



*From the Pastor*



## “TIME TO STOP TRYING TO ANSWER THE ‘WRONG QUESTIONS;’ TIME TO START ASKING THE ‘RIGHT QUESTIONS!’ ”

At a Fall Pastors' conference ten years ago in New Jersey I heard a Southern Baptist pastor and author say that the North American church culture was on "life support." He went on to say that it was living off of the work, money, and energy of the previous generations, and the plug would get pulled when the money runs out. And, how long would that take? He suggested that would be when three-fourths of the people aged 55 and older pass away, because currently 80% of the donations supporting the church are given by those 55 and up. When I heard this ten years ago, needless to say, I was quite alarmed and dismissed the accuracy of his prediction, although I knew deep inside the mainline church was in trouble. A decade later in California I have come to believe that he was more accurate than I had realized!

Certainly the church of Jesus Christ will not collapse! The "Body of Christ" that was established by Jesus will survive until He returns! But, the church culture that I grew up in and most of us (at least those 35/40 years old and up) have come to know and feel comfortable in, is an endangered species. If it was on life support ten years ago, where is it today? Without going into all kinds of statistics which can be manipulated and massaged to support varying opinions, we can see that the church culture we have come to know is dying. Does Shepherd of the Valley look the same as it did 10 - 20 years ago? The church I grew up in on the other side of the country has seen their elementary school close and their Sunday attendance reduced by more than half since I left it about 30 years ago. And, I'm guessing most of us could share similar sad realities.

Faced with this kind of decline in recent decades, pastors and church leaders have asked how they can perform more effectively and 'do church better.' How do we grow as a church? How can we attract more people to come and join us? How do we develop church members and new church leaders to help bear the load of responsibility and keep this church going? And many a committee, task force or action team has wrestled to answer these questions. **But, it's time to stop trying to answer the 'wrong questions.'** Rather, **it's time to start asking the 'right questions,' and seeking to find solutions within our new culture and context!** In his book, *The Present Future*, that's what Pastor Reggie McNeal, the Southern Baptist preacher and author mentioned above, prescribes. I believe his diagnosis was right on, and so I also believe his prescription to be accurate as well. So, what are the RIGHT QUESTIONS? Briefly he states that the church must move from "churchianity" to "Christianity." How does the church become more "missional" and hit the streets and meet people where they are, as they are, and give them life in Christ? How do we develop followers of Jesus, rather than church members? How do we equip people to be missionaries and not members? Reggie challenges the way we have operated and thought, as a church. I would highly recommend getting his book, *The Present Future*, and read what he has to share for yourself.

I was reminded of this indictment of asking the 'wrong questions' in a movie I've seen several times now entitled, *MONEYBALL*. Even if you don't like baseball (what??) you'll enjoy this movie. While the story addresses the game of professional baseball, it's really more about cultural change. It reveals how hard it is to change a culture, and about how important it is to do just that, when the world around you has already changed! It has a powerful message, I believe, for the church and the creative ingenuity that is needed to defy tradition (not theology!) in order to ask the right questions and be the missional agent that Jesus has called it to be. In order to start asking the right questions and wrestling with answering them we will have to:

1. Think differently! We have to reframe and reform our questions, answers and ministry.
2. Challenge cherished practices and the sacred, *"That's how we've always done it (and like it)"*
3. Adapt or die! We will either embrace change and adapt, or stubbornly resist it and hold on as long as possible until we die.
4. Expect resistance as a sign of growth. Look for and celebrate renewal and signs of growth.

One of the keys in all of this will be to distinguish between truly "Adaptive Changes" and "Technical Adjustments." For example, effective preaching in our culture today requires interactive engagement. Adding power point or movie clips to a sermon are making technical adjustments. Reframing a sermon to welcome response and encourage involvement is initiating adaptive change. Certainly dealing with both technical problems and adaptive challenges are important. The church, however, must adapt and promote a vision of the future where God's people have a responsibility for understanding and sharing the faith simultaneously. To address both concerns, Shepherd of the Valley is taking the following two steps:

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2. We are attending the Wheatridge sponsored workshop on May 15<sup>th</sup>, "Starting Smart." This is a first step in pulling together a new visionary task force seeking to ask the right questions and offer some answers and suggestions at the next congregational voters' meeting (August 2013). If you are interested in attending the workshop please call the church office for more details. It is hoped that the task force can bring "adaptive challenges" to the congregation for prayerful consideration and action.

