

THE WHOLE TRUTH

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



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Want to become a member of St. Paul?
Want to learn a little bit more about what we believe and teach?

Want to get a better understanding of how our church works and what we offer?

Then come Join us!

**The class is meeting Thursday evenings in October & November from 7-8:30pm, in the Ed Wing
Pastor Matt will be leading a class for you.**

This 9 week class will:

- 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

The format will be a 1 1/2 hour study and discussion time in a relaxed and communal atmosphere. Even if you are not looking to join the church, come and join as we learn about what God has revealed to us as His church and enjoy fellowship with one another.

LOCAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

We are partnering with Westlake Community Church to provide homeless meals through Lutheran Social Services

EVERY 5TH FRIDAY. We will be meeting WCC at the United Methodist Church [1000 East Janss Road, Thousand Oaks]. Our next opportunity is Friday, December 30th. Please see sign up sheet on Communications board [or see Becky Warren for more details],

During the winter months we will also provide sack lunches, which are prepared the same evening—so we will need extra help with that. We look forward to this opportunity and hope you can join us.

DEADLINE for the November issue of **The Whole Truth** is **October 24th**

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SPIRITUAL EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the Sermon (ages 3 years-grade 3)

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

Joy Harrison, CVCCC members TBA

Pre-Confirmation (grades 4-6)

Ed. Wing, Room 3

Jesus Company

Kari Bowman, CVCCC members TBA

Jr. & Sr. High Youth

Rec. Center, Room 2

OT & NT Books of the Bible

Go Wide

Nikki Nolte

Adult Class

Rec. Center, Room 1

Job

Pastor Matt

Parenting Class

Sunday, 1:00 PM - Ed. Wing

Your Child - essentials of Discipline

Karin Klemm

WEEKDAY CLASSES

Thursday Morning

In the Dust of the Rabbi

Thursday, 10:00 AM - Ed. Wing

Pastor Matt

New Member Class

The Lutheran Difference

Thursday, 7-8:30 PM - Ed. Wing

Pastor Matt

Men's Bible Breakfast

Home Run King

Saturday, 7:30 AM - Ed. Wing

Pastor Matt



Classes for All Ages

Please notice the location change of many classes on Sunday morning due to the addition of Worship and Sunday School Classes for Conejo Valley Chinese Christian Church (CVCCC).

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".

What is the difference between Children's Church and Kingdom Quest?

Children's Church (during the sermon) will creatively present the morning's Bible event.

Kingdom Quest helps engage the kids in story application and activities such as puppets, crafts, music, snack, and games to name a few.

For maximum impact, the children should attend both Children's Church and Kingdom Quest.

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

Old Testament & New Testament Books of the Bible

Go Wide (Sunday morning) -

The first part of the month we will continue to learn the books of the Bible through song and activity. The second part of the month we will begin a new study which is by Dare2Share, the same company that did the Gospel Journey studies. This study is entitled "Go Wide", and will teach the participants how to share their faith with Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime! It says: "Are you prepared to talk about Jesus? Do you have a plan to share the Gospel? You, yes you, can make a difference if you Dare 2 Share. Author and speaker Greg Stier equips you with the information, support, and confidence you need to change your worlds for Christ!

Adult Classes

Job. (Sunday morning) -

An in-depth study on the last book of the Bible - Job.

Your Child—essentials of Discipline (Parenting Study, Sunday morning)

Parenthood is one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences most of us will ever have! But in the middle of busy days, runny noses and carpooling, we sometimes forget to enjoy the journey.

This video seminar, with Dr. James Dobson (founder of Focus on the Family), is here with answers, insight and solutions to one of the biggest challenges every parent encounters: **discipline.**

Essentials of Discipline features the most up-to-date research on parenting, humorous animated vignettes, "mom (and dad) on the street" interviews and the practical, approachable teaching that can only come from America's most trusted authority on parenting issues, Dr. James Dobson.

As you view and discuss the Essentials of Discipline videos, you will gain the practical understanding, dynamic biblical principles, and encouragement you need to shape your child's will without breaking his or her spirit, and feel confident in your ability to handle discipline in a positive way.

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.

