

THE SUMMIT

Mt. Carmel Offers Summer Opportunities for Families

During the summer, even though our regular programs are on vacation, we aren't! We have multiple opportunities for you and your families to gather with other members of the Mt. Carmel (and SLO) community:



Vacation Bible School, July 19-23, 9am—noon

The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School is "High Seas Expedition." VBS is open to all children from preschool to seventh grade. Registration is only \$30 per child, and includes a t-shirt, CD, and snacks. Flyers are currently available in the office and on our website. Please tell all your friends with children!

Family Fun Night

Looking for fun family time this summer? Come to Mt. Carmel for an evening of games, a yummy dinner, and fun for the whole family! Childcare provided for the littlest members of the family (under 3). We'll be gathering on **July 7** and **August 11** from 6pm to 8pm. Cost is only \$10 per family. For more information, call the church office at 544-2133 or e-mail us.



Kids' Night Out

Need a break for an evening from the stresses of parenting? We have a Kids' Night Out each month so that you can get a well-deserved rest and the kids get a fun night of bouncing, eating, and playing with friends! We meet at Party Planet the third Friday of each month from 5 to 9pm. Our next two events are scheduled for **July 16** and **August 20**. Cost is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each sibling, and includes a

pizza dinner. For more information, call the church office at 544-2133 or e-mail us.

Confirmation Camp

July 11-16, our middle school youth will travel to El Camino Pines to participate in confirmation camp. This is a great opportunity to experience the fun of camp and get to know each other better.

Rally Day

Join us for the kickoff of the 2010-2011 program year! We'll be partying in the Mt. Carmel Park on **Sunday, September 12, at 10am**.

Also...

If you're a CAT stockholder, don't forget that our annual Stockholders' Meeting is on Sunday, July 18, at 3pm. We will be serving ice cream and showing a slideshow from our trip to the Sierra Service Project. You don't want to miss this one!

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and 12.

Sunday Worship at Mt. Carmel

8:45 am Traditional Service

10:00 am Adult Forum

11:00 am Contemporary Service

Holy Communion is offered at all
Sunday Worship Services.

Licensed Child Care available on
Sundays 8:45 am-12:15 pm.

The MacDonalds were our neighbors in Washington. They were dog people. Well, at least Wayne was a dog man; he brought two German Shepherds into his marriage to Lisa. As neighbors have been known to do, we asked the MacDonalds to take care of our cats while we traveled to faraway California to visit my folks. Lisa said, "Sure!"

A few days later, as we were playing in Solvang, we got a phone call from Wayne. He had noticed that one of the cats was having trouble with his bowel movements. We had confined the cats to an area of house with linoleum floor. Wayne said there were marks, brown ones, on the linoleum. He studied the cat to find -- yep -- dried up and tangled in its fur.

Wayne said he had combed the fur and tried to clean it up as best as he could. Of course that task would have been relatively easy on a nice, obedient dog; however, on a large, long-haired cat, it was borderline dangerous. We thanked him profusely, as he was clearly doing WAY more than we had expected.

The next day, he called again. The cat wasn't better. In fact, he had spent a good deal of time cleaning up the linoleum and some furniture cushions because of all the ...um... well, you know.

Wayne had found the magnet on our fridge that named our vet. He took the cat in. He said he was sorry because it was going to cost us \$75 per day just for the boarding, but the cat needed attention. It did end up costing something close to \$400 to get the cat back. However, with a lesser steward in charge, the whole fiasco could have

cost us the friendship of our dear neighbor, as well as the companionship of our cat!

I often think of Wayne when stewardship comes up. This dog lover didn't even like cats (I'm pretty sure his experience with ours didn't change his mind), and yet he did everything he possibly could to take care of this one. And he didn't even sign up for the job; his wife enlisted him!

Many of the stewardship passages in the New Testament are about the good or the wicked stewards. These folks have been left in charge of something -- often a vineyard, though occasionally another treasure -- while the master goes away. If we had left anyone else in charge, I think we would have come home to a disgusting mess and a very sick, if not dead, cat. But Wayne was faithful. When we returned, our house was clean and the cat was healthy.

