

Lutheran Church of the Foothills



JULY 2010 Footnotes

Our Mission: Together we celebrate New Life in Christ as we seek to love God with our whole being, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

Worship ... Serve ... Nurture ... Grow

The format of our monthly Footnotes newsletter will be looking a bit different over the next several months. Since approximately 75% of our readers now read our newsletter online at www.foothillslutheran.org, I am experimenting with a format that is easy to read both for those who read it online as well as those who receive a paper copy (or print it out from the website). Let me know your opinions on the various formats as I continue to search for the "right" one.

*~[Leslie Johnson, Administrative Assistant](#)
Lutheran Church of the Foothills*

LCF "adopts" a school



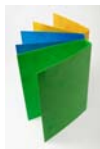
This summer, we will be helping the Johnson Primary School. These 140 to 150 Yaqui kindergarten students will need to show up to school with more than just inquisitive minds. Each child needs:



- A backpack
- A pencil box/bag
- A box of crayons (24 pack)
- A box of regular # 2 pencils or jumbo pencils
- A package of glue sticks
- Child's scissors
- A large "pink" eraser
- A colored paper folder with pockets



Classroom supplies are also needed. And money for construction paper, copier paper, and uniforms would also be appreciated. More information and expanded lists can be found in the lobby at church.



Watch for sales in the coming weeks. We will be delivering on August 16, 2010.

~Kevin Roark, for Community Services

Lutheran Thrift Shop celebrates new location

Join Us

Lutheran Thrift Shop

Grand Opening Celebration

Saturday, July 24, 2010

9:00a-4:00p

5665 E. Speedway Blvd.

***Refreshments and prizes
for the whole family.***

Lutheran Thrift Shop is a non-profit thrift shop operated by ecumenical volunteers from the Tucson community. Funds raised from sales are returned to local ministries in the form of grants for outreach ministries.

The shop accepts donations during shop hours: Monday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All donations should be clean and in resalable condition. Free pickup of your gently used furniture is available.

The shop is now open at their new location in the same shopping center: 5665 East Speedway Boulevard, just east of North Craycroft Road.

Call 320-7892 for more information about donating to, volunteering at, or shopping in, [Lutheran Thrift Shop](#).

Bless those students and their backs



The start of school is just around the corner....The BLESSING OF SCHOOL BACKPACKS for students from pre-school through college will be held on August 15 as part of our Sunday worship. Students are invited to bring their backpacks to church so we can wish them well at the start of a new school calendar and show our congregational support for their studies.

We each are called to be part of God's work in the world using our learnings, gifts, and strengths to do our best in our studies and other activities. The Blessing of School Backpacks will bless part of students' everyday lives and lift up their efforts to learn and grow. Even the most ordinary task becomes extraordinary when done in God's name.

For further information, please contact either Philip Stephan or Pastor Bonnie.

~In God's Service - The Education Committee

Lutherans hold camp for kids



Lutheran Summer Camp "Amazing Grace" for children grades 3-5 and 6-8 will be held in Oracle at the Triple Y Ranch. Camp is scheduled for July 25 - 30 at a cost of \$280.

For more information, pick up a flier from the activities table in the church lobby, go to www.mysalca.com, call 520-468-7075 ext. 115, or see Pastor Bonnie.

Register now!

Help with children's literacy



Did you know that summer reading loss is cumulative? Children don't "catch up" in the fall because the other children are moving ahead with their skills.

Prevent summer reading loss by signing your kids or grandkids up for Pima County Public Library's free summer reading program. Kids can earn prizes like a Tucson Adventure Pass, a ticket to Breakers Water Park and other fun items just by reading. Program ends July 24th.

Come to the [Dusenberry-River Library](#) in the River Center, northeast corner of Craycroft and River Roads, or call 594-5345. Open 7 days a week.

'Come Grow with Us' is theme for fall Sunday school



If you enjoy children who are eager to learn more about their relationship to Jesus and one another, volunteer for the Children's Sunday School program starting in September. Planning is currently underway and we are looking for two or three teachers in our congregation who are the right people to guide the elementary children in their faith.

For further information please call Philip Stephan through the church office or email your inquiry to step_4267@q.com; Pastor Bonnie can also answer your questions.

Join others from LCF to help build a home



[Thrivent Builds](#) is on its way to finishing another house. In June we installed windows and got the house ready for the stucco. Next is the inside. The floors are in and the walls are ready to put up.

Join us on Saturday, July 10 at 6:30 a.m. to help. There is excellent instruction and supervision for those of us who think we can't do anything. There is some task that we can all do to help finish this house. Maps are on the table in the church lobby.