Home Run King (Men's Bible Breakfast, Saturday morning) -

This men's Bible study aims to weave two passions into one. The first is a passion for the game of baseball-America's time-honored pastime. The second is a passion for growing into the husband, father, and spiritual leaders God has called us to be.

The Lutheran Difference / New Member Class (Thursday evening) -

see page 1 for more details

Kids Activities

COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into 1/4-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

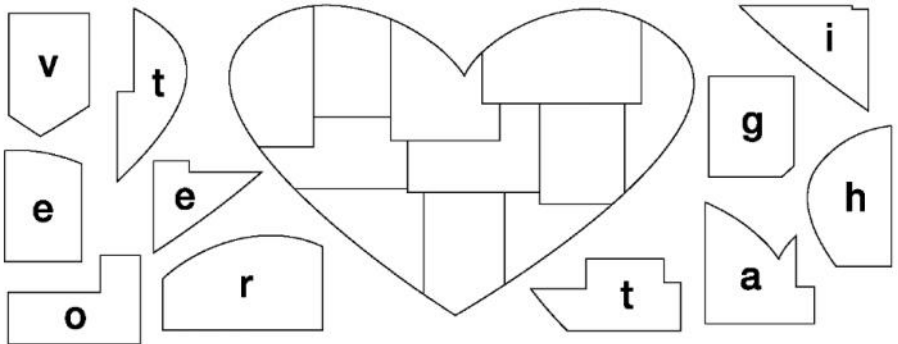
PUZZLE

HOW TO GIVE

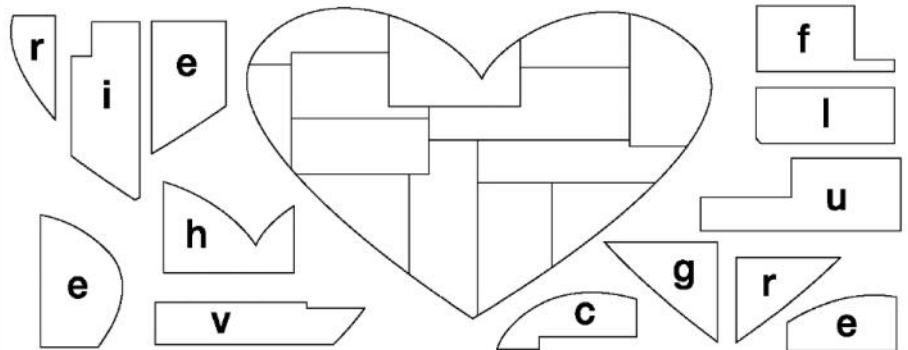
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...

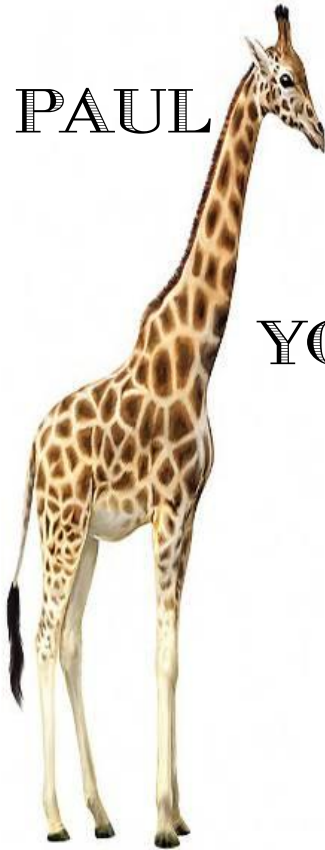


... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

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YOUTH



Last month the Youth had a competition to see who could guess the weight of the Spare Change Jug, the results are in and...

\$\$\$ The COMPETITION WINNER is \$\$\$

Jack Braddell

(grandson of Ted & Ruth Hubbard)

The Youth **SPARE CHANGE Jug** is still here...

If you have any spare change in your pockets, the Youth would like to assist in taking the weight off.

YOUTH LOCK-OUT

We had a lock out on the 3rd of September. We started with a BBQ at church then went to The Oaks Mall for a scavenger hunt set up by Teddy and Emily. We returned to church for a bon fire and fellowship. Then had a planning meeting to determine what service events and Bible studies we want to do this year. Then it was our customary trip to 7-11 to say hi to our Pakistani friend that speaks no English. We came back to church and watched some movies and played games. We had approx 30 people for the lock out, BBQ and scavenger hunt. Seven of which were guests of our kids.





