



Tide-ings



June 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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Notes from the Council President

First I would like to thank you for the honor of being your president this year. It amazes me the many activities that are being held for such a small congregation. It makes me feel blessed to have found such a caring congregation. Not only do we help one another, but our hearts go out to many in the community that need our help.

It seemed like there was a great deal of fun going on at the yard sale. Sometimes I feel that the amount of fellowship that goes on during an event like this is more important than the money that we earn. Of course, I do not want to belittle the work that went on in the preparation. But, even then, there was a great amount of camaraderie going on. We have some great people doing God's work.

Talking about money, during the last few months we have been teetering on the edge as far as finances are concerned. Everyone is feeling the increase at the pumps as well as at the stores. We are a little more hesitant to open our purses to carry on God's work. We have a good thing going, let us keep it up. Take a look at the treasurer's report posted in the hall.

Rose Wallace has given her time to establish some great ways to promote our many programs at the church. She will take items that could be sold on

E-bay and make money for the church. She gets these items from you and leftovers from the yard sale. Talk to her about it and recycling we will go. She also reminded me that the church is still interested in doing estate sales. So, if you know anyone who is moving or needs to have a major sale, let her know. We are also considering opening a store on the net. The store would sell things with the church logo on them. No overhead, just profit.

In July, the church is planning to have a float in the Fourth of July parade. Things are moving forward. I hear that it will be an Ecology theme this time. Several of you will want to get involved in the actual building of the float. It should be a lot of fun and will help us become more visible in the community

We have a great council this year as always. The council has several things on the table. We have been approached by the Alcoholics Anonymous about having their meetings at the church on Sunday evenings. We have considered the proposal and accepted it. They would be able to move their meeting if we need to use the church for some other reason. We felt that is would be a great way to help some who are in need.

Gary Hanson continues to update our church structure. And if you have talked to him he needs two things-extra hands and money for supplies. And as some of you know his Saturday work

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From the Pastor

Summer Greetings to Each of You!

My how the economy has changed! I hear talk of \$5 a gallon for gas will be with us soon. I have already had one visitor tell me they won't be here as often because of the price of gas, and that was before it was above \$4 a gallon. We have all seen the price of food increase as well. All of these impacts "discretionary funds" and we may see fewer visitors this summer.

In the office we continue to keep expenses as low as possible, however it would be helpful if you have any items to pick up you would do so in order to reduce mailings. As you know postage has gone up and we read that water is going up as well. Thank you so much to those who are willing to receive the newsletter via e-mail.

For some good news, **Gary Hanson** has work parties scheduled the last Saturdays of June and July. A plan for a drought tolerant garden has been suggested in place of the lawn on the west side of the building. **Harding Carlson** has offered to mow the strip of grass next to the hedge and last week **Jerry Kettwig** mowed all grass areas. Thank you all for your hard work!

The choir will sing through the end of the month and will sing at Oysterville on July 27 with a theme of peace and multi-cultural languages based on our Peace Pole Park. We have enjoyed their leadership under **Barbara Bate's** direction. They will take July and August off. **Rose Wallace** is heading up a schedule for special music for the summer.

The Study, "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" has been an interesting class and we will continue with a class on Isaiah during June on Mondays at 1:15 p.m.

Congratulations to **Andrea Patton** on the launching of her baking business! We have all the beneficiary of her practice and know that her goods are tasty and wholesome.

The Genesis youth group from Portland area will be here Tuesday June 24. They will present a music/drama program at 7 p.m. You may recall they have been here before and they stay overnight in the church. There are 27 youth and seven adults; we will host them for dinner and provide breakfast

as well. If you would like to help with either meal please let **Jerry Furgurson** know. Mark your calendars - they are great!

The former garden/storage shed has been successfully transformed into a shed for Community Table. The labor, the interior materials, and roofing were donated and now a new energy efficient freezer has been purchased and is in place. Thank you to all members of the work crews and donors!

May you have peace in your hearts and homes.

~ Pr Linda



President Notes

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"funs" are a great time for fellowship and good food. The next one is already being planned. Gary and his gang are doing some great work to maintain God's house for us.

The mystery theater is beginning rehearsals. We have scheduled it in mid-July. It will be the usual mystery and mayhem. Tickets will go on sale in early July. Plan to spend the night with good food, good people and of course good intrigue.

The Council is proud to serve you and interested in what you feel about the workings of the church. We welcome your input. What direction would you like Ocean Park Lutheran Church go? What new activities would you like to see? Use coffee time to let us know your feelings.

Speaking of coffee, Curt tells me that we need more people to sign up for the coffee hour after service. It is a good time to welcome our guests and talk to our fellow Christians. See Curt in the office and he will give you the details.

