



CHRISTIANS AND POLITICS

My Sisters and Brothers:

I am writing this the day after the New York primaries. By the time you read this several more will have happened and California's primary will be very close. What I am about to say is not meant to support or oppose any candidate or party, but it is meant to encourage Christian's participation according to Godly standards.

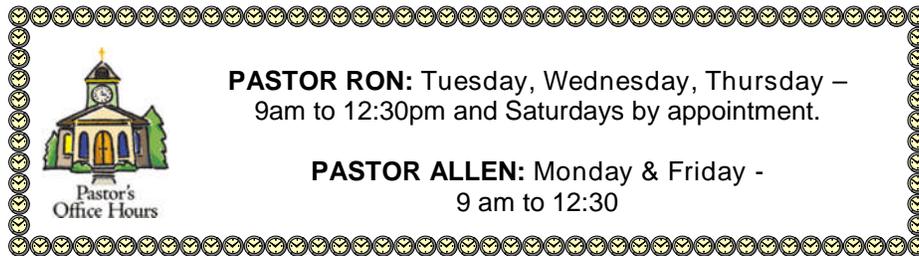
The first and most important point is that every Christian should participate. The worst thing that can happen is when Christians withdraw – "politics is dirty and crooked. I don't want to hear about it -- I don't have anything to do with it." Withdrawing leaves the field to those who work, give and vote for their own personal interests at the expense of others.

Second, beware of stories, reports and quotations generated by hatred, prejudice, or greed. Criticism and disagreement, and even condemnation, are often appropriate. False stories, half truths, and quotations out of context intended to destroy are another matter. I try to be very careful about believing or passing on stories and reports that support what or who I want to win. Verify, verify, verify what you send on. Be especially careful of quotations taken out of context. Try to understand the "other side."

Third, give as much attention as you can to the smaller, local contests. I have difficulty taking time for judges and propositions, but they affect people's lives a lot – so I will try.

Finally, Politics and government are part of the world that God loves, even if God and we do not like everything that goes on. The lives and future of people and of our community are at stake. GIVE IT YOUR BEST!!

Pastor Ron



PASTOR RON: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday –
9am to 12:30pm and Saturdays by appointment.

PASTOR ALLEN: Monday & Friday -
9 am to 12:30



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming soon!

July 11 - July 15, 3 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
for children age 3 through 5th Grade.

Volunteer today! Register kids!

Volunteer sign ups and registration forms are available in the church lobby and office.

We need lots of volunteers for everything from Bible teachers to group guides to helping in crafts, music, snacks and games. To have a successful VBS we need **EVERYONES** help! Hope you can join the fun! If you have any questions, contact the church office.

QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



We have been blessed with lots of donations so that our closet is full -- what a fantastic blessing. We are doing our best to make good use of as much as we can. We want to thank all of you for your donations. We have received items from Anne's mobile home park and also from Anne and Lee, and Dorothy also dropped off supplies for the group. Along with those came items from Julie Reed and some were received from unknown Angels that didn't leave their names.

We have not heard from LWR yet about our personal care kits and school kits so I will let you know as soon as I hear from them. We hope that the glitch is solved with the computer so you will again receive our monthly news in the newsletter.

If anyone has any questions please call Linda Olson at 276-0373. We meet the 4th Saturday of each month except in October 2nd Saturday), November and December (no meetings). Please drop by and see us working on projects and you will be invited to join in with us. We are in the fellowship hall and welcome your visit.



We had lots of fun making our first craft for the boutique last month. Thanks to all the ladies that came to help. This

month we'll finish last month's project and start a new one so we hope to see you on May 13th starting at 5 pm in the fellowship hall.

We hope you'll be thinking about and working on crafts at home for the sale if you can't make the workshops. .

The Holiday Craft Boutique this year will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19th.

Any questions - call the office. If you'd like to be a vendor, contact Paula Winn at 951-485-4305.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

We would like to thank everyone who donated food items for the Easter boxes. As a result of your generosity, we were able to supply eight families with an Easter food box. Each family received items that included a ham, potatoes, vegetables, peanut butter, rolls, eggs, and other miscellaneous items. We would also like to thank everyone who helped shop for the necessary food items and also everyone who helped deliver the boxes. Shepherd's Social Ministry does not just include the members on the committee, but it also includes everyone who donates food or money to this ministry. After all, this ministry would not exist without your prayers and willingness to give of yourselves to others. Thanks again for your support.



