

# New Creation News

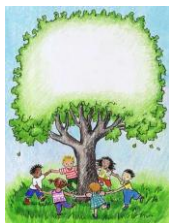
May 2010

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

## Youth and Family Programs

### The Little Tree Playschool

– Deb Townley



Greetings Friends!

May brings many celebrations for preschool! We will be celebrating May Day during the first week of May and making Mother's Day gifts in class. Parents week is the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> with a tea for parents put on by the children on Wednesday and Thursday at noon. We are looking for church volunteers to join us in putting on our Parent Appreciation BBQ that will be taking place on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm at the church. Please let Pastor Anne, Cristina Beauchemin, or Deb Townley know if you would like to be a part of this special night. School will not be in session on the 24<sup>th</sup> for Parent Conferences, and on the 31<sup>st</sup> we are closed in observance of Memorial Day...

Thanks to God for our wildflower garden that is blooming wonderfully for our May Baskets!  
Welcome, Spring!

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Day

The 6th grade youth had a fabulous time at Vasona Park in April and want to do it again in May. OK, we will again have a potluck picnic at Vasona Park on Sunday, May 16th. We will leave after church and return by 5:00 pm. Youth are encouraged to invite their friends to attend and they will need \$4.00 to ride the train and carousel. If you are able to drive and chaperone please contact Rick Voss at [papa\\_rick@comcast.net](mailto:papa_rick@comcast.net) or 225-7127

### Family Movie Night – May 15<sup>th</sup> - 7pm

Outdoor Movie Night Saturday May 15  
Come join us for a movie out under the stars. The weather is rapidly getting warmer and so we are moving the movie to the great outdoors! Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic dinner. Popcorn and drinks will be provided for free



### Afterschool Kidz Klub –

**Cooking at Kidz Klub**

**Wednesdays May 5-26 / 3-5:30 \$40**

We will be working on more basic cooking skills, as well as discovering flavors of the world.

# More Youth and Family

## Thursday's Teen Happenings

**Upcoming: May 20, June 18, June 17**

**3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm**



Games, games and more games! What is more fun than playing games, eating lots of junk food, and hanging out with friends? Nothin'! So calling all teens – come out for a fun

night! We are now meeting in the trailer and are beginning the decorating and setting up of our new space. Bring a friend and something that you want to add to your new space this month. Engaging, relevant, and encouraging! When life is throwing you lemons, it's time to make lemonade. Who hasn't felt like every day is an uphill battle against teachers, parents, and peers? Where can one go to feel safe, important, and valued – Teen Happenings!! Teen Happenings meets the third Thursday of the month.

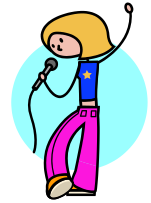
## Youth Band

**6 pm Sundays - May 2, May 16, May 23**



Youth Band is open to all youth, grades 7th-12th, and non-

members are encouraged to join in, so invite friends! You needn't play an instrument to join, just a desire to learn more about music and participate in concerts and events. Charlie Parker will take the lead of this group,



bringing with him many years of band talent – getting his start in his church's youth band and taking it on the road and traveling with Ringling Brothers after college, plus much



more – including Music Director at Next Generation Church.

## Summer Camp for Kids Entering 1st -6th grade

Where are you gonna be this summer? Next Gen Summer Camp!! On June 21 New Creation's Summer Camp program will begin. Camp is always fun and a great place for kids to learn new things, make new friends, and just have fun. Registration forms are located in the church lobby or by visiting our new and improved website at [www.newcreationchurch-sj.org](http://www.newcreationchurch-sj.org)

**Treasure Island** - June 21-25 - 1-5 pm - \$115

You have been left on a deserted island and must find a way to survive- but beware: you never know what lurks around you!

**Cooking Camp** - June 28 - July 2 - 1-5 pm - \$115

Learn the basics and build on ones you already know. The kitchen is a fabulous place to explore no matter what age. Kids will learn terms, measurements and how to make yummy food.

