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# COMMUNITY NEWS

May 2009

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## Pastor's Message

### Sharing a Meal

Someone once asked Martin Luther what he would do if he knew the world would end tomorrow? He said, "I would plant a tree."

I like that. I like his attitude regarding the future. In the face of a dismal future, no future really, he acts in hope by planting a tree, a sign that he hopes there will be a tomorrow, a future. One of my favorite stories in the Bible occurs when the people of Israel are being escorted out of their land and into a foreign land, Babylon, for a long period of exile. As they are about to leave God asks Jeremiah to buy some land. It was an odd thing to ask. After all the people were forced to leave with no idea or promise of a return. God asks Jeremiah to act in a hopeful way, in the purchase of land. That request was a promise of sorts. God's asking Jeremiah to buy land was tantamount to telling him and the people of Israel they would one day come back. In a time when the people of Israel were being forced to leave it was hard to trust in God's promise when everything they saw, experienced, and felt was just the opposite.

In a time such as ours it can feel the same. We read the papers, listen to the news, experience our own personal setbacks financially, relationally, and spiritually and one must wonder what the future will hold. I just had a conversation with a person who felt that way, that there was little hope for the future. In times like these it is as important to act in faith, that is, to be faithful. What I mean is, sometimes we must buy the land, plant the tree even when our future looks bleak.

When people feel the stress of times like ours the first instinct is to withdraw. We believe by withdrawing, by removing ourselves from company we will be able to recover and then engage life as before. The reality is that the longer we withdraw the harder it becomes to come back into the community. There are issues of embarrassment, guilt, and even shame. To help combat this tendency, to help create a climate of support, and to provide a time of joy we will once again have the Wednesday night suppers.

We will be scheduling them twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. The suppers will continue through the summer and into the fall. They offer a way in which we can remain connected, share a meal, enjoy conversation, and to feel connected. These are important things to do when our lives feel stressed and strained. I look forward to spending this wonderful time with you all.

May God bless us all,

Pastor Greg





## MAD Camp

This year's MAD Camp musical will be "Fish Tales." In this musical, a group of kids competing in a fishing tournament learn about different stories from the Bible. MAD Camp will take place July 13 through July 17 in the late afternoon to early evening (dinner will be served). Exact times will be announced in the coming months. There will also be optional workshops on Sundays with the dates TBA. The musical will then serve as the church service at both services (8:30 and 10) on Sunday, July 19.

The age range for participants is second grade through 8th grade. Auditions will be discussed on an individual basis. The auditions are just a way for me to hear the vocal ranges of the participants that I have not met through Kids Choir.

As always, volunteers are always needed and welcome. I will be in need of people who can help with dinners, scenery, helping with lines, "wrangling" participants, and many other things.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me ([beckyelmore@cox.net](mailto:beckyelmore@cox.net) or cell phone: 230-0387). Sign ups began during "Taste of CLC Sunday" and will continue through May. I'm looking forward to a wonderful week of making new friends and having a lot of fun!!

### Prayer Chain



*Trust in Him at all times...pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8* Sometimes those we pray for are numb, overwhelmed, afraid and unable to cope. It is tough to face illness, death or other struggles alone. So talk to those people, talk about the news, the weather, the family, and the illness if they want too. Whatever you do, PRAY for them and the struggles that are happening. The prayer chain at CLC is done with email, and prayer requests are emailed the prayer chain members and they faithfully pray for those who need or request it. You can join by emailing Mary Stohlman at [mstohlmn@yahoo.com](mailto:mstohlmn@yahoo.com).

**Attention Members and Friends  
Our Sanctuary will be open to the public  
Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm for  
meditation and prayer.**

### Young@ ♥

Will meet on Sunday May 3 at 5PM at the Church.  
Details in the mail!



### Stephen Ministry

As so many aspects of our lives are changing in light of the economic downturns, it is good to remember that one never changing aspect is God's love for us. Stephen Ministers serve as reminders of that unfailing love by visiting, listening to, and praying with those facing income losses, health issues, added family responsibilities or any other challenges. Being able to share life's stresses in a totally confidential and non-judgmental relationship can be port in a storm. If you or someone you know would benefit from this type of relationship, call Mary Stohlman, 858-0307 or Pat Elliot, 888-1756.

### Book Club

For May we are reading the "A Single Thread" by Marie Bostwick. We will meet on Monday May 1 7PM at church. For June we are reading "Liberty Falling" by Nevada Barr.

## Youth & Family Board



### **Confirmation Retreat**

Hopefully you've already marked your calendars for our Confirmation Retreat in Big Bear, May 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>! As a student in our Confirmation program, you are expected to attend this once-a-year retreat! We will spend time reviewing what we have learned from this past year, learning a few new things and, of course, having some fun in the mountains! Please RSVP to Alison asap.

