



Tide-ings



August 2008

Mission Statement

As members of Ocean Park Lutheran Church, we promise to be a witness of Jesus Christ by sharing the love of God and Christian faith in our community.



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From the President

They are at it again. The **Davis Family** have come up with a great topic for the fun nights. This year, we will be focusing on the environment. I thank God for such a great family. We hear about the necessity to make changes in our lives to help preserve the planet for future generations. It is in the news almost every day. But, what are the responsibilities of Christians?



For those that have made it to the events, you got a chance to visit the rain forest, the waterways, the arctic, and **Rocky's** Eco-lab. There was something for everyone. Some great discussions arose during the breakout meetings. There still are three more. Mark it on your calendar and stop in for food, fun and learning.

You may have noticed the mug shots in the narthex. The reason for these is to acquaint the congregation with the council. If you have something that you think needs some discussion, talk to one of us about it. We are here to serve you and God. We thank **Laurie Carter** for the photography.

The dishwasher has stopped functioning again. To call a Hobart repair man out from Portland is terribly expensive. Therefore we need to haul it to them. If you have a truck and are planning a trip to the big city, let us know. We will load it here and they will unload it there. With the Community Table and Fun Nights, it is important that we have it working.

A special thanks goes out to all of those who took part in the Mystery Dinner Theater. There is a lot of work that goes into the event. People stepped up to do all the chores from the table decorations to covering the windows. Not to forget the great food and excellent service. It was fun and we made some money. We had several calls wanting tickets after we had sold out. Thank you for being in the audience. We can't do it without you.

From the Pastor

August Greetings to Each of You!

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to thank you for your prayers and concern for our grandson Nick Konkler. As many of you know he was diagnosed with AM Leukemia on the 2nd of July as a result of the radiation he received when he had the brain tumor. He has completed his first session of chemo and is scheduled for another soon with the bone marrow transplant scheduled for some time in September.. He has spent most of the month of July in Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma.

Many of you have asked what can we/I do to help. Prayer is the most positive thing we can do. With God, all things are possible. Nick has a positive attitude and knows that many people are praying for him and the family.

Most of you know the process at any hospital, hurry up and wait. I just learned about what it takes to be a marrow donor. What a surprise, for the first time in my life I am too old, the age requirement is 18 - 60 and in good health. I waited to be 16, I waited to be 21, I waited to be a mother, I waited to be a grandmother and now I am too old to be a marrow donor. I appreciate the screening on behalf of the recipient. I don't like being too old!

In the church world we often talk about the insiders, regular church attendees and outsiders, those who come to visit or seldom attend. I am an outsider in the world of medicine. I don't know the language they speak, I don't know the abbreviations they use, I don't know the side effects of the drugs whose name just rolls off their lips. I hope we don't do that to any visitors that worship with us. I hope we speak clearly and without the use of jargon. I hope we work at being inclusive rather than exclusive with all those who attend our worship services.

On one of my first visits, the door to the unit was

not yet open, I read the sign, it said STOP, for family/patients of Unit 1 only/. That was me! So I pushed on the bar and the alarm went off, an automated voice demanded that I leave the area in the next 15 seconds, and then a count down began.

Well, I wasn't going to leave the area I was there to sit with Nick and I wasn't going to leave, so I stood my ground outside the locked door, with the count-down in the background. I was family of a patient in Unit 1. Finally, with the alarm sounding and my not leaving someone pressed a button to unlock the door from inside the unit and I could finally enter. As I passed the station inside, a nurse asked me if I could read. What a low blow, of course I can read.

Later in the morning I went out and checked the door on the outside of the unit and found on the far left side a small sign that stated, when the door was locked to press the grey button on the wall. The sign was no where near the STOP sign, and I felt a small victory, I was a family member of a patient in Unit 1 and I had read, just not everything on both doors or the small print.

I have often said to you that each day is a gift from God and that we should give thanks for each one that we receive. God is good, all the time, all the time God is good.

We often talk about the 23rd Psalm and Nick is walking it with God at his side and all around him. Again, Jim and I give thanks for you and your prayers. I also give thanks for the advancement in medicine that provides us the opportunity to treat leukemia.

If you have the opportunity to give blood, I hope you do so, if you are between 18 and 60 years of age and in good health, you might consider being screened to become a bone marrow donor. May you have peace in your hearts and home!