I'm sure God was smiling, and maybe getting a good laugh, as Wayne combed that cat's behind. But I'm also sure God was pleased to see how faithful Wayne was to his task, and to his neighbors. Faithfulness is what stewardship is all about. It's what we were created to be: faithful stewards.

God created the world and everything in it. And then, according to Genesis, God created us to care for it. That is our job, our purpose in life. We are faithful stewards when we take care of whatever God has called us to take care of: house, family, congregation, the gospel and much more! According to Wayne's actions, that includes cleaning up after a constipated kitty.

It's easy to forget our purpose in life. If that weren't so, I doubt *The Purpose-Driven Life* would have been an all-time bestseller. And, if we forget our purpose, we certainly can't be faithful to it. So, next time you are moping, wondering those big questions in life: "Who am I," and "Why am I here," remember Wayne and be faithful to your God-given purpose!

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July Birthdays

- 2 Debbie Peterson
- 3 Neal Mandich
- 3 Jan Uder
- 4 Suzanne Gorter
- 5 Ian Mansell
- 5 Matthew Moersdorf
- 5 Bryan Rengel
- 7 Gavin Trudeau
- 9 Jess Bathke
- 9 Artha Fellows
- 10 Richard Ferraro
- 10 Betty Ann Quist
- 10 Ruth Rollefson
- 11 Kara Groth
- 11 Ed Thoma
- 11 Carole Wheeler
- 12 Jeffrey Thoma
- 14 Adam Jaster
- 15 Ryan Reck
- 16 Dianne Conner
- 16 Matthew Schultze
- 17 Sue Haas-Clark
- 17 Austin Kraintz
- 17 Cooper Lyle
- 17 Ingrid Moersdorf
- 17 Karen Schultze
- 17 Pat Ramsay
- 18 Michael Drazé
- 18 Russ Jensen
- 20 Bev Kovall
- 21 Warren Quist
- 21 Jessica Thoma
- 22 Jim Polk
- 24 Carol Frasier
- 24 Jim Maul
- 25 Claudia Coughran
- 25 Carol Harvey
- 25 Chris Jobst
- 25 Kjersten Priddy
- 26 Jennifer Thoma
- 27 Nathan Hensinger
- 27 Kay Jensen
- 29 Bob McCoid
- 31 Jimmy Gibbs

We Remember in Prayer

Homebound or unable to get out often: Gust & Glenadene Anderson; Russ & LaVanne Anderson; Doris Curtis; Don & Sally Eggen; Artha Fellows; Julie Finley; Charlotte Lejonhud; Lillian Lorenz; Elsie Murtaugh; Constance Petersen; Anna Pohlman; Althea Schmidt at Atascadero Christian Home; Shirley Simmons; Bernard Strickmeier; Dorotha Thousand; Ernie & Harriet Tripke; Evelyn Whitehead.

For recovery: Treva Thornton; Jesse Almas; Mark Schofield; Tracy; Herb Coughran; and Gary Schultz.

With joy: Celebrating and supporting in prayer the marriage of Hilary and Matt Crotty on May 29 and of Adam and Megan Brown on June 6.

In sympathy: To Pastor Marj and her family upon the death of her father, Don; to Karen Almas and her family upon her mother's death; to Mike Drazé and his family upon his father's death.

We pray for our homebound members during worship each Sunday. The schedule for prayer rotates from week to week.

Cycle of Prayer: Lift Up the Members of Mt. Carmel

July 4: Rolf & Melinda Monteen, Bjorn; Elsie Murtaugh; Cat Nickell; Christy Oltmanns, Ayanna and Cheyenne Miller; Catherine Oster; Matthew Palmer.

July 11: Dave & Sherri Parkinson, Stephen and Makenna; Joan Pedersen; Jack Peschong & Peggy Stevens; Constance Petersen; Larry & Beth Peterson.

