

Multi-Site Worship and Ministry

Plans continue for Sunday morning worship in Casa Grande this Fall. We are looking into a worship site. We would like to have a location we could use throughout the week, such as in a storefront or office building, for additional programs.

Intern News: Pastor Thom traveled to St. Paul for an internship workshop in May and met with our assigned intern, Scott Thalacker, and his wife, Lindsay. Scott is from Rapid City, SD (where his father has served as a Lutheran pastor for over 20 years), and Lindsay is from Eau Claire, WI. This summer they are working together at a youth camp in Montana and will be arriving the first week of September.

What is needed: We would like to provide a two-bedroom apartment in Casa Grande, which needs a sofa, bed, television, and other furnishings. Your help with these items would be greatly appreciated! Our internship program is subsidized by our "mission partner," Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Chandler.

Continue to prayerfully consider the opportunity for this extended ministry in order to share our welcoming atmosphere and God's great gospel message.

"Shaping Tomorrow" Capital Funds

All "Shaping Tomorrow" funds will be used for improvements on our campus; such as acoustics for the activity building, building a playground and outdoor gathering area. Future funds may also be needed for unknown expenditures, such as replacement of aging air conditioning units. The program is intended to meet our future needs without stressing our overall financial picture.

You are encouraged to participate in the "Shaping Tomorrow" program, which will continue through March 2009. You can pick up commitment cards and envelopes in the church entry. Contributions can be made all at once or on a continued schedule.

Child Care and Pre-School News

- Committee meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.
- Finances through the end of March show a balance of \$9,188

Board members: Karen Nelson (Pres), Barbara Doty (Vice Pres), Linda Gal (Sec.), Gary Linafelter, and Margaret Mokarnia-Mander.

Coordinator – Julie Rivas (Office: 466-5174).

Congregational Financial News

Account balances – through April:	General fund	\$25,653	
Special/Memorial fund	\$17,664	Shaping Tomorrow" fund	\$12,395

Central News

June 2008

"God's Plan for Fathers"

God's plan for fathers is to **worship him** –

"Give unto the Lord, O mighty one, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."
(Psalm 29:1-2)

God's plan for fathers is to **come to him in prayer** –

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

God's plan for fathers is to **listen to the Holy Spirit** –

For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." (Luke 12:12)

God's plan for fathers is to **trust in his power** –

"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can humans do to me? It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in humans." (Psalm 118:6,8)

God's plan for fathers is to **seek him** –

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." (Psalm 34:4)

God's plan for fathers is to **walk with them through adversity** –

"And he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast of my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

God's plan for fathers is to **walk with them through failure** –

"He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."
(Psalm 103:10-12)

God's plan for fathers is to **find contentment** –

"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content; I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."
(Philippians 4:11-12)

Central Lutheran Church

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Sunday Schedule

9 a.m. Worship

Our worship service includes a blend of hymns and contemporary music. Our focus is on the good news shared by God through Jesus Christ and is celebrated through the sacraments of baptism and communion.

Everyone is invited to participate in Holy Communion, celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.

10 a.m. Fellowship

Spend some time getting acquainted or reacquainted following worship.

Fellowship Servers Needed

Sign-up to serve in the entry – cookies and refreshments are provided.

Worship Assistants

If you would like to serve as an assistant and have not been contacted, or need more information contact the church office.

Altar Flowers -- Sign-up in the entry to provide flowers on the altar for a special occasion.

Worship Nursery

Child care is offered for our youngest children during worship.

Contact Barbara Doty (494-1035) to help or for more information.

Name Tags Our hope is to distribute nametags to all our regular worshippers – look for information in the entry.

Women of Central Lutheran

The next Bible Study and Luncheon will be held on September 10th.

For information on women's ministry contact Ramona Milsten (421-0542).

Quilting – Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

Quilts are now being made for the children in the protective shelter against abuse located in Casa Grande.

Lutheran World Relief Coffee

The Equal Exchange project makes it possible for farmers to earn a fair price for their products. The "Small Farmer Fund" pools resources, so they are able to invest in education, health care, and agricultural improvements.

Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are available in the entry.

Wellness Ministry

You can help care for members and friends of our congregation through phone calls, visits, and service projects.

Contact Laurie Waluk (413-3238) or Pastor Thom to ask how you can be a part of our "wellness" team.

Happy Father's Day June 15th

Father's Day was established in 1924 (Mother's Day came first in 1907). It was suggested to make the dandelion the official flower for the day because *the more it is trampled on, the more it grows*. Yet, the rose was selected, thorns and all.

Youth Events and Activities

Vacation Bible School "Rainforest Adventure"

July 21st – 25th 8:45 – 11 a.m.

During VBS children celebrate being caretakers of God's creation through games, songs, stories, and crafts. The lessons themes for being God's caretakers are to share, give, grow, love, and praise.

Your help will be needed to assist with the programs during this special week.

Summer Outings

Youth Gathering

Wed, June 18th at 6:30 p.m.

All middle school and high school students are invited to share the evening together.

Activities will include a pizza dinner and planning for summer events; such as, trips to the water park and tubing on the Salt River.

Parents are encouraged to be a part of the evening's events.

To help with upcoming events and transportation contact Kathy Davis at 464-8021.

Summer Softball Season

The *Faithballers* return to action once again on Monday, June 9th.

Two games will be scheduled for play every Monday night during the season.

Games are played at the Paul Mason Sportsplex, Pinal Ave, in Casa Grande. Watch for more information when the new *Faithballers* start a "hot" new season.

Council News

- Jeff Pehlke has been appointed to serve the council term ending in January 2009; a vacancy remains for the mission investment fund committee.
- Research is being done to improve the acoustics in the activity building. The plan is to make improvements this summer.
- A donation of \$1,000 was approved to St. Peter's in Mesa to support their San Pedro outreach effort.
- Next "Multi-Site" ministry meeting is Tue, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
- Next council meeting is Tuesday, June 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Remember in Prayer

Bob Alexander, Erv Baumgartner, Ada Beise, Maxine and Cliff Cadman, Ron Cubel, Dorothy Everett, Ralph Fischer, Gertie Kenyon, Bob Kerr, Deb Gardner, Pam Gardner, Bob and Patricia Hedblum, Rolland Karlin, Terry Kidd and Susan Lambert, Clarence McGirr, Fran McGregor, Jean Muchmore, Rodney and Cleo Oakland, Carol and Pierce Owens, Judy Pivec, Helen Zaudtke.

Our Mission

"We are a Spirit-filled community of loving and caring, light-hearted people who joyfully invite all to share, through the Gospel, the love of Christ."