



Tide-ings



January 2008 - Can You Believe It???

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

Greetings to each of you in this new year of 2008!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Gulvie Lindberg for her good and faithful service to our congregation and to our Lord. She has served in many capacities. I first knew her in the early 1980's when she was serving in the capacity of Associate in Ministry to a mission congregation in Lake Tapps, WA. She then moved with her husband, Pr. Waldo Lindberg to Las Vegas, Nevada, where she served as the congregation's secretary until their move here.

As I understand it, Pr. Stomp put an ad in the paper and she answered it and the rest is history. When I arrived in 1999 she had everything ready for me: a congregational map, who needed visiting, she showed me where everything was, helped me get my feet on the ground, and gently

broke in a new pastor.

Gulvie has given generously of her time and talents; she is the kind of person who sees something that needs doing and instead of waiting to see who might do it, does the task herself. You see her tirelessly in the kitchen, cleaning, leading prayer group, in the office greeting and answering questions, working on Sunday bulletins, counting folks in worship, weeding in the garden, and always taking care of things.

She is a blessing to us, with her retirement as Office Administrator she will take on new areas of ministry. She will be one of our visitors bringing communion to those who cannot get out, she will continue leading the prayer group, she may even sing in the choir, (she has a beautiful voice). The Lord will open new doors of ministry for her. I want to thank her for her many years of good and faithful service.

~ Pr. Linda

The new pictorial church directory is here and is available for your enjoyment.

How about a small donation to help defray expenses?

One Storm Story

We concluded service on Sunday morning December 2 with the power going out and having coffee hour by candlelight. Little did we know that was just the beginning of a week of quiet (no electricity and no phone service-cell or land line), strong winds blowing down trees, and pieces of roof flying off. It was also a week of community coming together.

On Monday we had to cancel Community Table, the winds (sustained at over 70 mph) made it too dangerous to be out driving on the roads as there were power lines and tree down everywhere.

One couple in their 80's without electrical power, thus no heat or water (they use a well), were willing to stay with us. We have a wood stove for heat and used a propane camp stove for cooking. Others came by to warm up and to have coffee, some would call to check in and others just came by for company. My husband, Jim, and neighbors drove to homes where we could not reach anyone by phone to check on them.

We continued to be in contact with many by phone in the Ocean Park area, while that was possible; however at one time we could not call the other end of the Peninsula, or over to our neighbors across the street.

The most frustrating issue was the inability to contact anyone by phone-land line or cell. The second most frustrating issue was the lack of outside communication. Many of the local radio stations in the area were knocked off the air and the one station in Astoria we could get on our portable radio was broadcasting news from Europe.

As often happens in time of need people reached out to help others, we had sharing of generators and gas in order to save food, and to provide food and warmth. We had members checking on other members and their neighbors.

On Wednesday members of OPLC decided we could provide a hot noon meal and used a propane turkey fryer to make chili for the community. We prepared and delivered 81 meals in the areas we usually deliver to on Mondays.

I took quilts made by our quilters to the Fire Department and to one home that was in need.

The church itself was undamaged by the 100+ mph winds; thankfully we had repaired the bell tower this past summer. Electricity came back on late Friday afternoon.

June, an 87 year old widow, was still with out power or phone on Sunday morning. She was, however, at worship despite the hardship of the week. The good news is that by 5 pm she was reconnected with power.

The following Monday, we were able to once again provide a hot lunch for the community and we served 111 meals. Yes, we lost food from the freezer, but all things considered, that was little to lose in the big picture.

The week was a good lesson in this Advent season as we all were waiting for something heat, lights, communication with the outside world, fresh food. We have learned to be better prepared for today and for tomorrow and we still have hope.

Pr Linda

(Pastor Linda sent the above narrative to the Synod Office in response to their request for information)

This and That

Thank you to the youth, **Bob Lindberg**, **Stephanie Johnson**, and **Kathleen Davis** for the wonderful program they blessed us with on Sunday the 16th of December.

The **combined choirs** of our church and the Methodists provided us with beautiful music on Sunday the 23rd of December. They had spent a lot of time in preparation for the morning's program and it sounded beautiful. Thank you choirs and **Barbaras!**

Thank you for your response for Sock Sunday, many, many pairs of socks were brought for our community's children at **Ocean Park Elementary School**. Thank you!

The final work will be done on the **Community Table** storage shed soon. A new door frame, in order to lock the door, will be in place soon. **Gordon Duscha** has done a fine job wiring the shed for a new energy efficient freezer, which hopefully we will be able to get through the door.

