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SFLNP Officially Official!

We are now, officially, a 501c3.

That means we are a non-profit organization with tax exempt status so all donations made to SFLNP are tax deductible.

We received our tax id number and it is retroactive to the date of our incorporation.

We are now working on some new things for this year...

- There was a meeting of Pastors and leaders to pursue the job description for a Director to help move SFLNP along even faster and farther.
- We are working on a brochure and letterhead to help get the word out about us. We are only waiting for an address and phone number.
- We are pursuing office space and a telephone number so we will have a way for people to reach us.
- We are planning an Oktoberfest fundraiser for October 14, 2006 at Grace Lutheran Church. The funds we raise will help us to continue to do our ministry projects and pursue the hiring of a director and acquiring office space and a phone number.
- We have many ideas to help our congregations reach their neighbors and our city. We are working on a checklist to help our congregations identify the needs in their area.
- We continue to collect Personal Care Items for people in need and we in turn donate these to St. Anthony's where they do a great job getting these out to people who need them. Our collections of coats and blankets have also gone here. St Anthony's and the people who benefit from these donations are very grateful.
- We want to better encourage our Youth Leaders in the area so they can grow and network.
- We continue to support and encourage the volunteering in our many unique San Francisco Ministries, like Bethel Center, both Grace and Shepherd of the Hills Food Pantries, Laguna Honda and any others that arise.

If you are still looking for a volunteering opportunity or a way you can help SFLNP, please let your representative know so you can get involved.

A list of representatives is on the back cover.

Toward a San Francisco Lutheran High School Part 2

Since the last issue of "Our Church in San Francisco" a lot has happened in our continued quest, under God's grace, of **starting a Lutheran High School for San Francisco** for the 2008-2009 academic school year. Over the weekend of February 10th-14th, your Steering Committee met with our consultant for the Genesis Project feasibility study for a San Francisco Lutheran High School. Arriving on the day in which he and his wife had just laid to rest his mother-in-law in Portland, Dr. Carl Moser then rolled up his sleeves for some hard work. He not only met with the Steering Committee and two focus groups - the LC-MS Pastors in San Francisco, Daly City, and South City, and the School Principals of Zion, Hope, and West Portal. Dr. Moser also had 25 interviews with parents, Church leaders, and others. He reviewed the survey results, and then had a dinner meeting with Mr. Tom Hurley, our Steering Committee President and yours truly, the Chairman of this effort. We are moving forward. On April 1st, Dr. Moser will be back with us to present his recommendations.

In the meantime, it is in order that I share with you some sincere "thank you's."

Tons of Thanks! Many, many, many thanks for your comments on the surveys...

To our SF LC-MS Lutheran Congregations - What a big surprise. There is huge support for a high school from all our churches, especially those with many younger families. There is a good spirit about working together to achieve this goal. A huge majority percentage of our members are in favor of a SF Lutheran High School.

To School parents - There is strong support for a high school, with most of you parents calling for a high quality faculty & facilities, affordable, and good location. You gave much tremendously useful feedback! Thanks also for your wonderful affirmation of our Hope, Zion, and West Portal Lutheran Schools!

To School students - While older students in 8th grade already have their applications in for high schools, 6th and 7th graders were mostly positive, but varying helpful concerns were expressed from a student viewpoint.

To our School faculties - We appreciate your majority support for such a high school and call for academic excellence. Many thanks for taking the time to fill out these surveys, dear teachers!

To Sandra Hadlock, who has done the unbelievable job of compiling more completely the survey results. We will try to make these available in the next issue or sooner. If the latter, we will distribute these results to our churches and schools for your review.

To the Steering Committee (Genesis Project feasibility study task force) - You have given a yeoman effort of dedication, encouragement, and vision! Keep up the great work. Since our goal is a Lutheran high school, we are indebted to you.

To Dr. Carl Moser, who continues to advise us as consultant for this project. His visitation with focus groups, interviews with a variety of individuals, and meeting with the Steering Committee was and is very valuable, and he greatly enjoyed and appreciated visiting at various worship services at a few of our churches and WPL's Ethnic Dinner and Program.

Many thanks, dear friends. There is much hard work ahead, but we, by God's grace, can do it!

To God be the glory. In the love of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The Rev. David P. Stechholz, Acting Chair of the Steering Committee

Dear Parents of Small Children

Recently a pastor of one of our San Francisco Missouri Synod Lutheran Churches made a visit on a prospect family with a very young child. The parents asked if it was alright to come to church for worship with their little one. The pastor explained that our churches welcome little children because Jesus welcomed little children.

