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Summer Fun

We have some fun activities planned for summer. Make sure you put them on your calendar and invite friends!

Thursday, July 16: Swim Party at the Schoenthal's, 12:30 (after VBS) – 3:00

Friday, July 31: Lock-in at church, 6:00 pm – 9:00 am. We'll have food, games, glow stick hunt, movies, and various other fun stuff.

Stephen Ministry

Summer vacation at last! Graduations are over, some family members are traveling and hopefully life slows down for awhile. But for those with problems, there is no vacation. People still face depression, loss of jobs, illness, loneliness, divorce, death, and other situations that sap their energy and spirit. It is really helpful to have someone who will share your problems and listen to your troubles. That is the purpose of Stephen Ministry. We have trained Stephen Ministers who will confidently listen and share your problems. Just speak with one of our acting Stephen Leaders. Vonnie Carlson at 925-846-5231, Pat Rustin at 925-828-4818 or Barbara Silzer at 925-964-9630.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to thank all those who participated in our recent survey of worship surveys services at St. Philip. 74 surveys were completed and your opinions and comments appreciated and duly noted. The findings reflected a wide array of opinions and preferences regarding how we worship and the worship services we use. The worship committee has studied and discussed the results and will present them to the new pastor when he comes on board. Any changes which will be made in the future will be a joint decision of the worship committee and the new pastor, taking into consideration the feelings expressed through the survey. Our goal is to make worship at St. Philip as meaningful as possible for our members and visitors alike and your participation and openness expressed in the survey will help us to achieve that goal. Thank you!

VBS

Don't forget to pick up an Alligator in the narthex to donate items for VBS. Please bring your donated items back to church by July 12, 2009. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you

Mission Grants for 2008-2010

In case you have missed seeing the sign and Mite Box on the first Sunday of each month, here is an update. There are only 5 projects left of the list for 2008 through 2010. Even in this economy, the change being given is making many things possible. Remember to put your change in the box by the doughnuts on the first Sunday of the month. Also, feel free to take one of the empty mite boxes to use to collect your coins during the month. If you forget, you can turn the money in to the church office any time, or give it to Diane Griffiths.

Mite Project No. 1 - PAID \$6,000 - Youth Center Outreach, Zion Lutheran Church, Winnemucca, NV

Mite Project No. 2 - PAID \$15,000 - Communication Education & Outreach, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Ely, Nevada

Mite Project No. 3 - PAID \$5,000 - Mail Media Outreach, Jackson Lutheran Mission, Jackson, CA

Mite Project No. 4 - PAID \$2,340 - Christian Children's Books, First Lutheran Church, Hanford, CA

Mite Project No. 5 - PAID \$4,500 - Lutheran Blind Missions Scholarships, St. Louis, Missouri

Mite Project No. 6 - PAID \$5,500 - Morning Star Club and Mentoring Program for Native American Girls, Lamp US, Olympic Peninsula, Washington

Mite Project No. 7 - PAID \$10,000 - Acts in Mission Society, St. John Lutheran Church, Bakersfield, CA -

Mite Project No. 8 - PAID \$8,000 Faith Family Center, Faith Lutheran Church, Yerington, Nevada

Mite Project No. 9 - PAID \$7,500 Our Savior Lutheran Asian Ministries, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Fremont,

Mite Project No. 10 - FUNDED \$5,500 Focus on Families, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Roseville, CA

Mite Project No. 11 - Hispanic Church Plant, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hayward, CA - \$10,000.00

Mite Project No. 12 - Our Savior Lutheran School, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Salinas, CA - \$14,000.00

Mite Project No. 13 - Missionary Lay Training Center, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Tracy, CA - \$10,000.00

Mite Project No. 14 - Hindu Outreach & Church Planting, North Central India, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach, Dearborn Heights, MI - \$7,500.00

Mite Project No. 15 - Jewish Outreach Scholarships, Apple of His Eye, Fenton, Missouri - \$5,000.00

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Thrivent Fraternal Board Meetings

Saturday August 8th @ 9:00 a.m.

Saturday October 10th, @ 9:00 a.m.

For more information on these meetings please contact Gayle Wilson @ 510-405-8100 or toll - free @ 800-972-2880

Susie's Corner

The ladies of St. Philip are invited to attend a district wide Women's Retreat at Mt Cross in Felton, CA on September 25-26, 2009. Christian author and speaker, Mimi Moseley, will be there leading sessions. It is a time to take a step back from the distractions of every day life and be encouraged, built up, and renewed. Cost (including lodging Friday night, meals on Saturday, and the program) is \$110. See Susie or watch your August Scroll for more information.

