

New Creation News



Autumn – 2011

What's Going On This Season

Sneak peeks at the new services –

Modern Liturgical – October 16 – 10:15 am

Rock-Your-Soul service – October 23 – 10:15 am

Jr/Sr high kids to Swank Farm Corn Maze – Oct. 29

Oktoberfest and Halloween fun – October 30

Asante fair trade boutique – October 30

**Grand roll-out of the new services – November 6
every Sunday will be:**

Modern Liturgical – 8:45 am

(a little more structure, a little unplugged)

Rock Your Soul – 10:30 am

(a little looser, with an amped up sound!)

Looking Ahead

Sun. Nov 27 – we'll be preparing food drive boxes

Christmas pageant – 12/18 10:30 service

Christmas Eve – 12/24 – Family-style service 5 pm

– Candlelight service 9 pm

**Christmas Day – Sun. 12/25 – single casual service
(with Christmas carols and wassail) at 10:30 am**

New Year's Day – Sun. Jan 1 – single

service at 10:30





Youth & Family

News You Can Use What's Going On For Youth 6th-12th Grade

<p>Teen Happenings – Moved to Sundays for a while. Meet at the trailer, 5-7 pm! Grades 9-12 Engaging-Relevant-Encouraging</p>	<p>Sundays Oct 16, Nov 13, Dec 4</p>
<p>Jr High FUN Night – usually 3rd Friday of the month. We meet at the trailer, play games, build lasting friendships. 8-10 pm. Faithful-United-Nurturing= FUN</p>	<p>Fridays Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16</p>
<p>Youth Band – on hiatus till January. For info, talk to Charlie Parker (their band manager ☺), or call 972-9200, leave a message.</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p>THRESHOLD - New monthly events for Jr High & High school groups. Join in the fun, bring some friends. Students will plan events- game night, mini golf, etc. Details will be emailed – if you're new to our community, be sure Cristina has your email!</p>	<p>When? Sat, Oct 29 Fri, Dec 30</p>
<p>Recycling for NOLA - How can you help our youth get to New Orleans next summer? Bring in your recyclable aluminum cans and bottles (CRV) on the 3rd Sunday of the month and our youth will take care of the rest.</p>	<p>Sundays May 15 June 19 July 17</p>

If you have questions about anything happening, please contact Cristina Beauchemin - Child, Youth & Family Director.
cristinab@newcreationschurch-sj.org ~ 408-972-9200

The Little Tree Playschool



Our preschool offers a play-based curriculum in a loving environment. Two-, three-, and five-day options are available, with morning, afternoon, or all-day availability.

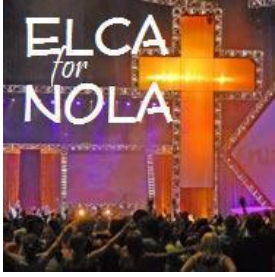
The classroom theme for October is Halloween Fun. We will be learning about shapes, colors, numbers, cutting, and writing using spiders, pumpkins, and a lot of poetry and finger plays! Contact director Cindy Silva at 408/972-9200 and see our website <http://newcreationchurch-sj.org/littletree/preschool.htm> for information.



sandbox fun
on Neighborhood Fun Day

More youth and family information will be found throughout our newsletter!

2012 Youth Gathering - NOLA



On July 18, 2012, approximately 37,000 high school students and their sponsors will be converging on **New Orleans, Louisiana**. When you get enough crazy, spirit-filled teens together in one spot, there is bound to be some serious energy! This is the event when teens meet others from all over the country – building relationships, spirituality, faith – and a city!

Our youth have already begun their fundraising, and the outpouring from the community has been amazing! As a church I want us to be able to send all of our teens who are able to attend to this event. This is a life changing event; this is an event to remember for a lifetime; this is an event that can build a passion for Jesus Christ.

As a member community I hope that during the next several months, you continue to find ways to help sponsor our youth's faithful fundraising activities and maybe even throw out a few ideas for them to try.

Peace, Cristina Beauchemin



book of faith
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

Bible Study

*How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard?
When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?*

– Proverbs 6.9

*This quote is shared by Carrie Everson
Please share a Bible passage or a quotation
that has some meaning for you.
We'll put it in an upcoming newsletter!*

Women's Thursday morning Bible study is on temporary hiatus.

