

# THE WHOLE TRUTH

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32

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## February DONATION of the Month:

Be on the lookout for...

- ◆ Rolls of Brown Craft Paper
- ◆ Large Pieces of Cardboard

Donations can be brought to the back of the Sanctuary.

Stay tuned to the weekly Good News, the Donation Center and the next issue of The Whole Truth for information on additional needs.



## DON'T FORGET... SIGN UP FOR THE CHILI COOK-OFF AND SUPERBOWL PARTY

SIGN-UP SHEET AND FLIER CAN BE FOUND ON THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.

*Pastor Matt, Nikki and the kids would like to thank everyone who remembered us at Christmas. Words cannot express the appreciation for all the cards, well wishes and gifts we received from so many people this past Christmas season.*

*Thank You!*

# Big Thank You!

DEADLINE for the February issue of The Whole Truth is February 21st

Please submit articles and photos (subject line: St Paul Newsletter) to:

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Copy must be in Word format. Pictures in jpeg or pdf format.

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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the Sermon (ages 3 years-grade 3)  
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

*If you find the Lord leading you to serve (1-2 times a month) to teach the children of St. Paul during this time please see Jeremy Cook.*

## SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY at 11:15 AM

### Kingdom Quest (ages 3 years –grade 3)

Ed. Wing

Room 1 - ages 3 – grade 1

Room 2 - grades 2 & 3

CVCCC members

### Pre-Confirmation (grades 4-6)

Ed. Wing, Room 3

Jesus Company

Kari Bowman, CVCCC members

### Jr. & Sr. High Youth

Rec. Center, Room 2 / St Paul Kitchen

Chronicles of Narnia, Prince Caspian

Nikki Nolte

### Adult Class

Rec. Center, Room 1

Job

Pastor Matt

## WEEKDAY CLASSES

### Thursday Morning

#### In the Dust of the Rabbi

Thursday, 10:00 AM - Ed. Wing

Pastor Matt

### New Member Class

#### The Lutheran Difference

Check with Pastor about times & dates of the next class.

Pastor Matt

### Men's Bible Breakfast

#### Profiles; Colt McCoy

Saturday, 7:30 AM - Ed. Wing

Pastor Matt



**Classes for All Ages**

# SAVE THE DATE

\*\*\* SONRISE \*\*\*

**National Park VBS**

**will be held July 9-13, 2012**

**see pages 1 & 8 for more information**

# Children's Ministry

Sunday School Program:

## Kingdom Quest

Once again, we will be combining our Sunday School classes with the Conejo Valley Chinese Christian Church (CVCCC). We will be continuing with the same curriculum we were using prior to VBS.

Here is what you can expect from the Kingdom Quest Program.

**Jesus-centered.** The content is very Jesus-centered and Bible based.

**Learning with Fun.** The lessons use active learning methods; it will probably feel like VBS at times.

**Connecting with parents.** Kids will bring home sheets called "God Talk at Home".

## Pre-Confirmation Class

(grades 4-6)

Just as with the Sunday School program, this group of students will also be combining with the 4-6th graders from CVCCC.

This class is a 3 year course designed to provide an energizing experience in Bible learning that will serve as a strong foundation for confirmation instruction.

With the help of this program, these young adults will relate to the stories in the Bible through:

**Worship.** Devotional and life-related activities

**Friendship Builders.** Games and recreation

**Service Center.** Family involvement activities

**Witness Workshop.** Arts and crafts with a witnessing focus

ALL children in grades 4-6 are required to participate in this class prior to their confirmation instruction in grades 7-8. Attendance will be taken.

# Youth & Adult Bible Studies

## Jr. & Sr. High Youth

### **Chronicles of Narnia, Prince Caspian** (Sunday morning) -

We will be continuing our study on the Chronicles of Narnia. This time we will be taking a closer look at the book/movie *Prince Caspian*. Join us each week as we eat and discuss the Biblical ties between C.S. Lewis' writings and the Bible.

## Adult Classes

### **Job.** (Sunday morning) -

An in-depth study on the book of Job.

### **In the Dust of the Rabbi.** (Thursday morning) -

An on-going video based study by Ray Vander Lann. It is a study in how Jesus and the disciples lived and looking at what we can learn from it and apply to our lives.

### **Profiles; Colt McCoy** (Men's Bible Breakfast, Saturday morning) -

In the high-stakes, big-money world of NFL football, players who boldly proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ are not the norm. Then again, Colt McCoy is not your typical player. In *Colt McCoy: A Father, A Son, and Football*, the Cleveland Browns' quarterback puts his service and commitment to God at the front of the line—even when the going gets tough.