Sunday School Teachers

We still have some openings available to teach Sunday School this coming fall! At St. Philip we are blessed to have some wonderful children and young people in our Sunday School program and it is a joy to work with them every week! As a Sunday School teacher you will receive plenty of training and support. If you would like to help but teaching isn't for you, we can still use you as an aide, a sub, a craft person, an attendance taker, or something else! Please speak with Christie Bru if you are interested.

Mark your calendars for October 7th. This evening will be the first night for the new women's monthly Bible study. More on this to come...

Book Club

The Book Club's next selection is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. The story takes place in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, where there are lines that are not crossed. With the civil rights movement exploding all around them, three women start a movement of their own, forever changing a town and the way women--black and white, mothers and daughters--view one another. Pick up a copy and start reading today! We will be meeting to discuss it in August.

The Prayer Chain Needs You!

Each week there is a notation in the church bulletin, "For prayer chain requests or to join the prayer chain call....." But have you wondered "what is a prayer chain?" or "why would I request a prayer for the prayer chain?". Simply stated, a prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive a prayer request for a concern or a thanksgiving, forward the request to the next available person in the network and then immediately pray for that request. The prayer chain is a spiritual system which communicates and takes prayerful action on the needs of the congregation. The work of the prayer chain is done behind the scenes. All that is asked of you is to take the time to pray as soon as you receive the request. How and where you pray is up to you. You can be notified of a request by phone or by e-mail, the choice is yours. E-mail works well for those who work full time, travel, or for those who have left our congregation but still would like to remain in prayerful contact. Why ask for a prayer through the prayer chain when we have a prayer sheet in the Sunday bulletin? There may be times you need a prayer to be offered and you cannot wait until Sunday morning. Or perhaps your need does not fit neatly into one of the prayer list categories. You may also want to ask for more specific requests than can be typed onto the prayer sheet. Finally, your request may be of a very personal nature that you would not really like to "be announced" and/or kept confidential. The prayer chain will honor your request for confidentiality. James 5:16 states: "Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." God's power is infinitely greater than ours. Our most powerful resource is communion with God through prayer. Won't you join our prayer chain? Your link will add to our strength. If you need a prayer, please call and let us ease your heart and mind as we add our strength and prayers to yours. For prayer chain requests or to join the prayer chain, please call.

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From Pastor Schruhl

Summertime and the 4th of July. Independence Day. Freedom!

Rousseau, the French philosopher, in a treatise on freedom wrote, “Man is born free, but is everywhere in chains.” Paraphrasing his thoughts, we may be “free” in the sense that we can make many choices, but we are not altogether free because we have basic human needs, such as eating, etc., and we are dependent on others to help us. We are free, but, for instance, we depend on Safeway to have their shelves stocked with food; we are dependent upon food wholesalers and distributors to supply Safeway; we are dependent on farmers far away to plant crops to supply distributors who supply Safeway; and so on. We are born free, but we are dependent on many others – and others, in the same way, are dependent on us. Rousseau’s point was that with freedom comes responsibility. This will be the theme of many speeches made on the 4th of July. We are free, but with freedom comes responsibility.

The same is true of our ‘freedom in Christ.’ In Jesus we are free. In Jesus we have the forgiveness of all of our sins and the promise of everlasting life; we are free from any requirement of law to earn our salvation; we are free from the fear of death; and so on. But with our freedom should come a sense of responsibility. We are in Jesus, and we are, therefore, his representatives here on earth. As St. Paul said, we are Jesus’ “ambassadors, God making his appeal through us.” (2 Corinthians 5:20) We are free, but we also have responsibility – Jesus is depending on us.

Summer is upon us, and summer often means more free time. However, it does not mean freedom to be irresponsible. Wherever you go, whatever plans you make, you are still disciples of Jesus, you are still his ambassadors, God continues to make his appeal through you.

As Rousseau pointed out in his essay, even though you’re free, you still need to eat – in the same way, even though you have freedom in the Gospel, you still need to be fed on the Word of God – you still need to be in church in the summertime, wherever you are. Rousseau pointed out that with your freedom comes responsibility – even though you’re free, and on vacation, you’re still responsible to Jesus as his representative.

