **Life Tree Hosts** – The individuals who guide the Life Tree Café sessions, ensuring a safe environment for open discussions. The initial Host Champion is **Pastor Tom**.
- † **Friendship Team** – The individuals who set-up and take down but more importantly, greet guests and make them feel welcome. The initial Friendship Team Champion is **Barbara Weisz**.
- † **Seed Team** – The individuals who commit to just attending Life Tree Café sessions on a regular basis. The initial Seed Team Champion is **Marje Young**.
- † **Communications** – The individuals who get the word out to the larger community, posters, facebook, internet, etc. The initial Communications Team Champion is **Pastor Brian**.

Another important aspect of Life Tree is the Out on a Limb Team. This team coordinates and energizes community support for the various outreach programs associated with Life Tree Café. The initial Out on a Limb Champion is **Pastor Brian**.

If you are concerned about over committing yourself, that you don't have enough time, please note that the vast majority of Life Tree positions are not major time commitments, require absolutely no training, just that you attend a session every once in a while when your schedule allows.

For those of you wanting a bit more information, September will also be a time of training and readying ourselves for our first actual Life Tree Café sessions.

- † Special Training sessions for Hosts and Friendship team members will be provided.
- † The Fellowship hall and the City Grill will be transformed into Life Tree Cafés. Some of this will be noticeable, some maybe not so noticeable.
- † On September 19th and 26th there will be Life Tree Café practice sessions at the City Grill.
- † On September 20th and 27th there will be Life Tree Café practice sessions in the Fellowship Hall.

All training and practice sessions are open to all to come see what this is all about. No strings attached.

And then, in October, all will be ready, and Life Tree Café St. Paul will officially launch; October 3 at the City Grill and October 4 in the Fellowship Hall.

Come get involved, share your stories and your Faith with others whether at the City Grill, or right here at St. Paul. It is exciting and a wonderful opportunity to outreach to the larger community that surrounds us. And it is soooooo easy. Let the Life Tree Café leadership team know how you can be a part of Life Tree Café St. Paul.



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Newsletter and
Compass Bulletin
Deadlines

Articles for Journeys is by noon on the 15th of each month, Compass deadline is by noon on Monday for the following week's bulletin.

Please e-mail your information to Lori Seargeant at stpaulfullerton@gmail.com

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**Women
of the
ELCA**

**September
2011**

Save the date
for the
HARVEST
TEA
on October 12
Hosted by
Elizabeth
Circle

Renew, Respond Rejoice!

EIGHT TRIENNIAL GATHERING
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
JULY 14-17, 2011

I have just returned from the Triennial and am so filled with joy in the Lord that I felt I should write my report NOW or I will simply burst!

Ardis Carroll and I again attended and we were eagerly looking forward to this Gathering. This time we knew more what to expect and there was more interaction with our sisters in the Pacifica Synod. We even had cute little pins with a flip flop hanging from them to exchange with other Synodical sisters.

Spokane, to me, is a beautiful city and the Convention Center is located right by the river and its park. There are walls of windows looking out onto God's creations that gave us all joy.

The buzz was in the air with more than 2,000 women looking forward to all the workshops and activities. There were women there who had to be making a supreme effort to be there. At times, it looked a little like Lourdes.

I know that the Holy Spirit was giving them the strength to get through the strenuous days. And, if they are still like me, I'm still in physical recovery mode.

What were the highlights? For me, there were many: Leymah Gbowee relating how she dealt with the political situation in Liberia. She was mesmerizing! Her topic was *Reclaiming Our Space: A call to Action for Women of Faith*. She received a **spontaneous** standing ovation afterwards.

There is a documentary regarding her fight that you can order from Netflix. "Pray the Devil Back to Hell". This was shown several times to capacity audiences. The other memorable speaker was Pastor Megan Torgerson. She is young and vibrant with a sincere and passionate message to women. You can see and hear her on the WELCA site. I have already downloaded it and participated for the second time hearing her message.

