

Lutheran Church of the Foothills



August 2010 FOOTNOTES

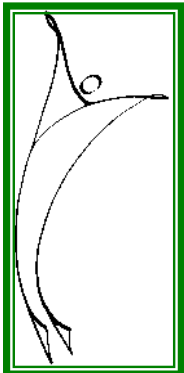
Our Mission: Together we celebrate New Life in Christ as we seek to love God with our whole being, and love our neighbors as ourselves.

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

Come, Grow with us!

The Education Committee invites you to join us during the Fellowship time after the 9:30a worship on August 15 and August 22. In addition to coffee and goodies, the new Sunday School material for the elementary-age children will be available for parents to explore.

During this time, we also encourage parents of children from kindergarten through elementary school grade 6 to register their intentions of attending the new story-oriented program. Members of the education committee will receive your voluntary registration of your child. The theme for the children's learning time and the adult forum hour is "Come, Grow with us." You may have noticed the banner with the small plant in soil held by a larger hand.



Come by the demonstration and registration table for a look. When children register they will receive a small pot painted by Carol Bishop. In the pot is a small plant, symbolic of the learning and exploring our baptismal faith rooted in Christ and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.

Several adult groups will be offered at this time and you may register for them now too. It will help the leaders know how many copies of the study material are needed.

Talk with Phil Stephan or Pastor Bonnie for more information. Just a word of anticipation: Sunday School will begin with a recognition of our teachers and an announcement of the rooms where classes will be held.

Come, Grow with us!

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Students encouraged to have their backpacks blessed

The start of school is just around the corner, and on August 15 we will be blessing school backpacks for students from pre-school through college 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.

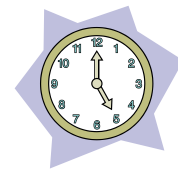
For further information, please contact either Philip Stephan or Pastor Bonnie.

~ In God's Service - The Education Committee



Worship/Education Times Study

In the recent survey from the Long Range Planning Committee our congregation indicated a strong desire to focus on youth programs and youth and adult education. In planning for this fall's Christian education programs, it has become clear that our current Sunday schedule continues to hold challenges for those wanted to attend a particular service, and participate in our education program.



Your council would like to begin a process to consider an alternate Sunday morning schedule that would allow congregants to attend either service and Christian education classes. Any change would likely not begin until fall of 2011. We are forming a committee to study and discuss alternate schedules and make a recommendation to Council. If you have an interest, please contact me. Members of the former "Second Service Committee" are particularly encouraged to bring their experience to benefit the committee. Please e-mail Holly Hope at hollyhopeaz@gmail.com if you are interested.

Explore the entire Bible in Sunday morning class

A new Bible study will be offered at 10:30 am on Sunday Mornings beginning September 12, 2010. It will be taught by Pastor Ken Ahlstrand, a retired pastor of the ELCA and a member of Lutheran Church of the Foothills.

The class will focus on an overview of the Bible, beginning with Genesis and working through the Bible to Revelation. A textbook, *Manna and Mercy* by Daniel Erlander, will be used with the Bible to provide a focus for each week. The booklet is a compilation of fresh statements concerning the Biblical stories and line drawings by Pastor Erlander. Dan Erlander was Pastor Ken's roommate at the Lutheran School of Theology in Rock Island, Illinois.

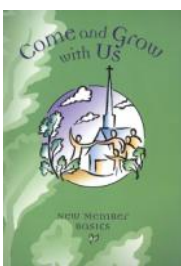
Pastor Erlander describes his work in this way:

This is a booklet about God—more specifically the God of the Bible who is present and active in human history and in all creation. May I remind you of the audacity of this project? I am convinced that authentic God-talk can take place only in the context of trembling, laughing at oneself, praying for forgiveness, and understanding that words never capture the reality to which they point.



You will find this Bible study a challenge for those well versed in the Bible as well as those who are new to studying the Bible. You will be asked to read short sections of *Manna and Mercy* as well as Biblical passages each week in preparation for our study together.

A copy of *Manna and Mercy* will be available in the entrance area of the church, so that you might get a feel for the class. If you have any questions about the class, please talk to Pastor Ken on Sundays or call him at 481-4536.



Interested in being a part of this Christian community?

