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## December, 2011 Newsletter

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### COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### Sunday Morning Worship Times

7:45 a.m., and 10:00 a.m.

#### Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

9:00 a.m.

#### Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Thursday

CLOSED FRIDAY

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#### Church Website

Website Address: <http://www.clcesc.org/>

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<http://www.clcesc.org/enews.htm>.

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## PASTOR'S LETTER

### Dear Friends in Christ,

December is the ideal month to strive for perfect attendance as we learn about the plan God has for our salvation. Worship and Sunday School will bring such vitality to your family celebration of Christmas. The Sunday School will be rehearsing on December 3rd at 9:00 and December 10th at 12:30 for their annual Christmas Program. The program will be held on Sunday, December 11th, at 4:00 and will include a family dinner following the performance.

Our first two Advent services on November 30th and December 7th will be held in Keturakat Hall. As we enter the season of Advent, we not only rejoice in our Savior's birth, but also rejoice in the prospect He will return again. Until He does return, we have the privilege of fulfilling our Lord's command to make disciples of all nations. The way to do this is through the Word He has given us. What better time to invite a friend, neighbor, or relative to join us in our celebration of the Advent of Jesus, the Son of God. Don't forget the soup suppers that precede each service.

In addition to our regular Advent services, our traditional Christmas Concert will be on Wednesday, December 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Candlelight Christmas Eve services are at 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00. Christmas Day service is at 10:00 a.m.

Keturakat Hall is also the place to attend our latest production, *Reasons to Believe*, December 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Be sure to set aside an evening or afternoon to enjoy this celebration of the Christmas season. This is another great opportunity to invite friends and family to our church campus.

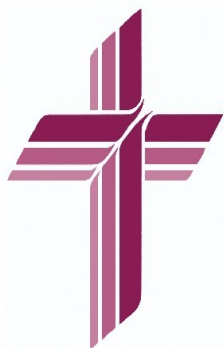
This year we once again will have a "Giving Tree." This is a wonderful way to share a gift with a needy child. Look for that special child's need on the tree in the narthex.

Last Sunday's annual voters' meeting was once again a positive outpouring of enthusiasm for the proposals that were presented. What a tribute to the wonderful spirit of unity and trust that permeates our congregation! You don't realize how many other churches would love to have this same level of cooperation and love. After passing the budget and electing the officers for the coming year, we looked ahead to the many possibilities for continuing to support and expand existing ministries and starting new ones. Included in this is the first worship service for our satellite ministry. It will be held at the Senior Center in San Marcos on Sunday, January 15th, 2012, at 10:00.

We now enter into the busiest month of the year for most people, and we need to remember where our focus for the season rests. No matter what the world is saying to you, no matter what demands are placed on your time, this is a time to remember the sorry state of mankind that called for the redemptive grace of God. Not much has really changed over these two thousand years; people are still searching for a meaningful anchor in their lives. As you contemplate this unconditional love shown to you in the form of the Christ Child, be a witness of that love and hope to those around you this season. May God's love fill your heart with peace as you contemplate the greatest Gift of the Christmas season. In His service,

Pastor

**"Praising God Together"**



Community Lutheran Church

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
IN CHRIST,**

Jesus is the reason for the season. This is the message we give to our preschoolers. Every activity emphasizes that Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birthday. The gifts that we give and receive are in appreciation for our Lord and Savior Jesus, the greatest gift of all. It is a blessing and a privilege to be able to share this truth with others each day. Please come and see how beautifully our classrooms reflect our faith in Jesus.

The children are eagerly practicing their songs for participation in the Christmas concert on December 14. Families look forward to this beautiful musical worship opportunity each year.

More families are moving into the area, and new children have

been starting school each week. Others are enrolled to start in January. If you have been thinking about preschool for your child, come and visit soon. Classes are filling quickly.

As you are out and about this month, remember that the Golden Egg Omelet House at 316 W. Mission Avenue in Escondido always gives 10% of all purchases back to our school. Cards to keep and show each time are available at the Information Booth. If you don't have one, just tell them you are from Community Lutheran Church and Preschool, and you would like the 10% contributed to us.

As this year comes to an end, I thank God for a staff who cares so deeply about each child and who consider their jobs a ministry. I am grateful for the many church members who pray regularly for us and for the preschoolers. Prayer is vital to our success. Throughout

the year, many people have generously supported our school with time, talents and treasures. A huge thank-you to all who have voluntarily helped in so many ways. You are a blessing from our Lord.

