



RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2016

This way in...

Dear Red Hill Family and Friends,
I cannot believe that the Summer is upon us! When I was a kid, Summer was the light at the end of the tunnel—the long awaited days of shorts, no shoes, lots of Baseball, staying up late, and sleeping in (except for Saturdays—my dad believed in chores on Saturday mornings and if he was up, everybody was up)! Summer was the time that the “Three R’s” of school transformed into the “Three R’s” of Summer: rest, renewal, and recreation. Summer was awesome! Hopefully, you will find some time in these next few weeks and months for rest, renewal, and recreation for your body, mind, heart, and soul.

Of course, at Red Hill, we do not take the Summer off! While some of our ministries will take a summer hiatus (our school) or change its structure somewhat (Children’s Sunday School), our core ministries will continue throughout the Summer months, providing you and your family opportunities to Worship, study, pray, connect, and care for others at and through your church.

As we enter the Summer months, many of you will be taking much needed time for vacation, spending time with those you love, visiting places you have longed planned for, and/or perhaps just relaxing from the business of your life. As you consider vacations, time off, changing schedules, and hopefully a slower pace this summer, I would like us to consider how even vacations can be a part of our discipleship; a way that the Holy Spirit can transform our hearts, minds, and souls for the purpose of drawing us closer to Jesus and His sustaining grace.

During the season of Lent, we explored the journey of *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. One of the steps along this journey is the practice of a regular, weekly Sabbath, and the *Daily Office*; regular times through the day, in solitude and silence, to be with Jesus through prayer and Biblical reflection. One of the consequences of this practice is to be continually aware that we were created in love, by God, for a relationship with Him, and how this foundational

relationship with God informs all of our other relationships. We can often forget this, and allow God to be crowded out of our lives by business, worry, and simple inattention to our Heavenly Father. The elements of *Sabbath* and the *Daily Office: Stopping, Resting, Delighting, and Worshipping*, are used by the Holy Spirit to keep us grounded in God’s grace and aware of His constant presence in our lives. Likewise, annual vacations can be times not only for needed rest and re-creation, but also times for spiritual reflection and recognition of our human limits, dependency upon God, and that God has created us to love—God wants us to enjoy our relationship with Him!

Pete Scazerro, author and founder of *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*, comments that vacations can be seen as, “annual gifts from God that resembled the ancient Jew’s participation in the festivals of their day (the three national feasts of Pentecost, Booths, and Passover).”¹ Viewed from this spiritual perspective, even our vacations become a sacred task that grounds us in God’s presence in all aspects of our lives—work and play, the Sanctuary on Sunday morning and the beach during the week! For example, God’s gifts of Word and Sacrament are administered weekly in corporate Worship, feeding and equipping disciples to go out into the world with hearts full of gratitude, ready and open to receive from God His other unique gifts through the week; gifts such as a sun-set in the evening or playing with your kids or grandkids during the day. Maybe even a long nap in the afternoon! As Scazerro reminds us:

Remember, the purpose of all earthly life and matter is to lead us to communion with God. The entire cosmos is meant to serve as a material gift from God in and through which we enter into the joy of his heavenly presence. That includes our vacations!²

¹ Adapted from a blog-post by Pastor Peter Scazerro, “Turning Vacations into Sabbaticals.” www.emotionallyhealthy.org.

² Ibid.

Can our vacations truly be *holy* times through which we are awakened to God's never-ending presence with us? Can we view our vacations not only as *time-off* from work, but also *time for* recognizing the blessings of God all around us? Using the principles of Biblical *Sabbath* and the *Daily Office* that we examined through Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (*Stop, Rest, Delight, Worship*), the answer can be yes! What would a "vacation as Sabbatical" look like?

- **Stop.** The weekly Sabbath is a twenty-four hour period when we stop working and realize that we are NOT God. During our vacations, however long they may be, we are stopping our regular work to focus on the One who is God! What can you do on your vacation that would help you to be aware of God's power, character, and love? "On the Sabbath we let go of the illusion that we are indispensable to the running of the world. We recognize we will never finish all our projects, and that God is on the throne, managing quite well in ruling the universe without our help."³
- **Rest.** The institution of the Sabbath was reflective of God's resting on the seventh-day after creating the cosmos. Resting is integral to Sabbath. Sabbath resting is two-fold: we cease activity proper, allowing our bodies, minds, and souls to relax, and we "engage in activities that restore and replenish us—from napping, hiking, reading, and eating good food to enjoying hobbies and playing sports. What are the activities that you could engage in that would restore and replenish the soil of your soul?"⁴
- **Delight.** God's resting on the seventh-day involved God delighting in His creation (Genesis 1-2). God desires that we delight in, even enjoy, our lives and this world! God "invites us to enjoy and delight in his creation and all the gifts he offers us in it. These innumerable gifts come to us in many forms, including people, places, and things."⁵ What could you do on your vacation that brings you delight and enjoyment?
- **Worship.** As Lutherans, Worship is both *corporate* and a *lifestyle*. In corporate Worship, God comes serves us through Word and Sacrament in the assembly of God's