As to the Workshops, they were jammed, in fact, the first sessions of workshops were filled to capacity so that Ardis and I could not get into one. BUT Thomas Wade Jefferson was offering a workshop on "Gospel Music: Enhancing Worship Using Music from the African American

Experience".

The workshop was pretty musically technical but by golly he had us all singing in parts gospel music and clapping our hands to various time beats. As I love gospel music this was very much a serendipity event for me. "The Power of Language" was also a good workshop in which (though despite the fact there had to be 100 women in the room we broke up into 3's) for different speech and language exercises. Words can hurt! Yes, they do and many of us shared our experiences. There were many hugs after this very intimate experience.

But, without a doubt the MOST fun was "Luther's New Appreciation of Sexuality, Marriage and Family". Jane Strohl had us rolling in the aisles. But, despite that or should I say because of that we learned a lot about Luther.

(By the way....he was FOR it.)

We had social occasions with other sisters; lunch with the Nebraska synod and dinner with our own Pacifica Synod. It was a great time to renew friendships and make new ones.

As you will soon find out "Lutheran Women Today" will undergo a name change to "Gatherings". Apparently, there was some pros and cons at the Delegates' meeting but it was voted in to change the name. I, personally, am glad for it is more inclusive for us to share with women of other faiths.

One of the things that really stood out for me was the number of young women. Some had even brought their infants. Hooray, say I. There were workshops designed for them and the changing world that they are living in and if you are like me, I'm getting a little tired. But, that's OK. We have this new, vibrant group to take over. (Yea! Rahab!) Bless you my young sisters!

We had wonderful bus tours that were optional, and I never turn down a city tour. I loved Spokane! What a beautiful, upbeat, CLEAN, hospitable city.

There were signs in the airport and all over town welcoming us!

There was a *5K Run, Walk and Roll in the Riverfront Park* to raise funds for the Raising up Healthy Women and Girls program and Bishop Hansen was there in his running gear keeping pace with the best of them.

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In three years the "Gathering" will be in Charleston SC. Already, over 400 women have signed up and God willing I'll be there also. Come join us!

I have been "Renewed, Responded and Rejoiced" with women of Faith and I feel connected to them but most of all to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!
Leslie Richardson

- † DO YOU KNOW? Bishop Hansen was out running with the ladies in his running shorts. This 5K Run was for Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls.
- † It was run along the river early in the morning and although "moi" wasn't there everyone seemed to have a good time.

- † DO YOU KNOW? The Lutheran Woman Today magazine will now be called *Gatherings*.
- † DO YOU KNOW? ELCA has a campaign to wipe out malaria in many parts of Africa. Ten dollars will buy mosquito netting for a family. The initiative will also buy sprays, medication, health care and education to eliminate deaths from this disease.
- † DO YOU KNOW? Asante sells Hand-Made African Crafts. It is a nonprofit, all volunteer organization that helps women in Tanzania and Uganda to have home-based businesses. Ardis and I will both wearing what we bought.
- † DO YOU KNOW? WELCA has an App for Daily Grace: daily readings, reflections, prayers and connections to liturgical and secular calendars.
- † DO YOU KNOW? WELCA is on Facebook and Twitter and www.womenofthelca.org

FOR YOUR PLANNERS

COFFEE SERVICE

Sarah Circle - September
Elizabeth Circle - October
Esther Circle - November

WELCA Board Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 7 Board Meeting @ 9 a.m.
Church

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Campbell Soup Labels
Save those labels!!

Cereal for FIES

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

We have many of our Treats Troops that are embedded. They are in harm's way and need our prayers for their safe return.

MEET AND GREET YOUR SISTERS

BIBLE STUDY IN THE OC

Rev. Patricia Lull will be here to introduce "To Follow and To Serve: The Gospel of Mark"

GATHERINGS Bible Study for Fall
Saturday, Sept. 17— 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
200 Avenida San Pablo
San Clemente
\$25 including lunch

FALL CLUSTER EVENT

REJOICE, SADDLEBACK AND SON & SURF CLUSTERS
Saturday, Oct. 1—9 - 11 a.m.
\$6.00

Speaker will be Barbara Martyn, Diaconal Minister (wife of Pastor Martyn of First Lutheran, Fullerton)

FULLY RELY ON GOD (F.R.O.G.)

