

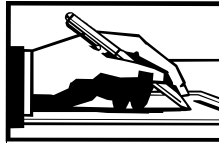


MISSION FRONTIERS



Calendar planning:

- Sight Savers meet each Monday morning at 9:00. Workers are always needed. Bill Cantu can tell you more about work station #39.
- Council will meet on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:15PM.
- The Northrise Bible Study takes place in the Hallmark Bldg. each Wednesday morning fall through the spring. Watch for new dates.
- A reminder: there is no newsletter for the month of July.



PASTOR'S PEN

June 21st is Father's Day. On that day we give God thanks for our dads. We honor them because God has placed them over us to guide us in ways that are good, honorable, just and kind. Not everybody had a pleasant childhood being raised by his or her dad. Others have the sad experience of having no experience of being raised by a father. We have all heard of these sad experiences, and every good father has regrets in his heart over things that he said or did that he should not have said or done and wishes that he had done certain other things in the raising of his children. There is a strain in the media that seems to enjoy putting down fathers and belittling the role that fathers have in their families and in their children's lives.

But even though all earthly fathers are by nature sinful, and do sin, still God has placed us men with children to serve as examples, albeit imperfect, of the heavenly Father's love, faithfulness and discipline toward us (Matthew 7:7-11 and Hebrews 12:5-11). Studies after studies confirm the importance, indeed the necessity, of fathers in the physical, emotional, social and even the spiritual development of children. Of course the Bible for millennia was the first voice, and remains the timeless voice, that speaks that truth to us. And because God teaches us that we fathers are very important and unique in His purposes, let us not take lightly our influence and role at home, *in the church* and in the world. We give God thanks for dads and godly men that teach the children and teenagers in the way of the Lord, who lead others in unity with their pastors and teachers in service to the Lord, who sing praises to God, who lead their families in prayer, who tell others the good news about Jesus.

We will hear more about the blessing and calling of fathers in God's house on June 21st. Dads and men that serve our Lord, may God, our heavenly Father, bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Robert Carabotta

Vea esta devoción en
español a la hoja 5



Mission's newsletter is sent out monthly (except July) by email to membership who request and have informed the church office of their email address. A few hardcopies will be found in the Narthex.. Content may be submitted in writing to Joy in the church office by the date published the month before—usually about one week before publication, the end of each month. Please remember to inform the office in writing of date changes and meeting clarification needful to the congregation. The next newsletter deadline for submission is July 24.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If we have missed your birth date, please leave a written correction on the "Joy Box" in the Church office.

Congratulations to all those celebrating their wedding anniversaries!

June

Amati	Tito	24
Bork	Shirley	25
Buls	Milt	28
Carabotta	Eva	19
Carrera-Little	Amy	30
Delgado	Crystal	15
Maestas	Debra	5
McCollum	Del	15
McCollum	Mary	24
Scaling	Bev	22
Siffring	Connie	26
Smith	Red	28
Vance	Jim	9
Welch	Katie	2
Comstock	MaryBeth	29
Hayes	Tammy	11
Krohn	Caitlin	11
Somppi	Betty	30
Somppi	Jim	23
West	Ed	12

July

Castaneda	Victor	4
Del Bozque	Carmen	19
Duever	Corinne	9
Dunivan	Loretta	9
Fant	Amy	13
Hagel	Angel	4
Lozano	Maricella	20
Lozano	Mario	26
Moore	Carol	15
Nobis	Kenneth	24
Roof	Toni	15
Thurm	Renee	1
Tipps	Connie	6
Brittle	John	12
Cooper	Tom	27
Guericke	Le	1
Meraz	Ezekial	14
Ruiz	Wendy	12
Stegemann	Ivan	31
Testa	John	31

A Sincere Note of Thanks:

I cannot express my gratefulness adequately. The kindnesses expressed during the illness and passing of my wife, Lené, have warmed my heart. Your prayers, food, visits, and the love of the congregation have been so encouraging. Thank you all and may God bless each of you.

Bill Cantu



Mission Lutheran School

Thank you, Mission, for your support and expressions of encouragement throughout another school year. It has been a rich blessing to have been a part of raising up children to know our Lord Jesus Christ and to excel in their studies.

We will be back in August!

STEWARDSHIP

PASTOR EV GERDES

It's here. What's here? Summer and all that happens during this time of year. During the next three months many of us will have gone on a vacation, gone camping, or spend weeks away from home—doing something out of the ordinary.

