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Dear First Lutheran Family & Friends,

Guided by the wind of the Holy Ghost, wise old Solomon wrote: "For everything there is a season." As Fall has finally come to the Elsinore Valley, I thank God more and more for the great way His Word shapes and fills the Christian life with meaning and hope. Take the four seasons for instance, I find it absolutely amazing that God not only made four distinct seasons to show us His creativity, give growth and rest for crops, etc. but they also teach us about our life as Christians. How amazingly comforting it is that God would know that our bodies need rest from heat, rest from work, and even like the trees and crops, seasons called Fall and Winter allow us to slow down, rest a bit, and then jump back to life in Spring and Summer. The sun sets earlier in the winter months, it's harsh rays cool down, cool breezes blow, (the heat of the hammer of the law ceases and the fresh Gospel rain soothes), leaves change colors (we also go from sadness to joy, from wrestling to relaxing, from naked in sin to clothed in Baptism), some plants hibernate (die) so they can break earth's grave in spring (resurrection), every twenty-four hour period has morning and night-events to signal faith that our whole life is dying and rising with Christ and His promises, and that we work in the Gospel field at day before the night cometh (the Last Day) when no more work is needed (all the sheaves—Christians - are safely gathered in). I read somewhere that Christians learn to rehearse death and resurrection by noticing night and daytime and making the theological connection between creation and the new creation. "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep, if I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take." And of course there is the favorite verse from the psalms that remind that although weeping may last through the night, God will give joy in the morning. I'm sure there are many other themes that you notice and connect with fall and winter, God's Word and you. Blessed be our God and Father Who has created all these and opened our eyes to see that even the Heavens declare the glory of God, the world, and everything in it, AND, that we can connect these creative realities/gifts from God with things personal and spiritual and give thanks. Viewing things around us with an eye to Scripture even helps when we see things terrible and nasty, broken, hurt and dead, that, this isn't the way it was supposed to be, that, "This is My Father's World" and that we, the people of His pasture and redeemed sheep of His hand, will not be left alone, knowing, that one Day everything will be changed one last time, in the twinkling of eye, as fast as lightning streaks through the middle of a cloud, skittering from east to west in a flash, when on the Last Day, even we, the crown of God's creative and redeeming hand, will be changed and given brand spanking new bodies without sin to live in the joyful presence of the Triune God and the saints forever in Heaven! Oh what a Day that will be, a season that will have no end. So keep looking up at God's handiwork which He made for you to notice and give thanks. And keep looking into God's life-changing Word, where, the Spirit will give real meaning, real change and hope. And lift up Your heads, for Your Redeemer draws near.

Thank God for the seasons and His promise that we will be changed! Whoops, I just saw a leave blow by the window and gotta go outside to see what color it is.

Blessed Fall.

+Pastor Kolander



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 — Joe Caithamer, Jr.
- 4 — Kurt Jaffke
- 6 — Donald Foster
- 8 — Jim Smith
- 10 — Frieda Bartsch
- 11 — Travis Wilson
- 12 — Joe Caithamer
- 18 — Rhonda Gainey
- 18 — Valerie Smith
- 19 — John Wilson
- 21 — Susie Wysong
- 26 — Ruby Atkinson
- 28 — Don Dettviler
- 28 — Emilyn Kyle
- 28 — Sue Rohrbach
- 29 — Chris Bergman
- 30 — Shirley Brown



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 — Bob Fuhr
- 2 — Hedder Gomez
- 8 — Christine DeKoker
- 9 — Gerry Connellan
- 10 — Debbie Bergman
- 14 — Rachel Cholula
- 15 — Lynn Lipa
- 16 — Kimberly Neebe
- 16 — Nancy Purcha
- 21 — Emily Reinitz
- 21 — Ted Rosenblatt
- 26 — Ellie Spellum
- 29 — Carol Ittner
- 29 — Mary Kenagy

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Emily Reinitz (hand surgery); Tom McDermott (sister Maureen-ICU); Kevin/Karen; Harry Harlow; Mark Steiner; Betty Krieger; Lore Tucker (friends Mike & Sandy); Don Foster (brother Dick, daughter Terri); Dave Anderson; Silvia Carter (daughter Sybil); Anna Mevis; Jenny Lawson; Marilyn Kolander; Frank Crow (sister Doris); Dave Brannon (friend Katie).



OUR HOMEBOUND: Betty Krieger; Betty Leonhart; Ruby Atkinson; Clara Morgan; Helen Winchester; Marilyn Schiffner.

