



SYNK

Stuff You Need to Know to keep in sync with Christ Lutheran Church & School

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OCTOBER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 8

Food Distribution
1 PM

Volunteers arrive 11 AM

October 14

Senior Lunch
10:30 AM
Fireside Rm

October 14/15

Tijuana House Build

October 15

Annual Fall Festival 9-3

October 23

KUWAA Artist Gallery

October 22

ChristCare Car Care
9-noon

October 29

Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot 6-8 PM

“Join Pastor Mike in the Fireside Room 6PM”

October 2 ~ “How Tall is Your Mountain?”

Mike Gibbons will be with us to tell his amazing story of God’s blessing and protection while climbing Mount Everest, May 2011 (6-7:30PM)

October 9 ~ “End of the Spear”

An incredible mission story of love and forgiveness in the midst of hatred and misunderstanding. Movie and Discussion (6-8:30PM)

October 16 ~ “Bonhoeffer” a documentary film on the times, life, and teachings of German Lutheran pastor and 20th Century martyr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer (6-8:30 PM)

October 23 ~ “The Enduring Impact of Bonhoeffer on the Body of Christ”

A Bible Study based on the teachings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (6-8PM)

I love being your pastor. I’ll see you in church!

Nominations For Congregational Leadership Positions...

...are now open! Are you interested in shaping and guiding the direction of Christ Lutheran Church? Are you a visionary? Maybe you have past experience in leadership or accounting. Or maybe you know someone who can be described in one of these ways. If so, there are opportunities to serve!

The following positions on the Board of Directors are open beginning in January, 2012: **President, Vice-President and 2 members at large.** If you are interested in learning more, or if you can recommend an individual for consideration, please contact Matthew Jaffke at (714) 531-2556. We will hold our Voter’s Meeting on November 20th at 11:15 in the Sanctuary.

We are also looking for several nominations for **Board of Elders**, for more information or to submit a nomination contact Jon Niederbrach at 949-533-8827

The KOBON Ministry in Papua New Guinea

Dear Friends,

Language unites and binds cultural groups together. Within a society it binds cultural sub-groups. People are identified as belonging to the group or being outside the group by the language they speak, and to different subgroups by their dialect or accent. The same goes for music. All cultures have music. In the case of western nations, music is based on 12 semitones in an octave. No matter what music is written using that 12 semitone system, we “understand” it – it sounds at least somewhat familiar to our ears even though we may not like it! But when we hear music from a nation or culture that has a completely different musical system, we do not understand it – it sometimes sounds “weird”. And our music probably sounds just as weird to them.



Joel, Nimbi and Fi

Because we realized that music is so important to people, very early on in our work with the Kobon we worked on an analysis of their musical system with a friend who is an ethnomusicologist. We made tape recordings of about fifteen different song categories – including songs they sang when they had been successful in killing a member of an enemy group, songs they sang at a wake, and songs they sang at the party following the initiation of young men into manhood by having their noses pierced. We sent the recordings to our friend and she analyzed the musical system on which it was based. Then together we held a hymn-writing workshop in the village of Salemp where we lived with the Kobon. We encouraged the people to come up with tunes to fit the lyrics, which were verses from scripture. We saw immediately that some people were especially gifted at this. Some of them continued to produce songs and still do so. One of the hymns written at that workshop remains a firm favorite today.

One of these gifted song writers is the person who, along with Lindon, has responsibility as superintendent of our Living Word Kobon-Kaironk school district – Joel. Joel loves the Lord, loves his work in the schools, loves music, and loves to reach people through music. He is a great asset in the work. At our teacher training courses, he not only leads the singing at our daily devotions, but he teaches the trainees how to lead singing in their morning classroom devotion, and how to teach the students a new song that they did not know before. And he does so assuming that they can only “play” one instrument – the instrument which all people everywhere can “play” – their voice!



