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January 2012 Newsletter

FROM THE PASTOR

It is that time of the year when many of us make all kinds of resolutions. Some of those resolutions include eating better, getting along better with our loved ones, exercising a bit more. You know, all of those things that someone tells us are not good for us. Our resolutions seem to focus on those things that are not good for us. Or is it that we have an easier time trying to eliminate negatives that reinforcing positives?

As part of a study group of which I was a part we watched a video about this strengths and weaknesses. According to the video, we put a lot of work into improving our weaknesses and almost not effort goes into working on our strengths. We almost never talk about those things at which we are good. Virtually all the discussion is about how we can overcome those areas that are negatives in our lives. Of course a bit of time needs to focused on improvement on deficiencies but we need to continue to grow in those area in which we excel. In order to do that we need to take an in depth, honest look at ourselves.

I am proposing a resolution for our faith community. That resolution is taking an in depth, honest look at ourselves over the next several months to determine at what we excel and how do we go about growing even better at doing those things. I will be proposing this to the Congregation Council at its meeting later this month and that they propose this to the Congregation at its meeting on January 29.

I am proposing that each of us resolve to further improve in our great relationship with God. This can be done by very consistent worship and study.

--Pastor Paul

LET'S CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Monday 7pm

Inquiring Minds

(a study of the book of Ezekiel)

Thursday 7pm

Bible Study

(a study of a book of the Bible)

Sunday 9:30am

Contemporary Topics

(faith and our world)

"Auld Lang Syne" is an extremely old Scottish song that was first written down in the 1700s. Robert Burns is the person whose transcription got the most attention, so the song is associated with him. A good translation of the words *auld lang syne* is "times gone by." So (incorporating a couple of other translations) when we sing this song, we are saying, "We'll drink a cup of kindness yet for times gone by."

– HowStuffWorks.com

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average . . . which means, you have met your New Year's resolution.

– Jay Leno

NEWS FROM THE
WEST VALLEY LUTHERAN THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop provided about $400,000 in grants in 2011 which brought our total giving to over $6,000,000! WOW! Our hands but God's work. Our grants are provided to area Lutheran churches and Christian and local community organizations. 2011 was also another year of change for the thrift shop—we have stepped out in faith and added an additional 4000 square feet (40%) to our sales spaces.

We need donations: household items; clothing (men's women's and children's); large and small appliances and furniture for all rooms.

We need volunteers: cashiers; sorting and displaying donations; truck delivery and pickup.

Call 623-815-7061 with questions/interest

Prayer Shawl Committee

This ministry meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Lutheran Thrift Shop - 10737 W. Peoria, Sun City, AZ 85351 (on the southwest corner of 107th Ave. & Peoria behind the Walgreens). Our ministry provides prayer shawls and prayer squares to those in need of spiritual renewal, physical healing and for celebrations in life. Whether you are an experienced knitter/crocheter or a beginner we invite all to gather so that we may be a blessing to others as God has been a blessing to us. If you would like to learn don't be shy ... we even have left handed talent in our group! Please bring any completed shawls or squares to the meeting so that we may pray over them before they are given to someone. For questions please contact Karrie Waggoner at 602-315-.

Teen Table Talk

When: Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m.

Who: All Jr. & Sr. High Students Welcome

Where: The Seng's house - 8127 W. Mission Lane

Council Members for 2012

Victoria Coopey-Burns
Theresa Foster
Kendall Hill
Jan Tiede
Steve Duff
Janora Hodges
Julie Palko
Joanie Schmidt

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Narthex
If you did not receive offering envelopes and would like to use them in 2012 please let me know.

January

Mission of Mercy
Healing through Love

Mission: Mission of Mercy, a non-profit organization, seeks to restore dignity to all people being an instrument of "healing through Love," and by the reciprocal sharing of God's mercy with those we serve.

Since Mission of Mercy opened its doors in 1997, our volunteer doctors and nurses have provided more than 125,000 individual patient visits and over 175,000 free prescription medications to families who do not qualify for other medical safety net services. Our mission is one of "healing through Love and the restoration of dignity" to all those entrusted to our care. From M.O.M. clinics in East to downtown Avondale, we are committed to doing our part in creating a community of healthy, resilient individuals who contribute to a healthy, resilient community for all!

Be a part of this Miracle through your donations to Mission of the Month or by volunteering.

For more information call Paula Carvalho at 602-861-2233 or email pcarvalho@missionofmercy.org.
Web site: www.amissionofmercy.org

THANK YOU!

We are very grateful for all of the cards, gifts and remembrances we received during this holiday time. We very much appreciate them all.

