



IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS

Please call Mavis Wegner, at 830-7028, with prayer concerns.

IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS - Local Church Family: Ginger Anderson, Henry Anderson, Valerie Anderson, Elfie Bangerter, Frank+Lola Burnett, Johnson Bhukya, Terry Dazey, Marion DeFoy, Julie Dufur, Frances Etheridge, JaNahn Fleischman, Bill Graham, Kristen Harleman, Gina Honegger, Bill Kruger, Melissa Lynch, Ronile MacDonald, Marcine Moen, Jane Mueller, Loren Moll, Florida Nelson, Leonard Olson, Milan Panicek, Beverley Smith, Dorothy Swanson, Bea Thorpe. **Mothers of:** Tracey Awwad, Pastor Leland Lantz, Jeff Vieira. **Fathers of:** Deb Richards, Sara Martinez, Dave & Twila Woolworth. **Daughters of:** Janice Barsun, Jackie Geith, Louise Hoft. **Sons of:** Marion DeFoy, Nancy Riestler, Bob+Mary Stasik. **Brothers of:** Bob Johnson. **Other relatives:** Lee Johnson, Bob Kronbach, Bill Trout(MAS), Paul Gustafson(NGustafson). **Friends:** Ken Regnier(DLeyerly), Cort Kelley & Kevin Palucha(MAS), Deborah Hurry & Allyson Underwood(DRichards), Michelle Paulhus(MStasik), Joy Trent(EPellertieri), Melva Christensen (MBlanchard), Mark Mighleyman (LCC). **Comfort to:** Family & friends of Pastor Ron Shumaker on his passing, family & friends of Jack Pluhar, Bob Johnson in the passing of his brother, Eric Andresen and family on the passing of his mother, Pat Van Strien on the passing of Dave. **Global:** Matthew Healey (TRBallew), **Peace in the Middle East & military family+friends deployed:** Bradley Bollhagen, David Cummings(SCarlson), Matthew Lee (CCarlson), Michael Bochenek, Grant(CPeterson), Graham Hilson, David Mitchell(RGale), David Ramsey(BRamsey), Hadon Rath(TARath), Devon Staten, Larry White, Rob White, Ryan Wilkinson(SMiller), Josh Mareel (J/NShroeder). Prayers for imprisoned associates of the Jesus Film in South Asia, Crean Lutheran South High School.

As of January, 1, 2010 we will keep names on the prayer list for 30 days.

If you would like to remain on the prayer list please let us know by calling the church office at 949-837-4673.

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A Christian community for all generations

September 2010

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Growing In God's Grace by Pastor John Foss

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8)

At Lutheran Church of the Cross, we are growing! Our foundation is the unchanging grace found in our Lord Jesus Christ. What other foundation is there? For, as Paul writes in *1 Corinthians 3:11*, "No one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ." How have we grown? We have been walking through the garden of the "Fruit of the Spirit" this summer (Gal. 5:22-23) and we have been growing spiritual "good fruit" in our lives (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). We have been growing physically, as the social hall (Laguna Woods) and events center (Aliso Viejo) are being constructed. Praise God for His faithfulness, seen through His church.

As we move forward into the fall, keep on growing, that the "harvest" of our lives

would be abundant in blessings for the world to see. We want to remain grounded in the Lord Jesus Christ as we regularly worship and attend Bible study and fellowship gatherings. This fall, our worship and Bible study series will be based on the book of Hebrews. There will be regular mid-week Bible studies at church as well as home "life groups" meeting throughout our community. Make a renewed commitment to the Lord this fall as you prayerfully discern how you and your family may worship, fellowship, study the Word and serve at LCC. Don't forget to invite a friend to worship or any of our midweek ministries as our fall season begins. "Back to church" Sunday is September 12! Pray and ask God who you should invite to come and experience God's love through our family of faith at Lutheran Church of the Cross. "For the Lord is good. His unfailing



