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The People of Love

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Our Mission Statement

***In the Spirit of Jesus,
We share our gifts with our community and the world
and invite all to join us on the journey of faith***

Pastor's Column

“Let Us Pray!”

When Bishop Steve Talmage was with us in May, he reminded us that visioning begins with prayer, a heart to heart conversation with God. After all, visioning for the church is not about what we want – our comforts and conveniences – but about what God wants. What are God's dreams for our congregation? How can we best carry out God's purposes?

To discover answers to those questions, we need to be people of prayer, people who trust in God's guidance and grace. The church is not our idea; it's God's idea and it's reasonable to assume that God can grant us wisdom and insight as we envision what this congregation can yet be.

Of course, in these busy times it is all too easy for prayer to get squeezed out – a case of the important being sacrificed for the routine. It's so easy to settle for a minute here or there. But how would that fly in even our everyday relationships. “Sorry honey, I've got a lot to do in the office. I can spare you two minutes today.” “Your friendship's important to me but I don't have time for you this week.” If communication matters in these relationships, how much more so in our heavenly one!

It comes down to a matter of priorities. I like what Thomas à Kempis in his classic work *Imitation of Christ* has to say: “If thou wilt withdraw thyself from speaking vainly and from gadding idly, as also from harkening after novelties and rumors, thou shalt find time enough and suitable for meditation on good things.”

God longs to give us good things: gifts like wisdom, joy, love, and peace, God can give us fresh perspectives and new insights as well as the courage and confidence to act on them. We've already seen the Spirit at work at our initial vision gathering in August! Thank you for sharing so many exciting ideas for our congregation's mission and ministries.

As we move forward in our visioning process, may prayer be there each step of the way. After all, as long as we have blessings to count, challenges to face, people we care about, and a mustard seed of faith, we have all we need for a prayer life that can bring us joy today and hope for tomorrow.

Blessings,
Pastor Marilyn



Church News

OSLC Potluck Picnic in the Park - September 26, 2010

Himmel Park (NE Corner)

Noon – 3:00 P.M.

Please join your fellow congregation members (and bring friends!) on Sunday for a potluck picnic in the park. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet folk from other worship services, catch up with old friends, and make new ones. There will be games for young and old, and we hope to provide musical entertainment as well.

Please sign up in the church office if you can bring snacks, main dishes, side dishes or salads, desserts, or beverages. Please bring folding chairs for yourself and/or others (you might want to write your name on them). We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, keep things running smoothly, and help with cleanup.

We look forward to seeing all of you on September 26. Please watch the Sunday bulletin and the bulletin boards for more details and updates as the date gets closer.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please email Gretchen Davis at gretchendavisslp@hotmail.com

All are invited to come!



Name Tags!

Are you wearing yours yet? Let's not drop this effort ... isn't it a lot easier to approach people when you aren't REQUIRED to remember their name? Our visitors feel this way too. Keep it up!

Acolyte & Greeter Schedules

September 2010

Acolytes:

Sept. 5 8:45: Erika Cook, Annalia Sanders, George Saphir
11:15: Willem Moss, Jarod Peck

Sept. 12 8:45: Clarice Bales, Otto Krueger, Stephen Larson
11:15: Alexis Mohler, Delia Mohler

Sept. 19 8:45: Mallory Murray, Nathan Pupach, Laurence Wolf
11:15: Taran DeVinney, Gloriana Moss

Sept. 26 8:45: Jonathan Havenhill, Claire Thai
11:15: Kodie Frye, Evan Williams



Greeters:

Sept. 5 8:45: Julia Olsen-Peterson
11:15: Nancy Johnson, David, Aiden and Kodie Frye

Sept. 12 8:45: Gloria Matson, Carol and Bill Rudeen
11:15: Taran DeVinney, J.D. McNett

Sept. 19 8:45: Ric Fetter, Terri Pupach and family
11:15: Therese Arnett

Sept. 26 8:45: Mel Riise, Donna Josephson
11:15: Alexis and Delia Mohler, Tara and Dave Harper



Christian Education

Sunday Morning Forums 10:10 A.M. Koch Chapel

Sept 5: There is No Sunday Forum

Sept. 12: “Moses, Einstein and the Big Bang: Whose Idea Was It?”

