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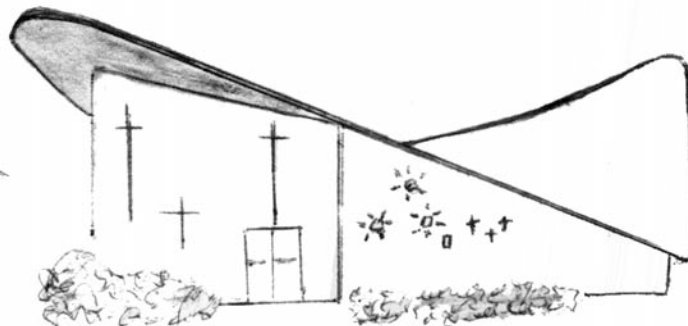
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A New Year . . . A New Birth

This month we celebrate Advent and Christmas. All four Sundays of Advent will occur in December this year which is unusual. What is rare is that Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. We will follow the 9:00 a.m. and the 5:00 p.m. worship schedule every Sunday in December with the exception of Christmas Eve when we will have the 9:00 a.m. service, but there will not be a contemporary worship service that afternoon. Instead, we will have a Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. Our liturgy will be set to music (Christmas Carols) for the Christmas Eve service as well as for the 9:00 a.m. service on December 31st. The CHROS worship team and our children will lead the morning worship service on December 31st. It will feature guitarists and a harmonica player.

This year's Advent and Christmas seasons will feature two special presentations: Christmas remembrances by our choir on December 17th, and a two-part Christmas drama by our confirmands and children on December 24th and December 31st at 9:00 a.m. The entire drama and the Sunday school Christmas program, with our younger children in full costumes, will be presented Friday, December 22nd at 6:00p.m.

Advent marks the beginning of a new church year. It's an opportunity to review the past as we consider making changes and commitments in the coming year—a "new year's resolution" for 2007 or a resolution for the first Sunday in Advent which is December 3rd. What kind of resolution can we make for the new church year? We could make a commitment to find more time to pray. Or we could take more time to read our Bibles or a daily devotion. We could worship more regularly. We might decide to become more involved in various church activities. I hope we all will find time to participate in the many events of the Lutheran Lay Renewal which is scheduled for February or March. The Renewal will have several large group times, small group interactions, both in homes and at church, and also shared meal times for the whole family. As a church, we make this commitment for 2007, and we look forward to 100 percent participation from each of you in some way. There will be many ways for you to become involved. With your help, we will make Lutheran Lay Renewal the best event of the New Year. This time of renewal will be a personal resolution for me and Deby. As our church grows, and especially since we have added a second worship service, it is vital that we make time to interact with one another, and that we grow in spiritual depth and maturity. We are about to embark upon a new year. May each of us

resolve to become better disciples of Jesus and to improve our Christian witness to the world.

Deby and I look forward to having you come to our home Sunday, December 10th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. for fellowship, cookies and cheese. We want to include you all in our lives.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Advent Festival

On Sunday, December 3rd at 7:00p.m. Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church is hosting the Annual Advent Festival. This year 5 area churches are going to participate. Our choir and CHROS will both be singing as well as music groups from the other churches. The most enjoyable part of the program is the "All Sing" when everyone in the audience sings Christmas carols together. There will be Scripture readings, beautiful music and refreshments and fellowship following the service. This is a joyful way to start the Advent and Christmas season. Please join us on Sunday, December 3rd at 7:p.m. at Guardian Angels located at 9310 Dalehurst Road just a few blocks away from Carlton Hills. We hope to see you there.

Christmas Cookies at the Schowalter's

Please come to Pastor and Deby Schowalter's home at 1630 Whitsell Drive to enjoy refreshments and the hospitality of Pastor Rick and Deby.

The gathering will take place on Sunday, December 10th from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. with lots of homemade treats and the singing of Christmas Carols.

To travel to the Schowalter's from the church take Halberns to the left and cross Mast Blvd. At Carlton Hills take a left. Travel to Mission Gorge and take a right. Go to Fanita and take a left. Travel to the light at Valley Lake and turn left. Make a quick right on Windmill View and another quick right on Liddiard. At Whitsett take a left and the Schowalter home will be a few houses from that intersection on the right.