### **Digital Scavenger Hunt, Sunday May 17th**

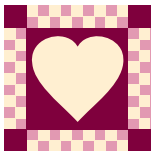
Middle school and High school students are invited to join us for a digital scavenger hunt! We'll meet at church at 5pm to get into teams, get our lists and get going! We'll go all around RSM taking photos and videos of the tasks we need to accomplish. It's a lot of fun! Winning team receives a prize! Once we're back at church, we'll eat pizza and see everyone else's photo's and videos! End time is 8:00pm.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation class is coming to a close and we will have our last class on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Eighth graders will confirm their faith on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>!

### **Don't Forget the CLC Youth Website!**

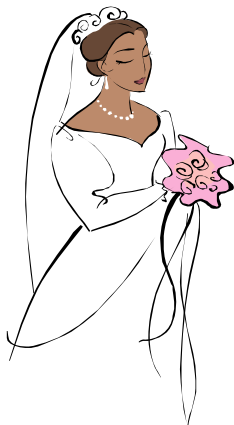
Be sure to check out our new CLC Youth Online experience! There you'll find our calendar of events, details on all sorts of things going on with CLC youth, devotionals, resources, photos, polls and more! Be sure to leave comments and feedback! [www.clcrsmyouth.org](http://www.clcrsmyouth.org)



### **Quilting for Lutheran World Relief and Refugees around the World**

Tuesday May 26 from 6 to 8pm. We have about 20 completed quilts already... well on our way to 65 this year! Join the team of supporters!

*So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17*



### *Tea Party and Special Bridal Fashion Show For Ladies and Young Ladies Sunday, May 31 1:30 PM*

Ladies you are cordially invited to an elegant tea and wedding gown fashion show. Tickets go on sale beginning May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Jane Wielenga at 858-8129 if you would like to lend your wedding dress (or other female wedding attire) or would like to be a table sponsor.

## Fair Trade Coffee



Fair Trade Coffee is for sale on Sunday May 3 between services. Your support helps the small coffee farmers get a living wage for their coffee and to support their families. In Nicaragua hillsides are often clear-cut and planted making the land more flood prone. On Fair Trade farms large fruit trees shades the coffee plants and deep rooted companion crops keep the soil in place to prevent floods. Terracing, composting and wind breaks help protect the improved soil. Farmers are able to improve their coffee crop and their homes and even keep their children in school. Lutheran World Relief empowers more farmers to join the Fair Trade Movement, and Fair Trade Coffee YOU buy helps keep farmers' lives and livelihoods more secure. Thanks for helping!

## Children's Church

Do your young children ages 3 years to 3rd grade enjoy Children's Church? We need some additional volunteers to help keep it going. Volunteers 'teach' with the provided materials about once every 8 weeks. If you would like to support this program, please see Julie Mortenson or email her at [juliemortenson@clcrsm.org](mailto:juliemortenson@clcrsm.org).

## Men's Group Starr Ranch BBQ & Campfire

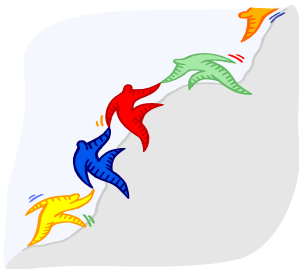


Tuesday, May 5, 2009  
7:00 PM

Meet at Starr Ranch Sanctuary with something to grill, other refreshments, and a chair for a night of fellowship. There will also be a tour of Starr Ranch.

RSVP: Dave Skinner (949) 589-3692  
[Dave@socalskinner.com](mailto:Dave@socalskinner.com)

## CAUGHT SERVING



Special kudos to Pat Weber and Walter Williams who were "caught" going beyond the call of duty at CLC. Pat Weber tirelessly cleaned up after the Soup Suppers and Walter Williams cleaned the carpeting and upholstery in the church sanctuary.