people. In response, we serve God through our praises and prayers within the community of God's people. God meets us in the assembly in ways that do not happen on the proverbial golf course or on the couch. Lifestyle worship involves praising God through our work, hobbies, and relationships—we desire to bring God glory through all that we do and all we are! If you are in town, do not take a vacation from corporate Worship! Be in your church! If you are vacationing, look for a church and Worship corporately. (If you know your itinerary, we can help you find Lutheran churches where you will be going. Also, let us know when you will be vacationing and we will pray for you and your family). Wherever you may be, contemplate God's creative power, love, and generosity. "Pondering the love of God is the central focus of all Sabbaths. We are not taking time off from God; we are drawing closer to him. Sabbath...[and vacations are]... an invitation to see the invisible in the visible—to recognize the hidden ways God's goodness is at work in our lives...How can you more intentionally look for his grandeur in everything from people, food, and art to babies, sports, hobbies, and music?"⁶

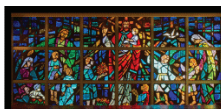
A vacation is a great gift. Whether your vacation is a few days or a few months; whether you are traveling around the world, across the country, or taking what has become known as a "*staycation*," a vacation viewed from the perspective of Biblical *Sabbath*, changes the nature of the vacation itself, providing us time to "rest from our work and to work from our rest."⁷ And, our vacations can become yet another way that God draws us closer to Him—which seems to be what God is always up to!

I hope you have a blessed vacation. You will be in my prayers!

Pastor Seth

⁶ Ibid.
⁷ Ibid.

³ Ibid.
⁴ Ibid.
⁵ Ibid.



"Pastor Chats" @RED HILL LUTHERAN

Quarterly "Pastor Chat"

**Sunday, July 17th 11:30am to 12:30pm in the
"Christian Life Center (CLC)"**

The quarterly "Pastor Chat" is offered to give the members and friends of Red Hill an opportunity to ask questions of, and connect with, the Pastors and other members of Red Hill. If you have a question about our church, the Bible, the Christian life, and/or what our church teaches about a particular issue, you are welcome to join us.

In addition to your questions, the July "Pastor Chat" will provide a "glimpse" of what is coming up beginning this fall in our program ministries. We hope you can be with us!

RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSIC MINISTRY

Get involved in the Music Ministry!

We have many ways that you can use your musical gifts in worship and service to the Lord. From the Chancel Choir, to the Jubilee Hand Bells Choir, to contemporary music to solo singing or playing an instrument in church, we have a place for you!

If you are interested in being involved in the Music Ministry, please contact Marty Schaefer, Director of Arts & Worship at 714-544-3131 ext. 102 or email mschaefer@redhillchurch.org.

Neumann Family News

As we welcome our new principal Paul Marquardt to Red Hill Lutheran School, we would like to share some information about one of our earlier principals, James A. Neumann. James served RHLS as principal from 1970-1986. He and his wife Ruth were blessed with four children who all attended RHLS. The Neumanns' also worshipped at RHLC every Sunday until they accepted a call to serve in Ventura County.

To truly consider how "time flies", the Neumann's second son, Dave graduated 8th grade from RHLS in 1986.

Thirty years later, on May 12, 2016, Dave earned his Ph.D in history from USC! He will be teaching at Cal Poly Pomona starting in September.

Dave, his wife Christa and their two daughters reside in Long Beach where the family lives and worships.

James and his wife journeyed to California and Red Hill after being contacted by Rev. Dr. Clyde Showalter to serve as administrator of the Christian day school.

James sent us this information and we thought it would be great to share with all of you!

WORSHIP

Summer Sermon Series

June: *"The Divine Dance: Worship through Word and Sacrament"*

The corporate Worship of God's people is central to the life of faith and the ministry of the church. Worship in the Christian Church is more than a "feeling"

or a "style" (as in classical or contemporary). The *service* of Worship has a two-fold trajectory. First, through Worship, the church *serves God* through acknowledging and celebrating the worth and glory of the Triune God. Thus, Worship is, *"Surrendering to, and the loving, celebrating, honoring, and glorifying of, the Triune God with gratitude for His creating, redeeming, and sanctifying work."* Additionally, through Worship, *God serves His people* through Word and Sacrament, for the purpose of creating and sustaining faith. In the Lutheran Church, and most Protestant Churches, the two Sacraments celebrated and received through corporate Worship are Baptism and Holy Communion.

WORSHIP
Getting close to Christ

This series will focus on the Biblical, theological, and confessional foundations of Christian Worship, exploring how Worship lies at the heart of our self-understanding as a church established by Jesus and sent on a mission, equipped to serve God and love others through our daily lives.

June 19th: (Father's Day) Sermon Title: "Sacrament: Baptism." *Romans 6.3-11; Matthew 3.13-17*

June 26th: Sermon Title: "Sacrament: Holy Communion." *1 Corinthians 11.17-29; John 6.22, 24-35*

July-August: *The Book of Jonah*

Biblical scholar Jack Sasson writes:

Mention "Jonah" and most people will say "the whale."... Its main personality, Jonah, faces more predicaments in a shorter time span, than do Biblical heroes accorded many more lines of narrative. In Jonah, realistic events and miraculous incidents are accorded equal space, and individuals never wait long before witnessing God's power. (Jack M. Sasson. *The Anchor Yale Bible: Jonah*. New York: Doubleday, 1990).

