Our Mission Partner for Internship

The East Valley Thrift Shop has partnered with us to help support our internship program for twelve months. The shop is an ELCA ministry in the east valley of Phoenix that uses its proceeds to fund mission programs. We will receive at total of $15,000, which will be applied to the intern's monthly stipend and travel allowance ($1,250 a month). We are grateful for their partnership making our multi-site ministry in Casa Grande possible.

"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)

During the Fall, our "*Framing OUR Mission"* capital fund program is being used to fund our Casa Grande site ($2,082 a month). In Casa Grande we have added a classroom to our worship space.

Your contribution to *"Framing OUR Mission"* is essential to our ministry in the Arizona City/Casa Grande area. Thanks for your response!
We have received 81 pledges, which total $135,000 through March 2012.

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

Fill out a commitment form after your prayerful consideration.
With great anticipation we look ahead, filled with praise and thanks to God!

Child Care and Pre-School

Our child care and pre-school is experiencing a decrease in enrollment because many families have lost jobs. This places a financial hardship on our child care ministry. Your partnership (helping with supplies) and monetary donations would be greatly appreciated during this trying time.

- 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 August: General fund $2,920
Special Gift/Memorial fund $4,055 *"Framing OUR Mission"* fund $31,402
Money Market fund $1,103 (from building fund)

Central News

October 2009

Journey Together Faithfully

A *"Journey"* calls us to walk with God along a path of learning and discernment, confident that God's word will be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105).
"Together" reminds us that we are doing this work as a community of faith – a church.
We are people whose ideas and experiences may differ, even radically,
but we remain in community.
"Faithfully" means being faithful to God, the Bible, Christian teaching, and who we are in the body of Christ and what God calls us to do.

As members of a community formed by baptism and sustained by the Lord's Supper we are equals. Nonetheless, we contribute different experiences, sensitivities, joys, sorrows, skills, and abilities. These diverse gifts enrich our relationships, but can also cause tension.

As we journey together in our ministry there are several behaviors that can assist us:

- *"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"* – even when they disagree.
- Listen as much, or more, than you talk. Listen not only for the content of what is said, but also for the way it is said.
- When you disagree with what someone says, give your full hearing and consideration.
- State personal thoughts and feelings honestly. Even passionate conversation can be civil and constructive.
- Let people speak for themselves and do not presume to speak for others or know what others believe or think
- Keep an open mind and heart. Try to understand others as much as possible and be attuned to what you might learn.
- Appreciate each other's faith and faithfulness.
- Realize that the Holy Spirit is present and active among all in the relationship.

It is important our relationships in the church take place in an environment of worship and prayer. We seek God's guidance and blessing on our efforts every step of the way.

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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 is celebrated every Sunday at both worship sites.

Arizona City

9 a.m. Worship

Worship with a blend of hymns and contemporary music.
Followed by fellowship.

Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.

For information on contact Linda Gal (705-1450) or Karen Nelson (518-0048).

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 Suzanne Walker (466-5790).

Casa Grande

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

Call Kara Cooper
(426-9228 evenings).

10 a.m. Worship

Worship with a blend of hymns and contemporary music.

Fellowship at 11 a.m.

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

Women of Central Lutheran

Bible Study and Salad Luncheon

Wed, Oct. 14th at 12:30 p.m. -- AZ City

Romans – *"To God's Beloved"*

Session 2 – *"The Obedience of Faith"*

Study how Paul's letters use a variety of signals to help his hearers know how to listen.
Invite you friends and bring a dish to share.

Quilting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. in AZ City.
For information on the women's ministry and quilting contact Ramona Milsten (421-0542) or Shar Jung (836-7949).

Donations for "Safehouse"

The women are collecting donations for the shelter for abused women and children in Bullhead City.
Items needed: hair products, body washes, deodorants, feminine hygiene products, curling irons, blow-dryers, combs, brushes, day planners and journals. Pajamas, robes and slippers are needed for women and children.
Look for the containers -- donations will be taken to the WELCA convention Oct. 16-18 in Laughlin.

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.

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.

Child Care Partners Needed

A new school year has begun and you can assist the child care/pre-school by donating snacks and supplies.
Check the snack list, which includes: cereal, canned fruit, trail mix, crackers, waffles, English muffins, pretzels, bread, cheese, fresh fruit and vegetables, and apple juice.
Contact Julie Rivas at 466-5174.

"Knowledge Quest"

Leigh and Sue Riese are offering enrichment programs for children and adults. Coming up:

Chinese Cultural Awareness
Tue, October 6th, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Casa Grande Site

Hosted by Shutong and Mark Steuver -- - Shutong is a native of China, and Mark had made several trips there.
Learn the traditions, history, and art.
Contact Leigh Riese at 705-6698

"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).

Make a *"Joyful Noise"*

Choir rehearsal for Arizona City worship will soon begin on Thursday evenings.
Note: Watch for a start-up for choir in Casa Grande.

Softball Team Fall Season

The *Faithball* team has begun the Fall season with a 2 and 1 record in the "B" Division. Games are played at the Paul Mason Sportsplex on Pinal Ave. in Casa Grande. Schedules are available. Thanks you for your support each week.

Remember in Prayer

Maxine Cadman, Chuck Erickson, Leila Erickson, Dorothy Everett, 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, Joyce Wibergh, Helen Zaudtke.

Council News

- Will follow the lead of Bishop Mark Hanson, continue ongoing dialog regarding the ELCA's vote at the national assembly addressing "Human Sexuality."
- Next **Council Meeting** is Tue, Oct. 27th 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."