**Science Camp** - July 12-16- 1-5 pm - \$115

All things weird and wacky happen in science. Kids will learn why but more importantly- they will make it happen!

**Performing Arts Camp** July 19-23- 1-5 pm - \$115

"Just clowning around" will be the theme of the week. Making people laugh with simple gestures and crazy antics, find out how it's done.

## Calling All Youth –Looking for a Job this Summer?

If you are interested in working part time this summer at one of the greatest jobs ever, come see Cristina. We will be hiring two Camp Counselors per session and 2 volunteer jr. camp counselors per session. Experience is desirable but not required. In order to apply for a "paid" position you must be going into 9th grade.

Employment Applications will be available in the office or contact Cristina Beauchemin at [cristinab@newcreationchurch-sj.org](mailto:cristinab@newcreationchurch-sj.org) or 972-9200.



*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 am in the church sanctuary.

**Men's Bible study** normally meets Wednesdays 7:30-9 pm, alternating at the homes of Rick Voss and Jim Carlson. They will *not meet the first three Wednesdays of May*. The group will resume meeting Weds, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of Rick Voss. All men are invited. We have a great diversity of age, running from 15 to 70-something, which promotes lively and humorous conversations. Please join us for fellowship, prayer, and study.

## The Book of Faith: A trek with Pastor Anne

Trekking is term for a long, committed foot journey over various terrains and obstacles. So who's up for a trek of the Bible?

The Bible is not about the past. It is a book of faith about today. It is worth reading, and discussing; its witness to God is worth knowing because it is about the here and now, the yesterday of people's lives, and the tomorrow of ours. The Bible is full of our stories, our lives, our communities and the lives of people named Sarah and Abraham, Rachael and Jacob, Peter, Paul, and Mary. Without their stories and so many more in the Bible, we cannot know who we are and whose we are. Most of all the Bible is about God's love and care for you and me and all of us everywhere!

I would like to trek the Bible in a year, and I would like some of you and your friends to join me. Let's read the Bible from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22 in 365 days. Along the way we will gather on 2 Thursdays per month to share our discoveries, questions, and experiences. There will be an itinerary, but allowances will be made for bumps, flats, break-downs, and delays along the way.

*editor's note – We've had a couple of meetings so far, and it is an interesting and challenging approach! Our next meeting is on 5/27; we're skipping 5/13 since Pastor Anne will be away. If you'd like to jump in where we are, that evening we'll be discussing – take a breath – Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers, as well as Psalms 11-20. It's a big chunk of material, but it is two meeting's worth!*

## Disaster Relief

The **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
[www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/Disaster-Response.aspx](http://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

# A Message from Pastor Anne



## New Creation Church: A New Kind of Church – Where Hospitality is a Verb!

And the zing comes from the modifier:

**Radical** hospitality

**Gospel** hospitality

**Biblical** ...

**Holy** ...

**Creation** ...

**Kingdom** ...

Hospitality is more than a warm smile, a handshake, and a cup of coffee. (Typical Sunday morning church behavior.) Hospitality IS welcoming the stranger with an open heart and open ears to listen. Hospitality is what we do and how we are known by the community around us.

Since we are people of the Word, that is God's Word let's check out Biblical hospitality to get the conversation moving. **Genesis 18** is the well known story of Abraham & Sarah welcoming three strangers who were on the road with foot washing, drinks, and a banquet before they discover these guys are ...

[the rest of Pastor Anne's message may be found on page 11](#)

## Hospitality Team

-- **Cristina Beauchemin**

Are you interested in serving on the Hospitality Ministry? We have lots of ways for you to get involved; greeters, ushers, coffee makers, set-up, clean-up and more. There will be a sign-up sheet on Sunday mornings or you can contact any of the team members and let them know.