This means that we have left behind our job, community and neighborhood, our church and whatever else we do when we

are at home.

Fortunately, most of us will still receive our paycheck and most of what we might do in our community will be done by someone else. But what about our offerings to our church. What about that pew that will be empty for those many Sundays that we are not there.

The blessings of our Lord continue and while we may be absent from church or while our offer-

ings don't show up, someone else may be there to fill that pew and make an offering. But do we really want someone else to fulfill our obligation?

We can be sure that El Paso Electric will continue to charge the church for electricity. The city will still charge us for the water and gas that is used. The health and pension charges will continue and Insurance premiums must be paid. Salaries will go on.

Do you see why it is important that our offerings make it to church even though we are not present?

The members of the Stewardship Com. encourage you to make an arrangement so that your offering will be on hand for the obligations we share.

And we encourage you to pick up your responsibilities when you get home.

Evangelism at Mission

Beverly Scaling

Mission will be hosting three college Christian Tuesday, June 2. This group, called "Fighter" is comprised of three Texas acoustical artists that are launching future careers in music and evangelism. The concert begins at 7PM. A goodwill offering will be received.

See the poster in the Narthex for additional details. Look for the white T-shirt.

Make plans to come and enjoy an evening of music and fellowship!



“Life Quotes”

“Assisted suicide is ethically wrong because it denies the presence of human dignity, the concept that underpins human rights legislation. Being dependent on others does not remove dignity. We do not think of a baby as having less dignity than an adult, despite he/she being totally dependent on his/her parents. Similarly, a person with a terminal or chronic illness has no less dignity than anyone, but society needs to show this.” *Gordon Macdonald, public policy officer for Care Not Killing Scotland. Lutherans for Life*

Has your life changed?

I see it every day. A person who has never needed financial guidance walks through my door right after a significant life event, seeking advice for important decisions. Those events include:

Marriage. About two-thirds of married people say they disagree with their spouse about money.

Birth or adoption of a child. Adjusting your budget is important. So is evaluating your need for additional disability income and life insurance coverage, as well as considering college savings plans.

Inheritance. Many people plan for their deaths, but often overlook the fact that they might receive a loved one's legacy.

Retirement. Both financially preparing for retirement and appropriately tapping one's financial assets in retirement are key needs.

Whatever life changes you've experienced, talking with a financial professional about your values, goals and needs can help secure your financial future.

To learn more, contact Michael Tassler, Financial Consultant, at (575) 522-4088 or michael.tassler@thrivent.com, or visit thrivent.com.

SHOW ME YOUR SIGN

Vicar Mario Lozano

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir. (Gal. 4:4-7)

Do you ever run into something or see something that reminds you of your relationship with God?; Something that lifts your faith, reminds you of your baptism, and makes you feel thankful for being saved. Now I am not talking about reading your Bible, or being at church and hearing the Word of God preached and you feel filled by the Spirit.

No, dear friends and family, I'm talking about something out there in this world or universe that all of a sudden makes you feel wonderful that you are a son or daughter of our Heavenly Father, through the miraculous work of his Son, Jesus Christ, brought to you by the Holy Spirit.

Sunday evening, May 17th, I was walking home with my Son, Emiliano, after visiting our neighbors, for some reason at one point I looked up at the beautiful blue sky and after a few minutes noticed that there was not a single star in the sky, But wait! There wasn't a single shimmer of any light at all, except for one very different single something that was out there all by itself. We made sure to look around all over the sky and sure enough, it was the only bright light out there.

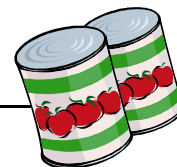
I'm no expert on stars, I know very little about them and the planets placement in the sky, and after these some NASA person, or whoever is probably going to come up to me and tell me it was a space shuttle or rocket of some kind. Whatever, that morning of that Sunday I had just preached on the Ascension of Jesus Christ. So as I stared at that light with a special feeling until it disappeared, I felt thankful to be part of

the Holy Family, God my Father, Jesus my Savior, and the Holy Spirit the Guardian of my faith. As I looked at that Sign, all by it self in the expanse of that beautiful Sky I knew how much they care for all of us. Praise their Holy Name. Amen

God bless you all. Amen



Campbell Products Help Support Mission Lutheran School



Mission Lutheran School continues to profit from Campbell Product labels. Save your Campbell Product UPC's and place them in the white bins in Luther Hall. If you would like details talk to Jean Bartels. Jean's box is #94 and UPC's may be placed in her box also.

