

The Wind Of God

As you know, I love to fish and on my recent vacation that is exactly what I did. While I was on the lake I couldn't help but see parallels of God's creation and our new life as Christians. I fish from a Kayak which is best used for drift fishing. I like to call it "Lazy man" fishing. Because all you do is cast out your line and allow the wind to carry you along. It's not a lot of work and your cover a lot of area.

With this type of fishing the wind is important. To a Christian wind is crucial, but in a different way.

Most people, who enjoy the sport of fishing, will tell you that you can fish in snow, rain, sleet, but not heavy wind. Yet, at the same time wind is key to a fisherman (at least the type of fishing that I enjoy). I need wind to fish. I can't drift fish if there isn't any wind to produce the drift.

On Sunday, June 12th the Christian Church all over the world celebrates the

Day of Pentecost, the day God sent his comforter, his counselor, his Spirit and his power to the Christian Church in the form of a wind; *Pneuma* in Greek. We too, are given that wind of God's spirit the day we are baptized. Our faith as Christians is given to us by God's Spirit in Baptism. It is humanly impossible for us to believe in Christ without the Holy Spirit. So God gives us His spirit in Baptism; ***"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit"*** Titus 3:5

We take the wind of God for granted in our lives. The Holy Spirit has not only brought us into an eternal relationship with God through the work of Jesus Christ, but the Spirit is also our daily counselor in a chaotic world. The Holy Spirit guides us through each day, takes us along with Him and continues to sustain our faith; ***"You through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of salvation"*** 1 Peter 1:5



It's important when I'm on the lake to watch the wind on the water that is in front of me. Because the direction can change suddenly, without warning and I must prepare for the change. But God's Spirit doesn't change, its ever steady, ever present, ever loving. He only has the best in store for us. Now, our Father asks us to trust His Spirit daily. Then with this trust we must allow him to carry us through each day in his direction which leads us firmly fixed upon the work of Jesus Christ.

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus".

Rev. John P. Gross

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

Most people believe that money brings happiness, so they always want more of it. But money does not bring happiness. Money and the things that money can buy do not produce the good life. The good life is found in a relationship with Jesus and in using what God has given us to build His kingdom. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we will hold the things of this world loosely and focus on things that are eternal.

Those serving this month

GREETERS:

CHANCEL GUILD MEMBERS:

HARVEST BAG VOLUNTEERS

Helma Smulders, Rae Wulff, Pat Wood,
John Kock, Barbara Souza, Betty Kock,
Frank Wood, Kay Folta, Margaret Schoening,
Elmer Meier, Elaine Eppert, Michelle Mason,
Daniel Arndt, Dolly Luoma,
Students from Mission Prep High School

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Grace Arndt, Elaine Eppert
Dolly Luoma, Glenn Weitkum.

OFFERING COUNTERS

Barbara Almstedt, Maria Burt, Ginny Randall
Marcia Fischbeck, Elaine Eppert, Ruth Halsey, Frank
& Pat Wood, Robert & Corinne Wobrock,
Ed & Linda Steinbeck, Val Went

YOUR ELDER BOARD

Roger Randall, Gary Reif
Glenn Weitkum, Jeff Tolle, Bob Hux

LESSON READERS FOR MAY

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
June 12:	Karen Valine	Shirley Head
June 26	Marcia Fischbeck	Tom Jones

USHERS

8:00 a.m.

Bernie Luoma, Elmer Meier

10:30 a.m.

Team 1: **Wilbur Neben**, David & Kari
Knutson, Jack Humphrey

Team 2: **Gus Keyser**, Gene Hewitt,
Karl Haeuser, John Miller

Team 3: **Elmer Meier**, Al Rybar,
Glenn Weitkum

Team 4: **Derek Valine**, Karen Valine,
Charles Gibbs, Robert Hux

Team 5: **Dana Baker**, College students

Happy Birthday Blessings to...

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| 1 | Anthony Valine |
| 2 | Ro Miller |
| 2 | Tabitha Morgan |
| 5 | Marcia Fischbeck |
| 5 | Miriam Ziel |
| 7 | Daniel Arndt |
| 8 | Pam Gross |
| 8 | Doretta Takagi |
| 14 | Leo Wulff |
| 16 | Christopher May |
| 21 | Tom Jones |
| 24 | Phyllis Hux |
| 29 | Andy Klittich |
| 30 | Barbara Almstedt |

Happy Anniversary to...