July 18: Joel & Debbie Peterson, Elyse and Kyle; Cynthia Polk, Donavin Bacon and Daisy Mae Kessler; Jim & Susan Polk.

July 25: James & Gail Porter, Jennifer; Mary Anne Presswood, Elizabeth Bingham; Susan Price; Glen and Nancy Priddy, David and Kjersten.

August 1: David Quist; Stephen Quist, Ann; Warren & Betty Ann Quist; Stu & Pat Ramsay; Ryan & Martha Reck; Sally Reck.

August 8: Walt and Helen Rehm; Irene Reis; Karen Petersen, Bryan and Dana Rengel; Dennis & JoAnn Ruthenbeck.

August 15: Althea Schmidt; Chris & Jaime Schultz, Colby; Gary & Jeanie Schultz; Linda and Dan Schultze.

August 22: Matt & Deanna Schultze, Allison and Daniel; Greg Semotan; John & Janis Sexton, Heather and Anna; Shirley Simmons.

August 29: Kyle Spitznagel; Joe & Stephanie Stablein, Charlotte; Brad Stackler; Bill & Janis Stansfield; Midge Stettner; Jim & Laurie Strampe, Jamie.



August Birthdays

- 1 Jon Ericson
- 1 David Kilbert
- 3 Dorothy McCoid
- 4 Alex Wood
- 5 Andrew Wilson
- 6 Amy Ericson
- 6 Beverly Hansen
- 6 Marci Lippold
- 6 Linda Schultze
- 8 Travis Gorter
- 10 Nancy Gilmore
- 10 Jim Strampe
- 12 Jennifer Martin
- 13 Ken Miller
- 14 Lauren Chambers
- 14 Sarah Pihl
- 15 Kelly Allen
- 15 Ernie Cementina
- 15 Lillian Lorenz
- 15 Emily Reis
- 15 Ariana Tway
- 19 Wende Dong
- 20 Andy Frokjer
- 20 Brett Irwin
- 21 Wayne Lippold
- 21 Chris Schultz
- 23 Joe Stablein
- 25 Karen Almas
- 26 Elisa Garnsey
- 27 Bill Hopper
- 27 Stephen Parkinson
- 28 Jenni Kinsey
- 29 Fiona Huffaker
- 30 Jack Sullivan
- 30 Marcus Wilemon
- 31 Tae Isensee



July Anniversaries

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|---------|---------------------------|
| 7- 2-54 | Jess & Pat Bathke |
| 7- 4-81 | Jim & Suzanne Gorter |
| 7- 4-85 | Rolf & Melinda Monteen |
| 7- 5-86 | Marshall & Marj Funk-Pihl |
| 7-10-71 | Ed & Paula Jaster |
| 7-11-59 | John & Clare Weidner |
| 7-20-74 | Jean & John Usilton |
| 7-21-89 | Robert & Claudia Trudeau |

August Anniversaries

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|---------|------------------------------|
| 8-8-59 | Dale & Betty Johnson |
| 8-10-46 | Bud & Pearl Thoma |
| 8-12-67 | Dean & Kathy Meyer |
| 8-14-93 | Sue & Kelly Haas-Clark |
| 8-14-49 | Jim & Bev Maul |
| 8-19-51 | Jon & Amy Ericson |
| 8-19-06 | Carrie & Adam Koble |
| 8-22-59 | Bob & Dorothy McCoid |
| 8-26-78 | Jan & Ray Uder |
| 8-27-48 | Ernie & Helma Cementina |
| 8-28-77 | Steven Jobst & Jill Anderson |
| 8-28-54 | Sid & Beryl Bennett |

Another Graduate!

In our listing of graduates in last month's newsletter, we unintentionally omitted Mt. Carmel member **David Priddy**. David will be receiving a Master's in history in July from Cambridge University, Queen's College, in England. Then he is off in September to the University of Michigan Law School. Congratulations, David!