The book of Jonah reflects a deep, theological focus on God's sovereignty as well as His mercy. The book of Jonah is considered one of the "Book of the Twelve Prophets." However, unlike the other prophetic texts, the focus in Jonah is on the prophet himself; the prophetic message

is secondary. As a Prophet, God commands Jonah to call to repentance one of Israel's ancient enemies: Nineveh. Rejecting his divine appointment, Jonah angrily flees from God, and through his "running away" from God, Jonah discovers that God is more faithful, merciful, and graceful than Jonah ever knew or could hope for.



The goal of this series will be to gain a deeper understanding of the prophetic literature of the Old Testament generally, and the circumstances of Jonah, particularly. We will examine the nature of a theological tension throughout the Old Testament, made explicit in Jonah; God is both a *creator* and a *covenant* God. As *creator*, God is the God of all. Yet, God has made a *covenant* with a particular people, Israel. What Jonah discovers, much to his frustration, is that God's covenantal community is to reflect God's love to all nations—even the enemies of Israel! Finally, we will examine the themes and promises in the book of Jonah that find their fulfillment through the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

July 3rd: Sermon Title: "Runaway Believer." *Jonah 1.1-3; Luke 10.1-11, 16-20*

July 10th: Sermon Title: "Love Beneath the Waves." *Jonah 1.4-6; Mark 4.35-41*

July 17th: Sermon Title: "The Sign of Jonah." *Jonah 1.7-17; Luke 11.29-32*

July 24th: Sermon Title: "Faith Rising." *Jonah 2.1-6; Luke 13.10-17*

July 31st: Sermon Title: "Grace." *Jonah 2.7-10; Luke 12.13-21*

August 7th: Sermon Title: "A Second Chance." *Jonah 3.1-9; Luke 13.1-9*

August 14th: Sermon Title: "Abounding Love." *Jonah 3.10-4.4; Luke 15.1-10*

August 21st: Sermon Title: "Angry Love." *Jonah 4.5-9; Luke 12.49-56*

August 28th: Sermon Title: "God's Love and Our Love." *Jonah 4.9-11; Luke 14.1, 7-14*

If you are not on vacation, be in church! God has incredible gifts to give you through His Word and Sacraments, so that you can serve Him and live a life of meaning and hope. Join us as we Worship God who serves us through the service of Worship!

BIBLE STUDY & THEOLOGY

Sunday Bible Study

Sundays at 10:00 and 11:30am in the CLC Fellowship Hall

The Prophets

A prophet is someone who speaks on behalf of someone else. Most often in Scripture a prophet is a spokesperson or mouthpiece for God, though Exodus 7:1 speaks of Aaron as being a prophet for Moses (cf. Exod. 4:16). In modern politics this concept is well represented in the United States in the president's press secretary. He or she is the one who conveys the president's opinions, reactions, intentions, and the president's very words when necessary. The press secretary holding a news conference is never seen to be speaking for himself or herself, but is believed to be expressing only the words that the president desires the press secretary to speak. Similarly, prophets are the mouthpiece of God, conveying God's opinions, reactions, intentions, and very words. In short, God's agenda, or program, is announced through the words of the prophets.

The ministry of the biblical prophets tended to be clustered around times of crisis. Whether it was the religious crisis posed by the official sponsorship of Baal worship during the time of Elijah, the political crises caused by the Assyrian and Babylonian threats, or the identity crisis with which the postexilic community struggled, God used the prophets to offer guidance to his people in troubled times.¹

We'll study the Old Testament Prophets on Sunday mornings throughout the summer. We meet at 10:00 and 11:30am, usually in the CLC Fellowship Hall. Choose the hour that works best for you and join us!

¹ Hill, A. E. (2009). *A Survey of the Old Testament* (p. 503). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

"*The Bible: 'God's Word' or a 'Good Book'?*"
7:15 to 8:00am in the Prayer Chapel

When it comes to the Bible, often questions are asked such as, "Where did the Bible come from?" "Why are there so many different books?" "What is the relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament?" "If human beings wrote the words of scripture, how can I know they didn't make a mistake?" Do you have questions about the Bible? You are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings as we study the history, content, nature, and themes of the greatest book ever written—the Bible.

The goals of this class are:

- To come to a greater understanding of God's Word to us.

- To continue (or begin) the regular practice of daily Bible reading (including prayer and Biblical meditation) in the life of a disciple.
- To gain a deeper understanding of the purpose of the Bible in your life—you are part of God’s Story and a recipient of forgiveness, life and salvation through the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- To become a more devoted disciple of Jesus, visibly witnessing such discipleship in the context of family, friends, community and congregation.

If you are able to join us, after the Wednesday morning class, some of the class members head over to Coco’s in Tustin for breakfast at 8:00am. Looking forward to seeing you!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study **“The Gospel of Mark” (Begins August 3rd)**

Wednesday 7:15am to 8:00am

Prayer Chapel

Teacher: Pastor Seth

The Gospel of Mark is an ancient biography of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. The genre of the book of Mark is considered “Gospel,” because Mark tells the story of Jesus, who came to establish the reign of God in the world through His healing, forgiving, redeeming, and reconciling life and ministry. Jesus is truly good news (Gospel) to those who trust Him as Savior and Lord!

