

The Visitor

'Expanding God's Kingdom in the next generations'

First Lutheran Church of Northridge
August 22, 2008

Bible Preaching

The Bible describes a way of life; life with God now and forever. The Bible is God's love story with people. It is not a book of rules, though there are guidelines. It is not a textbook, though there is instruction. It is not a self-help book, though everything necessary to live a healthy and blessed life is discovered in the Bible's pages. The Bible contains all that is necessary for us to understand and live that life.

Biblical preaching is the center of getting this message out. We connect to Jesus and his Word and learn how to follow him to live the life he would live if he were in our place. Biblical preaching answers questions like:

Who is God?

What is God's plan?

How does Jesus fit into this plan?

How do I fit into this plan?

Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to hear directly from God what he intends for our lives and we are able to respond through the free gift of love in the name and power of Jesus. God ordained that the Bible would accomplish this directly. When we hear God's Word proclaimed from the pages and we live through that Word in our lives, we are blessed and we become a blessing.

Every Sunday we hear messages based on God's Word. We are going to specifically focus on the Gospel of Luke now. We will go through this book paragraph by paragraph and see how the story of Jesus as recorded in the Bible connects with our lives. You are encouraged to bring your own Bible to worship. I will use the New Living Translation (NLT) of the Bible for preaching. Of course, you can use any translation you have, and you might consider the NLT if you are looking to acquire a new Bible. Whatever the translation, with Bible in hand, we will travel through this gospel together and explore a way of life with Jesus as our source and guide.

IMPACT! Resumes...Sept. 08!

Middle School students are encouraged to join IMPACT! Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come hang out with other middle schoolers and learn more about Jesus as we will be studying "The Life of Christ: The Basis of Faith". The night begins with dinner (family style) @ 6:00. More info to come. Stay tuned!

**Are you an adult that would like to make an IMPACT! in a young persons life? Please call or email Missy Andrews if you are interested in this ministry opportunity.*

F.L.Y. (High School Youth)

Fall schedule.... new meeting time & day: Wednesdays!

Fly will be meeting on Wednesday's this fall from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. We are trying something new....ready for a change! If you are a high school student we encourage and invite you to come and be a part of this high school ministry. It's a time to connect with other young people committed to strengthening their walk with God. Stay tuned; more info to come!

*Interested in IMPACTING the life of a high school student? Give Missy Andrews a call...or send an email @ gregmissy@aol.com

Small Groups on a Mission: Be a Missionary to the City of Angels

Our city has over 9 million people who represent the world's diverse cultures and languages, and the influence of our city is world-wide. Pastor Dana has been calling on us to reach out to the city as our mission field. Therefore, we are expanding our small group ministry to include new groups that will have the focus of being "**Missionaries to the City of Angels**". These "**Small Groups on a Mission**" will reach out to newcomers and to our community by welcoming and connecting with those whom God is sending, and will follow Jesus out into our community.

What do you need to be a small group leader and missionary to our city?

- ✦ A heart for potential Christians, our community and the next generation
- ✦ A personal transforming relationship with Jesus Christ
- ✦ One who likes to work on a team
- ✦ Someone who is ready to learn and grow in using your gifts

We have planned a wonderful curriculum. First, we will use "*Outflow*", a daily devotional and video series that will help us build up our relationship with Jesus in a way that naturally flows outwards to others. Then, we will go through the Bible using "*The Story*", a book that will help us "read the Bible as one seamless story" — the story of God's love affair with humanity.

There will be an Introductory Meeting on September 14th, 2:00pm-3:30 PM at the Schilling's home. This meeting is intended for anyone interested in being involved in these groups in any

role, such as a leader, group member, prayer support, or being on the ministry team.

As a leader, you will have on-going support, training and help! Leader's training sessions will start in the fall, and these new groups will begin in January.

All of the groups will work together as a missionary team to our city. This is a great opportunity to be a part of our rebirth and our ministry to the community. Call Cherrie Schilling for more information at (818) 363-7075. We will work out the times for training with your schedule.

Attention Ralphs Shoppers:

Ralphs donates to our scrip fundraiser exclusively through the Ralphs Club Card Program. Ralphs limits their quarterly contribution. In order to maximize First Lutherans funds, we are asking everyone with a Ralphs Club Card to please register their cards. The more cards enrolled, the greater the funds raised. Once enrolled, you continue to shop as always; you will simply notice "First Lutheran" on the bottom of your receipt.

In August of each year, you will be asked to log on to Ralphs.com and verify the information associated with your Ralphs number. It will take less than five minutes. Consider asking your family and friends to enroll as well and we can then surpass last years' funds of \$1,000.

To Enroll:

Visit www.RALPHS.com Click on the Community Contribution on the left side.

Click on Participant sign-on and agree to the terms. Enter First Lutheran's NPO number 80003.

