



Holy Cross Connections

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Happy Independence Day!

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“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” *John 8:36*

Birthdays in July

- * Mark Paul (July 7)
- * Paula Rice (July 10)
- * Brandon Follin (July 20)
- * Cindy Smith (July 21)
- * Connor Shipler (July 25)
- * Bonnie Metcalf (July 27)

Have a Prayer Request?

Let us know so that we can be praying! Contact us by:

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Important Reminders

- * Spreckels Organ Pavilion concert (Balboa Park) featuring Alison Luedecke
July 11th at 2pm
- * Board Mtg
July 12th 4pm
- * Meet & Greet Potluck with Peace Lutheran
July 25th at 11am

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Sign up for daily devotions at lhm.org/devotions

Meet & Greet Potluck with Peace Lutheran—July 25th at 11am

Please join us on July 25th at 11am to meet and fellowship with the congregation of Peace Lutheran!

Sign up in the Narthex to bring a brunch item to feed 4-6 people.

For those interested in attending their service it starts at 10am.



**meet.
greet.
eat.**

This is a great opportunity to see the church and meet fellow believer's in Christ as we continue to seek God's wisdom and the possibility of a church merger.

Africa Orphanage update—Blessings abound!

I am writing this to first thank God for every help you have given to us. You are God send to this kids and we never take this for granted but are really humbled. God has really blessed our kids through you. We love you and we cant explain how happy we are that we can have food for long time through your congregation's support. You have been amazing and I am looking forward to meeting you. Today I went into the dining room over lunch time and I was moved with tears; not just tears but tears of joy! I saw kids happy, eating, and playing. Whoever has prayed or given financial support I say God bless you. It's never in vain and we truly appreciate all you have done, I will see you in August! Blessings, Nick (orphanage director)



The Hopeful Neighborhood

From Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM):

Learn how to love your neighborhood with tools, based on Barna research, that will help you make an impact. **LHM's NEW Better Together Kit** includes three books plus more!

For *The Hopeful Neighborhood: How it Works* video: <https://vimeo.com/552472566>



Concordia Publishing BIBLE SALE!

Concordia Publishing is have a sale on many of their popular bibles for children, youth and adults.

The church can place a group order for anyone interested but payment must be made in advance. The church will pay for shipping.

Check out the list of bibles on their website (www.cph.org) then sign up on the list in the Narthex on Sunday. The deadline to order is July 18th.



Help fill our recycling room for a good cause!

Our recycling room is almost half way full. Can you help us fill it so we can raise more money for the orphanage in Africa?

If so, please bring your cans and bottles (sorted by type) to the church on Sundays, Monday mornings or Thursday mornings.

Our room is half way full. Help us fill it by the end of July!

Your support is appreciated!



Plein Air art exhibition featuring art by Pastor Dave!

This is a great opportunity to see art by local artisans. The exhibition runs through September 15th at the Coronado Library in the Spreckels Reading room.

The Coronado Library is open Monday through Thursday 9:30am to 9:00pm, Friday 9:30am to 6:00pm, Saturdays 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sundays 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Sales of displayed works will support the Coronado Cultural Arts Commission Public Gallery Spaces which includes the Spreckels Reading Room.

Come and support Pastor Dave and the other artists in this special exhibition!

God's Miraculous Ways by Kelley Sedgwick

“I will make you as a light for the nations, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth”. *Isaiah 49:6*

Our church has needed some landscaping done to help clear a firebreak along the canyon side of the fence near the playground. After several attempts to get someone to come assist us, I noticed a company, JCS Landscaping, doing work for one of our neighbors. I called and arranged for this company to come and give us an estimate. I found out later that JCS in the company name stands for Jesus Christ Savior.

On the day they did the work for the church, the owner, Jose, and I had a chance to have a conversation. He shared with me his personal testimony about his struggle with addiction, the powerful prayers of his parents and how God miraculously healed him overnight after he cried out to God when he had reached the bottom.

He's been a Christian for over 10 years now yet his excitement to share his story was so powerful! He told me that he shares his story with his workers and everyone he meets daily. Jose is still so humbled that God would find it in His heart to heal him and he does not take it for granted but thanks God for each day that he's allowed to tell others what God has done for him. He also shared with me that he has been helping to build a Christian church in his hometown in Mexico which is about a 30 hour drive from San Diego. It's the first Christian church to be built in his hometown.

I shared with him how we made the hard decision to sell our church and that we wanted to find a home for our church pews. He was so blessed to know that they were available and he'll be working on a way to transport the pews down to this church.

This chance encounter reminded me of the miraculous ways that God is working through us in ways we still have yet to see. Just as the tragedy of death can be a blessing to others through organ donation, the sale of our church could become a blessing to a new church beginning in Mexico. If we end up merging with Peace Lutheran church, our merger could become a blessing to those in that neighborhood in ways we have yet to see. The funds from the sale of our church might also be used to help start a mission movement here in San Diego which has the potential of reaching thousands of people for Christ who would never enter the doors of a church.

Please continue to pray for patience, opportunity and God's strength for He has great things planned with some are already in the works!