The Gospel of Mark is also an account of how human lives can be changed through the power of Jesus Christ. Those who encountered Jesus during His time on earth, particularly the twelve disciples, experienced personal transformation through Jesus’ healing, forgiveness, and mercy. One of the realities revealed through the Gospel of Mark is this: Human transformation is the result of an encounter with Jesus and His redeeming love. This transformation begins as Jesus encounters an individual and calls him to repent. In fact, Jesus begins His ministry with this proclamation:

“The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1.15).

Through the Gospel of Mark, we see that we are also called by Jesus to repent, to turn to Him and follow Jesus *daily*. When we follow Jesus, we become His disciples and experience the personal transformation we need. This is truly the “good news” (Gospel) of Mark. Join us in this Bible study group, as we seek:

- To deepen our understanding of the range and scope of the Gospel of Mark. We will look at its structure and thematic elements.
- To fully understand who Jesus is and what He came to do in your life. The Gospel of Mark as a whole will reveal an increasingly “converting” group of

disciples and a changing understanding of Jesus’ mission in the world.

- To understand the dynamics of personal transformation and conversion in our lives. We will discuss conversion and the conversion process. It will be the thesis of this study that Christian discipleship is a process, a “spiritual pilgrimage” through which we increasingly become the people we were created to be. While Christians are never fully perfected in life, we must be committed to on-going spiritual maturity.
- A commitment to apply to one’s life the scriptural truths discussed in this group and an on-going commitment to Christian discipleship.

You are welcome to join us as we spend time in God’s Word, sing, and pray together. After the study at 8:00 a.m., some of the group adjourns to Coco’s in Tustin for breakfast. You are welcome to join us!

BIBLICAL COMMUNITY

Do you ever wonder if you’re on the right track? I often look over the Marks of Discipleship and ask God to show me where I need to focus my attention, not just for myself, but also for those I serve. With such rich teachings provided to us over these last six months, it can be difficult to take it all in and process each concept, before the next one is presented. During the EHS study, Peter Scazzero spoke of enlisting trusted companions to help us focus on developing our relationship with God. It can be intimidating to share life issues with people you don’t know very well, and to be truly open and honest about your personal journeys of faith, for fear of being judged. But we need to push past the fears, and remember that we are all in this together. Everyone has a unique struggle in life that can be used to teach and help others. Jesus has demonstrated how we should help and share our life struggles together. He poured all of himself into twelve disciples - *a small group* - teaching them the importance of *loving and supporting each other well* so they “Will do even greater things” John 14:12, and would “go and make disciples of all nations” Matthew 28:19.

Often I hear God through the wonderful sermons our Pastors deliver, in Bible studies, Christian songs and through sharing life stories with those also willing to share with me. Recently I heard a new song sung by Matthew West that really brought home for me just how God really sees us. The Chorus goes like this *“When you see broken beyond repair, I see healing beyond belief. When you see too far gone, I see one step away from home. When you see nothing but damaged goods, I see something good in the making. I’m not finished yet, when you see wounded I see mended.”*

I often struggle with these battles, and if it weren't for the "holding on" through worship, Bible study, small groups and prayer, I believe I would most certainly be lost to the will of the evil one. We all have a life story, and it's within our small groups that we can practice sharing these stories, good and bad, and learn from each other's experiences, that God is more than we can ever imagine, and be reminded of just how much he loves and values each one of us.

We have several small groups that meet on an on-going basis in between our short term group studies that accompany our sermon series'. If you've not yet considered finding a trusted companion, or a small group connection, come talk with me or one of the Pastors about getting plugged in; you may discover it's the best "risk" you'll take. It truly is important to develop those trusted relationships now, so that you can turn to them when you need to be lifted up and reminded that God's not finished yet. Only he can take the scars you see, and joys you feel, and turn them into stories that may provide healing to a hurting soul.

In Christ,
Angie Calderon
(714) 878-3274

Small Groups currently meeting on a regular basis:

Monday Men's group - Meets weekly 6:30-8:30pm

Monday Women's group - Meets weekly 6:30-8:30pm

Monday Prayer Group - Meets weekly 1:00pm-2:30pm

Women's Monthly Circle - Meets 1st Tuesday of each month in various locations; Consult the weekly announcements for locations.

Tuesday Mixed Men/Women group - Meets weekly 6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday morning Bible study - Meets weekly 7:15-8:00am in the Prayer Chapel

Thursday Bible Study - Meets weekly 10:00-11:30am

Friday Mixed Men/Women group - Meets bi-weekly 6:30-8:30pm

For additional information about any of the Small Groups, stop by the Biblical Community table on Sundays, or contact Angela Calderon via phone/text 714-878-3274 or email acalderon@redhillchurch.org. If you don't see a group that matches your availability.....consider starting one of your own! Remember...where two or three are gathered in His name...

Red Hill Lutheran Women

All women of Red Hill are invited to our summer combined Circle meetings. All four groups will join together in the CLC. It is the perfect time to learn what our women's Bible studies are like, to get reacquainted with old friends, and to make new friends! Light refreshments will be served.



