



# The Parish Builder

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## We invite you to join St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

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## Email Us Your Email Address

### \*Please note our new email address!

St. Luke's hopes to increase its methods of communication. Email is a fast and cost effective way to communicate. Please send the church office your email address ([office-sllc@att.net](mailto:office-sllc@att.net)) and please indicate how often you check your email. We will not distribute your address beyond the church office and any blanket emails to the congregation will not list individual addresses.

## Easter is about what?

Ecumenical News International (ENI) issued the following excerpt on 17 March,

“While most Americans describe Easter as a religious holiday, less than half of U.S. adults surveyed link it specifically to the Resurrection of Jesus, a Barna Group study shows. Seven in 10 respondents mentioned religion or spirituality in their response to an open-ended question about how they describe what Easter means to them personally. But just 42 percent tied Easter to the Resurrection following the death of Jesus on the cross.”

So, there we have it. Less than half of the US population surveyed is not sure what the central event of Christianity is. This ENI excerpt does not offer any form of analysis regarding which denominations might have fared “better” and which not. Compared to the hot topic of sex, which infatuates so many US denominations, the resurrection of the dead is probably passé at best and a bit macabre at worst. Let us put this in a different light. If less than half of the US population surveyed did not know that McDonald's makes hamburgers, then someone would be falling down on the job and should probably be grilled, so to speak, regarding poor performance.

As we are aware, many churches today spend much of their time and resources trying to make themselves “relevant” that they may be overlooking the resurrection. The resurrection does not fit well into potential parishioners’ “perceived needs.” It does not come with “warm fuzzies.” It does not dazzle the eye or deafen the ear. Instead, it is perceived, received, and believed through simple, human, verbal communication.

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The good news (gospel) of the crucified Christ being raised from the dead, if not good, is apparently still news to a significant portion of the population. So, what are we at St. Luke's doing about this situation?

St. Luke's is looking for ways to raise its profile in the community. Perhaps, a central part of that should be communicating - explicitly - whom God has raised from the dead. We know that there are so many aspects of Christianity which we find interesting and sometimes entertaining. There are so many projects which we find fulfilling. There are so many activities which we desire to accomplish in order to keep the parish active. Perhaps, we need to reflect and then communicate programmatically the resurrection of Jesus Christ as that aspect of the Christian faith which God found so interesting, fulfilling, and desirable to accomplish in his son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Welcome New Members

Jim and Marilyn Thomas

Jim and Marilyn Thomas were married on 20 December 1975. Marilyn was born on 12 March in Lake Benton, Minnesota. She attended the University of Minnesota, majoring in music. Becoming a professional musician, she played violin with the San Diego Symphony and the San Diego Opera. She now tutors students privately and still enjoys playing music as recreation with friends. Jim was born on 19 April at Paradise Valley Hospital in National City, California. He earned his BS from UC Davis in 1950 and his DVM from UC Davis in 1954. In 1960, he started Parkway Pet Hospital in La Mesa. Retiring in 1988, Jim now volunteers as a caregiver devoting time to the Stephen Ministry and Edgemoor Outreach. Both Marilyn and Jim are enjoying "camp-outs" in a gift R.V.

Mel and Barbara Hinton

Mel and Barbara Hinton have been married for 43 years and have lived in La Jolla for 37 years. Mel is a former navy pilot and a retired commercial airline pilot. He is very involved with the San Diego Audubon Society, a conservation organization. Barbara was a junior high school teacher and a counselor for "high risk" high school girls. Barbara is active in San Diego civic endeavors. The Hinton's have three daughters who reside in Minnesota, Texas, and in California (Bay Area). They very much enjoy spending precious time with their four grandchildren.

## Many Thanks

We wish to thank all the committees and groups for their dedication and culinary delights provided to the congregation during the Lenten Soup Suppers. Those committees and groups were: Women of St. Luke's (WSL), Choir, Lyle and the Holy Smokers, Outreach, Church Council, and Parish Education. The food and fellowship were delightful, and we thank you all.

## TREASURER NOTES

St. Luke's Financial statement is located in the Library for inspection by anyone wishing to view it.