### **The Lutheran Difference** / New Member Class -

- Look at the basic doctrines of our faith
- Seek to help anyone and everyone more fully understand why we do what we do.
- Give some insight into the structure and workings unique to St. Paul Lutheran Church

# Kids Activities



## FORGIVENESS Game

Try this twist on musical chairs.

### What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

### What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.

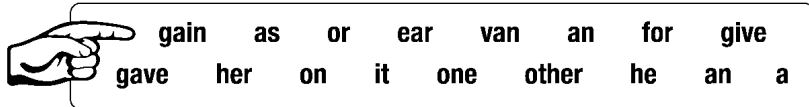


## FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

### •••• DIRECTIONS ••••

To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.



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Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV





VBS will be here before we know it, which means we need YOUR help getting ready for it...

**SonRise National Park**  
coming to St. Paul July 9-13, 2012

**VBS Volunteers Needed:**

**Recreation Games**

**Bible Verse Games**

**Bible Skits & Stories**

**Jr. Rangers - Group Assistants**

**Rangers - Group Leaders**

**Nursery**

**Registration Table**

**Snacks**

**Sound Technician**

**Photography**

Please email us at:  
[VBS@StPaulAqoura.com](mailto:VBS@StPaulAqoura.com)  
if you are able to help in  
one or more of these  
areas. Without YOUR  
help, VBS will not be able  
to happen this year.

**PRIOR TO VBS** (does not need to be there the week of VBS)

**St Paul & CVCCC Liaisons**

**Decorations**

**Sunday School Extensions**

**Church Liaison** (communicate with other churches  
doing the same VBS program)

**Communications** (phone)

**Donations**

collect & organize donations received

keeper(s) of the donations board

**Finance Coordinator**

**Follow-up Coordinator**

**Friday Night Bash** (planning)

**Publicity** (help with 1-2 areas: website, sign,  
brochure, etc)

**Volunteer Coordinator**

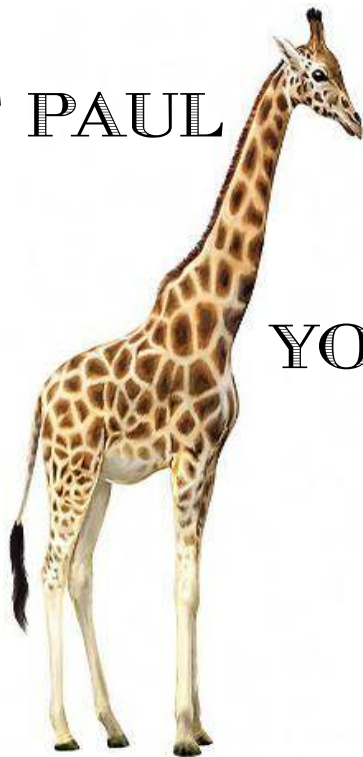
**VBS Fundraiser** (May 2012)

Other ways you can help...

- ◆ DONATIONS ~ stay tuned to the weekly Good News for This Month's Donation of the Month (see page 1 for more information).
- ◆ FUNDRAISER ~ coming this May. More information to come at a later date.

VBS is our LARGEST outreach to the community and it is completely funded by donations from YOU our church family as well as area businesses. Thank you for this support. Without YOU we would not be able to freely share the Gospel with the area children and their families!

ST PAUL



YOUTH



The Youth “**Pennies from Heaven**” Jug is still here...

Thank You to everyone for your donations. To date we have received about \$400, which is our budget for the year.



**The Mardi Gras Dance scheduled for February 11th has been changed to April 21st. Please plan on joining us for another great event.**

**If anyone would like to donate services or goods for the silent auction please talk to either Justine or Janet Ayers.**





**February 2—Groundhogs Day**

**February 5- 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off & Super Bowl Party**

**February 14th—Valentine’s Day**

**February 20—President’s Day (Holiday)**

**February 22—Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm**

**February 29—Lent Service (soup supper at 6:00 pm; service at 7:00 pm)**





If you have an immediate prayer need let our prayer chain pray for you.

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**February Birthdays**

- 1 Keith Coburn
- 3 Teddy Bader
- 15 Pat Bader
- 18 Edith Bogeberg

We would love to celebrate with you so if we’ve missed your Birthday please see Becky Warren and we’ll be sure to recognize this special occasion.



**February Anniversaries**

- 2 Jack & Beverly Richardson
- 3 Ty & Melissa Twine
- 10 Paul & Mary Brown

We would love to celebrate with you so if we’ve missed your anniversary please see Becky Warren and we’ll be sure to recognize this special occasion.



