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Community Church

**Sunday August 28th at
10:00am**



Its back! Our fresh air fun Sunday morning. Drive, walk, bike or ride the bus to the Marina Park Gazebo in downtown Port Orchard. Bring a chair, a blanket or a pillow if you want, and wear outdoor fun clothes, to hear the word of God with his beautiful water and mountain views all around us!

Pastor Doug Nemitz

Pastor Orville Jacobson

Virgil Wood, Pastor Emeritus

“Mary sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing.” — Luke 10:39-40

Dear Family of Faith,

Mary and Martha are two sisters, yet one family. Each expressed her devotion, either in action or in reflection. Martha was given to serving and achieving as a way of honoring Jesus, their guest; Mary was given to attentiveness and conversation. Only the mistake of becoming distracted was pointed out, for in the distraction Martha lost sight of the guest and could not use the moment for grace and growth.

When being and doing have found a balance within us there is the possibility of health and wholeness. Our being must be fed and nurtured if our doing is to be strong and wise. It is the message Martha needed to hear from Mary to be sure, but it was also a message that Mary needed to hear from Martha.

Mary’s listening and Martha’s serving were complementary parts of the same whole; each needed the other. There needs to be a balance. In the songs we sing, the power and energy of a melody is only half-strength without the imagination and images of the lyrics.

“Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works,” we read in James 2:26. I would add, and also good works without faith are dead. Words without deeds are dead, as are agendas without actions, worship without education, stewardship without discipleship.

We are invited into a relationship of honoring our guest that requires our hearts as well as our hands. In the balance we will find completeness. For life is lived in this ebb and flow of rest and work. Grace and growth can happen amid the rhythm of reflection and action.

Only do not be distracted from the one thing that is truly needed: the presence of the guest who brings grace and understanding to our living. We should never be so consumed by our tasks or so lost in our thoughts that we fail to live in relationship with the source of all life—Jesus.

I encourage us all to continue to blend the strengths of action and reflection. And I pray that Jesus will bring each one of us into such a relationship with himself that our whole lives might honor and serve him. May God bless our words and deeds so that everyone we encounter may know the love we have found in Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

To the First Lutheran Community Church Family:

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Pastor Golnitz on his recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

-In Christ, The Food for the Poor Family.

General Budget Update

June 2011

Expenses YTD-	\$ 226,158
Giving YTD-	\$ 203,732
Shortage	\$-22,426,
Pledge rec'd %	99.6%



Thank you for your tithes and offerings. First Lutheran is solely supported by your gifts. If you have questions about your giving statement please contact Sonja in the office.

It is August; it's time to refer back to, and finish checking items off, the "Things I want to do this summer" checklist. If you are like me, you probably listed things like: enjoy sunshine, work on the yard, host a BBQ, take a vacation, organize things in the house, enjoy fun activities with the kids, plan "unscheduled" days and eat fresh summer foods. I hope your list also included spend time reading with your children. Vacation from school is great, but you want to ensure that your child is ready to start school in September with all of the skills achieved during the last school year.

One way to prepare your child for school, either for September or for starting kindergarten, is to read with your child everyday. A flyer from the library entitled, "100 Books every child should hear before starting school" offers the following tips for parents and caregivers:

- *Read with your child every day.
- *Ask your child to describe pictures and to retell stories that you've read.
- *Let your child see you enjoying books.
- *Make your reading time together playful, focused, and fun.
- *Share books on subjects that your child is excited about.

Exposing your children to books and reading with them will help them be successful students.

The following titles are some of my favorites of the 100 books suggested in the flyer. They can be found in the Easy Picture Book shelves of Kitsap Regional Library branches.

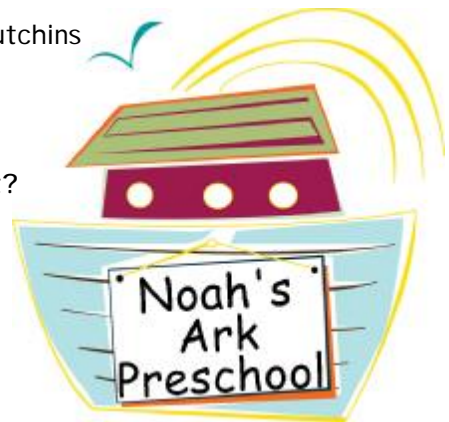
Happy Birthday Moon, Frank Asch, Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing, Judi Barrett, Goodnight Moon, Margaret Wise Brown, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Eric Carle
Are You My Mother? P.D. Eastman, Corduroy, Don Freeman

Is Your Moma a Llama? Deborah Guarino, Rosie's Walk, Pat Hutchins
George and Martha, James Marshall,

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Laura Numeroff,
Gregory the Terrible Eater, Mitchell Sharmat,
Owl Babies, Martin Waddell, How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?
Jane Yolan

In the Easy NonFiction section (811.008):

Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young, Jack Prelutsky



YOUTH NEWS

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

August 1st-5th is VBS Week! Thanks in advance to all the youth that are coming to help out, this is a big week for us!

August 7th the youth are taking over the church services at 9:30 and 11:00am. We will sing VBS songs, share about our July Youth Retreat and do all the other parts of the service as well (praise band, acolyte, communion, bible readings, prayers...) So we have lots of places for you!

Wed. August 17th lets have Breakfast at the Pancake House at 9am followed by a road trip to an outdoor pool

August 27th come help out with the church Rummage Sale and Family Fun Day from 9am-4pm! Sign up with Kelly at the office, 876-3901 or kellyflc@hotmail.com.

ADVENTURES IN GOD'S KINGDOM SUNDAY SCHOOL



We are planning to rustle up some families to go to the Kitsap County Fair. Wednesday August 24th it is free to get into the fair before 12:00pm. Let's meet at the church at 9:45am and head over to have some fun and kick it up!

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

Game Night at First Lutheran
Second Tuesday of the month Beginning September 13 at 6pm

September 13th kicks off our Game night for this season. This is a night of folks getting together for food and fellowship who like to play Bunco or card games. We begin with a quick meal that everyone has contributed to at 6pm and begin play at 6:30. We are cleaned up and home by 9pm. Last year we only had Bunco players, however some folks have asked for a pinnacle group and of course that would be great. Need 4 to play so if you've been looking for a pinochle game, here's your chance. Please look for a sign-up sheet beginning in Sept. for this activity or call Cindy Peterson and add your name to my list of Game Night Players.

Cindy Peterson
360 874-2151
elsyncindy@wavecable.com

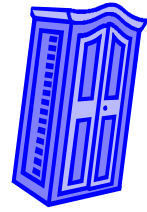
JOIN THE FUN

On August 12th the "big bus" will be taking off at 5:15pm for a night with the Rainer's. Tickets are \$13 and that includes: Bus ride, game, hotdog, chips, drink and Fireworks! Wow now that's a deal. This will be a great opportunity for a night of family fun. Invite your friends and neighbors, bring your grandkids. Keep in mind, The church family that plays together, grows together!. See Cindy Peterson or Tim Powell at the Welcome Center to sign up. We only have 42 slots so don't delay. We would like your \$13 at the time you sign up.



RUMMAGE SALE AND FAMILY FUN DAY SATURDAY AUGUST 27TH 9:00AM-4:00PM

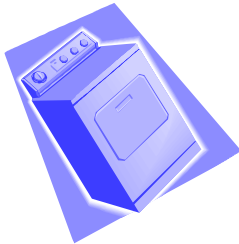
First Lutheran Community Church



Don't miss the fun! We will have sno-cone machine,
face painting, snacks and more.

We will be accepting rummage sale donations
beginning Sunday Aug. 7th thru Thurs. Aug. 25th.

You can bring your donations to church or
to the office
during our regular business
hours.



For more information or to make a donation call 360-876-3901.

All proceeds from this event will go to the new
playground for Noah's Ark Daycare and Preschool.



ARE YOU READY FOR THE PANDAMANIA!!!

August 1st-5th
9am to Noon for K-6th
9am—11:45 for preschool

There will be a variety of activities: games, crafts, skits, snacks, stories and lots of great music all centered around the message of God's unconditional love. We will also learn how important it is to be part of God's family.

This is a great event to share so invite some friends to come along too. Please turn in a registration form for each child as soon as you can, so we can make sure we have enough resources for everyone. registration forms are available at the church office, the welcome center or on the website at www.firstlutheranpo.com. Thanks!