Contact Bryan and Beth Daum for more information at 577-1782.

New piano is dedicated

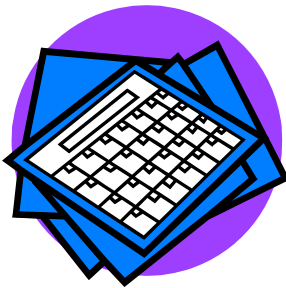


Dedication of Petrof III Grand Piano on June 6, 2010.

“Awesome piano!” say photographers Jim and Vicky Kuzel.

You can see photographs by others on the kiosk in the church lobby.

Missing your church calendar?



You can find the church calendar on our webpage: www.foothillslutheran.org

TO READ THE CALENDAR: Click on the box that says "View Calendar." The "View Calendar" box is on the left-hand side of most pages; on the "Newsletter" page it is in the center near the bottom.

You can choose to view the calendar by week, month, or agenda style. Each calendar entry can be clicked on to read the details of the event in a pop-up window. Further instructions are below the calendar.

NEED MORE HELP? Call the church office and we will help you over the phone, or we will get you in touch with another church member who has volunteered to provide telephone help with navigating through our website.

Wonder what to do with soup labels or box tops you've been saving?



The Navajo Lutheran Mission, in partnership with the Navajo People and rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is a community seeking to meet the educational, health, social and spiritual needs of the Navajo People.

You can mail your soup labels and box tops to the following addresses if you want to help the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point. Here's how:

Campbell's Soup Labels— Help the Mission!

When you send in your labels, please designate these are to be credited to the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission account. Please check the website at www.labelsforeducation.com for step by step instructions.

You can now send in labels directly to Solheim Lutheran Home where they will check, package and send them to the Campbell's Soup Company. The address is:
Solheim Lutheran Home
Campbell's Soup Coordinator
2236 Merton Avenue
Los Angeles CA 90041-1915

Box Tops— Labels For Education!

Bob Tops for Education labels must be sent directly to the Mission, where they are sorted and then sent to the General Mills address for points that are reimbursed to the Mission in dollars.

These labels are only about 1" long, and they do have an expiration date, so be sure to clip that label and mail it soon—even before you use the product if possible! The address is:
[Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission](http://www.navajolutheranmission.org)
P.O. Box 354 One Mission Lane
Rock Point AZ 86545-0354

Our Financial Stewardship to date



| January 1 through June 13, 2010 | Actual | Budgeted |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Offerings and Receipts | \$149,120 | \$143,983 |
| Ministry Disbursements | \$144,004 | \$142,990 |



Enjoy baseball while supporting TIHAN



TIHAN Night at the Tucson Toros Baseball Game

Wednesday, July 7 — 7:00pm
Hi Corbett Stadium — Reid Park

Purchase your tickets in advance from TIHAN for \$5.00.

TIHAN will receive ½ of the ticket price for each ticket sold in advance through the TIHAN office only.

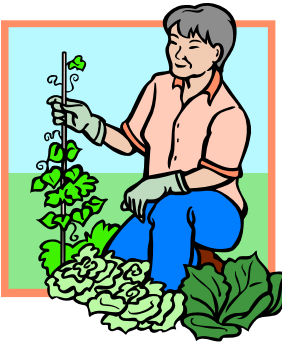
Let's show our support for TIHAN and our local baseball team all while having fun.

To purchase tickets, call 299-6647, or stop in the TIHAN office during regular business hours.

Lutheran Church of the Foothills is a member of [Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network](#).

Contact Kristen Birner or Beth Daum to learn more about TIHAN.

LCF pursues an environmental stewardship project



Summer greetings and blessings to all! Your stewardship committee at LCF would like to share a few ideas with you on the topic of environmental stewardship. Just as we try our best to be prudent stewards with both our time and finances, it is vital to be the best steward one can be with God's grand creation. Environmental stewardship involves topics such as caring for and bettering our natural community and conserving our natural resources.

We are blessed at Foothills to have space to potentially begin an environmental stewardship project of our own and we are excited to share this idea with you as well as receive your personal input!

We are proposing to plant a congregational garden on the two large raised beds on the west end of our church building. The two beds are quite large in size and there is source of water nearby in which we could construct a simple irrigation system. We would hope to host a day in which those interested would bring a bag of potting soil as well as a package of seeds fitting for our climate here in Tucson. This would be a great day filled with fun, friends, and fellowship. In addition, we would propose to have garden workdays to ensure our garden is kept up the best it can be.

