

Christmas is Forever!

That's the name of this year's Christmas musical presented by the Adult Choir with the children and youth choir, soloists and drama team. We love to have lots of people involved so please look at the list below. If you are interested in any of the areas, please call Marilyn right away at 444-7444 or e-mail her at marilynhh@ecflc.org

- Adult choir members – all voice parts are welcome – soprano, alto, tenor and bass
Rehearsals start October 5th
- Drama team members – if you are an actress or actor, call right away
- Children and Youth Choir – one of the songs will feature a group of our children and youth – rehearsals will begin in November – let us know now if your kids want to participate (1st grade through 12th)
- Soloists – if you have a solo voice and want to audition, let us know
- Costuming team – make the costumes extra special
- Walk-on parts – no lines
- Support team – assist with support tasks

New Member Class

Come and learn about membership at First Lutheran on Sunday, October 15th from 1-5:30pm. To sign-up use a communication card in the pew on Sunday or call the church office. *Childcare is available upon request.*

Opportunity for Service in Sunday Hospitality Team

Every Sunday we enjoy a time of refreshments after every service. We have openings right now on the Hospitality Team. "Providers" bring the snacks on a specific Sunday and "Servers" prepare the snacks and drinks for a specific service. If you are interested in serving as a Provider or a Server, please call or email Marilyn at 444-7444/marilynhh@ecflc.org.

Thought for the day:

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer everyone else up,"

MARK TWAIN

First Lutheran Church

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Church office hours:

Monday: 8:30 am 12:00 noon
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Telephone: (619) 444-7444

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Web site: www.ecflc.org &
www.hope4u.cc

e-mail: flc@ecflc.org

Trunk Or Treat

Halloween is approaching fast! We have an opportunity to reach out to the kids and their families in our church neighborhood. Last year we had about 150 kids come through our campus on Halloween night. We need your help in order for this to be another success this year. We need the following:

- Park, Pop, & Pass: Park in the church lot, Pop your trunk and decorate it, and Pass out candy to the kids who come through.
- Help! We need volunteers to help serve drinks, run games, and more!
- Donate! We need extra candy, treats, and hot chocolate and apple cider mix.

You can bring your donations to the church office. Bring your family for this fun event between 6 and 8pm on Halloween night! Get your picture taken in your costume, load up on candy, and give apple bobbing and pumpkin seed flicking a try! If you're interested in being a part of *Trunk Or Treat* please contact Ryan Albert at 444-7444.

Upcoming Events

Fellowship Potluck
4th Wednesday / month
October 25th
12:00 noon
Tedrahn Hall.
All are welcome

Mourning to Morning
1st & 3rd Monday / month
6:00-7:30 pm
Tedrahn Hall

Couples Group
2nd & 4th Sunday / month
5:30-7:30 pm
Tedrahn Hall

Pastor's Breakfast for Men
First Saturday / month
October 7th
8:15-9:45 am
Tedrahn Hall

Love El Cajon
First Saturday / month
October 7th
10:00-12:30 pm
Meet in front of the
Administration Building

Timothy Girls
Women's Luncheon
2nd Tuesday / month
October 10th
12:00 noon
Coco's, Melody/E. Main
All women welcome!

New Member Class
Sunday, October 15th
1:00-5:30 pm
Music Dept.
Administration Building

MOPS
First Friday / month
October 6th
9:15-11:30 am
Tedrahn Hall

60th Anniversary Celebration
October 8, 2006
Elk's Lodge
El Cajon

CELEBRATE RECOVERY Turns SIX Years Old!!!

Come and celebrate the 6th anniversary of Celebrate Recovery on Friday, November 3rd. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the evening! Dinner will be at 6pm, Worship at 7pm, Recovery groups at 8pm and Coffeehouse at 9pm. Childcare is available from birth to 6th grade.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Upcoming . . .
Training for Tech Assistant (Powerpoint/Mediashout)
The tech assistants support the Sunday Worship services by operating the Powerpoint-type program that we use to project the words and images onto our screen at the 9:30 and 11am services. Computer familiarity is beneficial. It's a fun and important way to serve here at First Lutheran. Call or email Marilyn for more information on the upcoming training. 444-7444/marilynhh@ecflc.org.

