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New This Week

MY LIFE WITH ROSIE: SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

The same year that Disneyland opened in Anaheim, California in 1955, a black seamstress in Montgomery, Alabama initiated the civil rights movement in the United States when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a public bus. As part of its convocation series, and to commemorate Black History Month, Concordia University Irvine will host a screening of the 2017 award-winning documentary film *My Life with Rosie* by Rosa Parks' cousin, filmmaker and Concordia University Irvine adjunct professor Angela S. Williamson, Ph.D. of Fontana, CA. The documentary features Rosa Parks' life of activism in the years after Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Through those who knew her well, the film gives audience members a glimpse behind the stoic icon who was indeed a rebel against discrimination not only in the South in the 1960s, but also in the North, decades later. The event, being held on **Wednesday, February 27**, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm is free; open to the public, and appropriate for all ages.

PUBERTEA PARTY

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Orange is hosting its third annual Pubertea Party for girls in 3rd-7th grade on **Saturday, March 2**. Girls, bring your mom, grandma, or other female adult and hear from DCE Shelli Haynes about the amazing changes God has designed in your bodies and how to manage them. This special tea has really help strengthen the bond between daughter and mother and enabled girls to feel more comfortable talking to their moms about the changes happening to her both physically, emotionally and even spiritually. Cost of the event is \$30.00 per girl (adults are free). Girls receive a bag of products that will help ease the puberty transition. It also contains two books– *The Care & Keeping of You* as well as a devotional book. Contact DCE Joy Kaufmann for more information at joy.kaufmann@splsorange.org. Click [here](#) to register.

HEALTH MINISTRY FOCUS: STRENGTHEN YOUR HEART

Modern society still alludes to ancient ideas with phrases such as “heartfelt” and “heart of gold”, and the annual activities surrounding February 14. Yet science has shown that the brain is the organ which controls the things we once thought belonged to the heart. The heart is still extremely important and is the source of many of our health issues. More Americans die from circulatory problems than any other cause. February is American Heart Month, and the Health Ministry encourages you to learn more about the positive effects that result from good nutrition and exercise. Nurture your spiritual heart through the words of our Lord, and your physical heart through good habits. Your body, mind, and spirit will thrive. [Full Article](#)

Previously Posted

MEN'S EVENT: "Faith Lessons from Search and Rescue in the High Sierras"

This highly engaging event for men being held on **Saturday, February 16**, 9:00 am to noon at Shepherd of the Desert, Scottsdale, (9400 E. Mountain View Rd., Scottsdale) features Dean Rosnau who served on a Search and Rescue Team in the Easter Sierra Nevada mountains of California for 34 years. He uses his SAR experiences to talk about what it means to be on God's "team" (the Body of Christ) and to live out one's God-given purpose. He also gives advice on climbing and hiking safety and outdoors survival. Dean is the author of *The Shortest Straw: Search and Rescue in the High Sierra*. He is the brother of Pastor Alan Rosnau. For more information call 480-860-1188 or email Pastor Rosnau at arosnau@sotdaz.org.

HARRY & CAROLINE TREMBATH LECTURE 2019

Dr. Joel Oesch (Assoc. Professor of Theology) will present "*The Twilight of Humanity? Making Sense of Technology, Transhumanism, and the Cross*" on **Sunday, February 17**, at 3:00 p.m. in the DeNault Auditorium at Concordia University Irvine. This is the 2019 Harry & Caroline Trembath Lecture presented by Christ College. Transhumanism (H+) is the secular worldview that human nature is not fixed; humanity can initiate its own evolution by any means available. How do Christians make sense of this radical vision of human flourishing? Christians are not called to be Luddites, yet many of them are enthralled with computer technologies and seek a discerning biblical perspective from which to properly order technology's place within their lives. Dr. Oesch offers a field guide to the strange and remarkable world of transhumanist-oriented technologies and the impact these innovations have on our understanding of human nature, concluding with an accessible theological critique that grounds human identity in vocation, embodiment and community. Please RSVP to Leah Roney at leah.roney@cui.edu or 214-3531.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY ALL YEAR!

Faith Lutheran Church, Inglewood invites you to Celebrate Black History All Year with a Black History Program being held on **Saturday, February 23** at 3:00 pm. The program will include praise dancing, presentations, Negro spirituals and more. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Willie Hudson. You will be informed, enlightened and uplifted! For more information call 323-750-3552.