I realize that if you have not seen the movie, *MONEYBALL*, or read the book, *The Present Future*, this article may be a little difficult to follow. Watch the movie on cable, or go to Netflix etc. Watch it and enjoy it . . . and learn from it. Pastor McNeal's book is readily available in hard copy or as an electronic download. Get it and read it! You will not be disappointed. And, please pray that we as a congregation and a part of the Christian church might proactively adapt and effectively share the timeless Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Dennis Krueger

## "Un-Apologetic"

### The Problem of Evil; Part 1

As I stated last month, the problem of evil is one of the chief objections the New Atheists raise against Christianity. As I began to write this column, it quickly became clear to me that doing this subject justice would require more than one column. So in this first installment, I will lay out the objection. Next month I will give a more in depth response to the problem itself, and why serious philosophers, even those with atheistic viewpoints, do not consider this a serious challenge to the Christian world view.

The standard objection of the problem of evil is as follows: How could a God that is all loving and all powerful allow evil to take place? Either he can stop evil, and chooses not to, in which case he is not good, or he is incapable of stopping evil, and is therefore not all powerful.

Before we get too far into this issue, I think we need to take note of one important issue. The problem of evil can be broken into two categories. There is the logical problem of evil (the atheists claim that there is a logical inconsistency in God's nature), and the emotional problem of evil (the fact that we see evil, and we don't like it). I would like to make clear that I will be dealing with the logical problem of evil in this column. If we try and use logical arguments to comfort someone suffering from the effects of evil, we are likely to come across as cold and un-sympathetic.

The first step in disarming the critic is to realize that the objection itself is fatally flawed from the outset. The atheist is admitting that evil exists by raising the objection. But where have they gotten this idea of evil from? There is an appeal to authority, an "ought" in the objection if you will. The unbeliever is making a claim about how God "ought" to act. But if the world is only material processes, molecules clashing in the universe as the atheists assert, there is no grounding for this notion of good or evil. Evil is not a thing in particular. It is a departure from an ultimate standard of good. As Christians, we have an answer for what grounds that ultimate standard of good. It is grounded in the nature of God.

Next month, I will continue to show how the atheist, by raising the problem of evil, gets stuck on the horns of his own dilemma. See you next month!

Your Servant, Drew Covert



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### *Power Point Schedule for May & June:*

	8:00 am	10:45 am
5/ 5	Joshua Stange	Amanda Johansen
5/12	Bud Kenefick	Jim Wilson
5/19	Luke Hamann	Drew Covert
5/26	Gerry Klepps	Bob Maurer
6/ 2	One Service Only	Drew Covert
6/ 9	Joshua Stange	Bob Maurer
6/16	Luke Hamann	Amanda Johansen
6/23	Gerry Klepps	Abby Covert
6/30	One Service Only	Marvin Niles

If you need to change your schedule, or have any questions on how to run the system, contact Drew Covert at 951-525- 8111 or [lcmsdrew@roadrunner.com](mailto:lcmsdrew@roadrunner.com) . Thank you all for your service to our Church and our Lord!



## April Showers bring May Flowers!

We didn't have many showers but we love the flowers! Our children have been learning about the rain, our planet, and flowers, plants, and seeds. What a beautiful creation God has given us!  
This month we will be focusing on Mexican heritage, Moms and Dads, caterpillars and butterflies. What a mix of fun things.

We plan on sprucing up our playground a bit during the summer so watch for upcoming activities. All help will be appreciated!

It is still "Open Enrollment" and our classes for the fall are already filling up. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors about Shepherd of the Valley Preschool and Kindergarten. We will continue to use the "A Beka" curriculum which is one of the top Christian curriculums available. We also have some changes in the works to make our school stand out among the best in Moreno Valley. It would be wonderful to have every class full by August 14 when school starts.

