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Vacation Bible School

One of the easiest ways to teach a child to evangelize is to have them invite a friend to VBS. This summer our congregations are once again offering Vacation Bible Schools during various weeks this summer.

Zion VBS: Dates and Times: June 7 to 11, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
Theme: Construction, I.N.C. (In the Name of Christ.)
Ages: entering kindergarten to those entering grade 6.
Extended care will also be provided from 12 noon to 6 p.m.
For more information and enrollment material, call 221-7500.

Holy Spirit VBS: Dates and Times: June 21st to June 25th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Theme: Lava Island: Where Jesus' Love Flows
Ages: entering grade 1 to those entering grade 8.
Cost: \$10 for the whole week, bring your own lunch
For more information and enrollment material, call 661-1120.

New Life VBS: Dates and Times: 4 Saturdays in July (10,17, 24&31),
8:30 a.m.-12 Noon at New Life/SOTH
Ages: ages 4 to 18.
For more information, call 586-6525.

West Portal VBS: Dates and Times: July 12-16, 8:30 a.m.-12 Noon.
Theme: Construction, I.N.C. (In the Name of Christ.)
Ages: entering kindergarten to those entering grade 8.
For more information and enrollment material, call 661-0242.

Grace & Bethel VBS: Dates and Times: Aug 16-20, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at Grace.
Theme: Construction, I.N.C. (In the Name of Christ.)
Ages: ages 4 to 12.
For more information, call 468-2937 or 587-2525.

SFLNP -San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project

Hopefully, you have all heard by now of our existence. We are here to serve God and others by a united effort to lead the people of San Francisco to the knowledge of our Savior's loving sacrifice for us all, and to be touched by that love through our ministry of compassion

At this moment in time, we are in the process of obtaining our Tax identification number so that we can become a certified non-profit organization. Our incorporation papers have already been filed.

We have begun two noteworthy projects, namely an established food pantry (in connection with the SF Food Bank) at Shepherd of the Hills and are in the process of establishing the second food pantry at Grace Lutheran.

In another area, we are beginning a third project with St. Anthony's Charities to provide basic needs for low income and homeless families. Often these families do without some very basic necessities in order to provide a home and food to eat. We are currently seeking donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, mouthwash, soaps, hand creams and make-up in travel sized packages for these families.

If you feel called to provide any of these items or wish to find out more about SFLNP, please contact your congregations SFLNP representative or Tina Haner at 415-751-1629.

Respectfully submitted

Christina (Tina) Haner

Congregational Needs?

SFLNP wants to help your congregation with things you may need. What are some things your church may need help with? Volunteers for specific events, painting, repair work, cleaning or something else? We are looking for more projects and would like to put out a special edition of the Our Church paper just to present these needs to our other congregations. We want to help each other and find places for everyone to volunteer. Please give projects to your SFLNP representative, or contact us directly and let us know where you need help.

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THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT ORGANIZES NEW PROJECTS IN SERVICE TO THE CITY

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project looks back on our first year with gratitude to Autumn Zimmerman for her leadership and accomplishments at getting us off and running. Autumn brought us through the pain of incorporation with the endless reading of legal language, the application to the IRS for non-profit status, and most importantly, the setting of goals for the coming years. She has given us a firm basis upon which to proceed with our mission to the City and the Bay Area. The Board reluctantly accepted her resignation in March, and wishes for her and her family God's blessings.

The Board now turns its attention to accomplishing short-term goals of continuing the Food Pantry project and beginning several other projects. At the same time, we will begin the long-term work of seeking funding for increased programs and the hiring of an Executive Director. Through these long-term goals, we can bring ourselves from part-time projects to full-time service to our congregations and community.

Tina Haner of Zion Lutheran is heading up our newest project – touching the lives of homeless people through the distribution of personal care items. After collecting such items as tooth paste, tooth brushes, shaving items, etc., we will provide them to places where homeless people are best served, such as at St. Anthony's. We will also carry out our Fall projects again this year of collecting coats, blankets, and toys for distribution to those in need.

Our most ambitious project for this coming year will be organizing for a Youth Servant Event in San Francisco for next summer. Imagine inviting Lutheran youth from around the nation to visit us in San Francisco and help us with service projects for our churches and the community. It will take careful planning to find the resources to support these young people while they are here, and then we must provide supervision and opportunities for Christian learning and fellowship while they are with us. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you brothers and sisters in our congregations to help us provide a good and uplifting experience for the youth of our nation, and leave them with fond memories of San Francisco and Lutherans working together in the City to fulfill our mission of "Congregations doing the work of the Lord together, building urban ministry."