MINISTRY CARE

Mourning to Morning
A Christian grief support group that meets at our church on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month in Tedrahn Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Visitation Ministry
This ministry seeks to meet the needs of our members and friends who are ill or homebound, or members who need transportation to Dr. appointments.

Bible Study at Granite Hills
Convalescent Hospital
1st and 3rd Mondays from
10:00 to 10:45 AM.

Residents are led in worship, prayer, scripture reading, and song. The residents, as well as the group that goes to minister to them, are blessed each time!

If you are interested in finding out about these ministries, and discovering if this is where God wants to use you, please contact Sue in the church office at 444-7444.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Take a look at some Special Activities that are happening for kids!!!!

The Discovery Zone – (9:30-10:30am)

*Starting October 15 – December 17

**Bethlehem Village:
Where a Savior is Born!**

Immersing ourselves in authentic Bible-times culture, we'll be on a 10-week journey to discover and become a part of Bible history! Tedrahn Hall will be transformed into a little—and crowded—Bethlehem Village. We'll witness real life dramas in the center of town, chat with shopkeepers about the coming Messiah, and discover what it was like to live in the Roman empire. Join us as we discover more about what it was like when Jesus was born. Friends are welcome!

Pioneer Club!

Wednesday nights - 6:30-8:00pm

This is a weekly Christian club for kids (Kindergarten-Grade 5).

Activities include:

- Having fun & being with friends
- Learning and developing new skills (ex: wilderness skills)
- Art, Hobbies, Sports activities
- Fun games and projects
- Use, understand, and apply the Bible to daily life
- Award recognitions

For more information,
call Fried Thomas #619-669-1295
BRING A FRIEND and JOIN IN THE FUN!

*Mark your calendars for our very first Family Night – Sunday, November 5 - more information to come....

NEEDED: large or small terra cotta pots or flower urns that we can borrow during Bethlehem Village for our decorations. Call Lori Rische – 593-7832

MOPS

MOPS is a place for mothers of young children (infant to Kindergarten) to be encouraged, make new friends, have a welcomed break, and the opportunity to know that other moms go through the same struggles and joys of raising young children.

Friday, October 13

9:15 - 11:30am in Tedrahn Hall.

We have a speaker, small group time, snacks & a craft just for you!

Childcare is available for a minimal fee.

Your 1st time here is FREE!

FRESH AIR: What Every Mom Needs

"All Dressed up—Formal, Fancy & Fun!"

Get a 10 X 13 Kids* Formal Portrait for Just \$10!

MOPS Is Hosting an *Elaborate* Kids Portrait Event

\$10 gets you a 10 X 13 portrait!

You can purchase additional packages but not required.

Tuxedos, top hats, formals, accessories & props will be provided. Photography dates: Friday-Sunday, October 27th-29th at the Church campus. Portraits will be back in plenty of time for Christmas!

Reservations deadline date October 20. For more information please call Kathleen Bellavance at (619) 749-4844.

**For children 12 years old and younger. Proceeds go to support MOPS.*

A STRANGE YOUTH MINISTRY

Strange isn't something we usually would like to be thought of as. But it's what we're shooting for at First Lutheran for our youth ministry. A youth ministry, or a church for that matter, isn't about just showing up for an event or a service. It's about creating encounters with God where the people who come walk away changed. Different. Strange.

I'd like to invite you to a gathering on Sunday, October 22nd at 6:30pm in Tedrahn Hall where I'll be able to expand more on what this looks like at First Lutheran and in youth ministry. I can't do it all alone. I need the help of others to see teenagers being strange. I know most people already think teenagers are strange and unusual, but the strange and unusual I'm hoping to see is where teenagers' lives are transformed. Where their love, passion, and excitement for God is contagious and energizing. God has done some incredible things in and through the youth of this church and I believe He will continue to do so. I want you to be a part of it.

I can't describe how it feels when God creates teachable moments and I'm able to share what God has done in me. There are no words to explain what it's like to have teenagers share what God has been working in them, or how they've applied what they've learned at church. I'd love to have you join me on the 22nd, even if you just want to come and find out what's hopefully ahead for us. Let me know if you have any questions!