Top Ten Reasons to Attend the G.I.F.T. GALA

Saturday, October 9, 2010

6:00pm - 10:00pm

At Arroyo Trabuco Country Club

- 10. Great Shopping!** The silent auction, live auction and class baskets are incredible! What better way to stock up on Christmas, birthday and anniversary gifts.
- 9. Support Our Children & Their Future!** The money you spend at our G.I.F.T. Gala goes directly to the building improvements of Aliso Viejo Christian School.
- 8. An Elegant Sunset Venue!** Arroyo Trabuco Country Club is the perfect setting for a perfect evening including a delicious dinner you don't have to cook.
- 7. Get Dressed Up** and hobnob with your friends, our amazing teachers & administrators in their party finest.
- 6. Meet other Families!** We have so many wonderful AVCS & LCC families. You'll be glad to know them.
- 5. Bid on a Vacation!** Class baskets & auction items will whisk you away on a wonderful retreat to Costa Rica, Carmel-by-the-Sea, or lake adventure in Minnesota.
- 4. Enjoy an Evening with Your Spouse!** How rare & precious are those "date nights"?
- 3. Be Blessed in Fellowship!** You will be a blessing to the event and so will all those who join in fellowship with you.
- 2. Laugh Your Heart Out!** Incredible TV comedian will have you rolling in your seats.
- 1. Finally,** and most importantly, while you are having a great time, this event ultimately helps our children "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ." *2 Peter 3:18*



Our Vision Statement

Our vision is for God, through the Holy Spirit, to shape us into a vibrant church that transforms our community and the world with the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

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In many ways fall is the beginning of the youth ministry year. Having been the youth pastor for the past two and a half years at Church of the Cross, it is amazing to see students mature and develop. It is truly an honor to be a part of what God is doing in their lives. Youth group on Wednesday night is the major connection point for youth ministry during the school year. I realize that students are incredibly busy with school, sports and extracurricular activities, but please encourage your kids to put a high priority on youth group this school year. Youth group is not just another extracurricular activity, but rather is a place of love, safety and exhortation. Christian community is not merely valuable, but is in fact something God calls us to as believers. We are called to be an active member of the body of Christ, and for students youth group is central to that calling. Having an environment where students can be encouraged and held accountable in their faith by peers is invaluable. Youth group will kick off September 15th from 6:15-8:00pm at the Laguna Woods campus.

Our Confirmation class is undergoing some changes this coming school year that will be important to be aware of. Confirmation class starting September 12th will be held at LW and AV during the 9am service, and will continue every non-communion Sunday during the school year. The students will break from the

main service immediately following the Children's Message at both campuses. At the AV campus students will go to the computer lab and at the LW campus students will go to the youth room. This means that Wednesday night will be a youth group experience for both middle school and high school students combined.

In Christ,
Jamin Goggin
Youth Pastor

A couple of other upcoming events that will be important to pay attention to this fall are...

Back to School-An outreach event for both middle school and high school students on September 18th from 4:30-8:00pm.

LA Mission-A mission trip for high school students to the heart of Los Angeles from October 1-3.

Uganda Mission Trip Update By Tracey Awwad

I want to extend a warm thank you to the congregation for your generous support of my short-term mission trip to Uganda, Africa this past July. I was deeply touched by the sending prayers and good wishes of many. I feel blessed to worship in such a loving church family. I also really appreciate the financial gifts that were given to help finance my trip.

I traveled with an organization called Hope 4 Kids International (www.hope4kidsinternational.org) to Tororo, Uganda for 2 weeks. Our team (about 35 people) was able to provide both material and spiritual blessings to people there.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:16-18)

The need is great! While there we brought care packages to orphanages, books and school supplies to schools, medical supplies to hospitals, personal hygiene items to prisoners, and aid to rural communities. We dressed many girls in rags with the "pillow case" dresses that were donated from our church

(www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.org) and dedicated some wells in villages where there is a desperate need for water. Some children in the orphanages/villages were given a mattress and a goat. For many of them, this is the first time they will get to sleep on a mattress instead of the dirt floor; in fact, it is the first mattress their family has ever had. Additionally, we were able to pray with them and for them and many wanted to know Jesus and the hope we have in Him.

