



# Magnify The Lord

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# CHRIST WELCOMES YOU!

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## Sermon Based Bible Studies

### Sunday (on site)

Nancy Kuhlman ~ Room 113 ~ 9:30 AM  
Francis Flacks ~ Fireside Room ~ 9:30 AM  
Dean Dammann ~ Room 112 ~ 9:30 AM

### Monday

Mandy Ruiz ~ 222 16th St. Huntington Beach ~ 7:00 PM  
[Amr3034@aol.com](mailto:Amr3034@aol.com) or 714-330-9695

### Tuesday

Debbie Miller ~ 18887 San Antonio St. Fountain Valley ~ 7:00 PM  
[dmiller@onesourceind.com](mailto:dmiller@onesourceind.com) or 714-964-9384  
Craig Conway ~ 905 Helena Circle, Costa Mesa ~ 7:00 PM  
[craigconway@yahoo.com](mailto:craigconway@yahoo.com) ~ 714-540-8135

### Thursday

Pastor Joe Strubbe ~ 3473 Venetian Dr. Costa Mesa ~ 1:15 PM  
[josephstrubbe@yahoo.com](mailto:josephstrubbe@yahoo.com) or 714-557-5891 \*\*1st and 3rd Thursdays every month  
Kathryn Shelton ~ TBD ~ 7:00 PM (singles)  
[katieshelton@yahoo.com](mailto:katieshelton@yahoo.com) or 714-916-8101  
Chris & Mary Fewel ~ Fireside Room ~ 7PM ~ 2nd and 4th Thursdays every month  
[MPFEWEL@aol.com](mailto:MPFEWEL@aol.com) or [cfewel@fewel-associates.com](mailto:cfewel@fewel-associates.com)

### Friday

Walt and Monica Bagnara ~ 969 Linden Place, Costa Mesa ~ 7:00 PM  
[1bagnara@christcm.com](mailto:1bagnara@christcm.com) or 949-650-3728

### Saturday

Herb Theiss ~ Gym and Room 102 ~ 7:30 AM (Men)  
[handvtheiss@sbcglobal.net](mailto:handvtheiss@sbcglobal.net) or 714-556-6921

## Student Ministry

**WANT TO LEARN TO CROCHET?** On December 30<sup>th</sup> meet in the Fireside Room from 6:00-8:00 pm and for a lesson on crocheting. We will make beanies for an organization called "Knots of Love." They provide crocheted beanies for people battling cancer or life threatening illnesses or injuries. Cost is \$5, for a crochet hook as well as enough yarn to complete your first beanie. This class is open to people of all ages so join us. Please RSVP with Kyle by December 29<sup>th</sup> by e-mail [1KFrazier@christcm.com](mailto:1KFrazier@christcm.com).

### **Club 56 (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>):**

**Monday December 14th – Christmas Party** Our next Club 56 event will be a Christmas party at the church. We are asking everyone to bring a wrapped White Elephant gift as well as a dessert treat to share. Also, if there are parents who are willing to bring extra snacks for everyone, we are looking for volunteers. If you have any questions, contact Kyle at [1KFrazier@christcm.com](mailto:1KFrazier@christcm.com). Hope to see you there!!!

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

**TONIGHT – Jr. High Group** Join us tonight from 4:30-5:45. Pizza is available for \$2 and if you feel up to it, bring a treat to share with the rest of the group. Sunday nights we spend time playing games, hanging out, and in Bible Study. Make sure you are there this Sunday!!!

**NO JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP NEXT TWO SUNDAYS** With the Christmas season upon us, we will be taking a two week hiatus from the Jr. High group. There will be no group on the 20<sup>th</sup> or the 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be up and running again on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**JR HIGH DYG** We are excited to be attending the Jr. High District Youth Gathering once again this year on March 6-7. Pick up your packets from the front office or at Jr. High group tonight. Forms and payment are due by January 8<sup>th</sup> so get them in ASAP!!! If you have any questions, contact Kyle at [1KFrazier@christcm.com](mailto:1KFrazier@christcm.com). Hope to see you there!!!

**JR HIGH SUMMER HOUSEBOAT TRIP** This summer, from June 21 to June 26, the Jr. High group will be joining up with a few other area church's as we head up to Lake Shasta. Information packets will be available after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year so be on the look out.

### **High Life (High School):**

**TONIGHT – Christmas Sweater Party** Join us for our High School Christmas Party. Everyone needs to show up wearing their best and most over-the-top Christmas Sweater. We will also do a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Wrap up the most random, bizarre, weird, and odd thing you can find to share. Also, if anyone is willing to provide food and/or treats for the party, please contact Kyle ahead of time at [1KFrazier@christcm.com](mailto:1KFrazier@christcm.com) to let him know what you are bringing.

**NEXT SUNDAY – STARBUCKS** In keeping with our new ministry model, we will meet on the third Sunday of the month at Starbucks on Wilson and Harbor from 7:00-8:30. Students need to drop off and pick up at the coffee shop. Make sure you bring some money so you can get a hot drink (I recommend a Grande White Chocolate Mocha).