--Pastor Paul & Nan

January 29th

Time to be announced

Known Anniversaries for January

1/14 Bettie & Garry Williams

Known Birthdays for January

1/1 Allyson Romano
1/3 Komrey Bucich
1/9 Mikaela Correa
1/11 John Morgan
1/11 Jessica Hill
1/12 Laura Weil
1/17 Wendy Smith
1/19 Tom Morey
1/19 Mike Snyder
1/25 Bob Campbell
1/26 Mary Lou Duessel
1/28 Candace Allen
1/29 Bob Gallon
1/29 Christine Williams
1/29 Lucas Badsgard

Serving in January

Reading & Communion Assistant

1/1	9:30	Ellen Gallon
1/8	8a	Dan/Lora McDermitt
	10:30	Adam/Heather Gjelhaug
1/15	8a	Bob Benser
	10:30	Jan Tiede
1/22	8a	Claudia Newdigate
	10:30	Janora Hodges
1/29	8a	Debbie Geiger
	10:30	Jeremy Anderson

Ushers

1/1	9:30	Victoria Coopey-Burns and Ryan
1/8	8a	Mike & Sue Snyder
	10:30	Brad & Jana Riley
1/15	8a	Bill & Joann Newman
	10:30	Jessica Robbins and Kaitlyn
1/22	8a	Greg & Joanie Schmidt
	10:30	Ron & Barbara Gibson
1/29	8a	Bettie Williams and Kristine
	10:30	Julie Palko and Nan Nelson

Acolyte

1/1	9:30	Rodney Childs
1/8	8a	Taylor Sierer
	10:30	Mikalya Hesseltine
1/15	8a	Drew Frisby
	10:30	Ben Kackley
1/22	8a	Lacey Speaect
	10:30	Jasmine Anderson
1/29	8a	Heather Childs
	10:30	Noah Allen

Greeter

1/1	9:30	Tom & Dawn White & Owen
1/8	8a	Jerry & Debbie Geiger
	10:30	Weeks family
1/15	8a	Lenny & Laura Witt
	10:30	Steve & Karen Duff
1/22	8a	Holt family
	10:30	Waggoner family
1/29	8a	Michelle Goehring and Alex
	10:30	Vi Todd & Theresa Foster

Multi Media

1/1	9:30	Billy Waggoner
1/8	8a	Karen LoPinto
	10:30	Dottie Anderson
1/15	8a	Maureen Holt
	10:30	Chris McKlveen
1/22	8a	Karen LoPinto
	10:30	Billy Waggoner
1/29	8a	Lynn Morey
	10:30	Lynn Morey

Alpha

1/1	Ellen Gallon
1/8	Michelle Goehring
1/15	Monica Woolery
1/22	Rick & Linda Seng
1/29	Ellen Gallon

Omega

1/1	Jan Tiede
1/8	Theresa Foster
1/15	Barbara Gibson
1/22	Jessica Robbins
1/29	Jan Tiede

Production

1/1	Billy Waggoner
1/8	Maureen Holt
1/15	Chris McKlveen
1/22	Pastor Paul
1/29	Billy Waggoner

If you have calendar events that are missing from the calendar or events for future calendars please email them to either celebrationelca@gmail.com or janicekoenig@msn.com

Calendar for January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship 12:30p Holy Family Independent Catholic Church	**2** 10 am AFC 10 am OA 5:30 pm AA	**3** 10 am AFC 6:30 pm Daisy Scouts	**4** 10 am AFC 10 am OA 6pm Teen Table Talk 7pm Choir	**5** 10:00 am AFC 7:00 pm AA 6:30 pm Band Practice	**6** 10 am AFC 10 am OA	**7** 6:30 am Walkers 10 am Food Bank
8 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30a Worship 12:30p Holy Family Independent Catholic Church 1:45pm Confirmation	**9** 10 am AFC 10 am OA 5:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Inquiring Minds	**10** 10 am AFC	**11** 10 am AFC 10 am OA 6pm Teen Table Talk 7pm Choir	**12** 10:00 am AFC 7:00 pm AA 6:30 pm Band Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	**13** 10 am AFC 10 am OA	**14** 6:30 am Walkers
15 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30a Worship 12:30p Holy Family Independent Catholic Church	**16** 10 am AFC 10 am OA 5:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Church Council	**17** 10 am AFC 6:30 pm Daisy Scouts	**18** 10 am AFC 10 am OA 6pm Teen Table Talk 7pm Choir	**19** 10:00 am AFC 7:00 pm AA 6:30 pm Band Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	**20** 10 am AFC 10 am OA 7 pm B.A.B.	**21** 6:30 am Walkers
22 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Faith Formation 10:30a Worship 12:30p Holy Family Independent Catholic Church 1:45pm Confirmation	**23** 10 am AFC 10:00 am OA 5:30 pm AA 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7:00 pm Inquiring Minds	**24** 10 am AFC	**25** 10 am AFC 10 am OA 6pm Teen Table Talk 7pm Choir	**26** 10:00 am AFC 7:00 pm AA 6:30 pm Band Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	**27** 10 am AFC 10 am OA	**28** 6:30 am Walkers
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