

**Friday, January 7, 2011,**

**Dear Friends,**

I saw this post below on Facebook. In the event that you don't know how Living Faith Lutheran Church came to be and how they came to hold their worship services at St. Stephen's, here's a brief history. These folks were members of Christ Lutheran Church on Tournament Road which was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

In 2008, at their national Convention, the ELCA passed a resolution welcoming gays and lesbians into their church community. Christ Lutheran, led by their current pastor, chose to leave the ELCA. The folks who are now holding their worship services at St. Stephen's wanted themselves and their families to attend an all-inclusive church, so they left Christ Lutheran, formed their own Congregation, Living Faith Lutheran, and have been holding services at St. Stephen's ever since.

Please see the following announcement. I know it is last minute, but I'd like to urge members of the SCV Community, both gay and straight, to show up at St. Stephen's on Sunday evening just before 5 PM to show our support to this Congregation who left their Church in support of gays and lesbians, and join them in welcoming their new Pastor, Rev. Challis.

***Spread the word!!***

"let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me" ...and celebration and community and congratulations!

Most sincerely,

***Malcolm Blue***

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"Living Faith Lutheran SCV"

Reverend Pam Challis - Living Faith Lutheran

Sunday, January 9th at 5:00 pm at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Valencia, CA

Please join us Sunday at our service, to be led by Reverend Dr. Guy Erwin and presided over by Reverend Pam Challis. Reverend Challis has been called to serve as Living Faith's first Pastor/Developer!

Hope you'll join us for this special service as we welcome Pastor Challis into our congregation. All are welcome!"