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Fall Series from Pastor Craig

When I was a sports writer, I enjoyed going to high school or college games over the course of a school year, but – by and large – the contests I wrote about were a hodgepodge of teams that I might cover once or twice per season. But in the winter of 1995, I covered the vast majority of games for a girls' basketball program that eventually won a state title. Christian High School in El Cajon, CA won 109 of 125 games over a four-year span, including two state championships. And one girl, Stephanie Shadwell, was a varsity player for all four years, eventually earning Player of the Year honors in San Diego County.

Stephanie ended her prep career about as spectacularly as you could; she drained a 40-foot shot at the buzzer as her Patriots beat Ripon Christian for the state's Division IV crown at Oakland Coliseum. And as the beat writer for the newspaper I worked for, I witnessed every game of her team's playoff run and perhaps half of the other contests her team competed in. I kept all of my material on that team from that season because it was such a unique and amazing experience from a team that eventually had four players play Division I sports.

The gospel of John resonates with me because of my writing experience over 25 years ago. The author of the gospel was the pseudo-“beat writer” of a ministry team for Jesus, 12 disciples that traveled regularly with the Lord over some three years, along with a larger contingent who was often around and did plenty of ministry themselves. John isn't the only disciple who wrote a gospel – so did Matthew – but it's clear that John was in the close circle of friends Jesus trusted. And I don't think it's an accident that John called himself, “the one that Jesus loved” in one of the last stories he told about the savior before Jesus left the earth 40 days following his resurrection from the dead.

I've chosen to preach 11 times this fall from the gospel of John, focusing on the ministry of Jesus up until the week prior to his death (*stories about him during Holy Week and after his resurrection would be told during the Lenten season of the church year*). And the birth account of Jesus isn't mentioned in John.

If you want to read ahead, the sermon texts are as follows:

- ◇ Sept. 12 – John 1:19-34 (*John the Baptist telling about the coming Messiah*)
- ◇ Sept. 19 – John 1:43-51 (*A doubter and an optimist as disciples are called to serve*)
- ◇ Sept. 26 – John 2:1-12 (*The first recorded miracle story of Jesus*)
- ◇ Oct. 3 – John 3:1-21 (*Midnight visits and second births*)
- ◇ Oct. 10 – John 4:1-26; 39-42 (*Discovering water that would keep one from ever thirsting again*)
- ◇ Oct. 17 – John 4:43-53 (*Taking Jesus at his word*)
- ◇ Oct. 24 – John 6:16-40 (*A bread that's tough to swallow*)
- ◇ Oct. 31 – John 8:1-11 (*Jesus sending the critics away*)
- ◇ Nov. 7 – John 9:1-12 (*What does it really mean to have sight or to be blind?*)
- ◇ Nov. 14 – John 10:19-42 (*Who is Jesus Really?*)
- ◇ Nov. 21 – John 11:1-15; 38-43 (*Resurrecting hope through a stinky dead guy*)

The first Sunday in Advent occurs on November 28th and we'll preach more traditional Christmas season texts on December 5th, 12th, and 19th. Our 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service is on Friday, December 24th.

In Christ,

Pastor Craig

Strengthen Faith, Cultivate Community, Care for Neighbors



September Dates to Remember

Sunday, September 5, 2021: Praise and Worship Service! Join us for a little different worship service that includes music, testimonies, scripture, prayer and communion.



Wednesdays: Kingdom Kids! 5:30—6:30 pm at Salem Lutheran Church. Ages Pre-K—6th Grade.



Thursday, September 16, 2021: Rescue Mission Meal—5:30 pm

Sunday, September 19, 2021: Worship in the Park! Join us in the big pavilion at Buckley park for worship. Stay for a potluck afterwards. Activities begin at 9:00 am. Stay tuned for more information.



Sunday, September 26, 2021: Sunday School begins—9:30 am

1-6th graders: All-In-One Sunday School—at church

7-12th grades: DVD study of the book of James—at the parsonage

Adults: DVD study of the book of Exodus—God of Deliverance

Sunday, September 26, 2021: Youth Group Movie Night! 6:00-8:30 pm at church. Come eat pizza and watch the movie “To Save a Life.” Our youth ministry curriculum for the fall will be based on the “To Save a Life” movie.



