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COMMUNITY NEWS

April 2009

Pastor's Message

“It Is Finished!”

*“When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished”;
and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”*

John 19:30

Language is fascinating. It can illumine, educate, inspire, and even bore us to tears. We use language to talk to one another. We talk to people, we talk about people, we talk with people, and we even talk down to people. And as the years roll by the words we use change their meaning. What once would refer to temperature now can refer to fascination or agreement. How *cool* is that? It is natural for language to evolve and change in its meaning. It is, after all, that which reflects our heart and expresses our desires, our insights, and our life. Over the years, due to studying a foreign language, I have become fascinated with words and their meaning. It is sometimes the studying of another language that teaches us truths that we have lost, mostly due to the continued evolution of language. Which brings me to my point.

In the Greek language, to say that an action has been completed, never to be repeated again, the verb is put in the perfect tense. That is to say, the verb tells us that the action described has been finished and does not need to be repeated. In the Bible, in the original Greek manuscript, when describing what Jesus had done the verbs are put in the perfect tense. What this means is that what Jesus did on the cross, his death, and then being resurrected accomplished our salvation once and for all. Nothing needs to be added. And his death achieved its purpose. *It is finished!*

The English language doesn't carry the import of this meaning. People still try to add to this gift by trying to live a good life, performing acts of charity, etc. That is not to say that we should not do these things. What it does mean is that these works do not add nor do they help in what Jesus did on the cross. Everything necessary for our salvation, for us to be named as Children of God, to be recognized by God as being part of God's kingdom has been achieved! Period! And because it has been achieved we are now free to live our lives in the knowledge and belief that we are saved! *It is finished!*

In a world in which we are constantly having to prove ourselves, at a time when self worth is jeopardized by loss of income, demotion of responsibility, or a fear of being able to secure our future, God's Word tells us that we are loved, that we have been welcomed into the Kingdom of God, and that *it is finished!*

As we go forward in our lives, as we deal with all the unknowns and the need to prove ourselves it is good to know that when it comes to being part of God's kingdom, when it comes to having a place in heaven, when it comes to having received God's forgiveness, it has been achieved once and for all. And nothing can ever change that! *It is finished!* Amen.

Pastor Greg



Treasurer's Report

| | February | YTD |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Receipts—Offerings | \$ 27,878 | \$ 55,163 |
| Receipts—Preschool Tuition | 81,059 | 161,386 |
| Receipts---Building Fund | 0 | 0 |
| Receipts—Other | 489 | 763 |
| Receipts-Contingency Reserve Used | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total Receipts | \$ 109,426 | \$ 217,312 |
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| Total Expenditures | (115,590) | (216,614) |
| Excess Receipts over Expenditures | <u>(6,164)</u> | <u>698</u> |
| Cash Balance Available for Current Expenses after reserves | | <u>\$16,349</u> |
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| Contingency Reserve Balance | | <u>\$ 26,324</u> |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offerings</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Feb 1 | 189 | \$ 6,377 |
| Feb 8 | 197 | \$ 5,931 |
| Feb 15 | 236 | \$ 6,104 |
| Feb 22 | 198 | \$ 5,099 |
| Feb 25 | <u>145</u> | <u>\$ 862</u> |
| EFT Offer. | | <u>\$ 3,505</u> |
| Total | 965 | \$27,878 |

Offering income was \$2,282 less than February's budgeted \$30,160.

Expenses were \$401 less than budgeted for February. All categories were within \$1,000 of budget or less than budgeted.

Detailed information is available upon request from Tracy Cantin, 589-4211.



Church Council Board

Board of Parish Life

The year has started off as a busy one for the Board of Parish Life. January was spent having families learn about and sign up for Kriskening. During February, God's love was shown through those families who participated in our annual Kriskening program. The fun culminated in our "unveiling" potluck on March 1st where food and stories were shared by all the secret families.

As part of our first "Town Hall" meeting hosted by church council, Parish Life provided breads and muffins to those in attendance on March 22nd. With Easter fast-approaching we are preparing for our annual Easter egg hunt for the children.

We are looking ahead to the spring and summer months for other activities to support our congregational life here at CLC. If you are interested in learning more about our committee or have any ideas to share, feel free to let us know.