Vacation Bible School
June 8-12, 9-11:30AM

"God's always doing great exciting things!" (Gadget)

Call Carol Cooper or Amy Fant if you'd like to help.
Registration Forms will soon be in the Narthex.

Pastor's Pantry....

Needed items always include rice and beans, pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruit and meat sauces, soup, juices, cereal, flour, sugar, and all other staple items with current freshness dates. Be sure that the items have not been previously opened. Buy just as you would for your own family.



There is always a need for quart size plastic bags for distributing the rice and beans, and also, brown pa-

De la pluma del pastor

El 21 de junio es el día de los padres. En ese día damos gracias a Dios por nuestros padres. Honramos a nuestros padres porque Dios ha puesto a ellos sobre nosotros para guiarnos en los caminos que son buenos, honorables, justos y bondadosos. No cada persona ha vivido su niñez en tranquilidad de su padre. Otros tienen la experiencia triste de *no tener ninguna* experiencia de ser criado por un padre. Todos nosotros hemos oído de estas experiencias tristes, y cada buen padre tiene remordimientos en su corazón por las cosas que él dijo o hizo que no debía haber dicho o hecho y desea que había hecho ciertas cosas en su criar de sus hijos. Parece que una porción de los medios de comunicación se alegra de burlar a los padres y minimizar el papel que los padres tienen en sus familias y en las vidas de sus niños.

Pero a pesar de que todos los padres humanos son pecaminosos por naturaleza, y pecan, todavía Dios ha puesto a nosotros hombres con niños a servir como ejemplos, aunque imperfectos, del amor, fidelidad y disciplina del Padre celestial. (Vea Mateo 7:7-11 y Hebreos 12:5-11) Muchos estudios científicos confirman la importancia, de hecho la necesidad, de padres en el desarrollo físico, emocional, social y espiritual de sus niños. Claro, la Biblia por miles de años era la primera voz, y se queda la voz eterna, que habla esa verdad a nosotros. Y puesto que Dios nos enseña que nosotros padres somos importantes y especiales en sus propósitos, no minimicemos nuestra influencia y papel en la casa, *en la iglesia* y en el mundo. Damos gracias a Dios por padres y hombres piadosos que enseñan a los niños y jóvenes en el camino del Señor, los que guían a otros en la unidad con sus pastores y maestros en servicio al Señor, los que cantan alabanzas a Dios, los que guían a sus familias en oración, y que cuentan a otros las buenas nuevas de Jesucristo.

Oiremos más acerca de la bendición y llamamiento de padres en la casa de Dios en el 21 de junio. Padres y hombres que sirven al Señor: que Dios, nuestro Padre celestial, los bendiga.

Pastor Carabotta

Your committee could have had an article here. Articles submitted by deadline will be published in the current newsletter and everyone will enjoy hearing the news. Just bring or email your article to Joy in the church office (mloffice@zianet.com). Thanks!

MISSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting
April 21, 2009

President Jerry Stickles called the meeting to order at 7:23pm. In attendance were Pastor Carabotta, Carol Cooper, Will Dodge, Greg Fant, John Guenther, Joel Hauenstein, Meribeth Hauenstein, Walter Roof, and Jerry Stickles. Minutes from the April meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Pastor's Report: See attachment. Two candidates (one youth and one adult) will be Confirmed on May 31st. Funeral for Lene Cantu was held on May 9. Mixed feedback has been received about the bilingual Holy Week services, and the Pastor, Vicar, and Elders are continuing to evaluate this matter. VBS will be held June 8-12. Vicar Lozano will be on vacation June 17-23. Pastor Carabotta will be on vacation July 9-16. District Convention will be June 18-20, with Pastor Carabotta, Jerry Stickles, and Pastor Gerdes representing our congregation. Pastor Kerry Buttke from Alamogordo will lead the service on July 5, and Vicar Lozano will lead both services on July 12.

Treasurer's Report: See attachment. Contributions for April were slightly down, but we remain on track to finish the year ahead of budget. Final proposed budget for 2009-10 fiscal year was presented to council. Council voted to accept the proposed budget, and it will be presented to the Voters at the May 17 meeting.

Trustees: Contract with Comcast for internet service has been signed, and installation will start on May 18. The extra phone lines currently used for internet service will be disconnected.