Men's Bible study Jim Carlson leads the Men's Bible Study that meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. We alternate meeting at Jim's and Rick's homes. All men are welcome to attend. For info contact Jim Carlson 224-3992 or Rick Voss 225-7127

If you have a suggestion for a Bible study, please let Pastor Anne know! Let's make it happen!

Our African Ministries

Asante Network



www.asantenetwork.org

See the NLB and Asante websites for all their latest news



New Life Band



www.newlifeband.net

And please consider holiday shopping at our Asante Boutique on Oct 30th – you'll support African artisans and promote fair trade while keeping your money out of the "big boxes"!

A Word from Pastor Anne

(reprint of her recent letter to the congregation)



WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

What's the buzz? Tell us what's a'happening.

So demand the disciples of Jesus in the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar". They are anxious, uncertain, confused, and perhaps fearful as they sit in a cave outside Jerusalem the days after Jesus' kingly entry into Jerusalem. They are wondering what Jesus will do next;
wondering what is going to happen to them;
wondering what the future holds.

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is a buzz around New Creation. You may have heard or felt it.

Unlike Jesus, who didn't tell his disciples anything, I would like to share with all of you what the buzz is around NCLC and what is going to happen. As our leadership teams have looked at the future of NCLC and what has been happening or not happening, we see that NCLC is not viable right now, and is not drawing into God's community the disconnected and searching.

St. Paul says to the believers in Thessalonika: *For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in [your home town] and in [near-by regions] but wherever your faith in God has become known...* (I Thessalonians 1:8) We must share our faith, joy, and trust in Christ to our neighbors, the neighboring regions, and to whomever, wherever we are, or we will not continue as a worshipping community.

For the rest of Pastor Anne's message, please turn to page 7

Disaster Relief – How you can help

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Responding-to-the-World/Disaster-Response.aspx



Check or money orders may sent to:

ELCA Disaster Response
39330 Treasury Center
Chicago, IL 60694-9300

Credit card by phone: 800-638-3522

Or



www.lwr.org

Check or money orders may sent to:

Lutheran World Relief
PO Box 17061

Baltimore, MD 21298-9832

Credit card by phone: 800-597-5972

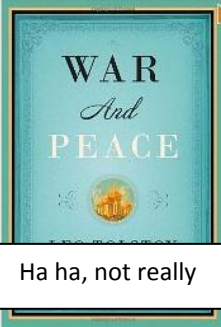
The worship assistant schedule for the rest of 2011 is still pending as of press time, as we fine-tune the new service requirements.

Rest assured, if you're working, we'll be sure you know it! ☺

If you are interested in lending a hand during worship, or just around the property, please get in touch with Becky Everson, worship asst. coordinator – she'll get you on the schedule or in touch with the right folks to get you the information you'll need.

becky@all-offroad.com or 226-2026

Small Groups



Ha ha, not really

Book Group

Books-n-Brew meets (usually) on the 4th Friday of the month, 7:30 pm, at rotating homes. The next meeting will be October 28th at Pastor Anne and Jim's house. Good food, good drink, relevant discussion, good-natured argument, and a lot of fun. Book of the month will always be mentioned in the Sunday handouts and on the bulletin board. Stay tuned for more info about the next books/dates/venue each month. Join us!

Quilters

Meet Fridays at 10 am. They have created some lovely pieces that hang in our church, gifts, items just for fun, and blankets for Lutheran World Relief. Regulars would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is interested to drop by and join their "happy crew." Sewing skills are not required; just bring a lunch, as part of the fellowship is a lunch break.



Men's Poker Fellowship

The guys meet the 2nd Friday of the month, 6:30 pm, at rotating houses, and they start with dinner. \$10 first buy-in, \$5 after that, and all money is donated to charity. The group's ministries of choice often support single-parent families. They also fund scholarships for our preschool and Mt. Cross camperships. For more info, ask Jay or Rick. Men of all ages and abilities are welcome – it's a casual and fun group!



More News from the Community

Church workdays are usually the 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 am - noon. We'll be doing general clean up, weeding, mowing, pruning, & also some clean up inside. Kids can pull weeds and push brooms too! (Please join us even if you can't stay all morning.) **Work can always be done on alternate days - - Please ask Matt Lawler how you can help!**

Coffee house meetings



Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30 at City Espresso on Blossom Hill Rd. next to Outback Restaurant (between Chesbro and Cahalan Ave). Casual atmosphere, great coffee, conversation, and music.

