

“Framing OUR Mission”

“And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some teachers, to equip the saints for the work of mission, for building up the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11-12)

At the end of March we began the “Framing OUR Mission” capital fund program. Our new program emphasizes the funding of our expanded mission into Casa Grande, as well as, needed projects in Arizona City.

In Casa Grande we have enlarged our present worship site and continue to look ahead to a “permanent” location for our congregation. Our future site may be any existing building we can adapt for worship, education, and fellowship.

Thanks for the great initial response. We have received 81 pledges which total 135,000 for the next three years. From the table below you can see how our members and winter residents are participating:

18 pledges of \$1-500	31 pledges of \$501-1,000
21 pledges of \$1,001-2,500	9 pledges of \$2,501-5,000
2 pledges of over \$5,000	

In April and May \$12,223 has been contributed.

By your participation in the “Framing OUR Mission” capital fund program you will set in place our mission to “build” for future generations.

Your contribution makes it possible to grow in the ways we can touch lives in the Arizona City/Casa Grande area.

Fill out a commitment form after your prayerful consideration.

With great anticipation we look ahead filled with praise and thanks to God!

Multi-Site Worship and Ministry

“Worship in Historic Downtown” – Sundays at 10 a.m.

Multi-Site Meeting – Tue, June 2nd at 6 p.m.

Child Care and Pre-School News

- Committee meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Board members: Karen Nelson (Pres), Barbara Doty (Vice Pres),
Linda Gal (Sec.), Gary Linafelter.

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

Congregational Financial News

Account balances – through April:	General fund	\$22,554	
Special Gift/Memorial fund	\$9,055	“Framing OUR Mission” fund	\$13,627
Money Market fund	\$1,103	(from building fund)	

Central News

June 2009

“Fatherly Love”

“And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.” (1 John 4:14)

Love is a powerful emotion. People will go to great lengths to express love and they will do almost anything to get love.

The problem with love is that it’s usually self-centered. Much of the so-called love we feel could be summarized by “what’s in it for me?” We may love someone, but we also love what he or she does for us.

We experience many different kinds of “love.” There is the love of affection, of friendship and of marriage. All are wonderful and necessary, but each of them depends on the object of our love for complete fulfillment.

A different form of love is *agape* love. This is the only love that is completely other-centered. When we love with *agape* love we desire the best for the people we love, without expectations in return. We are even able to love those who are unlovable.

We are capable of *agape* love only through God’s presence in our lives. For the benefit of all our relationships, it is important for us to realize that God loves us and he loves us with this kind of love. God’s love is never self-centered. God’s love is always sacrificial. He loves us so much that he sacrificed the Son he loved most so that we may have eternal life.

Love is the essence of God. Love is what motivates him to do what he does for us even when we don’t love him in return. God’s love is the love of a Father who will do everything possible for the benefit of his children.

- Always remember how important you are to God.
- Love yourself as the unique person God created you to be.
- God’s unconditional love for us inspires us to love others unconditionally.

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Sunday Worship

Our focus is on the good news shared by God through Jesus Christ and is celebrated through the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion.

Holy Communion will be celebrated each Sunday of the month at both worship sites.

Arizona City

9 a.m. Worship

Worship with a blend of hymns and contemporary music.

Fellowship at 10:15 a.m.

Worship Assistants

If you would like to serve as an assistant or need more information contact Bev Linafelter (466-6530).

Worship Nursery

Child care is offered for our youngest children during worship.

Contact the office or Barbara Doty (494-1035).

Casa Grande

10 a.m. Worship

Worship with a blend of hymns and contemporary music.

Fellowship at 11 a.m.

Sign-up to assist with worship – usher, reader, communion server.

Altar Flowers -- Sign-up at either worship site to provide flowers on the altar for a special event.

Women of Central Lutheran

Quilting – The women will not be quilting during the month of June.

For information on the women's ministry and quilting contact Ramona Milsten (421-0542) or Shar Jung (836-7949).

Lutheran World Relief Coffee

The Equal Exchange project allows farmers to earn a fair price for their products. The "Small Farmer Fund" pools resources to invest in education, health care, and agricultural programs.

Coffee, tea and hot chocolate are available for purchase – select your item(s) and deposit payment.

"Gracious Dining"

Dining groups include singles and couples, members and non-members. Each group makes its own schedule to meet once a month in homes for dinner – sharing the dining responsibilities. Contact John and Loretta Sutton (466-6531).

Softball Team to Begin

Summer Season

The summer season for the *Faithballers* is set to start on Monday, June 8th.

A doubleheader will be played each week at the Paul Mason Sportsplex on Pinal Ave. in Casa Grande.

Schedules will be available on Sunday, June 7th.

We look forward to the support of our "hot" summer fans each week.

Youth Events and Activities

Sunday School

Our Sunday School classes will be on summer break for June and July.

For information contact Linda Gal at 705-1450.

Youth Night Class

Weekday Bible studies and events for elementary, middle school and high school students are scheduled for

Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

Location alternates between Arizona City and Casa Grande.

Vacation Bible School

Arizona City

July 13 – 17

9 – 11:30 a.m.

Learn more and get information from Kathy Davis (464-8021).

Casa Grande

Plans are being made for an additional summer Bible School series during the evening.

Father's Day and Mother's Day are very much alike, except that on Father's Day the children can get away with buying a much cheaper gift.

Happy Father's Day!!!

Remember in Prayer

Maxine Cadman, Chuck Erickson, Leila Erickson, Dorothy Everett, Ralph Fischer, Gertie Kenyon, Pam Gardner, Bob and Patricia Hedblum, Rolland Karlin, Wayne Lange, Bill Liebhart, Gene Luft, Sean Mallory, Jean Muchmore, Neil Northey, Cleo Oakland, Carol and Pierce Owens, Jim Smith, Joyce Wibergh, Helen Zaudtke.

Council News

- Synod assembly will be held in Scottsdale, June 11-13.
- Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services beginning in June.
- First communion classes will be held for our elementary school students.
- Vacation Bible School will be held in both Arizona City and Casa Grande this summer.
- Evaluation of our multi-site ministry/worship will take place this summer through small group gatherings.
- **Multi-Site Meeting – Tue, June 2nd at 6 p.m. in Casa Grande.**
- Next **Council Meeting** is Tue, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

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."