~ Bob Lindberg

May Stewardship Report

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

Our time. . .

May 4	74
May 11	85
May 18	78
May 25	84

Ourselves. . .

Our possessions. . .

May 4	\$2,591
May 11	1,448
May 18	1,375
May 25	2,548

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

Our total income for May, including the Yard Sale proceeds was \$9,786.65 and our expenses for May were \$8,305.66.

May Community Table Report

In the month of May, Community Table has served 227 people. We have received donations from the Women's League of St. John Lutheran Church, and also from one of the people that we regularly serve.

Thanks to **Ann Powell** and her associate **Craig Masson** for arranging to purchase the Community Table freezer at a discount. They picked it up and delivered it to our new shed. Our supplies have been moved and the Community Table shed is now fully stocked. We are awaiting approval by Pacific County Health of our kitchen set-up and we anticipate no problems in becoming fully certified.

Community Table can only function due to the generous contributions of time and effort by all the cooks, servers, cookie bakers, clean-up volunteers, delivery drivers, and all the people who support us through your donations and prayers. Thanks so much to everyone.

~ Mike and Sidsel Tompkins



Chelsea Smallwood looked very pretty in her black, white, and turquoise dress for her Confirmation last month. Chelsea is the daughter of Heather and Dwayne Smallwood.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHELSEA!

Summer Fun Nights!

Coming Soon! The theme this year will be "Taking Care of Creation".

Rita Smith is recruiting fun-loving people for five short plays which will be produced as 'readers theater' during Summer Fun Nights. No theater experience is necessary and only a couple of rehearsals. If you have ever thought about testing the theatrical waters, give readers theater a try. There are no lines to memorize! For more information, contact Rita at 665-0028 or rsmith046@centurytel.net.

More information is on the way!

June 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PENTECOST 3 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	2 10:00 Golf at Surf- side 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 4 1:15 Bible Class	3 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:30 Text Study in Surfside 11:30 Staff Meet- ing	4 5:00 Youth Group 7:00 Shawl Ministry	5 9:00 Quilting 11:00 Grief/Loss Support 7:00 Choir	6 1:00 Take Control Medication Awareness at Surf Pines	7
8 PENTECOST 4 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	9 10:00 Golf at Surf- side 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 1 1:15 Bible Class	10 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:30 Text Study in Surfside 5:30 Church Council	11 9:30 Foot Clinic 7:00 Shawl Ministry	12 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Choir	13	14
15 PENTECOST 5 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	16 10:00 Golf at Surf- side 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 6 1:15 Bible Class	17 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:30 Text Study in Surfside	18 1:00 Book Club 5:00 Youth Group 7:00 Shawl Ministry	19 11:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 5:30 Grief/Loss Support 7:00 Choir	20	21
22 PENTECOST 6 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	23 10:00 Golf at Surf- side 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 5 1:15 Bible Class	24 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:30 Text Study in Surfside	25 9:15 Lifeline Screening 1:00 WELCA Bible Study 7:00 Shawl Ministry	26 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Choir	27 1:00 Parkinson's Support	28 9:00 - 1:00 Church Beautifica- tion Work Party and Lunch
29 PENTECOST 7 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	30 10:00 Golf at Surf- side 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 2 1:15 Bible Class				<p>Look for our Float in the Ocean Park 4th of July Parade!</p>	

Groups Serving in June

	<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	<i>Worship Steward</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
June 1	Dave and Debbie Kingsbury	Lois Brass	Russ Jones	Rod Anderson	Gordon Duscha	Kevin Johnson
June 8	Mike and Sidsel Tompkins	Bob Lindberg	Dorothy Kenrud	Dwayne and Chelsea Smallwood	The Davis Family	Lowell Norris
June 15	Russ and Joyce Jones	Carol Payton	Carole Barger	Stephanie Johnson	Dave Kingsbury	Chelsea Smallwood
June 22	Peggy Mills Dorothy Kenrud	Gary Hansen	Claude Langridge	Joyce Jones	Bob Lindberg	David Davis
June 29	Jerry and Ann Furgurson	Rita Smith	Sue Kennedy	Peggy Mills	Jim Wirth and Mike Tompkins	Deanna Smallwood

Altar Guild - Shirley Brooks

Assisting Minister - Curt Davis

June Birthdays

4 - Walt Sidick
 7 - Bette Keith
 10 - Pastor Linda
 10 - Nancy Prechel
 12 - Rod Anderson
 13 - Mary Ellen Langridge
 29 - Twins Lorna Hansen and Linda Capps
 29 Jim Wirth
 30 - Deanna Smallwood



June Anniversaries

2 - Kim and Andrea Patten
 4 - Gene and Doris Hunze
 12 - Russ and Joyce Jones
 16 - Jack and Helen McBride
 19 - Svend and Henni Jensen
 20 - Dwayne and Heather Smallwood
 21 - Lyle and Ann Powell
 24 - Larry and Janet Stomp
 28 - Clint and Laurie Carter
 29 - Carl and Mary Evelyn Long

“HOW LUTHERANS INTERPRET THE BIBLE” Mondays at 1:15 p.m. at the Church, hosted by Pastor Linda. In June, Isaiah will be discussed.

