

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 a 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/pre-school is experiencing a decrease in enrollment because of financial cuts from the state for families with need of child care. This has placed 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 Thursday 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>September</u> :	General fund	\$2,715	
Special Gift/Memorial fund	\$4,055	<i>"Framing OUR Mission"</i> fund	\$29,166
Money Market fund	\$1,103	(from building fund)	

Central News

November 2009

"Meet Chase"

I have already learned so much from you and am thankful that you and Pastor Thom are my teachers and guides. I look forward to meeting the folks who are returning to Arizona and spending the coming year together worshipping and working according to God's will for us, and for our community.

Before I came here I was working at The Center for Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary. So, my hope for internship was to preach often, preach well, and learn as much as possible about serving as a faithful pastor. The seminary was right when they said they had found the perfect place for me.

I am not only a student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota it is also where my parents decided to raise my brother and sister and me. So, needless to say I am glad to be here away from snow and ice for once. Feel free to remind me I said that when temperatures get up over 110 degrees again in a few months.

In my free time I have always enjoyed photography, clay work, music, and other types of creative art. It has been a pleasure to see these pursuits finding their place in my vocation as a pastor. Before I began studying at the Seminary I had spent many years working as a landscaper and pursuing my bachelors degree in philosophy and religion. In that time I worked as a substitute teacher and as the program director for a mentoring and tutoring program as well.

My prayer is that God uses these experiences and the new relationships in my life to help and prepare me in ministry. Thank you for taking me on as an intern with all the burdens and blessings that entails. You have welcomed me into your congregation with incredible generosity and kindness. I feel indescribably blessed to be learning and serving among you this year. (Chase Foreman)

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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, Nov. 11th at 12:30 p.m.--AZ City** **Romans – “To God’s Beloved”**

Session 3–“*Hope Does Not Disappoint*” Paul knows what life is like and rejoices that through baptism we have new life with Jesus Christ.

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 Elaine Zechmann (466-5960) 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.

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.

Make a “Joyful Noise”

Choir rehearsal for Arizona City worship is held on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

Note: Watch for a start-up for choir in 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.

“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 Fall Season

The *Faithball* team has a winning record in the “B” Division heading to the end of the Fall season.

The final regular season game is Nov. 2nd at 7:30 p.m. Post-season play will be held on Nov. 9th and 16th.

Games are played at the Paul Mason Sportsplex on Pinal Ave. in Casa Grande.

Thanks you for your support each week.

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.”

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Nov. 25th - 7 p.m. in Casa Grande
Offering is for Lutheran World Hunger.

New Members

We will be welcoming new members this Fall. Please fill out an information sheet and return it to the office.

Remember in Prayer

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

Bereavement – Ruth Kramer, Kara Cooper and Zoe, and family following the death of Donovan Kramer.

Council News

- Approval was given to add a classroom space at the Casa Grande site, rent will increase by \$300 in the spring.
- Internship committee has begun monthly meetings with Chase Foreman for evaluation and discussion (meet Nov. 10th).
- Members of the WELCA group will be attending convention at Laughlin, NV in October.
- Next **Multi-Site Meeting** is Thur. Nov. 5th at 7 p.m.
- Next **Council Meeting** is Tue, Nov. 3rd at 6:30 p.m.