Come for an overview of Christianity "Lutheran style" on Saturday, August 21. This is a first small-group experience for those interested in serving Christ through greater involvement at Lutheran Church of the Foothills.

The "New Servant Gathering" will be from 8:45a to 12:00p in the Activity Room at church. Come hungry because breakfast is provided. Please sign up on the clipboard on the Activities Table in the church lobby. You may talk with either Pastor John or Pastor Bonnie for more information.

Learn more about your family

Have you ever thought about why your parents and grandparents lived in certain geographic locations? You can trace the movement through family history research. Your search will result in some interesting information about your family history.

The Family History group can assist in your research. Join us on Tuesday, August 10, at 9:30a in the Activities Room. All are welcome. For more information, contact Norb & Brigitte Woolsey, 885-5912.

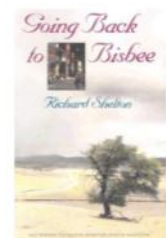


Read, and then come Yak

The sharp crack of thunder, the spluttering pop of lightning, and the screaming of the wind are reaching unbearable levels. The world has gone mad.

So says poet Richard Shelton, in his memoir *Going Back to Bisbee*, next up for Read & Yak, the women's book group.

Yakking begins at 10:00a on Saturday, August 28. A sign-up sheet and directions to the host home are in the narthex. Pastor Bonnie has more information.



You have until August 15 to help LCF help Johnson Primary School

This summer LCF is “adopting” the Johnson Primary School. These 140 to 150 Yaqui kindergarten students will need to show up to school with:

- 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. We will be delivering on Monday, August 16. Contact Kevin Roark, Community Services Committee, for more information.

Coming to a Church Near You! Welcome Equal Exchange!

The Stewardship Committee at Foothills is proud to be offering fairly traded products from Equal Exchange to help support Lutheran World Relief. We are inviting you to show your support for your community, small farmers all over the world, and our environment with a purchase of Equal Exchange products.



We will have a table set-up in the church lobby EVERY Sunday following worship and you will have the opportunity to purchase scrumptious organic coffees and teas from Equal Exchange. The profits earned will go to Lutheran World Relief. We will have prices listed at the Equal Exchange/Lutheran World Relief table. A member of the stewardship committee will help you make your purchases. The coffee and tea make wonderful gifts anytime of the year and can also be enjoyed in the home with friends and family.

A Bit About Equal Exchange and Fair Trade



Fair Trade enables farmers to stay on their land, receive a fair price, send their children to school, and care for the environment. Equal Exchange (<http://shop.equalexchange.com>) is a worker-owned 100% Fair Trade organization that collaborates with democratically run small farmer cooperatives all over the world to create a more just model of trade. Equal Exchange’s Interfaith Program works in partnership with thousands of faith-based organizations and congregations who are putting their faith into action through Fair Trade.

We, as a committee and congregation, have joined a network of more than 10,000 congregations and 40 small farm co-operatives in 20 countries in creating a more just and GREENER food system. We are excited to invite you and your family to be a part of this trade model that respects farmers, consumers, and the environment.

A Bit About Lutheran World Relief



Lutheran World Relief (<http://www.lwr.org>), empowered by God’s unconditional love in Jesus Christ, works with Lutherans and partners in 35 countries around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. Lutheran World Relief works closely with Equal Exchange and Lutheran congregations around the country to help further peace, dignity, and justice for all mankind.

More about LCF involvement

We want to thank you in advance for choosing to be a part of Equal Exchange. As soon as our order arrives you will see the aforementioned table set-up in the narthex. Keep your eyes and ears open for additional information!

If you have any questions or would like to help the stewardship committee carry out this project please contact Pastor John Lillie via church office or email (pastor@foothillslutheran.org), committee member Kristina Bergdahl (Kristina.bergdahl@thrivent.com or 520-270-0823), or committee member Bruce Osenberg (bosenberg@aol.com).

Blessed August to you and your loved ones! In Christ,

~ LCF Stewardship Committee

Lutheran World Relief still working in Haiti

Six months after Haiti’s devastating 7.0 earthquake, Lutheran World Relief remains hard at work assisting those who are still dealing with its aftermath and will be for years to come.