A second Food Pantry will begin operation at Grace Lutheran Church in June. Since this project needs additional volunteers, we will begin to better identify prospective volunteers and direct them to our various needs using a new data base. A side goal is to provide volunteers to various church projects when need be. Identifying the spiritual and vocational gifts of our congregational members will be central to this effort, and in doing so, we will help to strengthen our congregations.

-- Mel Schenck

NOW IS THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR SECOND FOOD PANTRY!

We are ready to start our second Food Pantry distribution center at Grace Lutheran Church. But we need more volunteers to fill out our teams at both Grace and the first pantry at Shepherd of the Hills (SOTH) Lutheran Church. We will take our experienced teams at SOTH and split half of each team to Grace so we start out at Grace with team members with the experience to get us off to a good start there and teach new team members. As at SOTH, we will have four teams - one for each Saturday of the month so that each volunteer gets an opportunity to serve at a pantry once each month (unless volunteers would like to serve more often, whereupon we can assign you to more than one team).

We particularly need volunteers for our Friday Delivery Acceptance teams at both Grace and SOTH. These teams wait for the Food Bank delivery truck between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon, unload the pallets of food when they arrive, and stock the food and produce to the tables in the distribution room so it is all ready for our distribution on Saturday.

And our most important volunteer has been our weekly shopper. Jennie Lee from West Portal Lutheran Church has shopped for us just about every week now for over a year. She selects the food from the shelves at the S.F. Food Bank on Mississippi Street - sort of like at your neighborhood supermarket, except the selection is much smaller. Our clients have told us that our Food Pantry has the best selection of food compared to other food pantries they have visited in the City. Jennie has been very diligent at searching out the best variety of items. Besides doing the shopping every week, Jennie shows up with her three boys for the Saturday Team Two at SOTH every month to help distribute food. And she always has a smile for the other volunteers and our clients. Jennie will need help to move the carts around with food once we need to start buying food for two locations - so if you like shopping and have a couple of hours on Wednesday or Thursday morning, please let us know. After Jennie has gone through the "check-out" counter at the Food Bank, the Food Bank holds the pallets of food for us and delivers it on Friday.

And the shopping does cost the Nehemiah Project money each week. The San Francisco Food Bank gives us plenty of free fresh produce every week, but they sell us the food at \$.18 per pound of dry food (cans, cereal boxes, whatever) and \$.04 per pound for bread. Thus Jennie picks out about \$80 to \$90 of food per week for each pantry. So if you want to make a special offering to the Nehemiah project to help us buy food, we would appreciate that very much.

Please let your congregational representative know that you would like to join a food pantry team or donate to buy food. Your representatives are:

Bethel Lutheran Church - Beverly Lipscomb or Frank Moser

Grace Lutheran Church - Mildred Furness

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church - Karl Randolph

Hope Lutheran Church - Anne Dulig

New Life Lutheran Church - Frankie Choy or Susan Yee

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church - Jerry Haney or Mel Schenck

West Portal Lutheran - Karen Jacob

Zion Lutheran Church - Tina Haner



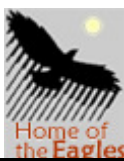
Lutheran Schools A Great Place To Grow

"...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 Fall 2004.
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 Fall 2004.
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 Fall 2004.
Call office for details.



Are you a Servant of God without a project?

San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project would like to host a Youth Servant Event here in San Francisco for the summer of 2005. A servant event is where youth from all over the U.S. come to help do work projects such as VBS, construction, clean up, multi-cultural, family, outreach, environment or any other project they can help with. We feel San Francisco will be a huge draw and we can give and get a lot of help to our community and congregations.

In order to do this, we need to find three dedicated people who are willing to be trained to help run the event. The LC-MS will provide the training for:

Project Coordinator - This person is in charge of the overall event.

Community Life Leader - This person provides the spiritual, cultural, social and recreational activities to develop community among the participants.

Work/Activities Director - This person will coordinate all work projects and provide all tools and materials to accomplish the tasks.

We will also need many other people to help provide food, fun and fellowship.

If you are interested in helping in a small or large way with this event, please contact Karen Jacob at 650-583-6920.

Bethel Lutheran Church

2525 Alemany Blvd., SF (415)587-2525 Interim Pastor Terry Chan



The congregations of Bethel and Grace continue to have combined services monthly. It is really a blessing to worship with so many people.

Easter was filled with celebration, Grace had a "later sunrise" service at 7 am. Then Grace members joined us at Bethel for breakfast and the Sunday School program followed by an Easter Service. It was a very uplifting day.