Blessings, Ryan Albert, Youth Director

FAMILY MATTERS

Family Matters is a monthly page on which we share significant events or happenings in your life with others in your church family.

Please submit your items to the church office by the 12th of every month to be included in the next issue of **Focus 2020 Family Matters**.

Birthdays

Ruth Reynolds	10/01	Ryan Shelton-Crenshaw	10/19
Nancy Peterson	10/01	Tim Beall	10/19
Amanda Eberhart	10/01	Jack Shelton	10/20
Sarah Hulbert	10/02	Evelyn Killmar	10/20
Debbie Abel	10/02	George Kehl	10/20
Lynn Lassen	10/02	Bill Ellis	10/20
Jade Snead	10/02	Joanna Banks	10/20
Krista Schmoe	10/02	Rachel Vaughn	10/20
Kian Hemmen	10/03	Claire Fox	10/20
Tiffany Schmoe	10/03	Diane Hulbert	10/21
Leann Stack	10/04	Diana Fisher	10/21
Stu Scranton	10/06	Tracie Lincoln	10/21
Marion Gray	10/07	Emily Thomas	10/21
Tony Cresto	10/10	Darlene Unger	10/22
Audra Nagby	10/10	Stewart Mossman	10/23
Katie Vaughn	10/11	Kim Schluter	10/23
Evelyn Thefeld	10/13	Tony Viavada	10/23
Wanda Scheppmann	10/11	Scott Rische	10/23
Vittorio Bavaro	10/13	Ed Slagle	10/24
Bob Lindemann	10/14	Marie Boozel	10/24
Lovely Meckfessel	10/14	Dianne Donegan	10/25
Larry Kelly	10/14	Jessica Darsey	10/27
Leah Rhoades	10/15	Connor Bast	10/28
Sidney Pulley	10/17	Hannah Lincoln	10/28
Don Neff	10/17	Gisela Howard	10/28
Sarah Warner	10/17	Kevin Robinson	10/28
Robert Nagby	10/18	Lucile Whelpley	10/29
John Godwin	10/18	Deena Betcher	10/30

Wedding Anniversaries

10/08	10/17
Ron & Nancy Peterson	Rick & Lori Favale
10/10	10/17
Mike & Janice Cook	Dee & Gwyn Reed
10/10	10/23
Steve & Susy Riddle	Christian & Regie Wille
10/10	10/23
Tony & Suzan Cresto	James & Tamera Flynn
10/11	10/26
Warren & Delores Goodridge	Gerald & Beverly Lynn
10/14	10/27
Ron & Leah Rhoades	Charles & Kathleen Vaughn
10/15	
Jack & Kristin Brayman	

Baptisms

Jesse D. Rogers, Jr.	9/03
Cadence B. Jach	9/16

Deaths

Helen Brugger	9/03
Kenneth White	9/08
Maxine Matson	9/28



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Focus 2020 ... To Inform and to Inspire

“A place to *discover, deepen, and live out* the life and relationships we were created to have with God and others.”

The next Pastor's Breakfast for Men

HOW TO GET ALONG

WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Saturday, October 7th

8:15 – 9:45 a.m. in Tedrahn Hall

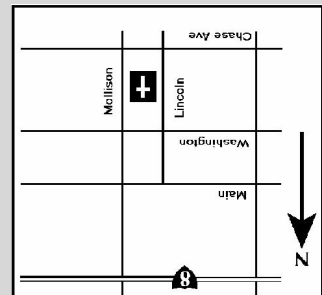
Join Pastor Scott and other men from First Lutheran.

Great food!

Fellowship! Prayer! Worship!

Men need other men. So join together in order to help each other be the men God has called and enabled us to be!

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Sunday 8:00 am Worship
Powerful hymns, organ & choir
Childcare provided

9:30 am Worship & Education Hour
Uplifting new songs, band & vocalists in worship & a variety of adult classes, children's activities, middle & high school classes. *Childcare provided*

11:00 am Worship
Uplifting new songs, band & vocalists. *Childcare provided*

Friday 6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
Dinner, Worship, Recovery Groups, Coffee House. *Childcare provided*