Love gifts will go to Sheepfold. Housing for abused women with children who are no homeless. They need diapers, wipes, detergent, all cleaning materials, things for babies and children and for the mothers themselves. St. Peter's Santa Ana

BE BOLD IN YOUR FAITH!

CIRCLE AROUND

Dorcas Circle
Mon., Sept. 12 @ 7 pm
Sherry Draxler's home
141 Avenida Santa Catalina, La Habra
Call Sherry 714.525.5113
for more information
Bible Study
from *Gatherings*

Elizabeth Circle
Wed., Sept. 28 9:30 a.
Bible Study
from *Gatherings*
@ Church

Esther Circle
No meeting in September
For information call
714.526.6417

Sarah Circle
Mon., Sept. 26 @ 7 pm
Ardis Carroll's home
659 Lamat Rd
La Habra Heights
For more information
Sheila Richards
562.690.4009

Rahab
TBA
For information Call Jennifer Matas 714.992.2127 or Mackenzie Nolan 1.562.694.3623

Youth Page

WELCOME TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT "L*I*I*F*E*E" for September!!!



5:00 – Youth Center open for Snacks, Conversation, Fun & Fellowship

5:30 – Confirmation Welcome, Warm-Up & Presentation in Youth Center (Lower Level)

Sept. 14 – First Night – Youth and Parents Dinner & Information Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 18 - Confirmation Recognition at the 9:15 a.m. Worship Service

Sept. 21 - Workshop: "The Bible"

Sept. 28 – Small Group Service Night: Hot Meals Ministry at 1st Congregational Church

6:15 - Small Groups in Assigned Rooms

7:00 – Parent Pick-Ups or Youth "Hang-Out" in Youth Center till 7:15 p.m.

**Lutherans *Increasing *In *Faith * Education And *Experience*



Confirmands...

Our ninth grade students who will be participating in The Affirmation of Baptism

are: *Valentina Carcich, Chris Dahl,*

Jakob Fernandez, Hailey Farias,

Noah Goellrich, Sabrina Jamison,

Dallas Soderquist & Madison Thompson.

Dates to remember:

Sunday, September 11 –

Mini-Retreat 2–6 p.m.

Orientation with parents 6-7 p.m.

Sunday, September 18 –

Confirmation Recognition at 9:15 a.m.

Sundays September 18 & 25, October 2 –

Presentation of Faith Statements

Sunday, October 9 –

Affirmation of Baptism at 9:15 a.m.

Sr. High

Game & Movie Night with Emanuel



Sunday, Sept. 25 - 5-8 p.m.

This time we will meet in our Youth Room so come to St. Paul and bring your games, movies, and friends. We will order pizza. You can either bring \$5 to help pay for pizza or you can bring a desert to share. Let Pastor Brian know that you can make it! Hope to see you there!

ELCA National Youth Gathering July 18-22, 2012 in New Orleans, LA!!!



All high school students – including seniors graduating in 2012 - are eligible to attend this fabulous Youth Event filled with activities, worship, learning and serving opportunities. WATCH for info, news & forms coming in the mail and attend **Parent/Student Information Night - Sunday, October 2 at 5 p.m.** to get all the facts, costs, fund-raising plans, etc. together! Registration opens (and likely closes for 39,000 people) on Sunday, October 9th. You **MUST** have your registration form and a \$150 registration deposit to Pastor Judi by Sunday, October 2.



Rally Day Sunday, Sept. 11

11:00 - 2:00 PM

Picnic, Games, Food, & Fun
on the St. Paul Green Space.

See YOU and YOUR family there!

Sunday POWER* Hour

Sunday mornings 9:40 – 10:40

Begins September 11

POWER* Hour returns with more great weeks of stories, activities, learning, fun and growth in faith for children ages Pre-K through 6th grade!



