



# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN MESSENGER

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## Transition Team Update

The next month or so will be very important to your transition team as they gather information directly from the members of St. Paul. Members of our transition team will be providing dates during the month of August when our regular members may sign up and become involved in surveys and discussions on eight different categories of church life. Your involvement is very valuable to us, so please make every attempt to attend one of the cottage meetings. Schedules of the meetings will be displayed on the table in the entryway of the church. Each cottage meeting will last from 1 ½ to 2 hours. Your thoughts and opinions matter to us and will matter greatly when you begin searching for a pastor who will be a good “match” to lead you in the ministry here at St. Paul. Please keep this entire Interim process in your prayers and especially the members of the transition team as the Lord guides and leads us into a new future for the congregation of St. Paul.

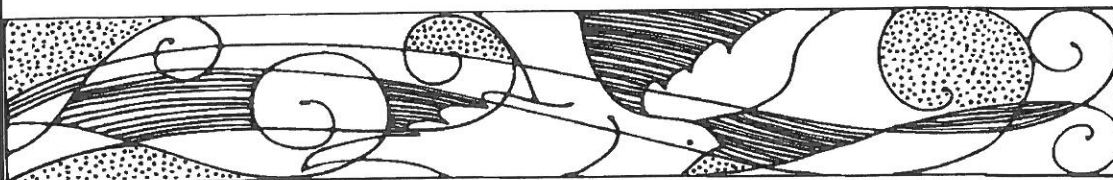
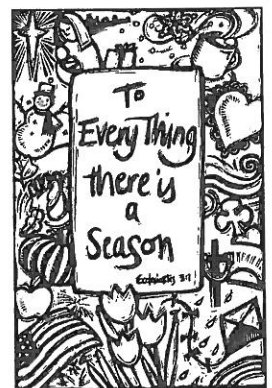
### Pastor Mick

Hello fellow members of St Paul Lutheran. I am writing on behalf of your Transition Team to bring you a bit up to date on what we're doing. Our very first challenge/task is to learn what exactly a Transition Team is and what they do. We're not a Call Committee, we are here to determine what St Paul's needs and wants to best perform our ministry. We've been meeting with Pastor Mick several times and learning what questions to ask and how to best approach this task. The next step, in August, is to have cottage meetings with the congregation and get more specifics on exactly what our needs and desires are for this ministry. This is the BIG part where you will come in; we need you to attend these cottage meetings and bring your ideas, prayers and suggestions with you. We will keep you posted as we are able. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Mary Rahn

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## Notes From Vicar Doua and Sue Xiong

### Hmong Language School

Hmong Language School offered an intensive summer course every day for two weeks this summer. July 10<sup>th</sup> was the last day of class. Although only six students attended, we had a good time. Also it gave me the opportunity to get to know the students better and help them learn, more importantly, about Jesus and Heaven.

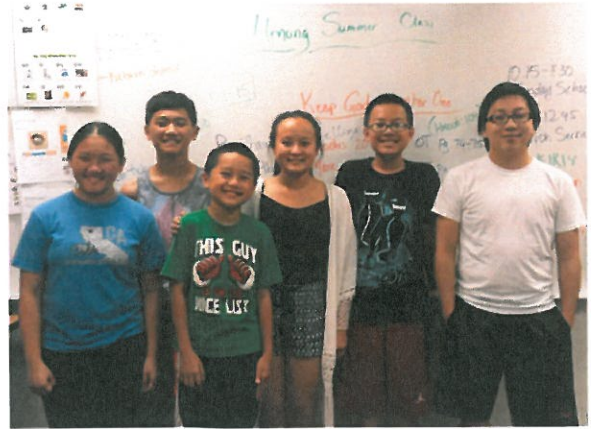
Do you remember the student we shared with you about in the previous newsletter? He, his siblings, and mother wanted to attend church with us but the father was not ready. Well, he and his siblings came back to Hmong School this summer. They were very eager and wanted to know about life in Heaven. After knowing that there will be a new Heaven and new Earth, there will be no more thirst and pain, and especially there will be no more death, this particular student said, "My parents and siblings better believe in Jesus because I do! I'm not going down THERE but up there in HEAVEN". He went on and said a quick prayer like this: "Please God make me be an Asian as I am in Heaven".

It was truly a Holy Spirit moment for me. Many people say that confessing Jesus as Lord is easy. However, no one can do so and really mean it, unless through the Holy Spirit. One by one, the seed is being planted in the hearts of these students. We pray that all of our non-Christian students will one day confess that Jesus is Lord and Savior. Praise God for the Holy Spirit and His work!