### **Dental Cleanings & Exams at Oxnard College**

As part of the Dental Hygiene Program at Oxnard College, the students are required to recruit their own patients. If you know of anyone who does not have dental insurance and could benefit from dental services, would you please let them know the following information?

Teeth Cleaning with Fluoride:	\$15.00
Full Mouth X-Rays:	\$15.00
4 Bitewing X-Rays:	\$10.00
Sealants:	\$10.00
Quadrant Scaling (per quadrant):	\$15.00

This is a Dental Hygiene program. Appointments take approximately 2-4 hours, and are open to anyone age 4+. Fillings, restorations or any other dental work is not performed at this facility. Services are performed by students and supervised at all times by a dentist and faculty.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:  
Casandra @ 805.377.4535 / CasandraHanover@gmail.com



Dear Partners in Christ:

Traditionally Chinese households clean their courtyards, articles of furniture and bedclothes from the 24th to the end of the 12th lunar month to usher in the Chinese New Year. The dusting was anciently known as New Year cleaning. It is said to have originated from a cleaning rite to eliminate epidemic diseases in the times of Yao and Shun, two legendary sage kings in ancient China. As we step into the year of 2012, we need to come before God, and ask our Lord Jesus to cleanse us by his precious blood; we need to ask Holy Spirit to illuminate our heart, and clear us from hidden faults. As Paul exhorted us, "All who cleanse themselves of the things I have mentioned will become special utensils, dedicated and useful to the owner of the house, ready for every good work." (2 Tim. 2:10) We need to be holy to serve the Holy One.

Looking forward to 2012, there are many God's promises waiting for us to draw. There are more treks, and there is more power in His promises; there are more wars, and there are more victories in His promises! He promises to all of us that "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." (Isa. 12:3)

During last week end, about 20 brothers and sisters attended an exegetical seminar of Revelation by the A Kernel of Wheat Christian Ministries. Ambrose Bierce once said, "Revelation is a famous book in which St. John the divine concealed all that he knew. The revealing is done by the commentators, who know nothing." The seminar offers an exegetical view from the original Greek text and provides a structural view on Revelation.

It is great to ponder on what God tells us in Revelation at the beginning of the year. The Lord says, "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev. 22:12~13) Let us all say, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" Looking forward to 2012, "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Cor. 15:58)

Pastor Tom

# Kimberly in El Salvador



Feliz Navidad! It doesn't really feel like Christmas here (it is 90 degrees outside and the number of fireworks every night is increasing), but this change gives me the opportunity to really remember what Christmas is about without getting caught up in the lights, crowds, and millions of presents I have to buy. Sometimes it's easy for me to focus so much on the death of Christ (which was an incredible sacrifice that has given us life) that I forget about his birth and the life he lived. Long before he died and took my sins to the cross, God came down from heaven so that we could know him. He humbled himself completely, left his place on the throne where the angels proclaimed his glory night and day, to come to the earth where he would be abused and disdained so that we could see him and know him and learn to live as he lived. My prayer is that we would be reminded of God's goodness and his grace this holiday season and that we would grow in our desire to live and die as he did- for the glory of God.

December marked the end of the semester. To show a little practical love to the students who were spending sleepless nights studying for finals, we gave out coffee and pan dulce (sweet bread). Through this small act, we were able to meet many of the new students who will be starting in January (who were on campus for their orientation week), and a lot of them were interested in being part of a bible study next semester! I love the fresh excitement that the new school year brings, and I am hopeful for what God is going to do in the lives of these students we have yet to meet! Please join my team in praying for these new students. Pray that God would be building up men and women who would lead these universities, and ultimately this country, in God's righteousness.

## *Semana de Bienvenidos- Week of Welcome*



*Christmas Dinner with students, staff, and ministry partners- a sweet time to reflect on what God has done this past year! There has been incredible growth within the student leaders and they are being empowered to share their faith with their peers.*

### *Prayer Requests:*

- *The retreat we're having Jan. 9-11. We're talking about what it means to live lives transformed by the gospel. Pray for real understanding and for hearts to be hungry for more of God.*
- *The start of school Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> (for the two different campuses)*
- *For national staff to be fully raised financially by the start of school so that they can be back on campus*
- *Greater faith within our team to believe God for the things he is doing here in El Salvador and the strength to respond*



*We went to the state-run orphanage with about 25 students and were able to give gifts to the 90+ children and young mothers there. It was heart-breaking to see so many young pregnant girls (age 12-14) who had been abused and abandoned, but it reminds me so clearly how desperately we need a Savior to heal the brokenness of this world.*



Where do  
**YOU** fit in?