The process of combining our churches and trying to find what God wants for us to accomplish for his glory is not always easy. While he has opened many doors for us, sometimes a door closes. In facing a large deficit already this year, the Bethel council had to re-evaluate its ministries. It has been difficult establishing the Hispanic ministry in our area. We have tried this ministry under the leadership of Pastor Luis Alvarado for 4 years this July. It is with great sadness that we must bring this ministry to a close at this time. We pray that God will open this door again sometime in the future. We wish God's Blessings and Guidance to Pastor Luis and his family as they look forward to the next place of ministry that God has in store for them.

On May 2, Good Shepherd Sunday, the two congregations gathered at Grace under the guidance of Pastor Ted Zimmerman our Circuit counselor. After a shared meal, we voted to extend a call to Pastor Terrence Chan to be our Lead Missionary Pastor. His gifts and love of mission will be a blessing to this ministry if he decides to accept. He now has two calls and is in the process of prayerfully considering where God wants him to serve.

SAVE THIS DATE: June 13, 2004, there will be a special celebration at Bethel, honoring Beverly Lipscomb's 25 years in ministry as a Deaconess and Director of Bethel Center. Please come and help us celebrate God's dedicated servant. Our service is at 10:30am; there will be a luncheon in her honor following the service. If you wish to attend the luncheon please RSVP by June 7, 1-415-587-2525.

I wish to thank all of you who have kept Bethel and Grace in your prayers these past months. We are very excited and anxious to begin the evangelism phase of our ministry. Please continue your prayers.

Blessings in the Name of our Risen Lord,

Kathie Badertscher
Bethel President

Grace Lutheran Church

465 Woolsey St, SF (415) 468-2937 Interim Pastor Ruclare Pauling

At the May 2, 2004, Joint Voters Meeting with Bethel Lutheran Church, Grace and Bethel unanimously voted to extend a Divine Call to the Rev. Terrence Chan to be the Missionary Pastor.

The Pre-school Task Force continues to plan for a 2004 beginning of the pre-school ministry. Also, planning has begun for readying church facilities for the San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project's second food pantry.

During the summer months Grace Lutheran Church will host a **Community Health Fair (9 A.M.- 3 P.M. Saturday, July 31)**. All Circuit congregations are invited. Grace Bethel hope that area families will attend and register for the August Vacation Bible School program.

For the first time, Grace will send youth (two) to a Synodical Youth Gathering. This year's event takes place in July in Orlando, Florida. One adult will act as chaperone.

Finally, the congregations of Bethel and Grace continue to share resources. A joint **Vacation Bible School** program is scheduled for **August 16 through 20** at Grace Lutheran Church. We continue to worship together at least once a month, and we are continuing to explore other ways to bring members of the two congregations together.



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Bethel Christian Lutheran Church - Hispanic Ministry

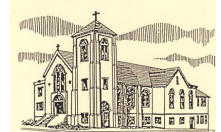
2525 Alemany Blvd., SF (415) 586-2552 Pastor Luis Alvarado

Canaan Lutheran Church

495 - 9th Ave, San Francisco

(415) 221-0250

Pastor David Tin



First Lutheran Church

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(650) 583-5131

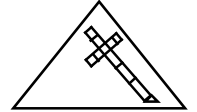
Pastor Jeff Schufreider

Hope Lutheran Church and School

55 San Fernando Way, Daly City (650) 991-4673
home.earthlink.net/~hopedalycity

Pastor Daniel Woo

Pastor/Education Director: Rev. Jeff Schufreider



Summer Day Camp scheduled for June 14 – August 20 has over 70 children enrolled. Registration will remain open as long as there is space available. Call the Church Office for registration information.

Chinese Ministries is hosting a Gospel Night on June 26th.

The Pre-school is now settled in the newly remodeled classrooms and enrollment is growing.

The Elementary School is accepting applications for grades kindergarten – six for the 2004/2005 school year. Hope Lutheran Elementary School offers an After School Enrichment program (we currently offer a Math Club, a Book Club, a Computer Club, and a children's choir and dance. We held our second Annual Nation's Day on May 12 where the children learned about different cultures through dance, song, food and geography. We had a very good year in our newly built Elementary School. The facilities provide a wonderful place to learn. All of our teachers plan to return next year and we are currently interviewing potential candidates for school administrator.

An **All Church Retreat** is scheduled for August 6, 7, and 8th at the Marriot Courtyard in Milpitas. This will be a time of fellowship to continue to build the Body of Christ here at Hope.