Hospitality Team- Glenda Voss, Cristina Beauchemin, Rick Voss and Matt Tuck

## A Big Thank You!

-- **Pastor Ginger DuMars**



Thank you for offering and sending us some New Creation's WOV hymnals. It is just the right number to make their use more comfortable! They added more to each pew plus a couple extras for our most popular pews! We'll put them to good use. We really appreciate this gift from the people of NCLC. God Bless you

and your ministries in San Jose and beyond!

Love and Blessings, Pastor Ginger DuMars

## President's Message -- Jay Everson



Hello All,

This is, most likely, the last "President's Message" I will be writing specifically for the New Creation newsletter. Things continue to change. The newsletter is getting thicker and thicker, full of information; the website is keeping current; and we continue to look for ways to improve communication. Some of this comes at a cost. For example, last month's newsletter cost us over \$100 to print just the few copies that we produce for those that don't get e-mail and for guests. That same newsletter has been downloaded over 1100 times from our website. **cont. on page 11**

# Small Groups

## Book Group



Books-n-Brew meets (usually) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month, at rotating homes. Good food, good drink, relevant discussion, good-natured argument, and a lot of fun. Join us! This month we are meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Fri) at Jay and Becky's house. This month's selection –

### **Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter, (fiction)**

by Seth Grahame-Smith

**Summary:** Indiana, 1818. Moonlight falls through the dense woods that surround a one-room cabin, where a nine-year-old Abraham Lincoln kneels at his suffering mother's bedside. She's been stricken with something the old-timers call "Milk Sickness."

"My baby boy..." she whispers before dying.

Only later will the grieving Abe learn that his mother's fatal affliction was actually the work of a vampire.

When the truth becomes known to young Lincoln, he writes in his journal, "henceforth my life shall be one of rigorous study and devotion. I shall become a master of mind and body. And this mastery shall have but one purpose..." Gifted with his legendary height, strength, and skill with an ax, Abe sets out on a path of vengeance that will lead him all the way to the White House.

Using the journal as his guide and writing in the grand biographical style of Doris Kearns Goodwin and David McCullough, Seth has reconstructed the true life story of our greatest president for the first time—all while revealing the hidden history behind the Civil War and uncovering the role vampires played in the birth, growth, and near-death of our nation.

## Scrapbookers



Meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Bevlee Doran – [gbdoran@dorans.net](mailto:gbdoran@dorans.net)

## 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. This month they are meeting at Ken Doering's house. Men of all ages and abilities are welcome – it's a casual and fun group!

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- Men's Poker Group – Jay Everson – 226-2026 or [jaye@all-offroad.com](mailto:jaye@all-offroad.com)
- Newsletter – Becky Everson – 226-2026 or [becky@all-offroad.com](mailto:becky@all-offroad.com)
- Men's Bible Study, Prayer Line – Rick Voss – 225-7127 or [papa\\_rick@comcast.net](mailto:papa_rick@comcast.net)
- Budget & Finance – Ken Doering – 972-9200

# More News from the Community

## Rebuilding Together



-- Rick Voss

This year's Rebuilding project was again a big success. Virginia, the home owner, was very happy and grateful for our work. She is wheel chair bound, and we made many improvements that will enhance Virginia's quality of life. It is a lot of work, but it is always very gratifying to help someone who is unable to do the work themselves. A big thank you and praises for NCLC's crew of dedicated workers – Joan and Frank Ronco, Ken Doering, Ted Hemmig, Matt Lawler, David Gross, Marilyn Feldhaus, and Rick Voss. (see photos on pg 10)

## Recycling

Please bring your plastic water bottles, soda cans, and small bottles to help raise landscaping funds. Linda says "I took a big load of recycling in today & was paid just over \$50.00. Thanks to everyone that has been bringing me sorted aluminum cans, plastic, & small glass beverage bottles." Leave them by the dumpster and let Linda know they're there.



## Church workdays

The next work day is **Saturday 5/15** from 8 am - noon. Please let Linda know if you can be there so she can plan for enough morning snacks & supplies. 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.)