Enter your Ralphs club number off the back of your card and the remaining information

YOUTH PRISON OPENS IT'S DOORS....SORT OF

Some of our members will be going back into the Ventura Youth Correctional Prison in Camarillo for 3 days Saturday 8/30 – Monday 9/1. They will help put on three 12-hour day Christian programs to 27 girls ages 13-24. God will bless the church and school partners who have contributed money, buddy meals, arts and crafts, prayers and support for this "saving souls" ministry. A great big thank you from the Epiphany State Committee and National Committee. This ministry in eleven states in over 220 youth prisons could not go on without your support.

Pens for Afrikids at the Information Center

On Sunday, August 17, we placed a box for "Pens for Afrikids", where you can bring your new and used pens for the students in the Kenya bush. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far send down 4,000 pens to the kids who haven't a dime to buy one.

Prime Time Begins September 3

First Lutheran's Older Adult Ministry will meet on Wednesday, September 3. Join us at 10:30 AM to hear tales of summer adventures from Prime Timers. Lunch follows at 12:15.

Pastor Dana will lead a 3-week study on The Trinity beginning September 10.

Thursday Night Adult Bible Study

Thursday Night Adult Bible Study This is an ongoing study that you can join at any time. Doors open at 6:00pm and discussion begins at 6:30 - 7:45. Bring a "sack" dinner and dessert/beverages provided. Childcare needed? Call Lorraine at 818-345-3766.

Come to the Living Waters – Women of the ELCA

Southwest Synod Convention

October 17-19, 2008 - Simi Valley
More information to follow or contact Beth Yaros – 818.709.6489 – bethyaros@sbcglobal.net

Just 10 minutes on Sunday!

Do you have five minutes to set up communion before the 9 AM service and 5 minutes to put away after? If we get enough to sign up, this service may be required once every month or every two or three months. This may also be a great missional service for your Small Group. Please contact Buzz Brown at the church office 885-6861.

Calendar

SUN 8/24	
9:00 & 10:45 11:00 a.m.	Worship FLY Lunch and a movie
SUN 8/31	
9:00 & 10:45 a.m.	Worship NO FLY
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WED 9/3	
10:30 a.m.	Prime Time
SUN 9/7	
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FLY schedule:

Aug. 23 Movie....pizza....11:00 - 2:00
Aug. 31 No FLY ...holiday weekend
Sept. 7 YOUTH SUNDAY

Think Scrip:

Think Scrip for Albertsons, Gelsons, Hows, Smart & Final, and Vons. We also have Macy's, Starbucks, Arco and many more stores. For more information or a listing of available retailers, stop by the Scrip table following services on Sunday.

Pray for our family and friends

HEALING

- Betty
- Tom K
- Ron S
- Matthew Walker
- Albert
- Keith C
- Robert M
- Larry
- Bud
- Linda B
- Bob Jensen
- Matthew Wheeler
- Duane Judisch
- Jan & Ken Thomas
- Al J
- Troy Pflieger
- Valerie Johnson
- Evelyn Brown
- Kee Schilling
- Eugene Hansen
- Helen Polk

DIRECTION

- Doug Risdall
- Raffy Family
- Justin
- Lidieth
- Todd

PROTECTION/SAFE TRAVEL

Carlos Aguirre
Robert
Dave & Lida Damien
Risdall, St. Amand & Gates Family

COMFORT/STRENGTH

Rebecca Lienhard
Carol Franson

THANKSGIVING

Sheila Reed
Shirley J

Do you want a pool table?

Our youth room has a pool table that is no longer needed.

If you would like the pool table, please talk to Missy Andrews.

LSS ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

REMEMBER our mission to help fill the cupboards at LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE! *Items needed:* baby food/cereal, boxed cereals, canned soup, packaged cookies, cooking oil, cup-of-soups, Dry powdered milk, Boxed macaroni & cheese, pinto beans, pop-top canned foods, rice, spam, tuna, vienna sausage, toothpaste, shampoo, bar soap, laundry soap, paper towels, napkins, Kleenex, bleach, feminine hygiene items.

These items can be dropped off in the box located in the church lobby. --- *As you do it for the least of these, you do it for me. (Matt: 25:40)*

Look Who's Had / Having A Birthday!

8/16 Dolores Nickerson

8/17 Mike Challgren

8/18 Connor Aguirre, Suki ledgerwoo, & Neena Trunnell

8/20 Harriet Vosseler & Duffy Waldorf

8/21 Kelsi De Blasio & Helen Russell

8/22 Karen Arroyo

8/25 Jeremy Schilling & Wendy Smith

8/26 Joey Stump

8/27 Bethany Morrill

8/31 Polly Johnson

9/4 Summer Rogers

9/6 Tom Lee

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