In the midst of unimaginable poverty and pain, the Ugandans gave whatever they had or received unconditionally to one another despite their own needs. I never knew I would learn so much from people who I thought had so little. I am very fortunate to have been able to serve the Lord in Africa and I look forward to more mission opportunities. If this arrives in time, please come to the Sat. August 28th Missions Possible event at 6:00 pm (LW campus) where I'll be sharing more about my trip.

Tracey Awwad & Carolyn Griebe on Sigulu Island, Lake Victoria, Uganda, Africa



Preschool Corner

by Kitty Ziegler; Preschool Director

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under Heaven" We will begin preparations and classroom set up for the new school year which will begin with Orientation Days on Monday, September 13, and Tuesday, September 14. Please call the preschool office at (949) 581-8115 if you have any questions.

AVCS Happenings

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ -- 2 Peter 3:18

Here are a few of the special events taking place this month at AVCS:

- September 7 Meet the Teachers/Ice Cream Social
- September 8 First Day of School

You are welcome to visit us anytime in person or look us up on our website: www.alisoviejochristianschool.org.



Births

Congratulations!

To the Ryan Family on the birth of **Thomas Jacob Miller Ryan** & To the Evans Family on the birth of **Juliana Evans**



Passing

Those who have gone home to the Lord since our last newsletter:

- ✠ Pastor Ron Shumaker
- ✠ Jack Pluhar
- ✠ Dave Van Strien



Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. — Psalm 116:15

LCC/Aliso Viejo Fall Ministry Update!

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen." (2 Peter 3:18)

At LCC/AV we have enjoyed the summer and all the activity with the events center being constructed and the special fellowship and service events that have occurred. One highlight was that over 1500 pounds of food was given to South County Outreach through our "Christmas In July" event on July 24. Praise God! Also, our LCC/AV vision team (Peter Nitschke, Dave Saltonstall, Cherie Crane, Mike Allen, Jay Broderick, Kim Deichmann, Pastor John Foss) has been busy meeting and planning for our fall ministry season. Here are a few highlights:

- ✠ **Worship:** Beginning **Sunday, Sept. 12 our worship service will begin at 9:30 am.** Please note this change which we believe will be a better time for the majority of our worshipers to come and enjoy worship and fellowship together.
- ✠ **Children's Choir:** An LCC/AV children's choir will begin this fall! Please look for details coming up soon in our children's ministries. Choir practices will be after worship on Sunday mornings.
- ✠ **Life Group:** We hope you will prayerfully consider being a part of a home group Bible study this fall. The main Bible study we will present this fall is based on the book of Hebrews. There are also other Biblical/topical resources available for groups to study together. Groups will be forming this fall. Please look for sign ups at worship in September.

There are many additional opportunities for worship, growth and fellowship for children, youth and adults as we enter the fall season. I have enjoyed conversations with many of you by phone and in person this summer in regard to our LCC/AV ministry. Please call or email if you have any further questions. I look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ,

Pastor John Foss, john@lccotc.org

On-Site Order Deadline: Sunday, September 12th by NOON
On-line Order Deadline: Sunday, September 19th, by NOON
Distribution Day: Saturday, September 25th 10:30AM - 12:00PM

New!! Signature boxes will be pre-boxed! No need to bring an extra box to pick up any orders!

Due to construction at the Laguna Woods campus, the DROP BOX will not be available for Sept. orders – there will be someone at the table at the end of each service to take your orders. If writing a check, make it payable to **COR**.

To order online: www.angelfoodministries.com, Click on "find your local host site," type in "Lutheran Church of the Cross", then type in "Next" and you are there.