Pr Linda

Meet Your Council Member - Carol Payton



Council Member Carol Payton is a very busy person when it comes to her work for the church. Carol is associated with some 10 groups at the church on a regular basis. For the council she is our present secretary and is responsible for Music and Worship. She is a hard worker and a great asset to the council.

Carol spent 35 years as an Registered Nurse and is now retired. While securing her RN Diploma, she met the *love of her life*, her late husband Loel. Loel was an orderly in the hospital that she was working in at the time. They have four children, seven grandchildren and one great grand child. She truly loves her family and spends as much time as possible with them.

Her religious training began at the Methodist church. At the age of 10, she started going to the Lutheran Church and has been a Lutheran since. She will be putting some of that training to use this fall when she begins teaching the first year confirmation class. She has also taught Sunday School off and on for the past 30 years. Her fun times are spent doing puzzles, reading, gardening and walks on the beach.

She would like to see our church continue to be active in the community. She feels that we are doing a great job, but there is always more to do. She feels that we still need share God's love with the unchurched and children of the community.

Updates for Nick Konkler
are found at
Carepages.com
NickNack08
Register one time
Easy to use!
Please be positive and
share a joke!

July Stewardship Report

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us. . .

Our time. . .	
July 6	92
July 13	96
July 20	86

Ourselves. . .

Our possessions. . .	
July 6	\$3,920
July 13	3,368
July 20	1,077

. . . signs of your gracious love, receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.



August 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00-2:00 Car Show and Shine!
3 PENTECOST 12 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	4 10:00 Golf at Surf- side 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 1	5 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 Text Study in Surfside	6 9:00 Foot Clinic 5:30 Summer Fun Nights	7 9:00 Quilting 11:00 Grief/Loss Support	8	9
10 PENTECOST 13 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	11 10:00 Golf at Surf- side 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 2	12 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study in Surfside 5:30 Council	13 5:30 Summer Fun Nights	14 9:00 Quilting	15	16
17 PENTECOST 14 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	18 10:00 Golf at Surf- side 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 3	19 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study in Surfside	20 1:00 Book Club 5:30 Summer Fun Nights	21 9:00 Quilting 5:30 Grief/Loss Support	22 1:00 Parkinson's Support	23
24 PENTECOST 15 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	25 10:00 Golf at Surf- side 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 4	26 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study in Surfside	27	28 9:00 Quilting	29	30
31 PENTECOST 16 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's						

Groups Serving in July

	<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	<i>Worship Steward</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
August 3	Lois Brass Svend and Henne Jensen	Bob Lindberg	Dorothy Kenrud	Dwayne Smallwood	The Davis Family	Rocky Davis
August 10	Ann Powell Gulvie Lindberg	Carol Payton	Rose McCabe	Stephanie Johnson	Dave Kingsbury	Jennifer Na- varre and Gary Hansen
August 17	Bud and Ethel Rnyan	Gary Hansen	Claude Langridge	Joyce Jones	Bob Lindberg	Michael Johnson
August 24	Gary and Lorna Hansen	Rita Smith	Volunteer Needed!	Peggy Mills	Jim Wirth Mike Tompkins	Kevin Johnson
August 31	The Davis Family Pat Yakavonis	Rose Wallace	Theresa Greer	Joel Niemi	Karl Johnson	Chelsea Smallwood

Altar Guild - Stephanie Johnson

Assisting Minister - Bill Brooks

August Birthdays

9 - Mary Connell
9 - Alisa Patten
14 - Sadra Farrell
17 - Bev Thompson
20 - Gordon Duscha
21 - Terry McCabe
23 - Sidsel Tompkins
26 - Bob Lindberg



29 - Elias Patten
31 - Lorraine Cagle

August Anniversaries

3 - Lowell and Ann Norris
5 - Jerry and Elaine Kettwig
7 - Jim Wirth and Linda Smith
18 - Jerry and Anne Furgurson

FISH NEEDS YOUR HELP Donations are desperately needed for FISH. Meals in a can (spaghetti, ravioli, etc) and peanut butter are easy gifts. Please leave your donation in the basket in the narthex.

WELCA MEETINGS thru September 2008

Put these times on your calendar now!

- Bible Study Small Group, 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. (August 27, September 24). Additional small groups and times to be added later.
- WELCA Social & Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of every other month at 10 a.m. - September 10.

