

The Call

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*Deadline for
June newsletter
May 26, 2008*

Church Picnic



**10:00 A.M.
Sugarloaf
Park**

JUNE 22nd

Here's a great event for the entire family!

We'll gather at Sugarloaf Park for inspiring worship and outdoor communion. After that we'll fire up the grills for some hamburgers and hotdogs. We'll play some games (egg toss, water balloon argument, volleyball, baseball) and have a really great time. Sign up on Sunday mornings for what you'll bring. Also, remember to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets.

**A Special Invitation to Our Associate
Members Down the Hill . . . We'd Love for
You to Come Up and Join Us!**

From The Pastor

Timothy Edmondson

Our Top
Three
Areas
For
Growth and
Development:

Empowering
Leadership

Gift-Based
Ministry

Passionate
Spirituality

Dear Friends —

Several weeks ago, our Church Council went on retreat at Pine Summit and spent the day talking about our ministry. The Holy Spirit joined us for a time that was both inspiring and productive. The goal was to eventually narrow down from 8 characteristics of “Healthy and Missional Congregations,” the top 3 that would become our emphasis for the remainder of this year. Here’s the 3 the Council felt deserves our highest priority:

EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP

GIFT-BASED MINISTRY

PASSIONATE SPIRITUALITY

Here’s a little bit about each:

EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP — Leaders concentrate on equipping and empowering others for ministry and consistently reproducing new leaders. Empowering leaders focus on explanation and equipping for a task; motivation, inspiration and vision-casting about the task; and empowerment and liberation to do the task.

GIFT-BASED MINISTRY — A congregation and its leaders help members discover, develop, and employ their gifts. A church that is strong in gift-based ministry is wise in how people are helped to discover their gifts; encourages people to use their gifts in ministries that match their gifts, passions, and skills; and is expectant about the impact the use of gifts will have as members rely on the Holy Spirit to make these gifts effective.

PASSIONATE SPIRITUALITY — Passionate spirituality asks whether Christians live committed lives and

practice their faith with joy, passion, and excitement. Passionate spirituality is based on the Word of God; directed by the Holy Spirit through prayer and focused outward on the world. The result is a congregation that grows deep in relationship with God while going wide in its commitment to the world God loves.

Of the other 5 areas remaining:

Effective Structures

Inspiring Worship

Holistic Small Groups

Need-Oriented Evangelism

Loving Relationships

. . . the Church Council felt that we were already doing well in several of those areas and in areas where we aren’t doing well, those areas will become our focus later on.

The goal now becomes taking our TOP THREE and backing them up with an action plan. Our Church Council will be working on that and reporting back to you.

At our Pacifica Synod Assembly, the guest speaker narrowed down ministry to two basic questions. I offer these questions to you as a focus for the work we are doing:

First, what is God doing among us?

Second, what is God asking us to do?

This is some of the nitty-gritty work of ministry, the nuts and bolts of what holds us together and drives us into the future. May God’s Spirit continue to guide our Church Council as they lead.

Deep Peace,
Pastor Tim

Stewardship Committee Report:

I asked myself what the stewardship chair does in a congregation of givers? We at Spirit Of Peace are all dedicated to building our church.

I have made 4 goals and objectives for our church year.

- Create a list of potential mission partners within our Synod. Should we look outside our Synod as well?
- Participate in the creation of a visual program that can be presented to ELCA Churches inviting them to become mission partners with Spirit Of Peace in order to help us expand our ministry in the Big Bear Valley.
- Set up teams of members, to take this message to our targeted potential mission partners.
- The stewardship committee will participate in quarterly meetings with Pastor Tim, Tom Elbert, treasurer, and Warren Wasson and Betty Cummins, financial secretary and assistant, with the goal of keeping both our church council and membership aware of progress with our annual spending plan.

Along with the above goals the stewardship committee continue to encourage the congregation to make stewardship an important part of their own spiritual growth process.

From the Pacifica Synod

A **Thank You** to the members of Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church for your generous support of the ministries of the Pacifica Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for giving \$9,203.00 for Mission Support.

55% of your gifts are given to support the work of the wider church, and we celebrate those wonderful ministries..

Likewise 10% of your gifts are given via grants to vibrant ministries, such as Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Lutheran Campus Ministries, Lutheran Social Service and Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences.

You are there through offerings when...

- A congregation or pastor celebrates a milestone or suffers a major loss.
- A seminary student wants to learn more about serving in the church.
- A conflict arises in a church and guidance is sought.
- A new mission is begun, including in ethnic-specific areas of need.
- A congregation asks where their next pastor will come from.
- A DREAM IS REALIZED TO OWN, NOT LEASE, A Center for Mission & learning.
- A Habitat for Humanity house is blessed or a PALLMM class is held.
- A congregation retreat is led, or seminar on church systems is offered.
- Administrative matters are handled for 329 roistered leaders
- Ministry visions like "Cherish Our Children" are begun
- Ecumenical events take place for the good of Christ's Church
- Speakers are provided for learning and mission
- Someone visits our Pacifica Synod web site to surf, or even fill out a form

I have more stories to tell of what a tremendous witness is being made in the world for Christ's sake **because of you.** Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Pastor Rich Ajer
Assistant to the Bishop





APRIL

Income: \$12,755
Expenses: \$11,535

YEAR TO DATE

Income: \$29,636
Expenses: \$33,776



TAX INCENTIVE REBATE What to do?

Most of us will receive a tax incentive rebate in May. If you don't hopefully it will be because your income exceeds the amount necessary to qualify.

