



New Creation News



February, March, & April 2011

What's Going On This Season

Coffee Talk – Thursdays at City Espresso

These fun evenings of music and conversation will continue through the Epiphany season (Jan., Feb., and early March), and possibly beyond. Stay tuned! 6:30-7:30 pm at City Espresso on Blossom Hill Rd. (next to Outback Steakhouse)

Mardi Gras (or “Fat Sunday”) – Sunday, March 6th

Wear your beads and feathers, get your old wagon out of the shed and make a float! Our Pancake Breakfast this year will be an important fundraiser for our youth to join the national ELCA trip to New Orleans! How appropriate!

Ash Wednesday service – March 9th, 7:30 pm – This is the beginning of Lent, a time of prayerful contemplation and sacrifice leading up to Easter. This is the day many people at Christian churches get ashes on their foreheads, and we'll do that too (*receiving of ashes is optional*).

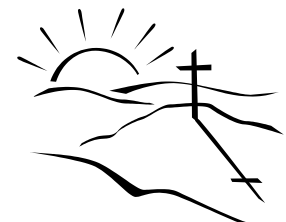


Thursday Evening Study – all are encouraged to attend this study on “Forgiveness in our Lives” 3/17-4/14, 7-8 pm – and stay for dessert afterwards

...and looking ahead

Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner – a (mostly) traditional Seder dinner (with the occasional New Creation twist), sponsored by the Carlsons and the confirmation students/families
April 21st, 6 pm

Good Friday Service – April 22nd, 7:30 pm
A meditative service with quiet music and the Stations of the Cross



Easter – Sunday, April 24th
Services at sunrise and at 10:15 am
Egg Hunt – 11:30 am



Youth and Family Programs

News You Can Use

 What's Going On For Youth 6th-12th Grade

<p>Teen Happenings - 3rd Thursday of the month. Meet me at the trailer, 7:00 pm! Grades 9-12 Engaging-Relevant-Encouraging *We will meet the 4th week of April</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursdays Feb 17 – March 17 – April 28*</p>
<p>Jr High FUN Night - 3rd Friday of the month. We meet at the trailer, play games, build lasting friendships. Faithful-United-Nurturing= FUN *We will meet the 4th week of April</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fridays Feb 18 – March 18 – April 29*</p>
<p>Youth Band - Everyone is welcome to join- no previous experience necessary – come rock out with friends. Grades 7-12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sundays 6:30-8 pm 2/6, 2/20, 3/27, 4/10</p>
<p>THRESHOLD - New monthly events for Jr High & High school groups. Join in the fun, bring some friends. Students will plan events- game night, mini golf, etc. Details will be emailed – if you're new to our community, be sure Cristina has your email!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sat- Feb 12 - 7-10 pm Fri- Mar 4 - 6:30-9:30 pm Sat- Apr 16 - 7-10 pm</p>
<p>Fat Sunday FUNdraiser - Annual pancake breakfast turns fundraiser for youth trip to New Orleans! Join in the festivities- food, floats and FUN!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday March 6 - After Service</p>

The Little Tree Playschool

– Deb Townley, Director



Hello Little Tree Play School and Friends!

We had a great start of the new year with Pajama Days! We made pancakes and had loads of fun at school in our pajamas, reading books in our book nook tent and having a Pajama Dance Party in the Fellowship room.

Preschoolers are getting ready for more celebrations together with the upcoming events in the classroom and around church!

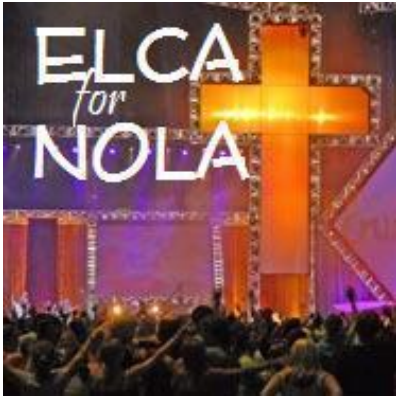
School Calendar Reminders:

- ☀ January 26th, 7 pm, Preschool Parent Meeting Night
- ☀ February 10th and 14th Valentine Celebration Days at School
- ☀ February 21-25, February Break
- ☀ March 6th, after church, Mardi Gras Celebration and Mini-Float Parade
- ☀ April 17th, Palm Sunday, Preschool Baptisms
- ☀ April 24th, Easter Sunday Service and Easter Egg Hunt (after church)
- ☀ April 25-29, Spring Break

Praise God for our school and the great times we are having playing and learning together.

More youth and family information will be found throughout our newsletter!

2012 Youth Gathering - NOLA



On July 18, 2012, approximately 37,000 high school students and their sponsors will be converging on New Orleans, LA. When you get enough crazy, spirit-filled teens together in one spot, there is bound to be some serious energy! This is the event when teens meet others from all over the country – building relationships, spirituality, faith, and a city!

