



Tide-ings



December 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

The council is starting to prepare for the New Year as 2008 is almost over. The nomination committee has been activated and is busy lining up candidates to fill the positions that have completed their three years. You may be asked to put your ideas to work with the council. Please consider it as part of the Lord's work and say yes.

This year two great people are saying goodbye to the council. Our secretary, **Carol Payton**, who has kept track of what we did the last meeting and has done a great job at keeping our maturing minds up to date. And of course the great organizer of special events, **Lois Brass**, will be taking a break. I do not expect either of these two will sit back as we move into the New Year.

The council had a discussion as to how important special events are to our congregation, financially. We discussed if it would be better if we just asked people to donate more and not have to work as much. We looked at the fellowship of the events, the public relations of the events as well as the extra money that is a result of the events. It was a general feeling that these are a benefit not only to our church family, but also to the community in general. Without these events we would not be able to pay our bills.

The council held a special meeting to discuss the results of the recent survey. Two things stood out. One of those was the desire to have more small discussion group "get togethers". In answer to this concern, two special group discussion groups have been set up. On Mondays at 1:15 you have a chance to come and discuss modern Christian concerns. Another group was tried on Sunday afternoons for those who work during the week. No one showed up on Sunday, however the Monday group is alive and well. Why don't you join us?

One of the other concerns was that the same people are always involved. It was reported that there is always a sign up sheet available. So everyone is asked to take part. Take some time out of your busy lives to help with God's work. It was felt by the council that there is opportunity for those who wish to participate.

Each month we teeter on the edge as we look at expenses as opposed to donations. Maybe this Christmas instead of spending that extra ten dollars on something that would be put in someone's closet and eventually end up at the yard sale, maybe give it to God's work. We have a great ministry going on at Ocean Park Lutheran, let us keep it going.

Have a great advent season and remember why we celebrate this time of year.



From the Pastor

December Greetings to Each of You!



Here we are at the beginning of the new church year while we are winding down the end of the calendar year. A time filled with anticipation and hope.

I want to thank all of you for your participation in the congregational review. Your responses have helped the

Council focus on two areas for next year. Small groups and Bible study. We have begun already to build time for small groups with our conversation and coffee on Monday afternoons. In January we will add a Sunday time as well. If there is interest we could do an evening as well.

I would like to welcome:

Miriam Galbraith as our new musician. She will be playing for us the first three Sundays of the month.

Rita Smith, will play the fourth and fifth Sundays when she is available.

Bud Runyan, choir director.

We will welcome the Gospel band when they

can play and if you play any kind of instrument, please let Bud know. As we enter a new phase in the area of music, I am thankful for the gifts that are so willingly offered.

December brings wonderful opportunity for fellowship, Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM we will have supper followed at 6:30 PM with Holden Vespers. Help in setting up in the afternoons would be appreciated. Just let me know if you are available.

On Wednesday the 17th prior to supper 4:30 PM we will decorate the Christmas tree. All are welcome to participate.

On Sunday the 21st please bring cookies/goodies to share at Coffee Time following worship.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 7 PM, please invite your neighbors and friends to join us for worship.

I have a great deal to be thankful for this year and each of you are part of my blessings. May you find hope and happiness in your heart.

Peace to each of you!

Pr Linda

MINNESOTA QUARTERS ALERT (IMPORTANT)

Hang on to any of the new Minnesota Quarters you may have or acquire. They may be worth MUCH MORE than 25 cents! The US Mint announced today that it is recalling all of the Minnesota quarters that are part of its program featuring quarters from each state.

This action is being taken after numerous reports that the new quarters will not work in parking meters, toll booths, vending machines, pay phones or any other coin operated devices.

The problem lies in the unique design of the Minnesota quarter, which was designed by a couple of Norwegian currency specialists, Sven and Ole. Apparently the duct tape holding the two dimes and the nickel together keeps jamming up the machines.

Meet Your Council Member - Gary Hansen



If you have been wondering who is responsible for much of the recent work on our church, it has been Gary Hansen and his crew. Gary is the chair of the committee on buildings and grounds. We have seen our church change color in the last few months and that has been because of the preservation work that has been led by Gary. Many other jobs have been completed by him which are not as evident.

Gary spent most of his early life in Eugene. According to him, he was a juvenile delinquent and spent some time being punished for his deeds. One of those punishments was to council young people who were also in trouble. He says that he learned a lot from this early life experience and helped him make some important decisions in his life.