Things have been prepared and are ready for Hmong Language School to resume in the fall. We will be in need of prayers. Please pray that Hmong School will have what is needed to keep on sharing the Gospel to Hmong children through the teaching of the Hmong Language. Thank you always for your prayers.

All things will be done here on earth as it is in heaven, according to God's will.

Sue Xiong  
Program Director



Hmong Intensive Summer Course, July 2015

### A Note from Vicar Doua

July was a busy month for me. As mentioned in the last newsletter, I agreed to carry on the mission outreach and church planting here in the CNH District to the Hmong, as well as other Southeast Asians.

I met with St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Stockton in early July to start the process for Tao Lee to be commissioned as Deacon. Lee is from our Hmong sister congregation at Peace Lutheran in Fresno, CA. If the commission process goes well, Lee will be commissioned sometime in August or early September. Also, First Lutheran Church in Yuba City opens its door for Hmong ministry. However, as Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38). We need your prayers for faithful servants who are willing to do the Lord's mission.

I attended a meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup> where I met with the Southeast Asian deacons and pastors here in Central Valley. After the meeting, I found out that the pastors and deacons are facing numerous challenges daily in their personal and ministry life. Our pastors and deacons have to have their own full-time jobs to support their family financially while doing God's

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work by preaching and teaching a congregation. This is one of the many challenges we face.

We continue to meet once a month to pray, encourage, and support one another through prayers and God's Word. I pray that having these servant leaders come together once a month to share and learn from one another will be very beneficial for their personal and ministry life.

From July 5<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, I went to the seminary to finish my Pastoral Theology course on campus. On top of that, I have taken two other online classes: New Testament and Church Planting.

I will be leaving after Labor Day to go to the seminary for ten weeks to finish the rest of my courses.

My family and I thank you for your patience and understanding as I am trying to juggle life, ministry, and studies at the same time. It is difficult, but all things are possible with the help of Jesus.

May His peace and joy be with us all!

Vicar Doua Xiong

### **Salvation Army Christmas Boxes**

We will again be doing the boxes for the Merced Salvation Army. These boxes will then be given to children in our community to help brighten their Christmas. The children that received the boxes last year were thrilled. We had over 65 boxes last year. Let's try to increase the number this year. Thrivent will be providing the plastic boxes for us like they did last year. There will be a list of suggested items in each box. When school supplies go on sale in August, it's a great time to pick up items for the boxes at very good prices. The boxes will be put out in the Narthex on September 6 and will be due back to the church on November 22. Those who did boxes last year know how easy it is to fill them and discovered after shopping to fill one box, they had enough to fill a second box. Thank you and as Carmen says, "God Bless."



### **Children's Choir**

Our children's choir is open to all children grades K-8. We will begin rehearsing shortly after school starts on Tuesdays at 3:15 p.m. in the library.

We will also practice on Sundays immediately after the 9:15 church service. This is so those super busy children can participate. Be on the lookout for the start-up date.

Deanna Morgan  
Choir Director  
617-7819

**Opening day for the  
school and  
preschool will be  
Wednesday,  
August 19th.**

**Welcome to all our students and  
teachers!**

## **Back To School**



***JULY 9 NEWS RELEASE FROM CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS***

**Rev. Kou Seying (Kxf. Nyaj Kub Thoj) to join faculty  
Hmong pastor brings extensive multicultural ministry experience**

Rev. Laokouxiang (Kou) Seying will be joining the faculty as associate dean for urban and cross cultural ministries and associate professor of practical theology beginning with the 2015-16 academic year. Seying brings extensive experience as a pastor and teacher, as well as in developing multicultural ministry within The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

The first ordained Hmong pastor in the LCMS, Seying has served the California-Nevada-Hawaii District (CNH) since 2004 as a deployed mission developer/strategist of Joy of Harvest Ministries through St. Paul Lutheran Church in Merced, California, and Greenhaven Lutheran Church in Sacramento, California.

Much of his multicultural ministry experience was in Hmong, Southeast Asian, and African immigrant communities, especially in the areas of leadership training. Besides serving in the LCMS CNH District for over a decade, he served as pastor of Hmong Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minnesota, from 1991-1995. Seying also taught religion and theology at Concordia University, St. Paul, from 1992-2004, and was the missionary-at-large for the LCMS Minnesota South District from 1995-1998.

