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San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project Newsletter

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## **Vacation Bible Schools**

### **June 13-17 *Serengeti Trek—Where the Kids Are Wild About God!***

**Zion Lutheran Church - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon**

Children entering grades 1-6

Extended Care: 12 Noon - 6:00 p.m. \$20.00 per day per child.

Be sure your child brings a lunch if they are staying for extended care.

### **July 9-13 - *Vacation Bible School***

**Hope Lutheran - 8:30 a.m.-12 Noon**

Children entering kindergarten to grade 8.

For more information and enrollment material, Contact Mrs. Yeung at (650) 991-4673.

### **July 18-22 *Safari Adventure- Discover Jesus the King***

**West Portal Lutheran - 8:30 a.m.-12 Noon**

Children entering kindergarten to grade 8.

For more information and enrollment material, call 661-0242.

### **July 25-29 *Safari Adventure- Discover Jesus the King***

**New Life Lutheran, 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Morning's VBS is free.

Afternoon's Day Camp is \$20 per day per child.

Call 415-586-6525 for more information

### **August 15-19 *Safari Adventure- Discover Jesus the King***

**Bethel and Grace Ministries, 9:00 am-3:30 pm**

Kindergarten-5th grade, At Grace Lutheran Church

Children need to bring a lunch each day.

For more information, call Karen 650-583-6920



**Join us for any or all of our Vacation Bible Schools!**

## **SUMMER SCHOOLS, PROGRAMS AND DAY CAMPS:**

### **June 20-July 15 - Summer Enrichment Program - Zion Lutheran School**

**8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Students entering 1st - 6th Grades**

4-week program focused on enriching the education of the students by balancing academic classes in the morning and elective classes in the afternoon.

Zion Lutheran School, 495 Ninth Avenue @ Anza Street in the Richmond District.

Price: \$100 per week.

Extended Care is available from 7:45-8:15 a.m. and 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. for \$10 per day.

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN! Call today: (415) 221-7500.

### **June 16-July 14 - Summer School - West Portal Lutheran School**

**8:30 am-12:15 pm Academics, 1 pm-4 pm Recreation, Kindergarten-8th grade**

Morning and Afternoon care is also available from 7-8 am and 4-6 pm.

For more information, please call 415-665-6330.

### **June 20 - August 26, 2005 - Summer Day Camp - Hope Lutheran School,**

**9 am-3 pm**

Morning (7-9 am) and afternoon (3-6 pm) care is available at \$2 per hour or \$30 per week. The cost of camp is \$120 per week (this includes the field trips on Fridays).

There is a one time fee of \$30 to cover books and materials.

A regular day will include instruction in English, Mathematics, Cantonese, Arts & Crafts, Storytelling, Games, Singing, and Bible Stories.

Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 9th.

Contact Mrs. Yeung at (650) 991-4673 to register.

### **June 28th - August 5th - Life Savior Summer Day Camp/Math Excel 2005 Program**

**Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit**

Director DCE Allan Tong

*Enrollment Full at 132 students*

### **July 11th - August 19th - Summer Program: Summer Safari Adventure**

**Bethel and Grace Ministries, 9 am—3:30 pm**

6 - one week sessions for Kindergarten through 5th grade

Adventure 1 - July 11-15- Art

Adventure 2 - July 18-22- Sewing

Adventure 3 - July 25-29- Music

Adventure 4 - Aug 1-5 - Cooking

Adventure 5 - Aug 8-12 - Drama-Acting-Puppetry

Free Week - Adventure 6 - Aug 15-19 VBS

Prices are per student:

Any 1 Week: \$100

Any 2 Weeks: \$180

Any 3 Weeks: \$250

Any 4 Weeks: \$300

All 5 Weeks: \$350

the 6th Week: FREE

# THE SAN FRANCISCO LUTHERAN NEHEMIAH PROJECT

Congregations doing the work of the Lord together in urban ministry

## The Purpose for SFLNP:

- Unify congregational mission efforts
- Revitalize congregations through shared ministry resources

The San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project is an opportunity for our City congregations to leverage our efforts, gifts, and spiritual energy to do much more than we have been able to do in our individual congregations.



We will support each other in sharing the Gospel and love of Jesus with people in the City in evangelistic and human care ministry!

