

### **“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 June 2010 donations have totaled over \$58,000.

### **“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 continues with an encouraging number of enrolled children. Many of the children participated in a week of Vacation Bible School – “*BodyWorx*.” Many thanks for your contributions of over \$4,000 to the child care ministry during the past 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 June:                      General fund                      \$2,123

“*Framing OUR Mission*”: \$41,028                      Mission Partners/Internship: \$26,960

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

# Central News

July 2010

## **“Voices of America”**

During this time of our nation at war, financial uncertainty, and political unrest these thoughts by prominent Americans are shared:

*“The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.” – Thomas Jefferson*

*“We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way. The third is freedom from want. The fourth is freedom from fear.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt*

*“We must seek, above all, a world of peace; a world in which peoples dwell together in mutual respect and work together in mutual regard.” – John F. Kennedy*

*“Interest does not tie nations together, it sometimes separates them. But sympathy and understanding do unite them.” – Woodrow Wilson*

*“Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid, one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.” – Douglas MacArthur*

*“Whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world must first come to pass in the heart of America.” – Dwight D. Eisenhower*

*“If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.”  
– Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*“Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?” – Abraham Lincoln*

*“We must build a new world, a far better world – one in which the eternal dignity of humanity is respected.” – Harry S. Truman*

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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***

Watch for an announcement when **quilting** will resume.

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 over 200 pounds of food donated to help the Casa Grande Food Bank in the last 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](http://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](mailto: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**

### ***"FollyWood"***

**July 26-30 6-8 p.m.**

**Casa Grande**

Lights! Camera! Action! "Big Pictures Studios" presents a week long program to learn about the greatest superstar of all – our Lord Jesus.

Don't miss this blockbuster production of skits, music, crafts, games and more.

Registration forms are available.

To help contact Kara Cooper (426-9228 eves).

*Thanks to all the staff, aides and students that made "BodyWorx" a great success!*

### **Youth Night Class**

Weekday Bible studies and events for elementary, middle school and high school students are scheduled for **Wed, July 12<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m.**

Summer events include:

**Sunsplash Water Park on July 8<sup>th</sup>  
Salt River Tubing on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Summer Softball Season**

The *Faithball* team is back in action with a record of 4 and 0 in the lower division of the co-ed league.

The schedule for July is:

5<sup>th</sup> – No game      12<sup>th</sup> – 8:30  
19<sup>th</sup> – 6:30      26<sup>th</sup> – 9:30

Schedules are available.

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

### **"Family Forum"**

Thanks to everyone who participated in sharing ideas and planning for future youth and family ministries.

Thoughts for worship included early Saturday evening worship in Casa Grande, use of more instruments and youth participation.

Youth program ideas focused on continuing Wednesday night event (6:30); using Casa Grande site; utilizing lessons that are taken home to be shared with parents, and special Saturday morning gatherings every 4-6 weeks to include all students.

Future adult programs will offer book discussion and Bible study, and adult fellowship events.

### **Remember in Prayer**

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

**Multi-Site Meeting** -- Tue, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Casa Grande

**Council Meeting** – Tue, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in AZ City

### **Council Contacts**

President – Francis Harrison (316-0272)

Vice Pres – Jeff Pehlke (423-8144)

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