Terry East  
Treasurer

\*\*You can always go to St. Luke's web site to see what's happening... here is our new web page address....

[www.st-lukes-la-mesa.org](http://www.st-lukes-la-mesa.org)

## PARISH EDUCATION

Parish Education is very busy working on many activities for our church and community.

By the time you read this Easter will be over and our Continental breakfast will be a thing of the past. I know the breakfast will be a success. Parish Education wishes to thank all who helped by baking, preparing food and helping to set up tables. It takes more than just a few people to make an event a success and we so appreciate the help and support.

Our plans for VBS are moving along. We hope everyone will join us on our trip to Egypt, meeting Joseph and learning new Bible points, stories and verses. Many who join us will learn about Joseph for the first time. They will play some of the games that were popular in that time period and make many crafts.

To make this trip a success takes many people. We need people to help with crafts, help prepare the food, be part of the "family unit". Do you sing? We need you to help our Celebration Leader in teaching songs to our young people. This year we hope to have at least 50 kids participate in our journey. Won't you **lend a hand to make this happen?**

If you do not want to be in the limelight there is much you can do behind the scenes to help.

If anyone has paint that they would like to find a place for, please bring it to the church we will be able to use it.

Our Sunday School is doing well. We still need our young to join us. We look forward to having them with us.

If you have any questions about VBS and Sunday School please contact Pat Swanson at 619-468-3241.

## Women of St. Luke's

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF APPEAL Thanks to all of you who responded to our appeal for Health Kit items. April and May are the months when we gather supplies for Sewing Kits. Thousands of sewing kits are distributed each year around the world. They are often used in vocational training programs to teach young men and women sewing skills that they can use to earn an income. There are boxes in the narthex and the Lower Level to receive any items from the following list:

1. Cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester); fabric should have no stains or holes and be cut into a piece measuring:
  - 2 ¼ yards of 60" wide fabric, or
  - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
  - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
2. One package of about 10-15 needles for hand sewing. (needles purchased in larger packages can be divided by inserting 12 needles into a swatch of felt or thick fabric.)
3. One spool of matching general purpose thread, 250-300 yards.
4. Six to 10 average size matching buttons (½" to ¾" preferred). Attach buttons to a card or string together with yarn or heavy cord.

Remember all items must be new and should not contain any patriotic or religious symbols.

You do not need to donate a complete kit. If you see a good bargain on fabric, thread or needles, drop it in your shopping cart. The Women of St. Luke's Project Day ladies will organize the kits and send them off to Lutheran World Relief.

MOTHERS AND OTHERS MAY 15, 2010. Tickets for our Mothers and Others Luncheon go on sale in April. The cost is \$5.00. It's not too early to start inviting your friends. Look forward to an old fashioned hymn sing, an inspiring talk by our own Rebecca Knippelmeyer, good food served by our wonderful St. Luke's men and beautiful decorations by Liz Dunnigan and Angie Hauk. Don't miss this great event!

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE SYNOD: We had a very nice note from Eunice Hanson, president of the area WELCA. She warmly invited the Women of St. Luke's to continue attending any upcoming WELCA events such as the Fall Cluster and Spring Gathering. As representative of the ELCA, she wished us well as we move forward in our new synod. The website for the Women of the ELCA is [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org). Please check this website for the details of the spring event on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

DAWN DOLAN, Vice-President of the Women of St. Luke's has graciously agreed to chair a committee to revise and amend our constitution. Dawn's eye for detail and organizational skills will be critical as this task is completed.

## PARISH POTPOURRI

If you attended the "Afternoon of Chamber Music" recently at St. Luke's that featured the Grossmont Symphony Woodwind Quintet, you heard KAY VAN TASSELL on the flute. According to the publicity, KAY will soon also be featured in concert with flutist, SUZANNE KENNEDY. Many at St. Luke's remember SUZANNE from the years she spent as the St. Luke's choir director.....KERRI CALDWELL, daughter of SUE and ROGER CALDWELL, now attending the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, will soon be singing one of the leading roles in the opera, "Giannischichi.".....FYI: The San Diego Concert Band's spring concert is scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 27, at the Kroc Center Auditorium. Selections included in the program are musical themes from some of the good family-oriented TV programs and movies of the past...you won't want to miss it!.....MORE HUMOR: These friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he'd be back if they didn't close up shop. Terrified, they did so, -- thereby proving that only Hugh can prevent florist friars!!

