

## Walk with Jesus

Who do you walk with? A lot of people take walks in the morning or in the evening. Busy married couples find taking a walk as a special time they can slow down and communicate with each other, a time to reflect on what their goals are as husband and wife and as mom and dad in the family setting. Who do you walk with?

The season of Lent is a time Christians take a **walk with Jesus**. We follow in His steps as He heads toward Calvary. The result of the season of Lent is that each one of us slow down, and takes a closer look at what is really important in our life. We'll see that family and friends are definite blessings from heaven, but most im-

portant is our relationship with God! When we slow down and look closely we see we have failed miserably with Him, but it was for those areas in life that Christ took a walk **FOR US** that ended up with Him crucified on a cross, dying for our sins.

Lent is not only a time of solemn reflection, it also a time of endless hope. Because we know that the story didn't end at Calvary, it was just the beginning. Christ didn't remain dead. He rose from the grave, so now each believer in history will live forever in heaven.

The walk with Jesus starts on Ash Wednesday, March

9th, as the season of Lent begins. We walk with Christ and with each other as we gather to remember and reflect on those last days of his life. Always keeping in mind what he accomplished for us in his death and resurrection. So, what do you say? Let's take a walk, together, with Jesus.



Rev. John P. Gross

### ASH WEDNESDAY

March 9

Service: 12:00pm

Supper: 6:15pm

Service: 7:00pm



### MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 16 Supper: 6:15pm

Service: 7:00pm

March 23: Supper: 6:15pm

Service: 7:00pm

March 30: Supper: 6:15pm

Service: 7:00pm

***Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.***

Most people believe that money brings happiness, so they always want more of it. But money does not bring happiness. Money and the things that money can buy do not produce the good life. The good life is found in a relationship with Jesus and in using what God has given us to build His kingdom. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we will hold the things of this world loosely and focus on things that are eternal.

**Those who served in February**

GREETERS:

David & Kari Knutson, Dale and Betty Struve  
Tom and Dawn Jones, College Team

CHANCEL GUILD MEMBERS:

Ruth Halsey and Liz Hewitt

HARVEST BAG VOLUNTEERS

Helma Smulders, Rae Wulff, Pat Wood,  
John Kock, Barbara Souza, Betty Kock,  
Frank Wood, Kay Folta, Margaret Schoening,  
Elmer Meier, Elaine Eppert, Michelle Mason,  
Daniel Arndt, Dolly Luoma,  
Students from Mission Prep High School

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Grace Arndt, Elaine Eppert  
Dolly Luoma, Glenn Weitkum.

OFFERING COUNTERS

Barbara Almstedt, Maria Burt,  
Elaine Eppert, Marcia Fischbeck,  
Ruth Halsey, Bob Hux,  
Ginny Randall, Frank & Pat Wood

LESSON READERS FOR MARCH

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
March 13:	Derek Valine	Lucy King
March 27:	Karen Valine	Susan Polk

YOUR ELDER BOARD

Roger Randall, Gary Reif  
Glenn Weitkum, Jeff Tolle, Bob Hux

USHERS

8:00 a.m.  
Bernie Luoma, Elmer Meier  
10:30 a.m.  
Team 1: **Wilbur Neben**,  
David & Kari Knutson  
Team 2: **Gus Keyser**, Gene Hewitt,  
Karl Haeuser, John Miller  
Team 3: **Elmer Meier**, Al Rybar,  
Glenn Weitkum, Dale Struve  
Team 4: **Derek Valine**, Karen Valine,  
Charles Gibbs, Robert Hux  
Team 5: **Dana Baker**, College students

Worship Attendance & General Offerings for January 30-Feb 20

DATE	8:00a	10:30a	General Offering
January 30	<b>29</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>\$3,642</b>
February 6	<b>36</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>\$5,230</b>
February 13	<b>35</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>\$4,589</b>
February 20	<b>30</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>\$4,203</b>

**GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY**

4	Axel McClure	22	Shelly Griggs
11	Grace Arndt	23	Frank Wood
13	Karen Valine	24	Al Rybar
16	Karen Reif	28	Shirley Head
20	Patricia May	28	Jeff Tolle
21	Pastor John Gross	29	Dawn Jones
22	Mel de la Motte		



## SHAVER LAKE SKI RETREAT FOR ZION'S COLLEGE GROUP

James Koch was the skiing casualty of the weekend, but he is on the mend. We went with West Portal Lutheran Church from San Francisco that works with SF State and SF City College.



## Studying God's Word GALATIANS

Join our class on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in CR#1.

Each Wednesday in Lent different groups of our Parish will host a light supper before worship. The meal will be served beginning between at 6:15p.m. Come and eat, then stay for worship. The hosts for March are:

**March 9-Ash Wednesday– Fellowship**  
**March 16–Property Mgmt/Stewardship**  
**March 23-Evangelism/Education**  
**March 30-Available**

We need volunteers April 6 & 13.

