

Greetings from Our Pastor: REVEREND DAWN TEUTHORN



This week a pastor was lamenting "the push now begins" as we enter into September and "won't let up until Pentecost"! He was rubbing his forehead and looking a bit reticent about the whole thing. Have you ever felt the same way this time of year?

If you are a parent or grandparent of school-age children, life definitely changes pace once school begins. In some ways, it's a relief because the kids are back in school and a regular schedule resumes (once that schedule is finally determined...and often NOT without its changes along the way). During the school year, there is a lot more to do and it can get to feeling a bit crazy and overwhelming fairly quickly. Even if you aren't a parent or connected with the school year regiment, the beginning of fall often triggers the anticipation of the upcoming holidays, beloved festivals like Half Moon Bay's Pumpkin Festival just 7 weeks away, and special events like Rally Day (the start of Sunday School) on September 19th and our CLC annual book sale happening THIS Labor Day weekend!! On one hand, we can get so excited about what's to come from September through May, and yet, the work and preparation involved to make it all happen can sometimes seem incredibly daunting.

Although I understand feeling overwhelmed with the the prospect of what's ahead, I felt sad about this pastor's sigh of trepidation regarding the next 9 months. It made me wonder. I know I'm currently excited about being in a new place with a new congregation looking forward to the many special events we have yet to experience for the 1st time together. So, my viewpoint is a bit skewed right now. BUT, I couldn't help wondering, would one really want to skip the next 9 months just to get to summer again? No matter what's in store, do we really want to miss what is to come??! I sure don't. Life moves way too fast as it is!! The older I get, the more I want to savor each and every moment!! Could it be this pastor's sigh was more about how one might approach the labor of each day, each year in a way that GIVES life vs. taketh it away?!!


One approach to trepidation for what's to come may be to look at what you need to do. Is it all necessary? Is there anything that can go? What is essential and what is not. For instance, I realized early on as a single parent full-time pastor, my sons would not be able to do all the extra-curricular activities that some other children got to do. Somewhere along the way I decided to stop beating myself up for what they were possibly missing and see what they were getting instead. They often had time just to be and were not overly scheduled and stressed like some children. They had time to play, use their imagination, and be creative. They got to experience two homes, two different ways of doing things, double the grandparents, and an experience of extended family that included our church family, in many ways a home away from home.

Secondly, I often find that when I am feeling overwhelmed, stressed, and/or exhausted, it speaks more about me than anything. I think about all the self-imposed expectations we can live by or the people we want to please by doing what we do. I think about the inability to prioritize or know one's limits and the perception that things won't get done or be done the way we like it unless we do it ourselves. It makes a difference when we consider God's place in all we do. Doesn't scripture often tell us to turn to God as our #1 authority with Jesus showing us how and the Holy Spirit making it possible? There's a reason for that!! It makes discerning what needs to be done at any given moment much easier. Opening the day by simply saying hello to God and recognizing the reality of Divine Presence in all that is, was and will be, can change the way a day unfolds no matter what it entails. Add welcoming God into the activities of your day and you'd be surprised how this simple gesture can affect all that you do and how you experience it.

Whether you approach this September with trepidation or joyful anticipation, what matters most is you do not go alone!! Whether we recognize and lean on the presence of God in our every day existence, the Holy Trinity is still actively engaging in, restoring, and renewing all life. God IS with you and Coastside Lutheran Church is here to strengthen your faith in that Presence along the way.

With you in Christ, *Pastor Dawn*

July 2010 Treasurer's Report—General Fund

	<u>Actual</u> <u>July 2010</u>	<u>Budgeted</u> <u>July 2010</u>	<u>Over or</u> <u><Under></u> <u>Actual</u> <u>Monthly</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Year to Date</u> <u>as of</u> <u>07/31/10</u>	<u>Budgeted Year</u> <u>to Date as of</u> <u>07/31/10</u>	<u>Over or</u> <u><Under></u> <u>Actual</u> <u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>
Contributions	\$11,897	\$14,376	<\$2,479>	\$91,984	\$100,636	<\$8,651>
Rentals & Other Income	\$1,037	\$1,624	<\$586>	\$10,145	\$11,369	<\$1,223>
Total Income	\$12,935	\$16,000	<\$3,065>	\$102,130	\$112,005	<\$9,875>
Disbursement	\$16,325	\$18,730	<\$2,405>	\$127,127	\$128,502	<\$1,374>
Net (Income- Expenses)	<\$3,390>	<\$2,730>	<\$660>	<\$24,997>	<\$16,497>	<\$8,500>

Shop at Safeway to Earn Money for CLC

Time to sign-up or renew your e-scrip account for an easy way to give back to Coastside Lutheran. For those of you unfamiliar with this program, it's as simple as signing up online with your Safeway Club Card number, a credit card or debit card number and selecting Coastside Lutheran Church to receive a donation on your behalf. The more you buy, the larger the donation through e-scrip!
Coastside Lutheran Church: eScrip Group ID – 3798997

Sign Up Today!