Presented by Kent Pflibsen. We're opening our fall program with a bang by having one of our favorite speakers. Kent, who is a scientist with Raytheon, will be discussing Creation — **you won't want to miss it.**

Sunday Morning Classes 10:10 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL has begun! It's never too late to register your child, just come on over to the Activity Building! There will be **NO** classes on September 5th!

Readings From Isaiah led by Pastor Marilyn **Activity Building**

Isaiah is not only the longest book in the Old Testament; it is the book most quoted by the New Testament. You are invited to join us on a journey through some of its most stirring passages that still have so much to offer for our own journeys today. There will be presentations by Pastor Marilyn, small group conversations and weekly study guides. Bring your Bible, your ideas & questions, and a cup of coffee! *(This class begins Sept. 19)*

Weekly Bible Study

Tuesday - Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m. (Chuck Jonaitis) **Patio Room**

We are now studying the book of **Romans**. Please consider joining us in this venture. Each week is facilitated by a volunteer. See you there!

NEW Wednesday Morning Opportunity for Bible Study **Patio Room** **Readings From Isaiah** 11 a.m. - Noon

Begins Sept. 22nd (This course is the same as the Sunday Morning Bible study offered for those who want a mid-week opportunity. See description under Sunday Morning)

Wednesday Night Stuff

Potluck dinner - starts at 6 p.m.

(please join us for dinner even if you are unable to bring a dish to share)

*All Classes and Kids Club meet from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
in the Activity Building.*

For September 8, 15, 22

Faith Development Classes:

Intro to the Bible (Grades, 3-5, Pr. Marilyn, AB5)

Who wrote the Bible? Why is it put together in this way? What is it composed of and how many books are there? These and other questions will be discussed in an overview of the Bible along with the general threads which make the Bible a whole and living book.

What Lutherans Believe (Grades, 6-8, Kris Wedemeier, AB7)

Two of our class meetings will focus on the Apostle's Creed, the third class will be a study on Martin Luther.

Adult Class:

“Finding Faith & Courage, with a little help from Matthew & Paul.”

Led by Cherly Austin. Build your faith and courage “muscles” as we study scripture from Matthew's gospel and Paul's letter to the Ephesians.



Council Corner

Thank you to everyone who attended the last two Visioning Forums during the 1010 hour. There were many ideas suggested during the forums and on the bulletin inserts. The ideas will be sent to the appropriate Ministries and Committees. The Ministries and Committees will then report back to council and let us all know what was done or not done and why. Council members who attended the forums were excited about all of the positive ideas and great energy that was generated by all of the attendees. A list of the ideas that were presented can be reached by going to our web site or going to this link:
<http://tinyurl.com/oslcvisioning>.

Great ideas start out slowly and sometimes don't look like they will succeed at first. If we remain positive and support those changes that will be coming, we may be very surprised at how quickly they will succeed. The newly formed group of parents of young children's first meeting consisted of its planner (Gretchen Davis). She was the only one who attended. Ten parents with their young children attended the last meeting of this group (Play Group.) These parents are already planning their own family picnic. There is room for many more parents of very young children who are in need of a group.

Speaking of picnics, our congregational picnic planning is well on its way. The picnic will be at the Northeast corner of Himmel Park on Sept 26th starting at Noon. It will be a potluck so shine up your cooking pots and look for a sign-up sheet. Gloria Alvillar and her crew are busy planning lots of fun activities for all ages.

Let all do our best to help Susan O'Brien feel welcomed. She is our new "Assistant to the Pastor" who is scheduled to start on August 23rd.

There will be some new pictures hung somewhere in the Activity Building soon. Keep your eyes open for this very pleasant surprise.

The members of the new Mutual Ministry Committee are Laurie Emery, Cheryl Austin, and Zöe Powis, This committee and the Personnel Committee members will be meeting with Terri Traaen from the Synod for more orientation and guidance.