Jesus said, *“Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God”* (Mark 10:14). Sometimes parents do not come to church for worship because of their little ones. They may say, “We are afraid they might make little noises and disturb other worshippers.” That is usually not the case, however. Most adults are thrilled to see young families in church because they know that their church has, in Jesus Christ, a future.

Sometimes parents will say, “It is too much bother to get the kids ready for church. We’ll wait till they are older.” You know what happens. Years go by before the family faithfully returns to church, if at all. And by then, other activities crowd out God, His Word, His Church, and time for public worship and prayer.

Recently one of our pastors quoted an old African proverb in his sermon: *“The death of an old person is like the loss of an entire library.”* A parishioner from Africa was in the Worship Service. Greeting her on the way out of church, the pastor asked her if she was familiar with the proverb. The African woman not only said that she was, but that there is a variation on that proverb. She said, *“The death of an old person is like the loss of an entire village.”* She explained that both variations of the parable meant that it is vital for one generation to pass on to the next the important values, traditions, and beliefs so that they are not lost.

What kind of spiritual legacy are you leaving for your children and the next generations? Your presence in God’s house witnesses to your faith in the Lord God and to your desire to pass on the Christian faith, your Lutheran spiritual legacy, to your children. By age 7, most children who have started in church from infancy have solid roots of faith from their loving and caring parents. That’s what St. Paul was saying to young Timothy in these words, *“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”*

Dear parents of young children, you are welcome in our churches. May you pass on to your little children your legacy of faith in and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anonymous



Circuit News: – *submitted by Pastor Ted Zimmerman, Counselor*

Focused Living for Pastors and Church Leaders

The Pastors of the LCMS congregations of San Francisco, South City, and Mill Valley have been meeting regularly this year, six hours each month, for the purpose of the revitalization of our persons and ministries. Counselor Ted Zimmerman has been leading the process, using materials titled “Focusing Leaders”—materials prepared by Church Resource Ministries specifically for use by LCMS congregations. A special two-day retreat held at Zion on Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22, 2005 inaugurated our monthly meetings.

The next step involves each pastor inviting 6 to 8 people from their congregations to attend a two-day “Focusing for Living” retreat. Thus is created in each congregation a corps of focused leaders who can work with the pastor to breathe new life into the ministries of their congregations. This special retreat, open to participation by special invitation of the pastors, will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11. We invite your prayers for this retreat, as well as for the monthly meetings of the Pastors.

Circuit Convocation

By the time this paper goes to press, the Circuit Convocation held at Bethel and Grace Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 26, will be history. But what history!

Members of the CNH and English District congregations gathered that Sunday afternoon for fellowship, Chinese foods, worship led by the BAG Praise Team, a presentation by CNH District President Robert Newton, and a discussion of a presentation led by CNH Mission Executive for the Bay Region, Rev. Ed Krueger. His part of the program introduced us to some of the shocking assertions contained in Reggie McNeal’s book, “The Present Future” which complimented Dr. Newton’s presentation. We are ministering in different times—and it will have a profound affect on how we will need to do ministry in the future. People then gathered around small tables to discuss the implications for ministry of what they had just heard, and then reported back to the whole group.

It was a timely event for us in the San Francisco ministry business. Awareness of the change has led us to work more closely together in the City to strengthen and support one another, and envision more joint ministry. While the vision isn’t altogether cast as far as its particulars, we value being together and working together more than perhaps in the past. And on Sunday, February 26 – it was good to be together!

Laguna Honda Service

Our congregations have a great ministry to the residents of Laguna Honda. Every Saturday there is a chapel service for them. We have volunteers from different churches help bring the residents from their rooms to the chapel, assist them in worship and then bring them back again. The more help we have, the better chance to get every one down in time.

All ages are welcome! No experience needed. Meet at Laguna Honda at 9:30 am in the Gerald Simon Theatre. You will get instructions on what to do and maybe a partner who has done it before. You are welcome any and every week. We are usually done by noon.

Our current assigned Saturdays for the month are:

1st - Holy Spirit,	2nd - Hope, and Bethel & Grace,	3rd - Zion and New Life,
4th - West Portal,	5th - All Area Youth Groups	



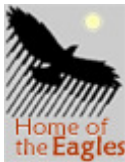
Lutheran Schools
A Great Place To Grow

"...grow up into Him ... Christ." Ephesians 4:15

Hope Lutheran Church and School

55 San Fernando Way,
 Daly City, CA
 Phone: 650-991-HOPE (4673)
 Fax: 650-991-9723

Now enrolling
 Kindergarten
 through 6th grade
 for 2006-2007.
 Call office for details.