- Your participation can mean hundreds of dollars for CLC
- Have your Card number available
 - Visit www.escrip.com
 - Click on "1- Sign Up"
 - Enter your Club Card Number every time you shop and CLC earns!

It's Easy to Renew

- If you participated last year, don't forget to renew by Nov 1st to continue earning contributions.
- Have your Card number available
 - Visit www.escrip.com
 - Click on "YES RENEW!"

If you are unsure how to sign up or renew a membership, please contact our plan coordinator, Suzanne Bruce at smalaspina-bruce@sbcglobal.net

It is easy, doesn't cost a thing, and is a great benefit to Coastside Lutheran Church!

Women of Wonder (WOW) Upcoming Events



Women of Wonder heads to the trails on Saturday, September 25 for a hike around Mavericks. Please look for an Evite or check the bulletin board in the West Wing for more information. The time will be determined based on folks who can join us.

If you have any questions you can also speak with Heather Southworth or email her at heather_southworth@sbcglobal.net.

CLC Labor Day Book Fair

We are just days away from our Annual Book Sale!

The hours are 9am-3pm on Saturday & Sunday, September 4th-5th
9am-1pm on Monday, September 6th

Please help us spread the word by telling friends and family both on the coast and on the Peninsula about our event. There is a huge selection of adult and children's books, dvds, cds, vhs tapes, audiobooks, puzzles and games.



Paperback books are 50 cents and hardbacks are \$1.00. We are also still accepting donations right up until the book sale. So clear out your book shelves and come find a few new ones for your collection.

LISTEN! GOD IS CALLING

The Sierra Pacific Synodical Board of Women of the ELCA is pleased to invite you to attend the sixth biennial Synodical women's retreat at Asilomar Conference Center, November 19-21, 2010!

Offered on alternate years from convention, the retreat is designed to be a time for spiritual renewal and growth. It is held at Asilomar which is located in Pacific Grove, California, nestled on the coast between Monterey and Carmel. The setting is perfect for re-creation, relaxation and reflection.

This year's theme is LISTEN! GOD IS CALLING. Our theme verse is Isaiah 55.3a, "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may have life." Our retreat leader will be Jane Strohl, professor at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. Our Chaplain will be Pastor Lori Eickmann. There will be opportunities for singing and sharing, quiet meditation and lively discussion. There will be beach walk devotions and worship, time for laughter and perhaps even tears.

There are a limited number of spaces available to us at Asilomar, so it is important to sign up early. Deadline for registrations is September 11. Please note that no refunds can be given after October 1. These policies are governed by Asilomar's deadlines and restrictions on refunds, and the Synodical board has no control over them. So, please be certain to find a replacement for your slot if you find you are unable to attend after October 1. (The registrar may be able to fill your spot with someone from the waiting list but this is not guaranteed). We have only 200 beds reserved so register quickly!!!

Consider ways your congregational unit can give this time as a gift to some of our over programmed women-maybe offering childcare for the weekend, a car ride or a scholarship (whole or part). As women, we are prone give away a great deal and we really need time to re-new ourselves physically and spiritually. There are no requirements at this event except to take time for yourselves and re-create in this special place!

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Sierra Pacific Synod Women's Retreat
Asilomar Conference Center
November 19-21 2010
REGISTRATION FORM
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!)

NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE _____

HOME CONGREGATION _____ CITY _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

COSTS (per person)
(make checks payable to SP Synod W-ELCA)
Registration/ 2 nights/6 meals \$300.00
Day Guests (by special request only!) \$50.00
(no meals included)

SPECIAL REQUESTS
Vegetarian _____
Disabled _____ or
Ground Floor accommodations needed (explain)

Sunday lunch: Box meal _____
Dining Room _____

Those wishing to **ROOM TOGETHER** must return their registrations together in one envelope. Every effort will be made to honor requests for single and doubles. HOWEVER, Asilomar makes all final room assignments and in some cases, you may be placed 4 to a room, depending on specific room availability. Please register early!

DEADLINES

Registrations must be POSTMARKED by **September 11th, 2010**

(after that date, rooms are not guaranteed)

Last day to request room/board refund is October 1st, 2010*

(\$50 registration fee is non refundable)

* [This refund deadline is based on Asilomar's refund policy. Please seek a replacement if you find you are unable to at-tend after the above date since Asilomar will charge us for the room.]

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REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

Date Sent: _____ Check Number: _____ Roomate: _____

CONFIRMATION



Confirmation for middle school age youth 6th-8th grade begins Rally Day, Sept. 19th with Pastor Dawn following our community lunch with a Jumhouse until 3 pm. It will meet monthly typically after worship until 3 pm. Confirmation is an opportunity to learn more about our faith as Christians within a Lutheran context and get to know one another better over 2 years. We will do a combination of study, fellowship and service within CLC as well as beyond. Are you interested? If so, talk with Pr Dawn. Friends are welcome.

Oct. 31: Reformation Sunday for lunch and the movie LUTHER @ the Walker home, from noon-3 pm.

Nov. 12-14: All confirmation youth will attend the Middle School Youth Event @ Mt. Cross in Felton off Hwy 9 in the Santa Cruz mountains. It is put on by the Sierra Pacific Synod Youth Committee. The theme this year is "God's Gym--Exercise Your Faith". Cost is \$110, before October 16. **Any middle school age youth is welcome to attend this event.** If you want to learn more about it, just talk to Pastor Dawn or one of our confirmation youth!!

Some Personal Reflections on Our Community Breakfast

I've had my cabinet shop on Main Street behind the car wash since 1982, so I've spent much of my life these past 28 years in downtown Half Moon Bay. Being in town all day I tend to know about most of the homeless people that live here. One man I've known since the 1970's and he's been in and out of homelessness all this time. I see them come into town, fairly normal and seemingly looking for work. Then, within a few months something happens, they begin to slip into some kind of insanity. I used to think it was because of alcohol or drugs, or maybe they have some kind of illness that they no longer receive care for, and I'm sure this is true to some degree. They come to town, I will meet and talk to some of them; then, at some point they will no longer be approachable. It took some years for me to realize how hard it must be to be homeless, how lonely it must be to be a non-person. I think I would go insane for sure even without the help of drugs or alcohol.

For over a year now I've been working with nine or ten others from Coastside Lutheran and with our Catholic Worker friends to host a community breakfast every Thursday, and now on Wednesdays as well. When I tell people what I do on Thursday I get asked some of these questions: How many come? Do you think they really need it? How many kids? How many do you think are just taking advantage of you? These are hard questions for me to answer because they draw me away from the true nature of the breakfast. For some who have never seen the breakfast, it's all about getting calories into hungry stomachs.

Some of us show up at 6a.m. to haul things in and begin to set up the room. Tables are set with white table cloths and condiments. Coffee and hot chocolate are made. Kyle gets everything ready and soon the place is filled with the smell of French toast or pancakes. More volunteers show up and fresh organic vegetables are cleaned, chopped, and prepped. Fresh organic eggs are cracked open and good healthy food begins to appear.

The homeless man I've known since the 70's usually arrives early and Bill Strom makes him three eggs sunny side up cooked in bacon grease just the way he likes them. At 7a.m. other guests begin to arrive, families with children, more homeless men, farm workers and others of all walks of life. Some walk, some ride bikes, some come in cars, and some come in large diesel pick-up trucks.

A few weeks ago I stopped what I was doing in the middle of the breakfast and just looked around. A couple of people who arrived as guests were now in the kitchen cooking, Miriam was teaching English to two women, and Joan was reading a book to a little girl. Volunteers were sitting at tables eating and talking with guests, and the place had the noise of a coffee shop. I realized at that moment how much has changed this past year, and how much we each need to be here.

I noticed the real change for me later that day when I was walking down Main Street. I heard a man call my name and when I turned to see who it was I saw one of our homeless guests. He came over to chat, nothing in particular, just the kind of chat that two people who know each other do. Then, as I was driving home I stopped by Safeway to pick up a few things. One of the guys approached me in the store and told me how one of the local stores was throwing away all kinds usable stuff and asked if I knew someone who could use some of it. It made me think that maybe I was the unapproachable one all these years.

I once had seen a disciple defined as: "An imitate follower of a gifted teacher." I could see Jesus making three eggs sunny side up cooked in bacon grease for a man that 99% of us try very hard not to see.



Bob Myers, June 21, 2010

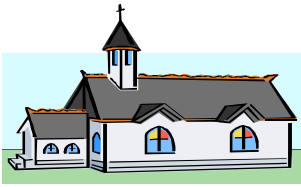


SEPTEMBER 2010

Updated event schedule posted at <http://www.coastsidelutheran.com/churchevents.html>