### Upcoming Events:

- May 5 – Children sing in the 10:45 service
- May 6-10 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 10 – Mother's Day Chapel & Tea at 9:00 am
- May 27 – Memorial Day, school closed ☺

Please continue to keep our school, staff, students, and families in prayer. Pray for God to guide us as we continue to teach His children. God bless you all!

In His Service,  
Linda Williamson, Director



June 28 - 30, 2013  
at  
Nagel's Nite Away, Big Bear  
Retreat Theme:  
"Beyond Caterpillar Dreams"

Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

When Jeremiah sent this message as part of a letter to the people of Judah, who would end up in captivity in Babylon for 70 years, I wonder what they really felt like. I don't know about you, but I think I would have thought, "I don't believe you," or it's about time".

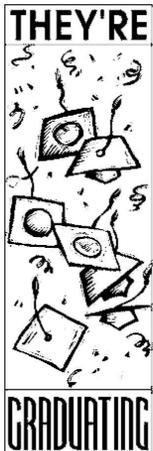
What kind of planner are you? Do you schedule all your appointments on your computer, write them down on your calendar, do a weekly planner, and put reminders on your refrigerator? Maybe you don't make any lists and just get up each morning and do whatever comes along. The good news is God loves you either way.

God's time is not like our time. God's plan for our lives may not be what we planned. He knows us better than we will ever understand ourselves. Ps. 139:13 says For You created my inmost being, You knit me together in my mother's womb. Verse 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body, All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came be.

At this year's retreat, we will look at the transformation of the caterpillar into the chrysalis (more commonly called the cocoon) before becoming the beautiful butterfly. We will then compare that transformation to what's happening in our lives as we allow our Lord to transform us.

Registration begins May 1st. Pick up a Registration Form in the church lobby, complete it, include a check for \$55.00 made payable to Shepherd of the Valley, put it in the envelope, and place it in the offering plate. Space is limited to approximately 20 ladies. Someone will call you to arrange car pooling, and to help provide and prepare one meal with 2 or 3 other ladies. We love to see new faces. If you have any questions, please call me at 684-3549.

Ruby Kraft



## GRADUATES!

Members and friends graduating from various levels of school, Jr. High, High School, College, etc. — mark your attendance card with this information or contact the church office so that we may include it in our next newsletter.

Please let us know of any special awards or recognitions and we'll include that information also.

## Upcoming Cursillo Weekends

- Men's Weekend - July 18-21
- Women's Weekend - July 25-28



If you'd like more information about Cursillo, speak with any of Shepherd's cursillistas:

Pastor Dennis, Pastor Allen,  
Larry & Marlene Alexander,  
Marge Clark, Erin Ennis,  
Bob & Carole Johansen,  
Jerry & Sue Anna Schatz.  
Or go to [www.lcsocal.org](http://www.lcsocal.org)





## QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Hello everyone from the quilting group!

We sadly have lost two wonderful God-loving members of the quilting group lately. Evelin Hartmetz and Dennis Bennett were two of our hard workers and they will be greatly missed. Please keep their families and loved ones in your prayers.

We have to say thank you so much for the donation of clean sheets to Julie Reed and thank you Janean Hamann for the piece of flannel. We do appreciate your donations so very much. Without your help we could not make all the quilts and other projects we do. Thanks for making them possible. Please continue to think of us when you clean out your closets. We also can use thread to tie quilts with. If you have extra safety pins we can always use those too.

If you would like to join us on the fourth Saturday of each month (except November and December)

come to the fellowship hall at 9 am. We have lots to do for our Lord's people and we can always use more willing hands to help.

If you have any questions give me a call, my number is 276-0373. May God bless you and keep you in His tender care.

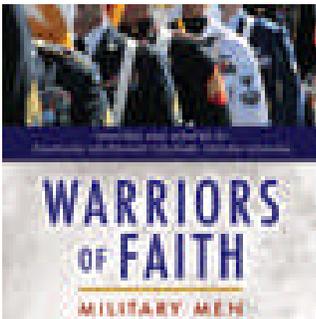
Linda Olson, Quilting Group Coordinator



## POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 11th starting at 11 am.

Ladies, join us for our annual Mother's Day luncheon on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the fellowship hall. Invite your friends and neighbors and sign up in the church lobby if you are attending and to let us know what pot luck items you will be bringing. There will also be space to indicate if you have serving items we might borrow for the event. Bring or wear your favorite tea things if you'd like. Cost is only \$2 per person and will be collected at the door. We can use help with preparations and clean up so if you are interested, mark your attendance card on Sunday, or email or call the office.