West Portal Lutheran Church and School

200 Sloat Blvd,
 San Francisco, CA 94132
 Phone: 415-665-6330
 Fax: 415-661-8402

Now enrolling
 Kindergarten
 through 8th grade
 for 2006-2007.
 Call office for details.



Zion Lutheran Church and School

495 - 9th Ave,
 San Francisco, CA
 Phone: 415-221-7500
 Fax: 221-7141

Now enrolling
 Kindergarten
 through 8th grade
 for 2006-2007.
 Call office for details.



Bethel Center

Mark your calendars for our March Rummage Sale!
 Yes, we are having *ANOTHER* sale. *Why?* We are raising money for that necessary thing called, Insurance! Since we have to take care of business, like everyone does....we decided the only way to take care of this unpleasant bill, is to have a second rummage sale.....SO

RUMMAGE SALE.....MARCH 8 - 11 10AM TO 3PM
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 2525 ALEMANY BLVD, SAN FRANCICO, CA 94112

Donate your gently used clothing, housewares, books, shoes, toys and decorations to Bethel Center. Donations are tax deductible. Bring donations to Bethel Lutheran church between now and March 3. Or, call for a pick up at 415-586-4977. (Please no couches or beds.) Bethel Center is open Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 3:30pm--deliver any time between these hours, just call and we will meet you at the church (we are just next door).

Calling for Volunteers! Yes, we not only need your gently used donated items, we need YOU! Get some experience in dealing with the public, in having a good time with other volunteers, and in making the difference to a special ministry to adults with developmental challenges.

Bethel & Grace Lutheran Ministries

2525 Alemany Blvd., SF
465 Woolsey St, SF

(415)587-2525
(415) 468-2937

Pastor Terry Chan
SFmissions@aol.com

The direction of our ministry is continuing to emerge and grow.

The food pantry, which now serves up to 150 families a week, has a large number of Chinese families. We had provided a "conversation partners" program that had about 25 participants practicing English with about 25 volunteers. Our LWML circuit has had special events to fellowship and hear of Jesus. This ministry continues to evolve and grow. Pastor David Chan helps us on Saturdays at the Food Pantry and teaches Chinese language bible studies on Wednesday and Sunday mornings.

Our congregation is about to embark on the 50 Days Ablaze program. It will begin on Sunday, February 26 and end on Easter Sunday. If you are interested in joining us, please give us a call.

Also on February 26, we will be hosting the Circuit Convocation at our Grace location. Come and participate and you can also see how we have been renovating our facility.

On April 15, we will have our Easter Party for the children of the neighborhood.

SUMMIT- Summer Urban Mission Ministry Training Internship

Bethel and Grace Ministries will be hosting a great, hands on mission experience in our urban setting. We will train participants in working with people who speak different languages, have different cultural traits and are all neighbors in San Francisco. The program can be from 3 to 8 weeks long. All will start on June 18 and participate through July 9 or Aug 13. The duties will be divided based on ability and interest.

We will offer housing for their participation in this program. They will help us run our VBS from June 19-23, teach some Bible Studies, help with our Food Pantries and have other opportunities to interact with people in an urban setting.

If you know of a college student or adult who is interested in this opportunity, please contact Pastor Chan or DCE Karen Jacob, 415-468-2937.

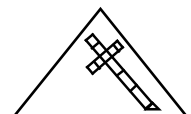
Teachers Needed for 5 Week Program

We will once again hold a 5 week Summer Program for children from 1st-5th grade. We will need teachers for the program that will run July 10-Aug 11 from 9 am-3 pm, Mon-Fri. We will also need Afternoon Care leaders from 3-6 pm. Please Contact Pastor Terry Chan or DCE Karen Jacob, 415-468-2937, for an application and more information.

Hope Lutheran Church and School

55 San Fernando Way, Daly City (650) 991-4673

Pastor Daniel Woo



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(415) 661-1120

Pastor Lau

WELCOME PASTOR LAU

Our God is an Awesome God! He has heard the prayers of His people! He has called Rev. Shiu Ming Lau to be our new pastor! Rev. Lau was born in Hong Kong. He received his Master of Divinity Degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Springfield and is presently completing his Ph.D degree at Concordia Seminary. He is serving the Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission congregation near St Louis, Missouri. He is married and has two children. Rev. Lau is a gifted evangelistic speaker. He will be installed on June 25th in the afternoon. Pastors from Circuits 1 & 2 are invited to welcome him to his new parish.