## CURRENT MINISTRIES:

- Evangelism
- Youth Ministry -- Youth Servant Events
- Participation in San Francisco Area Lutheran Schools Association (SALSA)
- Personal Care Items Distribution for the Homeless
- Seasonal Clothing Collection (coats & blankets)
- Toys for Tots at Christmas
- Two Food Pantries



## POSSIBLE FUTURE SHARED MINISTRY PROGRAMS

- Counseling Center
- Immigration Services
- Family Life Ministries
- Crisis Pregnancy Center
- Compassionate Ministries

## SHOULD WE START A THIRD FOOD PANTRY?

The new Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church has now been serving over **150** families every Saturday morning, and the original food pantry at Shepherd of the Hills distributes food to 50 to 60 families at the same time each week. The San Francisco Food Bank is impressed by our performance and the spirit of our volunteers, so they are asking the Nehemiah Project to consider starting a third food pantry.

We can do so with additional volunteers – Let us know if you want to help start a new pantry – if we receive a good response from our congregational members, we will jump into it.

WE NEED HELP ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS AT OUR FOOD PANTRIES –  
CAN YOU LIFT A BAG OF POTATOES?

**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 noontime 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. 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 or Bob Bok  
Zion Lutheran Church – Tina Haner or Pastor Zimmerman

-- Mel Schenck

## THANK YOU AND FAREWELL TO MEL SCHENCK

By the end of the summer or early autumn, many folks will have said "thank you" and "farewell" to Mel Schenck who is leaving San Francisco to begin his new career in Hanoi. What an exciting opportunity for him; but projects -- like the Nehemiah Project -- may wonder how to continue on without him.

Mel certainly has a heart for social ministry and for sharing the Gospel message with folks who have not yet heard it. He is a quiet person but a person with a strong faith who has served well in many capacities.

He was instrumental in the formation of the Nehemiah Project where he has always been a very active participant. He currently serves as the president. He spearheaded the formation of the Food Pantries at Shepherd of the Hills and Grace Lutheran Churches, and continues to work with this efficiently run program,.

He was very much involved in the discussions which led to the formation of Bethel and Grace ministries. He served as the secretary when the initial group of representatives had their meetings. The packet of information that he wrote for the members of Shepherd of the Hills to consider, was certainly well written, expressing the need for evangelism ministry by congregations working together to do so.

Mel has filled several offices on the council of Shepherd of the Hills. He is currently serving his second term as president. He also regularly attends Bible Class and Worship each Sunday. He shares his faith through Bible Class discussions, often reminding us of the need for sharing the gospel with folks who have not yet heard it. He usually leads the class in the closing prayer, summarizing the focus of the lesson in doing so. Before Worship Service begins, he is distributing bulletins and welcoming all who come to worship. He assists in the Worship Service as needed, often helping Pastor Fox with the distribution of communion. He is also a member of the choir (The Shepherd Singers) adding his voice to the others in giving praise to God. He is a very important member of the congregation and will certainly be missed.

More could be said about Mel and his ministry among us, his leadership abilities, as well as his commitment to serving others and to sharing the Gospel message in various ways. But for now we just say THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEL, for being the person that you are, for continuing to grow in your faith as a Christian, and for being an example to others in various ways. Thank you very, very much. May God be with you and continue to guide you in your new venture. We will keep you in our prayers. We will miss you, and we will look forward to your return to ministry here in San Francisco. God bless you always.

-Jackie Haug-Schulz.

## TOWARD A SAN FRANCISCO LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

by The Rev. David P. Stechholz



“The longest journey begins with the first step.” It has been a dream of many of you that a Lutheran High School of excellent quality education and spiritual and moral strength be started and grown. If that is your hope, also, please bring this to the Lord God in prayer. If God so wills, and if we roll up our sleeves in helpful service, it can and will happen. But first, a little recent history.

In November 2004, over 40 people were present for an initial gathering of interest in the possibility of starting a San Francisco Lutheran High School. Since then, various volunteers have come together to vision and work toward this goal. With the help of a \$500 grant from the English District LC-MS, application was made to undertake a Synodical Genesis Project feasibility study. The application was approved. Step #1!

We are happy to announce to you that the retired top man in the LC-MS School Ministry, Dr. Carl Moser, was appointed and has accepted to lead this year-18 month feasibility study. I have been in touch with Dr. Moser and he has accepted our invitation to come to San Francisco for an initial consultation on Friday and Saturday, June 3rd and 4th. He looks forward to working with our Exploratory Task Force, and representatives from Hope, Zion, and West Portal Lutheran Schools, as well as people from the greater San Francisco community. Dr. Moser grew up in Portland, Oregon, and is familiar with life on the West Coast.

How can you help?

