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## THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT FOCUSES ON MISSIONS TO THE CITY

In addition to accomplishing our short-term goals of continuing the Food Pantry projects and beginning several other projects, the Nehemiah Project is beginning support for missions projects in the City.

Our Food Pantries at Grace and Shepherd of the Hills are doing well and exceeding our targets for families served. We could use additional volunteers for these pantries.

Tina Haner of Zion Lutheran continues to head up our newest project - touching the lives of homeless people through the distribution of personal care items. By now, all congregations should have a collection center for 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. Start pulling out your old coats (ideally reasonably clean) and bring them to your congregations in September. We will collect blankets in October, and toys for Christmas in November into December.

We will be organizing for Youth Servant Events in San Francisco over this year. Rather than 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, we will carry out a couple of local youth events this year in practice for a synod event in 2006. It will take careful planning to find the resources to support these young people and provide supervision and opportunities for Christian learning and fellowship, so again, we need your help.

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**THE NEHEMIAH PROJECT FOCUSES ON MISSIONS TO THE CITY** continued

JOIN WITH US IN BRINGING THE UNCHURCHED PEOPLE OF THE CITY TO CHRIST!

Pastor Terry Chan, the newly called and installed Pastor for the new outreach congregations of Bethel and Grace Ministries, is challenging all of us Lutherans in the City to come together to become a critical mass of disciples ready to go out into the harvest field for Christ. All of our member congregations provide different choices and programs to attract the lost souls of the City, and we will all benefit if we work together in the harvest to find these lost souls. Therefore we are calling for volunteers from all congregations to join the Nehemiah Project in supporting the "Phones for You" campaign that Pastor Chan will lead in September. The Nehemiah Project will also be supporting new small group ministries focusing on prayer groups in the financial district downtown.

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. Our purpose is to bring Lutherans together in the City to fulfill our mission of "Congregations doing the work of the Lord together, building urban ministry."

Please let your congregational representative know that you would like to join the Nehemiah Project in for these mission outreaches. Your 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 - Anne Dulik  
New Life Lutheran Church - Susan Yee  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church - Jerry Haney or Mel Schenck  
West Portal Lutheran - Karen Jacob  
Zion Lutheran Church - Tina Haner or Pastor Zimmerman

-- Mel Schenck

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**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.

SFLNP

## SECOND FOOD PANTRY AT GRACE LUTHERAN IS AN IMMEDIATE SUCCESS

By the second distribution Saturday on 3 July, the new Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church exceeded our hopes for 50 families, and has been serving over 70 families every Saturday morning since then. We started our second Food Pantry distribution center at Grace Lutheran Church after a dedication service led by Pastor Ruclare Pauling on Thursday 24 June. Pastor Pauling became the patron saint of the Food Pantry projects by encouraging us to begin these projects and then to treat our clients with dignity. Many Nehemiah Project volunteers have contributed to the success of this new Food Pantry, especially Charlotte Elliott, our Coordinator for the Grace Food Pantry, and Mildred Furness and Thelma Elliott and others who do the shopping every week at the S.F. Food Bank and accept delivery on Fridays.

Meanwhile, our first Food Pantry at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran continues to serve an average of 50 families each Saturday morning. We took our experienced teams at SOTH and split a portion of each team to Grace, so we started 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 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 would love to assign you to more than one team).

DO YOU LIKE TO SHOP? DO YOU LIKE TO SET UP NEW THINGS?

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 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. Our weekly shoppers also need help to move the carts around with food once a week at the S.F. Food Bank - so if you like shopping and have a couple of hours on Wednesday or Thursday morning, please let us know.

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 the Nehemiah Project spends 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.

-- Mel Schenck



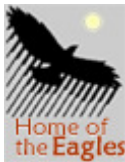
## Lutheran Schools A Great Place To Grow

"...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

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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.



A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die.. Tell me what lies on the other side."

Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know."

"You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?"

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side of which came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing...I know my Master is there and that is enough."