COMMUNITY TABLE We continue to serve Monday lunches every week from 11:30 to 1:00. A staff of six teams, along with coordinators Sidsel and Mike Tompkins and assisted by Curt Davis, provides food and plans for their week. We welcome people of the community to come, eat here or take a meal home...and to others!

Car Show and Shine to Benefit the Community Table and our Youth Group

Saturday August 2, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

24002 U Street, Ocean Park

NO ENTRY FEE!

Any year make or model of car, truck, motorcycle or any other motorized vehicle
WELCOME!



Even a work in progress. Bring a lawn chair and sit and visit
There will be door prizes. Music-Oldies/Goodies.

A hot dog, chips and a drink available for only \$3.00
proceeds going to Community table and OPLC youth Group.
Contact Jim Wirth for more information - 665-2420.

Mystery Dinner Theater

A Huge Success!

Director Bob Lindberg has done it again!
The 2008 Mystery Dinner Theater, "You Have the Right to Remain Silent", was a smash!

Bob recruited a number of talented actors, set builders, an awesome kitchen crew (thank you to Chef Curt Davis!), and found another delightful mystery for us to enjoy over dinner.

When will be the next Mystery Dinner Theater? Ah....that's the Mystery!



*The Cast of "You Have the Right to Remain Silent"
Frank Lehn, Ann Powell, Jennifer Larson, Karl Johnson, Rose Wallace, Sandi Hansen, Dwayne Smallwood, Mark Byrd, Kevin Johnson. Not pictured: Ed Ahlers.*

You Are Invited to
A Birthday Celebration

In Honor Of

Gordon Duscha

Saturday, August 23
4 to 7 p.m.

Peninsula Senior Center

RSVP
360.665.5600

No Gifts Please. Your Presence is
Present Enough!

Need your lawn mowed?

Call Janet Herman at 642-4201.



Recipe of the Month - August

Taiwan Chicken with Walnuts

My mother hated to cook, but when she did, it was always great!

This is one I remember from being a kid.

- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tsp. Salt
- Peanut oil

- 2 chicken breasts, cut in 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 T. cornstarch
- 1 T. sherry
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tsp. soy sauce

- 1 green pepper, 1/2 inch dice
- 1 onion, 1/2 inch dice

- 1 tsp. sugar

- Hot steamed rice

Ahead of time: Boil walnuts in salted water for 6 to 8 minutes. Drain and cool. Fry in small amount of oil until golden. Cool.

Place chicken in bowl; add cornstarch, sherry and 1/4 cup soy sauce, stirring to mix well. Cover and refrigerate. Refrigerate green pepper and onion until ready to cook.

Just before serving: Heat enough oil to cover the bottom of skillet or wok, add chicken mixture, and stir fry for five minutes. Immediately remove from pan. Add more oil, cook green pepper and onion for three minutes. Stir in sugar and remaining soy sauce; cook and stir for another minute. Return chicken to pan; add walnuts. Heat, stirring, for just a few seconds until all is hot. Immediately serve over steamed rice.

4 to 6 servings.



Do you have a recipe you'd like to share with your church family?

Drop it off in the office with Curt

or email it to Laurie at laurie.carter16@gmail.com

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Our Service Men and Women

Each month we will be highlighting our men and women who are serving in the military. We'll start with those on our prayer list. Contact Mary-Ellen Langridge for more information at 665-5615.

Bryce Jaquith



Staff Sergeant Bryce Jaquith, son of Carol Wright, joined the United States Air Force at the age of 17 as part of their “delayed entry program”. He graduated from Ilwaco High School in June of 2003 and was sent to Lackland AFB the following August for Basic Military Training. Bryce’s Basic was interrupted temporarily by an emergency appendectomy, which set him back a few weeks. After graduating, he attended technical training in Mississippi to become an Avionics Technician (he works on the electronic components of aircraft).

His first assignment was Mildenhall AFB in England, where he spent two years. In 2006, he was stationed at Offutt AFB in Omaha, Nebraska, where he continues to serve. In July 2007, he married his high school sweetheart, Rachael Zimmerman.

Bryce received his Staff Sergeant stripes this past May. He will leave in August for his third deployment to Qatar in the Persian Gulf. Rachael plans to graduate from the University of Nebraska in Omaha in December with a Bachelor’s degree in History.