

# CROSS CURRENTS

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Dear First Lutheran Family and Friends in Christ,

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Happy New Year! What greater words do we have to greet us in the new year than these? None that I can think of! This sentence is worth writing down on a page in our Bible. It's worthy of putting to memory. It would even be great to sing. If you have a tune in mind, tell me and maybe we'll learn it to use in the new year like the verse we have for Easter "The Lord is Risen".

Just think for a moment, EVERYTHING changes. Perhaps you don't want to, but held next to this verse from our dear Lord through the writer to the Hebrews, our thoughts will quickly be guided by the Holy Ghost and we will be given feelings of comfort and joy. Everything changes except Jesus. That One thing remains eternal (the word eternal is quite wonderful too). How confident God makes us so that we know that all of Jesus' promises remain the same for you, yesterday, today, and forever. It's simple and wonderful to hear again that God never takes back His Word! All the promises that we have underlined in our Bible, tucked deep inside our hearts, and share, are safely kept there, and will come true. God says so. That settles the matter! There's another hearty verse somewhere in the new testament that goes something like: "All of God's promises are YES and Amen!" That sentence also brings us a resounding peace inside just like the one here in Hebrews, chapter eight.

We need someone to stay the same don't we? Yes! Since we live in a broken and sin-filled world, the word CHANGE usually brings ideas of threat, fear, loss, good-bye and even death. But! as we're taught and guided by God's great Word & Spirit, we soon learn to trust (and keep trusting) that our Lord changes EVERYTHING into something good, Romans 8 stuff. Granted, we can't always see His changes, but we see in His Word that since God exchanged His place and became man, and then made the greatest change of all, life for death, forgiveness for sin, etc. we KNOW that everything about us will be worked out in a good way.

Who never changes? God. How do we know? From His Word. And what doesn't He change? Himself and His promises to love you, forgive you, care, comfort, heal, guide, protect, and finally resurrect you and the Church safely to Heaven spend forever with Him. God's Word is your security yesterday, today and forever. Signed with the un-erasable ink of Jesus' blood. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Great words to bring with us into the new year aren't they? P.S. I'll bet you can't write down all God's unchanging promises to you by the end of February. Happy and blessed new year dear church family!

Love,  
+Pastor



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 5 — Caroline Porter
- 7 — Ralph Purcha
- 8 — Maurine Hahn
- 11 — Brian Christensen
- 12 — Guy Hahn
- 12 — Jim Rohrbach
- 16 — Frank Jackson
- 16 — Michael Sunshine
- 17 — Jean Eilers
- 18 — David Anton
- 19 — Jordan DiBella
- 21 — David Brannon
- 22 — Madeline Dulmatch
- 22 — Ray Knight
- 22 — Jamie Wilson
- 23 — Judy Diehl
- 25 — Bill Schroeder
- 27 — Ron Romanek
- 27 — Betty Van Patten
- 28 — Elisa DeMars
- 28 — Zachary Anton

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 — Janis Fuhr
- 2 — Helene Peterson
- 4 — Kevin Kolander
- 4 — Daygin Porter
- 7 — Pat Kyle
- 8 — Gail Christensen
- 8 — Pat Eide
- 9 — Ernie Allber
- 13 — Irene Rieger
- 19 — Bud Leonhart
- 23 — Phyllis Werner
- 25 — Leah DiBella
- 25 — Adam Kolander
- 27 — Mollie Rosenblatt
- 28 — James DeMars
- 28 — Betty Krieger
- 28 — Helen Winchester

**WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Betty Krieger; Debbie Bergman (sister Gloria); Marilyn Schiffner; Francine Wellington; Guy Hahn; Lezlee Neebe (father Gary); Andrea Hall (niece Kim); Jenny Lawson; Pr. Jeff Springer; Jon Martin (Lutheran High School friend).

**OUR HOMEBOUND:** Betty Krieger; Betty Leonhart; Ruby Atkinson; Clara Morgan; ; Marilyn Schiffner.

**WORK:** Michael Sunshine; Chris Gainey; Meagan Bergman (teaching-Kuwait).

**MEMBERS AND LOVED ONE IN THE ARMED**

**FORCES** Anthony True; Robert Steiner; Don & Ruth Detviler (son Mike and grandson Adam); Debbie Bergman (nephew); Emily & Austin Reinitz (grandsons); Erla Cloer (grandson); Nancy Purcha (3 grandsons); Brenda Romanek (brother); Alan & Helene Peterson (son Erick); Mary Gainey (grandson); Rick & Francine Wellington (grandson); Jean Eilers (grandson); Andrea Hall (nephew).