A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty.

~Author Unknown

Many Thanks!

Everyone at Mt. Carmel,

I just wanted to say thank you to the congregation at Mt. Carmel for the thoughts and prayers. All of the support is appreciated and helps to heal anything!

— Jesse Almas

Thank you to all for the prayers, cards and calls during this emotional time. Jesse's surgery went well, with the results coming back the best they could be. My mother's passing the following week was more than I bargained for. Your support was greatly appreciated.

— Karen Almas

In Appreciation

Harry and I wish to thank our Mt. Carmel family for all the support during my recent hospital stay. We appreciated all the cards, visits, phone calls, and — most of all — prayers. We don't know what we would have done without you.

— Treva Thornton

What a thoughtful congregation we have! I received so many cards with words of gentle kindness after the death of my father. Thank you. You truly live out the command to "love one another."

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marj

Stewardship Notes: Giving Yourself to God

For some of us, perception has created an illusion when it comes to giving to the work of the Lord and His ministry at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church. The perception for some is that our financial resources are insufficient to enable us to give in any meaningful way. Some of us think that we simply cannot afford to give!

But that's not the situation at all. Even poverty (something which is probably not descriptive of anyone in our midst) is not a reason for not giving to the Lord. The Christians in Macedonia were poor. As 2 Corinthians 8:2 describes them, they were "very poor." Yet, even in that situation they were full of joy and gave as much as they were able and even more. How could they do that?

The reason they gave abundantly, eagerly, and willingly out of their poverty was that "First they gave themselves to the Lord." That's the secret of giving that honors God. When we give ourselves to Him wholeheartedly and without reservation of any kind, then our financial resources will follow.

During the reign of Oliver Cromwell, a mid-17th century English political and religious power broker, the government ran out of silver with which to make coins. Cromwell sent his men everywhere to see if they could find more of the precious metal. They returned to report that the only silver they could find was in the statues of the saints which were on display in various cathedrals. "Good," replied Cromwell. "We will melt them down and put them in circulation."

As you consider your offerings for Mt. Carmel, and as you consider the resources God has placed at your disposal, will you be "melted down" for His service and His Glory? Like the Macedonian Christians, will you, regardless of your financial situation, first give yourself to God and then allow your financial resources to follow? Try it. You'll like it.

— Adapted from June 2010
Stewardship Message of
Redeemer Lutheran Church,
Bakersfield, CA

Women's Retreat Planned for October 15-17

Mark your calendars for another fantastic Women's Retreat at La Casa de Maria. It will be held on **October 15 - 17**, and our speaker will be Pastor Sue Wolfe Devol from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Haven't been before? This is an incredible opportunity for fellowship, fun, wonderful workshops, and time for relaxation and renewal.

Registration will begin in July. The cost will be \$200, with a \$60 deposit required at the time of registration. Scholarships will be available. Space is limited, so don't wait. Questions or want to help? Call Nancy Priddy, 544.6410

Book Club News

The Mt. Carmel Book Club will meet on **July 11** and **August 8** at **6pm** in the LCM House. The book for July is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. A book for August has not yet been decided. Everyone is welcome!

55+ Group

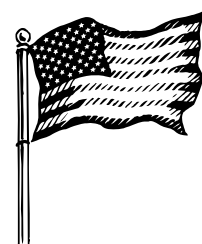
Haven't attended yet? Don't miss an opportunity for fellowship, food and great speakers. No requirements, no long term commitment. Bring your brown bag, a friend and your questions.

Upcoming events:


On **July 9 at 12:00**, our speaker will be Karen Petersen from Senior Nutrition. She will be giving information on the services that this agency offers, along with valuable information we all need to know regarding nutrition. Please note, the date is earlier than usual, on the second Friday.

Hunter Francis, from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, at Cal Poly, will be joining us on **August 20 at noon**. He will be speaking on the benefits of organic farming and giving us insight on how eating local produce has a strong, positive effect on our environment.