Seying was involved in early discussions within the LCMS that led to pastoral training programs for immigrant and nontraditional students. His leadership training program and participation in multiethnic leadership training has provided leaders for many language-specific ministries and led many to the Holy Ministry from various ethnic groups. In addition to writing devotional materials, mission articles, and frequently giving presentations on missiology, Seying is the editor-in-chief for various major theological works in the Hmong language.

"Our Lutheran faithfulness to the Word of God and our confessions to the world have caught the attention of many language groups from beyond the borders of LCMS," said Seying. "Many Christian groups across America and from around the world are craving a good theological education across cultures. Concordia Seminary is poised to cultivate the rich heritage of the church, accurately interpret the present, and stand ready to enrich the future."

"Taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to immigrants is an amazing opportunity that the Lord has put before us, and I'm grateful that Concordia Seminary can be a key partner in this Gospel mission," said Dr. Dale A. Meyer, president of Concordia Seminary. "Rev. Seying will strengthen the work of our Center for Hispanic Studies and Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology. And his experience as a missionary, pastor, and teacher will be of great benefit also to our residential students and the congregations that they will serve."

Among Seying's other experiences: aviation and soccer. He holds a commercial pilot license and a flight instructor certificate. Beyond his dean and teaching responsibilities, he will coach the soccer team at Concordia Seminary.

Seying holds a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana (CTS); has studied Systematic Theology at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota; and is completing his doctorate of philosophy at CTS. His dissertation, which is in progress, is *Cast Away the Spirits—A Study of Conversion from Hmong Traditional Religion to Christianity*.

**About Concordia Seminary**

Concordia Seminary provides Gospel-centered graduate-level theological education for pastors, missionaries, deaconesses, scholars, and other leaders in the name of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Since its founding in 1839, Concordia Seminary has equipped more than 12,000 graduates to serve Church and world. Today, a world-renowned faculty teaches more than 600 students in the classroom, off-campus, and online. Learn more at [www.csl.edu](http://www.csl.edu).

Church  
Archives



**BACK IN HISTORY. . . . . by Theresa Lund, Historian**

*From the August 2088 St. Paul Messenger*

St. Paul Sunday School collected \$844.20 during the year 1959. Of this \$157.92 was given on "Mission Sundays". After buying their supplies, including VBS materials, the bank balance at the end of the year was \$176.46.

St. Paul observed the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the parish hall/chapel on Sunday, October 4, 1959. The Rev. George W. Hoffman, under whose pastorate the building was built, served as the guest speaker. The Rev. E.A. Wessel, current pastor, was the liturgist. A light supper and fellowship followed the vesper. Following supper, early pictures of the church were shown and a tape recording of the 1949 dedication service was played. Rev. Hoffman served in Merced from 1944-1953. he was in Ferndale, Calif. until November 1958, when he retired and returned to Merced to make his home.

**MISSION SAFARI**

The Women's Guild went on a Mission Safari that included a progressive dinner in October, 1959. The menu, décor and program at each stop was based on the country visited.

The trip began in the church parish hall where an African jungle provided the background for the serving of juice and appetizers. Mrs. Leon Snyder reported on missions in Nigeria and Ghana. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Norman Grossman and Mrs. Leonard Glusing.

The travelers were greeted with "Aloha" by women garbed in mu-mus and leis at the church Parsonage on 23rd St., which was the E.A. Wessel residence. After the salad course, the group heard Mrs. Floyd Schelby speak of the work of the Lutheran Church in the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Schelby, who is President of the California-Nevada District LWML, recently returned from a week in Hawaii. While there she conducted a two-day Guidance Institute for the LWML. Assisting at this stop were Mrs. Wessel, Mrs. William Jueneman, and Mrs. Leland Miracle.

Hong Kong was the destination at the home of Mrs. Ray Menssen, Jr. A skit on the Lutheran School System in that area was given by Mrs. Raymond Lund and Miss Evelyn Pfau. Concordia School, Hong Kong, is the Synod's largest with 1,100 students. Chop Suey was served in an oriental atmosphere. Mrs. William Petzold assisted.

Tiny parasols decorated the desert plates which were served in Japan. The final stop was made at Home of Mrs. William Miller. Beautiful Japanese objects decorated the rooms. Mrs. Ray Natcher reported on Mission Work in Japan. Also serving were Mrs. Frank Hart and Mrs. John Carr.