Rachel Nielsen	Sept 3
Chris Ziemba	Sept 3
Ellie Pinley	Sept 5
Taylor Ostrom	Sept 8
Emily Everingham	Sept 9
Conner Patrick	Sept 12
Wesley Ziemba	Sept 28



David & Julia Schram	Sept 10
Eric & Emily Everingham	Sept 15

Financial Update:

2021 Budget Summary (1/1/21 through 7/31/21)

Needed Income: \$ 83,987.16
Actual Income: \$ 80,217.99
Difference: **(\$ 3,769.17)**

Budgeted Exp: \$ 83,987.16
Actual Exp: \$ 76,583.88
Under Budget: \$ 7,403.28



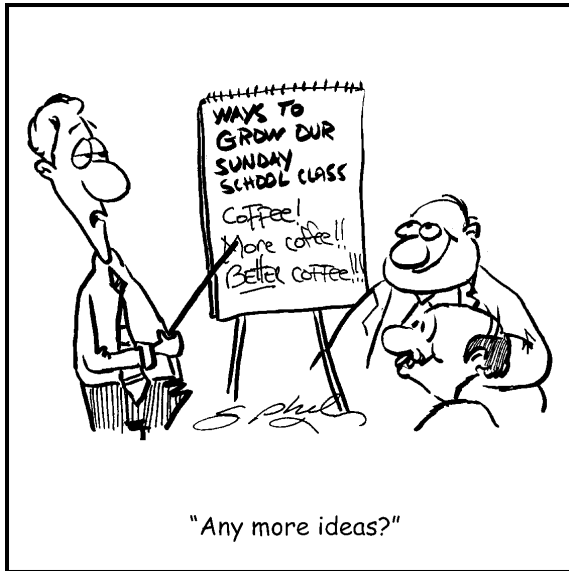
ONLINE GIVING: To make a one-time or scheduled reoccurring gift to our church, please visit:

www.stromsburgcov.org and click on ONLINE GIVING.



Directory Update

Final chance to update your directory information if you have not done so yet. The draft will be left on the foyer table another week or so. We will be printing up a new directory this month.



Ministry Team Leaders:

Lead Team:
Dennis Nuttelman
402-366-9803

Worship Ministry Team:
Neeli Noyd
402-363-3082

Fellowship & Hospitality:
Pat Everingham
402-764-0345

Christian Formation:
Judy Hanson
402-764-6681

Outreach:
Julia Schram—402-710-9561
Shayla Hier—402-764-0261

Properties:
Kent Erickson
402-765-6721

Prayer Concerns? Please contact Connie Nuttelman to have a request go out on the prayer chain or to be included in the bulletin. Connie's number is 402-366-9045 or you can send an email to prayerchain@stromsburgov.org.



Ministry Partners:

Sunday, Sept 5, 2021

Greeters: Bob & Eleanor Greenwall

Fellowship: The Hier Family

Scripture: Bob Orsborn

Worship Team: Ryan Cooper, Worship Team

Ensemble, Choir

Audio/Visual: Dale & Julie Hennessy, Kohen Hier

Sunday, Sept 12, 2021

Greeters: Kent & Cheryl Erickson

Fellowship: Pat Everingham

Scripture: Mary Wadell

Worship Team: Sue Rosenbaum, Craig & Mary Pinley

Audio/Visual: Dale & Julie Hennessy, James Hennessy

Thursday, Sept 16, 2021

Rescue Mission Meal: Jan Randell, Jeannie Ahlquist, Jodi Johnson

Sunday, Sept 19, 2021—Church in the Park

Greeters: Josh & Nikki Patrick

Fellowship: Potluck in the Park

Scripture: Dianne Nielsen

Worship Team: Ryan Cooper, Craig & Mary Pinley, Neeli Noyd, Dianne Nielsen

Audio/Visual: Dale & Julie Hennessy, Kohen Hier

Sunday, Sept 26, 2021

Greeters: Gaylen & Jeannie Ahlquist

Fellowship: Dennis & Connie Nuttelman








Scripture: Neeli Noyd

Worship Team: Sue Rosenbaum, Craig & Mary Pinley

Audio/Visual: Dale & Julie Hennessy, James Hennessy



September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9 am Mom's in Prayer 5:30-6:30 pm Kingdom Kids (<i>Salem Lutheran</i>)	2 3		4 11
5 8:30 Worship Team 9:30 Choir Practice 10:30 Praise & Worship Service & Communion 11:45 Fellowship	6 	7 14	8 9 am Mom's in Prayer 5:30-6:30 pm Kingdom Kids (<i>Salem Lutheran</i>)	9 16 5:30 pm Living Water Rescue Meal 	10 11 am—5 pm At the Free Church 	
12 9:15 Worship Team 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Fellowship	13 	21 28	15 9 am Mom's in Prayer 5:30-6:30 pm Kingdom Kids (<i>Salem Lutheran</i>)	23 24		18 25
19 8:00 Worship Team 9:00 Worship in the Park followed by pot-luck 6:30 Lead Team Mtg	20 		22 9 am Mom's in Prayer 5:30-6:30 pm Kingdom Kids (<i>Salem Lutheran</i>)			
26 8:30 Worship Team 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 6:00 Youth Group Pizza and a Movie	27 	28 30	29 9 am Mom's in Prayer 5:30-6:30 pm Kingdom Kids (<i>Salem Lutheran</i>)			