Connections

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to the others. ***Romans 12:5***

A Message from Pastor Rick;

In just a few weeks we will celebrate the Sunday of Pentecost-the unleashing of the power of the Holy Spirit as the church is launched to have an impact into the world. It was a powerful scene-and the gift of the Holy Spirit is one that we still benefit from and celebrate every single day. I'm reminded of Paul's words of encouragement to Timothy, that the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid, but fills us with power, love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7).

The work of the Holy Spirit continues to be the source of strength and confidence for every follower of Jesus. He promises to come to us as we daily are in His Word, as we gather in worship each week, and as we communicate with Him through prayer and quiet meditation. It's my prayer that as you journey each day in faith, that God would fill you with all that is needed to help lead, guide and direct your life!

As this newsletter will also cover the month of July, we also have the opportunity in just a few weeks to gather with family and friends to celebrate as a nation the independence and freedoms that we cherish in this country. More than ever, we are reminded of what a blessing it is to live in a nation where we can gather freely to worship God. These freedoms did not come without sacrifice and cost; so as we gather, we are mindful of those who gave, as well as those who continue to serve so that we can enjoy these many blessings.

We are blessed to have a few new ministries that are beginning here at LCA:

-Karen Giacomini is continuing to develop our new Parish Nursing Ministry. We are very thankful for her willingness to serve and also to those of you who have filled out our surveys. You will be hearing more in the coming weeks and months about how this ministry will become such a blessing to our worshiping community! If you would like to contact Karen directly with any questions or concerns, please call the church office and we can get that contact information to you.

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A Message from Pastor Rick -cont. from page 1

We are beginning a new monthly worship service at Timber Ridge in McKinleyville starting Sunday, June 30th at 3:30 p.m. in the Activity Center. This event will be open to all residents as well as any friends and family members. Please feel free to stop by and worship with us if you would like! Future Sundays will be July 14th, August 11th and September 22nd.

-Are you interested in being part of a mission team? LCA will be organizing a team of youth, young adults and adults to travel to Guatemala for a week next summer to serve at Casa Gloria, an orphanage for children. Our focus will be to serve the needs of the orphanage as well as have the opportunity to minister to the people in the village who live in harsh conditions and extreme poverty by focusing on education, health needs and sharing the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are just beginning the initial planning and will be having information meetings coming up in the near future. Please email pastorrick@lutheranchurcharcata.org if you would like to be included in receiving additional information. Please pray for this opportunity for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who are in need!

God's blessings as we serve together!

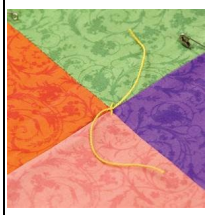
Pastor Rick

Crabs Game—July 21, 2019!

PLAY BALL !

LCA has once again reserved the exclusive right field picnic area at the Arcata Community Ballpark for July 21st. The Humboldt Crabs will be hosting the Corvallis Knights. Historically, the Knights have been an excellent team and, undoubtedly, will be a worthy challenger for the Crabs. In anticipation of a great game and fine weather, we'll be picnicking in the park. Gates open at 11:30 AM with game time at 12:30 PM. All die hard fans know that Noon is beer time. As in the past, this will be a pot-luck event. LCA will provide burgers and dogs with fixings. We ask that you bring a salad, side dish, dessert or beverage. A sign up sheet will be forthcoming to register your attendance and potluck provision. See you at the ballpark! —Valerie

LWML Happenings



Calling all quilters! On June 22nd, the ladies of the LWML will be gathering at LCA for a day of quilt tying. We'll begin at 10 AM and end around 2 PM. Of course, we'll break for lunch about noon. The ladies in Crescent City will be bringing many quilts to be tied. Quilters of all levels are encouraged to help, even if you've never quilted. The ladies are happy to teach, and you'll catch on quickly. This is the last quilt tying at LCA for the year. The next quilting day is tentatively scheduled for August 24th at Grace Lutheran in Crescent City, and your attendance is welcome and appreciated. On October 1st, the quilts will he boxed for delivery to Redding. Last year, we delivered over 70 quilts. Our goal is to hit the 100 mark. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us for a day of fun. Remember---many hands make light work.

The LWML Fall Gathering is scheduled for October 19th at St Mark's Lutheran in Ferndale. They have a small group and appreciate our attendance. It isn't too far to drive, and the weather is still generally pleasant. Remember that the greatest number of attendees come from Crescent City. Be sure to update your calendar and support the Ferndale Society. —Valerie

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

Margot (Oliver) Vangeest: MD from Wayne State University School of Medicine. She will be doing her residency in Family Medicine here at St. Joseph's Hospital!