May you and your families enjoy a wonderful celebration of our Savior's birth.

In His Service,  
Sharon Boyer, Preschool Director



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Greetings from Kids of the  
Kingdom Sunday School**

As we enter the final month of 2011, we look back on the wonderful blessings the children and teachers have shared since the start of our Fall Sunday School program. We jump started the Advent season last month by hosting a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party which was attended by over 30 children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Each child received a "slice of cake" which held devotions to share at home in anticipation of Christmas morning. Our Sunday School lessons continue to prepare us for Jesus' birth in Luke 1:26-38,

Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 2:1-20.

The Sunday School Christmas program, "O Christmas Tree" is being prepared during Opening as Children learn the traditional Christmas hymns as well as guiding our Story Narrators and setting the scene of the Nativity. Rehearsals are scheduled for Sat. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30am-11:30am and Sat. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm-2:30pm. We will sing a few of the songs for the LWML Christmas Tea as well. Please invite family and friends to join you on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm for the program with dinner to follow in the Ministries building.

May you all enjoy a beautiful Christmas Season!

Joan Vrielink-Capito  
760-432-9870  
Gina Curley  
760-294-7791



**GOD SQUAD**

**(3rd — 5th grades)**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Every Sunday morning from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., in the Preschool rooms. We begin our time with singing in Room 7. Come and join us! **No** Sunday School on December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.



# Youth Page

**YOUTH NIGHT** – Youth Nights happen on every Wednesday night from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Our time is spent playing some great games, having dinner and then a devotion time. Please be sure to bring \$2.00 to cover your dinner.

**PARENTS** – We need some help with dinners. If you would like to volunteer, please see Jim Meyer. There will be **NO** Youth Night on December 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

**JR. HIGH YOUTH**

**(6th — 8th grades)**

**BIBLE CLASS** - Every Sunday morning from 9:00 - 9:50 a.m., in Room 12.

**CONFIRMATION** – Confirmation classes are on Wednesday evenings from 4-5:30 p.m. 6th and 7th grades meet in the Ministry Building and 8th grade meets in the Youth Room. Please contact Jim Meyer in the church office if you have any questions. There will be **NO** Confirmation on December 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

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**CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT** –

We will meet for our traditional Christmas Scavenger Hunt on Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. We will divide into teams and head out to gather and take pictures of different Christmas Items. We will return to church to have hot chocolate and cookies and see who collected all the good stuff. **PARENTS** – I will need at least 4 drivers for this event. If you can drive, please contact Jim Meyer in the church office or email him at [jmeyer@clcesc.org](mailto:jmeyer@clcesc.org).



**SR. HIGH YOUTH NEWS**

**(High School Age)**

**BIBLE CLASS** - Every Sunday morning in the Youth Room from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

**YOUTH NIGHTS FOR DECEMBER** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., at church in the Youth Room. We will **NOT** have Youth Night on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> or January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

congregation for their support. This day will be Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at noon and lasting till 5:00 p.m. If you are attending one of the servant events this coming summer, it is expected that you come and help. **THANKS.**

gift exchange. We will be finished around 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Jim so we can have enough space reserved at Filippi's.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY AND WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE**

After the babysitting, we will head out for our annual Christmas Party and White-Elephant Gift Exchange. We will meet at Filippi's Pizza Grotto in downtown Escondido at 5:30 p.m., for some great food and then head to someone's home for dessert and our



**Join the Youth Group**

**CHRISTMAS BABYSITTING**  
The Sr. High always does a free Babysitting afternoon for the children of Community as a thank-you to the

**AARP TAX-AIDE SEEKS  
VOLUNTEERS FOR INCOME TAX  
PREPARATION SEASON****Escondido, California**

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, is seeking volunteers from throughout San Diego North County and East County to provide tax counseling and assistance in preparing federal and California state tax returns for low and moderate income taxpayers, with special attention to taxpayers aged 60 and older.

Volunteer tax Counselors and Client Facilitators provide services at Senior Centers and other community sites in Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, Escondido, Ramona, Fallbrook, Rancho Bernardo, Mira Mesa, Poway, El Cajon, Lakeside, Santee, Lemon Grove, Alpine, San Diego (College Ave),

and La Mesa.

Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member or a retiree to join the team and those volunteering as Counselors should have recent computer keyboarding experience. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds including those bilingual in English/Spanish are encouraged to apply. Successful volunteers will receive approximately one week of free tax preparation and computer system classroom training at a local site in January, 2012. From February 1<sup>st</sup>, through April 15<sup>th</sup>, volunteers will interview taxpayers and prepare tax returns using IRS-approved tax preparation computer software. Volunteers are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses including travel mileage.

Last year, over 135,000 tax returns were prepared by more than 2,600

volunteers across California. They join the more than 35,000 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers nationwide, helping millions of elderly, low and moderate income taxpayers each year.

For more information on how you can join the AARP Tax-Aide team at any of our locations throughout San Diego North County and East County, visit the AARP website (where you can also get started by submitting an on-line volunteer application). You can also call one of our San Diego area coordinators at [1-760-967-6967](tel:1-760-967-6967) (Oceanside), [1-760-723-2642](tel:1-760-723-2642) (Fallbrook), [1-408-892-1858](tel:1-408-892-1858) (Rancho Santa Fe), or [1-619-315-5453](tel:1-619-315-5453) (San Diego East County), who will be glad to answer your questions and put you in touch with the local coordinators at volunteer site locations close to you.

AARP Tax-Aide is a program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS.

**SHARP HOSPITAL NEEDS  
VOLUNTEER****Volunteer Training**

All volunteers receive extensive hospice training to feel confident in their ability to help. For those providing patient care, Sharp HospiceCare provides a 32-hour comprehensive training program. If an individual chooses nonpatient-care volunteer support, they will also receive special training. However you choose to volunteer, the outcome is the same: patients' lives will be fuller with your support.

**For More Information**

Sharp HospiceCare offers a training session for prospective volunteers. To learn more, please call the Sharp HospiceCare Volunteer Services Department at 619-667-1900.

**STRESS or PEACE?**

Although we experience it at all times of the year, stress seems to intensify the most at this season, and threatens to diminish the joy and excitement we feel at the birthday of our Savior. Some stress motivates us to perform, especially under pressure, and this is a normal physical response to feeling upset or threatened. When we constantly experience mega stress, when it has become a way of life and has become necessary in order to perform, then we are in some danger of harming the mind and body.

When a threat is perceived, whether real or imagined, a flood of stress hormones prepare the body for emergency action – fight or flight. The adrenalin and cortisol hormones cause the pulse to increase and pound; the blood pressure rises; your focus and senses become sharper, your breath becomes faster and more shallow and you have a surge of energy. These chemical changes account for increased strength, stamina, and reaction time and are meant only for emergencies, not a normal state. The most dangerous thing about stress is how easily it can become a way of life. You get used to it and it starts to cause major damage to your mind (mood), body, spirit, relationships and life itself. Everyone experiences it and deals with it differently.

There are many factors that influence the ability to handle stress and many words have been written on the subject covering genetics, your emotional intelligence, your ability to create and maintain relationships with others, your “happiness” factor, etc. There has also been much written about methods of controlling it, such as yoga, meditation and exercise.

Stressors are situations and pressures, whether good or bad, that puts a demand on you and force you to adjust. This could be as commonplace as the guy who pulled ahead of you to something as major as a wedding. We all respond to things that affect us and the body doesn't distinguish between physical or mental, emotional, or psychological threats. When we're “on”, we're “on”. Over a long term, chronic stress affects nearly every system in the body, even the brain which causes one to become more vulnerable to anxiety and depression.

As Christians, we can be ahead of the stress game this Christmas season. Because we have been chosen to know the peace of God, the strength and help available to us, and have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit to guide us, we can slow down and depend on Him.

Take a few moments every day and focus inwardly on taking slow, deep breaths, lower the shoulders, straighten the spine and ask God for His peace.

Turning your mind over to Him, considering who He is and thanking Him for each blessing you remember, will result in an automatic reduction in stress, a calmer attitude and a healthier body. I personally find that a good time to do this is while driving. It is not always necessary to go to a special place but a quiet one helps. This is the season to reflect on Who He is and what He has done. It's about love and relationships, not piles of presents.

Reflect on these verses below. See if you don't feel less pain, have fewer colds and have more energy this season. Reading and reflecting on these verses everyday will change the way you experience Christmas. Enjoy the gifts of our blessings. For further information, go to: **Psalms 55:22; 1 Peter 5:7, Psalms 34:7; Psalms 138:8; Hebrews 4:16; Isaiah 54:17;** <http://helpguide.org/newsroom.htm>

The American Institute of Stress  
University of Massachusetts Medical School Stress Reduction Program  
"Taming Stress", Scientific American,  
September 2003  
Self help guide (NHS Direct)



**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK**

Come on Sunday, December 11th, to have your blood pressure checked after the first service. For information, contact our Parish Nurse, Margaret Simonsen at 1-760-749-2692.

