



*Connecting People to Jesus*

A Congregation of  
The Lutheran Church ~ Missouri Synod

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# CHRIST WELCOMES YOU!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us at Christ Lutheran! Please check us out on the web [www.christcm.com](http://www.christcm.com) for more information on all our ministries, missions and small groups. Need additional attention or direction? Give us a call in the church office and let us know how we can serve you! 949-631-1611 or [1dline@christcm.com](mailto:1dline@christcm.com)

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## Bible Studies

### Monday, 7:00 pm

Young Adult Small Group ~ Meet at Pastor Mike's home next on October 12th.  
Pastor Mike ([1mgibson@christcm.com](mailto:1mgibson@christcm.com))

### Tuesday, 7:00 am

Men's Book Discussion Group ~ Panera Bread 17th St, CM  
*Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer ~ Pastor Mike ([1mgibson@christcm.com](mailto:1mgibson@christcm.com))

Adult Bible Study ~ Fireside Room ~ 10:00 am ~ Chuck Newman (714) 962-2033

### Thursday

Men's Bible Study - Fireside Room 6:30 am ~ Jeff Ruiz (714) 962-7208

ChristCare For Women Only

- Room 102 at Christ Lutheran School ~ 9:00 am ~ Nancy Kuhlman (949) 548-5429
- Fireside Room ~ 9:00 am ~ Bette Flick (714) 434-3865

1:15 pm ~ 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month

Pastor Strubbe's home 3473 Venetian Dr. Costa Mesa ~ 714-401-5891

Fireside Room ~ 7pm ~ every other Thursday ~ Lynn Banker (714) 556-4522

### Friday, 9:30 am

Women's Bible Study ~ Mona Hill's home ~ Mona Hill (714) 545-6601

### Saturday 7:30 am (Gym kitchen and Room 102)

Men's Breakfast ~ New Series: "Faithfulness in Trials" A study of Jeremiah and Lamentations..  
Herb Theiss - (714) 556-6921

### Saturday 7:30 am

Women's Breakfast Bible Study - Coco's Restaurant ~ At Adams and Harbor, Costa Mesa,  
Alice Irey-(714) -418-9456

**\*\* A list of weekly Life Groups - Sermon-based study groups is available on our website [www.christcm.com](http://www.christcm.com)**

## Student Ministry

Be sure to check the bulletin board outside of Kyle's office as well as the youth page on the church website [www.christcm.com](http://www.christcm.com) for updated information.

### Club 56 (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>): Monday, October 12th - TAG GAMES

6:00-8:00 and meet at the picnic tables behind the GYM ~ Make sure you come ready to run!!!

### Lost and Found (Jr. High): TONIGHT

4:30-5:45 (shorter time due to new 6:00 service format) ~ \$2.00 for pizza

### High Life (High School): TONIGHT ~ 7:00 to 8:30

### **Nov. 20-21 – Sr. High DYG in Arizona**

Join us for a district-wide service project in Phoenix as we help those in need along with hundreds of other high schoolers from our LCMS district. Cost is \$90 which covers everything except for a meal on the way out. Forms and money need to be in by TONIGHT!. We have pushed back the deadline and given you three extra days. Make sure money and forms are with you at group this evening!!!.

Questions, comments, ideas??

Contact Kyle by email at [1KFrazier@christcm.com](mailto:1KFrazier@christcm.com) or by phone at (949)631-1611.

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# Children's Ministry

## Sunday School : 9:45 for students Preschool thru 6th grade

- Preschool 2-3yrs Rm: 109 / Pre-K & Kindergarten Rm: 103
- 1<sup>st</sup> /2<sup>nd</sup> grade Rm. 106 / 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> grade Rm. 206 / 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Rm: 207

TRUNK R TREAT Halloween Party on October 31, 2009 from 6 to 8 PM.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! This is a safe way to provide children from the church, school and community a fun filled evening of "trick or treating." You can help by donating candy or treats, Volunteer yourself and your truck for the night, financially "Adopt a Trunk" , volunteer to work in another area of the evenings festivities and **bring your family** to the church on October 31st to "TRUNK OR TREAT"!