More names tags are being worn on the Patio on Sunday mornings. What a great way to help everyone feel welcomed and included. Thanks to everyone who has been able to find their old tags and those folk who have gotten new ones. This is another good idea that is working well!!!!

As we are all aware, we continue to struggle financially. Let's keep our creative and positive ideas flowing. Prayers from everyone will be a great boost to our concerns. Please, everyone, keep your prayers coming daily. We as a council continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve our church, and our congregation. Let us know if we can help with any of your concerns.

Respectfully submitted in Christ's name,
Ginny Phillips, Council Secretary.



StewardShip

What is more pleasing to the eye and appealing to the taste buds than a well-stocked produce section just filled to the brim with beautiful fruits and vegetables. You can almost taste the crunch of the apples or the tartness of the limes. A local farmers' market can be even more fun with just as much "eye candy" fruits and veggies! I find myself often buying more than we will probably eat before it goes bad, but that's another Bible story to be saved for another stewardship article!

This month we are going to Galatians 5:22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Think about it. What could be more "stewardship" than this list!

In doing a little research for this article, I Googled "fruits of the Holy Spirit" and hit on an article at www.bible-knowledge.com/fruits-of-the-holy-spirit. According to the author, God wants to make us into "a better and more holy people" and wants to "put right thinking into our thought process." What can be more stewardship appropriate than that! Think about all the Bible references to the good stewards; they loved their position, certainly practiced self-control, practiced kindness and gentleness with those under them or who were otherwise bound to their master, they were extremely faithful and probably longsuffering. The good steward's joy and peace came in the rewards bestowed on them from their master. The same is true for us today. But while these "fruits" look wonderful in the produce department, it sure took a lot of work for someone to produce it! We cannot expect these spiritual fruits to be at their best without a lot of work from us! We need to think and pray about them constantly lest our apples become bitter and deformed.

And just to be sure we all "put right thinking into our thought process" your StewardSHIP crew has decided to make Fruits of the Spirit our theme for 2010/2011. AND it will be an interactive theme. We have all kinds of ideas for kids and adults alike. You will want to be sure to follow what's going on in the Roadrunner, the Sunday bulletins, Pastor Marilyn's sermons, and anywhere else we can find. Bet you won't look at the produce section the same again!



Community Outreach/Hunger

Grand Canyon Synod Hunger 101

'Feeding' Our Community: Addressing Hunger in our Present Day Neighborhoods.

A FREE workshop at the U. of A. Campus Christian Center

Saturday, October 16, 2010 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This workshop is designed to preview a workshop format and curriculum on the issues of hunger in our community and our world. This role simulation format lifts up the urgency of addressing hunger in our present day neighborhoods and communities, as well as throughout Arizona. A question and answer component will be included.

The Workshop Sponsors are the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod Team; Lutheran Campus Ministry - U of A, and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

The Facilitators are Teri J. Traaen, Ed.D., D.P.A., Assistant to the Bishop for Advocacy (Grand Canyon Synod-ELCA) and Rev. Ron Rude, Pastor, U of A Campus Christian Center.

To Register: Forward your name, physical address, email, phone number and organization to Teri Traaen at tjtraaen@msn.com **no later than September 25, 2010.** Registration will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Overflow registrations will be recorded for scheduling of future session.

For more information please see the Community Bulletin Board.



Calendar

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Worship & Music

Coming soon! Coming soon! Coming soon! Coming soon! Coming soon!

It's Sunday, that special time of the week when we get to come to OSLC again and worship God with our friends. We come into our beautiful church and chapel, sit down and look at the altar area and the banners. What a beautiful setting. But wait, what do you see here?

Did you ever wonder - why do we see the letters XP or IHS? On the front wall of the church, why are there tiles with pictures of hands? In the chapel, what are those symbols on the banners? And why does the Altar Guild change the color of the paraments? What are paraments anyway? Why do we see fish, circles, triangles, even a pelican?