Gary has raised three children, two girls and a boy. He now has five grandchildren. We are most familiar with Jennifer and Tommy as they proudly sit with their grandfather during Sunday services. His partner is Lorna, who we all know and appreciate.

He spent most of his adult life in the Portland-Vancouver area, where he had his own business in drywall construction for 35 years. After retiring, he moved to the beach and became a member of our church four years ago.

The members of OP Lutheran are awesome according to Gary. The most important part of his life are his family and his church family. He is excited about the fellowship and unity that is so evident in our church family. He feels that his church choice was one of his best choices he has made.

November Stewardship Report

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

Our time. . .

November 2	80
November 9	74
November 16	74
November 23	69

Ourselves. . .

Our possessions. . .

November 2	\$4,107
November 9	2,680
November 16	891
November 22 - Bazaar	1,632
November 23	1,188

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

I recently learned that SJU Lutheran Church in Seattle, Honored Pr. John Recher, a former pastor for the congregation, during the 1980's and 1990's by naming him Pastor Emeritus of the congregation. The event occurred on Sunday November 16.

You will remember that Pr. Recher led our congregation on a ministry evaluation earlier this month, and indicated that he was then retiring from his work in the Region 1 congregations and in congregations of the Olympic Archdiocese of the Episcopal Church. This was work he carried out for roughly 25 years—some of it after he retired from active parish leadership.

~*Helen McBride*



December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 6 1:15 DVD and Conversation with Pastor	2 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study	3 5:30 Advent Dinner 6:30 Holden Vespers 7:00 Choir Practice	4 9:00 Quilting 11:00 Grief/Loss Support	5	6
7 ADVENT 2 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	8 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 1 12:00 Worship Planning 1:15 DVD and Conversation	9 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study 5:30 Council	10 12:00 WELCA 5:30 Advent Dinner 6:30 Holden Vespers 7:00 Choir Practice	11 9:00 Quilting	12	13
14 ADVENT 3 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	15 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 2 1:15 DVD and Conversation	16 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study	17 4:30 Tree Decorating 5:30 Advent Dinner 6:30 Holden Vespers 7:00 Choir	18 9:00 Quilting 5:30 Grief/Loss Support	19	20
21 ADVENT 4 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	22 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 3 1:15 DVD and Conversation	23 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study	24 7:00 Candlelight Worship	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27
28 CHRISTMAS 1 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	29 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 4 1:15 DVD and Conversation	30 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study	31			

Groups Serving in December

	<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	<i>Worship Steward</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
December 7	Lois Brass	Gary Hansen	Claude Langridge	Joyce Jones	Bob Lindberg	Rocky Davis
December 14	Pansy Anderson and Bob Mettler	Rita Smith	Sue Kennedy	Peggy Mills	Jim Worth Mike Tompkins	Jennifer Navarre
December 21	Please bring goodies to share!	Rose Wallace	Theresa Greer	Candy Cullen	Karl Johnson	Kevin Johnson
December 28	Ann Powell	Bette Arne	Svend and Henne Jensen	Sidsel Tompkins	Terry McCabe	Deanna Smallwood

Altar Guild - Kathy Aase

Assisting Minister - Bud Runyan

December Birthdays

1 - Janet Stomp
1 - Joel Niemi
3 - Pansy Anderson
4 - Dwayne Smallwood
12 - Ray Connell
13 - Peggy Mills
17 - Fred Fredrickson
18 - Rocky Davis
22 - Kathy Aase
23 - Carol Weisenborn



24 - Debra Kingsbury
24 - Waldo Lindberg
27 - Anja Patten
27 - June Lauzon
29 - Rose McCabe

December Anniversaries

9 - Marcia and Ron Peterson
27 - Udell and Cathy Shaw
29 - Rita and Kent Smith

FISH NEEDS YOUR HELP

Donations are desperately needed for FISH. Meals in a can (spaghetti, ravioli, etc), dry cereal, jams, jellies, bread, and peanut butter are easy gifts. Please leave your donation in the basket in the narthex.

NEW ACOLYTES Helen McBride is seeking new acolytes. If this is a ministry you're interested in, please contact Helen.

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, 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!

WELCA MEETINGS SET FOR THE YEAR Mark your calendars now for these dates: Meetings on March 11, 2009 and May 13, 2009 at 10 a.m. Bible Studies on December TBA, March 25, 2009, April 22, 2009, and May 20, 2009 at 1 p.m.

