

New Creation News

August, September, and October – 2010

*All that's going on
in the New Creation Community*

Mark Your Calendars!

New Creation's Neighborhood Fun Day –
Saturday, September 25th 4-10 pm!



Join in the fun and meet our neighbors!
We will have games, music, food and more!
At the end of the day we will all relax
under the shade of the tree for an outdoor movie!

For more information, call Cristina Beauchemin at 972-9200

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ALSO – BIG NEWS – coming up in September,
we'll be adding an *additional worship service*
– dates and times still to be worked out –

STAY TUNED!

Youth and Family Programs

News You Can Use

What's Going On For Youths
6th – 12th Grade

<p>Outdoor Movie Night Join us for a movie out under the stars! Bring blankets and warm jackets! All ages Movie starts at dusk</p>	<p>Saturdays Aug 14 Sept 25 Oct 16</p>
<p>Teen Happenings – 3rd Thursday of the month. Meet me at the trailer, 7pm! Grades 9-12 Engaging-Relevant-Encouraging</p>	<p>Thursdays Aug 19 Sept 16 Oct 21</p>
<p>Youth Band- Everyone is welcome to join- no previous experience necessary- rock out with friends. Grades 7-12</p>	<p>Various Contact Office</p>
<p>Junior High Night- Come hang out at the trailer- play some games, eat some food and build your faith. No experience necessary. 7pm – 3rd Friday!</p>	<p>Fridays Aug 20 Sept 17 Oct 22</p>

After School Kids Club –

Wednesdays 3-5:30 Grades K-6

Join us each Wednesday as we explore new and different things. Each month will have a different theme to keep kids hungry for more!

September 8, 15, 22 & 29- Cooking, cost \$40

October 6, 13, 20, 27- Science, cost \$40

Space is limited so register early. Registration forms can be found in the church lobby or by visiting our website at: www.newcreationchurch-sj.org

If you have additional questions please contact Cristina Beauchemin at 972-9200.

New Program! Homework & Tutoring

Center – Beginning Tuesday, September 7 we will be offering homework/tutoring for children in grades K-6th.

Program will consist of an hour to hour and a half of homework, tutoring or age appropriate learning games to help students. There will also be planned activities and games each day.

Program is offered on Tuesdays from 2-5pm. Space is limited and all students must be registered to attend.

Registration forms can be found in the church lobby or on our website at: www.newcreationchurch-sj.org

If you have questions, please contact Cristina Beauchemin at 972-9200.

If you have any questions about anything happening, please contact Cristina Beauchemin - Child, Youth & Family Director - cristinab@newcreationschurch-sj.org - 408-972-9200

"Vintage Photo" ☺

**Brenna and Alicia,
building a pirate ship
at the 2009 Summer Camp**



**send in your photos
we'd love to print them
in an upcoming newsletter!**





This Bible Verse is shared by Charlotte Happel

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains – from
where does my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of
Heaven and Earth.*

– Psalm 121

*Please share a Bible passage
that has some meaning for you.
We'll put it in an upcoming newsletter!*

Bible Study

Mens' and Women's Bible Study Groups are both on hiatus till after Labor Day.

Women's Bible study meets Thursday mornings at 11 am in the church sanctuary.

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. There about 7 "diehards" in our discussion group, who have been along for the whole journey. Anyone can join the discussion of the evening, just read the assigned books for that evening, and jump on in. Below is the schedule for July and August. It is a Bible discussion, not a Bible teaching class."

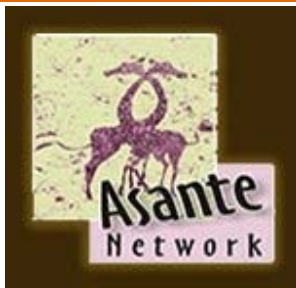
Aug. 5 I & II Chronicles Psalms 71-77

Aug. 19 Ezra & Nehemiah Psalms 78-87

Stay tuned for additional scheduling – or check in with Pastor Anne

Our African Ministries

Asante Network



www.asantenetwork.org

See the NLB and Asante websites for all their latest news



Please see Asante's website for their new online store!

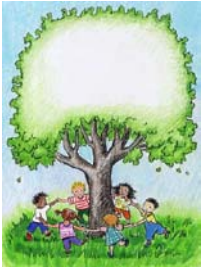
New Life Band



www.newlifeband.net

The Little Tree Playschool

– Deb Townley, Director



Greetings Friends!