The Knights of the Holy Spirit will next meet on May 11 at 9:00 am. The present study is called "Warriors of Faith. Service members of the United States Armed Forces are met with challenges on and off the battlefield. Warriors of Faith -- Military Men, a Men's NetWork Bible study written especially for these servicemen and women, past and present, explores the issues of anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness and love, as they impact the lives of those who have served, or are now serving, their country. This is a five part study, covering topics that include: Anger, Guilt and Forgiveness, Grief, and Love. This month we cover the Guilt factor in Post-traumatic Stress Disorder. We invite you to attend and bring a friend. Last month there was some great discussion!

## STARTING SMART

### **Wheatridge Ministries is offering a one day workshop: "STARTING SMART: How to Start and Sustain a New Ministry Project."**

The workshop will be held Wednesday, May 15, 9 am - 3:30 pm at St. John's in Orange and includes a light breakfast and lunch.

It will provide a learning experience through which inspired leaders will be enabled to analyze and experience the essential steps for long-term ministry success. Presentations will focus on key aspects necessary to start and sustain ministry: Specifically - Asking the right questions to determine readiness for ministry. ; Planning – Design credible, feasible and impactful outcomes.; Funding – Discover elements of strong resource raising proposals.; Resources – Interactive process of asset mapping to discover new, creative resources, connections and possibilities to build high impact ministry.

Shepherd has registered for this workshop so if you are interested in attending please contact Pr. Dennis or the office soon as space is limited. There is no additional cost for the workshop, and we are planning to car pool from the church. As mentioned in the "From the Pastor" article, this is a first step in pulling together a new visionary task force seeking to offer some thoughts and suggestions at the next congregational voters' meeting (August 2013) towards a vision and master plan for the future of Shepherd of the Valley.

## BOUQUET NEWS



Hi everyone!! Guess what? It's time to start thinking about what we would like to accomplish as far as crafting this year. We all know how quickly time passes so getting started early is important. Last year was such a wonderful success and of course it was because we all worked together as a congregation. We hope you all will join us again this making your own unique crafts and joining us also for the upcoming workshops. The workshops will start in the summer and plenty of notice will be given in the bulletins. As always thank you so much for all of your support. Any questions please call Marina Bromar 301-3598.

Blessings to all of you, The Boutique Committee

## SPECIAL REPORT

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE for all Thrivent members

Three years ago Thrivent began a new program to encourage its members to designate a charity to receive "Choice Dollars" from Thrivent. Members who have life insurance or financial products with Thrivent may receive a certain amount of Choice Dollars that they may allocate to their favorite charity. This costs Thrivent members nothing, other than the time it takes to make that designation. At the time the Choice Dollars program began, Thrivent gave members the option to do an automatic renewal of their Choice Dollars designation. **Thrivent has now stopped the automatic renewal.** This means that members will need to make that designation every year. Not doing so means your Choice Dollars will not be used. Furthermore, you can only do the designation after the date in the year in which your Choice Dollars are allocated to your account, which is dependent on several different factors. So to maximize your designation, you will need to check at the end of the year whether you have any remaining Choice Dollars that can be designated.

If you are a Thrivent member who has never designated your Choice Dollars before, or if you are a member who has designated your Choice Dollars to our church or school, we would encourage you to make that designation for this year. To do so, please do one of the following:

1) For internet users:

Go to [www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice)  
Click on "Choice Dollars" and log in  
Under the "Search Organizations" enter "Shepherd of the Valley Church" or "Shepherd of the Valley School" and Moreno Valley for the city or another organization of your choice  
Click on Direct Now

2) To designate by phone:

Call 1-800-847-4836 At the prompt ask for Choice Dollars  
When you get a live person, tell him/her that you would like to designate your Choice Dollars to Shepherd of the Valley Church or School or other organization of your choice.