WELCA MEETINGS for April thru September 2008

Put these times on your calendar now!

- Bible Study Small Group, 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. (June 25, July 23, 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. - July 9, 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!

The following is info in regards to the Genesis group coming on June 24th

FRIENDS FOREVER

The yardstick by which students measure themselves is still popularity. How many friends do they have? What do others think of them? And, something else hasn't changed: friends, even good friends, at some point let you down.

"A man of many companions may come to ruin" says the Proverb, "but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." That friend is Jesus Christ, and He has not changed. Ten years ago he was the truest friend you could have, and He still is. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Our ambition in writing, "Friends 4ever" is that your youth will discover, along with the four friends in the story, what makes a good friend, and how to be one. But most importantly, we want them to know the best and truest Friend they will ever have-Jesus. Life changes, Friends change. But Jesus doesn't.

~ Steven V. Taylor and Karla Worley



Musical Notes from the Worship and Music committee

The date for Oysterville Vespers has been changed to July 27. The choir will be learning multi-cultural music for that occasion. If you want to be a part of that service, please come to choir on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

The choir will be on hiatus during the summer months starting in July. We are looking for people to do special music during that time. If you can sing or play an instrument, please let Barbara Bate or Carol Payton know and we will get you signed up. You do not have to be a choir member to do this.

Donation Opportunity!

We are looking for donations for beauty bark for the church. Our goal is 10 yards. The bark costs \$40.00 per yard. We would be happy with donations for all or part of a yard.

Take Control Medication Awareness

The Olympic Area Agency on Aging Nurse Services will be presenting a seminar that all area seniors are encouraged to attend. Topics covered include Safe Handling of Medicines; Communicating with your Doctor and Pharmacist; Basic Medication Guidelines; and Common Medicines taken by Older Adults. This fun-filled event will be held on Friday, June 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Surf Pines Apartments, 141 - 1st Avenue West in Ilwaco. For more information, please call 1-866-582-1487.



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When: Wednesday, June 25, 2008

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Recipe of the Month - June It's Asparagus Season!

Asparagus Casserole with Turkey or Chicken

1/2 stick margarine

1 pound raw asparagus

○ 1 cup chopped turkey or chicken - cooked

1/4 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

1 (8-oz) box corn muffin mix

1 can cream of mushroom soup

Melt margarine in 8x8-inch baking pan. Arrange asparagus over the top of the margarine. Spread turkey or chicken over it and sprinkle the cheese over the top. Prepare muffin mix per box instructions. Pour batter over other mixture. Bake at 400° for 30 minutes or until golden brown. Combine 1/2 cup water with the soup. Heat until hot. Pour over casserole when ready to serve. Serves 4.



Asparagus Tips: Selection, Handling, and Storage

•Look for firm, straight spears with closed, compact tips.

The stalks should be crisp, not wilted. To test for freshness, try bending a spear; if it bends very little before snapping, it's fresh

•Contrary to public perception, slender spears aren't necessarily the most tender. Plump spears tend to be the more tender and succulent and are ideal for dishes using asparagus as an entrée.

•Buy uniformly sized spears to ensure even cooking.

•Like fresh cut flowers, asparagus is best enjoyed immediate after purchasing. However, it can be stored in the refrigerator,

○ cut ends resting in an inch or two of cool water. Or, wrap cut ends in a moist paper towel, cover the paper towel with plastic, and refrigerate.

•To clean, wash in cool water.

•To prepare, snap off the end of each spear, or trim with a knife.

•Never overcook asparagus.



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.

Sgt. Scott C. D. Giffin



Scott joined the Army in 2003 and had several training assignments.

This picture is Scott and his grandma, MaryAnn Giffen. It was

taken after his tour in Korea. The smaller photo from 1960 is Scott's dad, taken after his tour in Korea. Both are 17 years old.

Scott is in the same unit, the Black Lions, as his dad was.

Scott is a Spec 5 now. He was promoted after his return from Iraq out of Ft. Lewis. He's now stationed at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. Look for it on your map. He's been training all around the United States. He will be disarming roadside bombs when he returns to the Middle East for 18 months after a 30 day leave home in June.