Eva Carlson
Bernice Bennett



PLEASE CONTINUE strong prayers for Pastor Paul Yearyea and his family and his current congregation of Trinity in Deer Creek, MN as he considers our call to him to be our pastor at Shepherd of the Valley.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Our youth will be confirmed on Sunday,
May 22, 2016.

There will be ONE SERVICE ONLY that day at 9:30 am.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

Members of Thrivent Financial are eligible to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to a church or charity of their choice. Have you remembered to designate your Choice Dollars for 2016? Undesignated dollars "expire" after March 31. Go to thrivent.com and click the MyThrivent button on the upper right side of the site and direct your Choice Dollars. Both the church and school are registered to receive Choice Dollars and Shepherd is grateful to those who have contributed through this program.



The youth are asking for donations of the following items to be made into care packages to hand out to the homeless:

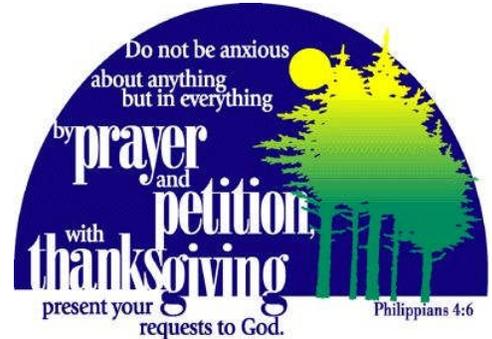
bottled water new socks granola bars handkerchiefs or bandanas small bars of soap.

Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries from April 26, 2016

By Pastor Ken Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour
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"In Everything"

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6



At the age of 57, the rock star known as Prince is dead.

According to the news reports, Prince was a genius, a prodigy, a phenomenon who won Grammy Awards, an Academy Award, and the respect of everyone in the music and fashion community. So far no one has made the claim that Prince was a great theologian, and that's a shame. Why? Here's the story. Prince gave his last concert in Atlanta on Thursday. After the concert and on his way home he was taken ill with the "flu." His private plane made an unscheduled landing in Illinois and, after being treated at the hospital, he continued home. On Saturday night he threw a party at his studios in Chanhassen, Minnesota. The party was a great success. Two hours in, Prince showed up and played a few tunes on his new purple piano. After his short performance, he fielded questions from the gathered crowd. One of his fans, quite understandably, asked about his health. Prince's reply was "Wait a few days before you waste any prayers."

You see, I told you he wasn't a theologian. And that's sad. It would have been far better if Prince knew what almost all of our Daily Devotioners know: that faith-driven prayers to the Triune God are never a wasted commodity. Repeatedly in Scripture the Lord encourages His people to call on Him, to come to Him, to rely on Him, to turn to Him, and trust Him. No, on Saturday night most of us would have disagreed with the rock icon and told Prince that prayers to the Lord are always a good thing. We would have said it, but many of us, in our own lives might not have practiced it.

You see, over the years I've noticed that many Christians have a self-imposed standard which divides our possible prayer requests into two different columns. The first column is composed of things for which we most definitely pray. In that list are things like prayers for the health of our children, prayers for suitable weather, or a new job, or for those whose faith is under attack.

Items in the second column are those things we have decided are too trivial, too inconsequential to be sent to the Lord for His attention. With his brief comment, Prince showed he thought he could take care of his health problems, without God's assistance.

My friends, I've looked through Scripture and have concluded that God doesn't have two columns in regard to prayer. I find no place where the Lord turned away from one of His people because He thought their requests were too trivial. No, because of the Savior's successful sacrifice, our Heavenly Father extends an open-ended invitation to call on Him. And we should. In big things and little things, in matters consequential and trivial, we should go to the Lord who stands ready to hear.

THE PRAYER: Dear Father in heaven, may I always be appreciative of Your invitation to hear my prayer, and may I always be ready to come to You with my praises and petitions. This I ask in my Savior's Name. Amen.