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| 10 | Wilbur and Ann Neben | 60 th |
| 17 | Gary and Karen Reif | 44 th |
| 19 | Richard and Miriam Ziel | 40 th |
| 22 | Leo and Rae Wulff | 31 th |
| 25 | Robert and Adriane Field | 1 st |
| 26 | James and Susan Polk | 29 th |

Worship Attendance & General Offerings for May 1—May 22			
DATE	8:00a	10:30a	General Offering
05/01	40	112	\$7,553
05/08	40	93	\$4,943
05/15	27	82	\$4,387
05/22	40	92	\$3,783

Dear Church Family,

How can I possibly thank you enough for the wonderful surprise that you bestowed on me on Mother's Day? The "Comfort Quilt" is beautiful!! What a thoughtful and loving gift!! Thanks to all of you for signing the quilt, and for adding your special thoughts, sentiments, and scripture verses! Extra-special thanks to Dawn Jones for her hard work and amazing skill in making the quilt! I will cherish it always – and will truly appreciate wrapping myself up in it during my chemo downtimes. Paul and I are so blessed to be a part of this congregation and to have all of you as our friends! Thank you, again!!

With much love and appreciation,
Doretta



VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL AT ZION

June 20-24

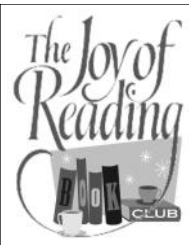
Bring "Crafts" materials anytime to the Fellowship Hall at the

- foot of the stage, please: Empty Gallon plastic bottles with caps, Corks from bottles, Carpet center hard rolls, Paper Towel cardboard center rolls, Large paper sacks Brown wrapping paper



Thursday
June 23
1:00p.m.

Call Karen Reif for more information



The Joy of Reading book club gets together this month on Friday, the 24th, at 10:00am.

If you would like more info, call Shirley Weitkum at 544-3869



Friday, June 17th
11:30a.m.
at the
Apple Farm
SAN LUIS OBISPO
on Monterey

Call Margaret Schoening for reserving your spot and for more information

Every Sunday is Father's Day, where our Heavenly Father comes to us in the name of His Son. Being able to take your family to hear and learn God's Word is truly His gift. The desire to hear the Word is another of His gifts. Come this Father's Day to hear about your Heavenly Father and what He has done for you and yours.



Life Together

The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community

by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Pastor Gross is leading this study looking at Bonhoeffer's classic work. The classes are being held on Tuesday mornings at 10 am and Wednesday evenings at 7 PM in Room 1. The last class will be on June 22. The book can still be purchased for \$13 by calling the church office. It is a short and easy read on the role of personal prayer, the worship we have in common and real life Christian fellowship.

Disaster response team brings spiritual care to tornado victims



LCMS World Relief and Human Care/Darrell Howanitz

The LCMS World Relief and Human Care Disaster Response team saw many tornado-damaged homes — such as this one, with a homemade sign, "God saved 6 here" — as they traveled to hard-hit Alabama communities.

"When a tree went through Mr. Stimson's home, his first concern was if anything had happened to his church, historic Trinity Lutheran, the oldest LCMS church in the South," said LCMS World Relief and Human Care's (WR-HC) Rev. Carlos Hernandez. (Trinity, Hanceville, was established in 1885.)



For July 2011 newsletter is Monday June 20

The new May board meeting minutes and report packets are now available in the Narthex.

Also available are draft copies of the 2011-12 fiscal year budget for the Voters meeting on Sunday, June 5



Boys & Girls

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Each day

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

MAY 2011

BY GINNY RANDALL

May is a happening month in our congregation. We started off by having an LWML tea and officer installation at the San Luis Country Club on May 7. There were about forty present to see newly elected president Dawn Jones installed and to hear her speech on the many faceted activities of LWML, from getting greeters to providing lunches at funerals to calling on shut-ins to sponsoring circles such as bunco, out to lunch, golf and book club. She said that volunteers and new members are always welcome in all of these areas.

Then the Pastor's Conference of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District, involving 120 churches and about 140 people, took place at the Inn at Morro Bay from May 10 until May 12. On May 10 at 7:30 p.m., there was an evening service at Zion with four choirs participating led by Vito Biondo and accompanied by Doretta Takagi on the organ. After the service, there was a wine and hor d'oevres tasting in the fellowship hall hosted by Pastor Gross.

The long-awaited kitchen remodel is scheduled to begin on May 16 and is planned to be completed before the start of Vacation Bible School on June 20. It is planned that fellowship will continue to be offered in the fellowship hall but the variety of offerings may be somewhat reduced.

The Board of Directors meeting will be largely taken up with the adoption of proposed budgets for each board for the next fiscal year. In the June Voter's meeting, these budgets will be voted on.

Dale and Betty Struve are leaving us. TEARS! We will miss them mightily but wish them the very best and are happy for them that they are able to move closer to their children. They sold their house in Creston and are moving to a home near Santa Maria at the end of May and will transfer to Grace Lutheran Church in Santa Maria. Be sure to keep in touch!

