

The Dove



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Sunday Service
9:30am
Fellowship
10:30am
Sunday School
11:00am
**Adult Bible
Class**
11:10am

***"To help all
people know,
believe in, and
follow Jesus
Christ."***

"But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.''" (*Matthew 1:20-23*)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In May, at the California Nevada Hawaii District Convention, there was a presentation on proposed changes to the constitution of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. At the end of the presentation there were two final questions. They were: "Should the name of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod be changed?" and "What is the name you suggest?"

If nothing else sparked discussion, the suggestion of changing a name certainly did. Those not in favor of changing the name cite the name has a history and meaning among many people. To change the name would mean giving up the history and meaning.

Those in favor of changing the name note that the Lutheran Church has moved beyond Missouri but well into the United States and far into the world. The name should reflect that change.

Names are important. I remember in college, several of my classmates were from China (*Hong Kong*). When they were baptized, great care was taken to choose a "Christian" name. They wanted people to know they were "Christian". So you had names like Patrick, Daniel and John. Each of these names had a unique past in Christian history.

In the past it was common to wait until baptism to officially name a child. Immediately before the child was baptized, the pastor would ask, "How is this child to be named?" Then the pastor would baptize the child in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Even the name of Jesus was no accident. Matthew records he was to be named Jesus "for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew also records a prophecy from Isaiah "they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'" Finally, we also call Jesus the "Christ". This comes from the Greek meaning "anointed one". This came from the Hebrew word "Messiah" which also means "anointed one".

So Jesus Christ is our Savior, the Son of God, the anointed one who washes away our sin in the re-birth and naming at baptism. Now we are called Christians. It is said the name Christian meant "little Christ". It meant more than someone who followed Christ. It meant someone who lives as Christ does. Do we? Do you? Do I?

Christ's Peace



Pastor Adams

From the Council President –

When you read this summer will be in full swing. Summer is a great time, full of many activities that stretch our use of time and our resources. It is also a great time to remember Peace Lutheran and its activities.

Pastor Ricky has engaged the Council and the Lay Ministers on a voyage of positive change – increasing the influence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in those around us. Our Bible Class attendees have also been briefed.

This is an exciting concept that Pastor has fully embraced. We will be bringing this concept to the full congregation in the next few months; hopefully you will have the same reaction we have had.

More immediately, it seems that we are enjoying a pretty good year here at Peace financially. While we are still a little behind our budget position, we have not spent as much money as we had budgeted. This leaves us in a good position overall.

We have been working on the situation in Luther Lounge with the Italian School. There have been some emails back and forth that indicate we will be able to come to a good solution soon. One action prompted by their presence will be that we will organize an effort to clean out the "basement" area and provide more storage for everything.

Eric and Sally have teamed up to provide several needed fixes to our property. These aren't visible necessarily, but they are welcomed none-the-less.

May your summer be exciting and blessed!

Bob

FOOD PANTRY MATCHING FUNDS

Thank you to all who donated to the Food Pantry Matching Funds program. