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The League of Christian Actors Presents

# FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Music by Jerry Bock, Lyrics by Sheldon Hamrick  
 Book by Joseph Stein

June 23-25  
7 PM

June 25 & 26  
2 PM

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Family Beach Camp is  
 July 29-31, 2011  
 Sign up now and join the fun!



Family Beach Camp is July 29-31 at Avila Hot Springs. THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP AND PAY IS JUNE 19! 20 sites have been reserved, and there are only 5 sites left. The reservations are under Christ Lutheran Church, but it is the responsibility of each family to call the campground and pay for the spot directly to the campground.

The number for Avila Hot Springs is: 1-805-595-2359. The cost for the entire weekend is approximately \$70.00 for tent camping, and about \$100.00 for RV sites with full hook-ups. If you have any questions, please call Amy Grimmer at 685-0253 or the church office at 732-1851.

*God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.*

Genesis 1:10

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER

### "Bridging the Gap"

Where you are and where you are going are often two different things. This is true whether you are planning a vacation trip, or a vocational future. Throughout this summer we will be reflecting upon the many differences which exist between where we are and where God wants us, and we will consider the challenge of what we need to do to bridge the gap. This could be the most important worship series we have ever been a part of. Make sure that you are in worship this summer so that you might bridge the gap.

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

DATE	THEME	BIBLE TEXT
June 5	<i>The Gap Between Me and God</i>	Isaiah 55:6-11
June 12	<i>The Gap Between What I Believe and How I Live</i>	Romans 7:14-20
June 19	<i>The Gap Between What I Want and What God Wants</i> Special: <i>Father's Day!</i>	Matthew 16:21-25
June 26	<i>The Gap Between God's Kingdom and Caesar's Kingdom</i>	John 18:33-37

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**Ticket** General \$20.00  
**Prices:** Children under 12/Students \$10.00  
 Special Senior Sunday, 2 pm \$15.00

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# Pastor Malison's News for the Pews

Have you ever noticed how things sometimes happen in waves? Over the past three weeks I have been a part of no less than a dozen conversations with people in other churches describing for me the problems of their respective churches.

I heard stories about splits in congregations between warring factions, about crippling financial conditions that have paralyzed ministries, about staff confusion and conflict, about poor leadership from senior pastors, about building projects that have stalled, about indecision regarding synodical affiliation; I have heard these stories, and a whole bunch more.

The one thing I am left asking is, "How is it that the Body of Christ can be at times so dysfunctional?"

The truth is, of course, that the Body of Christ, and any local congregation, is full of people who are both saints and sinners. Nobody is perfect. No church is perfect.

And yet, for me, there is a thread that weaves together a lot of needless congregational dysfunction – churches that fail to understand what their purpose is, and guidelines to help them know how to live out that function.

Christ Lutheran Church is one of those less than perfect churches (we have our share of both saint and sinner in all of us!), but one thing we have worked hard at doing is clarifying our purpose and articulating our values. So, forgive me for repeating what has been said often, but once again...

*The purpose of Christ Lutheran Church is to experience Jesus and live like Jesus, so that those desiring greater meaning will enjoy an*

*abundant life in Christ.*

Everything we do is centered around our desire to have people experience Jesus Christ, and then to have their lives shaped by Jesus Christ. Why? So that they might become spiritual giants? No. So that other people who live with pain, confusion, hardship, or heartache might also have an experience of Jesus and come to know the joy of having a faith in Him.

That's it. Simple as that. Our worship, youth programming, Bible studies, small groups, community outreach, fellowship events – everything – is intended to live out this purpose. As such, we are guided by five values which define who we are and help us remain authentic to our past. These five values are:

*Serve others unconditionally*

*Pursue caring and honest relationships*

*Discover and grow our unique God-given potential*

*Practice grace-filled acceptance*

*Give generously to God's glory*

If anything we do doesn't line up with these values, then we don't do them.

As we begin our second half-century of ministry together, I invite everyone who calls Christ Lutheran Church their church home to join me in commitment to our purpose and our values. Together God is working in us and through us, whether we are saints or sinners.

To God be the glory.

*Pastor Brian Malison*

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

## Campus Updates

**WOW! WOW! WOW! I salute everyone, especially our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary team, for such a wonderful celebration of CLC's first 50 years. The sharing of God's Love was amazing. And what about that book? Terry and Lari Ommen, bless you both for all your hard work and dedication. Capturing our history was icing on the cake. Cheers to the next 50 years!!**

Operationally we are facing some tough decisions related to our budget versus actual giving. At this time I've prepared a budget reduction plan based on the trend of giving falling 15% under budget. This plan will be reviewed by staff, then our financial team, and then our board, to be sure we're doing all we can to keep expenses in line with income. As with any organization, when sales (giving) fall short, expenses (labor, supplies, ministries) must be reduced accordingly. As this unfolds I will do my best to convey any changes to our original 2011 plans to all members in a timely manner. I ask for prayers for all that are impacted by these changes.

We will be bringing all strategic planning team leaders together in June to regain momentum for these very important initiatives. Most of these will be ready to roll this fall. Please pray for the leaders of these plans and our goals to continue to involve more of God's people in expanding His Kingdom.

*Mike Johnson*

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

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, June 19, we hold our semi-annual congregational meeting at 9:05 in the sanctuary. The order of the business will be to ratify the Selection Team's recommendations for the Church Board, the ChristKids Preschool Board, and the newly formed CLIParts Board. All members are requested to attend. Please join your church family in praying about the leadership of your church and those who will be stepping into roles of leadership.



## CHANGES IN YOUR CHURCH

Please note that there are a few changes taking place in and around Christ Lutheran Church. Glen Crownover, CLC's audio and video tech, has had to move to San Luis Obispo to take care of aging parents. We will deeply miss Glen's devotion to CLC and the gifts and skills he brought to us. In his absence we are rebuilding both the worship sound team and the video projection team. Please be patient for the period of time it will take to fill in the pieces of Glen's absence. We will no longer be video taping worship services. Beginning in June, however, we will be putting an audio of the sermons on the web page. These will also then be available as downloadable podcasts. Also, the church web page will be going through some changes. We hope that by the middle of summer we will have a newly designed web page that will offer not only easy to access information, but also opportunities for you to provide feedback.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTER POSTING

Thanks to the gracious outpouring of support from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gifts, CLC is looking for a part-time Children's Minister. The position is 10-15 hours a week and will begin July 1. Job descriptions will be available at the church office and on the web site. Resumes are requested as well as filling out an application (available in the church office). This position will be supervised by the Youth Minister and will play an important part in the development of our ministry to our children, and outreach to children in the community. Please call the church office and speak with David Lemon if you have any questions.

## Attention Graduating Seniors!

Are you, or someone you know, a graduating Senior from High School or College? Please call the church office and let us know so that all graduates can be recognized on Senior Recognition Sunday, June 12.



# ChristKids News



## Thank You

We are so blessed to be a part of this family. The Anniversary Celebration was so much fun! Our children loved sharing their songs with you and as

you saw, we love to sing! Thanks again to Carolyn Johnson for her gift of music!

Thanks to each of you who contributed to the ChristKids Preschool scholarship fund in honor of Christ Lutheran's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Your monies will greatly assist us in providing scholarships for families with financial need. Thank you for your continued support to our ministry!

Thanks to Lim and the CLC choir for donating monies from Mozart's Requiem to our scholarship fund as well! The generosity of this church family is amazing! Thank you all!

## Goodbye Friends

It is always hard to say goodbye to our 50 friends who will be starting kindergarten in the fall. We pray for love and joyful learning in the next school experience. May God continue to bless you and your families.

## Summer Fun

Our summer program is a time to enjoy learning through science, art and outdoor activities. We also enjoy playing with new friends and learning from new teachers. Hooray for summer!

*With Joy,  
Barbara*

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

## Women in Retreat at Three Rivers

**September 23-25, 2011**

*"Recipe for Faithful Living"*

Pastor Cindy Beck

*Bring your favorite recipe to share and see what she has planned.*

Scripture: Ephesians 5:1-2

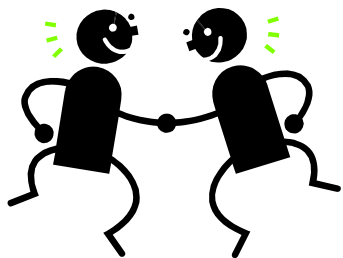
The cost for this weekend is \$185.00 and a deposit of \$85.00 needs to accompany the registration form, and should be received by July 15, 2011. Registration forms and more information are available on the board in the foyer. Call Judi Pirstill at 559-280-7076 if you have any questions.

# June — 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>29</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>7:30 PM</b> RELATE @ "The House"	<b>30</b> Office Closed <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Men Coffee @ Burger King-Demaree <b>6:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> AA Book Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Dens	<b>31</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Staff Prayer <b>6:00 PM</b> ChristKids Preschool Board Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> Al Anon	<b>1</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth CORE Events <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>2</b> <b>4:20 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Meditation <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Choir	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Well Women @ Valhalla's <b>6:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>10:00 AM</b> Overeaters Anonymous <b>10:00 AM</b> Singing at the Delta Home <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous
<b>5</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>6:00 PM</b> 7-8th Grade Confirmation <b>7:30 PM</b> RELATE @ "The House"	<b>6</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Men Coffee @ Burger King-Demaree <b>6:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> AA Book Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Dens	<b>7</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Quilting <b>9:15 AM</b> Staff Prayer <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> Al Anon	<b>8</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Mary Martha Circle <b>12:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth CORE Events <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>9</b> <b>4:20 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Meditation <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Choir	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship	<b>11</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>10:00 AM</b> Overeaters Anonymous <b>1:00 PM</b> Second Saturday Serve Youth Event <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous
<b>12</b> Worship @ 8, 9:30 & 11 am <b>8:08 AM</b> The 8:08 Study <b>9:05 AM</b> Congregational Meeting <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Education for All <b>1:00 PM</b> Lahu Worship <b>6:00 PM</b> 7-8th Grade Confirmation <b>7:30 PM</b> RELATE @ "The House"	<b>13</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Men Coffee @ Burger King-Demaree <b>6:30 PM</b> AA Book Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Dens <b>6:30 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Staff Prayer <b>4:00 PM</b> CLCW Board Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Prayer Team <b>6:30 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> Al Anon	<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Cut and Sew Group <b>12:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth CORE Events <b>6:30 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>16</b> <b>4:20 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Meditation <b>6:30 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Well Women @ Valhalla's <b>5:30 PM</b> Endres/Moore Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>10:00 AM</b> Overeaters Anonymous <b>5:00 PM</b> Endres/Moore Wedding <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous
<b>19</b> Worship @ 8, 9:30 & 11 am <b>8:08 AM</b> The 8:08 Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Youth Education-Deeper <b>1:00 PM</b> Lahu Worship <b>7:30 PM</b> RELATE @ "The House"	<b>20</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Men Coffee @ Burger King-Demaree <b>6:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>6:30 PM</b> AA Book Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Dens <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Staff Prayer <b>10:00 AM</b> Bethel Circle @ CLC <b>6:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> Al Anon	<b>22</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth CORE Events <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Finance Team <b>4:20 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>5:00 PM</b> Executive Team <b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Meditation <b>7:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof @ COS	<b>24</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship <b>7:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof @ COS	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Overeaters Anonymous <b>2:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof @ COS <b>7:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof @ COS <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous
<b>26</b> Worship @ 8, 9:30 & 11 am <b>8:08 AM</b> The 8:08 Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Youth Education-Deeper <b>1:00 PM</b> Lahu Worship <b>2:00 PM</b> Fiddler on the Roof @ COS <b>7:30 PM</b> RELATE @ "The House"	<b>27</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Old Men Coffee @ Burger King-Demaree <b>6:30 PM</b> AA Book Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Cub Scout Pack <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>28</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Staff Prayer <b>6:00 PM</b> ChristKids Preschool Board Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> AA <b>7:00 PM</b> Al Anon	<b>29</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Staff Meeting <b>5:30 PM</b> Youth CORE Events <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Rehearsal	<b>30</b> <b>4:20 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous <b>6:00 PM</b> Christian Meditation <b>6:30 PM</b> Worship Choir	<b>1</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Well Women @ Valhalla's <b>6:30 PM</b> Freedom Fellowship	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Overeaters Anonymous <b>10:00 AM</b> Singing at the Delta Home <b>7:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous

## Welcome Center Helpers Needed!



If you are visiting Christ Lutheran Church for the first time and you want to ask a few questions, where would you go to inquire? The answer is The Welcome Center. The Welcome Center Team needs additional helpers. If you like to greet people, and if you like to help people, the Welcome Center would be a great place for you to serve. The Welcome Center Team works on a rotating schedule. The different shift times are: 7:40-8 am, 9-9:30 am, 10:40-11 am, and 12-12:15 pm. Please contact the church office at 732-1851 if you are interested in serving.

# YOUTH Connect

Whew we have had an amazing spring as a church, and this is shaping up to be quite an exciting summer. Dominating the summer plans for several of us is our outreach to Kenya this July. Dorothy Collins, Becky Dotta, Stephen Dotta, Donna Schauland, Sue Goldenstein, and I will be spending two weeks there working in Nairobi, at Faith Home, and at Daylight School. During our recent 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign you gave enough money for us to purchase twice the amount of cows that we had originally planned which is extremely beneficial for the school. It will not only give them milk, but will create a sustainable income source for them as well. When we go we hope to be able to provide them with some basic needs, and for that we need your help: here are a few items that we hope you can help provide for us to take.

Boxes of Band-aids, Pencil 12-packs, Colored Pencils 12-packs, Small Pencil Sharpeners, Boxed White Chalk, Boxed Colored Chalk, Solar Calculators, plastic Metric rulers, Childrens' safety scissors, "Clicker" pens (not capped), Coloring books; (Christian theme preferred, Ages 6-12), Activity books (Ages 6-12), Nerf footballs (need 3), 4 long jump ropes (plastic) for "Double Dutch", Leather Work Gloves (adult sizes), Welding Goggles (Home Depot/ OSH), USB Flashdrives, Used Eyeglass frames (with lenses removed), Backpacks (small, lightweight), Cotton Yarn, Knitting Needles, Size 7 or 8 US, average length, (to make knitted wash rags) - Need 1 Dozen, Boxes of Ziploc (zipper slider) Plastic Bags (all sizes, sandwich – quart - gallon), Decks of Cards

We will be having a commissioning service on June 19<sup>th</sup> during all three worship services with various members of the team being present. They will be available to answer questions, but my sincere hope is that our amazing church will be there to help send us off as only you can! Until then.

Peace, David Lemon

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

## From the Health Ministry Team

Music has touched the human soul across all boundaries of time and space. The healing power of music has been documented for centuries.



Neuroscientists have uncovered the scientific basis for music's healing powers. Pitch, harmony, melody, rhythm and lyrics, all components of music, engage different regions of the brain. Many of these same regions are also important in speech, movement and social interaction. In hospitals where music is applied as prescription in neonatal nursery, surgical and rehabilitation units and Alzheimer facilities, everyone from infants to the elderly may experience "little miracles."

Many musical therapy experts recommend making music a part of your daily life because, with time, its effects can improve quality of life.

The Health Ministry team has placed a number of CD's entitled "Songs for Healing" in the church library. You may check them out for yourself or to share with family or friends. With music, we can remember our connection to the Creator and the Powerful Healer within.

Lois Justus, R.N. Educator (Retired)

GIVING REPORT — April					
	Monthly		Year To Date		Net Difference
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Income for Church Operations	\$85,166	\$66,446	\$318,249	\$267,836	(\$50,414)
<b>Designated Giving for April: \$26,658 Designated Giving for the Year To Date: \$92,692</b>					
50th Anniversary Campaign Contributions received as of May 15, 2011 = \$53,996					
Mozart Requiem proceeds to be forwarded to Preschool Scholarship Fund: \$2,240					
Goshen Project Proceeds: \$510.00					
<b>ChristKids Preschool Scholarships</b>	\$19,548		<b>Africa Mission</b>	\$11,942	
			<b>Children's Minister</b>	\$22,506	