## May 2009 – Service in Worship

*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

<b>May 3</b>	<b>8:15 am</b> CC: Sara Wissmueller A: Rayna Leland/Randy Allen R: Brett Good G: Paige Atkinson C: James Elmore L: Debby Manning/Bob Close/Pat Mulhaupt U: Bruce Atkinson/Mark Ellis/Chris Marthens CT: JimWasik/Dave Hallgren	<b>10:45 am</b> CC: Walter Williams <b>Chancel Choir</b> A: Chaz Williams/Kristen Schroth R: Sandra Cueva G: Debbie Skjerven C: Becky Elmore L: Mary Stohlman/Stan & Cheryl Newton U: Riley White/Tom Gumpert/Dave Douglass CT: Sandra Williams/Karen Mooney
<b>May 10 Mother's Day</b>	<b>8:15 am</b> CC: Karen Kjar <b>Kid's Choir</b> A: Robert Tangherlini/Courtney Tveit R: Joan Haase G: Debbie Manning C: Holly Elmore L: Kimila Tangherlini/Kim & Tom Tveit U: John Peterson/George Gaskell/Jim Krouse CT: Karen Darvey/Rachelle Leland	<b>10:45 am</b> CC: Hillary Wagener A: Daniel Peterson/Spencer Wagener R: Debra Peterson G: Pat Moy C: Donna Kiernan L: Mary Stohlman/Sherry Wagener/Debra Peterson U: Stan & Cheryl Newton/Jeff Olson CT: Debbie Manning/Ben Halperin
<b>May 17</b>	<b>8:15 am</b> CC: Dan Tveit/Sean Whitaker <b>Chancel Choir</b> A: Randy Allen/Cassie Allen R: John Peterson G: George Gaskell C: James Elmore L: Kevin Peterson/James Elmore/Dave Douglass U: Tom Tveit/Dave Trombley/Mark Ellis CT: Dave Douglass/Dave Newby	<b>10:45 am</b> CC: Holly Novek <b>Kid's Choir</b> A: Heather Lapham/Sydney Cueva R: Julie Mortenson G: Darla & Jeff Olson C: Peter Berg L: Mary Stohlman/Pat Moy/Sandra Cueva U: Riley White/Ed & Virginia Heeren CT: Mike Allen/John Engel
<b>May 24</b>	<b>8:15 am</b> CC: Donna Hauser A: Jordan Marthens/Rayna Leland R: Bob Close G: Cindy Hilburn C: Becky Elmore L: Barb & Jim Krouse/Pat Mulhaupt U: Chris Marthens/Dan Tveit/Bruce Atkinson CT: Mike Timken/Cindy Hillburn	<b>10:45am</b> CC: Jackie Vaskovich <b>Chancel Choir</b> A: Daniel Peterson/Spencer Wagener R: Christy Riley G: Velda Pagel C: Holly Elmore L: Julie Mortenson/Jackie Kutter/Mary Stohlman U: Tom Gumpert/Jeff Olson/Dave Rudko CT: Velda Pagel/Mickey Allee
<b>May 31</b>	<b>8:15 am</b> CC: Tori Tveit <b>Chancel Choir</b> A: Cassie Allen/Lindsey Engel R: Susan White G: Kim & Tom Tveit C: Donna Kiernan L: Mary Stohlman/Susan White/Keith Borgschatz U: Jim Krouse/Sean White/Tom Gumpert CT: Karen Darvey/	<b>10:45am</b> CC: Amanda Johnson A: Chaz Williams/Brandon Manoch R: Laurie Robbins G: Stan & Cheryl Newton C: Peter Berg L: Peter Berg/Debbie Skjerven/Pat Elliot U: Walter Williams/Ed & Virginia Heeren CT: Debbie Manning/Ben Halperin



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# Celebrating May Birthdays

Bryce Kobrin	5/2	Taylor Rohde	5/16
Dave Wilkey	5/2	Kersti Uthus	5/16
Madison Kohn	5/3	Ron Kelp	5/18
Shea Murphy	5/3	Sonja Krafcik	5/18
Michael Dunn	5/4	Phyllis Nelson	5/18
Summer Reideler	5/4	Joe Atkinson	5/19
Juliet Mooney	5/5	Zachary Doddridge	5/19
Sean Mc Clure	5/6	Cindy Hilburn	5/19
Roy Stake	5/6	Chris Darvey	5/20
Jeffrey White	5/6	Stanton Newton	5/20
John Lipot	5/7	Walter Williams	5/21
Caitlyn Kohn	5/8	Chade Wright	5/21
Kristen Schroth	5/8	Cheri Odland	5/22
Marguerite DeRuiter	5/10	Lauren Dennard	5/24
David Rudko	5/10	Matthew Polcyn	5/24
Kari Rhoton	5/12	Caitlyn Wilkey	5/24
Mike Daher	5/13	Cindy Wallin	5/25
Jonathan Haapala	5/13	Jeff Cisna	5/26
Kayla Kjar	5/13	Rayna Leland	5/27
Anastasia Rudko	5/13	Rotua Stout-Harris	5/27
Ryland Zaborowski	5/13	Corinne Rudko	5/28
Christian Hauser	5/15	Tristan Ellis	5/29
Paul Koski	5/15	Amanda Smith	5/29
Mike McGowan	5/15	Jason Leland	5/31
Natalie Pappalardo	5/15	Holly Novek	5/31

