



# Tide-ings



May 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 Pastor

**M**ay Greetings to each of you!  
This year our

synod's assembly will be May 30 and 31. It will be held in Olympia at the Red Lion Hotel. Curt and Kathleen Davis are our representatives.

The Theme of the assembly is, "God's Work. Our Hands. The Earth."

To date there are 7 resolutions. Here is a quick look at them.

1) In support of Mission Funding. That we support mission funding for new congregations in our synod.

2) 1000 Mission Friends. We live in communities that are mostly unchurched and the Board of Outreach is promoting the "1000 Mission Friends", each friend contributing a gift of \$100 of more annually to enable new mission starts, to renew existing congregations, to support congregations in ethnic and impoverished communities and to assist congregations with overwhelming mortgage debt burdens.

3) In Support of Health Ministry/ Parish Nursing.

The Synod fund and advertise a yearly scholarship to the Parish Nursing class at PLU.

4) Living Wage.

The Synod support the goal of a Living Wage for employees of firms which contract for services with or receive economic assistance from state, county or local government and that we lobby in person, or in written form on behalf of the working poor.

5) Caring for Creation.

The Earthkeepers Committee encourages congregations to read, study and implement suggestion in the ELCA Social Statement "Caring for God's Creation: Vision, Hope and Justice" in our congregations, work and personal lives. (copies of the statement are located on the ELCA website)

6) Bottled water or water for all. . . The Choice is ours.

Use reusable containers for drinking water. Sign the Think Outside the Bottle pledge; request the Bishop to encourage the Division for Church in Society to join other faith communities in endorsing the Think Outside the Bottle Campaign to challenge corporate control of water; advocate for clean water and sanitation for all God's people to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

7) Number of days for future assemblies.

## Round Up Thank You



With many, many thanks to the 'Round up' Committee, the workers and you, the annual spring shower was fun, delicious and there were many wonderful gifts shared for our church. Dave and Rob cooked up the wonderful sirloin burgers (YES! they were sirloin frozen burgers from Costco and that is why they were so good) and the hot dogs. There were delicious beans from Shirley and Gary - chips from Rita - slaw salad from Joyce - condiments from Sue - bun and meats from Kathy and Dave - fudge bars from Gulvie - Lois and Sue were the decorators. It was a good time!! Now the corral has been cleaned out and the buckaroos have been sent away and things are back in order until April Shower next year. I wonder what theme will that wild committee will think up for 2009???

~ Joyce Jones

## New Phone Number

**Harding Carlson** asks you to update your Church Directory with his new *winter* phone number: **907-723-1736**

## Congratulations!

To **Chelsea Smallwood** on her confirmation May 11!

To **Isaac** and **Matia** on their baptisms May 18!  
Isaac and Matia are cousins of **Joel Niemi**.

## April Stewardship Report

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

Our time. . .

April 6	76
April 13	80
April 20	84
April 27	<u>73</u>
	313

Ourselves. . .

Our possessions. . .

April 6	\$2,942
April 13	1,938
April 20	1,590
April 27	<u>2,778</u>
	\$9,248

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

## Summer Fun Nights Dramatics!

Planning has started for Summer Fun Nights! **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](mailto:rsmith046@centurytel.net).



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 Quilting 11:00 Grief/Loss Support 3:00 Confirmation 7:00 Choir	2	3
4 <b>EASTER 7</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 2:00 Reception for Fr. Blaine	5 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Com- munity Table 1:00 Class	6 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:30 Text Study in LB 5:30 Church Council	7 5:00 Youth Group 7:00 Shawl Ministry	8 9:00 Quilting 3:00 Confirmation 7:00 Choir	9	10
11 <b>PENTECOST</b> <b>Wear Red</b> Confirmation 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	12 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Com- munity Table 1:00 Class	13 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:30 Text Study in LB	14 10:00 WELCA 7:00 Shawl Ministry	15 9:00 Quilting 3:00 Confirmation 5:30 Grief/Loss Support 7:00 Choir	16	17
18 <b>HOLY TRINITY</b> Baptism 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	19 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Com- munity Table 1:00 Class	20 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:30 Text Study in LB	21 1:00 Book Club 5:00 Youth Group 7:00 Shawl Ministry	22 9:00 Quilting 3:00 Confirmation 7:00 Choir <b>BRING YARD SALE ITEMS FOR SET UP</b>	23 1:00 Parkinson's Support <b>BRING YARD SALE ITEMS FOR SET UP</b>	24 9:00 Yard Sale
25 <b>PENTECOST 2</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	26 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Com- munity Table	27 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:30 Text Study in LB 2:30 Worship Planning	28 9:00 Peninsula Christian Council 1:00 WELCA Bible Study 7:00 Shawl Ministry	29 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Choir	30	31 9:00 - 1:00 Church Beautification Work Party and  SW WA Synod in Olympia

