

“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)

We continue to discuss and research how we can best “*build*” for the future. “*Framing OUR Mission*” funds will be used to supplement our expenses this summer to support our ministry at both sites.

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 May 2010 donations have totaled over \$55,000.

“Step Out with Jesus”

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

Reminder: Don't forget your offering for the Sundays you may miss worship, this will be a great help during the summer months.

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

Summer session has begun with an encouraging number of enrolled children.

Plans continue to be put in place for the school year beginning in August.

Many thanks for your monthly contributions of over \$4,000 to the child care ministry during the past 1 months.

The child care committee and the council will continue to keep the congregation apprised of the ministry's ongoing needs.

You can continue to help by donating snacks and school supplies.

Contact Julie Rivas for the latest update.

- Committee meeting is the second 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 May: General fund \$7,683

“*Framing OUR Mission*”: \$44,704 Mission Partners/Internship: \$13,750

Special Gifts/Memorial: \$9,043 Money Market: \$1,103 (from building fund)

Central News

June 2010

“God the Father”

When we talk about God, we need to admit that people put their trust in many different gods. Martin Luther said our “god” is whatever we trust the most. Often we put complete trust only in ourselves. Sometimes we pursue power, possessions, or pleasure. Another person can also become our “god.”

Yet, these are all earthly things, part of the created world. We cannot put them in God's place. So, it is very important we try to discover the relationship God has established with us. Otherwise, we may pursue our trust in something that is empty, fragile, and deceptive.

God is greater than anything we can possibly imagine, and at the same time God is involved in the world. God has chosen to make himself known, even though his greatness is beyond all human knowing. The Bible communicates experiences and relationships people have had with God. People told stories of how God had helped them. Others listened and found hope that God could also help them. They called on God in prayer and praise, trusting him as the Lord of their lives. In this way they came to know God. They have spoken from their lives to ours in a deep and powerful way.

Jesus was the living Lord who continued to speak to God's people. Jesus lived in complete unity with God, his Father. Through his words and deeds, through his life and death, through his whole person, we come to recognize who God is.

“He who has seen me has seen the Father.” (John 14:9)

Through his only son, God reveals himself as a loving God. In the face of Christ we see the face of God.

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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

9 a.m. Worship

Sunday School

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

Worship Nursery

To find out how you can help with the nursery for our youngest children, contact the office or Suzanne Walker (466-5790).

Casa Grande

9 a.m. Worship

Sunday School

Call Kara Cooper (426-9228 evenings).

Fellowship is held after worship at both sites each Sunday.

Altar Flowers -- Sign-up to provide flowers on the altar for a special remembrance or event.

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

Women of Central Lutheran

Quilting will resume later this summer, watch for announcements.

For information on the women's ministry and quilting contact Gertie Kenyon (509-1558) 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.

Help the Less Fortunate

Thank you for the 100 pounds of food donated to help the Casa Grande Food Bank in the last two months. Continue to place any non-perishable items in the food box.

For information call Larry Schelske at 836-0891. Thank you!

"Get Linked"

www.centrallutheranaz.org

Remember to check the church's website for the schedule of events and news. Go to the "Get Linked" page for the monthly newsletter and Sunday sermons.

Also you can contact Pastor Thom at pastor@centrallutheranaz.org

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."

Vacation Bible School

"BodyWorx"

**June 21 – 25, 10 a.m.-Noon
Arizona City**

Get ready for an exciting adventure! Learn amazing things about the most amazing machine ever created – the human body! Most importantly learn how Jesus can cure the deadliest disease of all – sin! Don't miss it! Contact coordinator Kathy Davis at 464-8021.

Note: *VBS in Casa Grande coming in July!*

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.

Summer events are being scheduled that may include a water park trip, river tubing, baseball game, and aquarium visit.

Summer Softball Season

The *Faithball* team is back in action playing one game each week in the lower division of the co-ed league.

The schedule for June is:

7th – 8:30 14th – 8:30

21st – 8:30 28th – 7:30

Schedules are available.

The team looks forward to the support of our loyal fans each week.

"Family Forum"

**Wed, June 30th at 6:45 p.m.
Casa Grande**

Parents and children are invited to share insights on how we can grow our youth and family ministry. The focus of the evening will be on how we worship, study and fellowship together.

Remember in Prayer

Ron Anderson, Peter Ask, Maxine Cadman, Gene Erickson, Dorothy Everett, Dave Forbush, Patricia Hedblum, Rolland Karlin, Gertie Kenyon, Bill Liebhart, Gene Luft, Sean Mallory, Neil Northey, Cleo Oakland, Carol and Pierce Owens, Jim Smith, Helen Zaudtke.

Council News

- Grand Canyon Synod Assembly is June 17-19 in Tucson
- An application will be submitted in June to the East Valley Thrift Shop in order to continue our partnership for the intern program in 2010-11
- Kelli Wilder, a student at the Lutheran School of Theology has been assigned to be our intern beginning in September

President – Francis Harrison (316-0272)

Vice Pres – Jeff Pehlke (423-8144)

Treas – Linda Nelson (426-9134)

Sec – Ron Jung (836-7940)

Multi-Site Meeting -- Tue, June 8th at 6:30 p.m. in Casa Grande

Council Meeting – Tue, June 15th at 6:30 p.m. in AZ City