

# The Vistoso Voice

## Weekly

Friday, July 9, 2021

### STARTING AGAIN

The Share and Care women's group begins meeting again on Friday, July 23 at 10 am. Note the new day. The group will meet in the Church Library for a six-week session. Nancy Vander Ark (top) and LuAnn Detloff share the responsibility for guiding the group discussion. All women in the church are invited to join the group, no registration needed.



### JUST MY OPINION—FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH!

The Lord has been very gracious to us in terms of Covid's impact upon our fellowship. As a church fellowship we have also avoided all manner of vaccine controversies—and will continue to do so. For we dare not allow the world's squabbles into our fellowship. Nonetheless, as one who is motivated to watch over our fellowship, I have a recommendation for you to consider: For those who have been on the fence regarding getting vaccinated, let me suggest there are increasingly strong reasons for doing so. Consider three:

are two considerations that make this a risky option:

1. The vaccination level in Arizona has remained stubbornly below 50%, much lower in younger populations. As things steadily open up, chances of coming in contact with the virus are going to increase.
2. It is going to be possible for these more contagious variants to get into our group of mostly vaccinated individuals. If that happens, unvaccinated individuals will be at far greater risk for serious complications.

#### Interesting Vaccine Fact

Among the 20 million vaccinated in California, in the past six months there were 71 deaths. But, in the less than 20 million that were unvaccinated, there were more than 37,000 deaths. Apparently, the vaccines are quite effective.

## thisweek

July 12-18, 2021

- **Tuesday**, Summer Bible Study in Romans.
- **Wednesday**, Midweek Bible Hour, In-church and streaming at 10 am.
- **Wednesday**, Choir practice, 3:00-4:30 pm.
- **Thursday**, Good Neighbor Get Together, 10-12 am.
- **Friday**, Men's Bible Study, in-church only, at 7:30 am.
- **Sunday**, service at 10:00 am, in-church and streaming.

1. I am getting prayer requests

from ministry leaders in a number of countries regarding co-workers who have become very sick with Covid infections. They do not have access to good medical care, and unfortunately, they have not yet had access to the vaccine. They wish they did. But, we do!



2. You have no doubt heard of the virus variant making the news. There will certainly be further variants, as this is what viruses do. The vaccines have shown themselves to be extraordinarily effective against the virus variants.
3. Those who have gotten infected, even with the variants, after being vaccinated have, for the most part, had mild infections.

So what is the take-home lesson for our fellowship. Generally, speaking, an unvaccinated cohort is relatively safe *hiding* within a vaccinated population. But, there

This concerns me enough to bring it to your attention. For your own well-being and in consultation with your medical provider, I am encouraging you to consider getting vaccinated.

I am speaking primarily to those who are still sorting things out and trying to decide what to do and are open to what we have learned in the past six months of experience with the vaccine. I know the actions of the medical community and our political leadership have made skeptics out of many of us. I have continued to follow this closely, and sought my own medical guidance from individuals I trust—getting vaccinated is my best recommendation for you, and one I have followed myself. I'll be praying for you to choose what is best for you.

In His Grace,

*Kevin Redig*



# VCC VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

**Summer Feature:** As a feature for the summer, some issues of the *Weekly Vistoso Voice* will highlight the function and ministry of one of VCC's volunteer committees. This week's committee is Fellowship.

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: SUNDAY COFFEE AND SO MUCH MORE!

Fellowship has always been a vital part of the Vistoso Church ministry. As a congregation, we love gathering together. In fact one of our published core values speaks to that love:

***Our loving fellowship strengthens us.***  
Hebrews 10:24-25

### Ending a Difficult Time

When the church, in response to the pandemic, went to online services and studies in March of 2020, our fellowship activities were virtually ended. Some of the fellowship volunteers remained active during this difficult period providing meals for those in need of support and comfort. The Committee is now reviving efforts to provide fellowship opportunities for our congregation.

### Sunday Fellowship

Before Covid our Sunday fellowships had become quite elaborate—occasionally even a Sunday brunch. Virus transmission concerns, however, have caused our Fellowship Committee to make significant changes to how and what we serve:

- **Packaging.** Sunday morning treats are all packaged and served at the table. Fellowship chair, Carolyn Carson, is pictured with the bowls all ready to be filled and set on the tables for Sunday.



- **Serving.** To minimize random contact with the food or service containers, committee members pour beverages and serve any unpackaged food.

As the Covid threat diminishes, the Committee will consider ways to expand our fellowship.

### Fellowship Activities

July 3, was the red letter day that marked the first fellowship event at VCC in 558 days. The Fourth of July Barbecue and Hymn Sing, enthusiastically attended by more than 130 congregation members, was provided by a band of volunteers who did an amazing job to make it an extraordinary event.

Lynnette Prout was chair of the event and her husband Mike was observed helping with such things as setting up the tables and cutting watermelon.



These are the committee volunteers who were often joined by their hard working spouses.

- **The Dinner.** Those who bought supplies, set up, made food, served, decorated the hall, and cleaned up after included: Linda Aufmuth, Carolyn Carson, Jan Galyen, Ann Grover, Phyllis Henderson, Annette Holleman, Jeanne Montgomery, Nancy Neff, Lynette Prout, Becky Sellers, Marian Shoptaugh, Jen Sowers, Ermina Tomrell, and Cindy Tranvik.

- **The Grill.** A special thanks goes to Darwin Thornton, who handled all the work on the barbecue grill.



- **The Singing.** Dan Detloff led the hymn sing, accompanied by Dorothy Smith. Sound room support was provided by Dee Bethke, Curtiss Leroy, and Regina Bechard.

### You Can Help

Volunteers are always needed for Sunday fellowship (sign up on the board by the kitchen), special events, and for the ongoing meal ministry. If you would like to help with our vital fellowship ministry, regularly or for special events, see Carolyn Carson or leave your name at the Church office.



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