

“Step Out with Jesus”

During our stewardship program we have received 115 pledges from our members and non-members/winter residents. The cards that have been received showed a total commitment of \$112,000. Of these cards 42 indicated growth in giving for a total of approximately \$13,000.

Please fill out your pledge card and place it in the offering during the coming weeks to be a part of our mission to “step out with Jesus.”

“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)

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

Framing OUR Mission: Pledges of more than \$135,000 through March 2012.

From April 2009 to February 2010 donations have totaled over \$46,000.

Emergency Roof Repair

The council approved funds necessary to place new shingles on the south side of the activity building because of accumulated damages from storms. To help with the project contact the office.

Child Care and Pre-School – “Be a Partner”

The child care will remain open for the summer on a limited operating basis. A full program will be offered once again when school begins in August. The child care committee and the council will continue to keep the congregation apprised of the ministry’s ongoing needs.

Many thanks for your donations, nearly \$4,000 has been contributed, to the child care ministry the past few months.

You can continue to help by donating snacks and school supplies.
Contact Julie Rivas for the latest update.

- 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 February: General fund \$11,262
“Framing OUR Mission”: \$34,979 Mission Partners/Internship: \$11,906
Special Gift/Memorial: \$9,043 Money Market: \$1,103 (from building fund)

Central News

April 2010

“A New Season”

In Minnesota the changing of the seasons is blatant. When you look out your window for 6 months and see the bare branches of trees and snow on the ground you can’t help but notice when the snow starts to disappear and the green buds show up on the branches. Here we are seeing that same change more subtly. The trees in my back yard have budded and are now getting leaves again and a while back I noticed Casa Grande Mountain had turned green as well.

Seeing all this new life breaking forth around me and thinking of Easter I was reminded of Luke chapter 21. It tells us about destruction and suffering on the one hand, something that has been on our minds with recent earthquakes and storms. But it also gives us the lesson of the fig tree. The fig tree sprouts leaves and you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

In Luke 21:28 Jesus tells us to “stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” During Easter we celebrate the approaching season, that season of redemption. And we lift our heads and our voices to glorify God who has saved us from destruction and death by making a new covenant with us. We celebrate the fact that God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that those who believed in him would not perish but have eternal life and we look forward to the season of redemption we have been promised.

- 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 all services.

Arizona City

8 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

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

10:15 a.m. Festival Service

Fellowship is held between services.

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 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

Call Kara Cooper (426-9228 evenings).

10:15 a.m. Festival Service

Fellowship is held between services.

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

Women of Central Lutheran Bible Study and Salad Luncheon

Wed, April 14th at 12:30 p.m.

“Holy Hospitality”

Text – Romans 14:1-23, 15:1-33
Paul makes clear that it is God’s glory we seen in service to one another as fellow children of God.
Invite your friends.
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.

Haiti Aid through ELCA

Find out more about the Lutheran World Relief’s effort at www.elca.org/haitiearthquake

CPR/AED Training

A training class is scheduled for Monday, April 12th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Arizona City Fire Station. Call the church office to register and arrange to make class payment (\$25).
■ AED (emergency defibrillator) has been installed.

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday -- 7 p.m.

with Holy Communion

Good Friday – 7 p.m.

Services at AZ City & Casa Grande

Easter Sunday Worship

Arizona City

8 and 10:15 a.m.

Casa Grande

6:30 a.m. Sunrise

8 and 10:15 a.m.

The Alpha Course

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

The Alpha Course is centered on study, care for one another, and prayer. Discussion focuses on common questions about Jesus, God, the church, and our role in God’s kingdom. Pastor Thom and Chase will lead the study each week at both sites.

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.

9-Hole Golf Scramble Event

**Arizona City Golf Course
Saturday, April 24th**

Players of all abilities are invited to our next golf event. Sign-up up to play (\$15 + tax). Fellowship will be hosted by Judy and Larry Pivec.

Softball Team Winter Season

The *Faithball* team comes to the end of March with a 3 and 3 record.

The remaining schedule is:

March 29th -- 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.

April 5th, 12th, 19th – 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Post-season tournament play begins April 26th.

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

Thanks for your support each week.

Remember in Prayer

Peter Ask, Maxine Cadman, Dorothy Everett, Dave Forbush, Bob and Patricia Hedblum, Art Hilburn, Rolland Karlin, Gertie Kenyon, Bill Liebhart, Gene Luft, Sean Mallory, Jean Muchmore, Neil Northey, Cleo Oakland, Carol and Pierce Owens, Helen Zaudtke.

Bereavement – Al Wibergh,

Kathy Davis and family following the death of Joyce.

Church Council

President – Francis Harrison (316-0272)

Vice Pres – Jeff Pehlke (423-8144)

Treas – Linda Nelson (426-9134)

Sec – Ron Jung (836-7940)

Upcoming Meetings in AZ City

Multi-Site -- Tue, April 13th at 5:30 p.m.

Council -- Tue, April 13th 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.”