

Connections is the electronic newsletter of Lutheran schools and educators of the Pacific Southwest District. It is designed as a tool to help keep schools and educators connected to one another as they serve in ministry connecting students and families to the Gospel.

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Pacific Southwest School Ministry Newsletter
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Schools and educators are invited and encouraged to share items of interest, items for which to give thanks and/or uplift in prayer, or any other information which connects us to one another. Please submit your information via email to connections@christcm.com. *Connections* is distributed electronically to administrators in the Pacific Southwest District who are then asked to forward copies to their staff. *Connections* is also available on the District web site at <http://www.pswcic.org> and on the Lutheran School Portal at <http://www.lsportal.net>.

IS YOUR CLASS READY FOR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME?

Have you and your class signed up yet? Are your bags packed? It's not too late! Please join other PSD educators and register yourself and your class for **My Passport to India**. This two to five week program includes web-based videos that will take you on a journey into fascinating places in India. **Don't delay...** you have until **Friday, February 18th** to register. Click on www.mypassporttoindia.org and become a part of the adventure. Make your classroom a part of Hearts For Jesus 2010-2011 in a very special way. Our goal is \$50,000 so we can send 50,000 children to a Bible Club for one year. You will be blessed...and so will the children in India!

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING... IN OUR HIGH SCHOOLS...

CREAN LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL is excited to be settled in to their new facilities! Open houses have been planned to acquaint prospective students and their families with the school and all it has to offer including the curriculum, Early College Program, SAT/ACT preparation services, extra curricular programs, transportation options to CLHS, how to apply for financial aid, and more. If you haven't had a chance to visit, be sure to stop by when you are in the area. Crean's new address is 12500 Sand Canyon, Irvine, CA 92618.

The CLHS girl's soccer team took second place in the Academy League and had the opportunity to enter the CIF playoffs. The boy's basketball team finished league play tied for third place in league. Way to go, Saints athletic teams!

FAITH LUTHERAN JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL, LAS VEGAS's Musical Theatre Class and International Thespian Society recently competed in the Musical Theatre Competition of America. Approximately forty students shared their gifts and talents under the supervision of **Erik Ball**. Make a joyful noise!

Two teams of students from Faith participated in the Nevada Regional Middle School Science Bowl. The teams, coached by teacher **Brenda Beery**, represented their school well in the competition. Currently members of the teams are focusing their efforts on their model cars for upcoming competition. The model car motor can only be powered by a hydrogen fuel cell. The teams look forward to winning a monetary award for placing in the top four when competition is over next month. Good luck!

Eight students and/or their siblings have been made heirs of heaven through **baptism** at FLHS during the month of January. We thank God for the work of the Holy Spirit and the gift of baptism that claims us as His children.

The annual **Geography Bee** was held at Faith Jr./Sr. High School. Ten students tested their knowledge of the world around us. Seventh grader Cole Thomas will represent the school at the next level of competition.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL OF ORANGE COUNTY is pleased to announce the establishment of the *Nancy Paul Teaching Scholarship*. **Nancy Paul** has been an educator in Lutheran Schools for 50 years, serving at LHSOC since 1975. Beyond the classroom however, Nancy is a prime example of a Christian servant. For all who have had the privilege of knowing her and working with her, Nancy's work at Lutheran High has been a true reflection of Christ's love for His people. It is in her honor that the scholarship has been created, and to God's glory that it will be awarded. The scholarship is designed to provide financial aid to a graduating senior from LHSOC who intends to become a teacher. The recipient will receive a \$1000 scholarship upon enrollment in the college of his/her choice. Upon completion of the education program, the student will receive additional money for their student teaching semester. What a great way to give thanks to God for His faithful servant!

Orange Lutheran Online continues to successfully meet the needs of many students. Check out the course offerings at the OLO website, <http://www.lhsoc.org/olo>, and share the opportunities it provides with students in your congregation.

Lancer students continue their commitment to reach out to others through mission opportunities. The **Senior Class Service Project** this year is 'Water4Kids.' Led by the senior class, the student body will be raising money to build wells throughout Africa to provide people with clean and safe water. Each well costs a total of \$10,150 and the goal is to raise enough money to sponsor one well per grade level. The project kicked off January 21st.

A group of approximately 80 students headed about 20 minutes southeast of the Otay border crossing in Mexico recently on their **Mexico Mission Trip**. The construction project on this trip was different from the usual house building; this trip, the entire team worked together to build a church. The local church "Lives on a Mission," and their community was very welcoming and thankful to the LHSOC team who worked and worshipped with them.

Over Easter break the Orange Lutheran Missions Program will be taking a group of students to **South Korea**. Partnering with Matt Wasmund, LCMS World Missions missionary, the goal of these students is to be a light to those who don't know the risen Jesus and an encouragement to the people of God's church in Korea. The team will participate in several different types of service projects during their stay. Please pray for the safety of this team and for all the details during preparations. The trip is April 21-29.