**OUR LUTHERAN PASTORS** Rev. Kinney (South American), Rev. Rohwer (Muslim), & Rev. Bernard (Lutheran Church-Haiti, West Indies).



In need of prayer

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Communed</b>	<b>109</b>		<b>94</b>	
<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Sun. School</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>\$5337.</b>	<b>\$2212.</b>	<b>\$1769.05</b>	<b>2023.</b>

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP** Attn.--55 Com. 52 Offerings - \$303.

<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Communed</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>96</b>	
<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Sun. School</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Offerings.</b>	<b>\$5457.</b>	<b>\$2385.</b>	<b>\$2060.</b>	<b>\$2221.</b>

<b>ADVENT WORSHIP</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>53</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Offerings</b>		<b>\$661.</b>	<b>\$678.</b>

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Attn: 127 Offerings: \$2064.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Attn: 62 Comm: 59 Offerings: \$816.

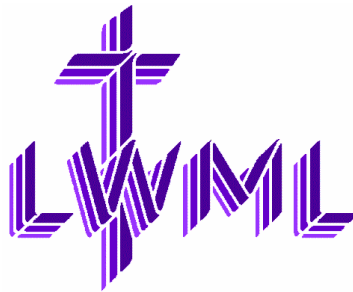
**NEW YEARS EVE WORSHIP:** Attn: 40 Offerings: \$505.50

*\*denotes not listed*



# LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY LEAGUE

L.W.M.L. Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
January/February 2011



HAPPY NEW YEAR !

As we start a new year, the L.W.M.L. thanks everyone for helping us meet our Mission goals with your Mite Box change. You are truly awesome. God's Blessings to each and everyone who are so faithful.

The November Craft Faire was a great success. Our Craft ladies outdo themselves every year with the wonderful items they create. With our economy as it is, we realized over \$1,600.00. Thank you one and all.

Beverly Leckie was re-elected as our President. Frieda Bartsch will become our Treasurer replacing Nancy Purcha.

Our January 2011 meeting will be on the 4th, the first Tuesday of the month. Come join us for our meeting, Bible Study with Pastor Kolander and lunch following. All ladies of the congregation are welcome.

Blessed New Year to Everyone,  
Yours in Christ,



LWML

Madeline Dulmatch, Secretary

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28—Larry & Andrea Hall
- 31—Dennis & Patti Luebbert



*Celebrating  
an Anniversary*

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 26—Arnold & Helen  
Winchester
- 27—Jack & Madeline Dulmatch

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

- January—Kyle & Rosenblatt
- February—Morris, Steiner  
& Gomez

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## OFFICIAL ACTS

**Kurt Jaffke**

Called Home  
November 29, 2010

Memorial Service  
December 7, 2010



**REFRESHMENTS****January**

**2nd** Ida Williams  
Susan Kaneshiro  
Andrea Hall

**9th** Cheryl Cheek  
Delores Zegestosky  
Bev Christensen

**16th** Shirely Brown  
Kristina Kolander  
Erla Cloer

**23rd** Ann Weigle  
Lori Tucker  
Joline Terry

**30th Potluck**  
Bonnie Harlow  
Melody Anton  
Debbie Bergman

**February**

**6th** Karol Steiner  
Sue Morris  
Kim Sunshine

**13th** Dana Davidson  
Ruth Denviler  
Mary Gainey

**20th** Sandra Brannon  
Jean Eilers  
Heather Haworth

**27th Potluck**  
Nancy Purcha  
Jerry Rice  
Frieda Bartsch

## LUTHERANS IN MISSION SOUTH AFRICA

Looking back at the first time we did vacation Bible school in April, it's amazing to see how far we have progressed. I remember thinking, 'How are we going to pull this off with a bunch of Zulu-speaking kids when we barely know the language?' But, God truly blessed us. With the help of volunteers from the youth, the women in the church and now the teachers from the crèche (day care), vacation Bible school is running smoothly. Thanks be to God!