In Christ I remain His servant and yours,
Pastor Ken Klaus
Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour®
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Better Health Article of the Month: Health Doesn't Have to Take a Holiday

Planning a vacation during the summer months doesn't mean that you have to take a holiday from caring for your health. In fact, planning to see the USA in your Chevrolet (or your preferred brand of vehicle), can include opportunities to be physically active:



- Locate national parks along your driving route (or even slightly off of it) to spend 30 minutes, an hour, or even an afternoon walking or hiking. Sitting all day in a car can be detrimental to your health, so if you're going to get out and stretch anyway, enjoy a good walk.
- At rest stops, choose the parking spot the farthest away from the restroom. If you have kids, ask them to guess how many steps it would take to get to the main door and then have your kids start counting.
- Pack a football or Frisbee or even a travel-size Bocce ball set in your car trunk. Find some green space or city parks along your route to take a break from the driving and move your muscles.
- Once at your destination, don't plan the days so tightly that you can't take some time in the morning or evening to take a short walk or take a swim in the hotel pool.
- Research day trips in the area where you will be staying to do some hiking, biking, white-water rafting, kayaking, canoeing – either rent or take along your own.
- For stays in a large city, plan to do some of your sight-seeing by foot. Check out books in the library about walking tours or find them on-line.
- Plan your trip around a fitness event or competition. Register your whole family to walk or run a 5K or other such event at a location you'd like to visit anyway.
- Plan a stay at one of our many Lutheran camps (www.nloma.org). With most of the camps, you have built-in activities such as swimming, hiking, canoeing, rock-climbing, or biking.

Make sure the activities you choose are age-appropriate for your kids. More importantly, find an activity that will be enjoyed by all members of the family. Your family will make lasting memories, and everyone's health will benefit from the experience.

KEEPING YOUR KITCHEN SAFE

1. Do not rinse meat, fish or poultry before cooking. You can spread bacteria to your sink, counters and other surfaces.
2. Be sure to let food cool a few minutes before removing it from the microwave. This prevents getting scalded when removing covers. Let containers cool before handling.
3. Your refrigerator should be kept at 40 degrees and freezers at 0. If you set them any higher bacteria can grow.
4. Cleaning produce with a brush under running water has been found to be more effective than using a commercial wash.

These suggestions were taken from the April AARP Bulletin.

Suzy Langhorne, Parish Health Minister



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

	<u>First Service:</u>	<u>Second Service:</u>
May 1	Gerry Klepps	Marvin Niles
May 8	Josh Hamann	Drew Covert
May 15	Mike Olson	Abby Covert
May 22	Bud Kenefick	Jim Wilson
May 29	Mike Olson	Drew Covert

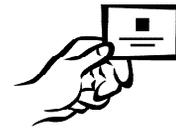


Seek the LORD
and his strength;
seek his presence
continually.
Psalm 105:4, NRSV

NEXT LUTHERAN CURSILLO WEEKENDS
July 14-17, 2016 for Men and July 21-24,
2016 for Women

Cursillo is an organization serving the Lutheran churches of Southern California to develop leaders in the Lutheran church through training and spiritual renewal. There is no cost to you to attend a weekend but you must be a baptized member in good standing at a Lutheran church. You will be paired with a sponsor who has been through a Cursillo weekend and have your pastor endorse your

reservation request. We recommend praying about it first, then talk to your pastor or others who have attended Cursillo about what you may be able to gain from attending a Cursillo weekend before applying. Check their website for more information: www.lcsocal.org.



**INVITE OTHERS TO OUR CHURCH
AND SCHOOL!**

Business cards are available in packets of 10 in a basket in the church lobby. Take a pack and pass them out to friends and neighbors who need a church home or a preschool for their children.

**NEEDED FOR NURSING HOMES:
Magazines and greeting card fronts.
Bring to the church or office.**

2016 FLOWER CHART

If you'd like to donate flowers for the altar, sign up on the board hanging in the church lobby. Indicate what the flowers are for - anniversary, birthday, in honor of or in memory. Take a slip with ordering instructions. Flowers are ordered by you from Bradley's/ Flower Box (242-1519) and they deliver them to church. Each large bouquet is \$26. Small bouquets for the altar are \$19 each. Questions? Call the office.