The first new unit teaches about Attitude using the stories of....
 September 11 – Hannah Gives Her Son to God – 1 Samuel 1:1-28
 September 18 – The Pharisee and the Tax Collector – Luke 18:9-14
 September 25 – A Woman Anoints Jesus' Feet – Luke 7:36-50
 See YOU there!!!

*Proclaiming Our Worship & Education Revolution!



Rally Day

Sunday, September 11

* Games * Prizes * Fellowship * Food * Fun *

11:00 – 2:00 PM on the Green Space at St. Paul

Come dressed for a good ole' Family Reunion and Picnic! Following the 9:15 Service and the first meeting of POWER* Hour for 2011-2012, there will be a congregational fellowship time with inflatables for children and activities for youth and adults on the green space. At noon we'll grill hamburgers & hotdogs (together with all the condiments provided) and serve them with lemonade & iced tea. All we ask you to bring are salads & desserts to share!

Call the church NOW to "sign-up!"

Kid's POWER Page
 Proclaiming Our Worship & Education Revolution!

Don't forget to check out the Children's Bulletins—located in the narthex. They are available in ages 3-6 and 7-12.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>4</i></p> <p>8:00 AM Liturgical Worship 9:15 AM Praise Worship 11:00 AM Liturgical Worship</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>5</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Alanon</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Labor Day - Office Closed</div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>6</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 2:00 PM Writing Class</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>7</i></p> <p>6:30 AM Women's Bible Study 2:00 PM WELCA Board Meeting 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Executive Meeting 7:35 PM Naranon</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>11</i></p> <p>8:00 AM Liturgical Worship 9:15 AM Adult Forum 9:15 AM Praise Worship 9:40 AM POWER Hour 11:00 AM Liturgical Worship</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">11:00 AM Rally Day</div> <p>2:00 PM Confirmand Retreat</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>12</i></p> <p>5:00 PM Jubilate 6:00 PM SPASM 7:00 PM Dorcas Circle 7:00 PM Praise Team 7:00 PM SCRPA Board 7:30 PM Alanon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>13</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 2:00 PM Writing Class 7:00 PM Council Meets</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>14</i></p> <p>6:30 AM Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM LIIFEE 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:35 PM Naranon</p>
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September 2011

Monthly Planner

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	To Do
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>6:00 PM Boy Scout District 7:30 PM Women's AA meeting</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p>	
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>8:45 AM Silver Box Quilter's 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Cub & Tiger Scouts 7:30 PM Women's AA meeting</p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>8:20 AM Second Harvest</p>	
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM Boy Scouts Round Table 7:30 PM Women's AA meeting</p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	
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It's Okay to Be Human . . .

We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others--and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We have a team of Stephen Ministers whose role is to give care. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing to hurting people. They listen, empa-

thize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support to help you through a tough time. You will meet on a weekly basis for as long as the need persists. Men are matched with men, and women with women and it is completely confidential.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself - or someone you know - turn in one of the Referral Cards from the pew rack, talk with our Stephen Ministry Pastoral Leader, Pastor Judi or with Pastor Tom or Pastor Brian.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Fall Schedule for Bible Studies

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study returns on September 8. This fall's study will be "*Bible-ology*" a basic overview of the Bible beginning in the Gospels and New Testament. (It remains to be seen how far we get!) There is no "official" study book -just bring your Bible- and we will ask for a donation towards the dozens of additional copies that likely will be made. All women are invited to come -and bring friends along - to this "no doughnuts or coffee cake but lots of information, discussion and laughter" study from 10 a.m. to Noon every Thursday morning in the Parish Hall led by Pastor Judi. Need more info? Please just call and ask!

Men's Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, September 20 from 6-7 a.m. Join us for conversation, study and re-

flection in both a small group/large group setting. On top of that there's food! Food varies from week to week from continental style breakfast to full breakfast thanks to Mary Liles and Kathy Peters! What better way to get your day started than with both spiritual and physical food! Looking forward to seeing the men beginning September 20th. Invite a friend, business associate and/or neighbor!