Please continue to pray for the teaching and resource staff of Hope Lutheran Ministries. We currently face the challenge of calling an administrator for the Pre-School and Elementary School and ask for your prayers in that endeavor. We ask that you pray with us that we seize every opportunity to boldly proclaim the "Good News" to those who come to Hope Lutheran Church and Ministries.

Hope Lutheran offers many opportunities for fellowship through our schools—Pre-school*, Elementary K-6*, Extended Care, After School Tutorial, Chinese Language—Bible Studies, Youth Groups, sewing group, Mr. "Fix-it" group and Chinese Fellowship Groups.

*Currently accepting applications for Pre-school and Elementary School.

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Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

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2400 Noriega St, S.F.

(415) 661-1120

Pastor David T. Chan

It was with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, when another son of our congregation was ordained as a Pastor of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod! On May 16th Reverend Warren Jow was installed as Pastor of First Lutheran Church in Dinuba, California. Many people from the San Francisco churches knew Warren and Diana as they were active in the ministry of our church for many years. May our Lord bless Pastor Jow, his ministry and his family.

It will be a busy summer for members of our church as we celebrate the following:

Saturday - May 15th, "The One" Youth Rally - for those attending high school or college - this is a special outreach event.

Vacation Bible School will be held from June 21st to June 25th.

Our Church's EMS (English Ministry Spirit) Summer Day Camp will be held from July 1st to July 30th for 1st grade and 8th grade students.

CANTONESE EVANGELISTIC EVENTS:

Hope Lutheran and Holy Spirit Lutheran will be hosting a joint Gospel Outreach.

June 26th (Saturday night) - Hope Lutheran, Daly City

June 27th (Sunday afternoon) - Holy Spirit Lutheran, San Francisco.

Special Guest Speaker will be Pastor Yip of Los Angeles who was a former D.J. at a Hong Kong Radio Station.

August 20th - 22nd:

Congregational Retreat at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove. We have 157 persons signed up to attend as of May 2nd. We pray the Spirit will fill the hearts of all who attend as they consider the theme "Fullness in Christ" from Ephesians 4:13.

May the Lord look kindly upon you and give you peace! Numbers 6:26

New Life Chinese Lutheran Church

www.newlifechinese.org

395 Addison Street, San Francisco

(415) 586-6525

Pastor Chip Fox

On Sunday, June 20th (Father's Day) New Life will have a worship service and short program dedicated to all fathers. We will start by worshipping our Heavenly Father at our 9:00 am service followed immediately by a brief special program. Later that day we will be hosting a BBQ lunch for everyone. Please invite your father, grandfather, uncle, or other "father" figures in your life to celebrate with New Life.

We ask that you include in your prayers:

New Life Congregational Picnic (August 7) @McNairs's Beach in San Rafael

To get the latest on these events and more, please call the church office or check New Life's website for announcements and the most recent issue of our newsletter at:

<http://www.newlifechinese.org/announcements.htm>

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

395 Addison Street, San Francisco

(415) 586-3424

Pastor Chip Fox

Shepherd of the Hills members continue to enjoy the company of New Life Chinese Lutheran Church members at joint services and fellowships, as well as daily events around the church, such as cleaning. We particularly appreciate the support Jean Gonzalez of SOTH and Gail Wong of New Life Chinese Lutheran give in arranging the worship services and events with Pastor Fox. Gail now turns out Sunday bulletins for both congregations, which is a real service to SOTH.

Rafael Gonzalez is one of our busiest members as chairman of our church properties board. He is working closely with New Life Chinese members on many facilities improvements and repair projects around the church.

Our English language worship services are now at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, with Pastor Fox leading us. Retired Deaconess Jackie Haug-Schulz is currently leading our 9:00 a.m. Bible Class in a study of the book of Romans.

-- Mel Schenck

West Portal Lutheran Church and School

www.westportallutheran.org

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



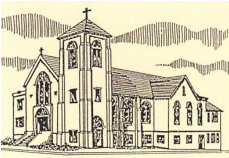
We at West Portal bid a fond farewell to several of our beloved workers. Two of our teachers: Elaine Mills returning to China to teach English at the Teacher Training College in QuJing and Jessie Rosales who is returning to college to pursue a Master's Degree.

Minister of Music Randy Wurschmidt and his wife Carolina are on their way to Fort Wayne to become a Pastor and a Deaconess, respectively. They will be missed as well as their son Garin and the newest member of the family, a little girl due in October.

Vicar Brian Kachelmeier and his family will be returning to Seminary in Fort Wayne for Brian's last year of classes.

We thank each of these wonderful people for their great work in the Lord. We wish them God's Blessings as they go on to do His work for the kingdom.