Our youth have already begun their fundraising, and the outpouring from the community has been amazing! As a church I want us to be able to send all of our teens who are able to attend to this event. This is a life changing event; this is an event to remember for a life time; this is an event that can build a passion for Jesus Christ.

As a member community I hope that during the next 18 months, you continue to find ways to help sponsor our youth's faithful fundraising activities and maybe even throw out a few ideas for them to try.

Peace, Cristina Beauchemin



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

*"But let justice roll down like waters and
righteousness like an everflowing stream."
– Amos 5:23-24*

This Bible Verse is shared by Karen Apland
*Please share a Bible passage
that has some meaning for you.
We'll put it in an upcoming newsletter!*



Bible Study

Women's Bible study meets Thursday mornings at 11:15 in the church sanctuary. All are welcome to bring a bag lunch and socialize afterwards.

Men's Bible study Jim Carlson leads the Men's Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. We alternate meeting at Jim's and Rick's homes. All men are welcome to attend. For info contact Jim Carlson 224-3992 or Rick Voss 225-7127

The Book of Faith: A trek with Pastor Anne

"I would like to trek the Bible in a year, and would like you all to join me. Anyone can join the discussion of the evening, and jump on in. It is a Bible discussion, not a Bible teaching class." This informal group usually meets two Tuesdays a month at Pastor Anne's house. They are just beginning the New Testament – check with Pr. Anne for the current reading schedules.



More Kid and Family Stuff...

After School Kids Club –

The current Winter Session will continue through February – contact Cristina. We have 3 new sessions that will begin in March with an option to come on Tuesdays or Wednesday afternoons.

☀️ **March- Survival Club**

Tues 3/1-3/29 or Wed 3/2-3/30 - \$56

Think you have what it takes to survive? Can you out guess and outwit your opponents? Find out this March!

☀️ **April- Art Exploration Club**

**Tues 4/5-4/19 or wed 4/6-4/20 - \$45
(No classes during Easter break)**

Explore the world of art- try painting a masterpiece, or creating a mosaic collage. We will explore different mediums of art this month.

☀️ **May – Try It Club**

Tues 5/3-5/24 or Wed 5/4-5/25 - \$45

If you're just not sure what you like or want to do, then each week will be a new surprise- maybe we will cook Mexican food or find out how many Mentos it takes to explode a balloon. You just never know till you Try It!

Community Café

Friday March 25, 7-9 pm

Get your game on! Come out for a night of games. All ages welcome just bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. Play as a family, join other groups or create some great team play.

Next Gen Summer Camp Is Coming!

This summer elementary age kids from the neighborhood will have the opportunity to kick it up a notch and have some good old fashioned camp fun! Look for more details to come out next month but in the meantime, save the dates!

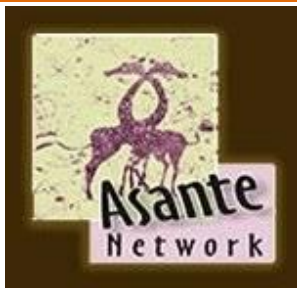
- June 20-24
- June 27-July 1
- July 18-22
- July 25-29



If you have questions on any child, youth, and family programming, please contact Cristina Beauchemin at 972-9200.

Our African Ministries

Asante Network



www.asantenetwork.org

See the NLB and Asante websites for all their latest news



New Life Band



www.newlifeband.net

And please consider shopping at Asante's website – you'll support African artisans and promote fair trade while keeping your money out of the "big boxes"!



A Word from Pastor Anne

Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.

...forgive us our sins/debt/trespasses as we forgive those who sin/trespass/are in debt against us.

We all stand before God in need of forgiveness, and for a healthy life, we need to forgive others and to forgive ourselves. Dr Fred Luskin asserts that "forgiveness is a choice...when we choose forgiveness, we release our past to heal our present." Forgiveness is our Lenten journey this year. You may "give up" an anger, a blame, a self-justification, a grievance as part of your Lenten discipline along with prayer and almsgiving. For five Thursday evenings, our Lenten study will explore forgiveness and practice it. You are encouraged to come together at 7:00 for the forgiveness journey and dessert hosted by the confirmation families at 8:00. Recommended reading: Forgive for Good by Dr Fred Luskin. I will have books available a couple of weeks before the study begins.

You stand forgiven by God, can you accept that forgiveness and forgive others?

More News from the Community

Church workdays are usually the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 am – noon. We'll be doing general clean up, weeding, mowing, pruning, & also some clean up inside. Kids can pull weeds and push brooms too! (Please join us even if you can't stay all morning.) **Work can always be done on alternate days - - Please ask Matt Lawler how you can help!**

Photos of Life at New Creation

This is YOUR newsletter. We have some great Kodak moments, so share pictures if you've got them! Send them to editor Becky Everson at becky@all-offroad.com and your work will be published in an upcoming newsletter.