Summer Camp was a success with a total of 12 families participating this year! Teacher Jin and her hardworking assistant Jeremy Townley had a great time with the children while enjoying lots of outside summertime activity!

August is a busy enrollment time for us as we get ready for the new school year. The teachers will be in and out the last week of August preparing for the coming year. Please share information with others about our program as we work to build our new school. It is so important that we keep getting the word out that we are here!

We have three options for preschoolers with a Monday through Friday option, a Monday, Wednesday, Friday option and a Tuesday and Thursday class. As such, we will have a few new teachers on board. Our teachers this year are Jin Kirby, Shikha Mathur, Ceroya Powers, and Nita Duarte. Please welcome the new faces while they get to know us better as you see them around the building.

In September, we will be starting school after the Labor Day weekend and our first celebration on the calendar is our Grandparents Soup Day, where we honor our Grandparents with soup that the children make for them. In October, we celebrate Halloween with pumpkin carving and the children will share their costumes with the class.

We are all looking forward to another fun and fabulous school year!

Thanks to God!

- 9/7** First Day of School for Bunnies and Rainbows
- 9/8** First Day of School for Evergreens
- 9/30** Grandparents Soup Day for Bunnies (Noon)
- 10/1** Grandparents Soup Day for Evergreens and Rainbows (Noon)
- 10/28** Halloween Celebration for Bunnies
- 10/29** Halloween Celebration for Evergreens and Rainbows



another vintage photo

More News from the Community

Mission Basket



Our Mission Basket is the pretty basket you pass on your way into church on Sundays. Our extra pocket change (and the folding stuff too) will help fund worthwhile organizations. Every month or two we support a different effort.

- Giving for August will go to **PLTS** --- September, Second Harvest ---
- October, Christmas with a Conscience/Thanksgiving Outreach ---

Church workdays are usually the



2nd Saturday of the month. The next one is Saturday 8/14 from 8 am - noon. Please let Matt Lawler know if you can be there.

We'll be doing general clean up, weeding, mowing, pruning & also some clean up inside. Kids are encouraged to be there also.

(Please join us even if you can't stay all morning.)

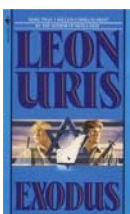
**Work can always be done on alternate days
-- Please ask Matt how you can help!**



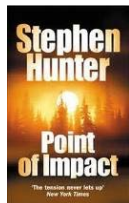
Anyone want to volunteer to take recycling while Linda is recuperating from surgery?

Small Groups

Book Group



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. Join us!



Upcoming selections –

August – Exodus, by Leon Uris

September – Point of Impact,
by Stephen Hunter

October – House Rules, by Jodi Picoult

Scrapbookers

Meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 7 pm. Not a scrapper, you say? No problem – just bring your photos and an album or any other craft projects you are working on!

For info, contact Bevelee Doran –

gbdoran@dorans.net



Birthdays & Anniversaries

We love to print people's birthdays and anniversaries in the newsletter! We'll start this up again with the next quarter's edition. Many happy returns to all the August, September, and October babies and anniversary couples!

Photos of Life at New Creation

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.

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.

August – Roger's; September – Ted Hemmig's; October - Rick's

Men of all ages and abilities are welcome – it's a casual and fun group!





A Word from Pastor Anne

CONNECTIVITY

Would you believe that the word communicate is only used twice in the Bible; both times by the prophet Ezekiel?

When they [the priests] go out to the people, they shall remove the vestments in which they have performed the liturgy and leave them in the rooms of the Holy Place, and put on other clothes, so as to not communicate holiness to the people with their vestments. (Eze. 44:19) [Check your annotated Bibles for an explanation of this instruction.]

In addition, communication is never used in the Bible, and communion only once by Paul in II Corinthians 13:13. Clearly communication was not a hot topic for the Biblical writers!

In a book I picked up for my summer reading, "Little Bee" by Chris Cleave, the author describes a moment: "The phone was showing five bars of signal. The reception was so strong in the center of London, one hardly needed the handset at all. The air positively crackled with connectivity, as if one might simply direct a thought at someone and be received loud and clear." (For a discussion of what connectivity really means try Google!)

