



Tide-ings



September 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

We have a unique chance in October to participate in a “How Are We Doing” workshop. This is a tool that helps the congregation reflect on its total ministry. Pastor Recher has agreed to lead the workshop without charging us. He has lead several workshops for other congregations successfully and should be a real asset to our evaluation. (See related story page 6).



This is only going to be effective if we all participate. This participation should include members and non-members. So, please set aside some time in October to let us know your opinions and suggestions having to do with our ministry. There is a particular process that we will be going through that should be interesting and rewarding.

Weren't the “Fun Nights” fun? What great organization and variety of activities by **Curt** and **Kathleen**. I liked the table prayers with the interesting music. **Stephanie** made a good bear. **Rita Smith**'s directing made it fun for all. We definitely have some new actors in our congregation. Watch out, I will be knocking on your door for the next Mystery Dinner.

The salmon dinner and auction is happening on September 26th. **Pastor** and **Jim** are going to furnish the salmon. I am not sure if they are going on a fishing trip or down to the local fish market. With the changes occurring regularly on limits and retention, we might have to settle for pickled herring. Talk to **Lois Brass** for more information.

The council is still looking for the replacements for the Choir Director and Accompanist. If you know of anyone interested in these positions, let us know. **Barbara Bate** has certainly been a blessing to us on Sunday mornings, but she has other interests she would like to pursue. We will miss her.

The council discussed some changes in the bulletin. We are concerned about the cost of the printing and paper. We talked about part of the bulletin that doesn't change to be reused and other parts be printed on a weekly basis. If you have an opinion, talk to one of your council members.

From the Pastor

September Greetings to Each of You!



How quickly the summer has flown by. This fall we have a number of opportunities for each you to participate in. They are in the calendar section and I urge you to check them out.

We will also be having a new member class this month. If any of you who are not members and would like

to become members please let me know. I know of three people who have indicated their desire so far. Thanks be to God!

In research for a sermon recently I came across this acronym, TRIP from the Mt. Carmel Ministries in Minnesota for use when reading the Bible and for devotions.

First, read the text. You may need to read it more than one time in order to answer the following questions.

T Thanks

What in the verse(s) makes me thankful?

R Regret

What in the verse causes me regret?

I Intercession

What does the text lead me to pray for?

P Plan of Action

What action does the text encourage me to take today?

Some begin their day with this approach to meditation; others like to end their day closely connected to God and grateful for the forgiveness extended by Christ.

So it would go like this:

T Thanks

What of today makes me thankful?

R Regret

What of today causes me regret?

I Intercession

What of today leads me to pray for?

P Plan of Action

What action of today do I need to turn over to God so I might rest on this night?

You may like to try using this in your daily devotions.

May God's grace and peace be in your home and hearts.

~Pr. Linda

Some jokes that can be told in Church

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?'

'Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.'

The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again! As she ran she once again began to pray,

'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'

Meet Your Council Member - Lois Brass



Lois Brass will be finishing up her term on council at the end of the year. This is the second three year term for her. Her position on the council is Church Support and sup-

port she does. The Yard Sale, Salmon Dinner, the Bazaar and the Pledge Drive are all duties that she has filled in the past few years. Along with those duties, she is also participates in Choir, Altar Guild, and Quilters. The center pieces for the mystery dinners and other activities have been created by Lois.

She met her husband of 52 years at a Demonstration Dance Class while they were attending Pacific Lutheran in Tacoma. As part of the class, they demonstrated different types of dances. Square dancing was a big part of her life for several years. Crafts and gardening is just a few of the busy lady's enjoyments.

Lois was an elementary teacher for 26 years and during her tenure as a teacher she also taught other teachers how to teach. During most of her teaching career, she mentored a student teacher as well as her many students. Knowing Lois, her classroom must have been something to behold.

Her marriage took place in the new chapel at Pacific Lutheran. They had four children who are scattered to the four winds in New Orleans, Dallas, Tacoma and Elsie, Oregon. She and her husband traveled through most of Europe and she still has family in Sweden and Iceland.

Lois is a cradle Lutheran. She believes in a positive attitude toward life. Her eyes are aimed toward the future. Doing for others is important to her. We are blessed to have her and her gifts as part of our congregation.

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

August Stewardship Report

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

Our time. . .

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| August 3 | 105 |
| August 10 | 79 |
| August 17 | 91 |
| August 24 | 90 |

Ourselves. . .

Our possessions. . .

