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COMMUNITY NEWS

September 2011

Pastor's Message

The Journey

“Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

Luke 2:27-32

This is a wonderful example of patience and faith. Simeon, now in his elder years of life, sees the baby Jesus. God had promised that he would see the one who would bring about salvation for Israel as well as all humankind before he would die, and so it happens as God had promised.

We sometimes forget that God's will is not always accomplished immediately. For Simeon it took a lifetime. When we are frustrated with the way life is going it is easy to forget that God's ways are not our ways and that God's schedule is not always our schedule. It can be difficult to be patient and wait on God. And yet, sometimes that is exactly what we are called to do. I was reminded of this while backpacking in the mountains.

The backpacking program is intentionally set up to accomplish two important factors: 1) Enable the respective groups (families) to become one. 2) Teach each person the importance of believing in the process. Going through self-doubt, worry, and frustration helps us to understand that this is part of life's journey and spending time on the trail teaches the importance of faith, especially when it is easier to quit than to go on. Each person needed to trust the guide as well as believe we would all be successful in reaching our goal. The only way to discover this was to hike the trail and go through the process. At the end we discovered its truth.

In the same way, at the end of Simeon's life, he too discovered the faithfulness of God. I suspect that there may have been times when it was easier for Simeon not to believe than to remain believing. God proved to be faithful and God's promise was kept.

So when life seems a bit difficult, and when things are not as you like, when positive change seems to be elusive, remember Simeon. God was faithful in Simeon's life. God is faithful to us. It may take a while and God's promise may seem like it is taking too long. But the result will be worth the wait and you will discover the power of God's promise.

Pastor Greg



Treasurer's Report

	YTD <u>BUDGET</u>	YTD <u>ACTUAL</u>
Receipts—Offerings	\$229,000	\$201,490
Net Receipts—Preschool	133,768	176,154
Receipts—Building Fund	0	300
Receipts—Other	2,170	6,489
Receipts—Dedicated Funds Used	<u>0</u>	<u>5,327</u>
Total Receipts	\$364,938	\$ 389,760
Total Expenditures (Non-Preschool)	<u>(349,252)</u>	<u>(347,626)</u>
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	\$ <u>15,686</u>	\$ <u>42,134</u>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
July 3	126	\$ 4,611
July 10	150	\$12,381
July 17	172	\$ 4,357
July 24	174	\$ 5,462
July 31	141	\$ 4,200
EFT Offer.		\$ 4,512
Total	763	\$35,523

Offering income is \$27,510 less than budgeted year-to-date.

Preschool net income is \$42,386 more than budgeted year-to-date. Received prepaid summer tuition during the spring months. This will cause preschool net income to be less than budgeted during August.

Expenses are \$1,626 less than budgeted, year-to-date.

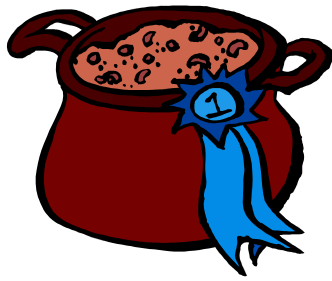
Prior Year Comparison: Offering income for 2011 is 4% less than 2010's and Preschool net income is 16% more in 2011 versus 2010. Our budget provides for a 5% increase in offerings during 2011.

Detailed information is available upon request from Tracy Cantin (tcantin@aol.com).

Schwab Account: The church now has a Schwab brokerage account. This way members can donate shares of stock as an alternative to cash offerings. Not only can you help the church, you can avoid paying capital gains tax on appreciated stocks. For more information, please contact Tracy Cantin.



Women's Bible Study
Starts this Fall on Tuesday, September 27th
at 7:00 PM in the home of Jane Wielenga.
Please contact Jane or Mary Stohfman for
details.



DO YOU LOVE TO COOK?

Here's your chance to show your stuff!

Please join us for our annual Chili Cook-off and Pie Bake-off.

September 11th after the 2nd service

There will be plenty of food, fun and prizes!

Please let us know what you would like to bring by filling out the form found in your Sunday bulletin and dropping it in the basket in the Narthex.

You may contact Barb Krouse at 459-6862 or email her at barbkrouse@cox.net with any questions.

CLC RALLY DAY

September 11th on the Patio - 9:30-10:30

**We will be having a Fair Trade Coffee tasting again
Starting a New Year at CLC!**

Corazon Sunday School Registration Stephen Ministry

Prayer Chain Sunday Morning Worship Volunteers

Quilting

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Bible Studies

Children's Church

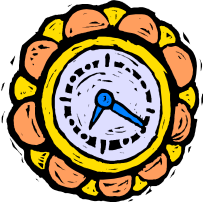
Chancel Choir

Fair Trade Coffee

Bell Choir

Children's Choir





Worship Times change back to 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM on Rally Sunday, September 11th.

Youth & Family Board



Confirmation Class

We're back in session! Confirmation class starts up again on Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 PM.

High School Youth Group Beach Day

On Sunday, August 21st we met at CLC and went to Huntington Beach for an afternoon of surf, sand and beach activities. At the bonfire we roasted hot dogs and made s'mores.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

THANKS to EVERYONE who helped make VBS a success in 2011!

YOU WERE AN *AMAZING* TEAM!



Bible Class for 3rd Graders and their Parents

Bible classes for 3rd graders and their parents will be held after the 2nd service on Sundays in October for all 3rd graders and their parents. After attending the class the 3rd graders will be presented with their Bibles during worship. For more info see Mary Stohlman.

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.





Join Our Fair Trade Coffee Tasting Party on Rally Sunday, September 11th.