May today there be peace within you. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

## Bethel & Grace Lutheran Ministries

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### Installation

We have been blessed that Pastor Terrence Chan has accepted the call to serve as our Missionary Lead Pastor. He is a dedicated servant of our Lord and has a true heart for mission work. Pastor Chan was installed August 15. We were honored to have The Rev. Dr. Robert Scudieri, Associate Executive Director, National Missions, LCMS World Missions, St. Louis, preach at the Installation Service. The Rev. Dr. Robert Newton, President of the CNH District officiated and Pastor Theodore Zimmerman, Circuit Counselor and Pastor of Zion Lutheran Ministries was the Liturgist. Other CNH and English District ministers joined in the service.

### Our Services and Sunday School

The first major decision was that for Bethel and Grace to better know each other we would worship and begin working together on a regular basis. For a time there will be one service on Sunday. It will be held at Grace. This has been difficult for some of the members but they are allowing God lead them. Services will begin again at Bethel when we can develop an outreach ministry in that neighborhood. It has really been uplifting to go from 30-40 people in a service at each location, to 70 combined. Sunday school will begin Sept 12 at both locations.

### Phones for You

This September we are planning a "Phones for You Campaign". We are asking for the help of as many Nehemiah congregations as possible. The plan is to try to phone canvass the area around both Bethel and Grace. Please call and let us know if you would be willing to help. Just leave your name and number at either church. We will contact you to set up times you would prefer.

Weeknights M-F: 5:30pm (or whenever you can arrive) until 8:30pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am-1:00 pm; 1:00pm-4:00pm; 4:00pm-7:00pm

Sundays: 1:00pm-4:00pm; 4:00-7:00pm.

### Vacation Bible School

The week of August 16 was our combined VBS at Grace. God blessed us by sending us 50 children. We had many helpers from Bethel and Grace and from West Portal. A special thank you to our coordinators, Bev Lipscomb, Charlotte Elliott and Kewpee Eisenbacher. They took time off of work to present a fun-filled week of sharing the gospel with our neighbors. On Sunday Aug.22 the VBS children sang a couple of their songs and a reception followed. The church was filled with 126 people. What a blessing

### Positions to be filled in the near future

Spiritual Life minister

Preschool director and staff

Administrative assistant

Phones for you coordinator

Youth Director or Youth Minister

### Hispanic Ministry

Pastor Luis will be moving on to another ministry. We will wish him Godspeed and Farewell at our Sunday service August 29 at 10:30 at Grace.

Kathie Badertscher

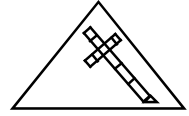
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# Hope Lutheran Church and School

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Pastor Daniel Woo



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Pastor/Education Director: Rev. Jeff Schufreider

**Summer Day Camp** June 14 – August 20 averaged 50 students per day for the 10 week session. Cynthia Huang and Lisa Woo, Hope Lutheran Elementary School teachers took on the responsibility as directors of the Summer program. The “day-campers” were instructed in math, English/grammar, Chinese Language, art and music. A Gospel message was delivered each day during Chapel time and once a week they went on a field trip. The closing ceremony was held on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and concluded with a potluck supper. The weekly Chapel offerings were collected and used to support the San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project Summer Collection Program. We thank the directors, teachers and summer volunteers for a job well done.

The Gospel Night on June 26<sup>th</sup> was a great success with over 200 in attendance. The members of Hope Lutheran’s **Chinese Ministries** worked many weeks on the program to bring the Good News and His many blessings to the people of the Daly City area. We ask for your prayers as we plan for *Lighthouse Café*, our follow-up to Gospel Night.

**The Elementary School** has started their new school year with an enrollment of 85 students. Sixth grade has been added so in addition to our existing staff, we are happy to welcome Tiffany Hoh as our fifth/sixth grade teacher and Reverend Jeffrey Schufreider as our Principal. These are exciting times for Hope Lutheran Church and School.

October 30<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Harvest Carnival*. We had over 300 in attendance last year and we are looking forward to another successful outreach event.

The **Chinese Ministry Church Retreat** scheduled for August 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> in Milpitas was a good time of fellowship and Spiritual Renewal.

***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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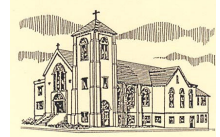
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## Canaan Lutheran Church

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Pastor David Tin




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## First Lutheran Church

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Pastor Jeff Schufreider

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### **SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2004      FAREWELL TO OUR PASTOR DAVID & LUCY**

Our congregation bid farewell and God's blessings to our beloved pastor David Chan and his wife Lucy, as they departed to take up the call as a Missionary Pastor to establish a Chinese congregation at Bethany Lutheran Church in Menlo Park. A bounteous luncheon was enjoyed by more than 250 persons after the morning Bi-Lingual Worship Service, including many of the circuit pastors.