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.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Your pastors, your lay ministers and the church office want to know when someone is hospitalized or home bound. There have been instances of not finding out for several days. We would rather hear from several sources than none at all so, PLEASE – PLEASE pick up the phone or e-mail us whenever there is an opportunity for ministry to members or to family or friends.



**Thursdays at 9:30 AM
In the Fellowship Hall
Presented by Suzy Langhorne
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**DON'T FORGET YOUR FOOD
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Thank You!**

JOIN IN THE CHALLENGE

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 Pastors, 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!



**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.

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May 2016

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H-PS)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p> <p>5:00 PM Confirmation (O)</p> <p>6:30 PM Jr/Sr Hi Youth (Y)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM First Place TLC (H)</p> <p>7:00 PM Lay Minister Meeting (H)</p> <p>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>6:00 PM School Board (O)</p> <p>7:00 PM Troop 210 Eagle Court of Honor (S)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 AM Grace Korean Bible Study (O)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM School Mother's Day Chapel & Tea (S-H)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 AM Cursillo Grouping @ Panera Bread</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H-PS)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p> <p>BP Screening between Services</p> <p>Happy Mother's Day!</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Koffee Klatch @ Brandon's</p> <p>6:00 PM School Staff (O)</p> <p>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>7:00 PM Lay Ministers (H)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 AM Grace Korean Bible Study (O)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p> <p>6:00 PM Diamond Girls (H)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00 AM School Chapel (S)</p> <p>5:00 PM Crafting Workshop (H)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Knights of the Holy Spirit Bible Study (H)</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>9:30 AM YOUTH CONFIRMATION One Service Only (S)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p> <p>6:30 PM Jr/Sr Hi Youth (Y)</p> <p>BP Screening between Services</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 AM Grace Korean Bible Study (O)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 AM School Chapel (S)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Brandon's</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting for LWR (H)</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H-PS)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)</p> <p>6:30 PM Jr/Sr Hi Youth (Y)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)</p> <p>School & Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	 <p>DON'T FORGET - Confirmation Sunday will be May 22 with ONE SERVICE ONLY at 9:30 AM.</p>			



The Shepherd's Staff

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES: Sunday: 8:00 & 10:45 AM

"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." — Francis of Assisi

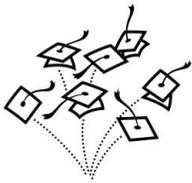
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May 2016

**Congratulations and God's blessings to our members and friends
graduating this Spring & Summer 2016:**

From College/University:

- Whitney Carrigan with a BS from Concord University
- Sara Klepps - with honors from California State University - San Bernardino, with two Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Criminal Justice. She has been accepted into the Masters of Social Work program at CSUSB starting in September.
- Rachel Jan Schatz from Northern Arizona University with a degree in Criminal Justice
- Ryan Schatz from Northern Arizona University with a degree in Electrical Engineering.
- Hannah Stange graduating magna cum laude from San Diego State University with a B.S. degree.
- Kaelyn Stevick from Michigan State as a Veterinarian.

From Middle School:

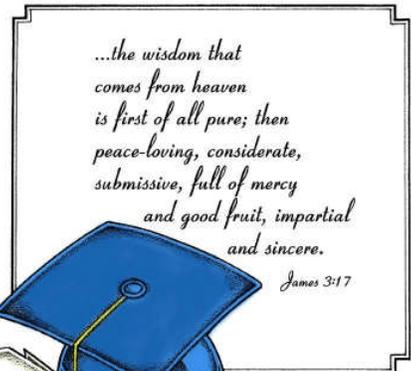
- Yennie Cannon
- Courtney Hamann

Elementary School:

- Jeremiah Ross from North Ridge

Kindergarten

- Dominick Ross from North Ridge and Shepherd of the Valley



*...the wisdom that
comes from heaven
is first of all pure; then
peace-loving, considerate,
submissive, full of mercy
and good fruit, impartial
and sincere.*

James 3:17