## ON GOING OUTREACH

**Marge Hersom, a member of the Outreach Committee, recently attended a Saturday morning workshop at First Lutheran downtown. This workshop was all about TACO. Information shared: when did the program begin, how many people are served, who runs the programs, how they are paid for, how many people volunteer, when are the clinics, and how First Lutheran's congregation supports this ministry. If you would like to know more about any of these frequently asked questions, ask Marge.**

**Here are some facts about TACO that may be new to you based on services provided during 2008 and 2009:**

**... Provided for the medical care of over 1,100 people who would not have had access to such care (this includes those who have diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and high cholesterol)**

**... Provided for the dental needs of 300-400 individuals**

**... Met with more than 300 people to assist in obtaining documents for health care, insurance, and housing**

**... Helped 25 people return home to other cities and states to resolve their homelessness**

**... Met with city officials to represent the needs of those who are poorest and most without in our community.**

**All of this work relies on the dedication of many volunteers and partner organizations. TACO employs just one full-time director and four part-time staff including the volunteer coordinator, Simon's Walk coordinator, and two program/administrative staff at eight hours each.**

The schedule for contributing toward TACO's ongoing needs for the homeless will be as follows:

MAY: Men's socks and disposable razors

JUNE: Personal hygiene items such as hotel-size shampoos, small bars of soap, chapstick, toothbrushes and small toothpastes, dental floss, small washcloths, etc.

JULY: Non-perishable, no refrigeration items for sack lunches such as water bottles, fruit cups and spoons, small cans of tuna, crackers, packages of cookies, granola or energy bars, etc.

Thank you for your support and dedication to helping those less fortunate than ourselves. (Next month's Builder will have the most recent information about the Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry.)

**Read all about  
HEIFER'S GOURMET BRUNCH  
in this issue of the Builder!**

## HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

**GOURMET BRUNCH  
ST. LUKE'S LOWER LEVEL  
SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

**TICKETS: \$5  
Children 12 and under: free  
(Tickets available April 11 and 25)**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**

**April is "PASS ON THE GIFT" month at Heifer, which is why your Outreach Committee is sponsoring the Gourmet Brunch!! You will also be viewing a new video, 12 STONES.**

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**Mother's Day is fast approaching!! Ladies, why not give a Heifer alternative gift to your daughter and/or your mother! A flock of ducks, geese or chickens is just \$20; a trio of rabbits is \$60; and honeybees are \$30. If you plan to give a gift, please see Martha Apple-gate for the lovely gift card available.**

**Heifer International's Women in Livestock Development projects are specifically targeted to address the issue of gender inequity. For instance, in the developing world where much of Heifer's work takes place, women are responsible for producing 80 percent of the food. Yet they own less than one percent of the land. They have far less control over the family's income and resources than their brothers, fathers and husbands. School, a career, and independence often seem impossible. Gifts to WiLD are gifts that will truly never stop giving!**

## Maureen Borchardt's Apple Cake

Mix by hand—2 eggs  
1/2 c. salad oil

Beat until foamy

Add:

2 c. sugar  
2 c. flour  
2 tsp. soda  
2 tsp. vanilla  
2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 c. walnuts-chopped

Add:

4 c. cooking apples-diced

Bake at 375 for 45 minutes.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND ST. LUKE'S?

### Council highlights

**A new banner for Easter** will go up approximately 10 days prior to Easter. There will be a banner in the front of the Church as well as the back of the Church.

**Sections of sidewalk** at the back of the school were fixed. Tree roots had lifted the sections of the sidewalk. The concrete had to be broken up, roots treated so they will go deeper into the soil, and new concrete was poured.