*July: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.,
hosted by Rebekah Circle.*

*August: Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.,
hosted by Lydia and Deborah Circles.*

PLEASE NOTE: We will also have our annual business at this time.

We are privileged to have our Pastors lead the Bible Study at these two summer meetings. Their Bible Studies are always inspirational and educational. Please be sure to attend! You will be very glad you did.

Red Hill Women's Event

"Hats Off to Moms," the upcoming Red Hill Lutheran Church Women's event, is one event you do not want to miss. There will be a fabulous hat fashion show that will delight all. A yummy breakfast will be provided. There will be plenty of door prizes. Bring your family, friends and neighbors. Please join us for the fellowship and fun!

When: Saturday, July 9, 2016

Where: Red Hill Lutheran Church, CLC

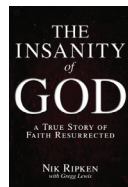
Time: 9am – 12pm

Cost: \$20 per person

Book Club

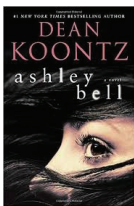
The RHL Women's Book Club will be meeting the third Tuesday afternoon of each of the months of June, July and August at 1:00 p.m. in Peter's Parish. Our book choices for these are:

June 21st: "The Heavenly Man", the remarkable story of Chinese Christian Brother Yun with Paul Hattaway. It is the harrowing and inspiring story of his life as a persecuted house church leader until his escape to political asylum in Germany.



July 19th: "The Insanity of God" by Nik Ripken with Gregg Lewis. This is a heart-breaking, faith-stretching, insider's look at what it means to pick up your cross and follow Jesus.

August 16th: “Ashley Bell” by Dean Koontz. It is a book for readers of dark psychological suspense and modern classics of mystery and adventure.



All Red Hill women are welcome. Any questions, please contact Marlene Thorson, [714/352-5896](tel:7143525896) or emthor@cox.net

Check out this cool album featuring some of Isaiah Coughran's music!

MODERN PSALMS

Debut Album from The Hollybells

Capturing, in vibrant beauty, the whole heart of the ever-beloved Book of Psalms, The Hollybells usher us into an entirely joyful, wonderfully human, and refreshingly honest reminiscence of its message. Their songs beat with the same pulse as these ancient prayers, expressing what it means to walk in humble and total reliance on God, to commune with Him through both the troughs and the peaks of the adventure we've called “life,” to stand in unshaking confidence in the Lord's goodness and faithful love, and to shout with unending praise for Him in it all.



The Hollybells Modern Psalms available Friday, August 5th, 2016. Visit www.thehollybells.com.

MISSION/SERVICE

Giving Update

Did you know that nearly a quarter of Jesus' teaching had to do with stewardship and finances? One pastor remarked that if Jesus talked about money 25% of the time, so should churches! While Red Hill certainly doesn't shy away from preaching and teaching about Biblical Stewardship, we often don't publish the status of our congregational giving. The primary reason we don't publish these numbers on a weekly basis is that we don't want to give the wrong impression to our guests and visitors that we're only concerned about money. Secondly, we don't want the impetus for giving to be our financial health. Instead, “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinth. 9:7)

However, it's still important that our congregation be informed of our financial position. As of May 29, 2016, our general giving is slightly behind budget by \$6,108. This means we are at 99.25% of anticipated giving to date. In my book, that's an A+! This is also good news considering economic uncertainty and the fact that we raised our anticipated giving by \$50,000 this fiscal year. While

many churches are struggling to make budget, ours is going strong. This is due to the faithful giving of our members. On behalf of the Board and Pastors of Red Hill Lutheran Church, THANK YOU!

But the year is not quite over. Our fiscal year runs from September to August. It's important that our members continue to support the mission and vision of the church throughout the summer months, even though they might not be in worship every week. Besides mailing a check to the church, you can give online through our website (www.redhillchurch.org). The following article provides more information about our online giving program.

Again, thank you for your continued faithfulness and support of the work of our church! Lives are being changed and God is being glorified through your tithes and contributions.

-Pastor Joel

Leave Your Check Book at Home!

Vanco Payment Solutions makes the giving process easy for you. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks per year, or prepare 52 envelopes.

Electronic giving is secure and convenient for you, and also provides much needed consistency for our church. There is no cost to participate, and this program enables you to continue your weekly offering on an uninterrupted basis even when you are travelling, or when other circumstances prevent you from attending services. If you currently appropriate funds to two or more dedicated purposes, you may still do this through electronic giving. Red Hill receives monthly statements tracking the dedicated purposes you contribute to, and your nine-month and year-end statements will continue to reflect your dedicated giving. Most importantly, YOU will be able to track your own giving dedication, at any time throughout the year. You have the option of making a one-time donation or even setting up a recurring automatic contribution. The best part is you are always in control. You can even update and change your donation amount as needed. You can also print your own giving statements for contributions made through the website.

There are also several ways to make your contributions. You may contribute through credit and debit cards, as well as through donations that are electronically transferred from your bank accounts to the church's bank account, referred to as direct debit, or ACH.

