



CHRIST the KING

Lutheran Church



February/March/April 2009 Church Newsletter

Mission Statement: Caring - Reaching - Teaching - Sharing Christs Love

VALENTINE'S DAY

In 496, a pope by the name of Gelasius tried to bring a spiritual dimension to the happy pagan festivities of the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalia by creating a feast honoring two early Christian martyrs, both named Valentine.

The first Saint Valentine was a priest who was executed in 269 for helping persecuted Christians. Ironically, he was beheaded at the site of an ancient altar to Juno, the Roman goddess of woman and marriage, who, along with her male counterpart, Pan, the god of nature, was honored by the feast of Lupercalia. Three years later, the second Saint Valentine lost his head for bringing a Roman family to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Ultimately, Christianity survived the persecution, but Gelasius' well intentioned attempt to change the festival to St. Valentine's Day was less successful; the sentimental meaning of the earlier heathen rite remained, albeit with a new name. Some things are just too much fun to get serious about.

At first blush, one might ask what two martyred clerics named Valentine have to say about love. The answer is plenty. For one thing, they understood a dimension of love that is all too often missing in modern-day relationships, namely sacrifice. Our Lord, who established the standard of love by the gift of his own life, tells us that there is no greater exhibition of love than the voluntary giving of the supreme sacrifice for others. Wow! That's kind of heavy for a hedonist.

There's no woman so valued that I'd die for her," you say, or "no man is worth my life," you argue? Yet, the message from those first Valentines is that love costs, that it is more than a sentimental journey focused on desire, that it is an active, beneficent, selfless and sometimes sacrificial concern for the well-being of the one loved.

Blessings!
Pastor Chip

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Christ the King Calendar of Fun 2009

January

Bowling at Bowl Incline
Sunday, January 25th
12:30pm

February

Paint Ceramics at the
Cobblestone, Tahoe City
Saturday, February 21st
11:00am

March

Full Moon Snowshoe
Sunday March 8th
6:00pm

April

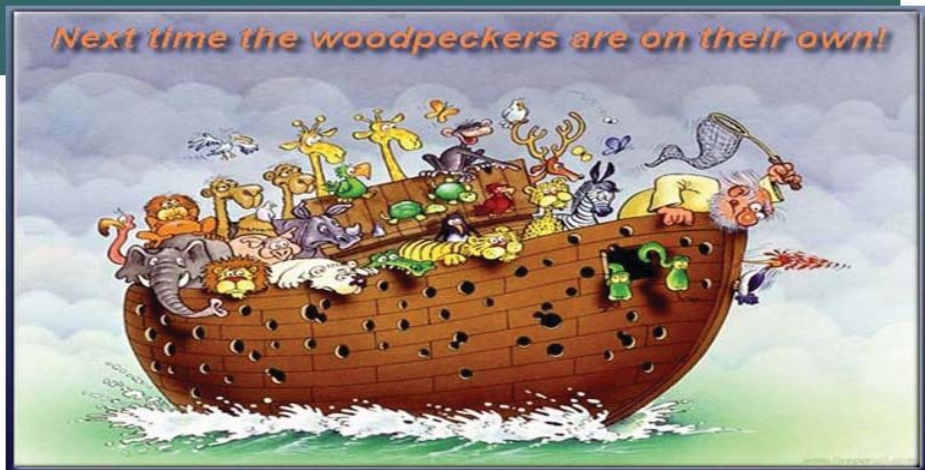
FunQuest at Grand
Sierra Saturday, April
18th 1:00pm

May

Night at the Movies
Tuesday May 5th

RSVP to Jennifer Taylor
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Next time the woodpeckers are on their own!



Fellowship is Fun! Join us for these upcoming all-church events this Winter and Spring. In January is the annual Christ the King bowling event at Bowl Incline in Incline Village. A pizza lunch will be served. This event is for all ages and all skill levels.

In February you can work on your artistic skills at All Fired Up in Tahoe City. This also is for all ages and skill levels. This is a great place to make a homemade gift or something nice for yourself.

In March enjoy the beauty around you at a Full-Moon Snowshoe tour. Skill level: easy. Suggested ages: 6 and up. Dress in layers and bring something warm to drink!