If you would like to be part of the crew and help out, please contact tracy powell at the office, 876-3901 or e-mail adventures@wavecable.com

Dear Cookbook Contributors

It has come to my attention that more than one recipe is missing from the cookbook. This is not good and I sincerely apologize. If your great recipe did not make it into the book, please send another copy to the office or my box, addressed to me. Somehow we will figure out how we can get those recipes into the books not sold yet and to the folks who have already picked one up. Your contributions are vital for the success of this fund raiser and we need your support. And if by chance you missed our last deadline, send me those recipes too.

Susan May



Relay for Life 2011 is closing up shop, donations will be accepted until August 15th. And on a good note, we exceeded our goal and donated \$2876. Nice work FLCC!!

Sign of the Cross

By Richard Courteau*

Christian prayer often begins and ends making the "sign of the cross". Touching of the forehead, heart, left, then right, shoulders with the first three fingers of the right hand.

It is commonly held that the three fingers—thumb, index and middle—symbolize the three persons of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Whereas the remaining two fingers, joined together and tucked inward toward the palm, signify Christ's dual nature: divine and human. No symbol is wasted.

*Courtesy of "Sacred Origins of Profound Things" by Charles Panati

Landscape Ministry

We started this ministry one year ago and we are blessed with 36 members plus the Noah's Ark Daycare and Preschool as participants. Hopefully these folks will sign up for another year. It would be great to have more folks to pitch in with this ministry which will continue to keep our grounds in tip top shape for our current members and to be a welcoming sight for perspective members! This is a great opportunity to be part of a ministry that holds no meetings but has a very visible impact on our congregation! Please contact me if you could join us beginning with September for a 1 year commitment to this project.

We are a group of folks dedicated to keeping our church grounds welcoming to our Congregation and visitors. We have all pledged \$10 per month so that we might have our landscaping needs taken care of by a professional landscaper.

If you are someone who wants to join no-meetings, no-time commitment Ministry, we are the one for You!!

How can I get involved?

Make a pledge to \$10 per month

You can pay either: Monthly, Every 6 months or Yearly

Contact person:

Cindy Peterson (360) 874-2151

elsyncindy@wavecable.com



**O.W.L.S. (OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS)
BY PASTOR ORV
MONTHLY MEETINGS, SECOND TUESDAY, NOON**

Tuesday August 9th 12:00NOON

Hi there OWLS friends! Bring a potluck dish to share and be ready to have a great time with friends!

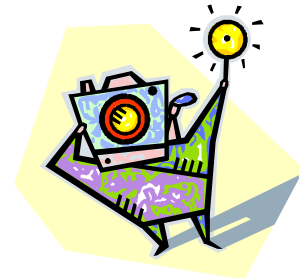
**LADIES SAVE THE
DATE!!!**

The Annual Mystery
Lunch will be Thursday
August 18th.

Tickets are \$17 and that includes everything! Your lunch, tax, gratuity and transportation are covered. You will be whisked away on the church bus to the mystery location for a great lunch and fun with friends! Get your tickets at the Welcome Center or the office.



SAY



CHEEEEEEESE!!

Beginning in August we are collecting pictures of your beautiful faces for our new Church Pictorial Directory. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to give us just a few minutes of your time on a Sunday morning.

PLEASE COME!!

- Vacation Bible School– August 1st-5th, 9am-12noon
- Tacoma Rainers Game- Friday August 12th
- Women’s Mystery Lunch- Thursday August 18th
- Rummage Sale and Family Fun Day– August 27th, 9am-4pm, Set up Aug. 26th, 6:30pm
- Waterfront Service– Sunday August 28th, 10am
- Orv’s Retirement Party– Sunday August 28th, 3:00pm @ the church

The First Friday Readers will meet at the Senior Vista Apartments on August 5 at 9:30 a.m. The book review will be "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese. It is a sweeping novel about identical twins who become doctors. The book selection for September is "Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie" by Alan Bradley. New readers always welcome! For more information, please contact Linda Helmer at 253-858-5703 or Kris Courteau at 876-5287.



First Friday Readers

GLOBAL WARMERS: 9:00 Wed. the 6th and 20th in the Fellowship Hall .

MARY CIRCLE: 7:00 Mon. the 11th @ the Ministry Center

ELIZABETH CIRCLE: Tue. the 12th at 9:30AM at church. Childcare available.