**OUTREACH**

**CLC GIVING TREE 2011**

Our church is excited to be helping needy families for Christmas through North County Interfaith. Look for the Giving Tree in the alcove next to the staircase on the left side of the Narthex. On the tree, you'll find a variety of gift request tags! Please place your unwrapped present in a gift bag, attach the tag to it and deliver it to the church office by December 18<sup>th</sup>. Don't worry if you cannot locate a specific gift request. Gift certificates to stores such as Wal-Mart and Target are always

appreciated. Any monetary donations will be matched and given to Serenity House. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Concannon at 760-747-5578.



**FREE BABYSITTING**

The Sr. High Youth would like to thank the congregation for all their support by offering free babysitting here at church on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, from noon until 5:00 p.m. Go and finish your shopping, wrap some presents or just go

see a movie knowing that your kids are well taken care of. Please be sure to bring them a lunch, but we will have snacks for the afternoon. Please register your child(ren) at the Youth Information Booth.





**STEPHEN MINISTRY CONNECTING WITH CARE RECEIVERS**

*You can play an important role in our Stephen Ministry . . .*

You are a critical part of Community Lutheran Church and our caring ministry. You may need or you may know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who is going through a challenging and troubling time and who could benefit from the focused care, encouragement, and support of a Stephen Minister. If you know of someone who is hurting and needs someone to listen, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: *Pastor Mark Logid at 1-760-212-7488, Mary Hunter at 1-760-736-4517, Bill Hunter at 1-760-809-5281 or Graham Grainger at 1-760-747-3612.* They can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care! Call the church office to find out more information and to get connected with a caring Stephen Minister.



**WE ARE IN NEED OF FOUR ADDITIONAL PRAYER PARTNERS!!!**

If you would be willing to pray for a preschooler at Community Lutheran Preschool this school year, please contact Kristen Beyer in the church office. If you already have a preschool prayer partner, remind them of the love of Christ this season by sending them a Christmas card or small gift. Bring cards to the church office by December 11<sup>th</sup> and Kristen will deliver them to the preschool. Attend the Christmas concert on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, and you may have the opportunity to meet your preschool family!



**Community Lutheran Teen Ensemble**

Hello Junior and Senior High School girls! Community's vocal teen ensemble has started. During our time together we will be working on vocal technique as well as some beautiful songs to perform in church and some other occasions. Practices are on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the church choir room. Questions please call Mrs. Sabine Spencer at 1-760-751-0214 or [mrsspencer.wvm@gmail.com](mailto:mrsspencer.wvm@gmail.com)



**CHRISTMAS CRAYON COLLECTION**

Please bring in your old crayons to the church office to be melted into new, special Christmas crayons for children at our Christmas Eve church services. Crayons can be brought to Kristen Beyer in the church office or to the information booth any time before December 14<sup>th</sup>.



**PEACEMAKERS**

The Quilters group is having our December meeting and Tea on Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the home of Susan Sheetz. For further information, contact Pat Tucker at 1-760-518-6566.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, and find your favorite Christmas cookie recipe!

Please join us for our annual Christmas Cookie Tea on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The theme is "Christmas Around the World." Christmas traditions from many countries will be shared. Bring two plates of your favorite Christmas cookies. One to share and one for the shut-ins.

As in the past, we will be delivering cookie tins of your cookies to our shut ins. If you have Christmas tins to donate, please leave them at the information booth.

At the tea we will be revealing our secret sisters with a small gift. If you don't have a secret sister you may bring a small gift to exchange with others who don't have one either.

We will be entertained by our girls ensemble and our young Sunday School children.

Please sign up at the information booth.



**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**

November 7, 2011

**PRESENT:** Pastor Vogelsang, Jeff Kennedy, Susan Sheetz, John Thompson, Gary Harms, Carrie Ruano, Donna Hinke, Rick King, Rich Parker, Dan Huhn, Jim Meyer, Tim Johnson, Scott Fisher, Pete Van Deloo, Ronda Graf, Kristen Beyer and Nancy Quesenberry.