Have a taste of the coffee that we sell to promote LWR's Coffee Project and support CLC's Programs.



Book Club meets on the second Monday at 7:00 PM at church. Everyone is welcome to read the books and discuss them with us!

September 12 - Firestorm by Nevada Barr

October 10 - The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven: A Remarkable Account of Miracles, Angels, and Life Beyond This World by Kevin Malarkey and Alex Malarkey

November 8 - From the Heart: Eight Rules to Live By by Robin Roberts

December 13 - The Samurai's Garden: A Novel by Gail Tsukiyama

Stephen Ministry

Crisis: An emotionally charged time of instability during which a crucial change occurs.



The Chinese word for crisis is a combination of two characters: one for "danger." the other for "opportunity." This drives home the fact that every crisis, though it involves impending danger, also offers opportunities for personal or spiritual growth. Stephen Ministers are trained to walk with you through the dangers of your crisis and to help you find the opportunities God has in store for you. For more information about Stephen Ministry please contact Mary Stohlman.

Prayer Chain



*"What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?"
Ecclesiastes 1:3*

Getting back to school and the other routines of the Fall? Everyone's in the car again. Crawl into line on the freeway for the stop-and-go traffic. And do it again at the end of the day. Load the children into the van for for school, appointments, practices, and lessons. We are always in our

car. Think about Solomon's words, *"What do people gain from all the toil at which they toil under the sun?"* Yes, excessive time in the car may reflect our foolish choices, OR your car may provide opportunities for service to others in your family or at work. Evaluate your car time and Jesus' words *"Do not let your hearts be troubled"* John 14:1

When you are feeling stressed in your car, say a prayer, sing a hymn, and take a moment to reflect on the blessings we have of transportation, the ability to drive, healthy bodies and opportunities to learn and grow. During the time in your car you could prayer for family, friends, and people on the prayer chain who are dealing with bigger issues than you have now. To join the prayer chain and by praying regularly for others in need of support, emailing Mary Stohlman at mstohlmn@yahoo.com.



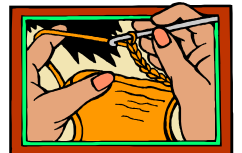
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**A Pizza Picnic at the Lake! Sunday, September 11th at 4:00 PM.
Details about lake entrance from Ed Heeren or Rod Anderson.
More details in the mail.**

Quilting for LWR and Prayer Shawl Ministry

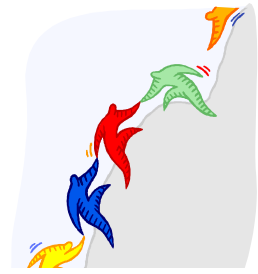


This is the last meeting to quilt before the Fall Ingathering of quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Join us Monday, September 26th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The quilts will be dedicated and for sale on Sunday October 2nd. Knitters and Crocheters are welcome to work on their projects at the same time and finished shawls will be dedicated at the meeting.



Caught Serving.....

A big thanks to all those who volunteered to help with VBS!



Annual Woman's Retreat 2011

Ladies save the date for Friday, October 7th through Sunday, October 9th in Palm Springs!

Women of CLC and your friends join us this fall for fun and fellowship. Cost per person is \$100.00. Sign-ups are on the patio between services or contact Lynn Bisnar (949) 589-2451 or email her at lbisnar@cox.net.

Lutheran Saddleback Children's Center is beginning its the 2011–2012 school year. Please visit the website www.saddlebackchildrenscenter.org for more information. Call the SCC office at (949) 858-0646 to take a tour of the facility and for more information.



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. – Philippians 4:13

Let's Celebrate September Birthdays!

Betsy Cantin 9/1
Paige Funkhouser 9/2
Peter Mowery 9/2
Taylor Rhoton 9/2
Erika Britton 9/3
Christopher Ellis 9/4
Teri Murphy 9/4
James Peak 9/5
Oliver Pedersen 9/6
Amanda Johnson 9/7
Susan Kelp 9/7
Lisa Pappalardo 9/7
Christopher Campbell 9/8
Bruce Atkinson 9/9
Sharon Gaworski 9/9
Karen Gervais 9/9
Lisa Good 9/9
Alex Nathanson 9/11
Leah Hadley 9/13
David Hallgren 9/13
Amy Shoemaker 9/13
Kristi Gervais 9/14
Suzanne Newby 9/14
Chaz Williams 9/14
Patricia Elliot 9/15
Brian Beaman 9/16
Kian Clineff 9/16
Lillian Lee 9/16
Kim Brown 9/17
Ben Halperin 9/17
William Hadley 9/18
John Krafcik 9/18
Ashley Vaskovich 9/18
Zachary Fick 9/19
Marie Jorde 9/19
Tom Jorde 9/19
Jeff Jenkins 9/20
Marcy Peck-Kohn 9/20
Tania Wilkey 9/20
Sarah Blackmore 9/21
Virginia Douglass 9/21
Sara Wissmueller 9/21
Walt Lundin 9/23
Nicolette Notthoff 9/23
Virginia Peterson 9/23
Robert C. Sundberg 9/23

Karen Shelley 9/24
Randy Allen 9/26
Joshua Bisnar 9/26
Cindy Campbell 9/26
Dianne Connor 9/28
Tom Gumpert 9/28
Sean Whitaker 9/28
Kristine Williams 9/28
Paul Doddridge 9/29
Brooklyn Doddridge 9/29
Brandee Ramirez 9/29
Chris Ramirez 9/29
Lisa Porcelli 9/30