Lutheran World Relief, with a 14-year history in Haiti, is focusing the majority of its efforts on underserved rural populations. Many rural communities found themselves hosting an influx of people who fled the capital city of Port au-Prince after the quake, putting a severe strain on already limited resources.

We are Appreciated

July 14, 2010

Dear People at Lutheran Church of the Foothills,

On behalf of the United States Census Bureau I thank you for your generous support and assistance in supplying test sites for 2010 Census Recruiting. Your help was an essential part of the success of the 2010 Census. Sincerely,

~ *Caryn Walker*

Caryn Walker, Assistant Manager of Recruiting
United States Census Bureau, Tucson Urban Office
2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

July 14, 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you so much for your recent gift to the Food Pantry. We now, more than ever, depend on our friends to provide food for the many people who are in need of help. Like many churches, our resources are stretched very thin. But with your continued help we will be able to go on with the mission. The one that we are all called to do. We truly want our friends to know the results of their good works and how we do appreciate their help.

So thank you again and God bless you! In His Service,

~ *Phyllis A. Krentzel-Koss*

Phyllis A. Krentzel-Koss, Parish Secretary
Abounding Grace Church-ELCA
"Where Grace Abounds" Rev. Keith Hardy
2450 S Kolb Rd, Tucson AZ 85710



July 20, 2010

Dear Fellow Servants in Christ,

Thank you so much for all the cards, letters, gifts, calls, and emails that I have received, and especially the prayers. All have been a gift, and have lifted me when I needed to be lifted. I am blessed to serve this congregation.

~ *Pastor Bonnie*

July 19, 2010

Dear Friends at Lutheran Church of the Foothills,

My move to Scottsdale, Arizona, is completed and I am now a permanent resident of the Westminster Village Retirement facility. Please jot down my new address and phone number:

Ellyn M. Seifried
12000 N. 90th Street, Unit 3050/52
Scottsdale AZ 85260-8635
Phone: (480) 451-2389

Making this move represents a major lifestyle change for me. So many of you offered loving words of concern. I thank all of you as I needed your encouragement and your friendship—leaving the city, leaving my church. A big decision. Now that I am here I feel confident that I have made the right choice and I know it will work out. The residents in this village are very friendly and already I've made a number of new friends. I am happy here.

The distance between Tucson and Scottsdale isn't all that far. I plan to be in Tucson frequently and will try always to arrange my visits to include Sunday worship with you.

~ *Ellyn M. Seifried*



STONE

TWO FRIENDS WERE WALKING THROUGH THE DESERT .. DURING SOME POINT OF THE JOURNEY, THEY HAD AN ARGUMENT; AND ONE FRIEND SLAPPED THE OTHER ONE IN THE FACE

THE ONE WHO GOT SLAPPED WAS HURT, BUT WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING, WROTE IN THE SAND,

TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE.

THEY KEPT ON WALKING, UNTIL THEY FOUND AN OASIS, WHERE THEY DECIDED TO TAKE A BATH

THE ONE WHO HAD BEEN SLAPPED GOT STUCK IN THE MIRE AND STARTED DROWNING, BUT THE FRIEND SAVED HIM.

AFTER HE RECOVERED FROM THE NEAR DROWNING, HE WROTE ON A STONE:

'TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE'

THE FRIEND WHO HAD SLAPPED AND SAVED HIS BEST FRIEND ASKED HIM, 'AFTER I HURT YOU, YOU WROTE IN THE SAND AND NOW, YOU WRITE ON A STONE, WHY?'

THE FRIEND REPLIED 'WHEN SOMEONE HURTS US WE SHOULD WRITE IT DOWN IN SAND, WHERE WINDS OF FORGIVENESS CAN ERASE IT AWAY.

BUT, WHEN SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING GOOD FOR US, WE MUST ENGRAVE IT IN STONE WHERE NO WIND CAN EVER ERASE IT'

LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND AND TO CARVE YOUR BENEFITS IN STONE.



~ Author unknown

Our Financial Stewardship to date

| January 1 through July 26, 2010 | Actual | Budgeted |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Offerings and Receipts | \$177,634 | \$181,226 |
| Ministry Disbursements | \$117,687 | \$178,892 |

Worship Times

Through Sunday, **September 5, 2010:** one service at 9:30a

Beginning Sunday, **September 12, 2010:** services at 9:00a and 10:30a

Happy Birthday to our Guild!