Gone are the ten trees which shed the small balls which created a hazard as you walked around the church and the parking lot. This was an expenditure of \$2500.

Gone is \$600 allocated to coffee for after church for the year.

Thrivent has been asked to serve coffee the second Sunday of each month. Several people have signed up on the sign-up sheet by the kitchen.

- July 12 Mortensen
- Aug 9
- Sept 13 Doris Alexander
- Oct 11 Marilyn Anderson
- Nov 8 Lorry and Delores Hutton
- Dec 13

Note that August and December are vacant.

Should you purchase "goodies" for your Sunday, you can present the receipt to Carolyn and she will issue a check for the receipt amount.

As we have decreased the amount of money in the kitty, it is incumbent that we each call for Choice Dollars.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED** in the Merced Area is

a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive ecumenical Christian women's movement, celebrating diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. Our mission is: "AGREED TO DIFFER, RESOLVED TO LOVE, UNITED TO SERVE"

Friday, Sept. 11, 2015 we will have our Human Rights Celebration with the theme "Journey Toward Peace" with speaker Debbie Johnson, founder of WithOut Permission located in Modesto. This will be at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 500 Buena Vista Dr. Merced. For questions, please contact 769-1884.

They are coordinating their efforts with the Police Dept. Fire Dept. and training local volunteers to see the signs of Human trafficking and rescuing young adults. Come and bring your Youth Groups, parents, teachers, to learn what to watch for to help save these victims in our own community which are being solicited.

Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Fall Fundraiser Luncheon at the Hoffmeister Center at 20<sup>th</sup> & Canal. Mark your calendars and more information will be coming out in August. This fundraiser is what is used to give the Community Grants to our local non profit organizations to help further their mission projects locally. We appreciate your support.

If you have any questions, please call Jan Sorge, President, Cell phone: 209-769-1884 or email: merced-hostel@juno.com

**LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION**

WHAT IS LWML??



( LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE) also called Lutheran Women in Mission.

**MISSION PROJECTS CHOSEN BY DELEGATES FOR 2014 -2016**

The following LWML Mite Box Projects have yet to be paid.

- 12-Spiritual & Nutritional Community Outreach Program – First Lutheran Church, Yuba City CA - \$5000
- 13-Graduate Studies for International Lutheran Leaders at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis MO - \$5000
- 14-Expanding Outreach to Native Americans on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington – Lutheran Indian Ministries - \$5000
- 15-Technology to Overcome Distance Issues – Alaska Mission for Christ - \$3500

If monies come in, the rest of the projects will also be paid in order of their votes. All projects will be posted on the LWML bulletin board in the Parish Hall as soon as they are available. **KEEP SAVING YOUR COINS AND PUT THEM IN A MITE BOX – OR IN THE BIG MITE BOX IN THE NARTHEX – EVERY COIN COUNTS TO COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS!**

**Two volunteers are needed for Sunday, August 16, to provide snacks and serve for fellowship hour after worship. Contact Jan Sorge to confirm 769-1884.**

**FALL FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. MARK YOUR CALENDARS – We need volunteers to model – school personnel, parents, young women, mature women – this is going to be a very special event. Call Jan Sorge 769-1884 or Irene Barbour Pearson 383-3213.**

## 2016 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING In Christ Alone

Held every three years, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service and fellowship with others from across the synod. The event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry (<http://www.lcms.org/youth>) in Saint Louis, MO.

The 2016 Youth Gathering will be July 16-20 in New Orleans. If anyone is interested in financially supporting our youth, we would be very appreciative. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church with Youth Gathering referenced on the memo line. Please place your donation in the offering plate, give it to Marilyn Anderson, or send it to the church office. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn at 631-8965. We are still looking for more youth to join in this adventure. We have 5 so far, possibly 8.

**St. Paul History . . .** are you interested in researching the history of St. Paul? We will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> year this year along with our 25<sup>th</sup> year as a Christian school. I would like people who are interested in the history of St. Paul to work together with me to come up with a presentation for our congregation at a Celebration Sunday – tentatively Sunday, November 1. Call me at 769-1884 – Jan Sorge

### Children's Outreach Ministries



Describing children in their  
as 'orphans' with the  
Good News of Jesus.

## CHILDREN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### IS GOD CALLING YOU?

We will have a training session  
**Wednesday, August 26th from 7-8 p.** at  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church library, 2916  
N. McKee Road.** So, if you are interest-  
ed, please call me and reserve your  
spot and materials.