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| August 3 | \$3,683 |
| August 10 | 2,209 |
| August 17 | 1,733 |
| August 24 | 1,367 |

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

Youth News!

Sunday, September 7 marks the start of a new Sunday School year. Classes begin at 9 a.m. Bring your friends!

Confirmation classes for **Anja Patten** and **Kevin Johnson** will be starting soon, too! Keep them in your prayers while they learn.

Youth group kicks off on Wednesday, September 3 at 5 p.m. Bring your friends again and again!

September 2008

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|---------------------------------|
| | 1 10:00 Golf at Surfside 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 5 | 2 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 Text Study | 3 5:00 Youth Group | 4 9:00 Quilting 11:00 Grief/Loss Support 7:00 Choir Practice | 5 | 6 |
| 7 PENTECOST 17 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA | 8 10:00 Golf at Surfside 10:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 6 | 9 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Staff Mtg. 10:00 Text Study in Surfside | 10 9:00 Foot Clinic 10:00 WELCA Meeting/Social | 11 9:00 Quilting 7:00 Choir Practice | 12 | 13 |
| 14 PENTECOST 18 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA | 15 10:00 Golf at Surfside 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 1 | 16 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study 5:30 Council | 17 1:00 Book Club 2:00 Food Handlers Class 5:00 Youth Group | 18 9:00 Quilting 5:30 Grief/Loss Support 7:00 Choir Practice | 19 | 20 Chinook Honoring Ceremony |
| 21 PENTECOST 19 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA | 22 10:00 Golf at Surfside 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 2 | 23 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study | 24 1:00 WELCA Bible Study | 25 9:00 Quilting | 26 1:00 Parkinson's Support 6:00 Salmon Dinner and Auction!! | 27 |
| 28 PENTECOST 20 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:00 Women's AA | 29 10:00 Golf at Surfside 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 Community Table Team 3 | 230 10:00 Do Nothing Club 10:00 Text Study | | | | |

Groups Serving in September

| | <i>Coffee Hosts</i> | <i>Worship Steward</i> | <i>Greeter</i> | <i>Reader</i> | <i>Ushers</i> | <i>Acolyte</i> |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Sept. 7</i> | | Bette Arne | Svend and Henne Jensen | Rod Anderson | Terry McCabe | Anja and Kim Patten |
| <i>Sept. 14</i> | | Heather Smallwood | Jack McBride | Rod Anderson | David Aase Rod Anderson | Sue Kennedy |
| <i>Sept. 21</i> | | Lois Brass | Russ Jones | Sidsel Tompkins | Gordon Duscha | David Davis |
| <i>Sept. 28</i> | Joyce and Russ Jones | Bob Lindberg | Dorothy Kenrud | Sidsel Tompkins | The Davis Family | Deanna Smallwood |

Altar Guild - Rose McCabe

Assisting Minister - Andrea Patten

September Birthdays

2 - Michael Johnson

18 - Colleen Thrift

September Anniversaries

13 - Dave and Sandi Hansen

22 - Gordon and Ruth Duscha



FISH NEEDS YOUR HELP Donations are desperately needed for FISH. Meals in a can (spaghetti, ravioli, etc) 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!

COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED We are looking for volunteers for coffee hosts beginning the first Sunday in September to the end of the year. The dates are, **September 7, 14, 21; October 5, 12, 19, 26;** Two opportunities in **November**; and Three opportunities in **December**. Please let me know if you can serve and what date you will be available. Thank You, Curt

WELCA MEETINGS SET FOR THE YEAR Mark your calendars now for these dates: Meetings on September 10, 2008, November 12, 2008, March 11, 2009 and May 13, 2009 at 10 a.m. Bible Studies on September 24, 2008, October 22, 2008, November 26, 2008, December TBA, March 25, 2009, April 22, 2009, and May 20, 2009 at 1 p.m.

Community Table Report – Summer 2008

Our Community Table food program has continued to grow throughout the summer. We have served a total of 788 people so far in June, July, and August, with one Monday (August 25) still to go. This is an average of 66 people per week.

Contributions to Community Table continue to come in. We have received a total of \$1,607 in contributions since June 1. \$1,000 of this was from our generous realtor in the community once again. \$362 of was generated by the benefit car show and car wash held in August. Many thanks to Jim Wirth and his crew of helpers as well as everyone who participated in this fun event. Thrivent has notified us that we will receive a grant of \$800 again, with an additional grant to cover our shed remodeling pending.