Thank you,
Barb Krouse
barbkrouse@cox.net

Lent

April 1: “The Gender Gap”

“Age old battle between the sexes rises again”

April 9 (Maundy Thursday): “Seeing The Big Picture”

“God’s coming in Jesus is not just for me, but for all humankind”

April 10 (Good Friday): “Crossing The Boundaries”

“Access to God has been made possible by what God has done”

Holy Week



Palm Sunday Services

April 5 8:15am and 10:45am, Communion served at both services



Maundy Thursday

April 9 7pm worship with Communion



April 10 7pm worship



April 12 8:15am and 10:45am, Communion served at both services

April 12, 9am to 10am - A Pancake Breakfast will be served by the High School Youth with help from the confirmation students. Donations gratefully accepted.



9:30am – Hop on Over to the Annual CLC Easter Egg Hunt!

The event will take place on the lawn at 9:30. Please remember that the hunt goes *quickly*, so don't be late! Every participant will receive a goody bag filled with treats. A basket for candy donations will be placed in the Narthex now through April 5th. Please send only individually wrapped candies. Thank you in advance for your candy donations!

A TASTE OF CLC

CAMP SUNDAY

April 26 Between Services

On Sunday, April 26th we will be having "A Taste of CLC" Sunday between services. There will be tables set up describing the many ministry opportunities we have here at CLC. This is a wonderful time to get information on different programs, education experiences, service projects as well as an opportunity to sign up for this year's **Backpacking trip, Vacation Bible School, and Mad Camp.** Be sure to mark your calendar and reserve this Sunday as a great time to see, learn, and become further involved in serving the Lord Jesus through the ministries here at CLC.

Other Groups that will be represented:

Property



Youth and

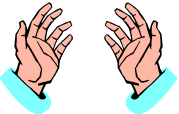


Family

Worship and Music



Out reach



Young @ ♥



Parish

Life



Stephen Ministry



Corazon



Education

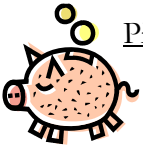


VBS CROCODILE DOCK August 17-21, 2009 from 9 to 12 noon. Registrations will begin on "Taste of CLC/Camp Sunday" April 26. Plan now to come or to volunteer! Your life will change for being involved this year!

Lenten Projects 2009



Gifts for Marines in Afghanistan Small items(MUST fit in flat rate box) can be put in the box in the narthex. Suggestions: tuna packs, crackers, cookies, candy bars, beef jerky, other snacks, (no peanut butter right now, please) playing cards, other small games, car/sports magazines, women's magazines, crossword puzzles magazines, small bottles of hand cleaners, baby wipes, lotions, paper, pencils, pens, Kleenex. This project is sponsored by WOW and boxes will be packed on Sunday April 5 at noon.



Piggy Banks for the Barnyard Kids (and others) can collect change for the Barnyard too! On Sunday February 22 kids will receive Piggy Banks for their Lenten change (pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters) for the Global Barnyard. Banks will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 12 during worship.



Easter Eggs for the Barnyard for sale on Sundays March 29 and April 5. Plastic eggs filled with LWR Fair trade chocolate ready to go!



Youth & Family Board



Confirmation Retreat

Our annual retreat for 7th and 8th graders will be May 29th-31st in Big Bear! We'll leave Friday evening and return Sunday afternoon. Make sure it is on your calendars!

Easter Pancake Breakfast!

We're having our annual Easter Pancake Breakfast on April 12th from 9-10am on the patio! Come help make pancakes and serve breakfast as a fundraiser for the CLC youth groups! Talk to Alison if you want more info!

Don't Forget the CLC Youth Website!

Be sure to check out our new CLC Youth Online experience! There you'll find our calendar of events, details on all sorts of things going on with CLC youth, devotionals, resources, photos, polls and more! Be sure to leave comments and feedback! www.clcrsmiyouth.org

Lenten Projects

Thanks to EVERYONE who has donated or helped with the Lenten Projects! So far we have raised \$120 with the Brownie sale and received more than \$ 900. from the "Oinking" and the Lutheran World Hunger Barn Yard project. We still have food to pack for Lutheran Social services and gift boxes to pack for Marines in Afghanistan. Next month we will have a complete update of our service to others during Lent.

Prayer Chain During Lent we have been using the Holden Evening Prayer Service for Wednesday services. The line in the liturgy I love is "Let my prayers rise up like incense before you". That is the way our prayers are too. Members of the prayer chain faithfully pray for the individuals and concerns of others and God always answers our prayers. Prayer requests are sent to members by email and we pray faithfully. If you would like to join the prayer chain please email Mary Stohlman at mstohlmn@yahoo.com.