- 1) First, of course, with your prayers. Pray for our 9-member and growing exploratory task force that God would send them a spirit of vision and leadership.
- 2) Secondly, at our May 5th Circuit-wide Ascension Service reception, we saw a short Power Point presentation by West Portal Lutheran member and USCF research physician, Dr. Robert Bok, on some Lutheran High Schools across the USA. We will try to make a viewing of this possible at our churches, schools, pastoral conferences, LWML zone rallies, and other meetings.
- 3) Pray for and help strengthen our San Francisco area pre-school/child care schools, elementary, and middle schools. While a Lutheran High School will help strengthen Christian outreach and our current schools, it will also offer San Francisco a quality Lutheran High School that reaches the needs of many youth and families—educationally, musically, aesthetically, athletically, and especially spiritually.
- 4) Make a financial gift, which can be made out to the SF Lutheran Nehemiah Project and earmarked for the Genesis Project feasibility study and a San Francisco Lutheran High School. SFLNP is now a non-profit organization that can “umbrella” the SF Lutheran High School effort.
- 5) Dr. Moser will be interviewing 40-50 or more people who have an interest in a SF Lutheran High School. If you wish to be interviewed, call West Portal Lutheran Church and leave a brief message for Pastor Stechholz, 415-661-0242, ext. 22.



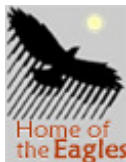
## SALSA San Francisco Lutheran Schools Association

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 2005.  
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 2005.  
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 2005.  
Call office for details.



## YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT



### Youth Group Water Park Day! Wednesday, July 6th, 2005

We will all meet at WaterWorld Sacramento for \$14.99 a person. We will pay the day of and churches can pay on their own then. I will be trying to find a picnic area where churches can bring their own lunches if they want.

More information to come... as you have an idea on whether or not you will be coming please let me know. Also if you can give me an approximate amount of people that would be great. (I don't need to know exactly just want to have an idea).

In Him, Mel Scheer 209-333-2223 (please only youth leaders call for your group)

If you are a youth who wants to go and your group is not going, you can call Karen 650-583-6920 and I will try to get you connected with a group that is going.



# 2 - Summer Servant Events In San Francisco

Presented by the **San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project**

## Committed to the Call

July 9, 2005

8 am - 7:30 pm

We will do various projects on church properties or homes of members or neighbors.

## Homeless and Hungry

August 6, 2005

8 am - 7:30 pm

We will go and help some people who have to experience hunger and/or homelessness every day.

We will limit each event to 50 participants.

All meals are provided.

We will end the day with a swim party,  
so bring your suit and towel.

If you have any questions,  
please e-mail [dcekaren@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcekaren@sbcglobal.net)  
or call Karen at 650-583-6920.

## Bethel & Grace Lutheran Ministries

2525 Alemany Blvd., SF  
465 Woolsey St, SF

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

Pastor Terry Chan  
SFmissions@aol.com

**Summer Safari Adventure.** We are offering a Summer Program to K through 5th grade students, Lessons will include: Art, Sewing, Music, Cooking, Drama-Acting-Puppetry, and VBS. See details on pages 2-3. We do still need teachers, call Karen 650-583-6920 for info.

### **Conversation Partners**

We have a new and growing outreach to the community. Conversation Partners is a tutoring program made up of volunteers from Bethel and Grace Ministries and West Portal Lutheran. The participants are Chinese with varying degrees of English language skills and really appreciate being able to those to improve communication skills.

Tutors have been teaching skills in greeting each other, reading grocery advertisements in the newspaper, learning from photos and pictures. One of our participants was being coached to be able to pass his test for citizenship. He did pass and the following week several tutor were trying to help him fill out the legal paper work, which is the true test of being an American. One of the participants has attended worship service. And another participant is interested in helping us start a Chinese School.

This was going to be a 6 week program, but the participants do not want to stop. So we will break for the Memorial Day and have another 4 weeks in June.

Anyone wishing to help us is invited to come and join us. You do not need experience, just a willingness to talk to someone new, and make a new friend. We have some materials you can use or you can bring some of your own. Sessions are held on Saturdays at 10 am.

Give Pastor Chan a call at 415-467-2937 or 415-587-2525

### **Food Pantry Update**

We have been serving 131-140 people every week. Keep your donations coming both money and food items. More volunteers are needed both on Friday for set up and Saturday for distribution. Call 415-468-2937

### **Notes from Bethel Center**

#### **Calling all Crafters:**

Thursday afternoons from  
3 pm to 5 pm  
Starting May 12  
Join us in making  
Boutique Items!

