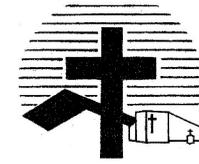


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SUNDAY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

9:15 AM - All students meet with Renee in the Youth Room
(Be sure to let Renee know if you'd like to teach/assist on a Sunday!)
9:30 AM - meet with Pastor Jim in the sanctuary for Pastor's Class

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...

Wednesday, October 11th... 9:30 AM - join in the study and discussion on pages 42, 44, 48
in the book entitled, "Saints & Scoundrels of the Bible" by Taylor, Fielding, Richards

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY'S ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

is happening on Sunday, October 29th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

At 4:00 PM there will be a guest speaker - not sure of the
info yet, but will share when we find out!

The dinner will begin at 5:30 PM

The speaker event is free; dinner tickets are \$30 per person (\$15 is tax deductible).

Disneyland tickets are being raffled for \$5 each or 5 for \$20 - this is for

FOUR one-day park hopper tickets! (you need not be present to win)

Please see Renee Riegert for dinner and/or raffle tickets.

Proceeds to benefit LCM.

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR HERE AT SANTA CRUZ

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 8:00 AM - NOON

RAFFLE PRIZES - HANDMADE CRAFTS - BAKED GOODS

COFFEE & LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

What's being raffled at our craft fair? A decorative ribbon wreath (made by Jamie Souttee); afghan (made by June Keiflin); lighted wine bottle (made by Loni Lowe); wagon flower arrangement (made by Freida Stehr); afghan sweater (made by Sheryl Taatjes). Raffle tickets will be available following each worship on Sundays in October (\$1 each ticket, or 6 for \$5). Profits from the bazaar will be divided and given to the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen, Tucson Community Food Bank, and Santa Cruz Lutheran Church outreach program.

Pastor's Page

This month, we join millions of other Lutherans (and others, as well) in observing the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. It's pretty amazing, really... that the efforts made by a young Augustinian friar named Martin Luther back in the early 1500's to remedy a few issues within the Roman Catholic Church of his day would eventually give birth to the third largest Christian denomination in the world (third only to the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox Churches). Worldwide, Lutherans number around 70 million. In the Americas, there are about 12 million. And of those, almost 4 million are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

As an ELCA Lutheran, I am both proud and pleased to be part of an expression of the Church which seeks to welcome, not exclude... which reaches out along ecumenical lines, rather than barricade itself behind the dense walls of theological arrogance... and which, plain and simple, continues to courageously choose to be a re-forming people of God, open and relevant to the world that surrounds us.

So when someone asks you, "*Who are (ELCA) Lutherans?*"... you can tell them this:

We are **catholic** in that we are part of the universal, apostolic Church. We claim no exclusive access to God, but share many things in common with our brothers and sisters of other Christian denominations.

We are **evangelical** in the original sense of the word, which comes from the Greek word for "gospel" or "good news". We hold the gospel of Jesus Christ to be central to our own sense of who we are as a people of God. In fact, we are still known as "**evangelische**" among the European churches, not as "Lutheran", which was originally used as a term of derision.

We are **liturgical**, following the church seasonal calendar, as well as the lectionary. And while there is both freedom and room for different worship styles, historically, most of our congregations have kept the structure of the mass as our order of worship, which we inherited from our Roman Catholic roots.

We are **sacramental**, believing that through the power and promise of the Word, combined with such earthly elements as water, bread, and wine, God reaches out to bless us with life, grace, and salvation.

We are **biblical**, looking to the Word of God as the authoritative source and norm for our identity, our mission, and our life in this world.

We are **confessional**, proclaiming our faith through the words of the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds.

And we are **ecumenical**, continually reaching across denominational lines to become partners in ministry with others.

