



# Parish Visitor

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February 2011



## Announcing Auditions!

The League of Christian Actors announces auditions for *Fiddler on the Roof*, our 9th major production. The audition date is Saturday, March 5 at 11:00 AM at Christ Lutheran Church. All parts are open, and we are auditioning for ages 7 to 107 years old. Come and be prepared to dance and read. Please have a song prepared to sing.

## Calling all Men!

The men's retreat is March 4-6, 2011 at SCICON. The retreat theme this year is "God in the Bedroom: What God Has to Say to Men About Sex!" The retreat speaker is Dr. Kevin Murphy, senior pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Walnut Creek, CA. The registration cost is \$115 and due by February 27; early bird registration cost is \$100 by February 14.



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## Elder Abuse/Identity Theft Seminar

PrimeTimers, join us on Sunday, February 20, 2011 at 12:15 pm for a potluck in the Christian Life Center. Mike Johnson will present an Elder Abuse/Identity Theft Seminar. Please sign up in the foyer. Also, watch for the March Potato Bake Pre-Sales!

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### *Ministry Team Leaders,*

*Please plan to attend the Christ*

*Lutheran Church Ministry Team*

*Leaders Bi-annual Luncheon Meeting*

*When: Sunday, March 13*

*12:05-1:15 pm*

*Where: Christian Life Center*

*Please RSVP to Patti Dudley at*

*[pdudley@clcvisalia.org](mailto:pdudley@clcvisalia.org) or to 732-1851.*

*This will be a great time of fellowship with other Ministry Team Leaders, and your own Ministry Staff Equipper too!*

# Pastor Malison's News for the Pews

I recently ran into some sound Christian parenting advice from someone who (I don't think) is not a Christian. A pop magazine was asking entertainment figures their advice about life in general. One movie star said that his advice was for parents to pray when their kids turn 16. He said up until that time you have little control of your kids, but when they turn 16 you have no control. The only thing left to do is pray for them and ask God to do what you can't.

Not too bad.

But I don't necessarily agree. I think parents, regardless of the age of their children, exercise significant control over their kids. I think that parents, who continue to model healthy life decisions and sound spiritual practices, send valuable messages to their kids, even kids who themselves are parents.

We never stop working to raise faithful children.

With this in mind we have a challenge in this 50<sup>th</sup>

year of our ministry to raise \$50,000 for kids – ours and those we will never meet. Our threefold 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary focus is...

1. To supply Daylight School in Kenya, Africa with milking cows, a milking shed, and additional items so that they can feed children in the school, and sell milk in their village for operating income;

2. To replenish the ChristKids Preschool scholarship fund which has been tapped out due to the significant economic stresses that many are experiencing so that more and more kids can come and learn in a great Christian environment;

3. To hire a part time children's minister who can oversee our busy Sunday and mid-week programs so that kids in the congregation, and kids in our neighborhood, might know the joy of being a child of God.

Our giving focus is all about kids. Which I think is a fitting way for Christ Lutheran members to say, "Thank you, God, for the past," and an exciting way of saying, "We are doing our best, Lord, to get ready for the future."

May our prayers for our children and our faithfulness to this challenge arise together as we see what God has in store for Christ Lutheran Church.

*Pastor Brian Malison*

*Brian can be reached via email at [Brian@clcvisalia.org](mailto:Brian@clcvisalia.org).*

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## Health Ministry

### Heart Disease doesn't care what you wear!

The first Friday in February is National Wear Red Day to bring attention to heart disease in women. Heart Disease is the #1 killer of women ages 40 - 60. 1 in 30 women will die of breast cancer, while 1 in 4 women will die of heart disease. The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in partnership with the National Institutes of Health are educating women on the risk factors for heart disease. They are obesity, physical inactivity, hypertension, and diabetes. Women of color are at higher risk than others. 80% of women, ages 40 - 60, have 1 or more risk factors. One risk factor doubles your chance of developing heart disease. So what can you do? There are 4 things, eat right, increase your physical activity (30 minutes a day, 6 days a week), do not smoke, and maintain a healthy weight. This will reduce your risk by 82%. In the past, hormone replacement therapy was believed to protect women's hearts. The 2002 Women's Health Institute research study found the long term use of hormone therapy poses serious risks and may increase the risk of heart attack and stroke. Review your health with your health care provider regularly. The risk for heart disease, stroke, osteoporosis, and other conditions may change as you age. New treatments may become available. Stay informed and WEAR RED in February!

Carolynn Peterson RN, MSN, AOCN



### New Members Class Scheduled

A three-session New Member's Class will be held in the CCC on Sunday afternoons, February 13, 20 and 27. Class is held 12:15-1:30 pm, and lunch will be served. Childcare is available upon request. Please call the church office for more information or to sign up.

**Parish Visitor Deadline:**

Articles for the Parish Visitor should be submitted by the third Tuesday of each month.

# YOUth Connect

Welcome to 2011. Hopefully you don't blink much or you may miss it.

As I look back and think through 2010 I am so proud of where we are as a youth department. I am not going to bore you with a bunch of statistics, but will say that we are seeing some amazing growth. Now when I say growth I am not only talking about numbers, but spiritual growth as well. As a collective group we are keeping a journal together, and I was looking through it the other day, and got excited seeing the proof of what God is up to.

One of the biggest things that will be facing us as a youth ministry this year is continuing to look at our ever changing culture and keeping in step with these shifts. There are things that often seem to move faster than the speed of light in the digital world. For example there was a new social networking site that rose to popularity early in 2010 that was called formspring.com. The idea behind this particular website was that people created a profile, and then people could ask them anonymous questions. It was a fad, by June the owners had already announced a major retooling project, and not long after it had lost the majority of its popularity.

So if a website can go from millions of users to relative obscurity in a matter of months, what is it that keeps youth ministry relevant? That is easy – Jesus. The theology of the cross is constant and unchanging, however the method in which it is presented has always and will forever be updated. That is a challenge that I have decided to take on this year. My heart's desire is to see students truly know Jesus and desire to follow Him, and that means that the message needs to be presented in new and innovative ways. Bring it on! Come and find out what that means Sunday mornings at 9:30 for Deeper.

### Unfunny joke of the month:

What do you call a fly without wings? – A Walk

### Useless fact of the month:

It's possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.

Peace, David

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# Campus Updates

**Keep our Endowment Fund in mind as you prepare your 2010 tax returns:**

**The IRA charitable rollover is back.** In 2011, IRA owners aged 70½ or older can again donate IRA proceeds to charity tax-free. The Tax Relief Act of 2010 brought back the opportunity, at least for this year.

A charitable IRA rollover lets an IRA owner gift up to a total of \$100,000 in IRA assets to one or more qualified charities or non-profit organizations. The distribution has to go directly from the IRA custodian to the charity. You don't get a tax deduction for the move, but you could use this qualified charitable distribution to fulfill some or all of your 2010 RMD.

The Tax Relief Act also gives IRA owners until January 31, 2011 to make 2010 charitable IRA donations. So you could transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA to a charity in January and have it retroactively count as a 2010 distribution, then transfer another donation of up to \$100,000 to the charity later this year.

Here's the irritating asterisk on all this: if you took your 2010 RMD assuming that you couldn't make a charitable IRA donation in 2010, there is no do-over available. You can't put back your 2010 RMD into your IRA and redirect those assets toward charity. The IRS issued a statement on January 5 citing existing language in IRS Publication 590, explaining that "required minimum distributions (RMD) from an IRA received by a taxpayer cannot be rolled over to an IRA."

**You have three extra days to make your 2010 IRA contribution.** The District of Columbia observes Emancipation Day on April 15, so the deadline for your 2010 IRA contribution is April 18, 2011. (Remember to tell your IRA custodian that you are making a contribution for the 2010 tax year.)

*Mike Johnson*

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GIVING — December					
	Monthly		Year To Date		Net Difference
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Income for Church Operations	\$109,954	\$77,998	\$939,780	\$832,647	(\$107,133)
<b>Designated Giving for December: \$29,104</b>					
<b>Designated Giving for the Year To Date: \$417,414</b>					

# February — Calendar of Events

This calendar is updated weekly and is available online at [www.clcvisalia.org](http://www.clcvisalia.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Confirmation Retreat Worship @ 8, 9:30 & 11 am <b>8:08 AM</b> The 8:08 Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Education for All <b>1:00 PM</b> Lahu Worship	<b>31</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Men Coffee @ Burger King-Demaree <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Dens <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>2</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study-Kids Listen <b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Adventures <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth CORE Events <b>6:30 PM</b> Spiritual Leadership	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> POPS <b>4:20 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>5:40 PM</b> Handbells <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Choir <b>8:00 PM</b> RELATE @ "The House"	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:30 AM</b> Well Women @ Valhalla's <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship	<b>5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Overeat- ers Anonymous <b>10:00 AM</b> Singing at the Delta Home <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous
<b>6</b> Worship @ 8, 9:30 & 11 am <b>8:08 AM</b> The 8:08 Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Education for All <b>1:00 PM</b> Lahu Worship <b>6:30 PM</b> 4th Wall @ CCC	<b>7</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Men Coffee @ Burger King-Demaree <b>6:30 PM</b> 4th Wall @ CCC <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Dens <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Prayer Team <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>9</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Mary Mar- tha Circle <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study-Kids Listen <b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Adventures <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth CORE Events <b>6:30 PM</b> Spiritual Leadership	<b>10</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> POPS <b>4:20 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>5:40 PM</b> Handbells <b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Meditation <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Choir <b>8:00 PM</b> RELATE @ "The House"	<b>11</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship	<b>12</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Overeat- ers Anonymous <b>10:00 AM</b> Second Saturday Serve Youth Event <b>12:00 PM</b> Olson Baby Shower <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous
<b>13</b> Worship @ 8, 9:30 & 11 am <b>8:08 AM</b> The 8:08 Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Education for All <b>12:05 PM</b> Health Team Meeting <b>12:15 PM</b> New Members Class <b>1:00 PM</b> Lahu Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> 7-8th Grade Confirma- tion	<b>14</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Men Coffee @ Burger King-Demaree <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Dens <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Bethel Circle @ CLC <b>5:30 PM</b> iMatter Board Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>16</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study-Kids Listen <b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Adventures <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth CORE Events <b>6:30 PM</b> Spiritual Leadership	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Finance Team <b>9:00 AM</b> POPS <b>4:20 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>5:00 PM</b> Executive Team <b>5:40 PM</b> Handbells <b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Meditation <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Choir <b>8:00 PM</b> RELATE @ "The House"	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:30 AM</b> Well Women @ Valhalla's <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Overeat- ers Anonymous <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous
<b>20</b> Worship @ 8, 9:30 & 11 am <b>8:08 AM</b> The 8:08 Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Education for All <b>12:15 PM</b> New Members Class <b>12:15 PM</b> PrimeTimers <b>1:00 PM</b> Lahu Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> 7-8th Grade Confirma- tion	<b>21</b> Office Closed <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Men Coffee @ Burger King-Demaree <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Dens <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> ChristKids Preschool Board Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Church Board <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>23</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study-Kids Listen <b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Adventures <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth CORE Events <b>6:30 PM</b> Spiritual Leadership	<b>24</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> POPS <b>4:20 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>5:40 PM</b> Handbells <b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Meditation <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Choir <b>8:00 PM</b> RELATE @ "The House"	<b>25</b> Youth Winter Camp @ Hume Lake <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship	<b>26</b> Youth Winter Camp @ Hume Lake <b>10:00 AM</b> Overeat- ers Anonymous <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous
<b>27</b> Worship @ 8, 9:30 & 11 am Youth Winter Camp @ Hume Lake <b>8:08 AM</b> The 8:08 Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Education for All <b>12:15 PM</b> New Members Class <b>1:00 PM</b> Lahu Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> 7-8th Grade Confirma- tion	<b>28</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Men Coffee @ Burger King-Demaree <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Pack <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>1</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> AI Anon	<b>2</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Adult Study-Kids Listen <b>5:30 PM</b> Praise Adventures <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth CORE Events	<b>3</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> POPS <b>4:20 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>5:40 PM</b> Handbells <b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Meditation <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Choir <b>8:00 PM</b> RELATE @ "The House"	<b>4</b> BFO Men's Retreat @ Scicon <b>6:30 AM</b> Men's Bible Study <b>6:30 AM</b> Well Women @ Valhalla's <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship	<b>5</b> BFO Men's Retreat @ Scicon <b>6:30 AM</b> Overeat- ers Anonymous <b>10:00 AM</b> Singing at the Delta Home <b>11:00 AM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Auditions <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous

## Attention California Lutheran Parents!

For those families that have students attending California Lutheran University (the greatest college west of Harvard!), please know that there is special financial support by way of the Congregational Partners in Education award. Cal Lutheran is matching the contribution of the congregation up to \$2500 per student in the coming academic year (2011-2012). If parents would like to take advantage of this matching gift please make your contribution (up to \$2500) made out to Christ Lutheran Church to the church office by February 15. If this deadline is missed, matching gifts will still be possible by the university up to \$1,000, and contributions can be made to Christ Lutheran Church any time prior to the beginning of the fall term.



## SPIRITUAL GIFTS INVENTORY NOW OFFERED ONLINE

- \* Simply go to the CLC web site.
- \* Click on **New Spiritual Gifts Page**
- \* Go to the bottom of the brochure
- \* Click on **Take Survey**

After you have taken the Spiritual Gifts Inventory it will be emailed to Patti Dudley.

## Please turn in your 2011 Gifts and Talent Surveys!



We need yours!

We need you!

Any questions contact Patti Dudley at [pdudley@clcvisalia.org](mailto:pdudley@clcvisalia.org).

***“With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:...” Ephesians 6:8***

## “Jambo” from New Life Band

Having returned in December from spending time with NLB in Tanzania, I want to share with the entire congregation the warm greetings sent to CLC by their members. They are well and their work to minister to youth continues daily. They covet your prayers for their ministry along with hopes that they will see each of you again on their next tour stop in Visalia.

While there I was able to assist them by buying and helping to plant trees to provide future shade on the campus of their school and by doing some cleaning chores at the band's office in downtown Arusha. To hear more about their ministry work and about my servant activities please plan to attend a Sunday morning forum on Sunday, February 27, at 9:30 am in the Community Connections Center.

Blessings! ~ Rita Crandall

# ChristKids News



## Happy Winter

It's so good to be back at school! We started out the New Year with lots of fun winter activities. We

also enjoyed singing to Bethel Circle and visiting our CLC Quilters. How nice for our preschoolers to get to know our extended church family!

During February we will learn about God's love for us with special valentine activities. We will also learn about space, transportation and community helpers.

## Fall 2010 Registration

Registration for the 2010-11 School Year will start in March. Fall packets will be available March 1. Please call 732-7476 or email

[Barbara@christkidsclc.org](mailto:Barbara@christkidsclc.org) for more information.

*March 1-15*

Registration for currently enrolled families

*March 15-31*

Registration for CLC members

*April 1 until full*

New family registration

*With Joy, Barbara*

Email: [Barbara@christkidsclc.org](mailto:Barbara@christkidsclc.org)

*God seeks to fill hearts with His love.*

*Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart.*

*-Psalm 86:11*

**Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering Scheduled**



**Renew, Respond, Rejoice!**

Women of CLC, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Eighth Triennial Gathering on July 14-17, 2011 in Spokane, WA. Check out the board in the foyer for registration forms and more information.

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

## “iTrouble”

In a culture dominated by itunes, iphones, ipads, and ipods, maybe what is most present and prominent is the personal “I,” that is you, me, us, we. The Christian story is rooted in God’s grace, but grace for what? How am “I” in need of grace? In what ways do “I” get into trouble with God and others? How do “I” overcome the messes “I” seem to get into? Our focus in February is to reflect on four major ways in which we have “iTrouble.” Come and learn; come and grow; come and be set free.

8 AM — Liturgical Worship/Traditional  
9:30 & 11 AM — ChristSong Worship

DATE	THEME	BIBLE TEXT
<i>February 6</i>	Idolatry	Romans 1:18-25
<i>February 13</i>	Indifference	John 5:1-9
<i>February 20</i>	Image	Matthew 6:25-33
<i>February 27</i>	Intolerance	1 Corinthians 10:23-33

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