#### **PLEASE SAVE:**

Inkjet Cartridges (please no Epsoms)  
and  
Campbell's Soup Labels  
send to: Bethel Center  
2557 Alemany Blvd  
San Francisco

### **Day at the A's**

**AUGUST 13**

**Baseball Game and  
Tailgate Party**

Tickets available soon

## Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

E-mail: [holyspirit\\_lc@yahoo.com](mailto:holyspirit_lc@yahoo.com)

2400 Noriega St, S.F.

(415) 661-1120

Vacant

On Sunday, May 15th, the CNH District and Holy Spirit Church jointly hosted a Thanksgiving celebration in honor of Amy Mui's 38 years of Evangelistic Ministry. The special speaker at the worship service was CNH President Robert Newton, whose message was taken from I Thess 2:4-12. The Officiant was Rev. Theo Iverson, President CNH Extension Fund and Rev. Ted Zimmerman, Circuit Counselor assisted. Dr. Tom Lee interpreted the service.

After the service, over 300 guests including clergy, family and friends enjoyed a delicious dinner followed by a special program. Guests viewed a slide show "On Wings of The Spirit, a Ministry of Amy Mui" which told the life of Amy as a young lady working for the Lutheran World Federation, and traveling to Europe to tell the needs of the refugees who had poured into Hong Kong. Later she had a fund raising trip to California sponsored by the Lutheran Social Service. She married her husband, Jason, in 1967 and soon after began her work with Rev. Wilbert Holt at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit.

Several speakers told how many people came to know and love the Lord because of Amy's tireless efforts. Rev. David T Chan and DCE Allan Tong told how Amy's influence led to their decision to dedicate their lives in service to the Lord. Together we gave all Praise, Honor and Glory to the Spirit who has guided Amy during this 38 years of service to Him, bringing the Gospel to three generations of Chinese people.

On Sunday, May 22, Rev. Chris Benson will introduce the many functions of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to our congregation at 10 a.m. College students interested in summer internship, please visit their website at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com). We thank God for the willingness of Thrivent for Lutherans to provide matching funds of 50 cents for each \$1 we raise from the Spring Festival, for sponsoring our youth to go on a Mission Trip to Tijuana to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and assist in repairing homes there.

Our Spring Festival will be held on Sunday, May 29th beginning at 11:30 a.m. The proceeds of this festival will be used to assist the 39 young people who are going on the Mission to Tijuana. DCE Allan Tong is director of this mission. A special program by the youth will be held at our Spring Festival. Please include them in your prayers.

"I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST, IT IS THE POWER OF GOD  
FOR THE SALVATION OF EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES." ROMANS 1:16

### **Summer Day Camp - June 28th - August 5th -**

We have an enrollment of 132 students for our Summer Day Camp. Math Excel 2005 Program. 30 young counselors and helpers have been recruited for this ministry which is an outreach to our neighborhood and young people. DCE Allan Tong is the director of the program. We praise God for the young people who will be touched with the Good News of Jesus Christ during this summer day camp. We ask that you include this program in your prayers.

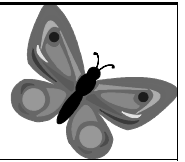
# New Life Chinese Lutheran Church

[www.newlifechinese.org](http://www.newlifechinese.org)

395 Addison Street, San Francisco

(415) 586-6525

Pastor Chip Fox



## **New Life Basketball Fellowship**

This will be our second year in the CCU (Chinese Christian Union) and it has been a very positive influence on our team members. It has been a great tool in our outreach ministry as we had two new team members from outside our church on last year's team and they have invited two more friends to play this year. We will have a total of four people that would not have been exposed to Christianity if it were not for our basketball outreach. We will have a tentative schedule of 7 games this year, plus playoffs?

Being part of the CCU Summer League and being part of our basketball team has led to monthly and sometimes weekly practices. We begin each practice with a short devotion and prayer. With the interest in playing basketball, it has led our team to participate in playing our fellow Lutheran churches and we have just completed a fund raiser for a fellow Lutheran brother who will be leaving for Southern California to be a sports director in a Japanese ministry. Also of note is that our sister church Holy Spirit also has a team in our C division.

