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*Deadline for
July Newsletter
June 20, 2009*



Tribute to America And Our Veterans

Directed by KJ Barto
Sponsored by Our Congregation

Friday, July 3rd, 7:00 pm
Sunday, July 5th, 7:00 pm

To Be Held at:
North Shore Elementary

Featuring the
Bear Valley Community Chorus

Admission is Free!
For more info,
Contact the Church Office

From The Pastor

Timothy Edmondson

Dear Friends—

Stewardesses is the longest word that can be typed with only the left hand.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

In England the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, push your thumbs into its eyeballs. It will let you go instantly.

If a cat falls off the seventh floor of a building, it has about 30 percent less chance of surviving than a cat falling off the twentieth floor. It takes about 8 floors for a cat to realize what is happening, relax, and correct itself.

Look at your zipper. See the initials YKK? It stands for Yoshida Kogyo Kabushibaisha, the world's largest zipper manufacturer.

The Monongahela River's name translated into English means "high banks breaking off and falling down in places."

A mathematical wonder: 111,111,111 multiplied by 111,111,111 gives the result 12,345,678,987,654,321.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, and purple.

Canada is an Indian word meaning "Big Village."

"I am" is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

The term "the whole 9 yards" came from World War II fighter pilots in the South Pacific. The ammo belts for .50-caliber machine guns measured exactly 27 feet before being loaded into the fuselage. If the pilots fired all their ammo at a target, it got "the whole 9 yards."

The most common name in the world is Mohammed.

Mel Blanc, the voice of Bugs Bunny, was allergic to carrots.

A "jiffy" is the name for an actual unit of time—1/100th of a second.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.

The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.

The "dot" over the letter "i" is called a tittle.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Dr. Seuss pronounced "Seuss" such that it rhymed with "rejoice."

More people are killed annually by donkeys than die in air crashes.

Armored knights raised their visors to identify themselves when they rode past their king. That's how we got the modern military salute.

Los Angeles's full name is: "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula."

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

Hummingbirds are the only animal that can fly backwards.

A cat's jaw cannot move sideways.

Although these pieces of "useless trivia" are true (according to my source), knowing them won't improve the quality of your life—or anyone else's for that matter (except of course, if you happen to find yourself being swallowed by a crocodile. . .hmmmm, do we have those in Big Bear Lake???).

But there is a kind of truth that has the power to change your life profoundly. Jesus said, "If you abide in my word, then you are truly disciples of mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

Freedom is an important word these days especially as we come upon the celebration of our country's independence, not to mention the current ongoing debate about government's role in the private sector. Freedom is the centerpiece of our identity as American citizens, worth fighting for, worth arguing about.

For Christians too, it is the heart of who we are. Liberated from sin and death, we are free. And this freedom comes from being in communion with Jesus. In this relationship, we come to see life from a different perspective—a new reality, a truth—that invades our very being and transforms us from the inside out!

Freedom—a birthright we claim as American citizens; and a birthright we claim through baptism as citizens in the Kingdom of God!

Deep Peace,
Pastor Tim

"The truth shall make you free."

John
8:32



A Very Special Thank You
 To All Who Made Our Anniversary
 Celebration a Day of Grace & Gladness!

The Church was filled and the Spirit of God present as about 100 of us remembered the faithfulness of God and His people! Special guests gathered along with us as we stopped to look back in time with thanksgiving and forward in time with anticipation and excitement. The Spirit is indeed alive among us!

We certainly want to thank Doris Angerhofer who chaired this event. And she would be first to say that the success of the day was due to so many helpers who gave hours and hours of time and oodles (is that an actual measurement?) of energy. What a glorious day thanks to you all. May you sense God's smile on the work you did and continue to do in the name of Jesus and in the name of the ministry called Spirit of Peace.

Let us walk boldly into the next five years of a grace-filled journey!



Congregational Forums on Joint Building Project
 With the Episcopalians



Should we build a church building with the Episcopalians? —
 That's the question we've been pondering for a while. And now, we've scheduled some open forums to talk about this as well as other options we might have available. Your opinion matters! The committee working on this will present the latest information and then give you an opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings.

Sunday, June 7, 10:45 am
 Sunday, July 12, 10:45 am



Last Chance to Dis that Old Car Dealership!

Most of us drive around town advertising through our license plate frames the dealer from which we purchased our car. Now, what did that dealer ever do for you?! (Do you *really* think you got the deal of the century that salesman told you you were getting?) Here's a better idea: Get a license plate frame that shares the name of Spirit of Peace —one of the toughest churches to find in the valley. It is bound to start many a conversation in the supermarket parking lot and become a wonderful way to extend an invitation to someone to join us for worship! Cost: \$13.





Mystery Minister. . .

Here's something new and fun and it comes to us from our very own little Church Mouse (bet you didn't know we even had one!). Each month, the newsletter will feature a biographical sketch of one of members/associate members. Your job is to try to guess who it is. . .

Gee, it just gets better and better; I get to meet the nicest people. Last night I met a terrific lady. Don't get me wrong; I've met this lady many times before, but it's different when I have my pad and pen and I'm in my church mouse mode with a license to "snoop."

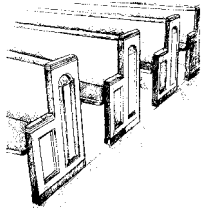
So there we were having a nice chat on the phone. She grew up in a small farm town where they grew vegetables, many kinds. She worked in the fields to earn money. Some of it she spent on her favorite pastime —American movies. She loved them.

There were 8 children in the family and she was a middle child. This brings us to another of her favorites —singing. The whole family sang (no television) while they did dishes, etc. And she was a member of a singing group called "Boardwalkers." Of course, as she was underage, she had to have a chaperone. They sang everything together.

