

San Jose Christian Reformed Church

“moving ahead in God’s grace...”

Welcome! We pray that the Lord will bless us all as we meet Him here today. If you have come today as a visitor, we would appreciate it if you would fill out a “Communication Card”. Pastor Al Helder will be preaching for us today.

Worship: Our Dialogue With God Sunday: July 23, 2006

God Calls Us and We Praise Him

Welcome / Greetings

Praise Songs:

*Great Is The Lord
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Here I Am, Lord*

Reconciliation with God

Call to Confession: Loving God and Neighbor

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

Silent Prayer: Personal Time with the Lord

Assurance of the Grace of Christ

Song:

The Servant Song

Our Offerings to God

Congregational Prayer

Children ages 3 – grade 6 leave us for “Kids Life”

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: San Jose Family Shelter (breakfast supplies)

God Offers Us His Word

Song:

Ancient Words

Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-16

Message: **Where Is Your Brother?**

We Depart to Serve God

Prayer

Song:

Jesu, Jesu

Blessing

Closing:

He Is Lord

If you are a first time visitor today, please complete a “Communication Card” and stop by the welcome table in the back of the sanctuary for a gift and information packet. Everyone, please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Social Hall.

Today at 11 am: Town Hall Meeting in the Social Hall

A class for children, preschool through grade 5 meets in the “tri-rooms”.

Next Sunday at SJCRC...

July 30, 9:30 am: Morning Worship- Pastor Al Helder will be preaching. Special Offering: Habitat for Humanity International “Coffee Time” happens immediately after the morning worship service. Adult Sunday School: “How To Read and Understand the Bible” at 11 am in the Fireside Room. A class for children, preschool through grade 5 also meets at 11 am.

Our Church Family

Please pray for these personal needs:

* **Charlie B.** – Charlie writes that he received his new leg and is making good progress as he learns to use it through much practice. He thanks our congregation for our continued prayers and support.

* **Irvin D., Bill G., Rein G. and Cobe R.** – Please pray for these members of our church family who have continuing health problems. Remember these friends with your cards and visits: they appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Please pray for Brenda L. as she has completed her training for Stephen’s Ministry so that she can be qualified to lead Stephen’s in the coming year. Thank you, Brenda, for spending much time in training and in leading this important ministry! **Stephen’s Ministry leaders meet twice next month for Supervision and Training: Wednesdays, August 2 and 16.**

Please pray for our church as we begin the visioning process and as the search team continues to look for a new pastor. Pray for wisdom and guidance for each team member. Pray for each member of our congregation as we go through this time together. May God bring a new beginning with unity and love to our church.

Hans V. (son of missionary Gary V.) asks for our prayers as he and his sister Ingrid continue their mission trip with I.D.E.A. Ministries S.T.A.R.T. program. This is a three week mission program for teens and young adults in the Yucatan Peninsula. They will be living with a Mexican host family as they work in VBS and construction. Please pray for safety in travel, protection from illness, and for the V. family in all of their work. Our congregation sent a Faith Promise Offering to Hans and Ingrid to help them in this mission trip.

Elder-Deacon Care Groupings: Elder/deacon phone numbers are in the church directory. **Please inform them directly** of any need you might have.

<u>Last Name Beginning:</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Deacon</u>
A-B	Josef C.	Mark L.
C-F	Tom B.	Steve S.
G-Ki	Harvey V.	Dan M.
Ko-L	Steve B.	Bruce G.
M-O	Bryan P.	Doug B.
P-S	Jeff B.	Steve M.
T-Z	Randy M.	Gert B.

To contact Pastor Al Helder: Please call his cell phone: (209) 614-5761 or the church office: (408) 266-4412 Email: PastorAl@sjcrc.org

Church News and Events

Adult Sunday School begins next Sunday, July 30 at 11 am. Pastor Al will be teaching a series entitled “How to Read and Understand the Bible”. This promises to be a challenging and thought provoking study in which your appreciation for God's Word will deepen. We will begin with a comparison of *Religion* and *Revelation*. That will be followed with a review of what the Bible is and what it is not. Then we will dig into the rules of interpretation that enable Christians to understand the whole of the Bible if they are willing to follow the rules. We will also look at what happens when the rules are not followed. This will lead us into a short overview of scripture. Please join us each week.

From your Council: We encourage each member to be in prayer for Council as our church begins the selection process for nominations for Elder and to submit the name of any member you believe is qualified to serve as Elder on the form enclosed in the bulletin. The completed form may be dropped into the offering bag through Sunday, July 30.