**AND – Butterflies come down 5/22**

**Work can always be done on alternate days - - Please ask Linda Doering how you can help!** [lkdoering@yahoo.com](mailto:lkdoering@yahoo.com)

## 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](mailto:becky@all-offroad.com)

and your work will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

**Please send in articles as well.**

## Birthdays

Rudi Dorn	03	Jay Everson	18
Walter Spears	05	Carol Busby	21
Janette Rosales	05	Linda Tremoureux	21
Rachel Doering	11	Glenda Voss	23
Nancy O'Connell	11	Kenzie Townley	23

## Anniversaries



Ron Karns and Jakki Wilson their 6<sup>th</sup> on the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jim and Anne Carlson their 40<sup>th</sup> on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
Glenda and Rick Voss their 49<sup>th</sup> on the 19<sup>th</sup>  
Sally and Dennis Pierce the 34<sup>th</sup> on the 26<sup>th</sup>

**If we've missed your important day, please let Rick Voss know!**

**Photos appear on Page 9 and 10 this month**

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## **Mission Basket**



Mission Basket giving for May and June is Mt. Cross. Mt. Cross is a not-for-profit Christian outdoor ministry camp and retreat organization, owned and operated by the Lutheran Congregations of Northern California and Nevada. All are welcome to experience God's creation and grace at and through Mt. cross Ministries.

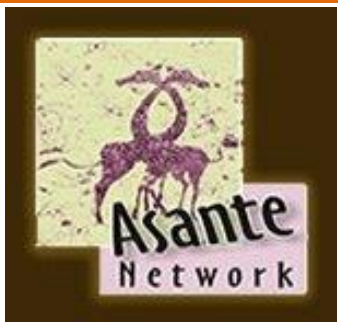
In the summer, Mt. Cross offers a variety of programs: Family Camp Week; Young Explorer Camps, a weekend camp designed for 6-8 year-olds to help young campers ease into the camp experience; a number of children and youth camps for 8-13 years-olds; youth and adventure camps for teens ages 13-17; and Special Friends Camp for developmentally disabled adults over the age of 18. [www.mtcross.org](http://www.mtcross.org)

*Just a reminder, 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.*

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## **Our African Ministries**

### **Asante Network**



[www.asantenetwork.org](http://www.asantenetwork.org)

### **New Life Band**



[www.newlifeband.net](http://www.newlifeband.net)

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## **Social Justice, Christians, and the Church**

**-- Karen Apland & Marilyn Feldhaus**

The commentator Glenn Beck has recently insisted that churches have no business discussing "social justice" and that if a church, such as ours, does so, then "true Christians" must run away from that church as quickly as possible. So, what is "social justice" and why is Glenn Beck mistaken?

First, social justice is a relatively new term. You will not see "social justice" in the Bible. However, you WILL see "justice", a word so frequently used and referenced that only "Messiah" and "Savior" are more popular! Clearly, if the Bible is to be understood as the word of God, then Christians must focus on justice and so must the church.

The ELCA has this to say about justice: "Justice is love applied to many neighbors. It means more than acting out of a sense of charity, or making a donation of volunteering our time. *continued, next page*

***(continued from previous page)*** 'Doing justice' means addressing inequities in political, economic and social systems. It works to restore relations among people and with the earth to the way God intended them to be. It means challenging ourselves to step outside our comfort zones."

When Jesus began his ministry, he significantly used the words of Isaiah to state that he was "to preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, set free the oppressed, and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." To the listeners of his day, these were concrete actions affecting real people with their all too real struggles. Jesus followed up on these words by healing, feeding, speaking out against the mistreatment of the poor, and transforming the lives of those who would hear his message. This transformation did not just involve helping people feel better through the forgiveness of their sin, it involved "making things right". (Remember the tax collector, Zaccheus? How about the rich young ruler who was asked to give away all his possessions?)