At 2 p.m. that afternoon, a special Appreciation Program was held, during which the congregation presented Pastor David with a scrap book of memories from the eight years he served as our pastor, plus the gift of a laptop computer. Although it was particularly hard for many of us to see this "son of our congregation" move on, we also rejoice as we know that God has other work for him to do since there are many Chinese in the peninsula area who do not know Jesus as their Savior. Pastor David will be installed at the Bethany Lutheran Church on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

We are thankful for the many pastors, friends of this congregation, who have already agreed to fill the pulpit vacancies for the balance of the year. We thank our Circuit Counselor, Rev. Ted Zimmerman for his guidance in this matter. We also know that the Lord will send us a new pastor, uniquely qualified to lead our congregation into the future. We solicit and thank you for our prayer support of this request.

### **AUGUST 20-22, 2004      CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT - ASILOMAR THEME: 'FULLNESS IN CHRIST'**

We are excited and thank God for the 170 persons attending the retreat this year, many of them young people from our Help-U-Learn after school program. Scholarships were provided in part by a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Located in the beautiful conference center at Asilomar, it was a time for members to come apart and spend premium time with the Lord, and fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ. Special speakers lead the English and Cantonese Bible study sessions. There was also time for fellowship, games and sharing over meals prepared by the staff at the center and campfires in the evening. Retreats such as this are always Mountain Top Experiences of a lifetime.

# New Life Chinese Lutheran Church

www.newlifechinese.org

395 Addison Street, San Francisco

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Pastor Chip Fox

## Father's Day

On Father's Day, Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>, New Life & Shepherd of the Hills together had a special worship geared to fathers and all new Gospel quests. The message was: *A Man After God's Own Heart!* and explained how King David was a man just like we are, and how God helped him leave a living legacy for his children.

The Youth and Young Adults, led by Bryan Chan, thoroughly entertained all our guests by the Father's Day Presentation, including songs led by the New Life Praise Band, and a drama re-make of the Parable of the Prodigal Son (with a Star Wars/BBQ motif). A total of 107 people attended that Sunday's activities.

## Hearts Ablaze For Mission!

On July 4<sup>th</sup> we held the first Mission Sunday, declaring that just as the bells of Philadelphia rang out the signing of the first *Declaration of Independence*, God is calling His Church today to ring out the message of *True freedom in Christ!*

On July 10<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor Chip, along with several representatives from the San Francisco area, had the joy of seeing our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Convention. The clear and resounding theme throughout was Jesus' call for Biblical purity (Luther's "Here I stand!") and His just as momentous call for mission (Paul's "Here I go!"). By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Lutheran Church has now set the awesome goal of reaching 100 million worldwide unreached or uncommitted people by the year 2017.

The fire has been lit, and NL & SOTH are beginning to fan that fire!

## Some New Life Firsts: Couples' Group, Basketball, Praise Band, VBS

This is a year of "firsts" for New Life's endeavor to share Christ's Gospel. Ed & Sandra Yee and Herman & Vivian Kwan for several months now have led a beneficial Couples' Fellowship. We know healthy families make a strong church. The 8+ couples that have attended have found the meetings very encouraging.

Sam Chang, Gabriel Laureta, and Bryan Chan coached "*Team New Life*," our excellent (in our humble opinion!) New Life basketball team. They were poetry in motion, even entering a good competitive team in the CCU Basketball League. Best of all, their most important purpose is to bring people to Christ!

Bryan Chan and Melody Wong, have helped organize the first New Life Praise Band, whose gifts have already been used in several worship services. Their desire is to share Christ through contemporary music.

In July Sandra Yee headed up our 2004 Vacation Bible School, and together with the courageous volunteers helped teach 15 children about Jesus, 8 of these children coming from the Food Pantry ministry.

## Annual Picnic & Retreat

On August 7<sup>th</sup> we had our annual picnic. The food was tasty and the fellowship sweet. Thanks to people inviting friends, especially Felton Howe, we had 50+ attend and about 8 Gospel outreach friends attend!

