

Good News

Welcoming, Celebrating, Learning and Serving in the Name of Jesus Christ Our Lord

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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June 2016			6:00pm Sisters 7:00pm LW prayer meeting - Meyer Hall	9:30am MidwkCamp 11:30am EstonianSrs 11:30am Bible Study with Pastor	10am LW Bible Study 6:00pm NA 7:00pm LW Bible Study in the Library	11am Caring Lunch 2:30pm LW Youth
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9:30am Worship 11am-1pm StA Youth Games at Central Park 11:05am LW 5:30pm Sundowners 7:30pm OffBdwy	9am Friendship 6:00pm Footwork 7:30pm Bridge	6am-8:30pm Election Day (Meyer Hall) 9:30am MidwkCamp 7pm Delegates - Sanctuary	6:00pm Sisters 7:00pm LW prayer meeting 7:00pm Church Council Mtg	9:30am MidwkCamp 11:30am Bible Study with Pastor	10am LW Bible Study 6:00pm NA 7:00pm LW Bible Study in the Library	2:30pm LW Youth
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9:30am Worship / Confirmation 11:05am LW 5:30pm Sundowners 7:30pm OffBdwy	9am Friendship 6:00pm Footwork	6pm Cub Scout Meeting - Meyer Hall	6:00pm Sisters 7:00pm LW prayer meeting	11:30am Bible Study with Pastor	10am LW Bible Study 6:00pm NA 7:00pm LW Bible Study in the Library	2:30pm LW Youth
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Message from Pastor Connie

In an excerpt from Henri Nouwen's book, *In the Name of Jesus* (pg. 33-34) he writes,

"Beneath all the great accomplishments of our time there is a deep current of despair. While efficiency and control are the great aspirations of our society, the loneliness, isolation, lack of friendship and intimacy, broken relationships, boredom, feelings of emptiness and depression, and a deep sense of uselessness fill the hearts of millions of people in our success-oriented world."

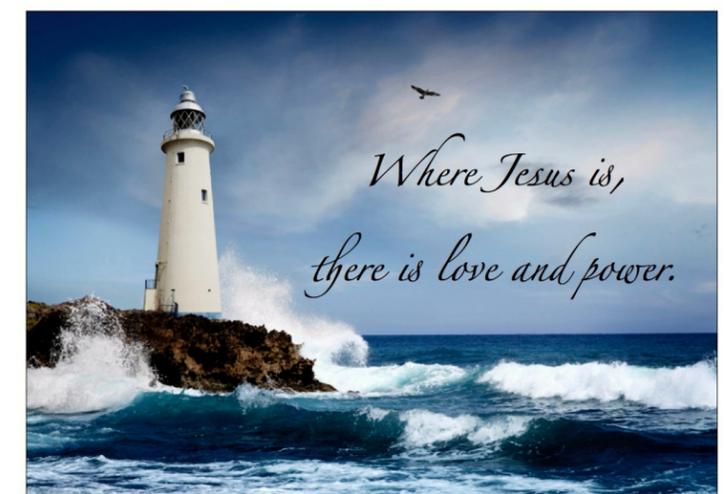
"Bret Easton Ellis' novel, *Less than Zero*, offers a most graphic description of the moral and spiritual poverty behind the contemporary façade of wealth, success, popularity, and power. In a dramatically staccato way, he scribes the life of sex, drugs, and violence among the teenage sons and daughters of the super-rich entertainers in Los Angeles. And the cry that arises from behind all of this decadence is clearly: 'Is there anybody who loves me? Is there anybody who really cares? Is there anybody who wants to stay home for me? Is there anybody who wants to be with me when I am not in control, when I feel like crying? Is there anybody who can hold me and give me a sense of belonging?' Feeling irrelevant is a much more general experience than we might think when we look at our seemingly self-confident society. More and more people are suffering from profound moral and spiritual handicaps without having any idea of where to look for healing."

