



Tide-ings



October 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 spent a great deal of time at our last meeting talking about security for our congregation. With the changing world we find ourselves needing to be more aware of the dangers that surround our daily lives. It was determined by the council that we will lock the front doors of the church 10 minutes after the beginning of the service on Sundays. Ushers will then control the admittance of individuals after that time. The doors will be unlocked after the service.



Much discussion ensued concerning whether God's house should have a locked door. The council decided to try the *lock down* on a temporary basis. We are interested in comments concerning this from the congregation. The council also felt that when you are alone working at the church, this policy should be followed for your protection. The attack on the Jewish offices in Seattle and the shooting that occurred in the south of members of a congregation spurred the discussion.

Along with this, there was discussion as to whether an evacuation plan should be in force in case of a disaster of some type. Concerns were raised due to the many individuals that have health problems and how these people would be evacuated. Your input is needed.

We still have an area in front of the church that needs some care. It has been decided that because of the high cost of water, that a design should be used that will not require watering. No decision has been made, but there have been a few ideas given to Gary Hansen and his team. No final decision has been made. If you have an idea, talk to Gary.

Remember our self-evaluation begins on the 5th. We need everyone to give up a couple of hours of their busy lives to take part in the cottage meetings. It is important that we take a look at where we have been and then to determine where we are going. Is our ministry following the teachings of our Lord? Let us find out.

I had the pleasure of attending two different performances the past two weeks of Christian oriented messages. The Continental Singers were excellent and also was the solo performance of Kathy Peak. I was disappointed with the attendance. We need to see more of these that focus on the Christian community. Your support is necessary to continue these events.

Talk to the council, we are listening.
~ Bob Lindberg, Council President

From the Pastor

October Greetings to Each of You!



Dear Friends in Christ,

October is a very busy month. It was very thoughtful of Shelia and Fred Fredrickson to leave the contents of their home to the church for an Estate Sale with proceeds to go to our general fund. I am pleased that we will have the

Congregation Review, and the Bountiful Blessing Brunch. All of these functions take a great deal of time and planning. We are blessed to have such capable people as **Rose Wallace** for the Estate Sale, **Joyce Jones** for the Congregation Review and **Lois Brass** for the brunch. However it takes all of you to make these events successful. I thank you for your help and participation in all of these events.

The date for the bone marrow transplant for our grandson has been changed once again. As many of you know from first hand experience the medical arena can be one of hurry up and wait or let's set a date, but not in concrete. So my plans for coverage

for the congregation continue to be in flux. However, please know that I will ensure that you are well covered while I am away. For emergencies, Pr Mary Evelyn Long will be available as will Fr. Blaine Hammond. We are blessed to have the Bishop's Assistants lead worship for us, Sunday the 19th, Ron Hoyum, and Sunday 26th, Reformation, Valinda Morris. So, you see you will be in great hands.

Jim and I are blessed to be able to journey with such wonderful, caring people. Thank you for your prayers for our family and especially our grandson Nick.

May you have peace in your heart and in your home.

Pr Linda

Some jokes that can be told in Church

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50.'

The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100.'

The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

Meet Your Council Member - Rita Smith



Not only a newcomer to the council, but a new Lutheran as well. We are truly blessed to have such a hard worker and great person as a member of our family. Rita Smith was a Presbyterian until her arrival on the coast. At that time, she tells us that she was searching for a church and found that Ocean Park

Lutheran seemed to fit her needs and still feels that to be true.

Rita and her husband of 30 years, Kent, have three children. One who was a Korean orphan, who was adopted when Korean parents could not be found. All of her children are successful, which highlights her effectiveness as a parent and educator.

Rita is a graduate of Ohio State University where she met her husband. Her husband is a veterinarian in the Hillsboro area, where Rita spent 27 years teaching elementary school. During her tenure, she participated in a special program that chose teams of principals and teachers to be sent to Japan to look at their education system. This program was sponsored by Panosonic.

Coming out of this program, she set up a simulation of a trip to Japan for her students, which was very successful. Along with that, she conducted workshops for other teachers to teach them how to use simulations in their classrooms. This was a successful tool for teaching children. She now is the chair of education at our church.