Let Marilyn Rybar know if you can help



Reminder: This month (Sunday, March 13) Daylight Saving Time begins for another

year. Please remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening.

## A LONGER LOOK AT THE LESSONS



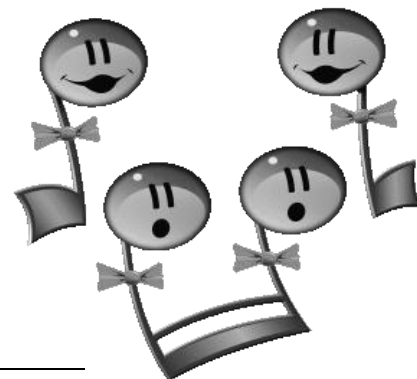
Sunday Morning  
Adult Study

At 9:15am each Sunday morning Mel de la Motte teaches an Adult Bible Class which spends time on the Bible passages designated for that Sunday. Come join us in classroom 1.

If you enjoy singing, the Zion choir is for you!!

They meet every Saturday at 11:00 a.m.  
in the Sanctuary, led by Paul Takagi.

All are welcome!



The Joy of Reading book club gets together this month on Friday, March 25, at 10:00am.

The book being discussed is by a local author Sue McKee,

**"Days Like Floating Water."** Sue will be here for the discussion and will also be bringing some of her paintings.

Don't miss this one! If you would like more info, call Shirley Weitkum at 544-3869



San Luis Obispo Christian School will be registering for the 2011-2012 school year starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check us out at our website

[www.slocs.com](http://www.slocs.com) or come by and visit us at 525 Cerro Romauldo in San Luis Obispo. Our Open House is scheduled for Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. For more information call (805) 543-1146.

The new February Board meeting minutes and report packets are now available in the Narthex.



If you have a new e-mail address or just have not yet provided one, please let the church office know so we may keep all the members informed about special events, last minute info not covered in the bulletins and newsletters.



You can e-mail us at [zion@zionslo.com](mailto:zion@zionslo.com) or call at 543-8327.



We are in need of volunteers to serve Sunday mornings for fellowship time after services. The sign up book is in the Fellowship Hall with open dates listed.



Fellowship Time

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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

FEBRUARY 2011

BY GINNY RANDALL

Some exciting new opportunities for ministry are being proposed. One is that San Luis Obispo Christian School is looking for a new home and may want to rent some of our classrooms. There will be a presentation by Susan Polk, the principal of the school, and a school board member at the February 15 Board of Directors meeting. After that, a committee to investigate the matter further will be formed. Another opportunity is partnering with Bethesda Lutheran Homes and erecting a home for developmentally disabled individuals on the back 40. Details of this idea will be presented by Bob Wobrock at the same meeting. Another committee to pursue this matter will be formed. I'll keep you informed about more particulars as I learn about them.

What to do with the monies from the sale of the Barranca property was discussed at the January Board of Directors meeting and the resolutions (which were all approved by the Board of Directors) were as follows:

- Set aside \$68,000 as a reserve for emergencies and put it in an account at Lutheran Church Extension Fund.
- Establish a church-growth action account of \$75,000 with an anticipated budget of \$25,000 per year to grow the congregation.
- Disburse \$4202.25, the restricted fund for kitchen improvements, for kitchen refurbishing. This will go in the Property Management budget.
- Disburse \$1200, left over from the Margaroli bequest for the parsonage, for parsonage repairs. This will go in the Property Management budget.
- Put \$47,050 in the Property Management budget to purchase the following: Parish Hall heater, furnace room electrical upgrades and fees, parsonage sewer repairs, new kitchen refrigerator, sprinkler system upgrade, and expansion of kitchen into current heater area.

The remaining 135,985.07 will be put in the LCEF fund.

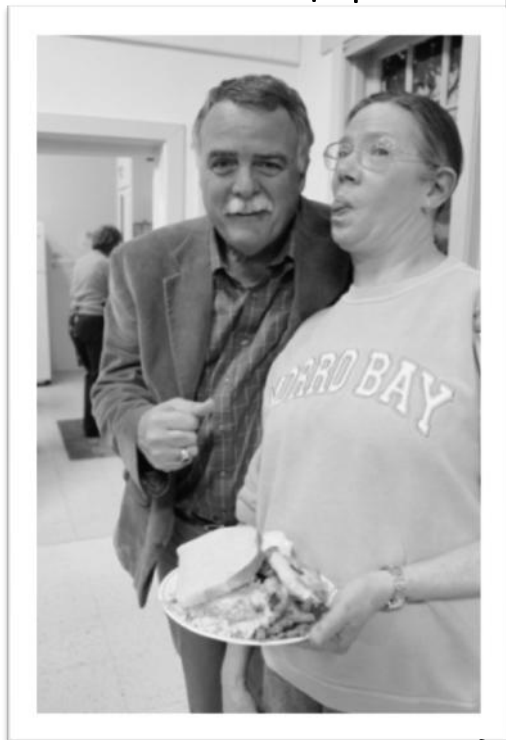
Our choir got started in January under the able leadership of Paul Takagi and their debut at both services on Sunday, February 6 was great! Our organized facility rentals program is underway with a facility rental application that was approved by the Board of Directors at the January meeting. Thanks to Tom Jones, Pastor Gross, Charlie Gibbs and John Miller for their hard work on this. The Galatians class, taught by Pastor Gross, also got underway. So exciting things are happening and more exciting things to come.