On August 13<sup>th</sup>-Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, George and Tomeka Shum, as well as other hard workers led a wonderful retreat attended by about 22 people. Several not-yet-Christian friends were also in attendance.

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## New Life continued

### Mission Sunday

On August 29<sup>th</sup> our worship message centered on ***Predestination Calls Us To Mission!*** For lunch we had a wonderful Japanese meal organized by Gail Wong, prepared by Chef Graham Lau, Eugene Wong, and other New Life brothers and sisters. Pastor David Stechholz was the luncheon keynote speaker, who passionately encouraged even further mission outreach and introduced the English District's ***Pray, Proclaim, Provide*** initiative. A video of successful English District mission outreaches was shown, which included clips of New Life.

### Please Pray For Us!

Please ask for God's wisdom as Pastor Chip and the leaders of NL & SOTH strategize for 2004-5.

That New Life may have God's guidance in reaching out elementary aged children and their families. That God would bless the health, studies & faith of our college students, & that they return safely to us.

Pastor Chip Fox  
Tim Tam

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## Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Pastor Chip Fox

While Shepherd of the Hills members continue to enjoy the company of New Life Chinese Lutheran Church members at joint services and fellowships, we are now looking beyond the premises to think about effective missions. Based on our work with the Four Congregations retreats last year, SOTH came to a better understanding of our values and who we are. We are a congregation that enjoys the traditional worship service and biblical messages based on the Gospel. We are a circle of friends that is strong on support for each other, and reaches out to visitors with friendliness. What we want to do now is not to wait for visitors, but rather to participate with other congregations in the mission field. From the mission field, we will attract lapsed Lutherans or other Christians that want a traditional Christian experience and strong community. Therefore we are looking forward to Nehemiah Project programs that will provide the harvest participation that we need.

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 by Rev. Kelly Fryer entitled "Reclaiming the 'L' Word: Renewing the Church from its Lutheran Core".

# West Portal Lutheran Church and School

www.westportallutheran.org

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



## *Looking back - Looking forward*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Among the **highlights of the last three months** for the family of West Portal Lutheran were the following:

- Biding Godspeed to Minister of Music Randy & Carolina Wurschmidt; he is now a student at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana
- Weddings of our new Vicar David & Frances Szeto, married in St. Louis; former Vicar Jukka & Laura Kääriäinen married in Finland; and Teacher Teresa Howard & Eric Hansen married in Wisconsin, and 3 other weddings
- 7 Baptisms, 6 youth and adult Confirmations
- Welcome to **Kantor J. Wayne (& Marilyn) Kerr as new Minister of Music**
- Youth Confirmants' Retreat at Pigeon Point Lighthouse
- July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Vacation Bible School with 120 children & 48 staff
- Godspeed to Teacher Elaine Mills, English Teacher, to Yunnan Province, China
- Farewell & Godspeed to Vicar Brian Kachelmeier & family
- Induction of **new Vicar David & Deaconess Field Worker Frances Szeto**, and
- Four presentations by Pastor Stechholz of the English District's *Pray, Proclaim, Provide* Initiative at churches in Chicago, Pennsauken, NJ, and San Francisco.

Among the **revitalizing activities** that have recently occurred were:

- a new home for our vicars and spouses, the upstairs Luther House apartment
- a well-attended and very healthy Sunday School Teachers' meeting
- a positive and healthy Faculty & Staff Orientation Week and School Registration a fine presentation to the Congregation in late August by the ten youth and two adults from West Portal who attended the National LC-MS Youth Gathering in Orlando, with the theme, *"Beyond Imagination"*
- a wonderful response to the fact that our organ blower "blew out" in late July, and members and friends have responded with over two-thirds the amount to get a new blower, which was not in the budget!
- an increase to 521 students as West Portal Lutheran School began a new year, and, 14 young women having a great evening in Luther House saying farewell to Audra and Alyse Stolz and family, who are moving back to Illinois.

