



Tide-ings



May 2009

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 has finally chosen the design for the front of the church and we should see some movement in the near future. The plan is to make it a place that the congregation can congregate in front of church on sunny days. It will include a table and some benches as well as a cross. There has been some discussion of using our driftwood cross in the corner with rocks. The ground will be mostly covered with memorial blocks with very little area of plants.



The design chosen was originally submitted by **Gulvie and Waldo Lindberg**. A second design was submitted by me. We put the two designs together to make the final design. It will be an area that will not only be utilitarian, but will add beauty to the front of the church. Therefore it is design by **Lindbergs**. No other designs were submitted.

There was some discussion of putting various areas of the grounds up for adoption. It would basically be the same idea that the city of Long Beach uses for their planters. Various congregation members would upkeep a small area, for instance the memorial garden. You would have to work with a general scheme, but you would have some latitude as well. Let us know what you think of the idea.

Those who attended the Cowboy Gospel Night seemed to enjoy the event. What a blessing to have such gifted people to share their talents. It was especially great to have **Vivian Curry** and her friend with the background music. Counting the audience, there were about 600 hours that went into the planning and execution of the evening. Besides it being a fun night, it brought in around \$900 for church maintenance. Our new garden will be part of that.

I feel this type of event satisfies a number of functions. First, the program itself was something constructive to do on a Friday night. Secondly, it was an outreach to the members of the community. Thirdly, it was a vehicle of fellowship for the volunteers and the audience. And finally it will help to beautify God's house.

Remember the council serves you. If you have some ideas, contact a council member.

~Bob Lindberg

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am most blessed to be your pastor and I thank you for your cards and words of thanks as we moved past the anniversary of our time together during this past decade. You are wonderful people who are good and faithful servants of God in this time and place.



I would like to give you a little update of some things I learned while worshipping with you. The sound system needs to be fixed. One electrician who was here suggested adding two speakers in the ceiling in order to have full coverage in the whole space. This would be an inexpensive way to begin. It would simply be the cost of two speakers. As you know we have some very talented electricians among our membership.

Directions for communion are important, especially when we have visitors. I also noticed when first entering the building the space seems to be crowded; there was no clear path to the bathroom, coat closet or hallway. Perhaps we need to make more room by going in to worship earlier and quieting ourselves in preparation for worship. I know you well enough to know that visiting with one another is an important part of Sunday morning. I also know that some folks want the worship space to be quiet when they come in. How can we work together to make this happen? Hospitality is such an important part of a visitor's impression of us.

An old motto is "you only get *one* chance to make a first impression" so let's work at making it great.

I will again offer DVD and conversation on Monday afternoons during May. I look forward to this time of small group study and conversation with you.

Plans for a new sign and cross have been approved by the Council; the design is posted in the office window.

The BBQ and Gospel Night were a lot of fun. Thank you to **Mike and Sidsel** and their helpers for a wonderful meal. **Lois** and her helpers did a wonderful job decorating the room and tables. Ticket sales were promoted by **Carol P** and it was a sell-out. Many others helped in set-up, serving, and clean up. **Bob** did a great job in finding talented folks to entertain us. We are blessed with many talented people. Thank you for your participation and work.

I will be at Synod Assembly in Tacoma on the 15th and 16th and you are invited to join me at a fund raising dinner on the 30 for Lutheran Community Services over in Astoria. Let me know if you are interested in attending.

May you have peace in your hearts and home,
~Pr Linda

Attendance and Giving

April 1	47	
April 5	94	\$2,684
April 9	48	
April 10	54	
April 11	29	
April 12	98	\$3,261
April 19	82	\$1,236
April 26	62	\$1,274

Staff Listing

Linda Smith - *Pastor*
Curt Davis - *Office Administrator*
Bud Runyan - *Choir Director*
Miriam Galbraith - *Musician*

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Easter 4 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship <i>Festival of Giving</i> 5:00 Women's AA	4 10:00 Prayer Group 11:30 Community Table Team 4 1:15 DVD	5 10:00 Mens' Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study	6 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry at Mary Ellen's	7 9:00 Quilters 11:00 Grief/Loss Support 7:00 Choir	8	9
10 Easter 5 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	11 10:00 Prayer Group 11:30 Community Table Team 5 1:15 DVD	12 10:00 Mens' Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study 10:00 Worship Planning	Noon WELCA Lunch with guest speaker Master Gardener 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry at Mary Ellen's	14 9:00 Quilters 7:00 Choir	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Synod Assembly Tacoma </div>	16
17 Easter 6 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	18 10:00 Prayer Group 11:30 Community Table Team 6	19 10:00 Mens' Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study	Noon WELCA Bible Study 1:00 Book Club 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl	21 Ascension Day 9:00 Quilters 5:30 Grief/Loss Support	22 Yard Sale set-up	23 Yard Sale
24 Easter 7 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	25 Memorial Day Office Closed 11:30 Community Table Team 7	26 10:00 Mens' Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study	27 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry at Mary Ellen's	28 9:00 Quilters	29	Lutheran Community Services Fund Raising Dinner in Astoria
31 Pentecost 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA						

Groups Serving in May

	<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	<i>Worship Steward</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
May 3		Terry McCabe	Russ Jones	Rod Anderson	Gordon Duscha	Rocky Davis
May 10	Bob and Pansy	Bob Lindberg	Pat Yakavonis and Grandsons	Dwayne Smallwood	The Davis Family	Alex Davis Kevin Johnson
May 17		Sidsel Tompkins	Ethel Runyan	Chelsea Smallwood	Dave Kingsbury	Jennifer Navarre
May 24		Gary Hansen	Claude Langridge	Joyce Jones	Bob Lindberg	Michael Johnson
May 31		Rita Smith	Sue Kennedy	Peggy Mills	Jim Worth Mike Tompkins	Margaret O'Neal

Altar Guild -

Assisting Minister - Joyce Jones

May Birthdays

3 - Jack McBride
4 - Carmen Johnson
6 - Karl Johnson
7 - Eleanor Will
8 - Kevin Johnson
16 - Rita Smith
25 - Alan Crawford



26 - Ruth Duscha
26 - Roy Pellerin
31 - Carnita Wall

May Anniversaries

12 - Ray and Mary Connell
17 - Roy and Patti Pellerin

Reminders

We need volunteers to serve on the once-a-month Pancake Breakfast Teams. 8-1 am on the fourth Saturday of each month. We need at least 2 servers and 2 cooks and a cleanup team. Speak to Rose Wallace.

Don't Forget - Pastor's DVD and Conversation on Mondays at 1:15.

For WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church)

"Pots are in vogue" is the theme of the May WELCA meeting. Master Gardener Celsa Johnson will be our guest speaker and will demonstrate flower ideas for spring. Please join us for a "Fun Time" May 13th at noon at the church. Lunch will be served and all women are welcome! Bring a friend. Please RSVP to Rose McCabe 665-6974 so we know how many to prepare lunch for.

Let's celebrate **Ruth Duscha's** 80th birthday. May 30th 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Peninsula Senior Center 21603 "O" Lane, Ocean Park

Loyalty Days Float Cancelled - we're just not ready yet and we want this to be the best experience for our youth and the folks who line the parade route. So look for a work schedule soon. We'd like to be ready for the 4th of July parade.