Tuesday Women's study continues at 10 a.m. led by Marjorie Young. They will be offering a study of Samuel. For more info, contact Marjorie at 714-256-5819 or marje19@aol.com or Wednesday Women's Biby study continues at 6:30 a.m. led by Peggy Harrington.

Save the Date for 2011 Advent by Candlelight

November 20, 2011

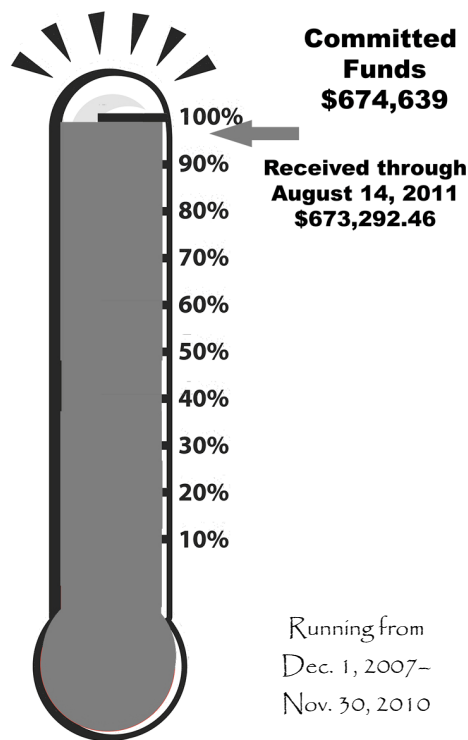
6:30 – 8 p.m.

A candlelight evening of preparing souls for the “waiting season” of Advent which follows... A beautiful room... Tables set with china and decorated to the theme... Elegant desserts complemented by warm Cranberry Tea... A peaceful time of scripture, music, and reflection... This is Advent by Candlelight. Come and share this quiet time with other



women and depart feeling ready to celebrate the true meaning of Advent and Christmas in your heart and in your home. We are currently signing up women to hostess tables. If you would be willing to set a table for eight – or would like more information – please contact Pam Montgomery (714-526-6417) or Pastor Judi. Tickets will be available beginning October 30. There is no charge... but a donation of \$10 per person helps to defray expenses. Seats are limited... and we ask that you have a ticket so that we can adequately prepare.

Opening the Door Capital Campaign Monthly Update



Primetimers starting up in September

Welcome to Primetimers, a Wednesday noon lunch and social gathering for those in their “prime time” years. Come – and bring friends and neighbors - to St. Paul each third Wednesday of the month at noon and enjoy a light lunch, conversation and a presentation of relevance or remembrance themed to the season or special days of celebration. A free-will donation to cover costs is all that is asked.

September 21: “Getting to Know You! – What you do and don’t know about the person in the pulpit or sitting in the pew with you!”

October 19: “Reformation 101 – What’s Happening in the Church Today?”

November 16: “Fall and Winter Holidays and Traditions – Christian, cultural and otherwise!” Holiday dinner with all the trimmings included...

And as always... if you have a suggestion; want to help; want to share a presentation; want to suggest a topic or presenter, just see Pastor Judi!



The Back Page...

One of the highlights for Churchwide Assemblies is the worship time together. The energy, music, liturgy and spoken word are each and collectively powerful moments. Worship time and much of the week has provided valuable time for me to reflect and contemplate about many things. I really need to craft more regular time to do this... but I digress (just like I do in a sermon now and then J). One of the texts from worship this week is from Colossians the third chapter, verses twelve through seventeen:

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord* has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ* dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.* ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

As we journey towards the Fall months on the calendar and we gear up for lots of activity in the coming weeks, I draw your attention to verse 17 above. All that we do, we do in the name of Jesus. Our mission is really quite simple and straight forward... to share the love and grace of God through Jesus.

As we venture into conversations during Lifetree Café hours; as we witness the confirmation of some of our beginning HS students; as we pass out food on Saturdays or provide a meal on Thursdays; as we gather to study scripture; as we gather for fellowship... young and old... and every-

where in between; as we celebrate 45 years of ministry in the community and beyond; all that we do, we do in the name of Jesus!