All Praise Be to Our Lord!

CHINESE LUTHERAN HOUR

February 26th has been designated as Lutheran Hour Sunday by our Synod. It is on that day that Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit will celebrate the continuation of the Chinese Lutheran Hour which was begun in 1969 by Pastor Holt and Amy Mui, and supported by the Lutheran Laymen's League. A Chinese drama entitled "God Knows My Heart" will be broadcast over Station 90.3 FM beginning March 8th at 6:30 pm to 7 pm every Wednesday evening. Evangelist Amy Mui is the host of this program. Announcement of the new radio cinema has been sent to local pastors who have Chinese members in their congregations. We urge all Lutherans to invite their Chinese friends to tune into this program.

Another phase of our Chinese Lutheran Hour Ministry is our new website. You can find it at www.chineselutheranhour.org. Our email address is lutheranhour@yahoo.com. This website is available in English and Chinese.

We praise God for giving us this unique ways to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Cantonese speaking people in San Francisco and continue to ask for His guidance.

A NEW OUTREACH

As the number of students in our Help U Learn classes increases, we have the opportunity to share the Gospel with them and their parents. A new Wednesday evening Bible class has been started by Dir. Amy Mui, to reach out to the parents of these students. There are plans in the future to provide Chinese Bibles for each person attending so they may mark their own Bibles as they study His word. We pray many will accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and be baptized later in the year.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

English Ministry is hosting a Youth Winter Retreat (High School & College) on the President's Day weekend (2-17 to 2-19) at Messiah Lutheran Church, Santa Cruz. Their Theme is "**Renovation of the Heart**".

Our DCE Allan Tong has invited all youths in our congregation to participate in a national Youth Convention March 24th and 25th at SBC Park, San Francisco. The convention is called "Battle Cry". Pray for this special outreach to the youth of our city.

"Send out Thy light and Thy truth: Let them lead me" Psalm 43:3

New Life Chinese Lutheran Church

www.newlifechinese.org

395 Addison Street, San Francisco

(415) 586-6525

Pastor Chip Fox



New Life will be participating in many exciting events in the next few months involving outreach, large gatherings, camping trips, and deep spiritual commitment.



March 24-25, 2006 Acquire the Fire

Our Youth & Young Adults Fellowships will encounter God in a real way with thousands of other young people at SBC (AT&T) Park at the Acquire the Fire mega event. This event will equip youths to take a stand for Jesus in their schools, their homes and their communities. This two day even will include top speakers, leading Christian bands, and a rich multimedia experience.



April 9th 2006, Palm Sunday through June 4th Pentecost - 50 Days Ablaze!

Our 50 Day New Life mission outreach journey is intended for individual and congregational spiritual growth and commitment. We hope to grow in our awareness and understanding of Christ's Great Commission and in our missions and outreach. The emphasis is on Christ's grace and redeeming love for us. The mission response is seven-fold, one being covered each week: Learn, Pray, Give, Tell, Send, Go, Celebrate.

Daily devotions, Bible based small group studies, and worship service themes will all be based on the seven mission responses.

Special Outreach Sundays:

May 14th 2006, Mother's Day

June 18th 2006, Father's Day

What better way is it to outreach than to outreach to the people we love dearest? On Mother's Day and Father's Day, New Life will be hosting special outreach Sunday services celebrating these two days and targeting those who do not yet know Christ.



June 30th - July 2nd 2006 New Life Youth & Young Adult Yosemite Camping Trip

Justin Lum & Laura Quach have organized a fantastic camping trip in Yosemite that will surely be a memorable one and one that helps the youth & young adults grow closer to God and grow closer to each other as a team for Christ!

July 10th -14th 2006 Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Once again, Sandra Yee will be acting as our Vacation Bible School Superintendent.



October 1st - 22nd 2006 Friendship Ablaze!