SHALOM CIRCLE: Tuesday the 12th at 7:00 PM at Patty Lester’s house.

STAMPING AND SCRAPPING on Saturday the 9th!
from Noon to 5pm at the Ministry Center.



First Life

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PARI SH NURSING

Parish Nurses are registered nurses who can assist with health related concerns or questions and can help with seeking and utilizing community resources. Please contact the church office at 876-3901 or Karen Schneider, RN at 876-2304 or Tina Soete, RN at 871-1322 or Kathleen Nenninger, RN at 253-853-4663, or Marcy Crebs, LPN at 360-874-8162.

BLOOD PRESSURE/DIABETES SCREENING

How is your blood pressure? You can have your blood pressure checked on the last Sunday of every month in the Fellowship Hall in the Ruth Room #3 before and after the 9:30 a.m. services.



FIRST DRIVERS

Transportation can be provided during the day for those who need assistance to keep medical, dental, or therapy appointments. You must be able to get in and out of a car with minimal assistance. You can call the church office at 876-3901 or Karen Schneider at 876-2304.



CASSEROLE CONNECTION: MEALS THAT HEAL

Meals are offered on a short term basis for those who may be experiencing post hospitalization, illness, trauma, or families with a newborn. Please call Kathy Posey at 871-5692 or the church office at 876-3901.



FIRST CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on Wednesday Aug. 31st at 11 a.m. If you are taking care of a loved one and would like to meet with others who are caregivers in a caring support group, please join us. The group meets on the last Wednesday of every month in the old church library. For more information, call Dixie Douthit at 876-5270 or Linda Helmer at 253-858-5703.

August Birthdays

- 08/01 Barbara Stromberg, JD Barrett, Isabella Warrington
08/02 Emma Folkerts, Jullianna Miller
08/03 Sue Reed, Michaelene Manion, Doug Smith, Ryan Yingling,
Aaron Austin, Kelsey Herstad, Madeleine Folkerts
08/04 Neal Gresley, Nicholas Baird, Alektra Austria
08/05 Shirley Stevens, Lloyd Cass, Bob Fisher, Jami Medeiros
08/06 David Simpson, Brian Kusche
08/07 Marza Olson, Marie Landerman, Patty Lester,
Sierra Phares
08/08 Shane Drew, Colby Kusche
08/09 Daniel Pieze
08/10 Monica Nation
08/11 Frank Orcutt, Billy Lester
08/12 Brent Miller, Mikaela Wessel
08/13 Betty Hassebrock, Kenneth Yates, Stacey Hayter,
Lisa Dorris, Doug DeMulling, Lon Herstad,
Kyle Sparber, Abrielle Cruz
08/14 Cindy Bilyeu
08/15 Bob Pilger, Tara Kapsch
08/16 Doris Piercy, Debbie Phares, Erin Morris
08/17 Maxine Krizan, Tracy Fitzgerald, Leah Ganje, Taylor
Orcutt,
08/18 Regan Johnson, Ryan Beck, Jonah Kendziora
08/19 Jamey Peterson
08/20 Nancy Spalinger, Kathryn Nielson
08/22 Leanne Landon, Ann Gresley
08/23 Wayne Senter
08/24 Jeanne Gardner, Dennis Storelee
08/25 Michael Nation, Mackenzie Powell
08/26 Karen Spellman
08/28 Kelly Wright, Kaisa DeMulling, Jacob Geiger
08/29 Bud Ingulsrud, Piper Wilson
08/30 Cariss Wright, Andrew VanCamp
08/31 Dana Pieze, John Kopp

(If you find a missing or incorrect birthday
please call Kelly @ the office, we love getting
new information for our family!)





WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

Nursery available at 9:30 & 11:00am

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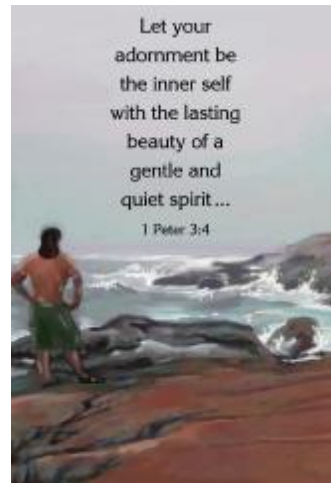
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