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			<p>1 6:30am Men's Group—Methodist Church</p> <p>4pm Iglesia cleans</p>	<p>2 7am Community Breakfast</p> <p>10am Hope Services</p>	<p>3 3pm Book Faire setup 7pm Iglesia del Mar Service 9pm Iglesia cleans</p>	<p>4 Book Faire 9am-3pm Parking Lot</p>
<p>5 8am Meditative Service 9am-3pm Book Faire 10am Worship Service 2:00pm Iglesia del Mar service</p>	<p>6 LABOR DAY 9am-1pm: Book Faire 8pm Open AA</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 6:30am Men's Group 7am Community Breakfast 4pm Iglesia cleans</p>	<p>9 7am Community Breakfast 10am Hope Services 7pm Choir Rehersal & Potluck</p>	<p>10 7pm Iglesia del Mar Service 9pm Iglesia cleans</p>	<p>11 7:30am Open AA</p>
<p>12 8am Meditative Service 10am Worship Service 2:00pm Iglesia del Mar service</p>	<p>13 7:00pm Spiritual Book Study (Tamar) 8pm Open AA</p>	<p>14 12pm Synod Conference Pastor's Meeting 3pm Daisy Troup</p>	<p>15 6:30am Men's Group 7am Community Breakfast 4pm Iglesia cleans 7:30pm Choir Rehersal</p>	<p>16 7am Community Breakfast 10am Hope Services</p>	<p>17 7pm Iglesia del Mar Service 9pm Iglesia cleans</p>	<p>18 7:30am Open AA</p>
<p>19 Rally Day 8am Meditative Service 9am Choir 10am Worship 11:30am Picnic 2:00pm Iglesia del Mar service</p>	<p>20 8pm Open AA</p>	<p>21 3:30pm Headstart Parent's Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>22 6:30am Men's Group 7am Community Breakfast 4pm Iglesia cleans</p>	<p>23 7am Community Breakfast 10am Hope Services</p>	<p>24 7pm Iglesia del Mar Service 9pm Iglesia cleans</p>	<p>25 7:30am Open AA TBD WOW Hike-Heading to the Trail 2pm Iglesia del Mar service</p>
<p>26 8am Meditative Service 10am Worship Service 2:00pm Iglesia del Mar service</p>	<p>27 8pm Open AA</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 6:30am Men's Group 7am Community Breakfast 4pm Iglesia cleans</p>	<p>30</p>		



Worship Lay Leadership

We are ALL ministers who play a part in the liturgy, which literally means “the work of the people.” Worship is a primary calling as Christians & key ministry of Coastside Lutheran Church.

Excellent community worship on Sunday Morning is the primary responsibility for any congregation. There are various roles that come into play each Sunday of which YOU can be a part—Altar Guild, Flower Arranger, Greeter/Usher, Lay Assistant, Acolyte, Reader, Counter, Flower Arranger, and Fellowship Host.

We who embrace a PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS trust YOU TOO can enjoy being a part of the many roles in worship. Share your gifts and challenge yourself to try new roles by signing up today. Instead of assigning weekly roles for those who have volunteered in the past, we are going to a sign-up system in the West Wing so you can choose the role and day that works best for your schedule.

We’ve combined the roles of greeter with ushers (2) and acolytes can be adults as well as youth. Readers can also be youth and not just adults!

If you do have a change in plans, and you cannot attend the day you selected, please swap with someone if time permits! If you can email or call the office with the change, we can get it into our weekly bulletins, otherwise, do not worry since we always have volunteers who step forward to fill in!

Thank you for serving in this way!

Date	Assist.	Reader	Greeters/Ushers	Acolytes	Counter	Fellowship	Flowers
Sept 5	Terri Homer	Marian Lacey		Dana Walker	Terri Homer	The Hoyers	The Ellers
Sept 12	Pat Dias	Cynthia Ramseyer	The Nelson/Lacey's		Pat Dias		Cynthia R's B-Day
Sept 19		Katharine Weber		Dana Walker	Bill Nelson		Lacey's B-Day
Sept 26	Marian Lacey	Julie Walker	Patrice Gouveia & ?	Kate Nelson	Brenda Newmann		Suzanne for Jon's B-Day

September Communion setup: TBD. Flowers arranged by Cynthia Ramseyer. Joli Allen on Sept 5th.

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September 2010 Newsletter

CLC Facility Use Policy

Ever wondered why certain groups are allowed to use our church? On the flip side, why certain groups are not? Are you interested in using the West Wing for an event? To provide consistent answers for each of these questions, Council has approved a Facility Use Policy which will be used as a guideline for addressing new requests for use. Companion forms include an updated Facility Use Agreement with suggested fee schedules that users must fill out and submit for approval at least two weeks before the event. If you have any questions or would like to submit a request to use our facility, please contact the office or the Council member in charge of facility use, Bill Carl. His email address, hmbbill@comcast.net.

All forms and documents are located online at www.coastsidelutheran.org and click on "Church Events" link. The church calendar is also available here with all property events so users can see if a space is available on a certain day or time.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
8:00am Meditative Worship/Communion
10:00am Worship/Communion, followed by Fellowship Hour