This got me thinking about being connected and coming in loud and clear. I am sure we are all aware of the various modes of communication we can use, but do we stop to think about who we exclude when we use only one mode, like face to face verbal? ...

For the rest of Pastor Anne's article, please see page 8

Disaster Relief

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

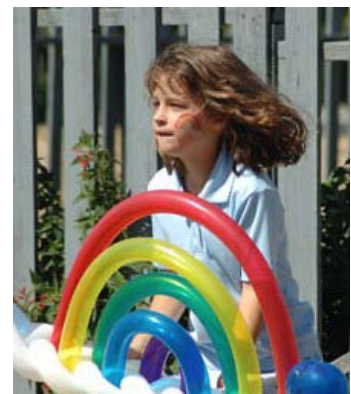


<http://www.lwr.org/>

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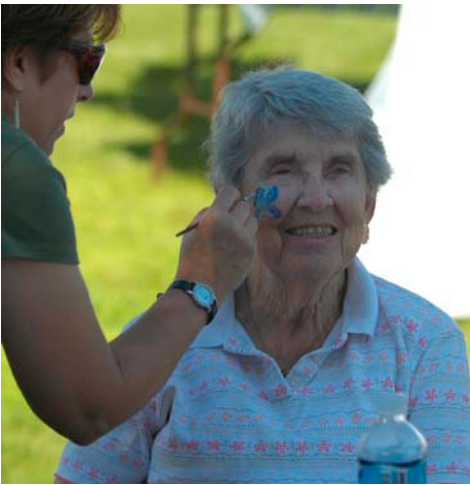
Lutheran World Relief
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21298-9832
Credit card by phone: 800-597-5972

more vintage photos



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Upcoming Events for Your Calendar!

Coming Up

Trekking the Bible – 8/5 & 8/19, plus more
 – see Pr. Anne for schedule ☺
 Santa Teresa Community Fest and
 NCLC Pet Blessing – Saturday, 9/18
 NCLC Neighborhood Fun Day – 9/25

Usually

Work Days – 2nd Saturday
 Family Movie Nights – 2nd Saturday
 Sr. High Youth Group – 3rd Thursday
 Jr. High Youth Group – 3rd Friday
 Scrapbooking – 3rd Saturday
 Church Council – 3rd Sunday
 Men's Poker – 2nd Friday
 Books-n-Brew – 4th Friday

Ongoing Calendar Items

Worship – Sunday Mornings, 10:15-11:30
 Women's Bible Study – Thursdays, 11 am
 Men's Bible Study – Wednesdays, 7:30 pm
 Trekking the Bible – Thursdays, 2x/mo, 7 pm
 After School Kids Club – Wednesdays, 3-5:30 pm,
 starting Sept. 8th
 Homework Tutoring Center – Tuesdays, 2-5 pm,
 starting Sept. 7th
 Choir practice – Sundays, 9am; Weds 6:30 pm
 Preschool – Mon- Fri, morning and afternoon
 classes, starting 9/7
 AA meetings – Monday and Tuesday Evenings
 Confirmation Class – Thursdays –4:30-6pm
 Quilters and coffee fellowship – Fridays, 10 am
 UCG (renter church) – Saturdays, 1-6:30 pm