We begin this Fall, under God's grace with **some exciting times ahead**, including:

- A Boy Scout Leaders Breakfast for the Bay area on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. (RSVP if you would like to attend)
- Placement of our School Faculty on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. , followed by a reception honoring the Faculty, this is our official welcome to new **Teachers Donna Laughlin and Johanna Gridley**
- Hosting of the Jews for Jesus Rosh Hashanah Service on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. - open to the community

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## West Portal Lutheran continued

Christian Education Festival Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, with the Sunday School singing at the 8:30 a.m. Service and Placement of the S.S. Teachers

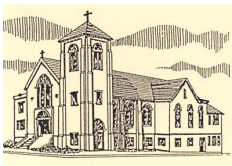
A Young Adults Barbecue (ages post-high school to 35ish) on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

An October 3<sup>rd</sup> Church Fun & Fellowship event after the Divine Services

The PT0 School Walk-a-thon on October 17<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Services, and

Two Thanksgiving Services on Wednesday & Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

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### Zion Lutheran Church and School

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Pastor Ted Zimmerman

#### Zion Gains Approval for Facility Expansion

On Thursday, July 15, Zion's petition for a conditional use permit was heard by the City Planning Commission and was approved. This opens the door for Zion to proceed with its facility expansion plans. Only modest conditions were placed upon the approval, such as the submission of a traffic plan for the discharge and pickup of school children.

Zion is planning a 16,500 sq. ft. educational facility to compliment its current education wing. It will be located on Ninth Ave., immediately to the north of the present education wing. It will be a separate building, but will be connected to the wing. It will be three stories, including a basement and a roof playground. Access to the playground/parking lot will then be from 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. rather than the current access from 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. There will be neither gain nor loss of parking.

The new building will allow Zion to move its Junior High Department out of its temporary quarters in a remodeled house on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. It will also enable the school to relocate its 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades to the ground floor, close to the present Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. The top floor will add considerable fellowship space for congregational activities, provide an elevator access to the gym for larger congregational activities, as well as a teachers' lounge and prep area. The basement will add a youth room, a nursery for congregational activities, and space for the extended care program of the school.

Some remodeling to the existing facilities will also be incorporated, enlarging and making more welcoming the entrance on Ninth Ave., enlarging and making more efficient the school office, creating a new church office and adding ministerial staff offices as Zion's programs expand. Zion will also convert the Junior High building into a pair of flats, replacing the flats Zion will tear down for its new building. The old teacherage will have a second floor added and be turned into a pair of flats as well. These will serve as housing for ministerial staff.

The next few months will involve a lot of engineering and detailed drawings, securing the contractor, and arranging the financing. Zion has raised nearly \$750,000 in new money toward this new project. The estimated cost will be around \$2.3 million.

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## Zion Lutheran continued

Zion thus will join Hope Lutheran and West Portal Lutheran who have expanded their facilities to expand or improve their day school ministries, Holy Spirit who relocated their facilities, and Bethel/Grace who will be opening soon a new preschool. Lots of signs of hope among these congregations about the future of their ministries.

### Zion's Day School Opens

Zion's Day School opened its 59<sup>th</sup> school year on Monday, August 23. It hosts a special celebration for the families and children with a "Back to School Bar-B-Q" on Sunday, September 12, after the late service.

Zion welcomes two new teachers this year. Ms. Jennifer Louie will teach 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Jennifer has her master's degree in education from the University of the Pacific, and is an alumna of Zion Day School. Mr. Mark Lindow will teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and received his teaching credential from San Francisco State University. Mark is the husband of Shelly Lindow, who is Zion's Children and Youth Minister. He will also soon be a proud father.

The enrollment this year appears to be about 192 students, slightly ahead of last year—but there is still room for growth. The Principal is Ms. Carolyn Grundt.

### Zion Observes a Monthly Health Ministry Sunday

Zion observes every fourth Sunday as Health Ministry Sunday. The Board for Health and Human Care Ministry provides blood pressure screening during the coffee hour and makes available a newsletter filled with health information on that day. An opportunity is also given for people to come to the altar at the conclusion of the service for special prayers, laying on of hands, and anointing with oil. This gives the Pastor and other health ministers an opportunity to minister to those who seek wholeness of body, mind and spirit in the name of Jesus. This ministry is open to all.

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### The End is Near

A priest and a pastor from the local churches are standing by the side of the road pounding a sign into the ground that reads:

The End is Near! Turn yourself around now and be saved before it's too late!

'Leave us alone you religious nuts!' yelled a driver as he sped by. From around the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash.

The pastor turns to the priest and asks, 'Do you think the sign should just say 'Bridge Out?'

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### Fall 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.

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