St. Paul Communication Center

October 15th—Melodrama Dessert Theatre, 7:00 pm



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

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October Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|-----------------|
| 1 | Peter Williamson | 19 | Lynn Miller |
| 4 | Regan Gama | 20 | Dean Taylor |
| 7 | Judy Bader | 20 | Aryssa McRann |
| 9 | Shirrell Cook | 21 | Jaylee Nolte |
| 13 | Dottie Glander | 27 | Kim Sharp |
| 14 | Shari Kritsch | 28 | Lorraine Lingel |
| 16 | Becky Warren | 30 | Makenna Twine |
| | | 31 | Jeff Bruehl |



October Anniversaries

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| 12 | Gary & Kari Bowman |
| 16 | David & Joy Harrison |



CVCCC

Dear Partners in Christ:

“Brighter still is the moon when it is in mid autumn”! In Chinese tradition, the Mid-Autumn Festival is not only poetic, but also very touching. There is a famous poem by the renowned Song dynasty poet, Dong-Po Su.

“Thinking of You”

“When will the moon be clear and bright?

With a cup of wine in my hand,

I ask the blue sky.

In the heavens on this night,

I wonder what season it would be?

I’d like to ride the wind to fly home.

Yet I fear the crystal and jade mansions

are too much too high and cold.

Dancing with my moon-lit shadow,

I don’t seem in the human world.

The moon rounds the red mansion,

stoops to silk-pad doors, and

shines upon the sleepless.

Though I should bear no grudge,

why does the moon tend to be full

when people are apart?

People may have sorrow or joy,

be near or far apart,

The moon may be dim or bright,

wax or wane,

This imperfection has been going on

since the beginning of time.

May we all be blessed with longevity,

Though thousand miles apart,

we are still able to share

the beauty of the moon together.”

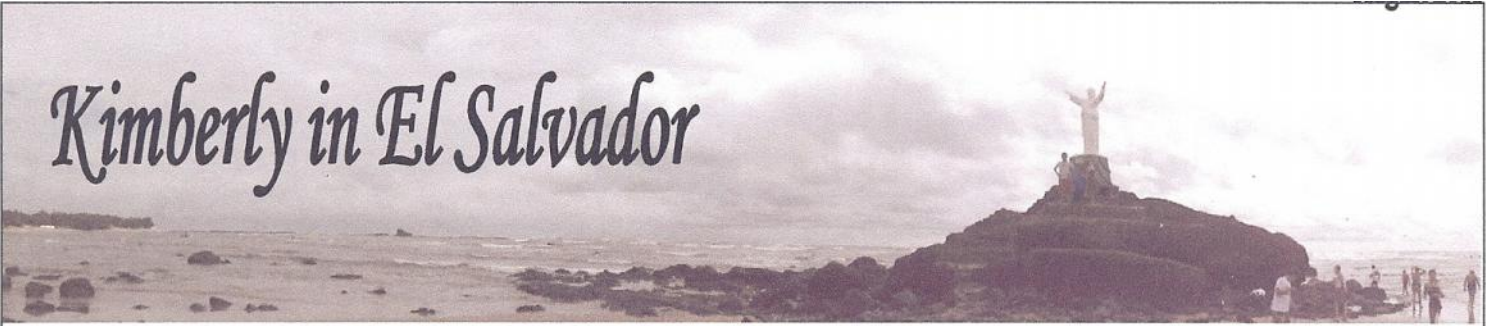
Isn’t it touching!

Looking at the changes of the moon, we cannot help but sigh over the capricious change of life. But “do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid”, since we can enjoy the peace in Christ no matter what circumstances. Jesus had promised us, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.” (John 14:27)

In September, we had a Mid-Autumn Festival that we had invited many friends to come. We shared the Good News of love of God with them that they may come “home” to enjoy the Father’s love!