**A bid was excepted** from Dana Logsdon Roofing to repair the Sanctuary roof. The cost will be \$1950.00, with the insurance paying after the deductible.

**Plans are being discussed** by the Facility crew for repairs during 2010.

New plants were planted in one of the planter boxes outside Lower Level

**A new BBQ** for the Church,.The current BBQ has not been cooking properly and the new BBQ is needed this summer for VBS and the Annual Church Picnic.

## A Very Belated Thank you to our St. Luke's family!

We've always heard that it's never too late to send a thank you and we certainly hope that is true.

We send you all our heartfelt thanks and love for the way you supported Bonnie and I when I collapsed in church in early December. Even though, I didn't know what was happening to me, Bonnie told me later how you all rallied around both of us with care, love, concern and prayers/ This touched up both deeply. As you may also know I had a successful hip replacement surgery and have recovered well. Your prayers worked!

Bob and I have been unable to be with you all for so long because we have been actively caring for my mom. We are now preparing to move in with her to help her through this next stage in her life and to keep her home where she wants to be.

We miss each of you very much! We look forward to being back with you soon. We both thank you for all of your supportive prayers and for being the people and church we love.

Love, hugs and prayers,

Bonnie and Bob Fuller

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

**Donna Bohnsack Memorial  
Glen Bohnsack**

### DID YOU KNOW!

Our monthly newsletter is printed free because of generous people / companies that advertise. It is true, and we need to let these generous people know that we appreciate them. If you real-estate information,

PLEASE CALL and THANK. ...

**Randy & Gene Engel  
Century 21—All Service**

*Make sure you tell them you heard about them from our newsletter!*



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**Lois Alfeld  
Maureen Borchardt  
Dawn Dolan  
Thelma Pace  
Maxine Vandewalker  
Roy Wheeler**

**Glen Bohnsack  
Marge Carlson  
Deborah Haynes  
Garett Steppat  
Chuck Volker**

## APRIL WORSHIP TEXT

### 1st Maundy Thursday

Holy Scripture—John 13: 12-17, 34-35  
Holy Scripture—Mark 14: 1, 17-25  
Holy Scripture—Mark 14: 26-27, 32-42

### 4th Easter

First Lesson—Isaiah 65: 17-25  
Second Lesson—1 Corinthians 15: 19-26  
Gospel—Luke 24: 1-12

### 11th Second Sunday of Easter

First Lesson—Acts 5: 27-32  
Second Lesson—Revelation 1: 4-8  
Gospel—John 20: 19-31

### 18th Third Sunday of Easter

First Lesson—Acts 9: 1-6 [7-20]  
Second Lesson—Revelation 5: 11-14  
Gospel—John 21: 1-19

### 25th Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson—Acts 9: 36-43  
Second Lesson—Revelation 7: 9-17  
Gospel—John 10: 22-30

### PARISH BUILDER ARTICLES

For May 2010

**Due in the office  
April 16th**

*Thank you, Judy*

## APRIL PRAYER CALENDAR

1	Luke 22: 7-22	
2	Matthew 27: 32-54	
3	Matthew 27: 62-66	<i>But as for me, my prayer is to you, O Lord.</i>
4	Luke 24: 1-12	
5	John 20: 19-23	<i>At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love</i>
6	John 20: 26-31	<i>answer me in your saving faithfulness.</i>
7	I Peter 3: 18-22	
8	II Corinthians 15: 16-21	<i>Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good; according</i>
9	I Corinthians 15: 3-8	<i>to your abundant mercy, turn to me.</i>
10	I Corinthians 15: 20-22	
11	Hebrews 12; 3-6	<i>I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him</i>
12	Hebrews 12: 7-11	<i>with thanksgiving.</i>
13	I Peter 2: 13-17	
14	Psalm 44: 1-3	<i>Psalm 69: 13, 16, 30</i>
15	I John 5: 6-12	
16	Romans 12: 14-18	
17	Psalm 31: 1-5	
18	Romans: 8: 1-4	
19	Romans 8: 15-18	
20	Hebrews 13: 1-6	
21	Philippians 3: 1-3	
22	Philippians 3: 8-11	
23	Romans 7: 4-6	
24	I Corinthians 15: 12-19	
25	Psalm 36: 7-12	
26	Psalm 40: 1-5	
27	Hebrews 9: 11-14	
28	Hebrews 4: 12-16	
29	Philippians 4: 9	
30	Ephesians 1: 16-23	