This community garden could provide vegetables and herbs for our fellow servants at Foothills as well as those individuals and families in need in our community. In addition, this garden would help to better our environmental situation and image as a church community. Please look for additional information regarding recommended crops to plant as well as a date to begin preparing these garden beds.

In addition, Kristina Bergdahl, a member of our stewardship committee, has a relationship with a team of individuals who are willing and able to teach classes on home gardening such as effective rainwater harvesting if we are able to generate enough interest within our congregation.

As a committee, we feel blessed to be able to share this opportunity with you! If you are interested in, have questions about, or have suggestions for this environmental stewardship project, we ask that you please share your thoughts with us! Please email your thoughts, questions, and suggestions to one of our committee members aiding with the implementation of this project: Kristina Bergdahl at Kristina.bergdahl@thrivent.com; Kristin Birner at kjbirner@yahoo.com; or our committee president, Bruce Osenberg, at bosenberg@aol.com. We thank you for your input and are looking forward to celebrating and caring for God's grand creation with you! Have a blessed week!

Women, mark your calendars!!



Our annual Women's Retreat will be February 25-27, 2011 at the beautiful Redemptorist Renewal Center in west Tucson. Plans are underway for a Spirit-filled, fun-filled, weekend that you will not want to miss.

Mark your calendars now, and watch for more information. Questions? See Pastor Bonnie.

Worship Assistants for July

Please contact Holly Hope at 204-7906 if you cannot serve as scheduled.

From June 6 through September 5, 2010, we will have one worship service each Sunday, at 9:30a. The format will be either 'Desert Song' or Traditional.

July 4 — 9:30a — Traditional

Assisting Minister - TJ Ford
 Communion Servers - Anita Blake, Sharon Tatom
 Greeters - Bruce & Ruth Anne Osenberg
 Reader - Joan Nolan
 Ushers - Babbie & Dennis Lynton

July 11 — 9:30a — 'Desert Song'

Song Leader - Holly Hope
 Communion Servers - TBA
 Greeters - Virginia Sampson, Joan Peyton
 Reader - Nancy Landes
 Ushers - Amelia Solo, John McClure

July 18 — 9:30a — 'Desert Song'

Song Leader - Gary Anderson
 Communion Servers - John McClure, Carolyn Parsons
 Greeters - Kathy Humphrey, Dorothy Loesch
 Reader - Anita Blake
 Ushers - Grulee Sonkarley, Donna Skaar

July 25 — 9:30a — Traditional

Assisting Minister - Ulrich Michael
 Communion Servers - TJ Ford, Brigitte Michael
 Greeters - Dennis & Babbie Lynton
 Reader - Jim "Q" Kuzel
 Ushers - Ginnie & Jim Hinkle

Celebrating Life's Milestones

Birthdays

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| Fletcher Zumbusch..... | 7/4 |
| Lesley Van Borssum | 7/7 |
| Samantha Reeves..... | 7/18 |
| Marlene Pushkar..... | 7/20 |
| Bailey Smith..... | 7/21 |
| Carol Bishop..... | 7/23 |
| Anita Blake..... | 7/25 |
| John McClure | 7/25 |
| Steven Mitchell | 7/25 |
| Pamela Nelson..... | 7/27 |
| Kristen Birner..... | 7/29 |
| David Warner | 7/29 |
| Sally Beste..... | 7/30 |
| Vic Stockbridge..... | 7/30 |
| Rachael Anderson | 7/31 |

Anniversaries

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| Rosemarie Schulz & Donald Hagen..... | 7/4 |
| Sally & Doug Larsen..... | 7/12 |
| Ruth & Thomas Debevoise | 7/15 |
| Pastor Bonnie & Jim Pene | 7/29 |

Our apologies if we missed your birthday or anniversary—please let us know so we can recognize you next time (and so our records are correct).



To view our July calendar, click on the "View Calendar" box on the www.foothillslutheran.org website, or click [HERE](#).

Footnotes is a newsletter published monthly for the members, friends, and neighbors of Lutheran Church of the Foothills. Please have articles to the church office by the 20th of the month. Lutheran Church of the Foothills is a member of the [Grand Canyon Synod](#) of the [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](#), the Rev. Stephen Talmage, Bishop; the Rev. Mark Hanson, Presiding Bishop.