Enjoy your summer, but enjoy it as a responsible child of God, letting the love of Christ show through you clearly. Wherever you go and whatever you do, carry with you and distribute the love of Christ.

In Christ,

Joe E. Schruhl
Interim Pastor

P.S. As you are well aware, we are in the process of Calling a permanent full time Pastor for St. Philip. God has blessed us with a new Principal for our school, and now we pray that he will bless us also with a new Pastor. Our Pastor Call Committee has done a thorough and conscientious job of sorting through a huge list of 25 or so possible candidates given us by our District President. Resumes have been carefully read, telephone interviews conducted, and there were two on-site visits by two outstanding candidates. After the visits, the Call Committee unanimously chose one candidate and upon its recommendation the Church Council unanimously agreed. On Sunday afternoon, June 28 at 1:00 p.m., the congregation will have the opportunity to issue a solemn Call. Everyone needs to be there, hear the presentation of the Call Committee, and the congregation with one voice will have opportunity to Call a Pastor. Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit, and pray that an enthusiastic Call be issued.

SCROLL/BULLETIN GUIDELINES

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-5:00 p.m. M-F

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-3:30 p.m. M-F

TO SUBMIT SCROLL/BULLETIN ARTICLES OR INFORMATION:

DEADLINES: **Scroll:** *the 15th of the preceding month by noon to the church office via hard copy or Email.*

Bulletin: *Noon Wednesday. Items requiring a full page should be in the office by noon on Tuesday.*

Items submitted after either deadline will be printed on avail space if any. All items are subject to adjustment in length and or language at the editor's discretion.

ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

CHURCH: 925-828-2117

SCHOOL: 925-829-3857

Worship: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Principal: Fred Brauer

Sunday school: 9:45 am

Preschool Director: Sharon Collins

Adult Bible Class: 10:00 am

Office Manager: Erika Hidley

Interim Pastor: Joe Schruhl

Secretary: Linda Meyer

Secretary: Terri Parnoff

DCE: Susie Wilkerson

Music Director: Barbara Silzer

FAX (for both): 925-829-6672

Our School

Principal & M/S Math & Science: Mr. Fred Brauer

Preschool: Mrs. Sharon Collins, Mrs. Rachel Johnson, Mrs. Kelly Premo, Mrs. Wendy Tetzloff

Kindergarten: Mrs. Jemma Choi

First Grade: Mrs. Sally Larsen

Second/Third Grade: Miss. Shannon Schneider

Fourth/Fifth Grade: Mrs. Char Nale

Middle School (6,7,8) Mrs. Dee Christopher

Physical Education: Mrs. Linda Meyer

School Board Chairman Bob Green

Those Who Serve -July, 2009

If you cannot serve on your scheduled day, please, trade or find a sub and notify the church office. Thanks!

Altar Guild	July	5	Holly Stover & Julie Bowman	
		12	Irene Alvarado & Debbie Gartner	
		19	Barbara Jones & Cathy Wickboldt	
		26	Kim Struecker & Pam Roeber	
			8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Communion Assistants	July	5	Bob Green & Craig Blackburn	
		12		John Roeber & Joel Geach
		19	Lon Rustin & Al Bru	
		26		Joel Geach & Marvin Matey
Acolytes	July	5	Alex Bru	Samantha Bonkofsky
		12	Jacob Rubio	Justin Symmank
		19		
		26	Ruby Boyle	
Readers	July	5	Craig Blackburn	Cindy Blackburn
		12	Becky Broderick	Bev Symmank
		19	Rob Broderick	Joyce Castro
		26	Cindy Blackburn	Karen Balch
Ushers	July	5	Paul Rankin	Earl Stevens
		12	Lee Stark	Harry Turbeville
		19	Walter Wickboldt	Mike Kelley
		26	Bill Casper	Bob Balch
Greeters	July	5		Ray & Minta Bowers
		12	Ron & Carole Doyle	Harry & Vicki Turbeville
		19		Joan Kumparak
		26	Bill & Joyce Sliney	
Elders of the Service	July	5		Marvin Matey
		12	Aline Strachan	Sue Cooley
		19	Pam Roeber	Mike Kelley
		26	Ron Doyle	Doretta Thomsen
Visitors' Table	July	5	Pat Rustin	Susie Stagnaro
		12		Minta Bowers
		19	Aline Strachan	Irene Alvarado
		26	Kim Struecker	Astra Gabriel