A Thank You from Church Support!

Our congregation has come together with willing hearts to support God's work in our community. Each fund raising even has been blessed with willing workers who have enjoyed the opportunity to have fellowship while accomplishing our goals. Many thanks to those who donate time and talent, those who donate material support, and those who encourage and pray for our church.

Again, thank you and may God bless us all.
~*Lois Brass*



The Deadline for the
January Tide-ings is
Sunday, December 28

Giving...

A Good Idea Any Time of the Year

Many of you already know that I spend most of my time these days selling vintage items on eBay and other venues. A couple of years ago I approached the church council with a proposal that they establish an eBay and PayPal account so that we can choose items that have been donated to us to list online for the whole wide world to buy (instead of just the folks in our immediate area). This year thus far we've taken in over \$400 in online sales. For the past couple of years, we've "cherry picked" our garage sale, estate sale, auction and bazaar items and listed the ones that we thought might bring a higher price online.

But there is a disconnect in the timing of items. The best months for selling online are from October through May, and we typically have our sales in the Spring and Summer months. So we miss the best months for selling items online because we don't have a flow of items being donated during that time period. We thought that letting you know about this dilemma might encourage you to donate items that you no longer need year round.

Such a variety of items are donated! I don't have expertise in all of them and often don't know whether or not a particular item sells well on eBay. I have to do a bit of research to figure that out. Having the time to do the research helps us to make good decisions about where best to offer the item. So whenever you declutter your home and decide you want to part with some items, please consider bringing them to the church office for us to evaluate. We'll either list them online or add them to the stash for the next local sale.

~*Rose Wallace*

Recipe of the Month - December

Scripture Cake (Christmas Cake from the Bible)

From a book owned by Rose McCabe

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| 1 cup Judges 5:25 (last clause) | 1 tsp Leviticus 2:13 |
| 1-3/4 cups Jeremiah 6:20 | 3-3/4 cups First Kings 4:22 |
| 1/4 cup Proverbs 24:13 | 1 cup Genesis 24:11 |
| 6 Job 39:14 | 2 cups First Samuel 30:12
(second clause) |
| First Kings 10:2 | 2 cups Revelation 6:13 |
| 3 tps Amos 4:5 | 1 cup Numbers 17:8 |

This recipe originated from President Madison's wife, Dolly, who was deeply religious and very secretive about her fine cooking. She wrote the cake recipe using Scripture so her imitators would have to read the Bible to bake the cake.

Here's the recipe with the ingredients listed, to make it easier!

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| 1 cup butter or margarine | 1 tsp salt |
| 1-3/4 cups sugar | 3-3/4 cups flour |
| 1/4 cup honey | 1 cup water or buttermilk |
| 6 eggs | 2 cups raisins |
| 1-1/2 tsp cinnamon | 1 cup chopped almonds |
| 1/2 tsp ground cloves | 3 tsp baking powder |
| 1 tsp allspice | 1 tsp baking soda |
| 1 tsp nutmeg | |

Heavily grease a 10-inch tube or bundt pan, or 2 loaf pans. In a large bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat butter until smooth. Add sugar gradually at low speed. Beat well. Blend in honey at low speed. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well at medium speed after each addition. Combine in a separate bowl, spices, baking powder, soda, salt, and 3-1/4 cups flour. Add dry ingredients alternately with buttermilk. Toss reserved 1/2 cup flour with raisins, figs, and almonds. Gently fold into batter. Pour into pan(s). Cut through batter with a knife to distribute evenly. Bake at 300 degrees for about 1-1/2 hours. Test for doneness. Cool in pan for 30 minutes. Turn out onto rack to cool completely. It's delicious plain or with a thin glaze.

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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Prayer
Shawl
Thank
You
Notes

October 10th
Dear MEL,
You "made my day" earlier
in the week! Yes, indeed, re-
ceiving the lovely shawl was
such a nice surprise and I
say thank you, thank you.
I will wrap it around my
shoulders and be cozy warm
remembering my friends at
O.P. Lutheran.
I am doing okay. I miss
Gene very much but thanks
to family and friends here at
Concordia it gets easier each
day. I am also attending a
very good Grief/Share course
at church.
With thanks & love,
Karis

God bless you
for being so kind-
It meant even more
than you know.

I thank you so very much
for the Prayer Shawl, it is
so beautiful and warm too.
I am doing real good and
am having NO problems now.
Love you all
Della.