COME TO THE WRAP!

All pastors of the Pacific Southwest District are invited to an event that our PSW LWML is putting on this Spring. It is called: WRAP (Women Ready and Prepared). They are inviting women and officers of the Pacific Southwest District to join them for an opportunity to learn even more about the LWML and the challenges and opportunities that lay before them. All pastors are invited and there is a Breakout Session just for Pastors entitled: Supporting Women in Mission. It will be a time to gather to discuss and encourage one another as we serve the Lord of our church through the LWML. The pastors of the PSD will also choose to attend other Breakout Sessions like ... Mission Grant Selection and Distribution (just in case you need or are looking for funding for special Mission Projects that your ladies or churches are wanting to do) ... Engage and Retain Volunteers ... and Resources. This WRAP opportunity will be **Saturday, March 2**, at the Ontario Gateway Hotel from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The WRAP is free but please be aware that lunch is provided for a fee of \$15 per person paid when you arrive. If you would like to attend this event please register with Nancy Heredia nlhnlh4C@yahoo.com by February 20, so we will have the necessary materials available. Please keep in mind that this WRAP training opportunity will also take place in Phoenix on April 27 and Las Vegas on May 18.

LAY LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

Deacons, Parish Ministry Assistants, Candidates and anyone who has a desire to increase their Christian knowledge is invited to attend a Lay Leadership Workshop. Our topic will be comparative religions, where the LCMS stands in this changing world. The cost of the workshop is \$35.00 which includes materials, continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and lots of coffee.

Saturday, March 2 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Escondido, Pastor Jeffrey Horn

Saturday, March 30 at Ascension Lutheran Church, Torrance, Pastor Michael Abram

Saturday, April 13 at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Mesa, Padre Dave Poedel

Visit the [Lay Leadership website page](#) for workshop schedule and registration form.

Completion certificates available the day of your workshop to those who register in advance!!!

JIM HALLMANN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us on **Monday, March 18** at our 8th Annual Jim Hallmann Memorial Golf Tournament for the benefit of Bethesda Lutheran Communities, a ministry supporting persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Play will again be at Goose Creek Golf Club in Jurupa Valley with registration beginning at 11:00 am and shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Entry fee is \$150 per golfer. Foursome discount of \$500. Tee signs available for individuals, businesses and congregations, as well as a congregational Traveling Trophy. Prizes and donations are needed to make this event a success. For golf registration and donor information, go to hallmanngolf.weebly.com or contact Janet Cramer at janecramer@verizon.net.

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Submit News, Information & Job Postings: Email psdenews@psd-lcms.org with the 'who, what, when, where, and why' of the news item or job posting. Items must be received by 2:00 pm Wednesday.

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Prayer & Praise

Prayer & Praise also includes information on Installations, Ordinations & Retirements

Submit Prayer Requests to Kelly DeJongh at kelly.dejongh@psd-lcms.org

Praise Reports

Mike Dueppen and Gary Henze were Ordained on Sunday, February 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Prescott Valley. President Gibson officiated. Rev. Dueppen will be serving at Grace Lutheran Church, Rimrock. Rev. Henze will be serving at Saving Grace, Chino Valley. Rev. Dueppen and Rev. Henze are the first two Deacons to complete the SMP program and be ordained.

In celebration of Chinese New Year, **First Lutheran Church, El Monte** was blessed by a traditional Chinese writing artist (aka Calligrapher) and the word "Blessing" in different forms; this is the oldest writing style, traced to Qin's Dynasty (220 BC).



Continued Prayers

Rev. Edward Ambrose – vascular/orthopedic issues

Jo Ambrose – fighting bone cancer

Dora Collins - chronic pain due to auto-immune issues

Rev. Roy Gesch – macular degeneration and dementia

David Hendry – suffering from dementia

Kim Ingwersen - battling ALS, recovering from injury

Rev. Ray Kibler – immunodeficiency disease and cancer

Jenny Lawson - fighting cancer

Bob & Marla Lichtsinn - both battling cancer

Rev. Johnny Lopez - fighting cancer

Rev. Harry Matelski - fighting agent orange diabetes

Susan Matelski - inoperable deteriorating spine

Rev. Hal Teuscher – fighting cancer

Rev. Gary Trickey - fighting cancer

Karina von Hindenburg - fighting breast cancer