Joel models how to lead class singing for teachers

Joel is yet another reminder of how the Lord has brought together an amazing Team of people, including you, to be responsible to reach a generation of these lovely Haruai, Kobon and Minimib people for Jesus. Thank you for being part of the Team!

In His Love and Grace, Pastor John and Maila

Children's Ministry

Happy October everyone. I hope you are having a great day today. We are in full swing right now in Children's and Youth Ministry. This year we are really pushing more involvement in our Sunday Morning Children's Ministry program. We have Sunday School every Sunday during the 9:45 service. This is for students who are in Preschool through 6th grade. We have an amazing staff of volunteer teachers and leaders to help guide the students through lessons in a fun and interactive way. If your child has not checked it out yet, I highly encourage you doing so.

A huge goal for the coming year in relationship to that is to connect our older students in Jr. High and High School into serving in our Children's Ministry. Each week, we have a need for teaching assistants to help in the classrooms working with the children and helping our teachers in a multitude of ways. We are also looking at including some more creative elements to our Sunday School offering in the next few months. If you are a student in 7th grade through High School and are interested in getting involved in Sunday School or any of our Children's Ministry events, please go to the Christ Lutheran Church website and find the Children's Ministry heading. You will find a volunteer form to fill out online and we will get you plugged in as soon as possible.

Also just a reminder that we have our annual Children's Ministry Trunk or Treat event this year from 6-8 PM on Saturday October 29th (Since the 31st is on a Monday). This event is a chance for our members and children in the neighborhood to enjoy this time of year in a safe environment on our church campus.



If you are willing to help for this event, we need people to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy as well as run some of the different stations we will have, please contact Kyle Frazier at 1kfrazier@christcm.com as soon as possible. Thanks so much.

That's all for now. Have a great day and God Bless!

Kyle Frazier,

Director of Youth and Children's' Ministries



Habitat Build

HUNTINGTON BEACH - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

Christ Lutheran had been blessed to be part of this global ministry that has a local connection here in Orange County. We will be teaming up with the Lutheran Partnership and Thrivent Builds, marking our **fifth year of volunteer work** on homes to be built in Huntington Beach. The address is 18541 Patterson Street.

This year we have the additional challenge of being creative to complete construction in a three month time frame. Larger volunteer groups will be needed during the week days in order to accomplish this.

There are 10 volunteer slots available.

I take this opportunity to invite those of you who have thought about volunteering to do so, and I ask seasoned volunteers to join us and share your on the job expertise with others. No matter what your station in life, it would be a blessing to have your participation. I also encourage parents to include 16 and 17 year old teens that can volunteer with your written approval. These young adults are the future of this ministry.

Please put this date on your calendar, and make a commitment to be a part of this inspiring Habitat legacy. You will be making a family's dream of owning a home into a reality.

Please contact Kathleen Meyer at (714) 544-1686 or [libra @msn.com](mailto:libra@msn.com)



ChristCare

The ChristCare Equippers Team began training a new group of leaders on September 21. Prior to this, the class was hosted to a get-acquainted dinner by Pastor Joe Strubbe and his Christ-Care group on September 14. That evening the trainees had an opportunity to meet the Equip-pers, hear how the ministry works and ask questions. They will finish their training in November and will be commissioned on Sunday, November 20. Soon after that, they hope to have their groups formed and meeting regularly.

To introduce you to these new leaders we will feature their photos and a little bit about them this month and next. Here are the first three:



Ruth Ann Brinkman lives in Fountain Valley and joined Christ Lutheran this year, having moved from the St. Louis area where she was a long-time member and Bible study leader in their church. Since moving here she has been praying and seeking God's guidance on ways she can serve in her new surroundings. One of the areas she has expressed an interest in is in our developing Hispanic Ministry. Ruth Ann has three children, 2 of whom who live in the area, and 6 grandchildren.