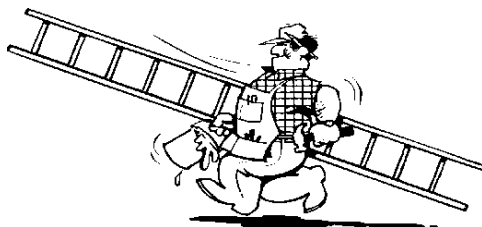
When deciding what to do with this windfall, you might consider Psalm 116:12. "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?" Matthew 6:19-21 gives us food for thought. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasurers on earth — but lay up for yourselves treasurers in heaven. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

Please consider sharing a portion of this gift with Spirit of Peace to help us to continue to carry out our mission in the Big Bear Valley. You may wish to bring your pledge up to date, if you are behind, consider tithing on the amount received, or just joyously give it all in thanks for God's abundant blessings.

Keep in mind 2Corinthians 9:6 "—So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver."

God Bless
Linda Griffith
Stewardship Co-Chair

**Faith
in
Action**



Thanks to all who supported the Chili Cook Off. Money raised benefits Habitat for Humanity and helps build house #4 here in the Bear Valley. Thanks to Janet who coordinated this delicious and fun event!



Congratulation to Our Confirmands!

What a beautiful day it was for us all as four young people confirmed their baptismal faith and renewed their commitment to follow Jesus. Students were Jordan Daire Bauer, Bryan Timothy Edmondson, Matthew Carsten Hollander, and Lauren Elizabeth McKinley. Each student was presented with a beautifully framed certificate, a gift card to a Christian clothing store, and a cross from Thrivent Financial.

Several people helped make this day so special: Marilee Seidel, Grace Beyer, Betty Cummins, Doris Angerhoffer, Warren Wasson, Randy Morrow, and Greg and Erin! Thank you all! What a difference you've made in the lives of our young people!

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Nancy McCormick

Nancy is a long-time resident of the Bear Valley and has jumped in with both feet, already teaching a block of our Sunday School (phone and address already in directory)

Leon & Terry Baudot (pronounced Bo-do –long o's)

Terry is a Preschool Director in Anaheim Hills, Orange County and Leon is an Adjunct Professor.

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Considering becoming a Member or an Associate Member? Speak to Pastor Tim or Grace Beyer. A new class is forming and will be received in June.



Motorized Electric Scooter—

Could you use some assistance or know of someone who could? Joanne Deacon has a Pace 3-wheel scooter that comes with 2 new batteries and charger. It's suitable for indoor and outdoor use. Contact her directly if your interested: 951-461-8393.



Congratulations to Eric and Emily Turney... and Gretchen too... at the newest addition to their family!

Garret Daniel
Born April 30th,
11:00 am
8 lbs, 4 oz, 20 in

Baptism to be July
13th.

- 05/03 *Tom Williams*
05/09 *Jim Reedy*
05/13 *Chloe Harrison*
05/15 *Jane Kunz*
05/18 *Linda Williams*
05/19 *Emma Hilliard*
05/19 *Owen Hilliard*
05/21 *Zach Bauer*
05/21 *Ella Mae Manor*
05/25 *Michael Harrison*
05/27 *Mac McAlister*

May 2, 1992
*Ric & Merridee
Weber*

May 15, 1977
*Pr. David & Julie
Babcock*

May 15, 1968
Gil & Sharon Gerdes

May 28, 1997
Rich & Becky Girvin

May 29, 1949
Glenn & Grace Beyer



Healing

Char Williams
Jack Kunz
Neil Nickle
Glenn Beyer
Steven Adams —kidney surgery
Christine Race (Janet Webber's daughter)
Alma Bauer (Paul's mom) —broken pelvis & pneumonia
Betty Adams —cancer & Alzheimers
Sierra Meadows —Crohn's disease
Michelle (Neal Hertzmann's niece) —breast cancer
Dane
Janice Schlieder
Marilyn Werderman (mother of Janet Webber)
Bruce Wilson —(Linda Wilson's brother-in-law) prostate cancer
Joe LaMura (friend of Judy Hollander) —cancer
Charlene Moore (friend of Webber's) —brain tumor
Herb Bauer (Paul's father) —Parkinson's disease
Anni Ruther (Doris Angerhofer's mother) —chronic pain
Norb Hesch —Parkinson's disease
Jim Ryan —ongoing back pain
Sue Griffith (Bill's mother) —Alzheimers; in assisted living



Strength, Comfort, Guidance, Peace, Direction—

2 Million Victims of Myanmar Cyclone; 32,000 dead
Victims of China earthquake
Danessa
Rosie & Tommy —Employment
Judy
Ceara Gehrke
Caregivers
Vonnie Lassen (83 year old neighbor of Janet Webber's)
Central Lutheran/Van Nuys —as they call a new pastor

Safety & Protection

Those who travel: Don & Lorene Carlson
Those in the military: Sam McCullar (Navy); Tim Lauer (Navy Sub-Marine); Scott (Rick Coehlo's friend), LCpl Tyler Craig (Wendy Craig's son in Angola, Africa), Cory Amelsberg (Iraq), Sean Parrish (deployed); Sgt. William VanSickle (Iraq), Marc DiConti and Son

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Bring A Friend to Church
Sunday, June 1st, 9:30 a.m.
It's not just an Event. . . .
It's a Lifestyle.

A Little About Us:

We are a Christ-centered, Bible-based community of faith that welcomes all people and serves God by serving the needs of those in the Bear Valley.

We are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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**RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED**

**Not a place of
ministry;
but a people
in ministry.**