She always wanted to come to America, and so in 1972, she did. She always loved people, especially little ones so she became a nurse. She works at North Shore Elementary School where my granddaughter manages to have at least one bloody nose daily so she can visit "the nurse" who she adores.

In her spare time, she likes hiking, swimming, water aerobics, singing in the church choir, and more (see page 3). She says she's very grateful to God for every day of her life. She loves her church and Lutheran family for the open, friendly, loving feeling one gets walking thru the door!

**"Who do you think this Person is?" asks the Church Mouse.
(see p. 5 for the correct answer)**



View from the Pews



**Rummage Sale —Saturday, July 11
At the Chatham House
Start cleaning out those closets!
Let Pat Elbert know that you can help!**

Highlights of May Council Meeting

- Congregational Meeting scheduled for June 19th
- Synod Assembly Report received from Janet and Dale Webber, delegates
- Simple Suppers with the Methodists: Perception that this project is bigger in scope than we first thought. Until we have firm leadership for this ministry, our role should be to support the Methodists.
- Financial: The economy has affected overall giving as well as our grant amount received from the ELCA. Next quarterly statement to include letter asking folks to make up their pledges and/or provide a response card to adjust their pledge.
- Rummage Sale scheduled for July 11. Pat Elbert to chair the event. Searching for chairperson for the Wine Auction (August).
- Update on Building Program with the Episcopalians. Congregational forums on the subject to begin.
- Dan Ploch will be asked to serve on the Church Council in the area of Deacon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Groon, Council Secretary

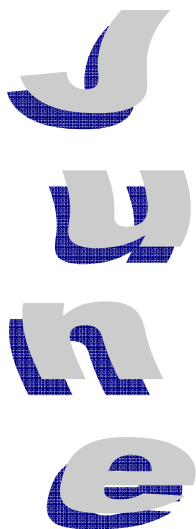




The Mystery Minister for the month of June is Doris Angerhofer.

Doris is married to Dean. "You should hear the nice things she says about him! My lips are sealed!" says the Church Mouse.

They each have two children and together they have six grandchildren. They always wanted to retire in Big Bear and so they have—the finale to a lovely story.



Healing

- Bastian Berkhoff (uncle of Penny Coehlo) —cancer
- Ron Keyson —finishing radiation treatments
- Fran Palmer (friend of Clarks) —cancer
- Jennifer LaVaire (friend of Cyndi Bauer) —surgeries
- Renee Marquez (friend of Cyndi Bauer) —Leukemia
- Helen Coelho (Rick's Mom) —Leukemia
- Ike VanKampen (Martha McKinley's uncle) —cancer
- Char Williams
- Betty Owens (friend of Warren's) —Alzheimer's/cancer
- Guido (Anna Weiner's brother) —severe nerve pain
- Christine Race (Janet Webber's daughter) —MS health concerns
- Danny (son of Doris Angerhofer's friend) —Parkinson's
- Marian Bacon (friend of Linda Wilson's) —brain cancer
- Lynn Thompson (friend of Kathy Kerr's) —brain tumors
- Andy Mearse (friend of Bartos) —chronic pain
- Candy Seimers (family member of Sandy Groon) —cancer
- Lori Baltus (Linda Wilson's friend) —blood cancer
- Janice Schlieder —lupus and knee problems
- Kelly Pflieger (Coelho's daughter) —cancer
- Alma Bauer (Paul's mom)
- Glenn Beyer
- Betty Adams —cancer & Alzheimers
- Sierra Meadows —Crohn's disease
- Michelle (Neal Hertzmann's niece) —breast cancer
- Joe LaMura (friend of Judy Hollander) —cancer
- Herb Bauer (Paul's father) —Parkinson's disease
- Anni Ruther (Doris Angerhofer's mother) —chronic pain
- Norb Hesch —Parkinson's disease
- Sue Griffith (Bill's mother) —Alzheimers; in assisted living

Strength, Comfort, Guidance, Peace, Direction—

- Danessa Barto
- Kellie Lemon & Family (daughter of Bill & Linda Griffith)
- Ruth & Pat —friends of the Clarks
- Ceara Gehrke
- Caregivers
- Vonnie Lassen (83 year old neighbor of Janet Webber's)

Safety & Protection

Those in the military: Sam McCullar (Navy); Tim Lauer (Navy Submarine); Scott (Rick Coehlo's friend), LCpl Tyler Craig (Wendy Craig's son in Angola, Africa), Cory Amelsberg, Sean Parrish; Sgt. William VanSickle, Marc DiConti and Son; Jeff Taylor (Keyson's Son serving in Iraq), 2nd Lt. Michael Nguyen (Air Force); Devin Barto (AIT Training, Kentucky); Davin Barto (basic training at Fort Knox), Brian McCoy (basic training/Texas); Tom Hastin (Jr Navy Seal); Travis Hastin (Army Ranger)

Prayer and Praise Page

*"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for In prayer."
Matthew 21:22*



LOOK At Who's Birthdays!
6/4 Sharon Edmondson
6/5 Donna Leutloff
6/7 Kirsten Lundring
6/11 Bernice Thomas



- 6/15 Davin Barto
- 6/15 Nancy McCormick
- 6/16 Pat Elbert
- 6/16 Crystal Rose
- 6/21 Jean Tuohino
- 6/1 Diane & Alan Clark
- 6/12 Kirsten & Karsten Lundring
- 6/24 Doris & Dean Angerhofer

Our apologies to KJ and Ron Barto whose wedding anniversary was left off last month's newsletter. 30 years as of May 27th. Congratulations!

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Informal Blended Liturgy

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

A Little About Us:

We are a Christ-centered, Bible-based community of faith that welcomes all people and serves God by serving the needs of those in the Bear Valley.

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**5 Years Old
and Growing!**