Summer is more than half over and September is coming up fast. Mark Tuesday, September 7 on your calendar for a birthday party. Yes, a birthday party with cake and candles! The Guild is ten years old.

Our first meeting was ten years ago almost to the day of our first Guild meeting this fall. We have a lot to celebrate as the Guild has accomplished so much in the last ten years. Please come and help us continue this fine tradition. Participating in Guild is a great way to make friends, and we have a lot of fun together.

Besides partying on September 7, we will have our usual very popular Bible study led by Pastor John or Pastor Bonnie (the theme verse for September is Romans 15:4). We will also have a business meeting were we will be discussing plans for the year. Please plan to attend. We hope everyone from last year will attend along with some new people.

~ Donna Skaar and Joyce Steiner, Co-presidents

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.

August 1 — 9:30a — Traditional

Assisting Minister - Holly Hope
 Communion Servers - Dorothy Loescher, Donna Skaar
 Greeters - Tom & Judy Gjestson
 Reader - Donna Cousino
 Ushers - (an opportunity for YOU to serve!)

August 8 — 9:30a — 'Desert Song'

Song Leader - (an opportunity for YOU to serve!)
 Communion Servers - Karen Junghans & Bruce Seligmann
 Greeters - Matthew & Marlene Pushkar
 Reader - Kirsten Birner
 Ushers - Jim & Carolyn Parsons

August 15 — 9:30a — 'Traditional'

Assisting Minister - Gary Anderson
 Communion Servers - Anita Blake, Sharon Tatom
 Greeters - Sharon South, Joyce Steiner
 Reader - Karen Nickey
 Ushers - Kristen Birner, TJ Ford

August 22 — 9:30a — 'Desert Song'

Song Leader—Vicky Kuzel
 Communion Servers - Rosemarie Schulz, Rene Stockbridge
 Greeters - Amelia Solo
 Reader - Donna Skaar
 Ushers - Ed & Nancy Landes

August 29 — 9:30a — 'Traditional'

Assisting Minister - Kirsten Birner
 Communion Servers - Brigitte Michael, Joan Nolan
 Greeters - Dorothy Loescher, Karen Nickey
 Reader - Sharon Tatom
 Ushers - Jim & Ginnie Hinkle

September 5 — 9:30a — 'Desert Song'

Song Leader - (an opportunity for YOU to serve!)
 Communion Servers - Ken Ahlstrand, Barbara Warrilow
 Greeters - Ruth Anne & Bruce Osenberg
 Reader - Scott Warren
 Ushers - Joan Peyton, John McClure

Celebrating Life's Milestones

Birthdays

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|------------------------|------|
| Tony Ingraham | 8/9 |
| Lee Noll..... | 8/10 |
| Phillip Stephan | 8/10 |
| Jane Rohwer | 8/12 |
| Dennis Lynton | 8/13 |
| John Van Borssum | 8/14 |
| John Waddle..... | 8/14 |
| Tami Carrisosa | 8/15 |
| Dawn Keller | 8/19 |
| Bert Ronsick..... | 8/24 |
| Nancy Landes..... | 8/30 |

Anniversaries

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|---------------------------------|------|
| Ann & Larry Haab | 8/2 |
| Reneé & Craig Geiger..... | 8/3 |
| Jane & Dan Hodgson..... | 8/8 |
| Barbara & Billy Burtnett..... | 8/16 |
| Edy & Al Thogersen | 8/18 |
| Kathleen & Bruce Johnson..... | 8/20 |
| Ruth Anne & Bruce Osenberg..... | 8/20 |
| Marilyn & Bert Ronsick | 8/20 |
| Marge & Ken Ahlstrand..... | 8/21 |
| Mary Ellen & Bob Reitz | 8/22 |
| Penny & Bill Atlee..... | 8/28 |

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 see the church calendar:
 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.

Staff:

Rev. John Lilliesenior pastor
pastor@foothillslutheran.org
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 Ralph Geror, Jr..... organist
 Cyril Murphychoir director
 Marge Ahlstrand 'Desert Song' pianist
 Leslie Johnson administrative assistant
office@foothillslutheran.org

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 Osenbergfor 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](#).