**NO YOUTH GROUP DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>** We will be off on December 27<sup>th</sup> as people continue to celebrate the Christmas season. We will have group as normal with small groups on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

# Children's Ministry

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

Preschool 2-3yrs Rm: 109 / Pre-K & Kindergarten Rm: 103

1st /2nd grade Rm. 106 / 3rd 4th grade Rm. 206 / 5th & 6th grade Rm: 207

Each week during our Sunday School classes we are practicing and rehearsing for our Christmas Program, on Dec. 20th at 11AM "Angels We Have Heard".

**Parents of Angels:** We will have a Saturday Practice on Dec. 19th from 9:30-11:00.  
(no Sat. practice for 2-3yrs class)

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## What's Happening?

- **BEWARE OF HBEJH2CVESWCWB!!!!** What? Who? Why?  
All these questions, and more, will be answered at 7PM on Wed. Dec. 16, when the **Hand Bell Ensemble**, **Junior High and Honors Choirs**, **Violin Ensemble**, **Sanctuary** and **Worship Choirs**, and **Worship Band**, present a service of Advent celebration with a variety of contemporary and traditional music that will add to your personal anticipation of the birth of the Christ Child. Please join us immediately after the Ruby's Diner sponsored dinner.
- **Memo from financial secretary** ~ The 2010 offering envelopes are out on the patio this morning. PLEASE pick up your envelopes and use them in the coming year. Envelopes need to be used to get credit for your offerings.
- **ALF (Adult Lutheran Fellowship) Christmas Progressive Dinner** - Sun. Dec. 20. Sign up today in the patio near the Scrip table. Appetizers at the home of Christi Briscoe, salad/main dish at the Strubbes, and dessert/white elephant gift exchange at the Fireside Room. Bring a new member and join the fun!
- **ADOPT-A-FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS** - There are a few names left on the tree. Please do not let these families be left behind. If you are able, please pick a name today. Gifts are due on Wednesday, Dec 16, but we can accept them as late as Thursday, Dec 17. Questions, call Barb Reiland at 714.549.2972. Thank you so much.
- **The ladies of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League** are gathering items for two worthy causes: Interfaith Shelter & A Women's Safehouse. Please look for the LWML table on the patio for more information . Marty Flacks (714)751-1201
- **LAST CALL** ~ Concordia Club Entertainment Fundraiser for school scholarships is coming to a close soon. Skip the crowds at the mall. Buy an Entertainment Book for your family, friends, co-workers, teachers, mailman. Got the idea? After 8:00 service on Sundays or call Laura at 714-968-3104 and leave a message.
- **THANK YOU** from the Concordia Handbell Choirs for those who attending our Ruby's Fundraiser. We appreciate your support for our 2010 tour to Austria and Hungary. Please reserve our next event...An Evening in Hungary...right here at Christ Lutheran ~ Sat. March 13, with a dinner and concert.
- **Last Week to Order Scrip for Christmas** - Don't be left out - get your Scrip today! We have many \$10 items that make great stocking stuffers. Starbucks is now available in \$5 denominations. Come check us out!!!

### CONTRIBUTION REPORT ~ CHURCH BUDGET ~ 12/6, 2009

	Weekly Worship Attendance	Weekly Offering Received	Weekly Offering Budget	Offering Variance
12/2	286	\$ 1,776		
12/6	465	\$48,187	\$23,600	\$ +26,363
		<b>Budgeted YTD \$ 519,200</b>	<b>Income YTD \$ 448,634</b>	<b>\$ - 46,966</b>

#### 4 Those 2 Come Capital Campaign

12/6 Pledged \$1,577,000 ~ Received To Date \$655,682 ~ Balance \$921,318

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

# Message: Prepare

## Part 2: Promises Fulfilled - Old Testament Prophecies December 13, 2009

*"Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"* Luke 7:18

Of the four Gospels only two include a true narrative of the Christmas Story

- Luke tells the story
- Matthew connects it to the promises of the OT for a very important reason

Genealogy of Jesus Matthew 1:1-17

"If this is the Messiah, he's got to be of the family of David!"  
2 Samuel 7:11b-16; Matt. 1:16-17

Foundational Concepts of Prophecies

1. A Two-level Application: Fulfilled then and ultimately in Christ
2. NT use of an OT passage always reveals its real application

Matthew's Christmas Story and Old Testament Prophecies  
Matthew 1:18-2:23

- Virgin Birth 1:20-25; Isaiah 7:14
- A Kingly Emphasis 2:-1-2; Jeremiah 23:3-6; Isaiah 9:2-8
- It HAD to be Bethlehem 2:3-8; Micah 5:2-4; Isaiah 11:1-2
- Gifts for a King 2:9-12; Isaiah 60:1-3; Psalm 72:10-11
- Out of Egypt - 2<sup>nd</sup> Exodus 2:13-15; Hosea 11:1
- Evidence: A King Threatened 2:16-18; Jeremiah 31:15
- A "Nazarene" 2:19-23; Isaiah 11:1

Jesus – God's Son, Your Savior

- What will you do with the Savior-Shepherd-King?
- None of this could be coincidental
- How could it be? Promises in amazing detail Isaiah 53

# Small Group Discussion Guide: “Promises Fulfilled - Old Testament Prophecies”

## Share:

- What is your favorite Christmas memory?
- What is your favorite Christmas narrative: Matthew or Luke? Why?