I want to encourage everyone to seek a way to engage with the ministry we do... that we do together. Take time to complete a Time and Talent Survey and share where you would consider getting involved. Leadership is already calling on names who have indicated interest in areas of ministry from completed and returned surveys.

Finally, I want to ask that you pray for our community of Fullerton. Relationships are deeply strained and tensions are running high. Understandably! The death of Kelly Thomas has fractured the very core of our community. At the time of this writing media coverage is high, the matter is very fluid and politics on all sides is the order of the day. My prayer is for patience and calm. We are talking about human life and the loss of it. This is not about developments in the city, elections or recalls. This is not about leveraging political gain for future desired outcomes.

A moment of time, one that really occurred over a matter of minutes, has resulted in the loss of life on many fronts. First and foremost is the death of Mr. Thomas. In addition loss is likely in the vocational livelihood of those directly and even indirectly involved. Many families are forever changed. No one wins in these matters and frankly winning is not what this is about.

We reverence the life lost. We call on our leaders to look in depth to what happened. We seek the wisdom and counsel of independent agencies and leaders. We want answers, not for vengeance but because we want this to never happen again. Once again the words we embrace in Colossians 3 bring to us a road map from which authentic justice will spring forth. Please pray for all involved!

In Christ,





Box Tops for Education—

Don't throw away those *Box Tops for Education* labels

you find on products around your house. Each one is worth 10¢ to schools. Rio Vista Elementary in Anaheim is a lower socio-economic school with over 900 students and in need of the money generated by Box Tops. A Box Top container is on top of the mailboxes in the Narthex for your donations.



Applefest 2011—

is on October 1 at the Lutheran campground in Oak Glen above Yucaipa and Wholly Rollers will stay at Yolijsa on

Friday and Saturday (maybe Sunday too) nights. Details to follow. Contact Scott Smythe at 714-521-8730 or *smythesoniam1@gmail.com* for more information.



Time, Talents and Skills Survey—

Have you filled out your Time, Talents & Skills Survey yet? If not, go to www.stpaulfullerton.org

and click on the "Connections" tab to fill out the form online and then download to print or email back to the office at *stpaulfullerton@gmail.com*.



Dear Pastors and Members of St. Paul Lutheran Church,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your prayers and all the cards sent to Harold after his emergency surgery on June 3. We are grateful to Pastor Brian and Pastor Judi for the hospital visits and to Virginia and Bob Buhl for the phone calls, cards sent weekly and their home visit to deliver the beautiful altar flowers. Blessings all!

Harold continues to make strides and is reaping the benefits from weeks of strenuous physical therapy.

In Christian Love,

Anna & Harold McDonnell

To my Saint Paul Family:

Thanks to each and every one of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and emails during these past few weeks after the passing of my Dad. The support from you has helped to make this journey a little easier. As I re-read all the cards and notes, I realize how blessed I am to have you in my life. Todd and I are truly thankful to all of you.

Maria Shaw

Notes and Notices

September is FIES Food Focus Month

Many congregations in the Fullerton area have a "FIES Food Focus Month" and the month of September is St. Paul's. Your very generous food donations can be brought to St. Paul and they will be routinely delivered to the FIES food center. Suggestions are: canned fruit, fruit cups, canned meat, cereal and 1.5 oz boxes of raisins. Thank you for helping FIES serve over 33,000 individuals last year! Questions, contact Barb Jennings at 714-272-8861.



Don't forget our military, homebound and those in extended care facilities

Those homebound or in assisted living:

Margaret Jensen Sunrise 2226 N. Euclid St. Fullerton, CA 92835-3331

Betty Haugen 12151 Dale Street #C318 Stanton, CA 90680 714-971-6717

Hilma McCrary 285 W. Central Ave., #205 Brea, CA 92821

Virginia & Dick Roth Bradford Square 1180 N. Bradford Ave. Placentia, CA 92870

Drop them a note or visit!