To get started, simply go to our website, www.redhillchurch.org, and click on the “Online Giving” tab. You will then be taken to our secure donation page through Vanco

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Summer Youth News

We are so blessed to offer an exciting, memorable summer experience for students in 6th-12th grades as we seek to create important connections, and engage in fellowship, service, worship and growing in relationship with Christ! We are equally excited about our new youth group worship teams. Congratulations to Sr. High Worship Team Leaders: *Mackenzi Greene, Kaitlan Michels, Merek Greene and Adam Caamano!* Jr. High Worship Team will be led by: *Ashley Spinoglio, Weston Michels and Savannah Milam.* Thank you to all of our students who are participating by playing an instrument or singing. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord! We are also pleased to recognize the rest of our Servant Leadership Team: *Anastasia Gogosha, Dana Harnapp, Tori Brouwer, and Thalia Colon.*

Please join me in welcoming *Lindsay Sampson*, our new Student Ministry summer intern. Lindsay grew up in RHLC and was a part of student ministry opportunities during that time. She is a graduate of Orange Lutheran and has since gone on to attend college at Concordia, Seward with intentions of majoring in education. With her passion for leading worship, her love of working with students and her desire to use God's Word to bring everyone closer to Christ, we are incredibly blessed to have her "back home" to serve in this capacity.

Welcome Lindsay!

In His Service,
Jennifer Brenner
Director of Student Ministries
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Tom St. George: Camping in the great outdoors and exploring outside are among favorite extracurricular activities for *Tom*, son of Dave & Jill St. George, brother of Ruth and freshmen at Crean Lutheran High School. Please enjoy getting to know him through his shared responses!



Q: How long have you been at RHLC and what kinds of activities are you involved in your Church, school and community.

A: RHL has been my Church home for nine years and I was previously a student at our school. During that time, I served on the student leadership team, ASB, and played several sports for our school. I also served as an acolyte and am blessed to have participated in Confirmation.

Q: Share with us a challenge in your life and how your faith brought you through it.

A: I relied on God when my grandpa was sick because I didn't know if he was going to make it. I prayed to God and asked if it was His will that my grandpa would get better. God's will was for him to get better, and he did get better.

Q: Who do you look up to or admire in your life and why?

A: I look up to my dad because he is hard working and polite. My dad never gives up and works his hardest in everything he does. He is a real-estate agent and is always working day and night to make the client as happy as possible. He was also in the Navy, which has influenced me to want to join the Armed Forces when I grow up because of how respectful it has made him.

Q: What are you looking forward to most about National Youth Gathering in July?

A: I think the most exciting part will be hanging out with my friends and learning more about God.

In closing, Tom's family and friends describe him as funny, nice, kind, generous, helpful, and adventurous. His favorite verse is Colossians 3:23 because it reminds him that everything he does in life is not for personal benefit, but to glorify God. This verse is especially helpful when Tom plays football as it reminds him to always work hard and to do his best for God. Tom is a wonderful example of quiet strength in our youth group. He has an incredible work ethic, and is always ready to serve others. We are blessed to have Tom a part of Senior High Ministry!

Looking Ahead...

Jr. High will continue to meet Wednesdays in the summer from 5:30-7:30pm, including dinner and dessert. Senior High will now meet on Sunday evenings at a NEW TIME from 6:30-8:30pm* to include a fabulous dessert bar! Our new later time allows for students to enjoy a Sunday dinner with family. Times and/or days for youth group may adjust for special events. Please see the calendar on our Church website, on the Church patio each week or email Mrs. Brenner directly at jbrenner@redhillsschool.org. Please note: there will be no youth group gatherings the week of July 3rd-9th! We hope you will enjoy time with family over that holiday week!

Summer Highlights:

June 21st: (Tuesday) Beach Day
Bonanza (11:00am-4:00pm)

June 26th, July 10th, July 17th: Regular
Youth Group

July 16-20th: National Youth Gathering, New Orleans, LA

July 24-29th: Sr. High Forest Home Camp

July 31st: Sunset Hike and Froyo with friends!

August 7th: Back to School Beach Night Bonfire

August 14th, 21st, 28th: Regular Youth Group



Summer Highlights:

June 22nd: "Blackout" Night- Laser Tag

June 29th: Knott's Berry Farm

July 13th: Fro-yo with Friends & Worship Night

July 24th-29th: Jr. High Forest Home Camp

August 10th: Beach Day Bash 11:00am-3:30pm

August 17th: Pool Time Olympics

August 24th: Matinee Movie Madness 12-4pm

August 31st: Back to School RHLS



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National Youth Gathering Update: We are headed to New Orleans very soon and would welcome your prayers for safe travel and a meaningful experience for our group of 22 students! Our God is so faithful and we know this will be an awesome time to grow in faith, fellowship, worship, study and service!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry Thank You

June 12th was the last day of regular Sunday School programming. We want to send a huge thank you to our amazing team...Brenda Baird, Marie DeBoer, Anastasia Gogosha, Emi Oprescu, Eric Pascor, Celia Young, Andrei Gogosha, Arabya Royal, Verl Harnapp, Dana Harnapp, Liana Padilla, Karl Kottke, Athena Hernandez, Debbie Hays, Bettie Ore and Marian Armstrong. We appreciate their commitment to our Children's Ministry.