Bible Verse for April

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

Quilting for Lutheran World Relief and Refugees around the world!

Monday April 27 from 6 to 8pm. On quilting Sunday during lent we tied 6 quilts and completed the binding on 2 more! For every quilt that is made and every dollar given, a life has been changed forever! Join the team of supporters!

Young@♥ will meet on Sunday April 5 at 5pm at the Heeren's home for a (pre) Easter Dinner. You are requested to bring an hors d'oeuvre, salad or dessert. *****PLEASE BE THINKING OF SONG TITLES. This will give you a "heads up". Details in the mail!

Brewing Faith and Coffee Fair Trade Coffee **AND CHOCOLATE** is for sale on Sunday April 6 between services. Your support helps the small coffee farmers get a living wage for their coffee and to support their families.



Join us for a day. Stay in a family's heart forever.

**Lutheran Partnership Awarded Two
Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Homes in 2009**

Your outstanding support of our Habitat for Humanity Lutheran Partnership has resulted in the opportunity to change two more families' lives this year. Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity has awarded the Lutheran Partnership grants to build two homes in 2009 – one in San Juan Capistrano and one in Westminster.

In San Juan Capistrano, the Keyte family - John, Karen and their 2 teenager children – will anxiously await the construction start date of their home in July. Your fundraising effort for this Habitat for Humanity home has assured them the opportunity for a decent and affordable home. José Luis and Elida Diaz have two wonderful children, Stephanie, aged 13, and Abraham, aged 11, both of whom suffer from disabilities which will make living in a stable Westminster home a Blessing that they have prayed for. Fundraising is a key issue for this home. Your continued financial support is very much appreciated and will help us meet our planned July construction start date here as well.

Both homes are slated to begin construction this summer and be ready for move in by December. Volunteer opportunities will be in great demand! There are so many ways to share your *time, talents and treasures* – building, site host, lunch, monetary donations....

Please contact the Lutheran Partnership representative in your congregation to let them know you want to be a part of this life changing event. and be sure to tell him/her if you are a Thrivent member to get your name on the priority list.



Stephen Ministry

Easter is certainly a time when we contemplate life and death. Because of Jesus Christ's sacrifice for us, we know that after our earthly life is over, we have new life with Him. On February 17th, Ann Hablitzel, from Hospice Care of California, shared vital information about their services with members of our congregation. Many people think that hospice is about dying. She shared their philosophy: Hospice is about living until the end. The service provides medical and emotional support for the client and family. They encourage the client to consider five important things to say as part of a positive, end-of life experience: Please forgive me; I forgive you; Thank you; I love you; and Good-bye. They assist the client in resolving anything left undone, from attending a grandchild's graduation to one more look at the ocean. Our Stephen Ministers have much more information from this presentation. If we can help you, please contact Rich Robbins, Cathy Totman, Dave Douglass, Mary Stohlman or Pat Elliot.

Book Club We are reading “The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society” by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows for the April meeting on Monday 13 at 7pm. On May 11 we will discuss “A Single Thread” by Marie Bostwick and on June 8 “Liberty Falling” by Nevada Barr. This is always a lively evening of discussion and reflection liberally sprinkled with good laughs and sincere care for one another.

April 2009– Service in Worship

Worship Times 8:15am and 10:45am

Please arrange for a substitute if you will not be available on the date you're scheduled for.

A: Acolyte R: Lay Reader G: Greeter C: Cantor L: Lay Communion Assistants U: Ushers CC: Children's Church CT: Counters