Go to www.lhsoc.org/arts to reserve your tickets for one or more of the performance events scheduled at the school this spring. Over 300 students will participate on Sunday, February 27th as the **Choral Music Department** presents their Sacred Concert. Mid-to-late March ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*** will return to the Nechita stage after 7 years. ***The Play*** is a full length production written, directed, and acted by OLHS drama students. This free performance will be presented Friday, May 6th.

Get out your clubs, sign up yourself and/or your foursome and support Orange Lutheran during the 18th Annual **LHS Golf Classic** on Monday, March 21. Check the school website for sponsorship opportunities and to register.

IN OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS...

Admissions Counselor **Chris Johnson** reports that two eighth grade students from **Faith, Vista**, received the Good Citizenship Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Rancho Buena Vista Chapter. This program was designed to offer a concrete and tangible plan for training in American citizenship. Qualifications for the award are honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism.

Christ, Costa Mesa, has been intentionally focusing on the gift of baptism. Since school began in the fall, nine students and/or family members have been received into the family of God through the washing of baptism. In January, first graders led chapel worship focusing on the gift of baptism. Under the direction of teacher **Linda Gardiner**, they repeated their message in Sunday morning worship and celebrated as their own classmate was welcomed into God's kingdom through water and the Word.

What about **YOUR SCHOOL**? We know exciting things are happening at your school. We want to celebrate with you! Don't be afraid to share...we want to stay connected! Send information regarding your class or school to connections@christcm.com. Deadline for the spring edition of *Connections* is April 21st.

CELEBRATING TOGETHER...

Hollie Chance, LHSOC Department of Special Programs, was married to Shaun Simmons on December 10, 2010.

Bailey Kristine Mercier was born December 19th. Weighing in at 8 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 21 inches, Bailey joined big brothers Patrick and Shane, dad **Nathan (St. John's, Orange)** and mom **Sandra (Abiding Savior) Mercier**. God claimed Bailey to be His own through the sacrament of baptism at Abiding Savior, Lake Forest, on January 8th.

Austin Perkins, Athletic Trainer at LHSOC, was married to Stephanie Russell on October 2, 2010.

Rachel Young, LHSOC English teacher and department chair, will be married to Rob Abajay, firefighter, on February 19, 2011. Rachel is the daughter of **Rick (Science)** and **Patty (Director of Academic Technology and OLO) Young**.

PRAYER REQUESTS...

Please uplift the family of **Michael Kramer (LHSOC English teacher)**. Michael's daughter Megan and her husband Jonathan grieve for the loss of their son, Alexander Michael, who died in the womb this past week. May our gracious Father surround the family with His comfort and peace.

Pray for health and patience for **Lisa Klappenback** who has been put on bed rest awaiting the arrival of twin girls due in the middle of April. Lisa and husband **Quinn** are both teachers at **Lamb of God, Las Vegas, NV**.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL...

Entered:

Barosz, Keith (Emeritus, Northwest District) to Emeritus
Chase, Amanda (Non-candidate, MO District) to Non-candidate
Gavin, Taylor (Trinity, Wahiawa, HI) to St. Paul's, Garden Grove, CA
Howland, Jeri (Concordia Irvine) to Canoga Park, Canoga Park, CA
Kaio, Dana (Concordia Nebraska) to Christ the Redeemer, Phoenix, AZ
Lawrence, Jason (Concordia Wisconsin) to Lutheran High, La Verne, CA
Maki, Emily (Concordia Chicago) to Christ's Greenfield, Gilbert, AZ
McMullan, Constance (Concordia Irvine-Colloquy) to Immanuel,
Riverside
Mercier, Nathan (Concordia Irvine-Colloquy) to St. John's, Orange, CA
Rodrigues, Charles (Concordia Irvine-Colloquy) to Christ, Rancho Palos
Verdes, CA
Van Blarcom, Trevor (Concordia Irvine) to St. John's, Orange, CA

Change Within:

Boburka, Julie (St. Paul's, Orange) to Non-candidate
Dielmann, Marilyn (St. Paul's, Orange) to Emeritus
Fischer, Michael (Lutheran Braille Workers) to Risen Savior, Chandler,
AZ
Gehlhar, Cynthia (Candidate) to Gethsemane, Tempe, AZ
Haynes, Travis (Christ, Brea) to Candidate
Koenemann, Julie (Faith, Whittier) to Candidate
Krumdieck, Gary (St. John's, Oxnard) to Non-candidate
Laschober, Cynthia (Hope, Glendora) to Non-candidate
Lehman, Cameron (St. John's, Oxnard) to Gethsemane, Tempe, AZ
Miller, Marty (Holy Cross, Cypress) to Redeemer, Ontario, CA
Richard, Helen (Emmaus, Alhambra) to Emeritus
Rohm, Kristine (Grace, Corona) to Non-candidate
Stade, Lisa (Grace, Corona) to Candidate
Swanland, Nancy (Zion, Fallbrook) to Emeritus
Warneke, Timothy (Zion, Anaheim) to Candidate
Wright, Tammie (Concordia, Cerritos) to Abiding Savior, Lake Forest, CA

Transferred Out:

Bordeaux, Betty (Emeritus) to Emeritus, Missouri District
Bordeaux, Joseph (Emeritus) to Emeritus, Missouri District
Brewer, Nathaniel (St. Paul's, Orange) to Grace, Durham, NC
Brinn, Cheryl (Candidate) to Candidate, Southeastern District
Burkey, Laura (Christ, Brea) to Immanuel, St. Charles, MO
Chittick, Cari (Abiding Savior, Lake Forest) to Concordia Texas
Gutzler, Donna (Trinity, Litchfield Park, AZ) to Immanuel, Belvidere, IL
Gutzler, Mark (Trinity, Litchfield Park, AZ) to Immanuel, Belvidere, IL
Hoffman, Patricia (Concordia Irvine) to Concordia Chicago
Molinari, Matthew (Cross of Christ, Anthem, AZ) to First, Placerville, CA

Rohren, Sara (Cross of Christ, Anthem, AZ) to Candidate, Nebraska District

Trapp, Joshua (Bethany, Long Beach) to Prince of Peace, Fremont, CA

CONNECTED IN PRAYER...

Get connected...stay connected! We at the District Office encourage you to join us in praying for our schools. Prayer is powerful and simple! You email us your requests or visit our website at www.pswcic.org (click on 'Our Schools') where it also lists the schools we are praying for that week. The following are schools which are being uplifted specifically at this time.

January 2

Pilgrim Lutheran School and Preschool, Chula Vista

St. John's Lutheran Child Care Center, Colton

Christ Lutheran School and Preschool, Rancho Palos Verdes

January 9

Ramona Lutheran School and Preschool, Ramona

Christ Lutheran School and Preschool, Costa Mesa

Mt Olive Lutheran Preschool, Poway

January 16

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Preschool, Lake Arrowhead

Holy Cross Early Childhood Education Center, Cypress

Mt. Calvary Lutheran School and Preschool, Diamond Bar

January 23

Palisades Lutheran Preschool, Pacific Palisades

Trinity Christian School and Preschool, Norwalk

First Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten, El Cajon

Mesquite Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten, Mesquite, NV

January 30

Mountain View Lutheran School and Preschool, Las Vegas, NV

Christ Little Lambs Ministry, Boulder City, NV

Christ the Redeemer Lutheran School and Preschool, Phoenix, AZ

Redeemer Lutheran School and Preschool, Las Vegas, NV

February 6

Trinity Lutheran School and Preschool, Whittier, CA

St. Mark Christian Preschool, Phoenix, AZ

Faith Lutheran Preschool, Whittier

February 13

Children of Our Savior Lutheran Preschool, Westchester

Promise Christian Preschool, Murrieta

Zion Lutheran School and Preschool, Victorville

February 20

Valley Lutheran High School, Phoenix, AZ

God's Word Preschool and Childcare, Prescott Valley, AZ

Lambs of Faith Lutheran Preschool & Faith Lutheran School, Vista

February 27

Desert Foothills Lutheran Preschool, Scottsdale, AZ
Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran School and ECE Center, Scottsdale, AZ
Venice Lutheran School, Venice

March 6

Precious Stones Lutheran Preschool, Sedona, AZ
Gethsemane Lutheran School and Preschool, Tempe, AZ
Pacific Lutheran High School, Torrance
Ascension Lutheran School and Preschool, Torrance

March 13

Little Lambs of God Lutheran Preschool & Lamb of God Lutheran School,
Las Vegas, NV
First Good Shepherd Lutheran School and Preschool, Las Vegas, NV
First Lutheran School and Preschool, Temple City
Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Temecula

March 20

Yuma Lutheran School and Preschool, Yuma, AZ
First Lutheran High School, Sylmar
Redeemer Lutheran School, South Gate

March 27

Fountain of Life Lutheran School and Preschool, Tucson, AZ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Preschool, Tehachapi
Los Angeles Lutheran High School, Sylmar

April 3

Emmaus Lutheran School and Preschool, Alhambra
Hephatha Lutheran School and Preschool, Anaheim
Trinity Lutheran Preschool and Good Shepherd Lutheran School, Simi
Valley
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool, Santa Ynez

April 10

Prince of Peace Lutheran School and Preschool, Anaheim
Pilgrim Lutheran Preschool, Santa Monica
Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Preschool, Carlsbad

April 17

Zion Lutheran School and Early Childhood Education Center, Anaheim
Concordia Christian Preschool, Barstow
First Lutheran School, San Fernando
Good Shepherd Lutheran Early Childhood Center, Yucca Valley

CONNECT YOUR SCHOOL...

We know lots of good things are happening at **your school!** We would love to hear about them! Share your news and the great things that are happening through **Connections**. You might want to designate one person from your faculty/staff to submit information, or you are invited to do so individually. Please write a summary of the information you would like to share and submit it to connections@christcm.com. **Mark your calendars for the final submission**

deadline for this school year: April 21st. *Connections* will be distributed electronically through your administrator approximately two weeks after the above deadlines. Your feedback and comments are appreciated. As always, our purpose is to help you and your school stay **connected** to others in our district. Email your comments to connections@christcm.com. Thank you.