This last session of vacation Bible school was only four days long and there were 70 to 80 kids that came everyday. In addition to our regulars, there were many new faces. We were very happy to have them join us. The teachers planned the lessons and crafts. Julia, my fellow GEO missionary, and I were there to assist them. They did a wonderful job with the kids and worked very well together. We used the stories about Creation, Joseph, Daniel and the 12 disciples to teach the children about God's love for us, that he protects us and is faithful, and that we should share the love of Christ with others. The kids made crafts that reflected the stories. I worked with the kids ages 8 to 14 and they surprised me by singing, 'I Will Make You Fishers of Men' in English. I was so proud of them.

I am thankful for the wonderful relationships that I have developed with the children through vacation Bible school. On the last day I received hugs from many of them. It's one of the things that I enjoy the most. I thank God for helping me to share the love of Christ with the children and to be an example of Christ in their lives.

*GEO missionary Shara Cunningham, serving in South Africa.*



**Shara Cunningham**

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### PASTOR BERNARD AND THE BUS MINISTRY



Pastor Bernard and the bus



The Ministry

## ROB AND DIANE SANDBERG

On October 2, 1964, in St. Paul, Minnesota, a baby girl was born to Carol Ann (Sandison) Tannas and Lawrence Einer Tannas Jr. They named her Diane Louise. Her infant baptism took place at First Presbyterian Church of St. Paul, Minnesota. She has an older sister and a younger brother.

The Tannas family moved to Orange, California, when Diane was two years old. Her education included attending Orange High School, and Loma Linda University School of Nursing, where she graduated with Honors with a Bachelor's degree in 1987. She has been an RN ever since, working part time when her children were small, so as to perform her highest calling which she feels is motherhood.

Diane is pleased that she remained in the profession, as she is able to maintain a full time career now that the boys are grown. She has worked for Kaiser for 22 years and is currently an RN case manager for Kaiser in Corona in the Integrated Pain Management Program.

While in elementary school Diane learned to play the piano and later sang in the church choir. During high school she enjoyed playing tennis and volleyball, and also held the honor of being Past Honored Queen in 1982 for Job's Daughters.

In Inglewood, California, on September 23, 1962, Robert William Sandberg Sr. and Nancy Jo (Tamke) Sandberg became the parents of Robert William Sandberg Jr. He was baptized at the First Presbyterian Church of Anaheim and went to school in Orange, California, attending Villa Park High School, and then college at Cal State Fullerton.

During high school Rob enjoyed weight lifting, fishing, and fixing up a very large engine in a very clean Mercury Cougar. As a kid he studied piano, the accordion, and was in Boy Scouts. During this time he also worked as a printer assistant and then entered the lumber/hardware industry. He moved through this career at Sutherlands Lumber in Anaheim and then landed an excellent job in the hardware industry at McFadden-Dale Industrial Hardware Inc. in Anaheim and never looked back. He then helped open a new location in Corona many years ago, and has worked for this company for over 25 years.

Rob's and Diane's families both went to the same church while they were growing up, but they did not notice each other until going on their first choir tour together. The director at the First Presbyterian Church of Orange organized cross country singing tours that included small orchestra for the High School/College choir. They traveled by Greyhound Bus and stayed over night at host family homes in the cities they visited. Cupid hit Rob and Diane somewhere in Texas when Diane was 15 and he was 17. Rob made the initial move to show interest while Diane played "hard to get." But somewhere in Louisiana she indicated she was interested also. When Rob got off the bus back home in Orange, and his Mom saw him, her first thought was, "Oh, oh, he's hooked." And as Diane says, "The rest is history."



### FLOWER SCHEDULE

#### January

- 2—  
9—**Christensen Family** in honor of **Brian's** 18th birthday  
16—**Belle Schlyer & Helen & Jerry Rice** In memory of **Pete Schlyer**  
23—**Lore Tucker** for birthdays  
30—**Bev Leckie** in memory of husband **John**

#### February

- 6—**Frieda Bartsch** In memory of **Walter**  
13—**Gail & Ben Gray** In honor of **Irene Rieger's** 90th Birthday  
20—  
27—**Jamie Wilson** in memory of friend **Louise and Brian's** Baptism

### Ongoing Ministries

- E-Prayer**—Pastor Kolander  
**H.O.P.E. Basket** —1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—McCaleb's and Gerry Connellan  
**Ladies Prayer Chain**—Bev Leckie  
**Newsletter**—Ruth Dtviler  
**Publicity**—Maurine Hahn  
**Greeters**—Contact person Melody Anton

**BIBLE STUDIES  
AT  
FIRST LUTHERAN**

**Sunday 9:00—10:00AM**

Praying the  
Book of Psalms

**Wednesday**

**10:30 AM—12:00 Noon**

Book of Romans

**Friday**

Chain the Cat

6:00 PM—Supper

6:30 PM—Prayers

7:00 PM Bible Study



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Their dating years included proms, drive-ins, miniature golf, movies, holiday dinners, pier fishing, lake fishing, working on cars, picnics, football games.....all the teenage stuff. Then when she was 20 and he was 22 he proposed and they were married June 8, 1985.