We look forward to welcoming new teachers .Donna Laughlan and Johanna Gridley., new Minister of Music Wayne Kerr and his wife Marilyn, and new Vicar David Szeto and his soon-to-be-bride, Frances Owen.



Zion Lutheran Church and School

495 - 9th Ave, SF

www.zionlutheranchurch.org

(415) 221-7500

Pastor Ted Zimmerman

Vacation Bible School, June 7 to 11

Zion will be sponsoring a Summer Vacation Bible School, Monday through Friday, June 7 to 12, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Theme: Construction, Inc. (a timely theme around Zion as we envision a future building project!). This will be for children of Zion, Zion's neighborhood, and Zion's sister congregations, from those entering kindergarten to those entering grade 6. Extended care will also be provided from 12 noon to 6 p.m. For more information and enrollment material, call 221-7500.

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast, June 20

Zion Youth are sponsoring a Father's Day Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 20, beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish hall. Come for a hearty (all-you-care-to-eat) meal of pancakes, sausage, egg bake, coffee, tea, milk, juice and all the fixings! \$5 for children 5-12 years old, \$8 for youth and adults. Children 4 years and under eat for free. Tickets are available after church or by calling the church office, 221-7500. Proceeds will benefit the BTFG Fund (Building Together for Future Generations) for Zion's Expansion Project.

Battle of the Classes Slam, June 26

This is an invitation to the alumni of Zion Lutheran School to join in a 3 on 3 double elimination basketball tournament in which you compete with your old classmates against other alumni classes. This will take place on Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Good chance to meet old friends, even if you choose to be a spectator rather than a participant. For more information call Kevin Yamabe at 515-9037 or email at kyamabe@zionsf.org, or Candice So, 378-1765 or candice_t_so@yahoo.com.

Expansion Project Progress

Zion has submitted its plans for the new education and fellowship ministry addition to the City Planning Department. The plans have passed the Planning Staff, and the Design Review Committee. We also gained the support of the Richmond Neighborhood Planning Association. As this article is being written, we still await news as to the date for the hearing before the Planning Commission.

Assuming favorable disposition, detailed plans for the structure, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical aspects of the building will be drawn, requiring about four months. A search for a contractor will be undertaken, building permits drawn, construction loans undertaken, and finally ground will be broken. When? Best-case scenario—in January.

Plans call for a three-story structure with basement, totaling around 16,000 sq. ft. This will adjoin and be connected to the present education wing. This expansion will allow Zion to move the Junior High students from the temporary structure of 10th Ave., and bring the whole program together in one place. It will also allow moving the 2nd and 3rd grade to ground level for safety reasons. The top floor will offer additional classroom and congregational fellowship space. An elevator to all floors will enable the congregation to also use the gymnasium for larger dinners and fellowship activities. A rooftop area will substantially increase playground space for the school. Access to the parking area will be cut through from 10th Ave. The old teacherage and the old junior high building will each be converted to a pair of flats, increasing space Zion has for housing for its ministry staff.

Zion is in the process of raising \$800,000 in new money for this project. Please join us in continuing to pray for the success of this undertaking.

— Pastor Ted Zimmerman

tzimmerman@zionlutheranchurch.org

The San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project

Has successfully run the Food Pantry at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for over a year now....and we want to grow another

Food Pantry

At Grace Lutheran Church
Saturdays 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

We need your help!

This is an opportunity for you to

Volunteer your time

And experience the joy of serving the Lord in His work. Join in fellowship with other Lutherans. Meet new friends. We will form teams to serve one Saturday each month.

Sign up now to serve the Lord!
Contact your Nehemiah Project representative

Frank Moser at Bethel Lutheran
Karen Jacob at West Portal Lutheran
Mildred Furness at Grace Lutheran
Rita Konda at Grace Lutheran
Karl Randolph at Holy Spirit Lutheran
Anne Dulig at Hope Lutheran

Frankie Choy at New Life Chinese Lutheran
Susan Yee at New Life Chinese Lutheran
Jerry Haney at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran
Mel Schenck at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran
Beverly Lipscomb at Bethel Lutheran
Tina Haner at Zion Lutheran



or Mel Schenck at 415-399-4716 or schenck@themacisp.net

Summer Collection

Help us make personal care packs by collecting travel size toothpaste, toothbrush, razor, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, mouthwash, soap, hand cream and make up. Contact Tina Haner (Zion) 415-751-1629 for more info.

For questions, comments or to submit articles, please contact
Frank Moser at bearded_one@juno.com or (415) 587-7387
or Karen Jacob at dce@westportallutheran.org or (415) 661-0242.