If you would like to be involved on one of our serving teams and need to obtain or renew a health certificate, please let Mike or I know (665-2674). We are scheduling a person from the health department to come to our site and present the class and the exam on September 17 at 2 p.m.

Once again, this program to serve our community is only possible because of the generous sharing of time and money as well as the prayers of our church community. Thanks so much for all you do.

Mike and Sidsel Tompkins

Music Notes

Missing: Quite a few of the new cranberry book hymnals. If you have one in your home with the church name on it, please return it to the church. The choir will be needing them in a couple of weeks. Thank you.

Congregational Ministry Review

How are we doing as a congregation? How are we fulfilling our mission? It's time to take a snapshot of where we are to help us determine where we want to go in the future. Our church council has recommended that we do such an evaluation.

To help us in this process, Pastor John Recher from Seattle will donate his time to our congregation. Pastor Recher has more than twenty years experience working with groups from a broad ecumenical base. He will be with us on October 5 when he will train a group of seven leaders for discussion groups. These leaders will then meet with small cluster groups within a three day period following the training at the homes of volunteer hosts. The focus of the discussion will be on what we are doing well, and what we can be doing better. Pastor Recher will gather the information from the leaders and report back to the congregation within a few weeks.

It is hoped that all church members and regular attendees will participate in this process, either as a leader, a host, or a participant in a cluster group meeting. Ocean Park Lutheran Task Force members will be contacting individuals to serve as leaders or hosts and there will be sign up sheets for group meetings so that everyone will be able to attend at a convenient time and place.

The church bulletin and temple talks will provide further information regarding this important endeavor.

The October Tide-ings
deadline is
Sunday, September 21

Need your lawn mowed?

Call Janet Herman at 642-4201.



Recipe of the Month - September

One Hundred Years Ago.....

My grandmother had a cookbook entitled The Standard Domestic Science Cook Book, copyright 1908, and evidently used it a lot as the pages are soiled and the back is broken. Here are some tidbits

MOCK DUCK

Spread a tender round of beef steak on board and cover over with bread crumbs and 1 pint oysters. Add enough of the oyster juice to moisten the bread crumbs. Season with salt and pepper and put a few lumps of butter here and there. Roll up tightly and sew up sides and ends. Put in baking pan with cup of water and lump of butter. Roast from one to one and a quarter hours, basting frequently. Serve either hot or cold.

CANADIAN FIG PUDDING (Yes, Grandmother was Canadian)

Chop 1 pound suet, 1 of figs, add 1 cup bread crumbs 1/2 cup sweet milk, 1 of sugar, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoonful soda. Steam in mold two hours. **Sauce.**--Two cups fine white sugar, 2 eggs, 2 table-spoonfuls butter, 4 of brandy or wine. Stir butter and sugar to a cream, beat eggs and mix just before service with 1 cup boiling water or milk.

PIGEON, POLISH STYLE (But she wasn't Polish)

Cut 2 ozs. of streaky bacon into dice, and fry with a little butter in a pan; when almost done, add 1 minced very small onion and fry likewise. Add the pigeon's liver, cleaned and sliced beforehand; season with salt and pepper and powdered savory, cook five minutes over quick fire. Put all in a mortar, pound till fine, rub through a fine wire sieve. With this forcemeat (meat chopped fine and seasoned), fill the pigeon, truss and roast it, frequently basting with melted butter. When nearly done, take out and let cool. Then brush with beaten egg and roll in crumbs, and fry in hot deep fat ten minutes; drain, untruss and serve with or without gravy or sauce.

FOR INSOMNIA OR TO RELIEVE A COLD

Take 1 cup of very hot milk, add 1/2 teaspoonful of pulverized ginger. Drink just before retiring. This simple remedy has been known to break up a cold and stop a cough, and is said to be excellent. Take out-door exercise.

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.

Dorian Minder



My name is Dorian Minder. I was trained at the Air Defense School in El Paso, TX as a computer and communications operator and maintainer. I was then assigned to the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade in Giebelstadt, Germany. While there I served as the Command Sergeant Major's Driver, during which time I participated in the 60th anniversary of the landing of US Forces on Normandy beach. After that I was assigned as an Early Warning Systems Operator the Brigade Fire Direction Center. During this assignment I participated in several connectivity and strategic exercises including German, NATO, and Israeli forces. Earlier this year, I returned home after my five year assignment and am now looking to resume my college education. Thank you for your kind thoughts.