Diane La Fave has attended Christ Lutheran Church since 1997 and sings in the Senior Choir. She lives in Lake Forest and has three daughters. One was recently married and one of her twin daughters is engaged. As a long-time ChristCare participant, she enjoys the opportunity it offers to become more familiar with God's word in a friendly group setting. Since she works during the week, she will be seeking to lead a group that meets on evenings and weekends.



Pamela McPhee joined our congregation in April 2010 and lives in Huntington Beach with her husband Charlie. They have three children and 5 grandchildren. Pam has led small Bible-study groups in the past and looks forward to building relationships on a personal basis while serving Christ, His World, and gaining a better understanding of the Word of God.



Erwin Schauwecker 7/ 558-0670, Elizabeth Brehm 7/ 731-2186,
 Pastor Joe 7/ 557-5891 Bette Flick 7/ 434-3865,
 Nancy Kuhlman 9/ 548-5429, Dale Edwards 7/241-7400

The KUWAA Mission Project

We have a date for the Artist Gallery Show

Artists, we promised you a date to turn in your art projects – well, here it is. All projects are due in the Church Office by October 16. The Art Gallery show will be held between services on Sunday, October 23.



All members (“shoppers”) are urged to stop by the Art gallery (located on the patio in front of the Fireside Room) between services to view the creative and beautiful art projects and make their purchase. All proceeds will go to help support Parker and Alice Ireys’ Christ Care group project, which is to fund a new well for the Kuwaa people in one of the villages in Liberia. The art work is being contributed by members of the Church and School staff along with members of the congregation and students in the school. There may be a few surprise artists whose work you won’t want to miss. We urge you to be present – it is an opportunity to own an original piece of personalized art.

Refreshments will be served along with regular doughnut choices. You will certainly want to have a piece of Chocolate Wacky Cake. (recipe from the Kuwaa people).

Artists, please put your name on the back of your unframed 4 x 6 artwork. If you are unable to donate artwork or be present to make a purchase, we encourage you to pray for the project and those who live in the villages in Liberia because healthy drinking water is a crucial commodity.

Donations will be appreciated also – We will have special Kuwaa Mission envelopes available for you at the Art Show. Make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church with a notation for the Kuwaa Mission on the memo line. Thank you so much for partnering with us on this project!



This month’s Senior Luncheon will take place on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

We invite you to join us in the Fireside Room at 10:30 for some fellowship and fun. This month we have some great entertainment for you as well!! Then we will enjoy a yummy lunch together.

The cost is \$5.00.

All you have to do is R.S.V.P. to Debbie at 949-631-1611 or 1d-line@christcm.com

Christ Lutheran School News



Christ Lutheran School is underway and the staff is so excited to serve on behalf of the congregation in making sure that we are "Connecting People to Jesus" through this ministry. Our children and families in preschool through eighth grade, not only hear about Jesus every day, but experience His love and forgiveness through faithful servants.

I mentioned this briefly in last month's SYNK article, but it bears repeating. As a staff we are trying to look more specifically at the spiritual development of each child. Christ Lutheran School has been about spiritual development for over 50 years. But we are developing a new tool to help parents, children, and our staff look at what the key spiritual growth aspects are that parents should be looking for in their child. We will ask parents to give input and evidence that their children are exhibiting those spiritual growth benchmarks. It will have no grading, no judgment, just praising God for the work of His Holy Spirit working faith in His children and families, and that their faith is being demonstrated through works (being Christ to others). Each child will have a portfolio that will be a picture of their growth over the years. You can all be a part of this by encouraging children and praising them for the evidence you see in their actions.

Our staff spends many hours providing children with the opportunity to explore the talents and gifts God has blessed them with. I believe that one of the key aspects of any elementary school is to make sure that we provide a variety of programs to make sure children get to explore and use these gifts and talents. Our music curriculum from Kindergarten through fifth grade helps to build a sound musical foundation. In sixth through eighth grade children are able to join musical groups where they expand those skills in actual performance and in service to their Lord. In addition, the music conservatory makes it possible for parents to pursue private instruction before and after school.

