

Tide-ings



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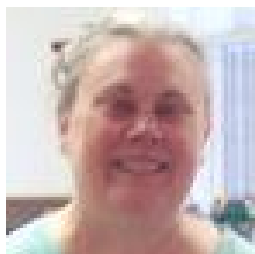
Mission Statement

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...



I just became aware of an exciting new opportunity for sharing Christ's love in our community. It's called "In Line Behind Me". And it delivers blessings to the people that you encounter every day. The basic idea is this: You buy a cup of coffee for that person behind you at the coffee stand (or wherever you may be) and ask the server to give the person your card. The card has a website address and this bible verse on the reverse side, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unaware." Heb. 13:2. It also will have the logo of our church and our churches' blog address. You can read more about it at <http://inlinebehindme.com>. You'll have to forgive my impetuous enthusiasm, but I've signed our church up and we'll order some of the cards for you to use in your random acts of kindness.

I'd like to begin our efforts to make our welcome and caring for our visitors even better than it is already. I'd like to form two teams-- one for shepherding visitors on Sunday mornings and one for following up with an invitation to return. The

Sunday morning group would be a set of folks who are willing to chat with and sit with visitors before services, invite them to coffee and generally make them feel that they don't have to sit in front by themselves. The other group would deliver a small gift (a bag of home baked cookies, a cup of Hershey's kisses, perhaps) and a printed "please visit again" note to the door of the visitor. If the person is home, engage in a brief conversation and give the gift, and if not, leave the gift on the doorknob. Please pray about these ministries and if you'd like to participate, please chat with me any Sunday morning.

I want to acknowledge the efforts of Ray and Mary Connell and our Sunday School kids to continue our tradition of entering a float in the Loyalty Days and 4th of July Parades. I love the proposed design and I hope that you do too. Look for announcements of work parties to make this float a reality. And let Ray know if you have a small boat that can be lent for use on the float. We need two!

Council is formalizing our tag sale services based on our experiences of the past two years. We have held 3 tag sales. Two of them have been based on the generous donation of all of the remaining household goods to the church and benefited our general fund (Thanks to Fred & Shiela Fredrickson and the Jerry Murphy family). One has

Dear Friends in Christ,



Welcome to another Lenten Season. It is a season that is really a journey where we come together twice as much, Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Our time together on Wednesday evening wonderful fellowship for the soup supper and the worship is prayerful in content.

Our worship space is changed, the altar comes out to the middle and we gather around the table of the Lord. Our liturgy is one we learned last year during Lent. It was written by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl. On Sunday mornings we will be using "thanksgiving for baptism" in place of the "confession and forgiveness" as we begin each service. Even though Sunday worship is outside of the 40 days of Lent, we put the "alleluias" away until Easter.

I hope that this Lenten season you will choose to add another prayer time to you daily ritual. I have been reading a book "Seven Sacred Pauses" by Macrina Wiederkehr. It is a book that speaks of the ritual of prayer. She describes the prayer times as follows:

Matins or Vigils, early morning hour, ideally prayed at sunrise, is the first of the day hours and has praise and resurrection as its central themes.

Terce, or the Third Hour of the Day, referred to as the "little hours" because they are shorter and come right in the heart of the workday. Simple efforts to turn our thoughts ever so briefly back to God.

Sext or the Sixth Hour, This is the hour of light. The sun having reached its peak in the heavens, illuminates all things.

None or the Ninth Hour, As day moves toward evening with wisdom in its wings, this is the hour to reflect on impermanence, aging, death, and transition.

Vespers or Evensong, In this twilight hour it is time to move from the tumult of the day into the quiet of evening.

Compline or Night Prayer, This is the last hour of the day and is often prayer privately or in small groups.

I invite you, urge you to pick an additional time of day to say a prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings of our lives.

May there be peace in your homes and in your hearts.

Pr Linda

March Birthdays

4 Kaisa Niemi
5 Shirley Brooks
11 Bette Arne, Chelsea Smallwood
13 Joyce Jones
19 - Joe Penttila
21 - Claude Langridge
23 - Sheila Fredrickson
27 - David Davis

March Anniversaries

17-Curt & Kathleen Davis (2001)
22-Dave & Debbie Kingsbury (1997)
29-Dave & Kathy Aase (1980)

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benefited Community Table with a percentage of the sales (Thanks to the family of Roxy Archer). We originally conceived of this idea as a percentage donation for Community Table, but two of the 3 sales that we've done have benefited the general fund. Interesting...

We've been given the opportunity to distribute a brochure to the local realtors about our services and we needed to be clear about what services we are offering and how the proceeds will be distributed. So here's our current thinking. We will continue to offer the service of doing a tag sale for a percentage of the proceeds, but give the donor the option of choosing between Community Table or our other ministries. We are also going to add the service of doing a "Home Clear". In this case, we would come into the home, pack and remove everything in the home. We'd have a cleaning crew come in and "broom clean" the home. We would ask for a complete donation of the goods for this service. In order to provide this service, we needed a location to bring the goods to where we could sort and then hold a tag sale within 3-6 weeks. Carmen Johnson has generously offered her garage. If anyone else would like to offer space, please let us know. And be ready to volunteer when we need help to either do a tag sale or home clear.

This next month we will continue with our Lenten soup suppers before praying around the cross. Spend some time reflecting personally every day on what Christ did for us. If you enjoy writing down your meditations, consider picking up a Lent Journal.

Fabulous Blessings to you all. Rose Wallace

March 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 2 1:15 DVD and Conversation w/ Pastor	3 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study	4 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Prayer Around The Cross Choir after service	5 9:00 Quilting 11:00 Grief/Loss Support Group	6	7 9-12 Council Retreat Set Clocks For- ward 1
8 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 3	10 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study 5:00 Council Meeting	11 12:00 WELCA Lunch Guest Speaker Connie Zagelow 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Prayer Around The Cross Choir after service	12 9:00 Quilting	13	14
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Sunday Worship Teams

Worship Assistant: Sandra Farrell

Altar Guild:

Coffee Hosts:

- 1 Terry & Rose McCabe
- 8 The Smallwood Family
- 15 Mike & Sidsel Tompkins
- 22 Claude & MaryEllen Langridge

- 29 Joel Niemi, Candy Cullen, Sandra Farrell

Acolytes:

- 1 Chelsea Smallwood
- 8 Sue Kennedy
- 15 David Davis
- 22 Deanna Smallwood

- 29 Kevin Johnson

Reminders

ACOLYTES WANTED

We are looking for servants of all ages to acolyte on Sundays.

Don't Forget Pastor's DVD and Conversation on Mondays @ 1:15

March 1, 1999 was a special day for Pastor Linda and for Ocean Park Lutheran church. It was her first day as Pastor. She and Jim had just moved into their rental house, thinking they had moved to the wet end of the earth. Gulvie was there to greet her and help her orient to her new surroundings.

Since that day ten years ago, we have seen changes; more outreach, different configurations of the church chairs depending on the season, prayers around the cross during Lent, many new members, the loss of others and thanks to Jim, the "Do Nothing Club". Jim and Linda have shown us compassion, love, forgiveness, generosity, and their willingness to share Gods love .