Now you are the body of Christ,  
and *EACH ONE of YOU* is a part of it. **1 Cor. 12:27**

For more information or to volunteer please  
contact the person listed below.

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<b>Youth</b>	Pat & Teddy Bader	818 865 9687	StPaul.Youth@hotmail.com
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## Serving Saints

	5-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	22-Feb (Ash Wed)
<b>Elder</b>	Eric Stephan	Eric Stephan	Eric Stephan	Eric Stephan
<b>Greeter</b>	Gene & Lily Strategos	Stan & Erika Owens	Edith Bogeberg	TBA
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Bev Richardson & Marjorie Brown	Dottie Glander	Joy Harrison	Eric Stephan
<b>Ushers</b>	Gene & Lily Strategos Christine & Ray Montgomery Theresa Baumann	Stan & Erika Owens Conny Thompson Paul & Mary Brown	Edith Bogeberg Ted & Ruth Hubbard Jeremy Cook	Eric Stephan TBA
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Conny Thompson	Conny Thompson	Conny Thompson	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Grumm	Christian Cook	Ryan Harrison	Christian Cook
<b>Fellowship</b>	Gene & Lily Strategos	Rose Marie Lobitz	Dolores Kritsch	
<b>Musicians</b>	Dave Burns Tony Campadonico	Dave Burns Tony Campadonico	Dave Burns Tony Campadonico	Dave Burns Tony Campadonico
<b>Singers</b>	Ashley Burns Susan Knauer Holly Bruehl Andrew Grumm	Jim Lobitz Lisa Weaver Melissa Twine Shirrell Cook	Cici Stephan Christy Stephan Holly Bruehl Emily Harrison	Bob Hougardy Barb Hougardy Susan Knauer Lisa Weaver
<b>Video Tech</b>	Kyler Cook	Barb Hougardy	Kyler Cook	Jeremy Cook
<b>Nursery</b>	Jeremy & Shirrell Cook	TBA	TBA	
<b>Kingdom Quest 3y-Gr.3</b>	CVCCC	CVCCC	CVCCC	
<b>Pre-Conf. Gr. 4-6</b>	Kari Bowman	Kari Bowman	Kari Bowman	
<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>4-Feb</b> Men's Breakfast	<b>11-Feb</b> Linda Howry Conny Thompson	<b>18-Feb</b> Nikki {Kim} Gary Bowman	
<b>Thur. Bible</b>	<b>2-Feb</b> Del & Mary Hoffmeier	<b>9-Feb</b> Jim & Rose Marie Lobitz	<b>16-Feb</b> Janet Ayers Conny Thompson	

Please let the office know if you switch weeks so it can be updated in the Good News.

## Serving Saints cont.

	26-Feb	29-Feb (Wednesday)	4-Mar
<b>Elder</b>	Eric Stephan	Eric Stephan	Jim Lobitz
<b>Greeter</b>	Pat Bader	TBA	Pat Miller
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Irma Wahl/Edith Bogeberg	Eric Stephan	Del & Mary Hoffmeier
<b>Ushers</b>	Pat Bader Del & Mary Hoffmeier	Eric Stephan TBA	Pat Miller Dottie Glander George & Shirley Kaub
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Conny Thompson		Shirley Kaub
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ryan Harrison	TBA	Grumm
<b>Fellowship</b>	George Segesvary		Beverly Richardson
<b>Musicians</b>	Dave Burns Tony Campadonico		Dave Burns Tony Campadonico
<b>Singers</b>	Nikki Nolte Holly Bruehl Emily Harrison Susan Knauer		Ashley Burns Cici Stephan Susan Knauer Andrew Grumm
<b>Video Tech</b>	Kyler Cook	Jeremy Cook	Eric Stephan
<b>Nursery</b>	TBA		Jeremy & Shirrell Cook
<b>Kingdom Quest 3y-Gr.3</b>	CVCCC		CVCCC
<b>Pre-Conf. Gr. 4-6</b>	Kari Bowman		Kari Bowman
<b>Cleaning</b>	<b>25-Feb</b> Justine Ayers Janet Ayers		<b>3-Mar</b> Bill Weaver Nikki {Kim}
<b>Thur. Bible</b>	<b>23-Feb</b> Dottie Glander Lorraine Lingel		<b>1-Mar</b> TBA

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
8am - Music 9:30am - Worship 11:15am - Bible 11:30am - CVCCC @ 12pm - Youth 4:30pm - AA	office closed 6:30pm - Fitness	7pm - CVCCC	10am - Thur Bible 6:30pm - Fitness	6pm - CVCCC Youth 7:30am - Men's		
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