We hope to see you there.

Budget and Elections Annual Meeting

Our church has two scheduled annual meetings. The first will be on Sunday, December 3rd after the 9:00a.m. worship service. At this meeting the church will be voting on the proposed budget for 2007 and elect representatives to the church council. We will also be choosing two people to represent our church at the May 2-5 Synod Assemble which will be in Hawaii in 2007. Please join us and support the church by being informed of its finances and choosing its leadership.



perform the first part of the drama and conclude the drama in place of the sermon on Sunday, December 31st. The whole drama will be performed on Friday the 22nd along with the children's program. What a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas through the gifts and talents of our children.

All of our Confirmands are Sponsored

We have a huge confirmation class of 11. We wanted each of our confirmands to attend the Middle School Youth gathering near Disneyland by paying \$50 and having a sponsor pay \$100 for them to attend. The goal was reached thanks to the tremendous generosity of our people. What joy! What an inspiration! And how our confirmands appreciate that loving support. Thank you for caring!

Rummage Sale on Saturday, December 9th

Please bring your used and in good condition household and clothing items to the church beginning Sunday, May 3rd for a Rummage Sale. The proceeds from the sale will help to remodel and renovate the Acts Center. The remaining items will be collected by Rudy and Tuli Dotta to help their family in relocating to our community.

If you would like to help with setting up for the sale on Friday afternoon or help with selling at the sale please contact Pastor Rick. We want to help the Dotta family because Tuli has been hired to clean our church for the same cost as our previous maintenance service and she is doing a wonderful job!

Feed the Homeless

Once a month our church travels to First Lutheran Church in San Diego to feed the homeless. First Lutheran provides dinner for about 200-250 homeless each Monday evening. They also provide a breakfast each Friday morning for the homeless. Our confirmands often attend and help serve the meal but so do many of our seniors. If you would like to help please meet at the church on Monday, December 11th at 2:30p.m. If you need a ride let pastor Rick know that you will be attending so there will be enough room in the vehicles that are going to First Lutheran. This is a tremendously rewarding experience. Join us.

Sunday School Christmas Program and Confirmation Christmas Drama

On Friday, December 22nd at 6:00pm the Sunday School will perform a Christmas play for the children and the Confirmands will perform a drama with the teens. The confirmation drama will also be performed in two parts on two consecutive Sundays in place of the sermon. On Sunday, December 24th at 9:00a.m. the confirmands will

Second Worship Service Update



I am so pleased at the way the second service is serving our church. The music presented by a group of college ages students from St. Andrews Lutheran and the vocals of the high school youth from CHROS is presenting wonderful contemporary music. The electric guitars and drums along with both loud and soft music is truly an inspiration. We have all of the structure of Lutheran

worship with opening music, confession, a pronouncement of forgiveness, Scripture readings, a message, a reading of the creed, offering, an informal sharing time, prayer and communion. I find it a true inspiration. We worship on our patio looking at our wonderful stained glass windows and surrounded by our rose garden and God's great creation. We have a bon fire, an altar with candles and a screen so all the words to the music and our readings can be read without a bulletin. Come and experience this unique and inspiring worship. We have people of all ages who come every Sunday at 5:00p.m. You will be blessed.

After the worship service we roast marshmallows over the same fire that is used to enhance our worship setting. What fun!

Pastor Rick

Council Page

The Council Meeting was called to order by the President on Nov 9, 2006. Pastor led us in Devotion and Prayer. Here are some of the topics that were discussed:

1. Renovation of the Trailer, or a new trailer. This will be used for Pastor and the church office.
2. The cleaning, resealing or repairing of the Church roof.
3. Renovation of the Act's Center.
4. We're having a horrible problem with the bees located next to the sheds. Please remind your children to stay away from this area. An exterminator is being called.
5. Election nominations are coming up the first Sunday of Dec: Nominees are:

President – Darrel Timan

Vice-President – Jesse Lipscomb

Financial Secretary – Linda Gulliver

Board of Deacons: There will be 2 (1 for the morning service and 1 for the Contemporary Service.