Worship Assistants -- 2010, Aug/Sept/Oct										
							Sunday School			
	pastor's asst.	comm. asst.	usher/greeters			Altar Guild	preschool	jr/sr high	on-call elem.	
8/1	Matt Lawler	Robin Bradbury	Ted Hemmig	John	Olive	Mimi	Kathy	in nursery through summer	Cristina	
8/8	Robin Bradbury	Kaylee Lawler	Rick	Matt T.	Sally	Sandy	Kathy		Cristina	
8/15	Jim Carlson	Olive Davis	Les	Matt L.	Charlotte	Karen	Kathy		Shannon	
8/22	Sally Pierce	Eric Everson	Paul	Ron	Nancy	Linda T.	Kathy		Shannon	
8/29	Jonathan Sahoo	Charlotte Happel	Roger	Ken	Romona	Sarah	Kathy	Cristina	Mimi	Debra
9/5	Roger Hanson	Karen Apland	Ted Hemmig	John	Robin	Laura	Jean	Cristina	Mimi	Debra
9/12	Karen Apland	Rick Voss	Rick	Matt L.	Shannon	Kaylee	Jean	Jen/Matt T.	Debra	Cristina
9/19	Matt Lawler	Brenna Lawler	Les	Matt T.	Charlotte	Mimi	Jean	Loretta	Debra	Cristina
9/26	Robin Bradbury	Sarah Doering	Paul	Ron	Olive	Sandy	Jean	Shannon	Karen	Mimi
10/3	Jim Carlson	Sally Pierce	Roger	Ken	Sally	Karen	Joan	Shannon	Rick	Mimi
10/10	Sally Pierce	Eric Everson	Ted Hemmig	John	Nancy	Linda T.	Joan	Jen/Matt T.	Ken	Loretta
10/17	Roger Hanson	Robin Bradbury	Rick	Matt T.	Romona	Sarah	Joan	Linda	Mimi	Loretta
10/24	Jonathan Sahoo	Kaylee Lawler	Les	Matt L.	Charlotte	Laura	Joan	Cristina	Mimi	Karen
10/31	Karen Apland	Olive Davis	Paul	Ron	Robin	Kaylee	Joan	Cristina	Debra	Rick

A Word from Pastor Anne, continued from pg. 6 –

... Every church community is dealing with how to best communicate. Here are a couple of examples:

1. A team at NCLC had planned a meeting to discuss ideas and plans for expanding the facility and other property needs.

Here are the various modes we used to communicate:

- a. Verbal announcements at worship
- b. Email announcement
- c. Phone calls to those who don't use email. Were there some who were left out?

During the meeting it became clear that when assumptions are made about how the property is being shared and not discussed with enough people or communication channels are not clearly developed misunderstandings occur. No surprise here!

2. During July a team gathered to discuss the newsletter and how to most effectively communicate with you all. The discussion quickly broadened to a discussion of all the places where we need to be mindful of how and to whom we communicate. Our big/pressing question is, how do we stay connected with ourselves and the neighborhood and the world. The next questions are what do we want to say, and to whom? As we begin to develop a communication packet here is what we are starting and what we are thinking about:
 - a. The main newsletter (what you are reading now) will go out to a broad distribution every quarter (that is every three months). It will be filled with announcements of programs and activities, as well as pictures and reports of what has been going on. There will be a pastor's article, a president's article, and any synod or national reports or letters the editor finds relevant.
 - b. The next approach will be a weekly or bi-weekly e newsletter using Constant Contact – not the tea, that's Constant Comment. This will be very current and brief. This is still in the works.
 - c. There may be a quarterly insiders paper update on council reports, statistics, birthdays, anniversaries, etc
 - d. Our website is a vital and core center of connection and communication, especially with the neighbors and the world (anyone that is interested).
 - e. For individual and targeted connection there is text messaging and Facebook, maybe even Twitter☺. These are very effective and instantaneous means of connecting.
 - f. Sunday is often considered prime time for communication including:
 - i. A visitor's folder, which includes brochures and details of all our programs, as well as a welcome card so we can keep in contact with visitors.
 - ii. A welcome folder/worship bulletin for everyone at worship, with the details of the service, the lessons, the affirmation of faith and a calendar for the upcoming week.
 - iii. We have been trying out a rotating announcement power point presentation about 5 minutes before the worship begins in the sanctuary.
 - iv. We are now exploring this same presentation with lots more pictures on a screen on the wall opposite the front door next to the coffee stuff for a longer time before worship.
 - v. There is of course the traditional verbal time of invitation near the end of worship
 - vi. There is the bulletin board with a calendar for the month, pictures and other interesting stuff on the wall across from the men's restroom.

The Mercury News headlined an article on Thursday about Facebook. Social networking is the fastest growing mode of communication going. If the users of Facebook were a nation, we would be the third largest nation in the world! Currently given all the people in the world, one out of every 14 use Facebook!

The challenge for us as the Body of Christ is to stay connected; to communicate the Good News of God's love and forgiveness for all people through Jesus Christ with our visitors, the neighbors and the world we are in. As a New Creation community, God has commissioned us: "Therefore we are ambassadors (that is messengers) for Christ, since God is making an appeal through us..." II Corinthians 5:20. We have been given the challenge to "crackle with connectivity, and to come in loud and clear."

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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