WORK: Michael Sunshine; Chris Gainey; Meagan Bergman (teaching-Kuwait).

MEMBERS AND LOVED ONE IN THE ARMED FORCES **Anthony True, Robert Steiner.** Don & Ruth Dettviler (son Mike and grandson Adam); Debbie Bergman (nephew); Emily & Austin Reinitz (grandsons); Erla Cloer (grandson); Nancy Purcha (3 grandsons); Brenda Romanek (brother); Alan & Helene Peterson (son Erick); Mary Gainey (grandson); Rick & Francine Wellington (grandson); Jean Eilers (grandson); Andrea Hall (nephew).

OUR LUTHERAN PASTORS Rev. Kinney (South American), Rev. Rohwer (Muslim), & Rev. Bernard (Lutheran Church-Haiti, West Indies).

THANK YOU FROM BETTY KRIEGER

To my Precious Church Family At First Lutheran: Thank you for your prayers, beautiful cards, phone calls, delicious food, for Pastor giving me Holy Communion, and to the choir; keep singing your beautiful hymns. I will never forget you coming to my home and singing like angels. When you come to see me it's such a blessing to talk about the Lord, and how awesome He is in His Love for you and me. May our Family continue to grow spiritually, you are all in my heart and prayers.

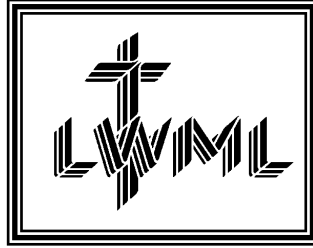
Love in Christ from a very grateful **Betty Krieger**, Your Sister in Christ

ATTENDANCE

	SEPTEMBER	5	12	19	26
Worship	121	97	116	102	
Communed	108		99	*	
Bible Class	49	40	39	36	
Sun. School	*	*	*	*	
Offerings	\$3521.88	\$2374.	\$3580.	\$1547.	
OCTOBER	3	10	17	24	31
Worship	101	*	98	114	116
Communed	93		97		
Bible Class	40	35	44	*	29
Sun. School	*	4	4	*	*
Offerings.	\$3942.10	\$3052.02	\$2134.	\$2516.	\$3478.

**denotes not listed*

LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY LEAGUE



L.W.M.L. (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) November/December, 2010

We are approaching the end of another year. They seem to fly by very fast. A Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas to everyone.

Our Cranberry Tea on October 2 was, as always, a great success. A big thanks goes to Geri Daughtrey and her committee. Our entertainment this year was the California Lutheran High School Choir. They were superb. The youth of the choir were very outgoing, greeting all of us individually after their performance. If you get a chance to hear this choir, you will be very impressed. We realized \$580.00 for our Mission work. Thanks to all who attended.

Our Annual Craft Faire will be November 5 and 6. Please mark your calendars, as I'm sure you will want to be there and see, and hopefully buy, some of the items our craft ladies have made. They have been busy most of the year.

We want to thank all of the faithful "Mite Box" donors. We have had tremendous help from all of you this year. As they say, "Our Cup Runneth Over," for which we are extremely grateful. Thank God for all of you who are helping us meet our Mission Goals. The needy in our world bless you. Fourth (4) Sunday of every month is "Mite Box" time.

An invitation is extended to all ladies of First Lutheran to join us the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 A.M. in our Fellowship Hall.

Yours in Christ,
Madeline Dulmatch, Secretary

PAT KYLE PRESENTS THE BIBLE IN AN HOUR AT FIRST LUTHERAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 9:00 AM

The Bible is a big book! Actually, it is a mini library consisting of sixty-six individual books. Either way you look at it, the central theme of the Bible remains a mystery to many people and even more don't see the gift of Jesus throughout its pages. This need not be the case. Many people know all of the stories in the Bible, but have no idea how they all fit together. It's like they have a string of pearls all loose in a bag, but have never seen the whole necklace. It's like they have all the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, but have never seen the top of the box. Bible in an Hour will show you the way the pearls are strung together, and finally, finally, you will see the top of the box. Bible in an hour contains a wealth of information packed into one succinct presentation. This message will help remove any confusion you may have regarding the overall flow of the Bible. Armed with Bible in an Hour, you will be able to understand the central theme of the Word of God, JESUS, the only hope for this life and the Life to come.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 7—Don & Pat Crow
- 7—Catherine & Michael DiBella
- 7—Michael & Kim Sunshine
- 24—Bob & Shirley Brown



Happy Anniversary

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 10—Bob & Lois Salchow
- 15—Justin & Susan Morris
- 20—Mark & Karol Steiner
- 24—Ellie & Paul Niehouse

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism

Benjamin Steven Sunshine

October 10, 2010

Wedding

Rachel Bennet * Jose Cholula

October 15, 2010

Funeral

Bob Schiffner August 25, 2010.