RSVP/Questions - Nancy Priddy,
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July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>*Regular Sunday Schedule (RSS)</p> <p>8:45 Traditional Worship</p> <p>10:00 Adult Forum</p> <p>11:00 Contemporary Worship</p>		<p>B-Brick Area C-Campus Ministry House F-Fellowship Hall J-Junior High House K-Kitchen L-Library M-Multi-Purpose N-Nursery OE—Office Entrance OM-Office Meeting Room S-Sanctuary Y-Youth House</p>			1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 8a Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (K, B)
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18 RSS* 12:15p VBS Setup 3p CAT Stockholders' Meeting (F)	19 Office Closed Pastors Off Mondays 6p Social Concerns (O)	20	21 11a Staff Meeting (OM) 2p Pastor Marj @ Large 7p Praise Team (S) 7p Church Council (F)	22	23 8:30a Friday Morning Garden Club (V) 9a Mommy & Me Group (CO) 9a Koinonia Kids (N) 10:30a Bible Study (F)	24 8a Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (K, B)	
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL							
25 RSS*	26 Office Closed Pastors Off Mondays	27 7p Financial Mgmt. (L)	28 11a Staff Meeting (OM) 2p Pastor Marj @ Large 7p Praise Team (S)	29	30	31	

August 2010

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Date	Time	Acolytes Greeter / C.A.	Coffee Servers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Lectors
July 4	8:45		Ken & Jeanne Miller	Nancy Priddy Maureen Dresp	Beryl Bennett	Sid Bennett
	11:00	Sarah Kinsey Sarah Pihl	Nancy Crotty	Nancy Cook John Cook	Pat Forrest	Diane Mansell
July 11	8:45		Bob & Carol Harvey	B & M Christenson John Rollefson	Betty Johnson	Vern Brody
	11:00	Fiona Huffaker Ingrid Moersdorf	Mike & Val Lund	Janis Sexton Diane Mansell	Len & Diane Mansell	John Cook
July 18	8:45	Cameron Dong	Warren & Betty Ann Quist	Greg Zocher Beth Peterson	Bill & Mary Anne Hopper	Monica Holman
	11:00	Stephen Parkinson Annaliese Lippold	Jan Uder	Diane Mansell	Pat Forrest	Debi White-Gregory
July 25	8:45		Jess & Pat Bathke	Rebecca Christensen	Larry & Beth Peterson	Annie Quist
	11:00	F. Huffaker Emily Reis	Jeanie Schultz	John Cook	Dorothy McCoid	Janis Sexton
Aug 1	8:45		Sid & Beryl Bennett	Maureen Dresp Michael Dresp Karen Petersen	Russ & Judy Anderson	Jess Bathke
	11:00	Sarah Kinsey Sarah Pihl	Vicky Tway	Dorothy McCoid Diane Mansell	Russ & Kay Jensen	Gerda Culwell
Aug. 8	8:45	Cameron Dong	Vern & Elsa Brody	Claudia Coughran Nancy Priddy Jean Senter	Bob & Mary Christenson	Neal Mandich
	11:00	Fiona Huffaker Ingrid Moersdorf	Sheryl Huffaker	Janis Sexton Debi White-Gregory	Mike & Val Lund	Nancy Cook
Aug. 15	8:45		Bob & Mary Christenson	B & M Christenson John Rollefson	Beryl Bennett	Betty Ann Quist
	11:00	Stephen Parkinson Annaliese Lippold	Nancy Crotty	Sherri Parkinson Jeanie Schultz	Pat Forrest	John Cook
Aug. 22	8:45		Ken & Jeanne Miller	Greg Zocher Beth Peterson	Bill & Mary Anne Hopper	Greg Zocher
	11:00	Dante Nelson Emily Reis	Mike & Val Lund	Suzanne Leedale	Dorothy McCoid	Janis Sexton
Aug. 29	8:45		Jess & Pat Bathke	Rebecca Christensen Betty Johnson	Betty Johnson	Betty Johnson
	11:00	Chris White-Gregory TBA	Jeanie Schultz	Nancy Cook	Russ & Kay Jensen	Diane Mansell