During October New Lifers will be acquiring tools for connecting friends to Jesus. The materials covered in this 4 week emphasis are written to encourage and enable congregational members to reach out with the love of Jesus Christ and embrace their unchurched friends. Friendship Sunday will be celebrated on October 22nd. Reformation Sunday will immediately follow and serve as a second opportunity to invite new friends.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

395 Addison Street, San Francisco

(415) 586-3424

Pastor Chip Fox

West Portal Lutheran Church and School

www.westportallutheran.org

200 Sloat Blvd, San Francisco (415) 661-0242 Pastor David Stechholz



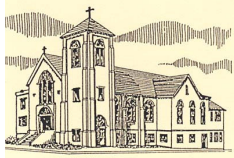
The first week in March finds us celebrating **National Lutheran Schools Week, March 5th-11th**. We begin the week with the presentation of *Christ in the Passover* at our 5:00PM Service on March 4th, and the 8:30 & 11:00AM Services on March 5th. WPL member and senior staff member at Jews for Jesus, David Garrett, will use a visual display of traditional Passover accouterments to enhance the Christian's understanding and appreciation of the Jewish background of Christian Communion. Dave will discuss ancient and modern Jewish customs with an emphasis on the aspect of redemption which Christ accomplished at Calvary. Other special activities being planned for this week include a presentation of choral music during the Sloat Campus Chapel Service on Thursday, March 9th, by the Concert Choir of Concordia University, Irvine, California. and a school fund raiser from 5:00PM to 8:00PM on Monday, March 6th at the Fresh Choice Restaurant located off of Junipero Serra Blvd. in Colma. Come and join us, and be sure to mention "West Portal Lutheran School" because we benefit from your presence, financially and collectively! We also look forward to the visit of Tim Ewell, English District Parish Services Executive, on March 6th & 7th. This week is a time for us to recognize all of our students, Faculty, Staff, and Administration for their dedicated efforts to exemplify the Christian principles for which we all strive.

March 1st, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent. We will observe the Lenten Season with midweek Lenten Services preceded by Congregational Dinners. **The Concordia University-Irvine Concert Choir will lead the 7:30 p.m. worship on Wednesday, March 8th**. Join us! The combined choirs of West Portal and Bethel/Grace Lutheran Churches will present the Lenten Cantata, *Behold the Darkness*, at the Wednesday, March 29th, Service. Again, we welcome you to join us!

In April, we begin our celebration of Easter on Holy Saturday with a Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt and end with an Easter Vigil with Baptisms at 6:00PM that evening. We will celebrate Easter with Services at 8 and 11AM, and an Easter Breakfast in between the Services.

May is the month for youth Confirmations with 7 young people being confirmed on Sunday, May 29th. This is the Memorial Day weekend, and we want to remind you that there are Memorial Day Observances at the Presidio and the Golden Gate National Cemetery. Let's take a moment to honor those who have served and given their lives for our nation.

The next three months promise to be busy, exciting ones at West Portal Lutheran Church and School. Don't forget, though, that we also have a San Francisco Joint **Ascension Day Festival Eucharist Service** at West Portal with all our LC-MS churches and pastors invited to participate. The date is Thursday (always Thursday for Ascension!!), May 25th at 7:30 p.m.



Zion Lutheran Church and School

www.zionlutheranchurch.org

495 - 9th Ave, SF

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Pastor Ted Zimmerman

NEWS FROM ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School - *submitted by Carolyn Grundt, acting Director*

Vacation Bible School this summer runs from Monday-Friday, June 12-16.

This year, Zion Lutheran Church sponsors "Fiesta: where kids are fired up about Jesus!"

One of the unique characteristics of our annual Vacation Bible School is the small group interaction that takes place. These small groups (Fiesta Crews) are made up of all different ages, from 5-12 years old.

All the Fiesta Crews gather at Sing and Play Ole' to sing and do fun motions to upbeat Bible songs that introduce kids to the concepts they'll be learning that day. Then, it's off to five different Fiesta Stations, including Maraca Munchies, Hot Bible Adventures, Cactus Crafts, Grande Games, and meet Chadder Chipmunk on video!

Zion Lutheran School teachers help lead this outreach program, while Junior High students assist the teachers and lead each Fiesta Crew. Please join us for lots of fun!

Who: Children entering Grades 1-6
 When: June 12-16, 2006
 9:00am-noon (daycare available 12-6:00pm)
 Where: Zion Lutheran Church
 495 Ninth Avenue
 Register: Call 221-7500 to register today!

WASC/LEA Accreditation Teams Pay visit - *submitted by Pastor Ted Zimmerman*

Administration, staff and parents of Zion Lutheran Church have been busy since last summer preparing for a visit from the WASC/LEA Accreditation Team the end of February. WASC stands for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. To receive the approval of WASC is certainly testimony to our customers and the community that Zion School does an outstanding job educating children and preparing them for the future. LEA stands for the Lutheran Education Association. This association teams with WASC to give its witness that Zion not only produces solid citizens, but fulfills its Gospel mandate as well—the nurturing of young disciples for Jesus Christ.