"Making things right" is what justice is all about, and it is the key message of Jesus' life, death and preaching. Jesus did not appear to be opposed to wealth, and surprisingly, even seemed to accept slavery as a fact of life in his day. What Jesus did oppose, however, was the condition of some having too much at the expense of those who had too little, and using God and religious talk to justify their actions of enriching themselves.

"Social justice" is simply emphasizing the notion that justice involves the interaction of people. Instead of self-enrichment, Jesus sought a society wherein each person had what they needed, both physically and spiritually. He saw that you could not have one without the other.

The April, 2010 issue of the Lutheran World Relief News, an issue devoted to malaria, includes the following statement, "Every 30 seconds a child in Africa dies of malaria." What is the appropriate response of just Christians to that statement? Can we send a few bucks to LWR to buy mosquito nets and consider our duty done? Or do we need to "do justice" by working to change the conditions through which all those children are dying? In our own communities, we know there are families struggling to put food on the table. What are we, as compassionate and caring Christians, required to do? Does "loving our neighbors as ourselves" mean we are called to "make things right" by actively working for the well-being of all people by ensuring everyone has access to the basic necessities of life: food, water, and shelter?

We have just gone through Holy Week, including Holy Thursday, where we remembered Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. Jesus reminds us that to be his followers we have to be willing and active participants in his mission. We have to be willing and active in "making things right" with whatever means we have at our disposal: our time, our money, our other talents and skills, and even our citizenship in a nation which exerts the greatest influence on world events. Being a Christian isn't a passive state of being, like being a redhead or having blue eyes; Christianity is a contact sport and working for justice gives us the opportunity to "act" like Christians.

As Christians and as church we have "social justice" in our DNA, straight from the words of the Bible and from the person and ministry of Jesus, the culmination of the Bible's message. Glenn Beck is, therefore, mistaken in his contempt for social justice as a part of the church's mission since "social justice", or "making things right", is the core of the ministry, life, death and resurrection of our confessed Lord and Savior. We can do no other than proclaim, "He is risen! We live and act in the hope of that resurrection!"



**Photos from around the Community**



**... and more Photos!**



**Rebuilding Together  
and Sunday School Gardening Day  
great ways  
to make our community  
a better place!**



## ***Pastor Anne's Message, continued from page 4...***

angels/messengers of God that they are entertaining. **Hebrews 13**, in the New Testament, then reminds us that we are to continue in mutual love, and to "show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Now listen to **Deuteronomy 10**, where the essence of the Law is laid out:

*What does the Lord your God require of you?*

- *Only to fear the Lord your God,*
- *to walk in all God's ways,*
- *to love God,*
- *to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,*
- *and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God. ...*

*The Lord your God executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.* Deut. 10: 12-13, 18-19

New Creation people are Easter people – and hospitality is our fulltime job, every day.

It is what we do! We hear during every Easter the New Commandment that Jesus left us: *love one another ... and by this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.* I would like to offer another kind of new commandment for our new kind of church:

*Welcome the stranger as God has welcomed you.*

Gospel hospitality says we have something to offer that is good news to those who live in a Gospel-hungry world. The good news is that Jesus has given us forgiveness and new life, reconciliation with God, and healing from all our sins. This is God's grace-filled love!

For more information on the encompassing nature of hospitality for Christians, the following resources will be available on our information shelf in front of the office:

The Lutheran (magazine) May 2010 edition

Lutheran Women Today (magazine), April 2010 edition

"Hospitality: it takes guts!" article from The Lutheran

Additionally:

God's Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World,

By Amy Oden, Pilgrim Press, 2008.

Radical Welcome: Embracing God, the Other, and the Spirit of Transformation,

By Stephanie Spellers, Church Publishing, 2006.

## ***President's Message, continued from pg. 4***

While I acknowledge the need to keep those of you that don't access the internet informed, I think we need consider the cost and be intentional about what we include. Over the next few months we will have a small team evaluate the purpose, and the audience, for the newsletter. Personally, I intend to move my ramblings to the President's Blog on our website. Perhaps if whoever is working on the newsletter decides my rambling might be important, they can include a snippet in the newsletter.