Put a smile on a child's face by donating new clothing

The Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center (<http://www.soazadvocacy.org>) provides care, assistance and protection for the children in our community who may have been abused or are victims. Child victims who come to the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center need a safe and supportive place to go, and for many children that is not home with Mommy or Daddy. Other child victims have their clothes taken away by law enforcement as evidence. These children need age- and weather-appropriate clothes to wear, or to take with them as they go from the Center into a foster placement.

The Children's Advocacy Center provides clothes, pajamas, socks and shoes to all child victims who need them. Snuggly pajamas make the first night in a different home a little bit more comfortable. New underwear and socks can put a smile on a frightened child's face. And clothes that fit and look nice will make a child feel supported and valued.

Donations of **new** clothes—sizes newborn through teenage—are always needed. Most of the children who come to the Center are between the ages 6-12 years; but little babies come to the Center and so do older teens.

The next time you are shopping for clothes or see a sale, pick up something for these children and bring it to the box in the church lobby. We will have it delivered to the Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center. If you have any questions, please call John McClure, 885-0363. Here is a sample from the current "Wish List," although all appropriate donations can provide a hug and a smile.



Girls

Summer Pajamas:

Girls size 2-12
Teens size XS-XL

Panties:

Girls size 3
Teens size 5

Shorts and Shirts:

Girls size 2, 3, 10, 12
Teens size SX-XL

Boys

Summer Pajamas:

Boys size 2-14

Underwear:

Boys size 2

Shorts and Shirts:

Boys size 3, 5



Counseling help is available through LSS-SW

The counselors at the Life Counseling Network of Lutheran Social Services-Southwest (<http://www.lss-sw.org>) are a great resource anyone may use. Life Counseling Network provides counseling for people from all walks of life to help them overcome life's challenges. Their clinicians use methods that are grounded in best practices and build upon the beliefs of the participant.

The counselors help people learn how to free themselves from unproductive thoughts and behaviors to improve the quality of their lives. They encourage clients to draw upon their mind, body and spiritual resources to help them overcome life's obstacles. They help connect individuals to sustainable support networks by reaching out to their families and communities.



~ Mary Blessington, MA, MSW, LCSW – Clinical Director
Specialities: Child and adolescent behavioral issues, family and couples functioning, grief and loss issues, post traumatic stress syndrome, and cross cultural issues.
~ Holly Brown-Sisson, MAC, LPC – Director of Clinical Services
Specialities: Marriage and couples counseling, elders' issues and general mental health.

Super Group has a super time

Super Group is growing! Super Group is a joint effort of a number of ELCA congregations to bring smaller youth groups together for growth in faith and relationships. In June groups from five churches came together at Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church and we had an awesome time!

We are inviting all ELCA congregations with smaller youth groups to join us for our bi-monthly meeting from 4:00p-7:00p on Sunday, August 22, at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 7570 North Thornydale Road, Tucson.

Join us for activities, games, good food, music, and the amazing things that the Spirit can make happen when forty youth come together. For more information contact Pastor Alan Field at New Spirit Lutheran Church or Pastor John.



Two ways you can serve Christ by helping others

The Lutheran Thrift Shop is bigger, brighter and more welcoming than ever. It continues to grow and provide even greater levels of support and respect for our Tucson neighbors, community and its many programs.

A thrift shop lives on two things—Donations and Volunteers:



What and where you can donate

It's always a good time to clean a closet, check a box in the garage or closet and when it is replaced or no longer needed, you can pass it along for to those who can use it for their new life. Our Lutheran Foothills Community Outreach Committee will have a "Thrift Shop" event once a year but any time is a good time to drop off a few things. The Shop is about a block east of Craycroft on the north side of Speedway. At this time there is a growing need for kitchenware, dishes and utensils. Whether they're for new families or a return to home-cooked meals, these items stay on the shelves less than a day.

How and when you can volunteer

Would you like a pleasant, cool place to volunteer some of your time? There will always be a place for you, whether it is helping customers, sorting and preparing donations or that special station in the back where everything is checked and made ready; all appliances, electronics and even computer components are tested and repaired before they are offered for sale. If you are interested, contact Ellie at 320-7892. The Shop is open Monday to Saturday, 9:00am - 4:00pm.



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 Times:

Through 9/5/10: 9:30a

Beginning 9/12/10: 9:00a & 10:30a

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