## Groups Serving in May

	<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	<i>Worship Steward</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
<b>May 4</b>	Bob Lindberg Everett Pace	Rita Smith	Sue Kennedy	Peggy Mills	Jim Wirth Mike Tompkins	Deana Smallwood
<b>May 11</b>	Smallwood Family in honor of Chelsea's Confirmation	Rose Wallace	Gulvie Lindberg	Curt and Jennifer Davis	Karl Johnson	Rocky Davis
<b>May 18</b>	Joel Niemi in honor of the baptism of his grandchildren	Bette Arne	Svend and Henne Jensen	Sidsel Tompkins	Terry McCabe	Gary Hansen Jennifer Navarre
<b>May 25</b>	Kathleen Zimmer Harding Carlson	Heather Smallwood	Jack McBride	Kathy Aase	David Aase Rod Anderson	Michael Johnson

Altar Guild - Heather Smallwood

Assisting Minister - Shirley Brooks

### May Birthdays

3 - Jack McBride  
4 - Carmen Johnson  
6 - Karl Johnson  
8 - Kevin Johnson  
16 - Rita Smith  
26 - James McKenzie



29 - Ruth Duscha

29 - Roy Pellerin

### May Anniversaries

12 - Ray and Mary Connell

17 - Roy and Patti Pellerin  
celebrate 50 years!

**“COFFEE, CONVERSATION, AND STUDY”** For the next 3 weeks on Mondays at 1 p.m. at the Church, hosted by Pastor Linda. Here are the names of each session: 5) Determining Right From Wrong, 6) The Many Meanings of the Bible, 7) Devotional Bible Reading

### **WELCA MEETINGS for April thru September 2008**

Put these times on your calendar now!

- Bible Study Small Group, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. (May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24). Additional small groups and times to be added later.
- WELCA Social & Meeting- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every other month at 10 a.m. - May 14, 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!

## Reception for Fr. Blaine Hammond

When: Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m.

Where: Peninsula Church Center parish hall

Why: To say "farewell" to a friend

## It's Yard Sale Time!

Here's a reminder to start collecting your items for donation to our annual yard sale which will be held Saturday, May 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please, no clothes!

We will set up and price at the church on Thursday May 22 and Friday, May 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Please leave your items in the Narthex, not in the Sanctuary. There is a sign-up sheet on the credenza in the Narthex... Please sign up to be a volunteer!

If you need help transporting items, please call Kathy Aase at 642-3635; Rose McCabe at 665-6974; or the church office.

~ *Rose McCabe*

## APRIL COMMUNITY TABLE REPORT

April has been another busy month for the many volunteers working on Community Table. We served 270 meals this month, April 21 being the high at 82 people served. We also received a substantial number of donations this month, many in memory of Richard Kemp. The women's group at Ocean Park Methodist voted to support Community Table with \$200 annually, which we appreciate greatly. Our monetary donation total for April was \$845.

A member of the Methodist Church supplied all the food for a chili dog meal which was served on April 21. The Moose Lodge donated 3 pans of lasagna, which was served on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to **Gary Hansen, Jerry Furgurson, Curt Davis, Gordon Duscha** and many, many others, our Community Table storage shed is completed and ready to be stocked. Our next order of business is to purchase the freezer and we'll be in business. FISH will be able to have their shed back.

Two of our newest members have joined Team 5. **Sandra Farrell** will be baking cookies and **Candy Cullen** will be a server. We are very happy to welcome them.

It is gratifying to see the impact that our meal program is having on the community. We may not be able to do great things, but we can do small things with great love.

Thanks to all the volunteers, and to the church community as a whole for your constant support.

~ *Mike and Sidsel Tompkins*

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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 MaryEllen Langridge for more information at 665-5615.

#### Michael James Ray Murray

Lance Corporal Michael James Ray Murray was born in Riverside, California on August 22, 1988 to David and JoAnne Murray. He attended schools in Beaverton, Oregon and he graduated from Westview High School in June 2006. He left for Marine Corps Recruit Depot (boot camp) San Diego in November 2006 and graduated in February 2007.



After ten days leave, he left for School of Infantry. When he was finished there, he was stationed at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He married Amber Young (granddaughter of Svend and Henni Jensen) on

June 16, 2007. He deployed to Iraq in February 2008 and is expected to return sometime in September 2008. He has plans to attend Portland Bible College when his four year enlistment is up in November, 2010.

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The Synod Council be given the authority to determine the length and days of synod assemblies each year.

Full text of the resolutions is available at the Synod web site [lutheranssw.org](http://lutheranssw.org)

Dr. T. Fretheim will lead two Bible studies on the care of the earth and there will be 21 different workshops to choose from on Saturday afternoon.

Lots to learn and share, I'm looking forward to the assembly.

May you have God's peace in your heart and home.

~ Pr Linda