Questions? Contact: Erika Augustine 714-884-4396 [1eaugustine@christcm.com](mailto:1eaugustine@christcm.com) or Noël Fairchild 949-678-8915 [1nfairchild@christcm.com](mailto:1nfairchild@christcm.com)

## What's Happening?

- **ChristCare Car Care - Coming October 17 from 9-noon** Stop by the church parking lot and let us check out your car: tires, lights, fluid levels and more! All free of charge!
- **Today 19 ChristCare leaders and equippers** will recommit themselves during both worship services to serve as shepherds to their ChristCare flocks for this year. We all pray that they and their flocks will grow in faith and love for the Savior.
- **New Recovery Ministry** ~ This two-fold ministry will consist of an AA meeting followed by a recovery-focused Bible Study. First meeting will be an AA meeting on October 17, 7AM in the Fireside Room and the Bible study will take place October 21 at 7PM in the Fireside Room. Contact Lance Irey for more information at 714-707-3731 or 714-337-2247
- **Concordia Club is selling Entertainment Books for \$35.** Profits will support Christ Lutheran School's scholarship fund. In 2008, with Thrivent Financial matching funds for some of our profit, we donated \$1600 to this fund. Look for us on the patio today!
- **On-line Giving** of your offerings and 4T2C Building Fund contributions can be done with a credit card or Paypal account through our website. The link is on the Church page of our website.
- **The Fall Church Officer Elections Voters' Meeting** will be held on Sunday, October 25, 12:15 PM in the Sanctuary. In addition to the elections we will discuss housing assistance for the Sheltons – a commitment we made in the call process.
- **Interested in the China Mission – April 2010?** Join Pastor Mike for an interest meeting on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:15 AM in Room 102.
- **LADIES JOIN LWML FOR "Evening with our Pastors' Wives"** - This Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00pm in the Fireside Room, for fellowship and dessert. Questions contact Marty Flacks 714-751-1201
- **Attention All Thrivent Members!** Is your favorite Lutheran charity receiving your Thrivent dollars this year? Come by the table on the patio to get info, forms, and answers.

### CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 10/4, 2009

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
10/4	450	\$24,387	\$23,600	\$ + 787

**Budgeted YTD \$ 330,400      Income YTD \$ 285,880      \$ - 44,520**

#### 4 Those 2 Come Capital Campaign

10/4 **Pledged \$1,577,000 ~ Received To Date \$609,515 ~ Balance \$967,485**

*"...They gave themselves first to the Lord....." 2 Corinthians 8:5*

# Message: "Who's The King"

October 11, 2009 ~ A Study of King Saul

## Setting the Stage

### Learning Saul's Story

1. "We want to be like everyone else" 1 Sam. 8:6-8
2. Here's your king 1 Sam 9:15-17
3. Anointed and Spirit-filled 1 Sam. 10:1, 6-9
4. Ground rules for blessing 1 Sam 12:12-15, 24-25
5. Saul's pride emerges
  - Takes credit for his son's victory 1 Sam 13:1-4
  - Breaks God's law and acts on his own 1 Sam 13:6-14  
(Deut. 12:5-14)
6. Entitlement Actions and the Lies of a Cover up 1 Sam 15:1-3, 7-11, 13-15
7. Busted by God 1 Sam 15:17-26; 28:6

### Lessons to Learn

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of entitlement and pride cuts us off from God
  - Do you want what you're really entitled to?
  - This is not a flesh and blood thing – it's \_\_\_\_\_
2. Everyone needs a king – who's yours?
  - Saul looked good, but not capable of being king on his own
  - Saul had his greatest success when he \_\_\_\_\_ God and his great failures when he was \_\_\_\_\_ on his \_\_\_\_\_
  - Whatever we accomplish on our own is only a \_\_\_\_\_ of what \_\_\_\_\_ can do through us
3. A non-entitled life . . .
  - Knows the \_\_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_\_
  - Has a \_\_\_\_\_ for a Savior – nothing else really matters
  - Is \_\_\_\_\_ with the blessings of God
  - Seeks to live with \_\_\_\_\_ obedience
  - Lives out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of a heart filled with peace
  - Is one that has \_\_\_\_\_

# Small Group Discussion Guide

## Share (select one to answer)

1. What part of Sunday's message challenged or stimulated you? Begin your sentence with, "During the message I believe the Lord was telling me . . . "
2. How do you see "entitlement" showing up in our culture? What impact do you see it having? Negatively? Positively?