Christian Education: VBS will be held June 8-12. An organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16, and letters have been sent to those who have expressed an interest in helping out. Board would like to find a new group of teachers to teach Sunday School during the summer in order to give the regular teachers a break. The group Sunday School openings have been well received by teachers, but reaction from students has been mixed. There was discussion regarding ways to better engage the students. A desire for a male teacher for the upper grades class was expressed.

Evangelism: The concert by the Christian musical group "Fighter" is scheduled for June 2.

Christian Service and Missions: 201 were served at the Soup Kitchen on May 7. There is still a need for more volunteers at the Soup Kitchen.

Day School: See attachment. Scrip program is running well. The Fun Fair raised over \$2,000, including Thrivent matching funds. 47 students are currently pre-enrolled for 2009-10. All scholarships have been offered and accepted. Preschool graduation is scheduled for May 14 & 15, with Elementary graduation on May 22. Accreditation subcommittees are being formed. The accreditation process must be completed by October 2010.

Old Business: Three members of the congregation will be attending the District Convention in Denver. Pastor Carabotta will be our pastoral delegate, Jerry Stickles will serve as our lay delegate, and Pastor Gerdes will be serving as an advisory delegate.

New Business: A joint proposal from both Mission and Faith congregations regarding use of Sowing Seeds of Salvation funds was presented to council. After extensive discussion the council has proposed a number of changes to the proposal and elected to return it to Faith for their approval. The proposal will be reevaluated once the changes are approved by Faith.

A motion to adjourn was passed at 9:16pm. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Hauenstein, Secretary

Copies of the attachments are available from the Church Office.

Mission: Southern Africa" Reception In Denver

A special "Meet and Greet Reception" will be held for Dr. Wilhelm Weber, Rector of the Tshwane Lutheran Seminary in Pretoria, South Africa, and for Bishop David Tswaedi of the Lutheran Church of South Africa, on Wednesday evening, June 17th, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Doubletree Inn (3203 Quebec Street, Denver). At the reception, Rector Weber and Bishop Tswaedi will share a bit about the impact of our Rocky Mountain District's "Mission: Southern Africa" project in support of the work of the Gospel in that area of the world. All are invited to come and meet these church leaders. For further information, please contact Rev. Thomas Schoech at the RM District office 303-695-8001, ext. 21.

TREASURER’S REPORT – MAY VOTERS MEETING
Mission Lutheran Church and School

Report Date: May 10, 2009

	<u>Month of Apr 09</u>		<u>FY Through Apr 30, 2009</u>	
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual*</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual*</u>
<u>Income:</u>				
MLC General	\$20,000.00	\$23,115.48	\$215,000.00	\$223,337.14
MLS Total	\$19,157.50	\$12,747.10	\$199,047.50	\$196,967.71
Designated/Other	<u>\$ 1,451.67</u>	<u>\$ 1,827.87</u>	<u>\$ 14,066.67</u>	<u>\$ 28,481.97</u>
	\$40,609.17	\$37,690.45	\$428,114.17	\$448,786.82
 <u>Expenses:</u>				
MLC Total	\$17,585.75	\$16,610.61	\$162,345.08	\$168,823.44
MLS Total	<u>\$25,088.53</u>	<u>\$23,651.89</u>	<u>\$252,094.91</u>	<u>\$234,000.21</u>
	\$42,674.28	\$40,262.50	\$414,439.99	\$402,823.65

Net Difference-\$ 2,065.11 -\$ 2,572.05 \$ 13,674.18 \$ 45,963.17

*Note: Actual figures include income and expenses not originally budget.

Status of Church General Fund Contributions for FY 08/09 – Thru May 17, 2009:

Average Weekly Contributions Needed:	\$ 5,000.00
Average Weekly Contributions Received:	\$ 5,167.87
 General Fund Contributions Year-to-Date:	 \$237,446.21
General Funds Budgeted Year-to-Date:	<u>\$230,000.00</u>
Surplus/Shortfall Year-to-Date:	\$ 7,446.21

Assets/Liabilities (As of May 17, 2009):

Cash:	MLC Checking:	\$ 26,313.84
	MLS Checking:	\$ 1,922.72
 Savings:	LCEF General Savings	 \$ 47,332.31
	LCEF Building Fund	\$ 9,573.99
	LCEF Designated Fund	\$ 21,664.79
 Liabilities:	Mortgage Loan	 \$148,985.05