Memorial: September 1, 2010

LUTHERANS IN MISSION DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REFRESHMENTS

November

7th Dana Davidson
Beverly Christensen
Mary Gainey

14th Debbie Bergman
Sandra Brannon
Jean Eilers

21st Melody Anton
Nancy Purcha
Gerry Rice

28th Potluck

Pat Crow
Freida Bartsch
Heather Hawthorth

December

5th Maurice Hahn
Ellie Niehouse
Jamie Wilson

12th Gerry Connellan
Madeline Dulmatch
Kathy McCaleb

19th Michael Haworth
Beverly Leckie
Marion Schmedake

26th Potluck

Kelly Kyle
Ted Rosenblatt
Emily Reinitz

Rev. Walter & Ana Ries

Deaths, funerals and burials are not predicable. They aren't a part of the regular month's calendar, and so when they occur, all plans are dropped and time and comfort are given to those in mourning. This happened to us this past April, on a beautiful Monday morning. . And it just wasn't your average funeral, it was a memorial service, nine days after the actual death, with more than 500 people attending and was taking place after an hour-long hike up a mountain

The previous Saturday night, La Niña, the matriarch of a good part of Palmar Arriba and with a solid Christian faith, passed away. She was in her nineties. There was a strong show of care and concern shown by the community, with more than 500 people attending the service, many of whom climbed the hill the night before or in the earliest hours of the morning.

After death, according to local Catholic tradition, the spirit roams the village until prayers are said for it. Since so many members of her family are a part of our mission in Palmar Arriba, they came to us first to see if we would help with the service, and we did. However, there was a key difference in our service: instead of praying for her spirit, we gave thanks to God for her life and for the forgiveness of Jesus Christ—that by His grace, she already was enjoying Heavenly mansions and was with our dear Lord. We give thanks for this opportunity to share the Gospel with La Niña's mountaintop community.



Pastor Ries and members



Gathering the children for Sunday School



Jesus loves the little children and they love Him



They love to sing!



Teens join in leading Sunday School

PAT AND KELLY KYLE

On October 11, 1973, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, a little girl was born to Ronald and Diane (nee Pajer) Meyer. They named her Kelly Diane. Kelly was baptized in the Methodist Church in Kenosha. She lived in Wisconsin until she was 14 years old when the family moved to Mission Viejo in California, where she attended Junior High and then High School at Trabuco High in Mission Viejo. She went to a community college where she was on the volley ball team and swam. Kelly has a sister, Holly, who now lives in San Diego.



The Kyle Family

Patrick Sean Kyle was born February 7, 1963, in Annapolis, Maryland; His father, Everett Reed Kyle, was in the Navy and stationed there. His mother was Charlen Fosberg. He also has a younger sister, Heather, in Virginia, and a brother in Montana.

Pat was baptized in Eureka, Montana, and became a Christian at the age of 18 through a youth group at the Church of God. He attended grade school in Western New York state, and High School in Eureka, Montana.

Pat attended his denomination's Bible College in Houston Texas. During this time and subsequently, he became increasingly dissatisfied with the doctrine in his particular denomination and in Evangelicalism. After several harrowing church experiences Pat decided he had had enough of church for awhile and dropped out entirely. A friend who had become a Lutheran convinced Pat he needed to read the Book of Concord (Lutheran Confessions) before giving up on the faith completely. Upon reading the Confessions he promptly converted to Lutheranism and was confirmed into membership of St John's Lutheran Church in Orange, Ca. in February of 1990.

Kelly and Pat met through a mutual friend. After three months they were engaged and the wedding took place eight months later, on August 18, 2001. Kelly became a Lutheran when she married Pat. They have lived in five places in Whittier and Corona, and now have a lovely, big home in Corona. Their oldest son, Christian, is seven years old and in the Second Grade. He is a Boy Scout and likes to play soccer. Morgan is five, is in Kindergarten and loves school, soccer, and baseball. Emilyn is two years old and likes nothing better than to be on either her Mommy or Daddy's lap. They are a really neat family!