We continue to try to improve our health and fitness programs. The Board of Education has adopted health guidelines for snacks to provide healthier options for children. We continue to keep physical education as part of our curriculum...and I know that our students in fifth through eighth grade love to compete in sporting events with other Lutheran Schools. Again, children have the opportunity to explore gifts and talents in a Christian setting.

Through our chapel services and the musicals performed, our children have the opportunity to develop skills in drama, acting, and public speaking. We provide students the opportunity to develop leadership skills through student council, yearbook staff, chapel planning crew, eighth grade mentors for the lower grades, science Olympiads, spelling bees, national geography bees, and so much more.

What a privilege it is to be able to see all of these extras taking place in addition to our daily curriculum and academic programs for children. Christ Lutheran is about growing the entire child. I truly believe that Christ Lutheran offers so much more for your child. I know the staff works hard to make all of this available. Parents make sacrifices to pay tuition so their children have all of these opportunities for growth. I am honored to serve with the faithful servants and families that have chosen to be a part of this incredible experience this year.

New Orleans Mission Trip



We need decisions made for this year's trip. If you would like to join the team to New Orleans, please contact Jenny Jordan no later than Friday, Oct. 7th. The dates are Sun., Nov. 6 - Fri., Nov. 11. The cost is \$700 for airline, car rental, and room and board.

Please pray about this and let Jenny know.

Jenny Jordan

1jjordan@christcm.com or call 714.675.0288

Greetings to My Dear Brothers and Sisters...

...from Lance, a Vicar of Christ (and Christ Lutheran Church and School) also Blessings from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ....(I have been studying Paul's Epistles lately can you tell?)

I am writing this to you from the seminary campus in Ft. Wayne. Much study and discussion of all things pastoral happens here (and in St. Louis) It is a beautiful day that the Lord has made (not much discussion on that, being upper 70's and mostly sunny).

We are studying the Gift of the Lord's Supper. It is from Christ himself to His church. What an awesome thing he has done through his death, resurrection and ascension. The Lord's Supper is a visible means of that grace for us to taste, feel and participate in. The Lord's Supper is so much more than an act of remembrance. As in all things it is God coming to us, forgiving us and restoring us to a right relationship with him. Christ being truly present in the bread and wine reminds us it is what he does not what we do. (Yes I said it, as the Professor shared that today, sounds familiar somehow.)

Looking forward to continuing my studies and sharing more with you all in church and studies in the future as we all grow in faith in Christ Jesus. I enjoy being on campus but can't wait to get back home and be with you in fellowship of the Spirit. May God bless you and keep until then.

Love in Christ, your Vicar, Lance .

PS: thanks for all your support and prayers.



SAVE THE DATE...

...for the Fifth Annual Mission Trip to Honduras

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Brigade to Honduras is happening from **July 20, 2012 through July 28, 2012**. The purpose of this trip through World Gospel Outreach ("WGO") is "to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the poorest of the poor." Please visit their web site at www.wgoreach.org.

Everyone from age 14 and up and from all walks of life can be a benefit to this team. It really helps the Brigade if a few of the team members are from the medical profession. This includes doctors, nurses, dentists, hygienists, chiropractors and optometrists. Please help by spreading the word to anyone you know who is in any of these fields and who would be interested in giving a week of their time for the Honduran people. They do not have to be members of Christ Lutheran.

And please keep Amir and Denise Hodge in your prayers this month (October 2011) as they are going to Honduras to be a part of another team.

Amir was a member of this past team and as a nurse practitioner, was able to serve the people in their physical needs and as a Christian, served their spiritual needs. Please prayerfully consider this trip for YOU to serve the Lord!