<b>APRIL WORSHIP TEAMS</b>	
April Reader April Altar Guild	<i>Hazel Knippelmeyer</i>
<b>1st</b> Communion Assistant — Bread <b>Maundy Thurs.</b>	
Prayers of the People	
Projectionist	
Communion Assistants —Wine	<i>Marilyn Burns and George Moore</i>
Greeters	
Usher Team	
<b>2nd</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	
Prayers of the People	
Projectionist	
Usher Team	
<b>4th</b> Communion Assistant— Bread 9:00 am Service	
Prayers of the People	
Projectionist	
Communion Assistants —Wine	<i>Joe Makowski and Loraine Winingar</i>
Greeters	
Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>
<b>4th</b> Communion Assistant— Bread <b>11:00 Service</b>	<i>George Moore</i>
Prayers of the People	
Projectionist	
Communion Assistant —Wine	<i>Marge Hersom</i>
Greeters	
Usher Team	
<b>11th</b> Communion Assistant— Bread	
Prayers of the People	
Projectionist	
Communion Assistant —Wine	
Greeters	
Usher Team	<i>George Hauk</i>
<b>18th</b> Communion Assistant— Bread	
Prayers of the People	
Projectionist	
Communion Assistant —Wine	<i>Liz Dunnigan and Darcy Barghols</i>
Greeters	
Usher Team	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
<b>25th</b> Communion Assistant— Bread	
Prayers of the People	
Projectionist	
Communion Assistant —Wine	
Greeters	

# APRIL 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1 MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 10:00 a.m. Outreach 7:00 pm. Service	<b>2 GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7:00 p.m. Service	<b>3</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>4 EASTER</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Brunch 11:00 a.m. Worship Service Evening—St. Matthew Youth (FC)	<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. Counters	<b>6</b> 9:00 a.m. Facilities Mtg. Noon WELCA 6:00 p.m. Worship Arts 6:30 p.m. Special Olympic 7:00 p.m. Parish Ed	<b>7</b> 5:30 p.m. WNL Potluck 6:30p.m. Bible Study (Timothy II) 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Evening—St. Matthew Youth (FC)	<b>10</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>11</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:25 a.m. Sunday School	<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m. Counters 5:30 p.m. Finance 6:00 p.m. Executive Council 7:00 a.m. Council	<b>13</b> 9:00 a.m. Facilities crew 9:30 a.m. Project Day 6:30 p.m. Special Olym- pic 7:00 p.m. Rebekah Circle	<b>14</b> 5:30 p.m. WNL Potluck 6:30p.m. Bible Study (Timothy II) 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. Deborah Circle	<b>16</b> 8:30 a.m. Warren- Walker Jump Rope for Heart	<b>17</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
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<b>25</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:25 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Gourmet Brunch 2:00 p.m. Grossmont Col- lege Concert	<b>26</b> 9:00 a.m. Counters	<b>27</b> 9:00 a.m. Facilities 9:30 a.m. Project Day 6:30 p.m. Special Olympic	<b>28</b> 5:30 p.m. WNL Potluck 6:30p.m. Bible Study (Timothy II) 7:00 p.m. Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL**

WORSHIP: Sundays—9:00 a.m.  
Sunday school for all ages 10:30 am. - Lower Level  
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Lenten Services  
Palm Sunday and Cantata—March 28th  
Maundy Thursday—April 1st @ 7:00 pm  
Good Friday—April 2nd @ 7:00 pm  
Easter Service—April 4th @ 9 and 11 am  
Easter Brunch—April 4th @ 10am

**St. Luke's Mission Statement:**

We are called as a community of Christians  
saved by grace  
—through faith alone in Jesus Christ—  
to spread the Holy Gospel in word, sacrament, and action  
*solī deo gloria.*