Some work will be done in the attic in order to strengthen the beam that holds up our folding door. Soon it will be operational again.

Dave and Kathy Aase have offered to store our riding lawn mower and equipment, storage, as you know, is in short supply here. Thanks Dave and Kathy.

There are still LBW's available for your personal use. Please take one home and share one with family.

O. P. Lutheran Task Force Update

The task force report to the congregation took place on November 5th. The report included these three main conclusions.

1. Yes! We are fulfilling our mission in this community and we identified some ways in which we can expand in this area.
2. Our community continues to grow mainly with adults and retired folks and this is true also in our congregation.
3. We recommended considering an expansion of the building and the sanctuary to reflect our expanding worship and activity needs.

The task force has placed the full report in the fellowship hall along with a simple plan for consideration of expansion. We invite your comments on the sheet provided or encourage you to chat with a task force member.

In February, the task force will meet again bringing further plans to the congregation. Please share your thoughts with the task force between now and then. It is most helpful for us to have your input before we begin to meet in February.

Thank you, **Joyce Jones** (Chair)

Members: Dave Hansen, Mary Ellen Langridge, Harding Carlson, Michael and Sidsel Tompkins, Karl Johnson, Roy Pellerin and Pastor Linda

A mother looked out a window and saw Johnny playing church with their three kittens. He had them lined up and was preaching to them. The mother turned around to do some work.

A while later she heard meowing and scratching on the door. She went to the window and saw Johnny baptizing the kittens. She opened the window and said, "Johnny, stop that! You'll drown those kittens."

Johnny looked at her and said with much conviction in his voice: "They should have thought of that before they joined my church."

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year! Holiday Office Closed	2 5:00 - Youth Group	3 9:00 - Quilters 11:00 - Grief/Loss Support Group 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6 Epiphany Sunday 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Worship Group 4 serving Something special for Gulvie after service!	7 10:00 - Prayer Group 11:30 to 1:00 - Community Table Team 1	8 10:00 - Do Nothing Men's Club 10:30 - Text Study 4:15 - Church Council	9 10:00 - WELCA	10 9:00 - Quilters 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	11	12
13 Baptism/Lord 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Worship Group 5 serving	14 10:00 - Prayer Group 1:00 - Video presentation and discussion 11:30 to 1:00 - Community Table Team 2	15 10:00 - Do Nothing Men's Club 10:30 - Text Study	16 5:00 - Youth Group	17 9:00 - Quilters 5:30 - Grief/Loss Support Group 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	18	19
20 Epiphany 2 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Worship Group 6 serving Pr. Jim Christinson will be joining us! Also on Monday for a class ←→	21 10:00 - Prayer Group 11:30 to 1:00 - Community Table Team 3	22 10:00 - Do Nothing Men's Club 10:30 - Text Study	23 9:00 - Peninsula Christian Council 10:00 - Creative Women	24 9:00 - Quilters 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	25	26
27 Epiphany 3 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Worship Group 7 serving <u>Congregational Meeting with Lunch</u> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	28 10:00 - Prayer Group 11:30 to 1:00 - Community Table Team 4	29 10:00 - Do Nothing Men's Club	30	31 9:00 - Quilters 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal		

Groups Serving in January

	<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	<i>Worship Steward</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Reader</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
January 6	Helen and Jack McBride	Carol Payton	Carole Barger	Stephanie Johnson	David Kingsbury Robert Lindberg
January 13	Sandi and David Hansen	Bud Runyan	Claude Langridge	Rose Wallace	Karl Johnson
January 20	Ann and Jerry Furgurson	Gary Hansen	<u>Volunteer Needed!</u>	Peggy Mills	Jim Wirth Mike Tompkins
January 27	Congregational Meeting - Lunch	Norbert Prechel	Sandi Hansen	Curt Davis	David Hansen Tom Kennedy

January Birthdays

2 - Stephanie Johnson
 3 - Cheryl Gordon
 5 - Charlotte Davis
 14 - Barbara Niemi
 17 - Stephen Shaw
 19 Bud Runyan and Udell Shaw
 26- Erin Show
 27 - Bill Brooks



January Anniversaries

1 - Ross and Judy Willison
 23 - Waldo and Gulvie Lindberg

WELCA MEETINGS for January thru September 2008

Put these times on your calendar now!

- Bible Study Small Group, 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. (January 23, February 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24). Additional small groups and times to be added later.
- WELCA Social & Meeting- 2nd Wednesday of every other month at 10 a.m. - January 9, March 12, May 14, July 9, Sept 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!