The administration, staff and parents have been busy assessing our ministry, gathering evidence for the visiting team, and making recommendations for future improvements. The visiting team will be on campus from February 26 through March 1, meeting with various groups to confirm what they are reading in the report, and then making their own report and recommendations. The recommendations can run from a six-year accreditation, to a shorter period of accreditation with conditions, to an outright one-year probation to fix up glaring deficiencies.

This paper will have gone to press before the results are in. However, we are confident that we should receive positive recommendations.

Zion PTL Sponsors Hawaiian Luau - *submitted by Pastor Ted Zimmerman*

The “Aloha Spirit” will fill the gymnasium of Zion congregation on Friday evening, March 31, as the PTL sponsors its second annual Hawaiian Luau. In addition to delicious Hawaiian foods, there will be Polynesian entertainment, various contests such as Limbo, Karaoke, apple eating, Hawaiian attire, etc. Also the staff at Zion is planning to do something very creative and humorous—details under tight wrap at the moment. The event will begin at 6 p.m.

Advance Tickets are on sale at Zion’s Church office (call 221-7500). These are going for \$10 per person, \$6 per child (5 to 10 yrs). Children 4 and under are free! Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$15 per person, \$9 per child. Last day to purchase advance tickets is Friday, March 24. All proceeds from the Luau to benefit Zion’s BTFG Building Fund.

Come and join us. Don’t forget to wear your Hawaiian shirts (and grass skirts—if you dare)!

Zion School Carnival - *submitted by Pastor Ted Zimmerman*

Zion PTL is also planning a school carnival on Saturday, May 6. Details are not yet available. But hold this Saturday open and join us for a good time for children and adults!

Zion’s Lenten Schedule - *submitted by Pastor Ted Zimmerman*

Zion will celebrate Lent this year with a special series of services entitled “*Beatitudes of Promise*”. Perhaps we have never before associated Jesus introduction to his Sermon on the Mount with its many pronouncements of blessing with the season of Lent. But those promises of blessing from the Mount tie us directly to another Mount—Mount Calvary!

Services are scheduled for each Wednesday in Lent, beginning with March 1—1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The evening services are preceded by a Soup Supper sponsored each week by one of the Ministry Boards at Zion. The evening services feature dialog sermons and also include a children’s message and special music by one of the many choirs at Zion.

Zion Spring Musical - *submitted by Pastor Ted Zimmerman*

The younger students of Zion Day School will be presenting a musical journey to many different cultures and countries of the world on Friday, April 7, 7 p.m., and they invite you to join them. Titled “Happy New Year, World!” this musical not only allows the students to demonstrate their varied talents, but also to learn more about peoples around the world—on the way to becoming “culturally empowered students”.

The price is right for the tickets. The biggest cost is the walk up three flights of stairs to the gym. But it will be worth it. For more information call the Church Office, 221-7500.

Your Congregational Representatives are:

Bethel Lutheran Church – Beverly Lipscomb or Frank Moser
Grace Lutheran Church – Mildred Furness or Norma Byrd
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church – Karl Randolph
Hope Lutheran Church – Cynthia Silva
New Life Lutheran Church – Susan Yee
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran – Jerry Haney or Don McPartland
West Portal Lutheran – Dr. Bob Bok
Zion Lutheran Church – Tina Haner or Pastor Zimmerman

Please let them know if you would like to volunteer to help in any way. You can join a food pantry team or donate food or money to buy food, you can help with our personal care item collection, you can even offer a service that we can make all of the congregations aware of. Please feel free to share any ideas for projects we can get involved in.

Come Hear a Lenten Cantata

The combined choirs of West Portal and Bethel/Grace Lutheran Churches will again present a Lenten Cantata.

This years cantata is *Behold the Darkness*.

You will have 2 opportunities to hear it:

**Sunday, March 26th, 10:30 am
Bethel and Grace Ministries,
465 Woolsey St.**

**Wednesday, March 29th, 7:30 pm
West Portal
200 Sloat Blvd.**

Food Pantry Reminder

We are always ready for new volunteers. If you are interested in participating, contact your congregational representative.

Or you can donate food, we would love more pasta, rice, canned corn and cereal.

You can also make monetary donations to help as we purchase the food weekly for our neighbors.

For questions, comments or to submit articles, please contact Frank Moser at bearded_oneder@sbcglobal.net or (415) 587-7387 or Karen Jacob at dce@westportallutheran.org or (650) 583-6920.