Altar Guild	
July 4	B. Peterson H. Cementina
July 11	M. Dresp D. McCoid
July 18	K. Meyer
July 25	P. Forrest
August 1	K. Meyer M. Dresp
August 8	B. Peterson
August 15	D. McCoid C. Howard
August 22	P. Forrest
August 29	M. Dresp

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
Usher List				
8:45	Jess & Pat Bathke Steve & JoAnn Bennett	Ed Dresp David Kilbert Dorothy Meyer Bob Dwight	Russ Anderson Glen Priddy Larry Peterson Robert Harvey	Warren Quist Vern Brody John & Rebecca Keisler
11:00	Len & Diane Mansell Dean & Kathy Meyer	Bob & Carol Grosse Jeanie Schultz Linda Schultze	Mike & Val Lund Dorothy McCoid Hillary Gattian	Donley & Carol Winger Pat Forrest Andy Frokjer
Children's Church				
8:45	Cynthia Polk	Cynthia Polk	Sherri Parkinson	Jack & Jean Senter
11:00	Jackie Kinsey	Debi White-Gregory	Ingrid Moersdorf	Ingrid Moersdorf

Friday Morning Office Volunteers									
July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30	Aug. 6	Aug. 13	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sep. 3
H. Cementina	C. Howard	C. Wheeler	C. Winger	C. Howard	D. McCoid	H. Cementina	C. Wheeler	C. Winger	C. Howard

Thanks for Helping "Get On The Bus"

This is a major "thank you" to everyone at Mt. Carmel. Saturday, June 12, brought two buses full of 101 visitors. The group included 67 children representing 33 families from all over California, all here to visit their dads incarcerated at CMC.

After the four-hour visit at the prison, families came to Mt. Carmel for fellowship, support, and — of course — food. This was an opportunity for the children to share stories about their visit with their dads, and the volunteers were blessed with the chance to hear these experiences.

So much went into the success of this day. There were 40+ volunteers from Mt. Carmel and other communities. Many, many teddy bears were donated for the children to hug on the long ride home. Quilters sewed a blessing on the blankets which were wrapped around the families as they received prayer and support before getting back on the bus.

There was one small "glitch" that made the day even more incredible. One of the buses got stuck in the driveway, which resulted in a three-hour delay on the return trip home. Mt. Carmel continued to open its heart as volunteers stayed and played with the children, brought out food and water left from the reception, and offered comfort and conversation to the families until the bus was finally freed.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard with time, gifts, and love to make this wonderful event a reality. It was truly an amazing day.

Stephen Ministry Summer Series

Stephen Ministry invites anyone who is interested to join us for these two upcoming speakers. The time for both presentations is 6:30-7:30. Each of these presenters has years of experience in his/her field and will provide rich and useful information. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

July 8 — How Caretakers Take Care of Themselves, presented by Alyce Crawford

August 12 — Dealing with Depression, presented by Tony Huffaker



Just one of the many children visiting their fathers at CMC through the Get On The Bus program on June 12.

CMC Dads Write Poem in Thanksgiving for Get On The Bus

We must give thanks to Get on the Bus,
 Cause they bring our children to us.
 When we could see them no other way
 Their services are there to save the day.
 It gives us a chance to feel like a dad,
 And it's the best Father's Day we ever had.
 Yes, we are in prison and away from our kids,
 And having to keep our true feelings hid.
 But on this special day we are not alone,
 For we can see our kids even if they are grown.
 We are with them as they laugh and play,
 Cherishing every word they have to say.
 It's furnished tons at no cost,
 Giving back the family we temporarily lost.
 So thank you deeply Get on the Bus,
 We will never forget the day you brought our children to us..."

The above poem was written in a thank-you card presented to the GOTB volunteers by the dads housed on the East Side of CMC.