In addition to working in the church, Rita is very active in the Peninsula Players. She is at the present, heading up the renovation of the new building. She will be directing this year's musical for the players. She has many gifts.

She looks at most people through rose-colored glasses and tries to see the best in people. Her philosophy in life is to change things that can be changed and live with those things she cannot change.

Updates for Nick Konkler
are found at
Carepages.com
NickNack08
Register one time
Easy to use!
Please be positive and
share a joke!

September Stewardship Report

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

Our time. . .	
September 7	78
September 14	78
September 21	64

Ourselves. . .

Our possessions. . .	
September 7	\$2,788
September 14	2,020
September 21	530

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

Book Discussion Group

Join us **Wednesday, October 15**, when our very special guest will be **Mary Ellen Langridge**.

Spend the hour listening to Mary Ellen share her exciting vacations with us.

We meet at the church at **1 p.m.** Refreshments will be served.

~Rose McCabe...665-6974

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 Youth Group	2 9:00 Quilting 11:00 Grief/Loss Support 7:00 Choir Practice	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Fredrickson's Estate Sale 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.</div>	4
5 PENTECOST 21 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Congregational Review 5:00 Women's AA	6 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 4	7 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study in Surfside	8 9:00 Foot Clinic	9 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Choir Practice	10 12:00 Lunch for Camp Victory	11
12 PENTECOST 22 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	13 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 5	14 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study 5:30 Council	15 1:00 Book Club 5:00 Youth Group	16 9:00 Quilting 5:30 Grief/Loss Support 7:00 Choir Practice	17	18 8:00 a.m. Breakfast Fund- raiser for Nick
19 PENTECOST 23 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Bountiful Blessing Brunch 5:00 Women's AA	20 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 6	21 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study	22 9:00 Peninsula Church Council 1:00 WELCA Bible Study	23 9:00 Quilting	24 1:00 Parkinson's Support	25
26 PENTECOST 24 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA	27 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 1	28 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study	29	30 9:00 Quilting	31	

Groups Serving in October

	<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	<i>Worship Steward</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
October 5	Karl Johnson	Carol Payton	Rose McCabe	Stephanie Johnson	Dave Kingsbury	Deanna Smallwood
October 12	Gordon and Ruth Duscha	Gary Hansen	Claude Langridge	Joyce Jones	Bob Lindberg	Rocky Davis
October 19	Terry ad Rose McCabe	Rita Smith	Sue Kennedy	Peggy Mills	Jim Wirth Mike Tompkins	Jennifer Navarre and Gary Hansen
October 26	Mike and Sidsel Tompkins	Rose Wallace	Theresa Greer	Candy Cullen	Karl Johnson	Michael Johnson

Altar Guild - Heather Smallwood

Assisting Minister - Dwayne Smallwood

October Birthdays

2 - Ethel Runyan
4 - Cathy Shaw
5 - Elaine Kettwig
12 - Jerry Furgurson
15 - Jerry Kettwig
16 - Henni Jensen
17 - Larry Stomp
22 - Sandi Hansen



22 - Judy Willison
23 - Don Aasen
23 - Rose Wallace
24 - Lyle Powell
25 - Dorothy Kenrud
28 - Eileen Weisenborn
29 - Heather Smallwood
31 - David Aase
31 - Lowell Norris

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.

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!

WELCA MEETINGS SET FOR THE YEAR Mark your calendars now for these dates: Meetings on November 12, 2008, March 11, 2009 and May 13, 2009 at 10 a.m. Bible Studies on October 22, 2008, November 26, 2008, December TBA, March 25, 2009, April 22, 2009, and May 20, 2009 at 1 p.m.

Sponsored by: The "Do Nothing Club"

Nick Konkler Benefit Pancake Breakfast



☺ Saturday, October 18th 8:00AM—11:00AM
☺ Ocean Park Senior Center

Nick, 11 year old grandson of Pastor Linda Smith of Ocean Park Lutheran Church, was recently diagnosed with AM leukemia. Currently a patient at Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle. Nick has undergone chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant is scheduled for September 29th.