Well, wonder no more. Starting soon in the bulletin, you will learn everything you ever wanted to know about the symbolism of the Christian church. Well, maybe not everything, but hopefully you will learn something new about our great heritage. So, start looking in the bulletin for the church symbolism section.

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Worship & Music cont.



Chancel Choir

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. -Ps. 96:1

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
Alleluia! Amen. —Fred Pratt Green

Find your place in the choir—it's easy!

Chancel Choir is about to begin a new season, and **YOU** are welcome to join us. We are making a special appeal for additional soprano and alto singers.

First rehearsal: Thursday evening, **Sept. 9**, promptly at 7:30 p.m. - Activity Bldg.

First Sunday morning rehearsal and service: **Sept. 12**, 8:00 a.m.

Questions? Please contact Norene Walters, Dir., at the church office (327-6521).



HANDBELL CHOIR INVITATION

Hello all my handbell loving friends. It is the time to get together again. We will meet on **Monday, September 13, 6:30 in the Activity Building**. I would love to see you all once more. Everyone who loves music is invited to join. A wonderful group to enjoy an evening with ringing those bells, giving angels their wings. We can always use new hands to give glory to God. So come, one and all. See you there.

Danny White
Handbell Choir Director

Did You Know?

Life Counseling Network **Is The Heat Challenging Your Mood?**

The August heat and humidity is upon us and for many of us we experience a lack of energy and irritability at times. We may even snap at whoever is in range when things do not go our way. So instead of building relationships and increasing the love and peace in our world we end up in irrational arguments.

Sometimes we may have preconceived expectations others, are not meeting, or our rules are not being followed, and this can lead to irritability. This irritability may lead to a confrontation, but in the long run confrontations do not contribute to good communication or loving and respectful relationships.

Positive relationships are like air conditioning on a hot day. Everyone feels better and more comfortable. So, instead of confronting the people we care about, why not take a couple deep breaths, step back from the situation, and give yourself the opportunity think clearly about the situation. Is it really “awful” or is it just unpleasant? Is the other person really “not doing what they should” or have you not been clear in your communication?

Communication begins in our own heads with our own self talk. We all have a running commentary going on in our minds. Our thoughts, for better or worse, impact our moods and our behavior. Changing your inner dialogue can make a huge difference for you and your loved ones not only in the August heat but anytime!

If you need help controlling your moods or improving your relationships we can help. Individual, couples and family counseling is available. Also the **Thought and Feelings** workshop is taught in Tucson and Green Valley every month. Call Sue Horst to find out more at (520) 748-2300 ext 241.

What's New in the Library

We now have a copy of *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* by Eric Metaxas, of the New York Times. The book begins by tracing Bonhoeffer's life from his affluent childhood in Berlin to Union Seminary in New York. He worked with youth at a Baptist church in Harlem which influenced his attitude about racism. The book then follows his return to Germany. The later sections deal with his attempts to help Jews escape Nazi persecution and his involvement in a plot to kill Hitler that led to his imprisonment and execution. Bonhoeffer, in his writings proclaimed, “silence in the face of evil is evil itself.”

A history buff will enjoy Metaxas' account of Germany's political devastation after the World War. Unfortunately, in response to this devastation Hitler was able to dupe the German people and the Lutheran Church.



The Endowment Committee Schedule

The Endowment Committee meets on the **third** Wednesday of the following months: **February, May, August, and November.**

For a grant to be considered, an application must be received by the **first** of that meeting month. Applications are available in the OSLC office.

Lutheran Social Services **Seeking Volunteer Receptionist**

Do you enjoy helping others and utilizing your clerical skills? Lutheran Social Services is seeking a volunteer receptionist to answer phones and provide administrative support at our office located at 5049 East Broadway, Suite 102. Whether you are retired, or seeking to further develop your resume as you transition in your employment, we would appreciate your help. If you are bilingual, we would also be interested in speaking with you. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10am-2pm. If you are interested in this position, please call Carol Ybarra at 748-2300, Ext. 234.

Events

Play Group

ATTENTION: We are now meeting **EVERY Wednesday**.