**OPENING:** Jeff Kennedy called the meeting to order. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of our October 3, 2011 meeting were reviewed and no correction was needed.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Pastor: Report submitted.  
 DCE: Report submitted by Jim Meyer  
 DCO: Report submitted by Kristen Beyer  
 Youth Ministries: Oral report by Carrie Ruano.  
 Finance: Report submitted by John Thompson  
 Treasurer: Report submitted by Rick King  
 Education: Report submitted by Ronda Graf  
 Worship & Music: Oral report by Pastor  
 Stewardship/Spiritual: Report Submitted by Pete Van Deloo.  
 Elders: No reportable items.  
 Fellowship: Oral report by Donna Hinke.  
 Outreach: Report submitted by Gary Harms.  
 Social Services Ministries: Oral report by Dan Huhn.  
 Trustees: Report submitted Rich Parker.



**NEW BUSINESS:**

Kristen Beyer presented status report on San Marcos Satellite.

Susan Sheetz presented letter on the church Financial Review.

The minutes from each Board meeting is available for review in the church office.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Church Council meeting is December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Sheetz  
 Church Council Secretary



***As a thank you to our members who are launching the Heritage Circle Endowment Fund, we will be hosting a "thank you" luncheon on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:15 a.m. Look for your invitation in the mail! If you have not yet signed up for the Heritage Circle and would like more information, contact the Church office at 1-760-739-1650 .***

**COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

**OPERATING FUNDS**

|                 | INCOME           | EXPENSE           | VARIANCE           | YTD VARIANCE       |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| General         | 46,953.28        | \$62,866.39       | \$(15,913.11)      | \$(31,814.57)      |
| Preschool       | 14,711.95        | 17,398.36         | (2,686.41)         | (13,389.94)        |
| <b>BUILDING</b> |                  |                   |                    |                    |
| Receipts        | 7,902.45         |                   |                    |                    |
| General Fund*   | 9,600.00         |                   |                    |                    |
| Preschool*      | 1,000.00         |                   |                    |                    |
| Transfer**      | <u>17,530.16</u> |                   |                    |                    |
|                 | 36,032.61        | 36,032.61         |                    | (119.30)           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>97,697.84</b> | <b>116,297.36</b> | <b>(18,599.52)</b> | <b>(45,323.81)</b> |

\* The General Fund and Preschool have always paid this portion of the mortgage payment.

\*\* This amount represents a shortage in the current month's receipts and is transferred from the Building Fund to make the mortgage payment.

Income this year Vs. last year General fund September **Up** \$895.01 YTD **Up** \$12,784.62.

Expenses this year Vs. last year September **Up** \$5,341.44 YTD **Up** \$23,382.63.

**BUILDING FUND STATUS**

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 08-31.2011 Balance | 353,087.52  |
| September Receipts | 7,902.45    |
| September Payment  | (25,432.61) |
| 09-30-2011 Balance | 335,557.36  |

**NEW OFFICES IN SAN MARCOS**

Community Lutheran Church has a new office in San Marcos off of Rancho Santa Fe Blvd., so that we can be close to the families that will be worshipping at the satellite. Vicar Joel Beyer and Pastor Tom Meyer will be working mainly out of these offices during the week beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. The address is: 1650 Linda Vista Dr. Suite #209, San Marcos, CA 92078. A phone line to the offices hasn't been set up at this time, but you can get in touch with Vicar Joel by e-mail in the meantime at [jbeyer@clcsm.org](mailto:jbeyer@clcsm.org).



**Preview Services**

Our next San Marcos satellite preview service will be December 11<sup>th</sup> in Keturakat Hall at 10:00 AM. The theme will be "Beauty for Ashes" about the beautiful transformation we undergo through Christ. Invite family and friends from San Marcos who you think might be interested in worshipping with us! On January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be worshipping in San Marcos at the Senior Center and preparing for the big launch on January 15<sup>th</sup>.



**We Need You!**

How can members of Community help with the satellite launch? We need you to help spread the word by inviting people to attend our launch service on January 15<sup>th</sup> at the San Marcos Senior Center. You can do this by referring them to our website ([clcsm.org](http://clcsm.org)) or by giving them one of our Launch postcards which can be picked up at the information booth. If you live in or near San Marcos, please attend worship with us on January 15<sup>th</sup> to show your support of our church opening up a new worship site! On an ongoing basis, we will need many volunteers to fill roles until new members join the church, such as greeters, Sunday school teachers, and equipment movers.