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

STRENGTH, HEALING, COMFORT, MERCY, PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING- For the United States of America & the World- God Bless America

HEALING

- Sharon Tate Hans Lundquist
Daryl Braun Russ Holden
Natalie Reggio Hilma McCrary
Margaret Jensen Martha Huff
Gordon Wilkins Virginia Roth
Rose Lloyd Ada Gaughan
Wilfred Strauss Carol Wakeman
Janice Noren Paul Mabie
Andy Sarracino Wendy Fowler
John Tesch Karen Rzepka
Harold McDonnel Winnie Fuerbringer
Celette Vanderford Daunn Lovejoy
Ann Philblad -Friend of June Bosley
Dot Westerhoff-Friend of Kathy Peters
Jonathon Strom-Grandson of Doug & Shirley Strom
Ken Nygard-Brother Stan Nygard
Ginny Stok-Mother of Sue Coopman
Linda Walker-Sister of Cari Reggio
Kevaleen & Dennis DeBolt-Sister & Brother-in-law of Kathy Peters
Al Shaw - Father of Todd Shaw
Bill Sandlin-Friend of Martha Huff
Pastor Anne-Grethe Krogh Nielsen (Emanuel Danish L.C.)
Lothar Prager, Peter Lenshoeck, Arlne Rainwater -Friends of Bruce & Wendy Fowler
Jack Roberts-Father of Don Roberts
Cheryl Moncrief-Cousin of Kathy Peters
Mike Ross-Nephew of Sara Jimenez
Twyla Hanson-Sister of Sheila Richards & Tracy Hanson
Sonny Vanmeter-Friend of Carol Pankow
Felicitas Espinas-Aunt of Ning Amante
Jason Juaregre-Friend of Jim Roberts
Harold Ramey-Friend of Pearl Mann
Grace M. Compton-Childhood Friend of Anna McDonnel

STRENGTH AND HEALING

- Marjorie Legel
Karly-Daughter of Nancy Romstedt
Scott Llewellyn-Grandson of Janice Noren
Linda Punongbayan-Sister of Susan Goellrich
Robbie Anderson-Nephew of George & Pam Montgomery

COMFORT

- Barbara Meyer and family on the death of her father, Roger Braden
Maria Shaw and family on the death of her father, Ernest Larocco
The Swanburg Family on the death of Lisa Swanburg-Friends of Carol Pankow
The Foster Family on the death of Linda- Grandmother of Laura Foster

SAFETY

- Lance Corporal Jason Harvey, US Marine Corps deployed to the Mediterranean- Grandson of Marlin Plejdrup
PV2 Geoffrey Cudd-wounded in Afghanistan-Cousin's son of June Bosley
CW2 Ryan A. Harmer -deployed to Afghanistan-Friend of Ken & Sara Falk
1st Lieutenant George H Cushman, 1-77AR - Friend of Kathy Salter

TREATS FOR TROOPS

- Afghanistan: Hospital at Bagram Airfield, 3 BCT Spartans, 3-71 CAV, COP Tynes, Special Forces Unit (Navy Seals), 3/2 HQ SVC CO, 3/4 WPNS CO / SSP
Iraq: 870th MP Co 2nd Pltn/ 6/4 CAV, 1-325 Airborne Infantry Regiment from 82nd Airborne Division

We welcome and encourage all prayer requests. Please submit your requests in writing on your Worship Registration card, via email or phone call to the Church Office. Once or twice each month, names will be removed from the list who have been in print at least 3 consecutive weeks (except those deployed overseas). You are welcome to re-submit any name removed from the list, or you may remove a name at anytime by contacting the Church Office. Thank you! If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please be sure to call the church office (714) 879-8290 to inform us. Confidentiality laws now prevent hospitals from contacting churches when congregation members are hospitalized.

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8 & 11 a.m.—Traditional Liturgical
9:15 a.m.—Contemporary Communion
Adult Forum—9:15 a.m.
Kid's POWER Hour—9:40 a.m.

Pastors - The Rev. Tom Goellrich, The Rev. Judi Miller
& The Rev. Brian Ward
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