Kelly worked in Special Education in Saddleback Valley in Mission Viejo, and has also worked in Whittier Union High School district. She now keeps busy as a stay-at-home Mom. What could be more worthwhile, and also keep the family happier, than exactly that position? Kelly's hobbies, when she has time, are hiking, gardening, and scrapbooking.

FLOWER SCHEDULE

November

7—**Frank & Pat Crow**

57th Anniversary

Freida Bartsch

Birthday

14—**John & Travis Wilson**

Birthdays

21—**Susie Wysong**

Birthday

28—**Emilyn Kyle**

Birthday

December

5—**Guy & Maurine Hahn**

Memory of Dorothy Geilow

12—**Mary Kenagy**

In memory of mother

19—**Beverly Leckie**

In honor of 2 sons birthdays

26—**Paul & Ellie Niehouse**

60th Anniversary

 *Altar
Flowers*

Ongoing Ministries

E-Prayer—Pastor Kolander

H.O.P.E. Basket —1st & 3rd

Sunday—McCaleb's

and Gerry Connellan

Ladies Prayer Chain—

Bev Leckie

Newsletter—Ruth Detviler

Publicity—Maurine Hahn

Greeters—Contact person

Melody Anton

**BIBLE STUDIES
AT
FIRST LUTHERAN**

Sunday 9:00—10:00AM
Finding the Gospel in the
Book of Isaiah

Wednesday
10:30 AM—12:00 Noon
Book of Romans

Friday
Chain the Cat
6:00 PM—Supper
6:30 PM—Prayers
7:00 PM Bible Study



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Pat graduated from Cal State Fullerton with a BA in History. He has been employed by Trader Joe's since 2004. Pat collects coins, guns and enjoys hunting and fishing; he especially likes hunting deer, elk, and bear in Montana. He is also Vice President and part owner of New Reformation Press.

The Kyles like FLC as we are a confessional church, where they know they will hear Law and Gospel. They knew Pastor Kolander during a South Orange County outreach program some time ago. They also feel a kinship with us here at First Lutheran, and they are certainly special folks for us to have here with us in worship.

May our Lord and Savior bless and keep this sweet family in His care.

NEWS AND NOTES

- ◆ New email address for Phyllis Werner: stormmom1@aol.com.
- ◆ Choir will rehearse at 4:30 PM on Wednesdays during Advent.
- ◆ Thank you to the LWML for hosting the luncheon after the Memorial Service for Robert Schiffner.
- ◆ Wednesday morning Bible Study will recess for the month of December.
- ◆ On October 10th Benjamin Steven Sunshine was Baptized. His Godparents are Susan and Justin Morris. God's blessings on little Benjamin.
- ◆ On October 15th Rachel Bennet and Jose Cholula were united in marriage by Pastor Kolander at the Good Shepherd Chapel on the Campus of Concordia University Irvine. Jose has a new job waiting for him in Colorado and they have moved there to set up a home and begin their new life together. They want to express their sincere gratitude to all who have given them gifts and attended their wedding.

LUTHERAN HOUR FLOAT

THE PETAL PUSHERS® ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2011 PARADE. Thanks to the efforts of the Petal Pushers®, we are able to keep the only religious float, the Lutheran Hour Ministries Float, in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The Petal Pushers® will be decorating seven floats and assisting with floral preparations in the flower tent. For insurance purposes, all volunteers must be 13 years and older. During decorating week volunteers must wear a Petal Pushers shirt (from any year). Please sign up to join us and decorate during the following shifts: Detail days are 12/5 (Sun), 12/11 (Sat), and 12/18 (Sat) from 9am—5pm. Decorating week begins on 12/26 (Sun) with a day shift from 9am—4pm and an evening shift from 1pm—9pm. From 12/27-12/30, day shifts are from 8am—3:30pm and evening shifts are from 3pm—1pm. On 12/31 there is a day shift only, from 8am to completion (at approximately 12 noon). Please visit <http://www.petalpushers.org>



SPECIAL EVENTS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

November 5 & 6—LWML Craft Faire

November 24—Thanksgiving Eve Service with Holy Communion @ 7:15 PM

November 27—Decorate our Church for Christmas

December 1, 8, 15—Soup Supper @ 6:15 PM, Advent Vespers @ 7:15 PM

December 24—Christmas Eve Service @ 7:15 PM

December 25—Christmas Day Service @ 9:00 AM

December 26—Luther's Chorale Service @ 10:30 AM

December 31—New Year's Eve Evening Vespers @ 7:15 PM