Photos of Life at New Creation

This is YOUR newsletter. We have some great Kodak moments, so share pictures if you've got them! Send them to editor Becky Everson at becky@all-offroad.com and your work will be published in an upcoming newsletter.



Please send in articles as well.



Mission Basket and Outreach – in our community and beyond



Our Mission Basket is the pretty basket you pass on your way into church on Sundays. Every month or two we support a different effort. Our extra pocket change (and the folding stuff too) will help fund worthwhile organizations. If you drop in a check, please make it payable to NCLC, and write “Mission Basket” in the memo line. Thanks for your generosity.

In October, we are supporting **Asante Network**, which supports artisans’ cooperatives in Tanzania and Uganda. Please also consider doing some holiday shopping at their fair trade boutique – here at New Creation Oct 30.

November – Thanksgiving Outreach ☞ **December – Giving Tree for The Lord’s Pantry**

More on Our Thanksgiving Outreach – coming in November

by Sheila Gibbons

Ten years ago my first grader came home from our neighborhood school and announced “we have to help our friends.” She was right, we found out that the majority of her classmates did not celebrate Thanksgiving because of lack of funds. We decided then as a family to donate 20 turkeys so one child in each class could bring home a Thanksgiving turkey. Since then we have grown to feeding 76 families with a turkey, \$10 grocery gift card, fresh produce, and week’s worth of groceries.

The need is still there and still growing. Almaden Elementary School is located near Pioneer High School off of Blossom Hill Rd and Ayrshire. You have probably driven by it on your way to Trader Joe’s and never noticed it. That has been the problem, we never saw the level of poverty that is right in our own backyards. Almaden is a school of 425 children with over 60% enrolled in the lunch program for reduced or free lunches. This year 25 additional families have already asked if there will be another food drive and could they be put on the list.

Last year New Creation stepped up the plate and hit a home run in collecting donations. We need the same again this year. This year we will be collecting groceries each Sunday in November after both services. The sorting and packing of the boxes will take place November 20, 2011 at New Creation Church at 12:30pm. We will need volunteers to pack, deliver, and dispense the boxes of food (on Tuesday, November 22). Mostly, we need everyone to ask your friends, family, and coworkers to donate. Tell them there is no overhead. Everything collected goes to helping the families. This is a neighbor-to-neighbor effort to give “A Hand UP to Almaden”.



Photos from Neighborhood Fun Day!



Pastor Anne's article, continued from pg. 4...

In an effort to reach these unconnected and searching neighbors with the good news of Jesus Christ and the joy and love of God experienced in the NCLC community, especially in worship, the leaders of NCLC have prayerfully decided to offer 2 very different worship experiences to appeal to very different tastes.

The BUZZ is that starting on Sunday, Nov. 6th, NCLC will be offering 2 worship times and styles: 8:45 am will be a Modern Liturgical worship

- + More structured, but with the same feel of our current blended worship
- + Less music, and a more unplugged sound – that is, less amplified
- + Communion will be offered weekly
- + There will be child care, but no Sunday School until we have enough people to staff both services

10:30 am will be a Rock Your Soul worship

- + Much less structure
- + Less music, but quite amped up
- + The flow will be:

An opening with

- o 3 or 4 songs
- o Which will also include prayer
- o Welcome
- o Announcements

+ Message time with Scripture built-in

+ Sending

- o Blessing
- o Song

+ Communion will be offered 2x/month

+ Family Sunday will be monthly with the kids all taking part in the service

+ Sunday school and childcare will be offered for ages newborn through high school

on each of you inviting your neighbors, friends, family, coworkers, etc.

The BUZZ is that before the November kick-off you will have an opportunity to preview each style.

On October 16th the prototype for the modern liturgical service will be presented at the 10:15 time.

On October 23rd the prototype for the Rock Your Soul service will be presented at 10:15.

Then on October 30th we will celebrate! Celebrate all that is to come and all that we are as the Body of Christ

- There will be a Halloween theme, so come in costume as we did last year
- There will be fun and games for the kids & adults
- There will be an October-fest potluck with brats and beer, wine, soft drinks

The best BUZZ is that the Holy Spirit is doing amazing work in our midst. Bring your friends, neighbors or the stranger off the street to come and see!

And remember there is nothing in the heavens or on the earth or below the earth that cannot be changed or modified as we seek to sing a new song unto the Lord.

Both services must keep the visitor/the stranger at the heart of our worship. Both services depend

Blessings and praise
Pastor Anne

more Neighborhood Fun Day!