Morning Service – Diane Coletti

Contemporary Service – Stephanie Myers –(serve for 1yr)

Parish – Marie Weber

Christian Ed – (Eliminate Board)

Trustee – Randy Catron

Outreach – Vicki Haas?

6. Penny motion to update the Bylaws. The Pacific Synod's Bylaws were updated May 2006. There will be 6 mbrs selected from the Congregation Floor to form a committee to update the Bylaws to coincide with the Synod's.



Second Worship Service



Confirmands



Dorcas Bazaar



Wow!!!

God must really believe in the good that our little bazaar does for our church! He has seen fit to really bless us this year. We made over \$3,000 in three days. With Thrivent matching funds we are looking at over \$4,000. We can't thank everyone enough for participating and making this the most successful bazaar ever! Please continue to support us for the Kids Bazaar in December. Every bit helps!

Prayer Shawls

Several people have come forward to assist in making prayer shawls. These shawls are available to anyone you may think needs some TLC. Someone who is ill, or has someone close to them that is ill; someone who is depressed; perhaps a death in the family. Should you wish to distribute one, please contact Pastor Rick or

Dorcas Calendar of Events

Dec. 1 – Setup Santa's Lil' Shoppers Headquarters, 3:00pm

Dec. 2-3 – Santa's Lil' Shoppers Headquarters, Open 9am – 1pm (may be held over if demand is there)

Dec. 12 – Christmas Party @ Charlotte's Home, 6pm – Short Meeting & elections, but mostly fun!

BRING A WHITE ELEPHANT

Santa's Lil' Shoppers Headquarters

Announcing a new location for youngsters to buy and wrap all their holiday gifts.

Parents, Remember to mark your Kid's Calendars;

December 2nd & 3rd is their chance to shop for their family and friends.

Parents: Your children will have help shopping and wrapping their gifts. A shopping list form will be provided in advance to help them prepare and will help us to help them with their shopping.

Gifts will cost .25 - \$5.00. Nothing over \$5.00.

Some of the gifts we have already created:

Ornaments, Candles, Jewelry, T-Shirts, Tote Bags, Candy Jars, and more...

Youth, we are asking for your participation in this endeavor so please let Corinne Reid know A.S.A.P if you would like to help in any way.

Lastly, your donations of Christmas Wrap, Tissue, Curling Ribbon and Scotch Tape are very appreciated, even on the day of the event!!!

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas Party will be held again this year at the beautiful home of Charlotte Arthurton on Tuesday night the 12th of December, at 6pm. All of the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Please bring a White Elephant Gift to Exchange. Officers will be elected & fun will be had by all! Please call to RSVP to Charlotte if you plan to attend and if you need directions. **CHARLOTTE: (619) 448-8401**

Profile of a Dorcas Member

NORMA & FRED

This month we are featuring our other "crafty" lady, Norma Borgeson. She was introduced to our little group by Dee Ryden. Norma wanted to become involved, but hesitated because she and Fred are inseparable. So understandably she was not willing to attend without Fred. Without hesitation, Dee simply told Norma, "Of course Fred is welcome. In fact we would love to have him around." No one will ever be turned away. Since then, several husbands have attended several functions, meetings, and events. We welcome the men's involvement. In fact, we find them to be very helpful.

Norma has been with Dorcas for over three years now, and she has been instrumental in the completion of many of the crafts we have to offer at all our bazaars. She has also been a key person in decorating many of our brunches, dinners and many other events. She is also the leader for the crafts for Sunday School as well.

Of course, as we already mentioned, you can't say Norma without adding Fred. They are inseparable, kind of like - Frednorma. You won't ever see one without the other. They are a most gracious and giving couple who love to share with all those that they know, and to many they do not know. They donate all the supplies we use for "Crafts at Norma's," they give lapel pins and other special items at special times of the year, they give gifts to the kids all the time, and they just do so much for our congregation without ever wanting acknowledgment. They also donate to several of their neighbors' churches and other needing organizations.