The Mission of Mt. Carmel

"As Christians committed to the belief that we are saved by grace through faith, the congregation of Mount Carmel exists to **GATHER** in worship and fellowship, to **GROW** in the knowledge and love of Christ, and to **GO** in service to a world in need."

People's Kitchen Volunteers

July 2

Main Dish: Karen Almas, Betty Ann Quist, Sid & Beryl Bennett, Ernie & Helma CEMENTINA, Dorothy Meyer, Judy Tewell

2 Gallons Whole Milk: Jess & Pat Bathke, Elaine Coats

Salad: Sharla Canon, Rebecca Christensen, Mary Christenson, John & Dianne Conner, Nancy Cook

2-#10 Can Green Beans: Karen Bockelman

Corn: Debi White-Gregory

August 6

Main Dish: Colleen Clarke, Wende & Kevin Dong, Cheryl Garnsey, Bill & Mary Anne Hopper, Maggie King, Sherri Parkinson

2 Gallons Whole Milk: Bryan and Beverly Gingg, Carol Grosse

Salad: Beegee Graham, Sue Haas-Clark, Carol Harvey, Shirley Head, Marci Lippold

2-#10 Can Green Beans: Margot Hemmersbach

Corn: Dorothy McCoid

Contacts: Sue Cummings, 543.8972 or Dianne Draze, 544.3598.



Help Bring Exciting Changes to Mt. Carmel!

During the annual meeting on Sunday, June 27, the congregation voted to approve two key items. The first item was an authorization to relocate the LCM mission and Pastor Jana to the main sanctuary complex. This authorization also directed the Congregation Council to take the necessary steps to convert the LCM House to a residential rental unit as quickly as possible. The second item was the approval of the 2010-2011 budget, which includes provision for securing the funding necessary to allow these changes to occur.

Preliminary action plans have been developed, along with detailed conceptual drawings of the proposals. During the next few months, we will begin modifying our church and LCM properties to make these changes happen. Some of the work will be done by licensed contractors and tradesmen. However, there will also be plenty of opportunities for volunteer labor from our congregation members: modifying, repairing and adding new fences; replacing and adding doors; repair of windows; cleaning and painting in the house; working on the playground and park areas, etc.

CAT Receives \$1,500 Grant

Mt. Carmel just received word that the CAT program has received funding in the amount of \$1,500 provided by the Charles and Mabel Warner Trust Fund. The funds are to be used for the renovation of Mt. Carmel's Sunday School space.

Many thanks to CAT Director Ingrid Moersdorf for her effort in putting together the grant proposal, and much gratitude to the Southwest California Synod for approving our request for funding.

An early major event will be a cleanup day scheduled for **Saturday, July 17**. The focus of this day's activities will be cleanup and removal of trash, rocks, and grass on our upper lot and Mt. Carmel Park areas, plus removal of obsolete inventory. This will also help us prepare for Vacation Bible School, which will begin on Monday, July 19.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Bob Harvey at 710.5069, or leave a message with the church office.

Meet LCM's New Peer Ministers for 2010-2011!

Name: Kaitlyn Kennett

Major: Biology with a concentration in Anatomy and Physiology

Year: 3rd

What do you love about LCM? I love how I'm "allowed" and even encouraged to ask questions at LCM about my faith. That was really important my first year as I started to seek God on my own.

How did you hear about LCM? My pastor at my home church sent an email to Pastor Jana, and she in turn sent an email to me inviting me to meet her. When I met her, I was invited to check out Mt. Carmel and LCM.

How has LCM helped you grow in your faith? Because of LCM, I now see that my faith is more than my belief that God exists and Jesus saved me. It also means that I've formed a relationship with God that I'll have my whole life.

When I'm not at LCM, I can be found... studying or singing.

When I really want to procrastinate I... practice my pieces of music for choir, attempt to teach myself piano, or watch online TV. Sometimes I go on Facebook or call a friend.

One thing I want you to know about LCM: That all are welcome, no matter what "stage" of your faith you are at. Even if that means you've never been to church before and you just came because a friend told you there was free food.