Pastor Jim

SERVING OUR LORD DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

8:00		<u>ACOLYTES</u>		10:30	
1	Yaniva Murrieta	1	Yaniva Murrieta	1	Mariah Ballentine
8		8		8	Joshua Lippert
15	Yaniva Murrieta	15		15	Ella Daniels
22		22		22	Mariah Ballentine
29	Yaniva Murrieta	29		29	Joshua Lippert
		<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>			
1 & 8	Kenny White	1 & 8		1 & 8	Melody Hensley
15, 22, 29	Carol Radler	15, 22, 29		15, 22, 29	Stu Weidenschilling
		<u>COFFEE HOSTS</u>			
1 & 8	Mark & Pam Kern	1 & 8		1 & 8	Ruth Senkbeil
15 & 22	Bob & Vicky Hohmann	15 & 22		15 & 22	Need Volunteers
29	Bazaar in the fellowship hall	29		29	Bazaar
		<u>LECTORS</u>			
1	Bob Hohmann	1		1	Valerie Cook
8	Diane White	8		8	Ruth Senkbeil
15	Dick Meyer	15		15	Dianna Chavez
22	Renee Riegert	22		22	Brenda Depew
29	Louise Conrad	29		29	Marilyn McGarry
		<u>USHERS</u>			
1 & 8	Gene & Rose, Diane	1 & 8		1 & 8	Allan & Brenda, Lynn Davis
15, 22, 29	Francis & Margaret, Renee	15, 22, 29		15, 22, 29	Sheila and Dylan Ceceña, Lisa (10/15 & 10/29), Arlen (10/22)

YES... WE NEED YOUR HELP...

As you can see, there are many folks we count on to "Serve the Lord" each month. I'm happy to say that we're experiencing several volunteers signing up on the Kiosk to help with assisting Pastor Jim, preparing and cleaning up the coffee and juice, reading the Sunday lessons (lector), and ushering. Please keep up the good work of signing up on the Kiosk. That way you choose what works for you! We welcome new folks to help "share the load." Members, winter guests, and friends are invited to volunteer. Be sure to sign up!

SUPPER IS SERVED! Each semester we volunteer to bring a meal to the students and staff at **Lutheran Campus Ministry**. We'll be delivering that meal on Wednesday, November 1st at 5:30 PM. If you would like to prepare something at home to be delivered, please let us know. If you'd like to join us in delivering and serving the meal, we'd like to know that as well.

We'll be preparing a taco salad supper and would appreciate help with the following: tortilla chips; ground beef; refried beans; chopped tomato, onion, lettuce; sour cream; shredded cheese; guacamole; cookies. Please let Diane know how you'd like to help.



When we pray for one another it makes a difference. Include in God's care:

Pastor Jim	Ted Holmes	Maria Corral	Gloria Pike & family
Margie Schultz	Linda Jennings	Ruth Senkbeil	Dale Scholer
Pat Larson	Deborah Kats	Ron Nehen	Pauline Nehen
Karrie Frenz	Lucile Shaw	Kathi Dahlstrand	Myrna Wunder
Paula Skinner	Fred Young	Lillian Kusy	Claire Baker
Lygia Woods	Austin Hill	Lynn Alms	Holly Peterson
Gene O'Leary	Kim Agamaite	Paco Garcia	Laura St. Aubin
Gladyce Johnson	Betty Layton	Susie Hager	Maxine Schaller
Paul Bean	Don Hunt	Karen Meyer	Lois Bradshaw
Larry Havenga	Mark Kern	Andy Nichols	Ellen Swancutt
Samuel Clemmons	Linda Robinson	Avery Johnson	Gene Copper
Arlie Boatwright	Esther Wood	Sam & Carolyn Dodson	Pat Millyard
			Ralph & Patty Zdeb

We rejoice with

Ron & Ginny Buch at the birth of their 2nd great-granddaughter, Karlie Anne Tews, on Aug. 25th

We grieve with

Family and friends of Chris Phillips (former member) who passed away September 17th

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THANKS...