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| <i>April 1</i> | 7:00 pm C: Donna Kiernan U: Riley White | CT: |
| <i>April 5 Palm Sunday</i> | 8:15am CC: Tori Tveit CHOIR A: Randy Allen/Cassie Allen R: Bob Close G: Paige Atkinson C: Holly Elmore L: Bob Close/Pat Mulhaupt/Elaine Anderson U: Bruce Atkinson/Sean Whitaker/Mark Ellis CT: JimWasik/Dave Hallgren | 10:45am CC: Debbie Berg/Julie Melberg CHOIR A: Kristen Schroth/Brandon Manock R: Pat Elliot G: Dave & Phyllis Nelson C: Donna Kiernan L: Dave & Phyllis Nelson/Mary Stohlman U: Tom Gumpert/Dave Trombley/Velda Pagel CT: Sandra Williams/Karen Mooney |
| <i>April 9 Maundy Thursday</i> | 7:00pm CHOIR A: Chaz Williams/Brandon Manock U: Dave Rudko/Walter Williams | R: Erika Jelovsek L: Pat Elliot/Dave Douglass/Sandra Cueva CT: Mike Allen/John Engel |
| <i>April 10 Good Friday</i> | 7:00pm CHOIR U: Ed & Virginia Heeren | R: Debra Peterson CT: Mike Timken/Cindy Hilburn |
| <i>April 12 Easter</i> | 8:15am CC: Kellie Krouse/Kaleigh Borgschatz KID'S & CHANCEL CHOIR A: Lindsey Engel/Jordan Marthens R: Dave Douglass G: Brett Good C: James Elmore L: Barb & Jim Krouse/Keith Borgschatz U: Dave Douglass/Mark Totman/John Peterson CT: Karen Darvey/ | 10:45 am CC: Holly Novek CHOIR A: Spencer Wagener/Daniel Peterson R: Peter Berg G: Darla & Jeff Olson C: Peter Berg L: Mary Stohlman/Stan & Cheryl Newton U: Dave Nelson/Walter Williams/Dave Rudko CT: Debbie Manning/ |
| <i>April 19</i> | 8:15am CC: Donna Hauser A: Courtney Tveit/Robert Tangherlini R: George Gaskell G: George Gaskell C: Holly Elmore L: Debby Manning/Kim Tangherlini/Mary Stohlman U: Jim Krouse/Chris Marthens/Dan Tveit CT: Dave Newby/Dave Douglass | 10:45 am CC: Alan Snyder KID'S CHOIR A: Heather Lapham/Chaz Williams R: Stan Newton G: Velda Pagel C: Becky Elmore L: Geri Anderson/Julie Mortenson/Pat Elliot U: Dave Douglass/Riley White/Dave Trombley CT: Mike Allen/John Engel |
| <i>April 26</i> | 8:15am CC: Tori Tveit CHOIR A: Rayna Leland/Jordan Marthens R: Ron Kelpe G: Cindy Hilburn C: Donna Kiernan L: Kevin Peterson/James Elmore/Christy Riley U: Tom Gumpert/Bruce Atkinson/Mark Ellis CT: Mike Timken/Cindy Hilburn | 10:45 am CC: Amanda Johnson A: Sydney Cueva/Christian Halvorsen R: Darla Olson G: Pat Moy C: Peter Berg L: Mary Stohlman/Debbie Skjerven/Sandra Cueva U: Walter Williams/Ed & Virginia Heeren CT: Velda Pagel/Mickey Allee |



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John 3:16



Celebrating April Birthdays

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| Andrew Hirschman | 4/3 | Becky Elmore | 4/15 |
| Derek Cisna | 4/4 | Madelyn Doddridge | 4/16 |
| Elke Hirschman | 4/5 | Kurt Ohlander | 4/16 |
| Collin Wilkey | 4/5 | Bob Close | 4/17 |
| Jim Connor | 4/6 | Sara Lee | 4/17 |
| Kimila Tangherlini | 4/6 | Brandon Manock | 4/17 |
| Kellie Ann Krouse | 4/7 | David Hirschman | 4/18 |
| Kim Tveit | 4/7 | Andy Bullock | 4/19 |
| James Elmore | 4/9 | Jacob Doddridge | 4/19 |
| Karen Mooney | 4/9 | Ken Notthoff | 4/19 |
| Mary Ann Ahola | 4/10 | Tyler Kjar | 4/20 |
| Kathy Barry | 4/10 | Chelsea Reideler | 4/22 |
| Mickey Allee | 4/11 | Matt Conrad | 4/24 |
| Tamara Hirschman | 4/11 | Barbara Krouse | 4/25 |
| Wendy Zaborowski | 4/11 | Claire Peterson | 4/25 |
| David Donaldson | 4/13 | Rose Stout-Harris | 4/25 |
| Danielle Hilburn | 4/13 | Zachary Barker | 4/27 |
| Kelly Polcyn | 4/13 | Andrew Blume | 4/27 |
| Mark Haapala | 4/14 | Kory Shelley | 4/27 |
| Lili Kelsey | 4/14 | Robin Jaruszewski | 4/28 |
| Sophia Melberg | 4/14 | Sandy Cueva | 4/29 |
| Robert Tangherlini | 4/14 | Landon Zaborowski | 4/29 |
| Sarah Cueva | 4/15 | David Trombley | 4/30 |