Diane and Rob proudly set up housekeeping in a 550 sq. foot condo in Riverside. They planted flowers, got a dog, and were amazed that they were old enough to own a refrigerator. Diane finished school, they both worked hard and kept on dreaming. Rob had always wanted a lot of land to call his own, even if they didn't do anything but just look at it. So when they got stir crazy in their little condo, they started looking for a place to plant roots. Their goal was to settle in a community, stay there, and raise a family. They felt it was more important to stay near relatives than to venture out of state. After stumbling upon Lake Elsinore, they pinched enough pennies to buy a home on an acre and have never been sorry.

Their first son, Robert William Sandberg III, was born August 29, 1988. Jonathan Lawrence Sandberg came into the world on Diane's birthday, October 2, 1991. Their parents feel they have been more than brothers to each other, they have been a gift from God, and a joy to their parents. Both boys were in Boy Scouts and received their Eagle rank. They are in college and as their father says, "writing their own story now." Rob and Diane are fairly new empty nesters and struggle with that at times, but they exchange visits with their sons frequently, so the transition is not unbearable.

Even though both of the Sandbergs were raised in the Presbyterian faith, they felt that it was not in sync with their beliefs, so when they sought a church home they felt that the Lutheran faith was for them. They attended Shepherd of Life Lutheran Church in Lake Elsinore for 20 some years and enjoyed helping in Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and being part of the Board. Both of their boys were baptized and confirmed there.

When the Sandbergs found First Lutheran Church they felt it fit them like a glove. "What joy that there really is a church out there that preaches the Word of God, Jesus, gift of salvation, and encourages the faith of a Christian in a way that is true. A Pearl that is worth driving an hour for is right here in our back yard!"-----a quote by Diane.

Rob's hobbies are gardening, yard work, sitting with Molly, their Basset Hound, and USC football. His favorite pastime is working in the local Boy Scout troop as a mentor to the young men. He is loyal and steady and believes the words "I and can't" should never be used together.

Diane loves cooking, crafting, party planning, keeping house, holidays, raising children, and fussing over those she loves. Ask her about her kids and you will never get a word in edgewise. She also loves being patriotic, traditional, reverent, and helpful. Her favorite past-time is watching favorite movies on DVD.....old ones or new ones. Doris Day and Bob Hope to Reese Witherspoon and Bette Midler.

Rob loves FLC for the people and that Pastor Kolander gives him what seems like a private sermon every Sunday.

Diane says that what she loves about FLC is that Pastor Kolander has a way of pinning it exactly right on every sermon, and that the congregation emulates what the Pastor preaches!!

Praise be to God that these wonderful people are members of our FLC family!!

**Jean Eilers, FLC Roving Reporter, January 2011**



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Newsletter of First Lutheran Church  
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Web Page: [www.firstluth.com](http://www.firstluth.com)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School and Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

## SPECIAL EVENTS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

- January 8 — Un-decorate the church @ 9:00 AM
- January 11 — LWML @ 10:00 AM
- January 12 — Bible Study @ 10:30 AM  
Church Council @ 7:00 PM
- January 19 — Bible Study @ 10:30 AM
- January 26 — Bible Study @ 10:30 AM
- January 28 — Game Night at Church @ 6:30 PM
- January 30 — Potluck Sunday
  
- February 1 — LWML @ 10:00 AM
- February 2 — Bible Study & 10:30 AM  
Church Council & 7:00 PM
- February 9 — Bible Study @ 10:30 AM
- February 13 — Elders Meeting after Church
- February 16 — Bible Study @ 10:30 AM
- February 23 — Bible Study @ 10:30 AM
- February 25 — Game Night at Church @ 6:30 PM
- February 27 — Potluck Sunday