Please send in articles as well.

Mission Basket and Outreach – in our community and beyond



Our Mission Basket is the pretty basket you pass on your way into church on Sundays. Every month or two we support a different effort. Our extra pocket change (and the folding stuff too) will help fund worthwhile organizations. If you drop in a check, please make it payable to NCLC, and write "Mission Basket" in the memo line. Thanks for your generosity.

In February, we will continue collecting for the ELCA's Malaria Campaign. Monies donated will go toward purchasing mosquito nets.

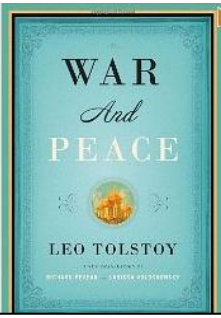
In March and April, we will be supporting Rebuilding Together. In addition, we'll be planning an actual Rebuilding Together work day, where we will go assist a family in need of home repairs. *see photo, pg 6*



Here's a thought – Lent is a time of prayer. A time of contemplation. A time of sacrifice. In the church, we sometimes speak of "entering" seasons, as we transition from one time of year to another. Lent is a time for us to "wipe our feet" before entering into the Easter season.

Small Groups

Book Group



Ha ha, not really

Books-n-Brew meets (usually) on the 4th Friday of the month, at rotating homes. Good food, good drink, relevant discussion, good-natured argument, and a lot of fun. Book of the month will always be mentioned in the Sunday handouts and on the bulletin board. February's book is *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett. Set in Stockett's native Jackson, MS, in the early 1960s, this novel explores the complicated theme of blacks and whites living in a segregated South and the efforts of three young white women to help break down the barriers. Stay tuned for more info about the next books/dates/venue each month. Join us!

Quilters

Meet Fridays at 10 am. They have created some lovely pieces that hang in our church, gifts, items just for fun, and blankets for Lutheran World Relief. Regulars would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested to drop by and join their "happy crew." Sewing skills are not required; just bring a lunch, as part of the fellowship is a lunch break.



Men's Poker Fellowship

The guys meet the 2nd Friday of the month, 6:30 pm, at rotating houses, and they start with dinner. \$10 first buy-in, \$5 after that, and all money is donated to charity. The group's ministries of choice often support single-parent families. Upcoming hosts: Feb – Roger; March – Ted Hemmig; April – Jim C. For more info, ask Jay or Rick. Men of all ages and abilities are welcome – it's a casual and fun group!



Disaster Relief – How you can help

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/Disaster-Response.aspx



Check or money orders may sent to:
ELCA Disaster Response
39330 Treasury Center
Chicago, IL 60694-9300
Credit card by phone: 800-638-3522

Or Lutheran World Relief
<http://www.lwr.org/>



Check or money orders may sent to:
Lutheran World Relief
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21298-9832
Credit card by phone: 800-597-5972



The 2010 "Rebuilding Together" Team – what a great effort, and what a great day!



Celebrations in Our Community

Birthdays

February

Curtis Bradbury – 02
 Char Southerby – 04
 Bob Busby – 14
 Christopher Sahoo – 16
 Jennifer Tuck – 17
 Marilyn Feldhaus – 18
 Shannon Hanson – 19
 Bill Parks – 19
 Anita Garcia – 23

March

Ron Karns – 01
 Kaylee Lawler – 11
 Annie Esparza – 15
 Jonathan Sahoo – 15
 Andrew Tuck – 16
 Julie Musumeci – 19
 Gary Doran – 24
 Colby Pollard – 30

April

Josh Lawler – 02
 Alicia Beauchemin – 04
 Mike Williams – 04
 Nelli Dorn – 05
 Roger Hanson – 09
 Matt Lawler – 13
 Eric Everson – 17
 Cristina Beauchemin – 24
 Josh Ballester – 25
 Bevlee Doran – 28

Anniversaries

David and Loretta Esparza their 6th on Feb 5th
 Nancy and Jack O'Connell their 48th on Feb 22nd
 Ginny and Jim Sullivan their 41st on March 28th
 Peter and Delia Ohlon their 19th on April 4th
 Ken and Linda Doering their 26th on April 7th