We recognize this takes more effort than in the past, but it is the only way you will be able to get your Choice Dollars to the organization of your choice.

### AN UPDATE ON ANN KRUEGER



Dear Family and Friends so dear to Mom,

Mom would like me to let everyone know she's moved into the next chapter of her life. She understands the time has come to go into a Memory Care Unit. She has adjusted well and enjoys her new friends. To make the move, Susan decorated her room so cute with lots of colorful things on the walls and pictures of family and friends. When Jerry and I visit her, she takes us around to meet all her new friends. One of the caregivers said it was so cute to listen to them talk about their life experiences! Jerry and I celebrated Easter Sunday services with Mom at Sunridge. Jerry said the minister was the best he'd heard in years! I feel Mom is getting the best care available and is happy. She would live to hear from you and if you have pictures of her with you that would be great to include with the letter. Mom's address is:

Sunridge Village  
Memory Care Unit  
Attn: Ann Krueger #107B  
839 Landon Drive  
Bullhead City, AZ 86429

Phone to Sunridge Village: 928-754-0700. They will take a phone to Mom.

God Bless You All,  
Pam, Jerry, Susan, Debbie & Christine Fink





## ANNOUNCING SHEPHERD'S

### SEMI-ANNUAL COLLABORATIVE MEETING Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

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# WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE

## UPDATE

Thanks to all that supported our youth as they participated in the 30 hour famine. Eleven of our young people successfully completed the 30 hour fast to raise money and awareness for world hunger. During our fast, we "Flamingoed" 22 houses to help in our fundraising efforts. I am pleased to announce that as of this writing, we have raised \$740 for World Vision - this is enough to feed one child for a full year! Thank you all so much for your support of this worthy cause.

I would like to say how blessed our church is to have such fine young men and women in our midst. There was very little of the grumbling that one might suspect would come from starving people in this age group. Our young people continue to be a source of inspiration to me!

Special thanks also go out to Alice Berringer, who not only went without food for 30 hours, but also slept in the church office with the young ladies of our group. Additional thanks to Marlayna Hamann and Carol Maurer for arranging the food for the pot luck, and organizing the kitchen crew. We couldn't have done it without you!

## VILLAGE CONCERT

Sunday, May 5, 2013  
3:00 PM

Presented at the Dorothy Doornbos Memorial Chapel  
Air Force Village West  
21233 Lemay Drive, Riverside, CA 92518  
[www.villageconcerts.net](http://www.villageconcerts.net)

**Clara Truong, piano; Andrew Moses, clarinet**



The Wunderkind are coming! And they will warm your hearts! Village Concerts take great pleasure in introducing **Clara Truong**, 13 and **Andrew Moses**, 12, in a youth concert that will make audiences wonder what *they* were doing at that age. **Clara Truong** began her Suzuki piano studies at an early age and at age 8 she began studying with Inessa Litvin of the Reimsky-Korsakov Conservatory at St. Petersburg, Russia. Clara has won top prizes in numerous competitions throughout San Diego, performing with the University of San Diego Symphony Orchestra and the Inland Valley Symphony Orchestra. As a student of chamber music, her quartet has won prestigious awards. Clarinetist **Andrew Moses** has been heralded as "A musician of enormous talent" by Southern California music critic Ted Ayala, winning the hearts of his audiences with his spirited and exceptional artistry. He has made concerto appearances with the Torrance Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Clarinet Choir and Glendale Youth Orchestra. He is a winner of the prestigious 2012 Beverly Hills Auditions. Dr. Margaret Thornhill (renowned clarinetist and Andrew's teacher) states, "Andrew's passionate and musicianship and technical command are that of a player many times his age." **Dr. Tania Fleischer**, who will accompany Andrew, is an active collaborative pianist and director of LMU's Chamber Ensembles, where she also teaches piano.



**American Cancer Society  
Relay for Life**  
Saturday, May 18 from 9 am to  
9 am Sunday at  
Valley View High School.

We don't have a team this year but our TLC for Cancer Patients Ministry will be there with a table to offer items to the participants. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that helps our community celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. Go to the Relay for Life website for more information or to sign up to walk or donate to this worthy cause.