Worship Sunday

July 3rd, August 7th and September 4

10:00am service

Sanctuary

We feel a family worshiping together is important, so, on the first Sunday of every month, Kinder through 5th grade will worship in church with their families.

Elementary Summer Sunday School

Sundays beginning June 19th

10:00am Sanctuary and classrooms

Incoming Kindergarten – Fifth grade will start in worship with their family. After announcements, the kids will be dismissed to their classroom for a Bible lesson, activity and snack. We ask parents to sign-in and get a name tag at the Children's Ministry table before going into church. You may pick up your child from the classroom.

VBS Volunteer Training

July 6th

6:30pm – 7:30pm

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All youth and adult volunteers are required to attend this important training to review the VBS program, safety issues and define expectations. This meeting will set you up for success and help you be prepared for the week. T-shirts will be available for pickup this evening.

Prayer requests during VBS

July 11th – 15th

Please pray for:

- The children who attend VBS to have increased wisdom concerning His Word.
- God, to help the kids know that His plan is for them to have a relationship with Jesus.
- God, to help the kids see below the surface as Jesus does, and to realize that Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
- Bible Study leaders, to effectively communicate

God's love to the children they teach.

- Volunteers, to have health and stamina during the week, and to do everything with love.

VBS Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A

July 13th

12:00pm – 8:00pm

13490 Jamboree Rd, Irvine

Come for lunch or dinner and Chick-fil-A will donate 20% of the sales to our VBS Mission project.

June 2016 Birthdays

- 6/1** Jerome Kral, Brett Moore, Sonja Peterson, Joan Shield
- 6/2** Shalyn Lovgren
- 6/3** Kevin Bagnall, Chad Starr, Pauline Stauder, Ralph Werley
- 6/4** Madison Baird, Bertha Dulgerian, Daniel Young
- 6/6** Anne Boyum, Alyssa Shioya
- 6/9** Melissa Davis, Chris Lancaster, Laura Sampson
- 6/10** Conrad Hohener III, Joseph Juarez
- 6/11** Amanda Oldham, Kevin Smith, Ken Smith, Charlotte Thome
- 6/12** Caleb Bullock, Kyle Quizon
- 6/13** Jennifer Feeser, Grace Reuter
- 6/14** Richard Berteau, Alison Kooistra, Evelyn Partridge, Susan Wise
- 6/15** Michele Smith
- 6/16** Patrick Bagnall, Wendy Joe, Merlyn Smith, Jodi Sprosty
- 6/17** Dustin Daniels, Jordan Taylor, Krystle Young
- 6/18** Caroline Keefe, Alexis Wilmoth
- 6/20** Savannah Baird, Denise Fry, Mason Greene, Lauren Waggoner
- 6/21** Quinn Adamson, Derek Hardy, Peter Harney, Patricia Kramer, David Nitzen
- 6/22** Virgie Cox, Harko DeBoer, Arthur Kooistra, Jim Rowntree, Marilyn Singer
- 6/23** Tamara Hess, Mimi Lovering, Christian Mihalovich,
- 6/25** Anastasia Gogosha, Michelle Bitner-Smith
- 6/26** Alex Figueroa, Marc Shioya
- 6/28** Carol Day, Byron Lovering, Shannon McNiel, Derek Stewart
- 6/29** Vivianne Kitano
- 6/30** Elizabeth Lovret, Beverlee Darling, Heather Jordan, David Oldham

July 2016 Birthdays

- 7/1** Michael Hunter, Katy Kreitzer
- 7/2** Scout Coughran, Matthew Olmedo, Scott Pickford
- 7/3** Morgon Deatherage, Chris Fiege-Kollmann
- 7/5** Nicholas Clement, Mike Moran, Jan Youngs
- 7/6** John Chamberlain, Robert Knight
- 7/7** Ashley Tuthill
- 7/8** Jobey Brooks
- 7/9** Darren Aplet, Alexander Blocker, Bernice Fox, Christopher Moran
- 7/10** Alexandra Caamano, Terri Holte, Sarah Smith, Taylor Spinoglio
- 7/11** Jacob Grahn, Kelsey Jordan, Michelle Olsen
- 7/12** Rebecca Harris
- 7/13** Jacob Bullock, Jack Taylor
- 7/14** Monte Armstrong, Brian Cope, Kierra Moeller, Ted Rigoni
- 7/15** Alice Milhous
- 7/16** Matthew Hendricks
- 7/17** Diane Aust, Jaqueline Lawrence, Clarence McCollum, Tom Waldron IV
- 7/20** Jacob Benson
- 7/21** Gary Hendricks, Matthew Tirona, James Wise
- 7/22** Madox Greene, Doug Smith
- 7/23** Paul Baker
- 7/24** Denise Davies, Craig Hanriot, Denise Harbour, Michael Huffman
- 7/25** John Fox, Joan Larsh, Shannon Wilmoth
- 7/26** Angela Smith, Lori Browne, Evan Harney, Jeffrey Harris, Jessie Hernandez, Mary Higginbotham, Kurt Himler
- 7/27** David Brenner
- 7/28** Kyle Anderson, Emily Bejach, Alexander Kitano, David Kulcinski, Elaine Larsh, Tiffany Schmok
- 7/29** Donna Anderson, Cori Daniels
- 7/31** Patricia Gebhardt