People like Norma and Fred make our church such a wonderful place to be a member, but being a part of the Dorcas Circle really gives us an opportunity to get to know them more personally. They invite anyone who might be thinking about joining the Dorcas Circle, no matter what their reservations might be, to give it a try. They fell in love with the group and feel you would too. Please come and join them.

Norma & Fred, the ladies of Dorcas just want to say thank you for all you mean to us!

Christmas Remembrances

The smell of the Christmas feast, popping popcorn and then stringing it to place on the Christmas tree, peaking through the heat grate to watch Mom and Dad wrap our



presents, a letter from Santa. These are some of the memories of Christmas which will be shared during the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, December 17th. Join with the choir and congregation of Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran

Church to remember Christmas in song and story. We can't promise you snow, but you will have a warm feeling in your heart by the end of the service.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon

Sr. Fellowship meets at Jimmy's in Santee, 9635 Mission Gorge Rd., at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 12th. Join in for some good food and wonderful fellowship. For more information call either Grace Otto, 448-8202 or Nancy Funick, 561-7823.

December Ministers

Coffee Fellowship: Nancy Funick, Laura Vaughan, Grace Otto, Janice Davis
 Communion Assist.: 3- Linda Conklin/Jennifer Brown 10- Bill Blue/Grace Otto 17- Metz 24- Sylvia Smith/Sara Paulsen 24(Christmas Eve)- Arthurtons 31- Youth
 Communion Care: Schneider
 Edgemoor Hospital Worship: 24- Jim Thomas
 Greeters: 3- Jennifer Brown/Jim Thomas 10- Cristine Goforth/Molly Lisowsky 17- Katie Timan/Nicole Davidson 24- Darrel/Jeanna/Elli Timan 24(Christmas Eve)- Kris Frances/Randi Davis 31- Youth
 Lector: 3- Bill Blue 10- Janet Shuey 17- Gary Berglund 24- Linda Schloegel 24(Christmas Eve)- Marie Freeman 31- Youth
 Stephen Minister of the Day: 3- Carol 10- Bill Blue 17- Jim Thomas 24- Ellie Timan 31- Ed Teichner
 Ushers: Laura Vaughan, Norma Borgeson, Kathleen Darland, Marie Freeman, Betty Maxa, Bill Thomas

December Anniversaries

6 Thomas & Kimberly Insel
 14 Ronald & Carole Dixon
 19 Jeffrey & Mary Arndt
 20 Jim & Marilyn Thomas
 31 Gary & Marilyn Stewart

December Birthdays

3	Linda Schloegel	18	Diana Coletti
4	Royce Privett	19	May Hustad
6	Curtis Stark	20	Fred Borgeson
8	Patricia Maches	21	Robert Webb
9	David Huber	21	Nathan Comstock
10	Janet Shuey	21	Dylan Grant
11	Conrad Reid	26	Mike Diorio
11	John Sevcik	27	Elisa Insel
11	Caleb Reid	29	Zackary Stark
12	James Maches	30	Kathryn Francis
14	Ariana Quintanilla	30	Martin Myette-Ashworth
14	Emily Byrd		

(If anyone was missed, please call the church office, 448-1888)

Texts for the Sundays in December

3rd First Sunday Of Advent
 Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Psalm 25:1-10 (Ps. 25:1)
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 Luke 21:25-36

10th Second Sunday Of Advent
 Malachi 3:1-4 or Baruch 5:1-9
 Luke 1:68-79 (Luke 1:78)
 Philippians 1:3-11
 Luke 3:1-6

17th Third Sunday Of Advent
 Zephaniah 3:14-20
 Isaiah 12:2-6 (Isaiah 12:6)
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:7-18

24th Fourth Sunday Of Advent
 Micah 5:2-5a
 Luke 1: 46b-55 (Luke 1:52) or Psalm 80:1-7 (Ps. 80:7)
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

31st First Sunday Of Christmas
 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
 Psalm 148 (Ps. 148:13)
 Colossians 3:12-17
 Luke 2:41-52