Peter Oliver: BA in Mathematics from Humboldt State University.

Levi Seda: BA in Recreation Administration with an emphasis in Outdoor Education from Humboldt State University.

Josh Duncan: Eureka High School. Josh is still deciding where he wants to study and play soccer this fall.

Ethan Jabbour: (Holly Bjorman's grandson) Eureka High School. Ethan plans to complete his General Ed at College of the Redwoods before transferring to H.S.U.

Brad Schuette: McKinleyville High School. Brad will be attending College of the Redwoods this fall.

Liberty Seda: Arcata High School. Liberty is considering a Dental Assistant Program this fall, possibly at College of the Redwoods.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast for June will be the second Saturday of the month, June 8th at 8 a.m. Join us for a hot and hearty breakfast, a devotion and good fellowship.

Consider extending an invitation to your family, friends, and co-workers of the male persuasion!

Best wishes to all our graduates as they continue to grow and use the gifts and talents God has given them!

6/4 Frank McGuire
6/7 Kara Schimke
Bev Westman
6/7 Jessi Merrill
6/9 Rusty Seda
6/10 Joshua Duncan
6/15 Edith S.-Wall
Levi Seda
6/16 Hans Lund
6/17 Kyle Parkhurst
6/18 Dan Hauser
6/20 Allen Adams
6/26 Franklin Klopp
Dianne McGuire
6/28 Bob Merrill

Anniversaries:

6/8 Paul & Janet Holmes
6/13 Bob & Sally Illman
6/24 Robert & Elizabeth Illman
6/26 Forrest & Carole Schafer
6/27 Ted & Leanne Schuette
6/28 Bob & Bobbi Merrill

June Worship Schedule

June 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher: Pr. Bob Illman

Lessons: Acts 1:12-26
Revelation 22:1-6
John 17:20-26

June 9 The Day of Pentecost

Message: "Living in the Power of God"

Scripture: John 14:23-31

Lessons: Genesis 11:1-9
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:23-31

June 16 The Holy Trinity

Message: "Who Is Jesus?"

Scripture: John 8:48-59

Lessons: Proverbs 8:1-4 22-31
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 8:38-59

June 23 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Freedom in Christ"

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

Lessons: Isaiah 65:1-9
Galatians 3:23-4:7
Luke 8:26-39

June 30 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "A Costly Calling?

Scripture: Luke 9:51-62

Lessons: 1 Kings 19:9b-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

July Worship Schedule

July 7 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Here Am I Send ME!-Living A Life of Mission"
Scripture: Luke 10:1-20

Lessons: Isaiah 66:10-14
Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18
Luke 10:1-20

July 14 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Go and Do Likewise"
Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Lessons: Leviticus (18:1-5) 19:9-18
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 21 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"
Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Lessons: Genesis 18:1-10a (10b-14)
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:38-42

July 28 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Message: Guest Preacher: Pastor Bob Illman

Lessons: Genesis 18: (17-19), 20-33
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
Luke 11:1-13

7/3 Matthew Meyer
Russ Seda
7/4 Sondra Schaub
7/6 Shelbye Duncan
7/7 Steve Claasen
Glenn Swanback
7/11 Kieran Czerwinski
7/12 Elyse Ford
7/14 Justin Hoopes
7/15 Adam Hess
7/17 Taylor Hagbo
7/21 Eliot Claasen
7/28 Lynn Ford
7/29 Connie Jorgensen
7/30 Bonnie Oliver

Anniversaries:

7/4 Mark & Wendy Parkhurst
7/13 Dan & Donna Hauser
7/19 Tom & Becky Schuette
7/26 Russell & Lynn Rose Seda

A Bit of History

This is a wonderful true story, and an example of our Christian heritage worth remembering and sharing with the world.

THE MOON AND GOD

What was the first food and beverage consumed on the moon? I'm sure that most are unaware of this story.

Fifty years ago (July 20, 1969) two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But what happened before Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it. I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in Guideposts magazine.

The background of the story is that Aldrin was an Elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period of his life. Knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt that he should mark the occasion somehow. He asked his minister to help him, and so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and onto the surface of the moon. He and Armstrong had only been on the surface of the moon a short time when he made the following public statement:

"This is the LM (lunar module) pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication, and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion.

Here is an account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixtieth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the scripture: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit…Apart from me, you can do nothing.

I had intended to radio my communion passage back to Earth, but at the last minute (they) had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew's reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly. I ate the tiny toast and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were the communion elements. And, of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and moon-and who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

How many of you knew this? Too bad this type of news doesn't travel as fast as the bad does.

—Valerie