**San Marcos Prayer Partners Needed**

As we approach launch day in January, we are in desperate need of prayers for this ministry in San Marcos. We have put countless hours into planning for the satellite, but nothing compares to the spiritual support of prayer. Prayer partners can be church members, launch team members, other LCMS congregations, or even your family and friends around the country. Let's see how many people will commit to praying for this new ministry and the people of San Marcos! If you'd like to be updated with our weekly prayer requests, e-mail Vicar Joel at [jbeyer@clcsm.org](mailto:jbeyer@clcsm.org).



**Outreach**

We are in need of a great deal of support from **everyone** here at our Escondido campus to get the San Marcos satellite site up and running! Please volunteer to help us reach out to the community at the Christmas Village and Tree Lighting at the San Marcos Community Center on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:30 – 8:00 PM. We will be working with the San Marcos Youth Commission to take pictures of families in front of our green screen and could use plenty of help! We also are in need of volunteers to walk in the San Marcos Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM, alongside our living Nativity float. Please sign up through Vicar Joel Beyer.



**SATELLITE WISH LIST**

If you're interested in donating toward the needs of the San Marcos satellite, listed below, please see Vicar Joel Beyer or Pastor Tom Meyer.

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| Enclosed Trailer for transport and storage | \$1,200-2,400          |
| Mixer Case                                 | \$600                  |
| Speakers (2 units)                         | \$450 each             |
| Monitor Speaker                            | \$660                  |
| Rolling Portable Rack                      | \$350                  |
| Wireless Microphones with headsets         | (2) \$1,000 each       |
| Cables                                     | \$200                  |
| Portable Video Projector                   | (2 units) \$1,200 each |
| Portable screen (2 units)                  | \$500 each             |
| Portable platform                          | \$800                  |
| Logo Welcome Mat 3x5                       | \$200                  |
| Coffee system                              | \$200                  |

**COST AND NUMBERS UNKNOWN**

- Cross, Altar and Podium
- Baptismal Bowl/Font
- Children's Furniture (tables and chairs)
- Drapes and poles



**50+ BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON**

Come join us Thursday December 8th for the 50+ Bible Study and luncheon. We will begin with Bible Study and then we will be having a Prime Rib feast. We will also have a gift exchange, please bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift if you would like to participate. Be sure to sign up on the patio so we know how many to plan for!



**LADIES/MEN'S LUNCH OUT**

Would you like to have lunch out with others from Community? The third Friday of each month at 11:30AM will find the group out enjoying a new restaurant and good fellowship. The ladies sit on one side of the restaurant and the men sit on the other side. In December the restaurant chosen is The Rancho Bernardo Inn (in the Veranda Fireside Lounge & Restaurant section) located at 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego. Come join us on Friday, December 16th, at 11:30 A.M.! Be sure and sign up at the Information booth so we can make reservations! If you have questions, contact Sue Remond at 760-746-2162.



**THE NEEDLEWORK GROUP**

We are taking a break in December and will resume January 21<sup>st</sup> so if you like to knit, crochet or do any kind of needlework (or would like to learn how) come join us from 9:00AM- 11:00 AM in the cry room next to the narthex.



**WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE  
2011-12 COMMUNITY PLAYERS  
THEATRE DRAMA SEASON**

**“The Reason to Believe”** A two-show evening focusing on the joys of Christmas. The two shows will be: *Come to the Stable, The Littlest Angel*, December 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

**“Once Upon a Mattress”** The Broadway Musical, March 27th, 28th, 29th and May 4th, 5th and 6th, 2012. **“Charlie Brown”** A Musical Comedy centered around a childhood favorite, August 10th, 11th and 12th, 2012. **“A Night On Broadway”** will open our season again next year, September 2012. Audition dates will be announced as each show gets closer.

***Our ministry is to open doors for people to find Christ, and to praise His name in everything we do. We create shows to share His glory with others and to encourage and build each other up as brothers and sisters in Christ.***

Hope to see you all involved in our shows.

Chris Ryan,  
Director of Drama Ministries



**YOUNG ADULTS**

(ages 18 – 30)

**Sunday nights at 7:00 PM**

Join us on Sunday nights at 7:00 PM at Old California Coffee Shop in San Marcos for advent devotions and fellowship. We will be bringing our advent wreath and singing carols just like we did last year! There will be no young adult group on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.





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