

San Jose Christian Reformed Church

“moving ahead in God’s grace...”

May the Lord bless us all as we worship Him here today! We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Pastor Al Helder will be preaching for us today.

Morning Worship Service

August 20, 2006

We Worship a Wondrous God

We Raise Up Our Praise

Prelude: Our preparation for worship.

Welcome / Greetings

Praise Songs:

*I Will Enter His Gates
Blessed Be Your Name
I Will Celebrate*

Pastor Al

Praise Team

We Open Our Hearts to God

Call to Reconciliation: Psalm 32 from Psalms Now by Leslie Brandt

Silent Prayer of Personal Confession

Assurance

Song:

Celebrate the Lord of Love

Congregational Prayer

Children ages 3 to grade 6 leave us for “Kid’s Life”

Deacon’s Prayer

Offering: Church Ministry Fund

Special Offering: Wycliffe Bible Translators

Prayer Song:

For the Beauty of the Earth

We Open Our Minds to God’s Word

Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:15-22, 18:9-15, 21:1-7

Message: **Spirit-Filled Laughter**

Praise Team

Our Response of Commitment to God

Prayer of Commitment

Song:

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Blessing

Closing Song

My Peace

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. Please join us for a time of enjoying each other in the Fellowship Hall, and then come to the Fireside Room at 11:00 am for the Adult Class “How to Read and Understand the Bible”. A class for children, preschool through grade 5 meets in the “tri-rooms”.

Next Sunday at SJCRC...

August 27, 9:30 am: *Worship Service-* Pastor Al Helder will be preaching. Special Offering: Christian Schools 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:

- * **Jim L.** – Jim had successful back surgery for a herniated disc recently. We praise God with Jim and his family that he is doing so well. He thanks the congregation for their prayers and for Pastor Al’s visits. Please continue to pray for Jim for a complete and full recovery.
- * **Cathie G.** – Cathie’s surgery went well this past Wednesday. A small malignant growth was removed from her kidney. Please pray for a complete and full recover for her. Remember both Cathie and Gene during this time.
- * **Charlie B.** – Continue to pray for Charlie as he makes progress with his new leg. He thanks our congregation for our continued prayers and support.
- * **Irvin Davis, 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.
- * **From Cobe** – “Thank you to the congregation for remembering me with cards and prayers. You are so good to me! Love, Cobe”

Please pray for our church as we continue with 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.

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

Last Name Beginning: Elder Deacon

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

Plan to attend Adult Sunday School Sunday at 11 am. Pastor Al is teaching a series entitled “How to Read and Understand the Bible”. This challenging and thought provoking study will deepen your appreciation for God's Word. Beginning with a comparison of *Religion* and *Revelation*, the study continues 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.

Coming this Saturday, August 26, 9 am - 1 pm: Be part of this Congregational Visioning Planning Day. We value everyone’s input and ideas as we move forward. This is an exciting time as we look for God’s guidance for the future of our church. *Please sign up on the sheet at a table in the social hall.*

What does it mean to be Christian Reformed? Have you ever wondered this yourself? An attractive booklet “What it Means to Be Reformed” is available for your reading. Please pick up a copy at the information table in the entry of the church.

Membership Class: Pastor Al will be teaching a class on six Thursday evenings beginning September 14. Please see the bulletin insert for all the details. A sign up sheet will be in the entry of the church or in the fellowship hall after the service.

Your Pastoral Search Committee Update: The Search Committee has completed Phase One and the committee has received many responses. We are currently in the process of reviewing candidates. If you know of a candidate who we should contact, please submit the name to the committee as soon as possible. A copy of the church profile is available for pastoral candidates on our church’s website: www.sjrc.org.

Stephen’s Ministry: Are you facing a health crisis? Are you fearful, anxious, confused? You are not alone! Stephen Ministers are supportive members of our church who have been trained to be a confidential resource. If you, or someone you know, would like to talk to a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Al or Brenda L.

Volunteers needed for the Family Shelter Breakfast on September 9: We still have two spots open for that date. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the social hall.

Please help our families with babies and small children! Volunteers are still needed in the Nursery: Nursery duty can be provided by couples or families. If several of you volunteer once or twice a year it helps our young mothers to fulfill their own teaching commitments and enables them to attend a full church service occasionally. *Volunteers for Sunday Morning Coffee Duty are also needed.* Please contact Patty K.

Mike M. and his family invite the church family to celebrate with them at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall this Saturday, August 26, at 7:00 pm. Reception to follow.

The new schedules for greeters, ushers, coffee servers and nursery volunteers are available and in your mailboxes in the social hall. Pick them up today!

Plan to Come!

Saturday, August 26, 9 am – 1 pm: Congregational Visioning Planning Day

Saturday, August 26, 7 pm: Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Mike M.

Sunday, September 10, 12 noon: All-Church BBQ and Potluck

Kick-off Sunday for the Church Sunday School Year

Wednesday, September 13, 7 pm: GEMS and Cadets first meeting

Saturday, September 23, 10 am: All-Church 16th Annual Bike Hike

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

Thank you, Church Family, for volunteering to help with our children’s ministries on Sunday mornings!

We still have a few openings:

Teachers for Kids’ Life

(during the morning worship service) for grades 1-6

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

Volunteer and share Christ’s love with the kids in our church and community.

You can make a difference!

Please call Grace M. for more information.

Thank you!

Deacons’ Report

July 2006: CMF (Church Ministry Fund) \$23, 114.00 vs. a monthly budget of \$26,416.00

Special Offerings for July: Faith Promise: \$798.00

Ministry Shares: \$55.00

C.A.R.E.: \$311.00

San Jose Family Shelter (breakfast supplies): \$508.00

Habitat for Humanity International: \$266.00

CRC Denominational News

CRWRC: “In Indonesia they praise our work and it seems to be getting around,” says CRWRC’s tsunami project manager, Grace Wiebe. By quickly kick starting local economies with livelihood programs, and involving locals in the design of their own homes, CRWRC has steadily gained the respect and trust of the tsunami survivors it’s working to serve. To know more about the wonderful relief work God’s doing through CRWRC, visit www.crwrc.org.

Membership Class

**Have you made a commitment to our family at San Jose Church?
Are you a member? Thought about it? Wondered?**

How do I join?

Some people simply need to do a membership transfer. Others need to make a reaffirmation of faith. Still others might be ready for their first public profession of faith.

Where am I at in this?

Come join us for 6 Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 14 to review the content of our faith with an overview of scriptural teaching. We will use the book Quest of Faith from the CRC. Pastor Al will lead this class (with lots of questions and discussion) from 7:00 – 8:30 each Thursday.

Can't do Thursdays?

Or perhaps you are uncomfortable in a group discussion? Pastor Al is ready to meet with you individually to go through Quest of Faith at your convenience.

Is there an obligation to join the church?

No, this is a time to explore your faith and the teachings of the church. It is a place to get your questions answered. Then, the decision will be yours.

Will I look foolish if I don't know much about Christianity or the church?

Absolutely not! Our goal will be to value and answer your questions to the best of our ability.

Where do I sign up?

There will be a sign up sheet in the entry of the church or in the fellowship hall after the service. Or, you can call the church office (408-266-4412) or Pastor Al (209-614-5761).

More Questions?

Please ask.