A big thank you to Charles Burt who chaired the January Board of Directors meeting while Roger and I were exploring Antarctica.

**The Fish Bowl took place on January 30, put on by Mel and Janet de la Motte**




About a 100 people showed up for the Annual fish. Mel and Charlie try to sing a duet but to no avail



Linda Newsome refuses to allow Pastor to take cuts in the fish fry line

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Adult Bible Class</b> 9:15AM-10:15AM <b>Pre-Confirmation</b> 9:20AM-10:20AM <b>Nursery &amp; Elementary 10:30 AM</b></p>		<p><b>1</b> 10:00a Galatians Bible study CR1</p>	<p><b>2</b> 7:30a-12:00p Harvest Bag . 7:00p "God for Us" Bible StudyCR1</p>	<p><b>3</b> 3:30p Confirmation Class, Pastor's office</p>	<p><b>4</b> 5:30p GIGS</p>	<p><b>5</b> 11:00a Choir rehearsal</p>
<p><b>6</b> 8a Divine Service- Communion 9:15a Adult Bible School 10:30a Divine Service-Communion 10:30a Sunday School K-6 *Fellowship is served after services</p>		<p><b>8</b> 9:30a Winkel No Galatians Bible study  3:30p Evang. Mtg.</p>	<p><b>9 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 7:30a-12:00p Harvest Bag .  12:00p &amp; 7:00p Ash Wednesday Services 6:15p Lenten Supper</p>	<p><b>10</b> 11:30 Ladies Lunch Circle at 12:00 LWML, FH 3:30p Confirmation Class, Pastor's</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 11:00a Choir Rehearsal <b>Reminder: Set your clocks forward 1 hour tonight before you go to bed.</b></p>
<p><b>13 Daylight Saving Time</b> 8a Divine Service 9:15a Adult Bible School 10:30a Divine Service 10:30a Sunday School K-6 *Fellowship is served after serv. 11:30a Parish Education mtg, CR#1 1:30p Square Dance Club, FH</p>		<p><b>15</b> 10:00a Galatians Bible study CR1  5:30p Board of Directors Mtg.</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7:30a-12:00p Harvest Bag .  6:15p Lenten Supper 7:00p Lent Svc</p>	<p><b>17</b> 3:30p Confirmation Class, Pastor's office 7:00p EAA mtg., CR1</p>	<p><b>18</b> 5:30p GIGS</p>	<p><b>19</b> 11:00a Choir rehearsal</p>
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Administrative Assistant  
Vito Biondo

Organist  
Doretta Takagi

Pianist  
Lynne Oliverius

Choir Director  
Paul Takagi

**Winter/Spring 2011 Term events**

- **Thursday, 10 March, Festive Dinner**
- **March 14-18 Exam week.**
- **VARIOUS spontaneously planned events, & service opportunities at: [www.zionslo.com](http://www.zionslo.com)**
- **Be sure to stay tuned by joining our group's email & Face Book list;**
- **Contact:** Dana at [dbaker01@calpoly.edu](mailto:dbaker01@calpoly.edu)



**Fill out one of our information cards at the church**

Services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

**Welcome: Come & find out all about our GIGS Fellowship nights**—a student lead Bible study.

**Progressive Dinner for the College Group was fun and Games**

Feb.11 the students first went to the parsonage

for appetizers provided by Pastor and Pam. Then off for the entrée at Barbara and Ted's house. The evening ended up at Rae and Leo's house for Dessert and Games.



**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO**

7400 Augusta St. River Forest, IL 60305-1499 | 708-771-8300

The Concordia University Wind Symphony will perform at **Trinity Lutheran Church in Paso Robles** on March 7 as part of its annual spring concert tour. The Wind Symphony is conducted by Richard Fischer, Distinguished Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Music at Concordia University Chicago.

The concert will be at **940 Creston Road Paso Robles Monday March 7 at 7:00pm**. The Wind Symphony is the premier instrumental ensemble at Concordia University Chicago. This 65-member organization maintains an active performance schedule, having performed in schools churches, and concert halls, in 43 states, Canada, Eastern Europe, and most recently, China. The group has a commitment to the finest traditional and contemporary sacred and secular repertoire. A variety of music in many forms and styles, programmed for wide audience appeal, will make this event a pleasure for everyone.