Name: Katie DeLaurentis

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Year: 3rd

Hometown: Albuquerque, New Mexico

What do you love about LCM?



Kaitlyn Kennett, Katie DeLaurentis, Casey (Caitlin) Wright

As a person with an unconventional, philosophical faith, I love LCM because it is a place where I can think, doubt, struggle, question, and grow. I love that different opinions are encouraged at LCM, and I enjoy the deep conversations that ensue.

How did you hear about LCM? My first quarter of college was spent looking for a church that fit me best, and my search ended when I found Mt. Carmel and LCM.

How has LCM helped you grow in faith? LCM has provided needed reminders to not worry and to trust in God; my faith shaped here allows me to leap into life, even if I can't see what lies ahead of me.

When I'm not at LCM, I can be found... hanging out in coffeehouses reading something engaging.

When I really want to procrastinate I... go swing or blues dancing. And shake it.

One thing I want you to know about LCM: At LCM you will find acceptance, community, truth, and chocolate.

Name: Caitlin "Casey" Wright

Major: History

Year: 3rd

Hometown: Redondo Beach, CA

What do you love about LCM?

Where should I begin? I love the free food, awesome friends, amazing Bible studies, calming worships, energizing intermural games... the list goes on and on!

How did you hear about LCM?

I worked at a Lutheran camp over the summer before my freshman

year called El Camino Pines and the director of the camp was friends with Pastor Jana so he gave me her email. I emailed her the week before I got there and went to Mt. Carmel on the first Sunday I was in SLO. I just jumped right into the group of college students who were there and it was so much fun I was hooked that first Sunday!

How has LCM helped you grow in faith? As a college student your horizons are always changing and having LCM to come to and question those new things really made my faith stronger. Also, being in a community of caring Christians always makes me grow because I want to be more like them.

What I'm not at LCM, I can be found... cooking yummy food, playing my guitar, or at the beach.

When I really want to procrastinate I... clean my room. If there's a really big paper due the next day I will clean ANYTHING to get out of doing it!

One thing I want you to know about LCM: It is my home away from home where I go to get filled physically, mentally, and spiritually.

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Get on the Bus: An Incredible Day

On June 22, Pastor Marj and I joined 30+ GOTB volunteers to meet with the dads from CMC who had been involved in the Get on the Bus event. The purpose of the meeting was for the dads to give their feedback on the program. It was a day full of emotion and stories as the dads shared their experiences of being able to see their children. At the reception held at Mt. Carmel, we were able to hear what the visit meant to the children as they were able to touch and talk to their fathers. Now was an opportunity for the dads to tell us how the visit had affected their lives. The best way to illustrate what a powerful day this was is to share quotes from the dads:

- "This is my 10th Father's Day in prison. And this is a gift for me. The atmosphere on this day is not like life in prison. I see the light and I see God's spirit. I don't have much, but I am a supporter of this and will be 'til God lets me go home to my family."
- "What we're trying to do is rehabilitate ourselves. Just seeing you guys [the volunteers], and how you come in here and help us makes me want to do better."
- "If it wasn't for this program I wouldn't get to see my family at all...Most important for me was I got to hold my grandson. This helps me out because it keeps me focused. I get discouraged, and then I look at the Get On the Bus program and I have hope."
- "I get to see my family quite often (they live locally), but this, this is different. When things like this happen, it makes you proud to be a human being. This is more than just gratitude. You forget there are people out there who have compassion. I'm proud to be a human. We are all related."
- "Last year my wife didn't want to do this. She was nervous. Then she saw how it worked and how you [the volunteers] treated everyone. This year she was moved to letting our daughter come with a volunteer!"

And so I can only say, "thank you, thank you" to all of you who donated your dollars, time, and love. You have given children back a relationship with their fathers and you have given hope to dads whose future looked very dark. There is no telling where the ripples of God's love may lead.

— Nancy Priddy