LENT STARTS on Wednesday, February 6!!

GREETERS, READERS, USHERS needed! Please consider volunteering!!

Community Table Report

December started out with a fury that wiped out our first Community Table meal of the month, December 3rd. However an impromptu group of dedicated volunteers got together later that week and distributed a hot meal of chili to many needy and appreciative people.

Jeri Dawson and her group from Ocean Park Methodist Church cooked a holiday meal of turkey and the trimmings which was served to 111 people on December 10th. This was a time of sharing as 33 people enjoyed lunch together on that day.

Many thanks to Laurie Carter and her team who took care of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve meals. A total of 112 people were served on those dates, which were not originally included in our meal schedule. Laurie saw the need and stepped forward.

We'd also like to thank all our faithful cooks, servers, cookie bakers, dishwashers, and delivery drivers. Your efforts make a significant difference to our community.

We welcome new volunteers from our church family in this growing service project.

~ **Mike and Sidsel Tompkins**

Prayer List Update

Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Kerry Kennedy who passed away on New Year's Eve. Sue and Tom, we're thinking of you and remembering you and the family in our prayers.



Christmas Eve 2007

100 Words from China Service Ventures

“Joyful Sounds in the New Year”

The sounds of hustle and bustle are all around China. Beijing is readying for the Olympic Games, the wheels of industry continue to turn, and cities are growing at an enormous rate.

There is another sound being heard in China also, a joyful sound coming from Chinese Churches. The singing of children in Sunday School, the ringing of hammers as new churches are built, the splashing of water at Baptism, and the resounding voice of a Bethel Bible teacher in class. All joyful sounds. New sounds in an old land.

Join China Service Ventures as we offer 3 travel opportunities in 2008 to hear joyful sounds of God's people at work. March 25-April 12, October 5-18, and October 19-November 8. Come with us and add your voice, and the voice of your congregation, to this joyous mix.

Grace and Peace, Steven Ray
 Director, China Service Ventures
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Wanted and Offered

If you have something you want to get rid of, that has lots of wear left to it, you can list it here! Include as much information as you can.

If you have something you want, you can ask for it here!

Wanted

Peanut Butter and other staples for FISH - Contact Pastor Linda.

Used Ink Cartridges and Box Tops for Education - Drop off in the box in the narthex.

Offered

Too many African violet plants to care for. If you would like one, see **Rose McCabe**.

There are plants left over from the Bazaar!

Lots of LBWs available for you to take home and enjoy!

Shrimp Linguine

- 1 lb. cleaned and deveined shrimp
- 1 TBLSPN olive oil
- 1 squash (cut into pieces)
 - 1 zucchini (cut into pieces)
 - 1 onion (cut into chunks)
 - 1 clove garlic (chopped)
- red pepper flakes
- Parmesan cheese
- 1 lb. Linguini (cooked)

Clean and devein shrimp. In a large skillet, combine shrimp, onion and garlic; stir fry in olive oil for 5 minutes. Remove from skillet and keep warm. In same skillet, stir fry zucchini and squash for 5 to 7 minutes. Meanwhile, cook linguine according to package directions. Toss together with shrimp and veggies, season with red pepper flakes to taste. Serve with generous amounts of Parmesan cheese.

Crostini with Gorgonzola and Tomatoes

Crostini means "little toast" in Italian. They are topped with a wide range of ingredients.

Serves 4-6

- 1 loaf Italian or French bread, sliced into 1-inch circles
- 8 ounces Gorgonzola cheese (or any good blue-style cheese)
- 2 cups tomatoes, diced
- ¼ cup Basil, fresh, chopped
- 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
- - ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Balsamic vinegar

Toss together the tomatoes, basil, garlic, oil and vinegar. Set aside. Place the bread slices on a cookie sheet. Bake at 425 for 2 minutes on each side. Top each piece with about 2 teaspoons of cheese. Finish with a spoonful of the tomato mixture. Serve immediately.

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Congregational Meeting Date set for Sunday January 27 following service.

There will be an election for three Council Members, presentation of the budget and looking to the future.

Bette Arne, who was elected to a second term in 2005, Bud Runyan, elected in 2005 for a three year term and Norbert Prechel elected to a two year replacement position will all be going off council.

They each brought their own gifts and talents, questions and solutions. They have served faithfully and to the best of their ability. I want to thank them for their contributions of time and leadership during their terms.

There will be lunch served.