If you are not already in a cottage group, it's a great opportunity to study the Bible in a small group setting and get to know some of your fellow church members better. For information on the group nearest you, please contact John Miller.



Voters Meeting focus

There will be a Zion Voter's Meeting on Sunday, June 5, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall. Adopting the budget for the next fiscal year will be the primary

Ginny Randall, Congregation President

2011 Ladies Spring Tea



“On Saturday, May 11th, the women of Zion Lutheran gathered at the San Luis Obispo Country club for high tea. The ladies brought their own tea cups and shared with the group their uniqueness. Also, Lynne Oliverius supplied the music and Joanie Brown lead the festivities.

Yosemite Campout



The College students from Zion meet up with West portal Lutheran students for a fun and relaxing weekend campout in Yosemite.



Russell Baady is shown doing the newest and strangest fad, "Planking" in front of waterfall. And Nathan Klammer is displaying his guns to the world.

KITCHEN UPDATE

The **kitchen remodel and expansion project** in the Fellowship Hall at Zion is in full swing. The entire project is expected to be completed by mid-June, just prior to the start of our Vacation Bible school. While the kitchen will be totally out of commission for a few more weeks, we will still have limited Fellowship after our Sunday services. We ask for your patience while we build a new, larger and more convenient kitchen.

Each Sunday morning Mel de la Motte teaches an Adult Bible Class which spends time on the Bible passages designated for that Sunday.



Come join us for
“A Longer Look at the Lessons”

9:15am in classroom 1.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>“..BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE TERRIFIED; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.” JOSHUA 1:9</i></p> <p>happy FATHER’S DAY</p>			<p>1 8:30a-12:00p Harvest Bag . 7p “Life Together” class, CR1</p>	<p>2 Ascension Day College Festive Dinner and Activities</p>	<p>3 5:30p GIGS</p>	<p>4 11:00a Choir Rehearsal GET ON THE BUS</p>
<p>5 8a Divine Service- Communion 9:15a Adult Bible School 10:30a Divine Service-Communion 10:30a Sunday School K-6 *Fellowship is served after services Voters Assembly after 10:30 service</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 10a “Life Together” class, CR1</p>	<p>8 8:30a-12:00p Harvest Bag . 7p “Life Together” class, CR1</p>	<p>9 12:00 LWML, FH</p>	<p>10 Festive Dinner and Activities</p>	<p>11 11:00a Choir Rehearsal Cal Poly Graduation</p>
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<p>19 Holy Trinity 8a Divine Service- Communion 9:15a Adult Bible School 10:30a Divine Service-Communion 10:30a Sunday School K-6 11:30 VBS meeting, CR1 11:30 Elders meeting, office *Fellowship is served after services HAPPY FATHER’S DAY</p>	<p>20 NL Deadline VBS Daily 9a-12p</p>	<p>21 10a “Life Together” class, CR1 5:30p Board of Directors Mtg.</p>	<p>22 8:30a-12:00p Harvest Bag . 7p “Life Together” class, CR1</p>	<p>23 1:00p Bunco, FH</p>	<p>24 10:00a Joy of Reading book club , office 5:30p GIGS</p>	<p>25 11:00a Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>26 Mite Box Sunday 8a Divine Service 9:15a Adult Bible School 10:30a Divine Service 10:30a Sunday School K-6 VBS Presentation followed by an Ice Cream Social after 10:30a service *Fellowship is served after serv. 1:30p Square Dance Club, FH</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Adult Bible Class 9:15AM-10:15AM Pre-Confirmation 9:20AM-10:20AM Nursery & Elementary 10:30 AM Vacation Bible School June 20-24 9a.m.—12p.m.</p>	

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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submissions June 20*



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Administrative Assistant

Vito Biondo

Organist

Doretta Takagi

Pianist

Lynne Oliverius

Choir Director

Paul Takagi

Spring Summer/Early Fall 2011 Term event

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- **Fri. Evenings** - 5:30 pm **GIGS & Food** every Fri.
- **Thur. 2 June** Festive Dinner
- **Mon. 6 June- 10 June** Exam Week
- **Fri. 10 June.** Festive Dinner & Activities
- **Sat. 11 June** Graduation
- **Sept 14-19 WOW** at Cal Poly: **Visit our Booth on Thur. 16 Sept. at the Farmers Market.**
- **Sept. 23 Friday: Kick off for GIGS & Welcome BBQ event to celebrate the end of the first week of instruction.**
- **Watch for our Fall Events posted later in Sept.**

VARIOUS spontaneously planned events, & service opportunities at: www.zionslo.com

• ***Be sure to stay tuned by joining our group's email & Face book list; Contact: Dana at dbaker01@calpoly.edu or***

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