**Joseph Project - Community (Citywide) Food Bank**

Shepherd is working with other churches in Moreno Valley with this community food bank that provides food for the needy every Thursday from a distribution center at the Koinonia Evangelistic Center, 21866 Brill Rd., Moreno Valley (951-867-3050). Volunteers are needed to help out with distribution, sorting, clean up, etc. at the center. Contributions to the Joseph Project will be gratefully accepted through Shepherd. Please pray for this ministry and volunteer your time and talents! Contact Larry Alexander for more information.



Are you looking for a "safety net" in your financial planning? The Lutheran Church Extension Fund is now offering the Family Emergency StewardAccount, specially designed to help families set aside money for those unexpected moments that seem to happen all too frequently. In addition to a great rate, the minimum investment is only \$25.00, and the account is structured with automated electronic deposits (minimum \$25 per month). See your congregation representative Larry Alexander, for more details or call 1-800-THE-LCEF.



**JOIN IN THE CHALLENGE**



This is a plea that you help build the Prayer Army we need so badly. Join us in choosing a time (maybe even 10 or 15 minutes) of any day of the week that is best for you individually and lift your silent (or loud) voices to the Lord. Ask for His touch on Shepherd, our Pastor, the members of our congregation, our school, and our community. His promise is clear - if His people gather together in prayer, He will hear our prayers. Let's do it!

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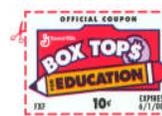
- Old cds & cases, Greeting card fronts, Laundry soap scoops, Film containers,
- Powdered drink mix cans,
- Magazines, Plastic baby food containers
- Prescription bottles (small)
- Candy boxes, Advertising magnets
- Small bottles, containers, boxes
- Empty thread spools (wood or plastic)
- Tins (from band aids, Altoids, tea, etc.)
- Starbucks-type bottles with lids and carton

Bring to the church or office. These items are made into craft items and given to the cancer patients at the County Regional Hospital. Thank you each and everyone for your help.



**Thursdays at 9:30 AM  
In the Fellowship Hall  
Presented by Suzy Langhorne  
Certified Instructor  
FREE! Please join us.**

**SAVE BOX TOPS FOR OUR SCHOOL!**



Specially marked box tops are worth \$.10 each when redeemed from Box Tops for Education. Encourage friends & family, near & far to help, too. Thanks for taking the time to help our school.

**SCRIP AVAILABLE!**

We have scrip available for Staters Bros. Stop by the SCRIP table after services or at the school during the week.

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# The Shepherd's Staff

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5th Sunday of the month - One service only at 9:30 AM

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LINDA WILLIAMSON, SCHOOL DIRECTOR**



## May 2013

**MOTHERS' DAY** – ***"Shock yo' Momma! Take her to church on Mothers' Day!"*** In cooperation with many of the other churches in Moreno Valley, we are encouraging families to **GET BACK TO CHURCH ON MOTHERS' DAY!** Special postcards will be available to hand out inviting people to come to church on the Sunday of Mothers' Day, 5/12. The addresses of some of our Moreno Valley churches will be listed on the reverse side of the card, along with worship service times. Please give one of these invitations to a friend or neighbor ... and **PLEASE** – bring your mom to church on Mothers' Day!



**CONFIRMATION** The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on the first Sunday in June at a special service at 9:30 a.m. On Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will only be one service at 9:30 a.m. It is hoped that the whole church will gather together to witness and celebrate the public examination and the confirmation of six of our young people: Alexander Cooke; Patrick Cooke; Josh Hamann; Johnathan McFarland; Nathaniel Medina; Kaelee Schatz. All are invited to a special fellowship celebration in the hall honoring our newly confirmed, directly following the service. **\*\*Please mark your calendar for that special Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, for one service only – at 9:30 a.m.!**

**JUNE SERMON SERIES: Paul's Letter to the Galatians - "THE RIGHTEOUS LIVE BY FAITH"** On the Sundays in June (except 6/2 - Confirmation) we will be reading and working through the Book of Galatians in our Sunday morning services. Galatians reveals the essential truth of the New Testament that man is justified through faith in Jesus Christ. Martin Luther relied heavily on this letter in his writings and arguments against the prevailing 'works-righteousness' theology of his day. It's a small book of the Bible, so why not read