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 Cyril Murphy.....choir director
 Marge Ahlstrand..... 'Desert Song' pianist
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2010 Church Council officers and members:

Bruce Rianda.....president
 Colette Barajas..... vice-president
 Barbara Burtnett..... secretary
 Brad Nystedt..... treasurer
 Phil Stephan..... for Christian Education
 Bruce Osenberg.....for Stewardship
 Holly Hope..... for Worship & Music
 Jim Coté..... for Congregational Life
 Kevin Roark..... for Community Services

Lutheran Church of the Foothills is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, welcoming all, in partnership with [Lutherans Concerned, North America](#).

From the desk of Pastor John . . . Assembly Reflections

The recently concluded 2010 Grand Canyon Synod Assembly was held in our own backyard this year at the Lowes Ventana Canyon hotel, under the theme “Never Underestimate the Spirit”. I was most proud of our community’s extensive involvement in the success of this gathering, from volunteers, congregational representatives, planners and coordinators, Friday night dinner helpers, musicians and worship leaders. This assembly had the fingerprints of Lutheran Church of the Foothills all over it! Allow me to share some personal reflections:



Assembly theme banner.



Bishop Talmage using LCF Communion ware.



Ralph Geror, Marge Ahlstrand, and Rudy Hix at closing worship.

✚ We are an ecumenical church. Our opening worship included Bishop Minerva Carcaño who leads the SW District (synod) of the United Methodist Church. As the evening’s preacher, she delivered a powerful message about the Spirit’s work in her life and ministry, recounting her immigrant family’s history and how she has been shaped and molded by Lutheran colleagues. As of last summer’s ELCA’s Churchwide Assembly, we are now in full communion partnership with the United Methodist Church – something for which we can truly be thankful.

✚ We are a global church. On Friday evening our congregation was host site for one of seven Ministry Partner dinners. About 35 were in attendance including Bishop Talmage and his wife, Barb. Our presenter was Pastor Peter Grow-Hanson, a missionary of the Lutheran Church in Senegal – one of our sister synods. Senegal is 92% Muslim, and about 6% Christian. It is a nation that seems to have overcome fear and division among these two faiths. In Senegal’s culture, all view each other as “cousins”, and this attitude allows for interfaith sharing in worship, at weddings and family celebrations. We can be proud of our church’s presence in this, and many other foreign settings.

✚ We are an aging church. The average age for U.S. Lutherans is 56 as opposed to 38 for the population at large. Indeed, the assembly participants looked a lot like our church community – predominantly white, middle-aged or older. We learned that while 50% of those over 40 attend church, less than 30% of those under the age of 40 attend. The mission field of youth and young adults is before us!

✚ We are a church facing significant challenges. In Bishop Talmage’s report to the assembly he talked about “the perfect storm” that we’ve been through in the last 2 years. We have been buffeted by an economy that has experienced the most severe recession since the Great Depression, and divisions within our denomination that have affected benevolence giving. Synod income projected for this year is at the same level as 1998. We have responded by reducing grants and programs, and allowing attrition to pare staffing. In spite of such a “storm”, Bishop Talmage was optimistic about the future, encouraging us to never underestimate the Spirit, and thanked congregations for their continued support. (Note – LCF’s 2009 benevolence – that portion of our budget that is shared with our denomination – was 7% of overall giving, but in 2010 we have increased that to 10%. Thank you!)

Assemblies give us an opportunity to see the big picture about what we are able to do in mission and ministry. It is a joy to share these reflections with you. Please see the fine and concise written report that is offered by our congregation’s voting representatives this year, Matthew and Marlene Pushkar, on the Assembly display table in our church lobby, or seek out Pastor Bonnie or myself for more Assembly information.

You can contribute to Mutual Ministry at LCF



The Mutual Ministry Committee and the pastors will meet at the church at 7:00p on Thursday, July 22, 2010. Members of the committee are: Anita Blake, Bill Harant, Jane Hodgson, John McClure, and Karen Nystedt.

With a goal of supporting each other in our ministry, the committee invites members and friends of the congregation to share their concerns with a committee member in order to bring about positive resolutions.

We are Appreciated



May 2010

Dear Lutheran Church of the Foothills,

We would like to thank you for your business and for supporting our mission.

Thank you,

~R. Flores

Job Placement Coordinator, Primavera Works

June 2010

A big thank you to all who attended the Guild meeting and Kitchen Shower in May. We received many practical and monetary gifts making the Kitchen Shower a wonderful success.

~Your Kitchen Shower Committee

June 2010

Dear Fellow Servants at LCF,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, emails, and good wishes. Especially a big thank you for the prayers.

~Pastor Bonnie Pene

Our Vision: We are a community rooted in Christ striving to grow in faith, in love for all, in service to our community and world.

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Sunday Worship in Summer — 9:30a

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