

## **“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)*

Our “Framing OUR Mission” capital fund 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 your 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	

Through the month of July \$14,923 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.

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, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**

### **Child Care and Pre-School News**

- Committee meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <u>June</u> :	General fund	\$10,861	
Special Gift/Memorial fund	\$9,055	“Framing OUR Mission” fund	\$21,667
Money Market fund	\$1,103 (from building fund)		

# Central News

August 2009

## **Remembering the Meal**

There will be many great memories from my internship year at Central Lutheran, and many of the best memories are meals that we have shared, from pork ribs to bread and wine. Meals are a time when we get the nourishment we need to live. We receive the gifts of food and drink, but even more, when we set aside time to have meals together, we receive the gifts of **each other** – the gift of life together!

This is why we have a meal, **the meal**, at the center of our worship gatherings, so that we take the time to remember who we are and why we are here. We celebrate Holy Communion to remember what God in Christ Jesus **has** done for us, what he **is doing** for us and also what he **promises** for our future. In this way, we receive ‘the goods’ of Jesus Christ’s very body, alive among us, fulfilling his promise for our life together.

This is why the sharing of the peace happens just before communion; it has been tied to sharing the meal throughout the history of the church. Passing the peace is a way of forgetting what needs to be forgotten among us and remembering what needs to be remembered – our unity in the body of Christ. It is our way of reconciling with one another before we gather together at the table for a family meal.

As Lindsay and I prepare to leave and share our last meals together with this community, we find that there is little that needs to be forgotten from our time here (110 degrees does come to mind...), but there is a great deal that is worth remembering. Though details fade, we will never forget the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the heart of this community, especially the way we were graciously welcomed and hosted for a year and the commitment to bringing a new ministry to Casa Grande.

**We give thanks to God for you, and thank you for a wonderful year of learning, service, and life together!**

--Scott Thalacker

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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 remembrance or event.

### ***Women of Central Lutheran***

#### **Quilting Ministry**

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

#### **Bible Study and Luncheon Returns on Wed, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***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 Ends Summer Season**

The summer season for the *Faithballers* ends with the post-season tournament on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The team welcomed many new players and finished with a record of 3 wins and 9 losses.

The Fall season will soon be starting up at the Paul Mason Sportsplex on Pinal Ave. in Casa Grande.

The team thanks you for your support each week.

### ***Youth Events and Activities***

#### **Sunday School**

Our Sunday School classes will begin in Arizona City and Casa Grande this month. For information contact Linda Gal (705-1450) or Kathy Davis (464-8021).

#### **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**

**Many thanks** to Kathy Davis and Kara Cooper, and all teachers, assistants and students, who made our two weeks of VBS a great success.

The "**Rome**" and "**Flight School**" programs shared memorable music and Bible lessons. Thanks again!

#### **"Songs for Tots"**

**Tuesdays in August 11 a.m. – Noon  
Activity Building in Arizona City**

Songs and games are played to increase social and developmental skills in children ages 3-5.

Cost is \$20 per child, which will benefit the "*Framing OUR Mission*" program.

Contact Kathy Davis at 464-8021.  
Class limited to 10 participants.

#### ***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."*

### **Intern Appreciation Dinner Sat, August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Casa Grande**

Mark your calendars for a barbeque/picnic to be held in appreciation of the contributions of Scott Thalacker this past year. Scott's final Sunday will be Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, he will preach at both sites.

#### **Remember in Prayer**

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

#### **Council News**

- Final Sunday for Scott Thalacker will be August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Approval given for "Knowledge Quest" program offered by Sue and Leigh Riese.
- The "Fountains of Living Water" faith community will be using our activity building for worship Sunday and Thursday evenings.
- Linda Nelson was appointed Treasurer, to replace Mary Lou Pace (moving to Scottsdale).
- **Multi-Site Meeting** – Tue, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in Casa Grande.
- Next **Council Meeting** is Tue, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.