# May 2013

**Sunday Worship: 8 AM and 10:45 AM - Communion: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:00 PM Awana / Elementary (Y) 7:00 PM Praise Team (S)	<b>2</b> 8:00 AM Braille Mail (H) 9:30 AM Tai Chi (H) 10:00 AM School Chapel (S) 10:30 AM Crossways Bible Study (O) 12:30 PM Staff (O)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 AM Cursillo Grouping @ Panera Bread
<b>5</b>  9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (Y-O-H) 10:45 AM Preschool Children Singing (S) 6:00 PM Confirmation (O) 6:00 PM Messiahs Messengers (H) 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth (Y)	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM First Place TLC (H) 6:00 PM Jr. Hi Youth (Y) 7:00 PM Women of Faith TLC (H)	<b>7</b> 5:30 PM School Board (O) 5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S) 6:00 PM Diamond Girls (H)	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM Womens Faith Journey TLC (O) 3:00 PM Boutique Meeting (O) 6:00 PM Awana / Elementary (Y) 7:00 PM Praise Team (S)	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM Braille Mail (H) 9:30 AM Tai Chi (H) 10:30 AM Crossways Bible Study (O) 12:30 PM Staff (O) 7:00 PM Band (H)	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM School Mother's Day Chapel & Tea (S-H) 3:00 PM Luncheon Set Up (H) 4:00 PM Girl Scout 153 Awards Rehearsal (S)	<b>11</b> 9:00 AM Knights of the Holy Spirit Bible Study (O) 11:00 AM Mother's Day Pot Luck Luncheon (H) 3:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 153 Award Ceremony (S)
<b>12</b>  9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (Y-O-H) 6:00 PM Confirmation (O) 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth (Y) BP Screening after Services	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Women's Koffee Klatch @ Brandon's 6:00 PM Diamond Girls (H) 6:00 PM Jr. Hi Youth (Y)	<b>14</b> 5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7:00 PM Lay Ministers (H) 7:30 PM Girl Scouts (Y)	<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Starting Smart Workshop (St. Johns, Orange) 6:00 PM Awana / Elementary (Y) 7:00 PM Praise Team (S)	<b>16</b> 8:00 AM Braille Mail (H) 9:30 AM Tai Chi (H) 10:00 AM School Chapel (S) 10:30 AM Crossways Bible Study (O) 12:30 PM Staff (O) 6:00 PM M & M Directors (O)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30 AM SVLC Planning & Coordinating Meeting (H)
<b>19</b>  9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (Y-O-H) 6:00 PM Confirmation (O) 6:00 PM Messiahs Messengers (H) 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth (Y)	<b>20</b> 10:00 AM First Place TLC (H) 6:00 PM Jr. Hi Youth (Y) 7:00 PM Women of Faith TLC	<b>21</b> 5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)	<b>22</b> 10:00 AM Womens Faith Journey TLC (O) 6:00 PM Awana / Elementary (Y) 7:00 PM Praise Team (S)	<b>23</b> 8:00 AM Braille Mail (H) 9:30 AM Tai Chi (H) 10:30 AM Crossways Bible Study (O) 12:30 PM Staff (O) 7:00 PM Band (H)	<b>24</b> 10:00 AM School Chapel (S)	<b>25</b> 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Brandon's 9:00 AM Quilting for LWR (H)
<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (Y-O-H) 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth (Y) BP Screening after Services	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S) Memorial Day - School & Office Closed	<b>28</b> 5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S) 7:00 PM TLC for Cancer Patients (H) 7:30 PM Girl Scouts (Y)	<b>29</b> 6:00 PM Awana / Elementary (Y) 7:00 PM Praise Team (S)	<b>30</b> 8:00 AM Braille Mail (H) 9:30 AM Tai Chi (H) 10:00 AM School Chapel (S) 10:30 AM Crossways Bible Study (O) 12:30 PM Staff (O)	<b>31</b> 6:00 PM Pack 210 Graduation (S)	