In case you missed it, the New Creation website received a huge makeover last month. In addition to that, we are making heavy use of Facebook, Twitter, and other social network opportunities.

In the latest newsletter from the Sierra Pacific Synod, Pr. Jim Goldsmith says: "Among all of the many changes we face these days as the Church, the phenomenon of social networking is very significant. facebook. MySpace. twitter. Linkedin. These, and many others, are ways in which millions - ***continued next page***

*(continued from previous page)* of people around the world communicate these days... Are we making the best use - or any use - of ALL of the available ways to communicate the Gospel in our contexts?"

I'd like to think that New Creation is now a leader in this area. The vast majority of visitors we receive inform us that they either found us through the website, or checked out our website before coming. We make use of e-vites, online calendaring, we have discussions on Facebook and in e-mail, and through Twitter we connect with ELCA churches and pastors around the country. In fact, so far this year, we are reaching an average of 795 unique visitors each month (from 50 different countries) with our website. The world keeps getting smaller and our reach longer. Fear not, the newsletter will not go away, but it will continue to evolve. However, if you find yourself on the edge of your seat while reading my ramblings, well you just have to do it while sitting in front of your computer.

*"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." – I Corinthians 10:31*

## **Upcoming Events for Your Calendar!**

- Tuesday 5/4 – Confirmation Class - 4:30 pm (no class the rest of May)
- Sunday 5/9 – Mother’s Day
- Thursday 5/13 – No Trekking the Bible tonight (keep reading though!)
- Friday 5/14 – Men’s Poker Group – 6:30 pm
- Saturday 5/15 – Work Day - 8-noon; Family Movie Night - 7 pm
- Sunday 5/16 – church council after church
- Friday 5/21 – Book Discussion Group - 7:30 pm, Eversons’ house
- Saturday 5/22 – Butterflies come down - please help!
- Sunday 5/23 – Preschool Parent Appreciation BBQ - 4 pm – All NCLC folks encouraged to attend!
- Thursday 5/27 – Trekking the Bible - 7 pm, Carlsons’ house
- Sunday/Monday 5/30-31 – Confirmation Class Retreat at the Beach!

### **Ongoing Calendar Items**

- Sunday Mornings – choir practice 9-10;  
Worship 10:15-11:30
- Monday-Thursday – preschool 9:30-12:30
- Monday and Tuesday Evenings – AA
- Wednesday afternoons – KidzKlub 3-5:30
- Wednesday evenings – choir practice – 6:30-8;
- Men’s Bible study – 7:30-9
- Thursday mornings - Women’s Bible Study 11am
- Thursday afternoons – Confirmation Class 4:30-6
- Thursday evenings (2x/mo) - Trekking the Bible 7 pm
- Friday mornings – Quilters and coffee fellowship
- Saturday afternoons – UCG (renter church) 1-6:30

### **Usually**

- Work Days – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday
- Family Movie Nights – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday
- Scrapbooking – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday
- Church Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
- Men’s Poker – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday
- Books-n-Brew – 4<sup>th</sup> Friday

### **Coming up Next Month!**

- Council Meeting on 6/13 instead of 6/20
- Father’s Day – 6/20
- Congregational Meeting – 6/27

Worship Assistants -- May 2010						
	<u><b>pastor's asst.</b></u>	<u><b>comm. asst.</b></u>	<u><b>usher/greeters</b></u>	<u><b>Altar Guild</b></u>	<u><b>elementary</b></u>	<u><b>jr/sr high</b></u>
<b>5/2</b>	Karen Apland	Kaylee Lawler	Sandy & Shannon Hanson	Charlotte Happel	Shannon Hanson	Loretta Sahoo
<b>5/9</b>	Robin Bradbury	Olive Davis	Ken & Sarah Doering	Charlotte Happel	Rick Voss	Debra Dimas
<b>5/16</b>	Jim Carlson	Mickey Ritchie	Rick Voss & Nancy O'Connell	Charlotte Happel	Cristina Beauchemin	Loretta Sahoo
<b>5/23</b>	Curtis Bradbury	Nancy O'Connell	Karen Apland & Sally Pierce	Charlotte Happel	Loretta Sahoo	Debra Dimas
<b>5/30</b>	Roger Hanson	Sally Pierce	Ted Hemmig & Linda Tremoureaux	Charlotte Happel	Jennifer Tuck	Mimi Lawler

Where are you gonna be this summer?