For questions contact: Linda Fodor 949-302-2870 - lfodor1966@sbcglobal.net
Nancy Ulman 949-525-8715 - nuhlman@aol.com
Mary & Tim Dunivin 714-609-1676 - marydunivin@cox.net
Bobby Watkins 949-455-1088 - mrwatk77307@peoplepc.com
Look for monthly menus and ordering instructions at the visitors table at each campus



Council Meeting Minder

by Mary Ann Schlesinger

- ✦ No Council Meeting was held in August. Meetings will resume in September

Chancel Choir

Are you ready to sing praises to the Lord? Chancel Choir resumes Wednesday, September 8th at 7pm at the Laguna Woods campus. There will be a "back to choir" get together on Wednesday, August 25th at 7pm in the music room.

If you are interested in joining us, please come! Contact Pauline Lamoureux 714-915-7251 with questions or for more information.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

Welcome to Sherri Putney!

Please welcome our new church Publicist, Sherri Putney! Sherri has joined our church staff through our Aliso Viejo Christian School where her two children, Emma and Grant attend. Sherri works part time at the LW office on our weekly Worship Bulletins and monthly Newsletters. You can reach her at 949-837-4673 or sherri@lctoc.org. We are grateful to have her join our partnership in Christ's ministries at LCC.

Men's Groups

- **Promise Keepers:** Saturdays at 7:00am at Laguna Woods. Men's devotional, prayer, fellowship time.
- **Surf Group:** All summer long! We meet early Saturday mornings (7:00am) for surfing/prayer/devotion. Contact Pastor John for more information and to receive the weekly email surf update & beach location (john@lctoc.org).

Financial Report as of June 30, 2010

Income	Expense
Budget: \$595,316	Budget: \$643,076
Actual: \$533,269	Actual: \$572,016

School Ministries

With a desire and joy in serving our Lord and for providing enhanced connectiveness, school ministries will now be headed by the Director of School Ministries, Kathy Hutchins. Kitty Zeigler will remain as Director of the LCC Preschool. At the present time, Aliso Viejo Christian School is looking to fill the position of principal in the coming school year. Please pray for these ministries, our students, and our families.



Beth Moore Bible Study

Ladies, a new Beth Moore Bible Study, Breaking Free - based on the book of Isaiah, will begin in October. We will again meet Friday mornings at the Laguna Woods campus from 9:00-11:15am (child-care will be available).

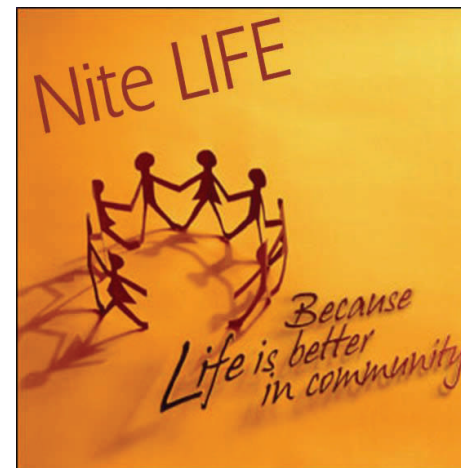
We are also looking into the possibility of holding an evening session of the new Beth Moore study. If you would like to attend an evening session, please contact Christine Emmons.

If you would like to be a part of this dynamic study, contact Christine Emmons (949-495-4920 or cemmons@cox.net) to sign-up or for more information.

Our Missionaries:

Please keep our missionary families in your prayers. Use their e-mail address if you would like to contact them.

- ✦ **Rei + Ramona Abrudan**, in Romania.
Email: Rei.Abrudan@gmail.com
- ✦ **Brian + Jill Dagen**, in the Czech Republic.
E-mail: bj.dagen@mac.com
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- ✦ **David + Babs Veneman**, in Liberia.
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Upcoming Events (FUN for children and families)

Check 'em out! Mark 'em on your calendar! And join in the FUN!