"It is here that the need for a new Christian leadership becomes clear. The leaders of the future will be those who dare to claim their irrelevance in the contemporary world as a divine vocation that allows them to enter into a deep solidarity with the anguish underlying all the glitter of success, and to bring the light of Jesus there."

I think that Henri Nouwen has it right when he says that we now have a great challenge as leaders in the Christian community. We need to all be leaders who can sit in silence or just listen to people who are in pain. Our presence can mean a great difference in someone's life. Where do we see people in pain who need healing? All around us; in the line at the grocery, in a neighbor taking out the trash, in a co-worker whose feet drag at the end of the day and in a friend who is ill. We all need other people to help us, listen to us and support us. As you reach out to others you also get help from them.

"Where two or three people meet in my Name, I am among them." (Matthew 18:20)
Where Jesus is there is love and power. See you in church!!

Blessings, Pastor Connie



Samaritan Sundays

Carrie German

For our Samaritan Sunday on June 26, we continue to support LifeMoves (formerly InnVison Shelter Network) by collecting new kitchen sponges. LifeMoves (www.lifemoves.org) emphasizes the active engagement in life-changing processes that the people in their programs commit to in order to break their cycle of homelessness in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. They provide shelters and resources for people facing homelessness. They facilitate "life moves," or major transitions, for their clients by offering them support in a number of different categories: housing, career, finance, education and health. St. Andrew's is honored to support this continuing need in our community. Please leave your packages of new kitchen sponges in the basket by the piano in the sanctuary. You may also make a monetary contribution to the general fund at LifeMoves by making your check payable to St. Andrew's, noted "sponges" and placing it in the Offering Plate.

Start watching for sales on Back-to-School items so that we can help our Summer Day Camp kids assemble School Kits for Lutheran World Relief (www.lwr.org). The supplies will be combined with all of the other Summer Day Camps run by Mt. Cross, packaged, and sent to places like Peru, Tanzania and Honduras. Please follow the list exactly. You may donate one of each item or many of one item.

- 70-sheet notebook of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- pencil sharpener
- blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- unsharpened # 2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2½" eraser

Please bring your donations by July 24, in time for Camp July 25-29. Add them to the basket under the piano in the sanctuary.

We are sorry to report that we did not collect any plastic wrap for LifeMoves in April. But we were able to deliver to their First Step for Families facility in San Mateo three comforters made by the Pieciful Quilters, and one small bag each of used greeting cards and new cards. A large bag of canceled postage stamps was also delivered to TUBFRIM.no. Please review the Recycle Chart for the items that we collect year round. Thank you for your support!

Caring Communion Service and Luncheon

Saturday, June 4, 11:30 a.m.

Welcome to our Caring Communion Service and Luncheon on Saturday, June 4th. Please gather at 11:15 a.m. for the 11:30 service, followed by lunch served in Meyer Hall. Another cheerful activity will be "served" after dessert. Join us in worship. Share good food and conversation and a festive time together. Contact the church office or Maggie Timeus to let us know you'll be attending.

Photos of the Month by Maggie Timeus



(L-R) Mark Watson's Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony; Emily Rosinski's Baptism (Stigges' grandchild)

Embracing What We Cannot Change

Kathy Gonzalez, Church Librarian

Happiness may abruptly elude us when we come up against something over which we have no control. How do we deal with the challenges that evolve? You may find some answers in ***The Five Things We Cannot Change . . . and the Happiness We Find by Embracing Them***, by David Richo.

"There are certain facts of life that we cannot change – the unavoidable 'givens' of human existence: (1) everything changes and ends, (2) things do not always go according to plan, (3) life is not always fair, (4) pain is part of life, (5) people are not loving and loyal all the time." – *from the back cover*. David Richo approaches these five realities by advising that we begin letting go of anger, fear, resistance, resentment. We then become liberated to discover ways to embrace these challenges and move on to find deeper appreciation in life and inner peace. Richo, a psychotherapist, refers in this book to teachings from Buddhism and other world religions as well as spiritual traditions to provide answers on how to "become more fully who we are meant to be." Find this donated book on display in the library in June.