Celebrations in Our Community

Birthdays

October

Samantha Esparza ----- 01
Sandy Hanson ----- 02
Gloria Young ----- 08
Gwen Mustin ----- 10
Charlie Parker ----- 10
Leeta Rose Ballester --- 26
Daniel Esparza ----- 27

November

Linda Doering ----- 07
Laura Rinde ----- 07
Sarah Doering ----- 09
Christie Morse ----- 10
Charlane Lines ----- 11
Jean Richards ----- 14
Margaret Morse ----- 19
Jack Utsumi ----- 28

December

Karen Apland ----- 01
Jim Carlson ----- 02
Kathy Hemmig ----- 02
Junior Moore ----- 04
Peter Ohlon ----- 06
Dennis Pierce ----- 06
Aideen Doran ----- 07
Alish Doran ----- 07
Joan Ronco ----- 07
Frances Emblin ----- 10
Brenna Lawler ----- 11
Matt Tuck ----- 14
Jenny Mudge ----- 15
Jim Apland ----- 16
Pascal Beck ----- 19
Sheila Giomi ----- 20
Verlin Russell ----- 27
Alan Giomi ----- 31
Delia Giomi ----- 31

Anniversaries

Sandy & Roger Hanson their 36th on October 4
Joan & Frank Ronco their 11th on October 7
Jennifer & Matt Tuck their 4th on November 10
Nelli & Rudi Dorn their 53rd on November 14
Cristie & Doug Morse on December 19
Serena & Mike Williams their 4th on December 31

Thanks so very much to **Rick Voss** for contributing this information!
Please let Rick know if we've missed your special day, so he can update your information.



We do like to have fun!



Upcoming Events for Your Calendar!

Oktoberfest and Asante Boutique – October 30th after church

Usually...unless it's different

Work Days – 2nd Saturday
Sr. High Youth Group – varying Sundays
Jr. High Youth Group – 3rd Friday
Church Council – 3rd Sunday
Men's Poker – 2nd Friday
Books-n-Brew – 4th Friday
Quilters – every Friday
Women's Bible Study –
 every Thursday morning
Men's Bible Study –
 every Wednesday evening
Choir practice – every Wednesday evening
 and Sunday morning

Other Calendar Resources

We try to get everything on the *website calendar* as well as the paper *calendar in the hallway* at church. www.newcreationchurch-sj.org

We also keep you up-to-date via mostly-weekly *email news memos*. If you don't get those, be sure Webmaster Jay has your email address. And when something really great is coming up, we'll mention it during *announcements Sunday morning* – and maybe even give you a sheet of paper about it in your *bulletin* (that's the paper with the Bible lessons in it on Sundays).

A final word from your editor –

Please do submit any materials you find interesting, worthwhile, or just plain fun for the newsletter. This includes something you might write, a thought you might like to share, photos you've taken or drawings you've done, etc. Older photos are great too – especially if you feel like sharing some memories about the time they were taken.

Thanks everyone – peace, love, and harmony to you all. – *Becky Everson*

Ongoing Calendar Items

Worship – Sunday Mornings, 10:15-11:30 (or so)
 Starting in November:
 Modern Liturgical 8:45 am
 Rock Your Soul (with Sunday School) 10:30 am
Women's Bible Study – Thursdays, 11:15 am
Men's Bible Study – Wednesdays, 7:30 pm
After School Activities – usually Tuesday &
 Wednesday afternoons
Choir practice – Sundays, 9 am; Weds 6:30 pm
Preschool – Mon- Fri, morning and afternoon
 classes
Youth Band – many Sundays, check w/Charlie
 or website calendar for dates
AA meetings – Monday and Tuesday Evenings
Confirmation Class – Thursdays –4:30-6 pm
Quilters and coffee fellowship – Fridays, 10 am
UCG (renter church) – Saturdays, 1-6:30 pm

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New Creation Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

To be recognized as a group of people committed to reconciliation, hope, and healing; through Jesus Christ; by inviting, nurturing, serving, and sending.

New Creation is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

"If I speak in the tongues of men and angels but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." —1 Corinthians 13.



We are all children of God and as such are all welcome in God's house. New Creation Church, committed to offering reconciling hope and healing, opens our doors and our hearts to all people, regardless of cultural background, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic or family status, gender or age. This welcome includes persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered, their partners, and families.



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