Nite LIFE

Saturdays 5:00-7:00pm @ LW beginning September 11th

Bowling Blast

Sunday, October 3rd 12:00-2:00pm (4th-5th grade ONLY)

Veggies & Ice Cream

Friday, November 12th 6:00-8:00pm

Family Movie Night

Saturday, November 20th @ LW

Family Advent Dinner

Sunday, November 28th 5:00-7:00pm @ AV

Harvest Hoedown & Chili Cook-off A Benefit for Beneath His Wings

'All will want to set aside Saturday evening on the 25th of September for a Barn-Storm'n, Foot-Stomp'n good time. It's time to dust off those lonely cowboy boots and hat for an evening you won't want to miss. Festivities will begin 'round six o'clock (after worship) with a chili-cookoff aimed to please most folks. Hot dogs will be available for those who want to venture into the tantalizing realm of the chili-dawg. There will also be a pie baking contest which in the end will satisfy the sweetest of tooth.

After some good eat'n there will be the opportunity to shake a leg and spin a partner, as some square dance pros show us how it's done. There'll be good olde apple bobb'n, bounce house and chubby bunny contest for the kids and for those who are daring, both young and old, best dressed cowboy and cowgirl contests should be a hoot!

Sign-ups will be forth com'n for those who will want to break out and share their ultimate chili & pie delights. A free-will offer'n will be taken up, pass'n the hat so to speak, to help buy winter time clothing for the homeless. 100% of these here offer'ns will be used to buy clothes directly from clothing mills for pennies on the dollar. Just talk to Pastor Ray, he'll fill ya in. Anywho, mark the date, loos'n up, practice yoga, or what ever it may take to get you out on that dance floor. It's look'n to be a grande olde time, especially if all 'Y'all can make it! If you have any questions or are interested in paticipat'n in some way, feel free to call Scott Dawson at 249-4917. Bless'ns in Christ to 'Y'all!



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If you have questions or would like more information regarding any Children's Ministries activity or event, please contact:
Kim Butz (949-837-4673 or kim@lctoc.org).



Children's Choir

Children's Ministries @ LCC is begin a children's choir this fall. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:00am at the AV campus. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Kim Butz (kim@lctoc.org or 949-837-4673).

Volunteers needed for home construction

On Saturday, October 23rd, Lutheran Church of the Cross will be participating in a *Thrivent Builds* day for a home under construction in Fullerton. *Thrivent Builds* is a partnership between *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans* and *Habitat for Humanity* to help build homes for families who could not otherwise afford them. To date, *Thrivent Builds* has contributed financial and volunteer support to build over 2000 homes. Our church needs ten volunteers for the day. No construction skills or experience are required. In fact, you will probably gain from learning a building skill that you will be able to use on your home. Come to help: many hands make light work!

Witness by working side by side with a family to build their future home, and have fun doing it!

Change lives: yours, theirs and others in our community.

Volunteer via RSVP to Dan Heidelberg
949-639-0396 or
Dan.Heidelberg@Thrivent.com
There is a minimum age requirement of 16 years old.



September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please pray for our homebound...			1	2	3	4
Ginger Anderson, Henry Anderson, Valerie Anderson, Helga Angebrandt, Mae Ankeney, Frances Aspengren, Eleanor Biles, Bernice Brenner, Marjorie Casady, Robert + Mary Cheney, Ellen Childs, Wanda Cunningham, Lillian Dahling, Marion DeFoy, Judy DeJesus, Senon + Haydee Dilchoff, Frances Etheridge, JaNahn Fleischman, Marily Foisy, Bernice + Charles Frasier, Marion Hartwig, Jim + Rose Jean Hinsdale, Audrey McCall, Jeri McKeand, Barbara McNamara, Gina Melin, Nancy Merz, Willa Moser, Betty Narboe, Kaleina Nath, Alice Norling, Leonard Olson, Milan Panicek, Walter + Alwine Rahn, Henry + Altice Rath, Helen Reisenweber, Missy Reynolds, Dee Schroeder, Olga Shoup, Leila Shumaker, Dorothy Swanson, Peggy Thompsen, Bea Thorpe, Wes Westre					12 PM LW Office Closes	7 AM LW Men's Promise Keepers 5 PM LW Praise Worship Service
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