*-Samuel Chang*

## **New Life Praise Band**

What began a little over a year ago at New Life as a small tentative musical group has become a band with musical talent that sprang up unexpectedly. Even today, the creative gifts that God has granted us are continuing to surprise us. New Life has never had a praise band even though many of our younger members are familiar with contemporary Christian music. At the end of February 2004, we decided to form a group that focused on music for ministry. It began as guitar lessons every other week and has grown to a weekly fellowship filled with praise. Getting started wasn't easy as musical instruments were costly and musicians aren't created overnight. But in a remarkably short time the New Life Praise Band has acquired all the necessary instruments and equipment with God's blessing and at the same time music abilities seemingly appeared out of no where. Almost each of our young members now are able to play more than one instrument. This is truly a testament to God who is able to use anyone who is willing. Thanks to God, we have homegrown drummers, guitarists, bassists, pianists, a harmonica player, and singers, each without formal training. Learning new music is one goal of the band. Our musical selection ranges from modern Christian rock to classic praise songs and even a few hymns. Occasionally we attempt to learn a popular secular song that we hear on the radio. Everyone is encouraged to bring new songs to teach the group and our group is open to everyone. Unfortunately, the Bay Area has just lost its one Christian music station, so we will need to find new methods to seek out new songs.

Looking ahead, I would love to see our band lead a monthly praise night where our members can invite their friends to come and sing praise music and have fellowship afterwards. Our pastor could give the homily during the night [praise worship] and we could bring more people to Christ. The size of our group has grown to the point where I feel we can form two bands. Our openness encourages people to want to join and it seems like it's time to start teaching again for those who are interested. None of this would be possible without God. It is miraculous that our band has grown and matured at such a fast rate and we hope to be a beacon of light that will shine bright with God's love.

*-Bryan Chan*

## New Life Lutheran continued

### **New Life & Shepherd of the Hills Servant Event**

On July 9<sup>th</sup> NL & SOTH will together host a Servant Event. Action tasks to be undertaken by the youth volunteers, as well as members of NL & SOTH, will include painting the church walkway and railings (behind the church building), painting the ladies' restroom, and cleaning the church's windows. A lunch will be provided for all these special servants of God who through their work will enable these churches to even better fulfill His Gospel mission with clean & attractive facilities!

*-Rafael & Jean Gonzalez, Ed Yee, Bryan Chan, Kelley Ng*

### **New Life Retreat**

New Life's Congregational Retreat which will be held at Alliance Redwoods (Occidental, CA) from Friday, July 15 through Sunday, July 17. Our theme for the weekend will be "Living the Abundant Life," a focus on how we can fill our own spiritual reservoirs and allow the love of Christ to flow to others. We have great things in store for the retreat and hope that it will be a time of fun, fellowship and spiritual growth for everybody.

*-Justin Lum*

### **New Life VBS**

A one-week VBS-Day Camp is planned for the week of July 25-29. Children will learn about Jesus' love through the VBS theme of "Safari Adventure: Discover Jesus the King". In addition, they will have fun and fellowship with afternoon activities such as field trips and games. Please pray that many children will be reached with the message of Jesus' sacrificial love."

*-Sandra Yee*

Additional information relevant to each event (sign up deadline, age requirements, cost, etc.) can be obtained by contacting the New Life church office or Pastor Chip and Tim Tam.

Tim Tam, [timtam@iwon.com](mailto:timtam@iwon.com)

Pastor Chip, [pastorchip@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorchip@sbcglobal.net)

## Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

395 Addison Street, San Francisco

(415) 586-3424

Pastor Chip Fox

Shepherd of the Hills members are looking forward to their springtime Congregational Assembly on 12 June with election of officers and consideration of new projects moving ahead.

Our English language worship services are 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 Romans.

-- Mel Schenck

## West Portal Lutheran Church and School

[www.westportallutheran.org](http://www.westportallutheran.org)

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

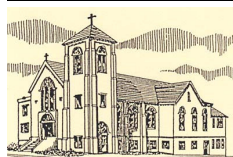


The month of May began with a beautiful, well-attended Ascension Day Festival Eucharist Service at West Portal on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, with participation by a number of CNH and English District Circuit Pastors and Congregations. The “Cinco de Mayo” reception and fellowship time after the Service was sponsored by leaders of the San Francisco Lutheran Nehemiah Project, with great refreshments and interesting displays featuring the work of the Nehemiah Project’s food pantries, the Bethel Center, two Youth Servant Events planned for this summer, and a presentation regarding the possibility of a San Francisco Lutheran High School. The service was attended by 226 members of the various SF/Daly City congregations. Let’s do it again next year—either at West Portal or another of our sister congregations!

May is also the month for youth Confirmations with 20 young people being confirmed on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. We have had larger than usual sized classes this year and last year.