## Study

1. Read the story of "Original Entitlement" in Genesis 3. How does the temptation to embrace an entitlement attitude show up in Adam, Eve, and Satan?
2. One of the expressions of entitlement sin is a rejection of "absolute truth." Discuss how embracing a "relative truth" could negatively impact your walk with God. Are there "relative truths" that you've embraced that need to be confessed and removed?
3. The more Saul grasped for his personal rights of entitlement, the further he moved from God. How do these sections of Saul's story further express his decline? (Consider the verses before and after to expand the context.)

Hatred and jealousy of David                      1 Sam 18:6-9

Losing his mind    1 Sam 18:10

Saul kills the priests of God                      1 Sam 22:17-23

Saul and the Witch of Endor                      1 Sam 28:7-25

Saul takes his own life                              1 Sam 31

## Support

Discuss the truth of each of these statements. How could they have been realized in Saul's life? What do you need to do to ensure that they become your reality? Ask your group to pray for you in this area. Consider 2 Cor. 12:7-10 in your discussion.

- Even Saul's weaknesses could have been used by God if he had left them in God's hands.
- While our strengths and abilities make us useful, it is our weaknesses that make us usable.

# Prayers of the Congregation

**KOBON MINISTRY:** We thank the Lord that Lukson arrived safely at his village and received a very warm welcome from family and friends. They are all looking forward to seeing the Haruai New Testament next year.

This week pray for the Kobon Living Word School at Gob, teacher Ais Jonah, and the students.

## Please pray for Our Country, Our State, Our Leaders and our Military:

Alanzo Arzate, David, Robert Barba, Matt Burns, Carson Cornell, Michael Culp, Chase DuRand, Mike Espinoza, Sgt Major Steve Fantau, Sam Gaynor, Rob Genzel, Randy Gier, Ryan Genzel, Manny Gonzalez, Michael Gund, Philip Hall, Keith Harrington, John Herman, Devlin Jordan, Sgt Major Mike Kagle, Nick Kessel, Cameron Landers, Justin Mack, Kevin Mason, Adam Moise, Gretzkhey Molson, Braendey Molson, William Moskalski, Josh Praytor, Adam Rodriguez, Casey Patterson, Jonathon Scrantom, Major John Skinner, Alex Tafur, Morgan Taylor, Kane Tomlin, Jacob Vallee.

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Derek Berhow  
Jeff Cheek  
Janeen Clark  
Debbie Crawford  
Dakota  
Ryan Gardiner

Kristen, Rachel &  
Dorothy Hanson  
Josh Kazmar  
Janet Kennington  
The Lamas Family  
Carolyn Miles

Kyle Newby  
The Smith Family  
**The Family of  
Ruth Anderson**

## ILLNESS

Baby Quinn and  
brother Zander  
Mary Ann Bane  
Geoff Barnard  
Mary Ann Breen  
Leighanne Clitheroe  
Staci Cocran  
Amy Cosgrove  
Karen Davis  
Joaquin Diaz  
Julian Dunn  
Eric Frei  
Linda Garbett  
Vivian Gilmore  
Mary Hahn  
Irene Hembree

George Engelke  
Erik Herman  
Rosalie Jensen  
Lynda Johnsee  
Jonathan Knop  
Sue Krause  
Debra Kroning  
Jan and Bob Lenke  
Susan Lockridge  
Matt Lothian  
Bob Lupo  
Patty Martinez  
Gene Maurer  
Kristen Merritt  
Michael McCullough

Mary McFie  
Adrey Michelson  
Carrissa Miller  
Patrick Nandy  
Lillie Nielson  
**Jake Olson**  
Marci Patterson  
Ruth Paul  
Mary Peterson  
Elizabeth Piercy  
Richard Pflug  
Steven Radtke  
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## Sunday Worship Schedule

**8:00 A.M. Classic, Traditional Worship**

**9:45 A.M. Contemporary Worship**

**9:45 A.M. Sunday School for all ages**

**6:00 P.M. Youth Inspired Worship**

## The Flowers On Our Altar

...are given to the glory of our Lord,

By Larry & Rachel Foster in celebration of  
Our 50th wedding anniversary.

In honor of Jack Wright's 15th Birthday. With  
Love from Mom, Dad and Andie.

In loving memory of Dorothy Palmer,  
Sue Vescera's mother and Mary Duna,  
Larry's mom. They are still missed and  
always appreciated.