Worship Assistants -- 2011 -- February/March/April											
	pastor's asst.	comm. asst.	usher/greeters				Altar Guild	nursery staff	Sunday School		
			lead	outside	inside	usher			preschool	elementary	jr/sr high
2/6	Matt	Sally	Nancy	Les	Karen	Charlotte	Joan	tbd	Loretta	Cristina	Debra
2/13	Sally	Charlotte	Rick	Ron	Romona	Linda T	Joan	tbd	Shannon	Bevlee	Cristina
2/20	Jim	Karen	Ted	Roger	Bernhard	Sally	Joan	tbd	Jennifer	Cristina	Rick
2/27	Jonathan	Sarah	Laura	Matt L	Kaylee	Alicia/Carrie	Joan	tbd	Cristina	Mimi	No Class
3/6	Robin	Rick	Nancy	Ken	Sarah	Karen	Kathy	tbd	Loretta	Cristina	No Class
3/9	Roger	Robin	Ted	N/A	N/A	Alicia/Carrie	Kathy	tbd	Ash Wednesday, no classes		
3/13	Karen	Sally	Rick	Les	Romona	Charlotte	Kathy	tbd	Shannon	Bevlee	Ken
3/20	Matt	Charlotte	Ted	Roger	Carrie	Shannon	Kathy	tbd	Cristina	Karen	Rick
3/27	Jonathan	Brenna	Laura	Matt L	Kaylee	Alicia	Kathy	tbd	Jennifer	Mimi	Debra
4/3	Jim	Rick	Nancy	Ron	Bernhard	Linda T	tbd	tbd	Loretta	Cristina	Debra
4/10	Robin	Sally	Rick	Ken	Sarah	Sally	tbd	tbd	Shannon	Bevlee	Cristina
4/17	Sally	Robin	Ted	Roger	Carrie	Shannon	tbd	tbd	Jennifer	Cristina	Rick
4/21	Roger	Eric	Laura	N/A	N/A	Sarah/Rachel	tbd	tbd	Maundy Thursday, no classes		
4/22	Karen	Kaylee	Rick	N/A	N/A	Alicia/Carrie	tbd	tbd	Good Friday, no classes		
4/24	Jim	Karen	Karen	N/A	N/A	N/A	tbd	tbd	Easter Sunrise, no classes		
4/24	Kaylee	Eric	Laura	Matt L	Rick	Alicia	tbd	tbd	Cristina	Mimi	No Class



Upcoming Events for Your Calendar!

Usually...unless it's different

Work Days – 2nd Saturday
Family Movie Nights –
 on hiatus till next summer
Sr. High Youth Group – 3rd Thursday
Jr. High Youth Group – 3rd Friday
Church Council – 3rd Sunday
 (February mtg will be 2/27)
Men's Poker – 2nd Friday
Books-n-Brew – 4th Friday
 (April mtg will be 4/29)
Quilters – every Friday
Women's Bible Study –
 every Thursday morning
Men's Bible Study –
 every Wednesday evening
Choir practice – every Wednesday evening
 and Sunday morning

Ongoing Calendar Items

Worship – Sunday Mornings, 10:15-11:30 (or so)
Women's Bible Study – Thursdays, 11:15 am
Men's Bible Study – Wednesdays, 7:30 pm
Trekking the Bible – Tuesdays, 2x/mo, 7 pm
After School Activities – Tuesday & Wednesday
 afternoons
Choir practice – Sundays, 9 am; Weds 6:30 pm
Preschool – Mon- Fri, morning and afternoon
 classes
Youth Band – many Sundays, check w/Charlie
 or website calendar for dates
AA meetings – Monday and Tuesday Evenings
Confirmation Class – Thursdays –4:30-6 pm
Quilters and coffee fellowship – Fridays, 10 am
UCG (renter church) – Saturdays, 1-6:30 pm

Other Calendar Resources

We try to get everything on the *website calendar* as well as the paper *calendar in the hallway* at church. www.newcreationchurch-sj.org
We also keep you up-to-date via mostly-weekly *email news memos*. If you don't get those, be sure Webmaster Jay has your email address. And when something really great is coming up, we'll mention it during *announcements Sunday morning* – and maybe even give you a sheet of paper about it in your *bulletin* (that's the paper with the Bible lessons in it on Sundays).

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- Property, Recycling – Matt Lawler – mlawler@prodigy.net
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- Newsletter – Becky Everson – 226-2026 or becky@all-offroad.com
- Men's Bible Study, Prayer Line – Rick Voss – 225-7127 or papa_rick@comcast.net
- Budget & Finance – Ken Doering – 972-9200

A final word from your editor –

Please do submit any materials you find interesting, worthwhile, or just plain fun for the newsletter. This includes something you might write, a thought you might like to share, photos you've taken or drawings you've done, etc. Older photos are great too – especially if you feel like sharing some memories about the time they were taken. Thanks everyone – peace, love, and harmony to you all. – *Becky Everson*

New Creation Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

To be recognized as a group of people committed to reconciliation, hope, and healing; through Jesus Christ; by inviting, nurturing, serving, and sending.

New Creation is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

"If I speak in the tongues of men and angels but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." —1 Corinthians 13.



We are all children of God and as such are all welcome in God's house. New Creation Church, committed to offering reconciling hope and healing, opens our doors and our hearts to all people, regardless of cultural background, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic or family status, gender or age. This welcome includes persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered, their partners, and families.



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