In June we will bid a fond farewell to several of our beloved Teachers who are retiring: Patty George, Rozanne Stephenson, and Diane Toloski. On June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. in the spacious auditorium at Abraham Lincoln High School we will graduate 57 Eighth Graders from West Portal Lutheran School. We take a few days “breather” and then start Summer School on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Summer School ends on July 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by a week of Vacation Bible School. (See front page for information about VBS programs at SF/Daly City Lutheran churches.) The school buildings are closed for a few weeks so that major cleaning and remodeling can be done, and then we’re back to work for a new School Year, with the fall semester opening on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, we will observe our annual “Changing of the Guard,” when our Vicar David Szeto and his wife Frances return to St. Louis for David’s final year at Concordia Seminary, and our new vicar, Andrew Dinger, also from Concordia Seminary, arrives to serve his vicarage year at West Portal.



## Zion Lutheran Church and School

[www.zionlutheranchurch.org](http://www.zionlutheranchurch.org)

495 - 9th Ave, SF

(415) 221-7500

Pastor Ted Zimmerman

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **“Serengeti Trek—Where the Kids Are Wild About God!”**

When: Monday-Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>—17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Ages: children entering grades 1 through 6

Extended Care: 12 Noon - 6:00 p.m.

Cost for Extended Care -- \$20.00 per day per child Be sure your child brings a lunch if they are staying for Extended Care.

# Zion Lutheran continued

## A VERY PRACTICAL SEMINAR

*“Journey to Financial Freedom”* – a Crown Financial Ministries Seminar

On Saturday, July 23, Zion will be offering a family financial seminar. This seminar is a must for all Christians who want to live according to God’s principles of finance. Thousands of Christian families have been blessed by learning and applying God’s “how-tos” for family finances.

The instructor, Rich Siebert, from Crown Financial Ministries, will answer questions like:

- § What does God’s Word say about handling money?
- § What are traps to avoid?
- § What is financial freedom?
- § How can we develop a plan to ensure there’s enough money at the end of the month?
- § What about the future?
- § And many more . . .

Open to members of our LCMS congregations and the community. For more information, contact Virginia Dobel, (415) 823-5144

## BUILDING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Zion’s dreams of expanding its ministry space by 16,000 sq. ft. have hit some speed bumps because of escalating costs. The planning group working with the architect are exploring all their options before making final design decisions. Doubtless the scale will be reduced somewhat. Still, we should realize some major gains in improving educational space for the Day School and fellowship and administration space for the congregation. Zion invites the prayers of all its brothers and sisters in Christ in support of the project.

## ZION IS ENJOYING THE ADDITION OF A PASTORAL DEACON

Early this spring Tom Hurley joined the ministry staff of Zion congregation as a Pastoral Deacon. After completing a two-year plus course of study as part of the CA-NV-HI District’s Deacon Training program, Tom has been certified by the District President, Rev. Dr. Robert Newton, for word and sacrament ministry under the auspices of an ordained pastor. Zion has “called” him to service to assist Pastor Ted Zimmerman in various aspects of pastoral ministry. He preaches regularly at the “iPraise” service, Zion’s new contemporary worship service. He also preaches for Pastor at the other services on a regular basis. He will be assisting Pastor and the Board of Elders in providing spiritual care to the members of the congregation. He is serving on a volunteer basis, for about 10–12 hours a week.

Pastor Zimmerman hopes to be able to recruit others, men and women, who would desire to receive training and to serve in “word and sacrament”, or word and service” ministries at Zion and within the Circuit.

Rev. Ted Zimmerman, revtbz@comcast.net

# COLLECTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## **Collection Items for Bethel Center:**

Inkjet Cartridges (please no Epsoms) and Campbell's Soup Labels  
send to: Bethel Center, 2557 Alemany Blvd, San Francisco

## **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. 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.

## **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 information.

## **Teachers Needed**

Bethel and Grace Ministries is looking for Teachers to teach at a Summer Program for 6 weeks, July 11-Aug 19 from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

Contact Karen 650-583-6920 or  
e-mail resume to dcekaren@sbcglobal.net

**Bethel Center  
Day at the A's**

**AUGUST 13**

**Baseball Game and  
Tailgate Party**

Tickets available soon

**Calling  
all Crafters:**

Thursday afternoons  
from 3 pm to 5 pm  
Starting May 12  
Join us in making  
Boutique Items!

**Youth Opportunities**

**July 6**

**Water World in Sac.**

See pages 8 for details

**July 9 and Aug 6**

**Servant Events**

See pages 9 for details.

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