August 2016 Birthdays

- 8/1** Dave Coats
- 8/3** Julia Brenner, Mindy Harney, Bradley Wong
- 8/4** Madison Davis, Betty Moran, Geraldine Phillips, Kathy Sanchez, Jerry Spangler, Joseph Tirona, Eric Thorson
- 8/5** Maren Martin, Ruth St. George
- 8/6** Madison Markovsky, Nolan Martin, Manuel Olmedo,
- 8/7** Stacey Martinez, Frank Schaefer
- 8/8** Debbie Hohener, Donna Moore
- 8/9** Kyle Penniston, Rollo Pickford
- 8/10** Patrick Maher, Michael Portune, Amanda Rieches, Philip Schaffer
- 8/11** Rianna King

8/12 Marina Olmedo
8/13 Bruce Fangmeier, Sheila Feher, Colleen McCollough
8/14 Matthew Browne, Susan Cooper, Kathy Francis, Frances Park, Diana Spinoglio
8/16 Joseph Kelly, Donna Kunz
8/18 Shana Coulter, James Wise
8/19 Cheyenne Martin
8/21 Lauren Miller, John Sampson
8/22 Bradley Moore
8/23 Lynda Bobzien
8/24 Lola Brown, Karen Fiorenza
8/25 Karen Davis, Charlene Liebelt, Lucas Paschoal, Frank Schaefer, Walter Spotford
8/26 Hannah Jordan, Jackie Parker
8/27 Pierre Charles-Alerini, Peggy Barring, Kaitlyn Peterson
8/28 Brad Brooks, Jennifer Brenner, Emi Opreescu, Marlena Williams
8/29 Michael Fiorenza
8/30 Edward Julian Blocker, Everett Grahn, Sally Scalzo
8/31 Lucas Berteau, Isaiah Coughran, Kimberly Hunter, Michael Mihalovich

June 2016 Anniversaries

6/1 Patti and Glen Sullivan
 6/2 Kyle and DeLacey Andersen
 6/4 John and Marilyn Baab
 6/6 Scott and Lori Browne, Peter and Sheila Feher
 6/7 Gerald and Dolores Maki
 6/8 Ray and Melissa Gomez
 6/9 Phil and Sue Garnett
 6/10 Brad and Valerie Brooks
 6/11 Myrtle and Forest Almquist, Derek and Diana Hardy, Jim and Liz Weber
 6/12 Jerry and Elaine Kral
 6/13 Larry and Cathy Anderson, Jim and Susan Wise
 6/16 Ralph and Rosedith Werley
 6/18 George and Kimberly Schmok
 6/20 Rollo and Nadene Pickford
 6/21 Mike and Renni Bejach, Joel and Heather Kelly, Scott and Laura Sampson, John Olsson
 6/22 Randy and Shiho Ito
 6/23 Val and Joan Taylor
 6/26 Miles and Maren Martin, Byron and Susanne Lovering
 6/28 Donald and Jean Kline, Doug and Diane Lehman
 6/29 Nick and Rene Darlow, Art and Vivianne Kitano, Kari and Ted Rigoni, Eric and Marlene Thorson

July 2016 Anniversary

7/1 Chris & Nancy Pace
 7/2 Tom & Lorraine Waldron
 7/3 Lola & Les Brown
 7/6 Patti & Arthur LeBrun
 7/7 Arthur & Debra Kooistra
 7/13 Derrick & Harriet Anderson
 7/15 John & Linda Garner
 7/18 Ryan & Marian Rieches
 7/19 Jason & Mindy Harney
 7/20 David & Terrin Enssle
 7/24 Mark & Terri Clement
 7/25 Sara & Ed Kim
 7/30 Darren & Kimberly Aplet
 7/31 Chad & Jean Marie Hundebay

August 2016 Anniversaries

8/1 John & Sheila Dovenmuehler, Brad & Laura Hendricks
 8/4 Win & Angelika Kottke, Dan & Bonnie Schulz
 8/5 Paul & Alison Baker, Ken & Debbie Hays
 8/6 Tom & Shannon Schell
 8/7 Eric & Carol Day, Del & Elaine Larsh, Donna & Richard Sutton
 8/8 Tom & Donna Kunz
 8/10 Chris & Lisa Fiege-Kollmann
 8/12 Brian & Deborah Chrastil, Richard & Elsa Coleman
 8/14 Stefan & Carmen Gogosha, Tristan & Kjersten Smith
 8/15 Thomas & Lori Raber, Mike & Charlotte Waggoner
 8/16 Jeff & Jean Rhoads
 8/18 Scott & Donna Anderson
 8/19 Derek & Valerie Larson
 8/20 Calvin & Patricia Reiten
 8/22 Mike & Liana Padilla
 8/23 Gary & Lis Fortner, Jim & Sabina McCracken
 8/25 Roy & Pamela Dixon, Robert & Teresa Martin
 8/27 Gerry & Diane Aust
 8/29 Angela & William Calderon, Norman & Kay Parsons, Jim & Linda Rowntree
 8/30 Jessie & Athena Hernandez, James & Megan Huddleston

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