Generally, we will be in the Nursery starting at 9 A.M. Special activities are being planned. For more information contact Gretchen Davis at 269-9017 or at glm031000@hotmail.com.



Saturday Morning Monthly Ministry

Calling all Volunteers! YOU are needed to help the church buildings and campus look and function at their best. There are members of Our Saviour's who have done so much to help us be good stewards by doing many of the necessary jobs instead of paying an outside agency. Join with this dedicated group.

We had a good start last month with tree trimming. This month we will be tackling some of the additional projects that need to be done.

Work crew volunteers are needed for:

September 11, from 7:30 a.m. to around 11 a.m.

If you are interested, please contact Brent M. Borchers by phone at (520) 235-1422 or by e-mail at bmborchers@terracon.com.

Lively Lutherans

The Lively Lutherans are planning to begin the season of monthly activities with a tour of the **Philabaum glassblowing studio and gallery**. A tentative date and time are set for 10:00 am Wednesday, September 22. Cost is \$10.00 per person payable at sign up time. Please check Sunday bulletins for further information. A sign-up sheet will be posted when we have verification of the event.

CHICK FLICK NIGHT

...a group of women ages 20 to 85 gathering for food, a movie and discussion monthly!

September's movie is JUNO. We'll be making personal pizzas, we'll supply the crust, sauce & cheese, bring your favorite topping!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 6 P.M. in the Youth Center.



Craft Events

WEDNESDAY Knit-In Dates



We are on hiatus
until the Fall.
Happy Knitting!

QUILTERS

We will be starting
up on Oct. 20th.
Keep Quilting!



Women of the ELCA



September OSLC Circle Schedule

Circle meetings will be starting up in September

Hannah Lydia September 14, 1:00 p.m., Patio Room

Rebecca September 8, 1:00 p.m., Patio Room

Circle of Friends September 21, 7:00 p.m., Activity Building

All women are invited to attend our circles! Choose the day and time that works best for you!

Counting (and Sharing) our Blessings

Our annual *Women's Tea and Treasures* has been scheduled for **Saturday, September 25, from 1 – 3 p.m. in the Activity Building**. This year's treasure will be collecting school items for Prince Elementary. We will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations to purchase school supplies to give to the school.

All women are invited to attend. Watch for further announcements in the church bulletins and the September Roadrunner.

All women are invited to attend.



Notes and Notices



The Sign-up for Altar Flowers is in the Church Narthex
or call the Church Office

Thank You:

Our gratitude is extended to Betty Griffis, Chuck Jonaitis, and Dave Sheesley for their donations of shredders for the office. The Office Volunteers and Staff greatly appreciate them, as they make the work go much more smoothly. Thank you for your generosity.

Sympathy To:

Our sympathy is extended to Gary Heimbach and family on the recent death of his father, Warren Heimbach. Warren died in Tucson on Sunday, August 8, 2010. A visitation was held in Koch Chapel on Friday, August 13, 2010.

Baptisms:

Roman Christopher Strickland, son of Ryan and Emily Strickland, was baptized at the 8:45 service on Sunday, August 8, 2010.

Nicole Croteau and Taylor Lynne DeVinney were baptized at the 11:15 service on August 15, 2010. Taylor is the daughter of Nicole and Tom DeVinney. The grandparents are Kathy DeVinney and Bill and Ann DeVinney.

Other:

Congratulations to Sandy Hansen who was awarded the Michael C. Cudahy Criminal Justice Award at the State Bar of Arizona annual convention this year.





Sunday Announcement Insert:

Monday 5pm prior to Sunday

Roadrunner: By the 15th of the month prior (i.e. submit by Sept. 15 for Oct.)



Need A Ride?

We have a team of friendly, safe and reliable church van drivers to bring you to church if you live within a five mile radius of OSLC. Call Kathy Oksol if you or someone you know needs a ride. 327-6521

“Holy,
holy, holy
is the Lord God
Almighty,
who was,
and is, and is,,
to come.”

Revelation 4:8

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7:45 a.m. Chapel Communion

8:45 a.m. Traditions

11:15 a.m. Celebrations

10:10 a.m. Education
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