



*Connecting People to Jesus*

A Congregation of  
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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

**Sunday, 9:30 am:** Room 114 on our campus ~ Faith Builders Bible Study with Dr. Larry Vesceira. Join us for faith-building evidence-based updates and our study of Genesis

**Monday, 7:00 pm:** Young Adult Small Group ~ Pastor Mike's home on Dec. 7th.  
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 ~ Susan Almaraz (949) 559-1809

**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 ~ "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

## Student Ministry

**Club 56 (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>): Monday December – Christmas Party**

Our next Club 56 event will be a Christmas party at church. We'll have an amazing time celebrating the holiday's as a group, so don't miss out. We're asking everyone to bring a wrapped White Elephant gift and a dessert treat to share. Any parents willing to bring extra snacks for everyone, we are looking for volunteers. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact Kyle at [1KFrazier@christcm.com](mailto:1KFrazier@christcm.com).

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

Join us tonight from 4:30-5:45. Pizza is available for \$2 and if you want to, bring a treat to share with the rest of the group. Every Sunday night we spend time playing games, hanging out, and in Bible Study. Make sure you are there this Sunday!!!

**High Life (High School): National Youth Gathering Information** went out...Couldn't pick up a packet? The information is available online and goes out with our weekly e-mail as well. If you're going, we need the registration form and a \$100 deposit **TODAY!!!** We'll be doing fundraising for this trip so the sooner you sign up, the sooner you can get involved in ways to cut down on the cost.

**AFV Taping for High Schoolers**

On Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, we'll be taking a group up to Los Angeles for a taping of America's Funniest Home Videos. We'll leave the church at 11:30 am and be back around 8 pm. You will need to bring money for dinner (fast food.) There is a dress code, so get excited about the chance to dress up and get on TV. This event will not only be an amazing time, it will also serve as a small fundraiser and a chance for students to earn money towards future trips. Space is limited so reserve your seat with Kyle ASAP.

**Service Project Night**

Join us this evening from 7-8:30. We will be working on a few different projects here at the church for three different groups in the community. This will be a great time to offer a helping hand to some of those in need. If you want to bring a snack to share with the group, we always appreciate treats! See you there.

# 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

## Sunday School Christmas Program

Each week during our Sunday School classes we will be practicing and rehearsing for our Christmas Program. The name of the program is **Angels We Have Heard**. The program will be on December 20th at 11am in the Gym. Your child will soon be bringing home a commitment form for you to sign and a practice CD with all the music on it.

Questions? Contact:

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Noël Fairchild 949-678-8915 [1nfairchild@christcm.com](mailto:1nfairchild@christcm.com)

# What's Happening?

- **Are you new to Christ Lutheran? Would you like to learn more about the life and ministries of Christ Lutheran?** Join us on December 20, 11:15 a.m. in the Fire-side Room for a great one hour opportunity to learn more about Christ Lutheran and how to BELONG. Childcare is available. Contact Debbie to RSVP at [1dline@christcm.com](mailto:1dline@christcm.com) or 949-631-1611
- **Operation Christmas Child...Collection has begun!** Shoeboxes may be dropped off at church or in the church office.
- **Mid-Week Advent Dinners** begin December 2nd. We gather in the gym at 6:00 for a light supper before we head over to church at 7. A freewill offering is taken. The Elders traditionally host the first one and Ruby's has generously offered to host the last one so all we need now is one more group to host the 2nd one!
- **Thanksgiving Eve service~ Wednesday, November 25th at 7PM** Please join us in worship as we give thanks to our Lord for the many blessings He has given us. What are you thankful for? We encourage you to bring a non-perishable food item to help stock our food pantry so that we in turn can help needy families.
- **USE SCRIP to stuff those Christmas Stockings!!!** \$5, \$10 or \$25 Starbuck cards, \$2 Baskin Robbins, \$10 In-N-Out, Carl's, Burger King, Chipotle, Del Taco, Claire's, Borders or Bath and Body Works, \$15 & \$25 I-Tunes, \$25 Build-A-Bear, \$20 Toys R Us - to name a few. We will not be stocking these popular items, so prepay and order today. Your Scrip should arrive within the week. We have many more merchants to choose from, so just ask and we will try to get it for you! Thank you for your support.

### CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 11/15, 2009

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
11/15	584	\$21,687	\$23,600	\$ -1,913

**Budgeted YTD \$ 448,400    Income YTD \$ 385,978    \$ - 62,422**

#### 4 Those 2 Come Capital Campaign

11/15    **Pledged \$1,577,000 ~ Received To Date \$637,699 ~ Balance \$939,301**

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

# Message: Christ Gives Back

## It Matters to God What We Do – It Matters To God What We Don't Do

November 22, 2009

### Setting the Stage: The Olivet Discourses (Matthew 24-25)

1. Jesus gives a running account of the events that will accompany his 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming
2. Jesus teaches lessons on what it looks like and what it doesn't look like when we live our lives .prepared for his second coming.
3. This is the last significant teaching of Jesus before his passion – don't miss the emphasis.

### The Ten Bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1-13)

- Faith in Jesus Christ is something you've got to believe for yourself
- It matters to God what we do - It matters to God what we fail to do.

### The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

- It's really a basic issue of Stewardship - we are caretakers not the owners
- It matters to God what we do - It matters to God what we fail to do.