In April we are venturing to FunQuest in Reno for the young and young at heart. Laser tag, arcade, bumper cars and more. Just what Saturday afternoons are for.

What can you do for fun in May? Go to the movies! How many Lutherans can you fit in a movie theater, anyway? All-church movie night. Recommended for older children and adults.

RENO FAMILY SHELTER

Located at 335 Record St. in Reno, the shelter was opened around October 15, 2008 in response to the need for secure housing for families who have lost their existing homes. With 21 small motel type rooms on the 3rd floor, families are able to stay together and access needed healthcare, meals and other services designed to help them get back on their feet. As families are able to find housing and work, they move out and others take their places. At any given time there are 25-35 children of all ages.

I became involved when the supervisor for the Resource Center called wanting Paws to Read dogs to come and visit to provide activities and playtime for the children. When I visited to prepare for this, I discovered that funding had been provided for running the shelter, but nothing had been set aside to provide needed entertainment and developmental activities for the toddlers and elementary aged children. You could cut the boredom with a knife. Thanks to the generosity of members of Christ the King, I took donations of clothing, games, and toys and purchased coloring books, crayons and paper for a children's play center, in addition to new socks for the children. Since then, Paws for Love provides activities and fun time from the pet therapy dogs every Wednesday and alternate Saturdays. Surprise, surprise; many of the pictures drawn by the children are dogs! Three dogs had visited and played with 6 toddlers, 2 babies and 6-7 elementary age children. It was magical!

Public libraries and individuals have donated hundreds of books, puzzles and games for them since our initial donation. The care and concern from the community and the extra time devoted to the children is greatly appreciated by the families. I also thank our congregation for helping me add some needed embellishment to the lives of our littlest ones. Those of you who would like to get involved at any level may contact me, Ruth Hagan at Rosie and Gus (PFL pups) email, 2therapydogs@charter.net

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Joyce Meyer's tape series on the Fruits of the Spirit really hit home to a lot of us. Whether it was a lesson on patience, humility, goodness or peace, we each learned we had some areas in our lives to work on. The study made us think about how we are living our lives. It made us laugh and made us more aware of our attitudes. The complete study is located upstairs in the library for anyone who wishes to borrow it.

Our next study will be a 10 week study on "What's So Amazing About Grace?" by Philip Yancey. The study will challenge us to "take grace to the streets" and put grace into action. We will meet on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm at the church starting February 10th. The study will consist of watching a DVD and using the participant's guide. We look forward to learning more about how amazing grace is!

If you are interested in participating, please contact Denise Lohner @ 525-0317.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

Special dates:

Wednesday, February 25th Ash Wednesday

Sunday, April 5th Palm Sunday

Friday, April 10th Good Friday
Corpus Christi Catholic Church @ 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 12th Easter
Sunrise Service on Commons Beach

Easter Service at Christ the King 9:00am
Followed by Easter Brunch

Lenten Soup Nights on Wednesdays 6:00pm will start in March with the exact date to be determined and announced at church.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CHANGES AND UPDATES

Burton.....	Zip code changes Reno, NV 89511 Calistoga, CA 94515	Nelson.....	Add Address 2062 Empite Mine Circle Cold River, CA 95670
Hagan.....	New phone numbers 775-762-8004 (Ruth) 775-771-8307 (Ron)	Rebane.....	Email address correction toomas.rebane@sbcglobal.net Please insert . after first name
Holman.....	New phone numbers 775-622-0048 (Reno) 702-683-2700 (George) 775-253-4560 (Jane) 530-583-3480 (Tahoe)	Gardner.....	Add new members Kirk and Pat Gardner 11239 Bolzano Road Truckee, CA. 96161 775-742-1819
Krautsack.....	Correct Spelling <u>Mediterra Country Club</u>	Fitzgerald.....	Add new members Sean and Ivory Fitzgerald PO Box 1054 Carnelian Bay, CA 96140 530-546-3961 530-563-8039 (Sean) 530-563-8037 (Ivory)
Mastic.....	Additional phone numbers 775-771-2100 (Peter) 775-771-2026 (Lorri)		
Chamblin.....	Add new members Dale and Pam Chamblin PO Box 1693 Carnelian Bay, CA 96140 530-546-5685		



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