## Next Gen Camp!

### One Week Long 1/2 Day Camps

June - July

Mon-Fri 1pm - 5pm

Kids Entering 1-6 Grade



#### Camp Treasure Island

June 21- June 25

Session cost- \$115

You have been left on a deserted island and must find a way to survive- but beware: you never know what lurks around you!

#### Cooking Camp

June 28-July 2

Session Cost \$115



Learn the basics and build on ones you already know. The kitchen is a fabulous place to explore no matter what age. Kids will learn terms, measurements and how to make yummy food.



#### Science Camp

July 12-16

Session Cost \$115

All things weird and wacky happen in science. Kids will learn why but more importantly- they will make it happen!



#### Performing Arts Camp

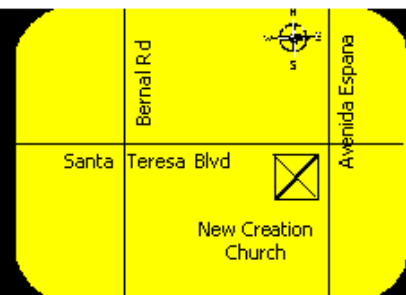
July 19-23

Session Cost \$115

“Just clowning around” will be the theme of the week. Making people laugh with simple gestures and crazy antics, find out how it’s done.

**Camp Location**  
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**The strangers among us: What message might God send in these people?**

Those who knew my mother still describe her amazing gift of hospitality. Even 16 years after her death, it is wonderful to hear descriptions of a delicious meal, lively conversation, joyful singing, meaningful devotions, heartfelt laughter and a beautifully decorated table.

In the busyness of our lives, my wife lone and I are often the recipients of the hospitality of others. To be honest, I have learned more about being a guest than a host. My teachers have often been those who live in poverty but have welcomed me with warm, generous and even lavish hospitality.

I will never forget Lucy Clark. My first call was in a public housing community. When Lucy invited me over for lunch to meet her family, I was served before the other members were seated. It was her way of honoring me as her guest and new pastor.

When lone and I first traveled to Tanzania in 1996, we experienced similar hospitality. In rural villages, often we were welcomed into the pastor's home and served a feast with children, family, and congregational leaders looking on. We assumed that one of the family's few chickens had been slaughtered for our meal, and we found it hard to understand the delight of those gathered around us until we realized our hosts felt pure joy in welcoming strangers.

Those experiences remind me of the first two verses of Hebrews 13: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." The verse is actually quite jarring, for it speaks not of extending hospitality to guests but to strangers. That is altogether different, isn't it?

How are we doing in extending hospitality as a church? When I ask ELCA members to tell me about their congregation, I often hear that they are "just like a family" or "so friendly." As admirable as those qualities are, we may forget that it is not always easy to be a stranger coming into a family.

We hope for visitors at our congregational events, but are we ready for strangers? When we are honest, most of us would acknowledge that it is easier to welcome guests who share much in common with us than it is to welcome strangers who may not seem like "one of us." We may seek to erase the uniqueness of strangers, easing them into the culture of our congregations as quickly as possible, so they sing, pray, think, act and eat like the rest of us, as if it were "our" church and not God's, our lives and not God's life in us.

*For the complete text of Bishop Hanson's article, please visit*

*<http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Office-of-the-Presiding-Bishop/Messages-and-Statements/100501Luth.aspx>*

# 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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