See the Honduras Mission page on Christ Lutheran's web site for pictures and more detail information. www.christcm.com



Pray for Christ Lutheran's 10th House Build in Tijuana



We need YOU to pray for this upcoming mission trip the weekend of October 14-15, 2011. Please pray for the team members, for safety, for health, for camaraderie, for fun, for opportunities to witness, and for giving the Spanish Bibles to the "right" people in Tijuana.

And we thank everyone for all of their prayer and financial support for this trip. See the Tijuana Mission page on Christ Lutheran's web site for pictures and more detail information. www.christcm.com

A Gift For You From the Kobon Ministry



Your help and support made the gift of God's Word in their own language possible for the Kobon, Minimib, and Haruai people. Now the Kobon Ministry has a gift for you.

We invite you to join the Kobon, Haruai, and Minimib people in reading through the New Testament in 2012. To help you do this, we have prepared a very special 2012 calendar for you. This calendar contains pictures of people from Christ Lutheran engaged in mission projects as well as pictures of the people served by the Kobon Ministry in "Kobonland" in Papua, New Guinea. Each day lists the verses to read from the New Testament. The calendars you

made at the recent Book Bee for the people in Kobonland contain exactly the same references. When you read a daily passage in your New Testament, they are reading the same passage in theirs. Join together in the Word with our distant brothers and sisters.

The calendars will be available for you to pick up in front of church beginning October 23, or contact Nancy Kuhlman, 949.548.5429.

Fall Festival ~October 15 ~ 9-3PM ~ Entry is FREE!



Fun for All...There are games and activities for kids of all ages: game booths, rock wall, bounce house and more. Don't play? Relax and enjoy some great fun and fellowship.

Great Shopping...General Store: hand made gifts, crafts, jams and other delightful goods. Crafters and

Vendors: amazing crafts, jewelry, home décor and so much more. Book Nook: gently used

books of all kinds for all ages. Contests Chili Cook Off: the heat is on as the best chili chefs around compete. Country Fair

Contests... Pepper Eating, Hot Dog Eating and Pie Eating.

Tasty Food... Pot Luck: lots of delicious food for any appetite and a chance to sample the chili cook-off entries. Snack Bar: all the classic carnival favorites. Sweet Shoppe: tasty treats and baked goods galore.

Tickets...50¢ each Tickets are used for games, rides, activities and food purchases. General Store and Crafters accept cash or check only.

First Quarter ~ Fourth and Goal ~ Three Quarters Left



Huh??? First quarter? Fourth and goal?

Well, not really. How about First month of four instead. That's right, we have just completed the first of the final four months of the 4Those2Come campaign. The original campaign amount was \$1,577,000 and as of September 18 we have received \$1,321,925 leaving \$255,075 to go.

The GOAL of complete payment is in sight. While the number is high (about \$85,000 needed each month for the next 3 months), we can, with prayer and commitment, achieve this goal.

- To those who met their pledges - we thank you.
- To those who are thinking about exceeding their pledges – we thank you.
- To those who are striving to meet their pledges - we thank you.
- To those who are praying for the campaign - we thank you.
- To those who are thinking about joining the final push - we thank you.

As in football, when the goal markers are in sight it is much easier to gather the strength to cross the line and score a touchdown; in this case for our church.

If you wish to join the campaign, or have questions, please contact Karen Culp in the Church office.
Your Fulfillment Team

Rick & Karen Culp, Erik & Kristi Edison, Walt & Sue Hinrichs, George & Debbie Line, Dave & Geri Struck



ChristCare CarCare

When: October 22nd Saturday 9 AM to Noon approx

Where: The Church parking lot

Why: We want to know your car is SAFE

Stop by and one of our "pit crew" will give your car an inspection at NO cost. We will check your tires, lights, fluid levels and many other items. Let us give you peace of mind!! In Christ, Parker Irey ~ 714-418-9456/714-227-5937

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To reach out and bring all people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ through:

- *dynamic worship of God,*
- *vigorous study of His Word,*
- *loving care for one another,*
- *active sharing of His Word throughout the neighborhood and the world.*

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