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DRIVE-A-MEAL

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MEALS-ON WHEELS or (Drive-A-Meal) for those of us who volunteer to deliver meals to members of our community in need is a great volunteer project! Clients pay for a hot meal and beverage delivered to their door around the lunch hour. After today's deliveries, I sat back and recapped the people I met. I discovered that the majority were serene and cheerful (including two members of our own church family). Despite their adversities, they were cordial and appreciative. As I left their doors, I realized how blessed I am to be able to share my love for Christ and my faith for the future.

In these times of recession and uncertainty, the trusting and forward-looking Christian remains optimistic and joyful, knowing that Christ someday must rule and "if we endure, we shall also reign with Him" (2Tim.2:12). May I suggest that we keep Heaven in View throughout our days and more importantly, share this view with those around us who have no view of heaven in their lives.

Look around you in your neighborhood, at work or wherever your path may take you for those who could benefit from your vision of heaven. Your day will be enriched just as mine was today after completing my volunteer assignment!

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY

Sunday Worship at 9 a.m. (Traditional) and 11 a.m. (Joy and Grace) with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. Bible Study Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)	Aug. 2 -6	9 a.m.-noon
Worship Meeting	Aug. 3	6:30 p.m.
Finance/Stewardship Mtg.	Aug. 4	6:30 p.m.
VBS Celebration	Aug. 8	9 & 11 a.m.
Christian Ed Meeting	Aug. 10	6:30 p.m.
Backpack/School Supplies Blessing,	Aug. 15	9 & 11 a.m.
Student/Educators Blessing	Aug. 22	9 & 11 a.m.
Future/Property Mtg.	Aug. 25	7 p.m.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNES

PAUL PARSONS: is weakening and he needs prayers for comfort and serenity.

LEILA BUDNOVICH: came through her surgery very well. A biopsy was taken to determine the diagnosis. She and her family need our prayers to strengthen her and restore her health and give her patience for healing.

MAUREEN MAKER : is home (matter of fact) was in church last Sunday. Keep her in prayer to sustain her.

URSULA HOLMES : continues her home care of physical therapy to strengthen her leg muscles and keep her somewhat mobile. Ursula has such a great attitude! She needs our prayers to hasten her recovery!

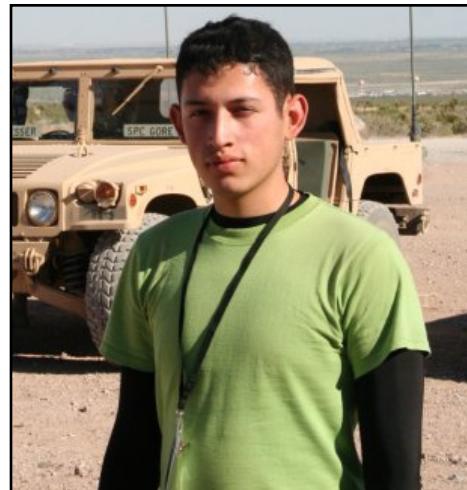
TERRI (Jack and Kay Reinhuttle's daughter) and PASTOR RAY OLSON: need our continued prayers for comfort and well-being for them and their families. Pastor Olson is now a resident at Triumph Home.

Your Church Family Focus

SAMUEL HORSTMAN

I met Samuel after church earlier this year as he accompanied his grandmother, Emily Horstman, to 9 a.m. service. Sam impressed me as a quiet but focused young man with goals for himself. Sure enough, my assessment was correct. After learning that he was a journalism major at EPCC, I asked whether he would be interested in working with me on this newsletter. He graciously accepted the challenge of formatting and designing this “work of the church”. I am so grateful for his expertise. I know that as a team we can give you a much better product.

Samuel is 19 years old and attends EPCC. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper, *Tejano Tribune*. He plans to transfer to New Mexico State



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University next year and continue his studies in journalism. Samuel was born and raised in El Paso; he is the eldest grandchild of Emily Horstman. He graduated from El Dorado High School where he was Co-Editor of the newspaper and President of the Theater Society. We are blessed to have him in our midst!

ACTIVITIES OF SPECIAL INTEREST AT NEW HOPE

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!:

On August 5th, all Lutherans can enjoy a night of Diablo baseball! Gates open at 6:05; game starts at 7:05. Discounted tickets are \$4.00 when you declare you are with the Lutheran Group! Buy your ticket at the Gateway Box Office window only. This activity is sponsored by the El Paso Chapter of *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (El Paso Chapter)*. Invite a friend and “be thirsty”. It is discounted beer night!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

August 2 – 6, 9 a.m. to noon. Late registration will be up to the first day of school. The program this year is: *High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God*. Steve and Carla Marshall are the VBS Directors. From all reports the theme is filled with excitement and discoveries!

Join in the fun and bring a neighborhood pal to join in the fun with your child. See you on the 2nd!

Note to the congregation: Support VBS with donations and purchase of VBS daily supplies!

CONNECTING CONVERSATIONS :

Workshop will be hosted by Peace Lutheran Church from 9:30 a.m. to noon on August 28th. Pastor St. Clair and two lay leaders from the church will attend. The purpose is to continue dialogue concerning strengthening outreach, discipleship and financial giving ministries. Keep our leaders in your prayers that their time and efforts will be fruitful and productive in Christ’s name.

ADULT BOOK STUDY:

Will resume in August under the leadership of Pastor St. Clair. The book *Three Cups of Tea*, will be reviewed in August. In September, *A New Kind of Christianity* will be discussed. Come join the discussions - bring a friend.

Sessions are held on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. If you want a copy of the publication for your own, there is a sign-up sheet in the rear of the church.

We are always looking for suggestions for book reviews in the future!