Your Pastoral Search Committee is eager to meet you and communicate with you. Please pick up a brochure from the entryway of the sanctuary and read about each of our search team members. We appreciate your input, prayers and encouragement!

Volunteers Needed in the Nursery and for Sunday Morning Coffee Duty: We need adults and youth to work in the nursery during the morning worship service, and we need adults to bring cookies and serve during coffee time. Please contact Patty K.

A Lost and Found Table has been set up in the Social Hall. Please check it and claim your items: anything left will be donated to Goodwill after today.

The schedules for greeters, ushers, coffee servers and nursery volunteers are available and in your mailboxes in the social hall and the **July “Today” devotionals** are available in the information racks. Please pick up your copies.

Congregation Monthly and Year to Date Giving Status:

June 2006: CMF (Church Ministry Fund) \$16,330.90 vs. a monthly budget of \$26,416.00

Special Offerings for June: Faith Promise: \$1,362.00

Ministry Shares: \$674.00

San Jose Christian School: \$619.00

C.A.R.E.: \$220.00

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee: \$611.00

Church Bulletin: Miss a service? Current and archived bulletins are online at www.sjcr.org. **Please have any bulletin announcements for this coming Sunday** into the office by Thursday evening at the latest.

Mark Your Calendars Now for Upcoming Children and Youth Events:

Saturday, July 29- GEMS Crafts Badge Workday at Anna and Tonya M.'s home: 11am-2pm, lunch is included. Girls, invite your friends! RSVP to Tonya M.

Sunday, July 30- *Sonlife (high school) Pool Party at the Plug's:* Alumni are invited, and we especially want to welcome incoming freshmen!

Saturday, August 5- All youth (jr. and sr. high) are invited to *Spirit West Coast, an outdoor Christian Music Festival near Monterey.* We plan to leave church at 9 am and return by 11 pm. The cost is \$40. Please contact John or Brenda D.

Our Children and Youth Ministries Need You!

Would you like to be part of a ministry which impacts the future of our church and community?

Would you like to lead others to the Lord through example and teaching?

Would you like to have some FUN?!

Please consider helping out this fall.

No experience required, only a love for the Lord and for His children!

We need...

GEMS and Cadet Counselors (Wednesday evening kids' clubs) for grades 1-6

Teachers for Kids' Life (during the morning worship service) for grades 1-6

Jr. High (JJs) Sunday School Teacher at 11am

Sr. High (Sonlife) Sunday School Substitute Teacher at 11 am

Please call Grace M. for more information.

CRC Denominational News

Christian Reformed World Relief Committee: Another deadly tsunami claimed more than 400 lives on the Indonesian island of Java last Monday. CRWRC took quick action, expanding its Indonesian aid distributing emergency supplies together with the Church of Indonesia. More help is desperately needed. Please remember the hundreds of thousands of Indonesians without shelter, food and medicine, including those still in peril after last month's earthquake. Mark your donations, “Java Tsunami 2006” and drop in the offering plate or donate online at www.crwrc.org. Or you can mail to, CRWRC, 2850 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49560.

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Helping This Sunday, July 23

Greeters: Alice K. and Willie K.

Ushers: Harvey and Carol V.

Hospitality: Harvey and Carol V.

Audio/Visual: Wendell K., Mavis M.

Coffee: Steve and Joanne M., Josef and Cecilia C., Betty R.

Nursery: Sue S., Rochelle S., Zach M.

Kids' Life: Tiffany B., Brenda D., Bill C.

Helping Next Sunday, July 30

Greeters: Steve and Joanne M.

Ushers: Tom and Diana B.

Hospitality: Jeff and Estella B.

Audio/Visual: Mike K., Steve M.

Coffee: Jake and Fay B., Randy and Mavis M., Jackie R.

Nursery: Rachel V., Amber V.

Kids' Life: Patty K./Rose S., Harriet V., Bill C.

Schedule of Events: July 23 – 30, 2006

Today:

9:30 am – Worship and Celebration

10:40 am – Refreshments and Fellowship

11:00 am – Town Hall Meeting

11:00 am – Class for Preschool – Grade 5

Wednesday:

6:30 pm – Worship and Arts Team Meeting

Thursday:

7:30 pm – Praise Team

Saturday:

8:00 pm – Men's Life Bible Study

11:00 am – GEMS Crafts Badge Workday

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Afternoon – Sonlife Pool Party at the Plugs'

*Overeaters Anonymous meets Mon., Tues. and Thurs. evenings
and Sat. mornings. Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tues. evenings.*