This was written by one of our third graders at Cheno-  
weth in our Discovery Club:

#### "What God Is"

God is a special person because He is the person who took our sins also you should thank him for making your prayers come true, you should also thank him because He loves everyone on this planet and also forgives bad things you do so you should keep God in your very own heart and what's more important is that God has you in his heart and you should never forget about God.

God is someone who loves us and respects us and we should do the same to him. We are glad God sent Jesus to take care of the universe and built this environment around us so everything God did for us we should always love him no matter where you are you should love him. This is why I'm doing this article to show how much I love God and you should have God all the time and everywhere."

Call Jan Sorge, Coordinator at 769-1884 or email: [merced-hostel@juno.com](mailto:merced-hostel@juno.com)

## BIBLE CLASSES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Adult Bible Class**  
**Sunday Morning**  
**8:15 a.m.**  
Genesis  
Led by Pastor Ista

**CHILDREN & YOUTH STUDIES**  
K.I.C.K., Kids In Christ's Kingdom  
K.I.C.K. Children's Church will be  
offered during the 9:15 a.m. service  
**HMONG BIBLE CLASSES**  
**All at 10:15 a.m.**  
**Adults - library**

**Preschool -K -Rm 1 Parish Hall**  
**Grades 1-6 -Rm 2 Parish Hall**  
**Grades 7—12 Katie Room**

**Bible Class**  
**Wednesday 10:30 a.m.**  
Church Library  
Hebrews  
Led by Pastor Ista

**NEWS AND NOTES FROM ST. PAUL SCHOOL**

By Amy Mello, Principal

St. Paul School works to create lifelong learners that become contributing citizens to God's world - even in the summer! Students and teachers have been actively working to increase their knowledge and prepare for the academic challenges of the upcoming school year. Many of our students participated in the UC Merced Writing Project's Bobcat Young Writer's Academy. In addition, our 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Stefanie Ramirez, is part of a three year program sponsored by the Department of Education that introduces educators to hands on concepts to teach engineering. She was the only private school teacher in attendance out of 70 teachers. What amazing opportunities for St. Paul School!

We also look forward to hosting the 6th Annual Mog Jog to remember our loving 1st grade teacher, Brenda Mognis on Saturday, August 29th. She had a dream to be able to financially support families who had a desire to provide their children with a Christian education. Through her memory and funds raised at the Mog Jog and our annual school auction, her dream has become a reality. More details will come on how you can help and participate!

**Upcoming Events:**

August 5 - Staff returns to campus

August 12 - Family Ice Cream Social and Information Night

August 19 - School begins

August 29 - Mog Jog

**ST. PAUL PRESCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

*by Angelique Faulkner, Preschool Director*

**August at the Preschool**

**It is time to wind down the summer and get ready for school to start! We had a great summer and lots of fun with the kids.**

**Camping week was one of our favorites as Miss Kathy brought in her tent for us to sleep and play in. The kids made a boat out of a cardboard box and went fishing in the pond with their home made fishing poles. After, they gathered by the pretend fire and "roasted" marshmallows on a stick as the teacher read stories with a flashlight.**

**But we will soon be preparing for the new year cleaning our classrooms, labeling our cubbies and decorating our walls to make our classrooms as inviting and fun for our new friends. We will get the chance to meet some of our new friends on August 12 for our Orientation and Ice Cream Social. We are so excited and are looking forward to another wonderful year at St. Paul Preschool!**





Several big events coming up for our local Habitat:

Home dedication: Check out our website for further information for the dedication of the home at 927 W. 8<sup>th</sup> on Saturday, August 1 at 10 a.m. Rosa Chavez and her sons will be moving into this brand new home. Plan to attend and share this exciting event with us. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> is our next Volunteer Orientation from 7-8 p.m. with sign ups for projects at 8 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2916 N. McKee Rd. Merced, in the Outreach Ministry Center conference room – a portable next to the garage. Watch for the Habitat Banner on the fence next to the entry. Call to reserve your spot – 726-0850.

Habitat for Humanity will hold its first annual golf tournament on September 25 at Rancho Del Rey Golf Course in Atwater. Tee off will be at 12:00 Noon with a lunch provided and dinner after the event. We will have loads of raffle prizes, a Closest to Pin hole, a Long Drive contest, and a putting contest prior to the start of the round. Cost to play will be \$80.00 a player. We will be looking for hole sponsors at a cost of \$100.00 that will provide a sign at a hole to advertising your company. Or a corporate sponsor, that will cost \$500.00 but includes entry fee for four players, a hole sign and a big mention in the sponsor booklet. HfH is also looking for any donations or golf gifts for the raffle as well. Please contact Don Spiva at 209-769-5068 for further details.