## Study

1. Matthew records the genealogy of Jesus in 1:1-17. Scan through the verses. There are some surprises on Jesus' list. Take a look at the following stories and ask the question, “Why are these “sinners” and “outsiders” included in Jesus' genealogy?”
  - Tamar                      Genesis 38
  - Rahab                      Joshua 2 and 6:22-23
  - Ruth                         Ruth
  - “whose Mother had been Uriah's wife”    2 Samuel 11  
(note here that Bathsheba's name isn't even listed – just hinted at)
2. Matthew writes in 1:18-19 about Joseph not wanting to disgrace Mary. This is an amazing position for a man who finds out that his betrothed is pregnant before they have consummated their marriage. Read Deuteronomy 24:1 for insight of what Joseph *could* have done. How might you have responded? How much weight would an “angel in a dream” have made for your decision? (Matt. 1:20-21) If you were Joseph, what kind of response might you expect from your family and friends once they learn of your decision?
3. Isaiah 7:14 gives Jesus the name, *Immanuel*. What does it mean to you that “God is with you?” Look at Isaiah 9:1-7 for other names of the Savior. Which of these roles/names are important to you – why do they touch your heart?
4. Pastor Mike read Isaiah 53 at the close of the sermon – an amazing account of Jesus' passion written 700 years before his birth. Review Isaiah 53 and then read Psalm 22; next identify where the prophecies show up in the Passion Narratives of Matthew (26-27), Mark (14:32-15:47), Luke (22:47-23:56), and John (18-19).

## 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. Together, read Isaiah 9:1-7 and then listen to Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*. Join your voice/heart with these majestic words of declaration, praise, and worship. Imagine the angels singing these words over you as one of the Shepherds in the hills outside Bethlehem.

# Prayers of the Congregation

**KOBON MINISTRY:** We thank the Lord for the children who will graduate from the Living Word Schools. Graduations are a time of great celebration. In many cases it is the first time that anyone in the family or even the village has learned to read and write. This week pray for Kobon and Minimib school superintendents Lindon Daniel, his wife Nola, and daughter Sylvia, Joel Halmaun, his wife Nimbi and their two children. Pray that the Lord will bless their words to the parents and children when they speak at the school graduations

## 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.

## PERSONAL

### Alma

Derek Berhow  
Jeff Cheek  
Janeen Clark  
Debbie Crawford  
Dakota

Lamar Fairchild  
Steve Fehr  
Ryan Gardiner  
Kristen, Rachel &  
Dorothy Hanson  
Josh Kazmar  
Janet Kennington  
The Lamas Family

### Susan Lockridge

Carolyn Miles  
Kyle Newby  
The Smith Family  
Kristie and girls  
The DeBie Family  
Jim  
Jess

Jeff  
Gary Gardner

## ILLNESS

Baby Quinn  
Nathan  
Jordan Antenucci  
Mary Ann Bane  
Geoff Barnard  
Hap Barraza  
Jan Blomquist  
Mary Ann Breen  
Leighanne Clitheroe  
Staci Cocran  
Karen Davis  
Joaquin Diaz  
Julian Dunn  
Gudrun Festner  
Jason Foster  
Eric Frei  
Vivian Gilmore  
Mary Hahn  
Irene Hembree

George Engelke  
Jeri Gonzalez  
Floris Greeley  
Randy Haller  
Leo Hanson  
Erik Herman  
Rosalie Jensen  
Lynda Johnisee  
Erika Klaer  
Kathy Knochel  
Sue Krause  
Jan and Bob Lenke  
David Long  
Matt Lothian  
Bob Lupo  
Kristen Merritt  
Michael McCullough  
Linnea McCurry  
Mary McFie  
Andy McKenzie

Tracy Mulholland  
Donna Mulholland  
Patrick Nandy  
Lillie Nielson  
Peggy and Family  
Rosa Pulido Pacheco  
Marci Patterson  
Ruth Paul  
Elizabeth Piercy  
Richard Pflug  
Steven Radtke  
Robin Ray  
Peter Rasoe  
Jeff Ruiz  
Dean Saylor  
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Chris Sheetz  
Steve  
Jerry Scidmore  
Sue Snyder

Ruth Snyder  
Jacob Sparks  
Tom Steinfeld  
Chris Stoddard  
Jim Stoddard  
Mary Lynn Teeling  
Nicole Teryl  
Connie Unmacht  
Emily Van Dyke  
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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 this morning are given to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, from Ray Walls to Terry in celebration of their 34th Wedding Anniversary to show his love and to thank God for these many years together.