Living Estate Sale

Fredrickson's living estate sale will be held October 3 and 4 at their home off of 274th in Ocean Park. Time 9-2:30 each day. Everything 1/2 price at noon on Saturday. Sheila and Fred donated the remainder of their household goods to the church. We'll sell it, box what is left and bring it to a local charity and leave the house broom clean. Proceeds to benefit the church (as opposed to Community Table--we also will do estate sales to benefit Community Table for a percentage of the proceeds donated to CT). Volunteer crews do the setup, do the pricing, staff the sale in shifts and do the after-sale cleanup.

~ Rose Wallace

The Deadline for the
November Tide-ings is
Sunday, October 26

Congregational Review Needs YOU!!

Preparations are underway for our Congregational Review. Your participation is essential in order to have input from all who worship at OP Lutheran Church. We will be evaluating the content and direction of the ministry that we (you and I) are doing in our church, our community and in our everyday lives. We ask you to select and attend a cottage meeting on October 5th, 6th or 7th. These meetings are in our member's homes, with both afternoon and evening meeting times. Call Joyce Jones (665-3939) if you have not signed up.

Bring your bible and a pen or pencil to your two hour meeting. Your host will call you to remind you of your time and place and to give you directions to their home. This review will be a biblical based review lead by one of us, trained by Pastor John Recher of Seattle, WA. Pastor Recher has been leading this kind of review in congregations around our territory for about 20 years. He will take our data and collate the material and report back to us at a future date.

This is a very important activity. We will be selecting a direction for the next year. **Your participation is very important.**

~ Joyce Jones



Community Table Team 2 takes a break! (L to R) Rose Wallace, Ethel Runyan, Laurie Carter. Not pictured is Bud Runyan who is handling the camera.

Prayer List

Please keep these people in your prayers. For more information on specific prayer requests, please contact the person who referred them to our prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please contact Curt in the office.

<u>Prayers For</u>	<u>Referred By</u>	<u>Prayers For</u>	<u>Referred By</u>
Joy Allen	Lois Brass	Gary Payton	
Annette Anderson	Lorraine Cagle	Robert Persons	Stephanie Johnson
Della Bailey		Christine Reeths	Pansy Anderson
Steve Beal	Cheryl Gordon	Dorothy Sheldahl	Dave Kingsbury
Brandon Brauns	Nick	Janette Smith	
Cathy Butler	Helen	Joe and Dorothy Spodnick	Bette Arne
Julie Dowell	Carmen	Eileen Weisenborn	
Doris Hopkins	Lorraine Cagle	Chuck Wolther	Mel
Nick Konkler		Pat Yakavonis	
Anne Kvalvik	Sidsel Tompkins	Bob Hansen	Gary Hansen
Ned	Janette Smith	Donald Jacobson	Jennifer Davis
Millie Paxson	Svend and Henni Jensen	Elaine Kettwig	
Carol Reafs		Cook Larini	Hector Larini
Ervin Smith	Shirley Brooks	Kenny Martin	Jim Wirth
Jack Taylor		Ann Norris	
Doug Thorp	Mike Tompkins		
Baby Jessica	Mace Kahlsdorf		
Nona Briggs	Paula Daily		
Mark Davis	Curt Davis	Robert Brass	Lois Brass
George and Priscilla Fisher		Mark Brooks	Shirley and Bill Brooks
Don Flaxton	Carmen	Rich Evans	Kathy Aase
Frank	Laurie Carter	Scott Giffin	Mary Ann Giffin
Mary Ann Giffin	Colleen	Jason Gould	Laurie Carter
Cheryl Gordon		Bryce Jaquith	Carol Wright
Jim McKenzie		Charles McKenzie	
Neil and family		Michael Murray	Svend Jensen
		Kiel Ranthum	Elaine and Jerry Kettwig

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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.

Jason Gould



Jason joined the Army in May 2005. He is a 1999 graduate from Sunnyside (Washington) High School. In April 2004 he married Hilary Lathen.

Currently, Jason is serving in Iraq, being deployed from Ft. Polk, LA where Hilary remains.

Jason is the son-in-law of Clint and Laurie Carter.

Interesting tidbit: Jason's mother, Anne, and Laurie were in the same sorority chapter and were friends long before the kids met!