### The Separation of The Sheep From The Goats (Matthew 25:31-46)

- The judgment scene at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming vs. 31-32
- Separation of Sheep and Goats vs. 33
- What a Life of Faith Looks Like vs. 34-40
  - ◇ Sheep have received God's gift of grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
  - ◇ Sheep live out their faith with evidence of faithful action
  - ◇ It's just what Sheep do!
- What a Lack of Faith Looks Like vs. 41-45
  - ◇ The lack of faith convicts and condemns – selfishness reigns
  - ◇ Serving others in the name of Jesus isn't even on the radar!

### James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? <sup>15</sup>Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup>If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup>In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. <sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.

### An Issue of Justification and Sanctification Ephesians 2:8-9 and 10

#### Judgment – Matthew 25:46

- The presence of kingdom life always produce evidence in the transformed speech, thought, actions, and character of Jesus' followers.
- The absence of this evidence is proof that the invitation to salvation has not being lived

#### Jesus' Final Teaching to His Followers

- This is not optional
- Got the gift? Then you've got the responsibility
- Takes too much effort you say? Do it anyway (last week – Mark 2 – "Tear off the Roof")
- Do it because it is evidence of our transformation from selfishness into service
- Do it because of what Jesus has done for us
- Do it as if we are doing it for Jesus
- Do it because it's just what we do – a natural follow through of faith

## Small Group Discussion Guide: It Matters to God

### Share:

- Share “Praise Reports” of Jesus being exalted through you/your family and acts of kindness.
- Which of the “Acts of Kindness” have you selected to do during November? (The *Acts of Kindness* list is now available on the Church page of our website.)

### Study

1. The sheep and the goat metaphor in Matthew 25 enable us to “see” the activity of the text in verses 31-46. “Sheep” is a consistent image of the people of God, whether it refers to Israel or the Disciples of Jesus. Look up the following passages and determine whether the reference concerns the people of Israel or the followers of Jesus. Matthew 9:36; 10:6 and 16; 26:31 and Zechariah 13:7; Matthew 15:24 and Ezekiel 24; John 10. In the Old Testament 70% of the goat references refer to sacrificial animals and practices (scapegoat, etc). There are only a few passages regarding goats in the New Testament. Consider the Hebrews 9:14 and 10:4 and how the “Lamb of God” (that’s a sheep image) is able to do that which goats cannot.
2. Isaiah 58:6-9 has parallel concepts to the passage from Matthew 25. Why might God say that our service to others is “fasting” (v 6)? When we do the acts of kindness mentioned in this passage God promises to respond – what will happen? Read the passage a second time and identify how this passage is ultimately fulfilled in the work of Jesus. To get started, carefully consider verses 6 and 8 to get started.
3. In theological studies we often refer to sins in two ways: sins of omission and sins of commission. Define the terms. Look through the 3 key sections of Matthew 25 (1-13; 14-30; 31-46) and identify where you see omission and/or commission. Provide support for your choices.
4. The Apostles’ Creed contains three articles: The first article is about our creator God and speaks about God’s whole creation – redeemed or not. The second article confesses faith in Jesus as God’s Son, Savior, Redeemer, and Lord. The third article declares confidence in the work of the Holy Spirit through the Church as it functions within the world and is faithful to Christ. In light of Matthew 25:31-46 discuss how you see the work of “second article faith” impact “third article life.” To review The Apostles’ Creed, grab a hymnal or your Small Catechism.

### Support

1. What part of Sunday’s message or this study challenged or stimulated you? Begin your sentence with, “I believe the Lord is telling me . . .”
2. Share with your group how you prepare yourself on a regular basis for the coming of Jesus the Messiah. Is it through a devotional life – your personal UP? Faithful service to others? What do you do? If you are not currently involved in a disciplined time of spiritual growth that is leading to “sheep-like” action, how can your group assist you in developing your UP.
3. As a group, identify an activity that enables you to “act like sheep” ala Matthew 25 during the up-coming Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Calendar it – do it. Find joy in serving as the “righteous” who will receive “eternal life.

# Prayers of the Congregation

**KOBON MINISTRY:** Praise and thanks to God for the dedicated and capable Kobon, Minimb, and Haruai men who serve on the Living Word School Board. Pray for them as they hold their board meeting this coming week and for the teacher in-service training that will be conducted the day after the board meeting.

This week, pray for the Kobon school at Angaple, teachers Clement Apiab and Moses Ipin, and all the children who attend the classes.

## 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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Janet Kennington  
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Carolyn Miles

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The Smith Family  
Kristie and girls  
The DeBie Family  
The Steinfeld Family  
Jim  
Jess  
Jeff

Gary Gardner  
The Majewsky Family  
The Family of  
Amanda Christman

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Hap Barraza  
Jan Blomquist  
Mary Ann Breen  
Leighanne Clitheroe  
Staci Cocran  
Amy Cosgrove  
Karen Davis  
Joaquin Diaz  
Julian Dunn  
Gudrun Festner  
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Donna Mulholland  
Patrick Nandy  
Lillie Nielson  
Peggy and Family  
Marci Patterson  
Ruth Paul  
Elizabeth Piercy  
Richard Pflug  
Steven Radtke  
Robin Ray  
Peter Rasoe  
Jeff Ruiz  
Desiree Sanchez  
Dean Saylor  
Bernard Selz  
Chris Sheetz  
Steve  
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Jim Stoddard  
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## Sunday Morning Shepherds

If you need a ride to church or know of someone who does please contact:

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## Altar Flowers

The flowers that grace our altar today are given to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Herb and Vi Theiss in celebration of 63 amazing years of marriage that our Lord and heavenly Father has bestowed upon us.

Praise be to God!