Home Town Buffet on Saturday, October 3 for lunch from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. for a great lunch with family or friends to help support Habitat and the next two houses we will be starting in late August or September. Tickets are available from any board member or call 726-0850 to make arrangements to pick them up. The cost is only \$12.00 for all you can eat! What a treat! Take a friend to lunch and do two good deeds!

Check out our website for further information on any of these events. [www.hfhmerced.org](http://www.hfhmerced.org) and find us on Facebook Habitat for Humanity of Merced County.

If you have some expertise to share and would like an application so an interview can be arranged to be considered to be a board member, please check our website [hfhmerced.org](http://hfhmerced.org) or call 726-0850 and have one mailed to you. We are looking for someone interested in fundraising, computer skills and legal expertise.

Each member of our board is responsible for a task, so it is a working board and together we work as a team to accomplish the goals we have agreed upon.

If you would like to visit one of our board meetings to see if this is what God has planned for you to do, please call me to add you to our agenda.

Jan Sorge, President & Church Relations Chair, 209-769-1884 Or email: [merced-hostel@juno.com](mailto:merced-hostel@juno.com)

**BIRTHDAYS**

August 2 Marilyn Anderson  
 August 6 Dolores Hutton  
 August 7 Ethleen George  
 August 10 Giulianna Nardello  
 August 11 Mary Homann  
 August 12 Jean Hetland  
 August 13 Fay Peters  
 August 16 Nicole Cook  
 August 17 Ruthie Osorio  
 August 18 Richard Randall  
 August 19 Gary Mortensen  
 August 20 Hershel West  
 August 21 Christina Randall  
                   Elizabeth Boyer  
 August 30 Paul Cook

**ANNIVERSARIES**

August 6 Lorry & Dolores Hutton  
 August 9 Richard & Lona Sancibrian  
 August 11 James & Heather Nardello  
 August 15 Bob & Ethleen George  
 August 21 Gerald & Tina Orchard  
 August 23 Charlie & Betty Jo Rodgers

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

August Evelyn Williams  
 August 4 Meagan Christensen  
 August 17 See Xiong  
 August 18 Jacob Lundin  
 August 25 Don Kock  
           25 Irene Pearson  
           25 George Morton  
 August 26 Lynne Bacca

**August 2015 SERVANTS****GREETERS****9:15 A.M. Combined Service**

August 2 Bill & Lucille Hiller  
 August 9 Evelyn Williams & Doris Alexander  
 August 16 Karen Kelleher  
 August 23 Russ & Irene Pearson  
 August 30 Ed & Darlene Mentz

**COMMUNION SET UP**

Lorry & Dolores Hutton

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

August 3  
 August 16

**READERS**

August 2 Melinda Price  
 August 9 Carol Sipan  
 August 16 Jan Sorge  
 August 23  
 August 30

**READERS NEEDED!** A calendar has been put up on the bulletin board in the parish hall for your convenience to sign up to be a reader. Please sign up as soon as possible so we have readers each Sunday morning. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR  
 OUR FELLOWSHIP HOUR  
 AFTER WORSHIP.**

**PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE  
 CALENDAR ON THE WALL  
 BY THE KITCHEN COUNTER  
 OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
 383-3301.**



**THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT WITH GUESTS  
 AND ALL OUR CHURCH FRIENDS.**



# 2015

## AUGUST

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
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<b>2</b> 8:15 am Bible Class 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am HMong Bible Study 11:45 am HMong Worship	<b>3</b> Elders Meeting 6:00 pm Library	<b>4</b> Transition Team 7:00 pm Library	<b>5</b> Bible Class 10:30 a.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>16</b> 8:15 am Bible Class 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am HMong Bible Study 11:45 am HMong Worship	<b>17</b> M&M Board Meeting 6:00 pm Library	<b>18</b> Cottage Meeting 1-3 pm	<b>19</b> <b>First day of school</b>  Bible Class 10:30 a.m.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:15 am Bible Class 9:15 am Worship 10:15 am HMong Bible Study 11:45 am HMong Worship	<b>24</b> Church Women United 9:30 am OMC	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bible Class 10:30 a.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Mog-jog
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