...to **Linda Busby, Dianna Chavez, Lynn Davis, Joyce Havenga, Betty Layton, Linda Robinson, and Esther Wood** for calling all our members with a personal invitation to participate in our Church Retreat on September 23rd with Pastor Miguel. Thanks to our **Parish Life Team** for preparing lunch.

...to **Pastor Jim, Ches Gandy, Don Genung & Gay Kline, Melody Hensley, Marcello Matus, Kenny Morgan, and Diane White** for helping on the church property work day. This small group accomplished a lot! AND to **Dick & Jean Meyer, Dana Scholer, Jim & Sandy Skinner, Kristin Smith, and Kenny White** who regularly come to take care of their "plot." I'm sure there are others who simply show up that we're unaware of, so thank you, too!

...to **ALL** who supported our VBS project throughout the summer (and into September) - \$269.50 was raised toward roosters and chickens for families overseas.

...to **ALL** who continue to volunteer with our food ministry program: **Melody Hensley and Kenny Morgan** who regularly do the "agency shopping" at the TCFB each week (and other helpers!); **Carlos, Skip Keiflin, Dick Meyer, and Fred Nichols** who are our regular "unloaders" when we get the delivery each Tuesday, and **ALL** our distribution volunteers. Our volunteers feel good about giving back to the community. Let us know if you're interested in helping!

I received a call from Bonnie Saylor letting us know that she will no longer be collecting coupons. The Tucson program has been discontinued, but the AmVets and coupon recipients truly appreciated your diligence in providing coupons each week.

YOUTH NEWS...

THE YOUTH ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING is happening just days after your October Newsletter was printed, so be sure to check the bulletins for upcoming events and fund raiser ideas for the 2018 National Youth Gathering in Houston.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH – all Adult Youth Volunteers are invited to meet for happy hour at 5:00 PM at Gentle Ben's on the upstairs patio. Come to meet others who work with our youth and may be participants at the National Youth Gathering.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND – Super Youth Outing for 6th – 12th graders. It's happening at Lucky Strike Bowl, 3:00 – 6:00 PM. Bowling will take place 3:00-4:30, and then there will be an ice breaker and pizza following. Youth funds will pay for the outing, but you must let Carol know if you are planning to attend so we can arrange carpooling.

OUR HOLIDAY FOOD BOX COLLECTION CONTINUES!

Our Outreach Team has begun collecting items for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes. We have asked Vicky Hohmann to provide us with families from the HeadStart Program who need a bit of help. Would you care to assist by bringing the following items to church?

October 1 – Toilet Paper, Laundry Soap, Personal Care items

October 8 - Hot & Cold Cereal, Pancake Mix, Dry Beans

October 15 - Canned Tuna/Chicken/Beef, Peanut Butter, Jelly

October 22 - Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup

October 29 – Stuffing, Pie Filling, Cookie/Cake Mixes

November 5 & 12 - Catch-up Sundays

Please put these items in the boxes near the organ so as not to confuse them with our weekly food ministry contributions. Thanks so much!

FOOD MINISTRY

We usually talk about numbers, but let me share a couple of wonderful stories...

A short time ago a food ministry client expressed to our volunteers her heartfelt gratitude for the service we offer. She especially appreciated the meat we are now able to provide (because of our new commercial refrigerator) as she hadn't had any in a month.

A gentleman, upon getting ready to head out to the parking lot, turned back to our volunteers and asked them to pray with him. He gave sincere thanks to our volunteers and for our food ministry program.

Be sure to check the calendar in the church office to see when volunteers are need for the distribution on Tuesdays or Thursdays (10:30 AM – 2:00 PM) or Wednesdays (4:30 – 8:00 PM). Help is also needed on Tuesday mornings (around 9:00) to unload the delivery truck OR to go to the Tucson Community Food Bank (now on Mondays) to pick up additional items for our clients. Let us know how you'd like to help!