Pastor Tom

Kimberly in El Salvador



Hello from El Salvador once again! After only a couple months at home with my family, it's hard to believe I'm finally back here! This summer being home was an incredible time of rest where I was constantly brought back to a place of rejoicing in the Lord's faithfulness and being overwhelmed by his love for me (often through the care and encouragement from you!). This is what I want to take to the Salvadorian students: the knowledge of how big our God is and the incredible freedom and joy that come from a relationship with him. In a place like El Salvador where there is so much darkness and fear and where so many people settle for so little because they're afraid to dream of something bigger (and have been taught all their lives that they don't deserve anything more), Jesus Christ is the answer! He is the one who can bring light to this dark place, who can bring hope into sad, weary hearts, and who offers blessings beyond what we can imagine (and I'm not talking about earthly blessings which will fade...but eternal life where every longing we have ever had will be fulfilled in God's glorious presence!). Now to get to (the rest of) the good stuff...

After months of preparation and anticipation, and a long day spent waiting in airports (with a little bit of actual flying thrown in there), my team and I finally arrived in El Salvador...and went directly to a welcome party! It's the Salvadorian way. In keeping with this theme, we also jumped right into our first week of campus! Because my team is



pretty new to the ministry here, we spent most of our time familiarizing ourselves with the campuses and praying over them. It's been an incredible time of increasing our excitement and vision for the work we're going to be doing here for the next ten months. We've also gotten to spend a lot of time with the student leaders and some of the students who are more involved with

Vida Estudiantil, the campus ministry we're here working with. It has been such a blessing to be able to reconnect with and encourage these students, and in the process, we have also felt so encouraged and loved by the Salvadorians!

As we finish this first week, I am admittedly a little tired, but I am also so incredibly excited for what the next ten months hold! We serve a big God who is able to do so much more than what I can even begin to imagine! Being here with these students once again, I am so reminded of how much hurt and sin they are living with. My prayer is that every Salvadorian student would proclaim, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" (Job 19:25-27).

"Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told." Habakkuk 1:5



Being reunited with (part of) my Salvadorian family!

Please be praying for my team as we begin our time here. Pray that we would "proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end [we] labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in [us]" (Colossians 1:28-29).

Pray that we would remember that it is only because of what Christ has first done for us that we are able to do anything for him!



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

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Serving Saints

	2-Oct	9-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct
Elder	Eric Stephan	Eric Stephan	Eric Stephan	Eric Stephan	Eric Stephan
Greeter	Gene & Lily Strategos Marjorie Brown Bev Richardson	Stan & Erika Owens	Edith Bogeberg	Pat Bader	Paul Brown
Welcome Center	Ray & Christine Montgomery Gene & Lily Strategos Teresa Baumann	Joy & Emily Harrison	Del & Mary Hoffmeier	Irma Wahl Edith Bogeberg	Jeremy & Shirrell Cook
Ushers	Linda Howry	Conny Thompson	Jeremy & Shirrell Cook	Del & Mary Hoffmeier	Conny Thompson
Altar Guild	Ryan Harrison	Paul & Mary Brown	Ted & Ruth Hubbard	Pat Bader	Paul & Mary Brown
Acolyte	Ryan Harrison	Stan & Erika Owens	Edith Bogeberg	Pat Bader	Stan & Erika Owens
Fellowship	Linda Howry	Conny Thompson	Conny Thompson	Conny Thompson	Mary Brown
Musicians	Ryan Harrison	Ryan Harrison	Christian Cook	Christian Cook	Grumm
Singers	Rose Marie Lobitz	Del & Mary Hoffmeier	Chris & Ray Montgomery	Gene & Lily Strategos	Shirley Kaub
Video Tech	Rose Marie Lobitz	Del & Mary Hoffmeier	Chris & Ray Montgomery	Gene & Lily Strategos	Shirley Kaub
Nursery	Rose Marie Lobitz	Del & Mary Hoffmeier	Chris & Ray Montgomery	Gene & Lily Strategos	Shirley Kaub
Cleaning	Rose Marie Lobitz	Del & Mary Hoffmeier	Chris & Ray Montgomery	Gene & Lily Strategos	Shirley Kaub
Thur. Bible	Rose Marie Lobitz	Del & Mary Hoffmeier	Chris & Ray Montgomery	Gene & Lily Strategos	Shirley Kaub

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

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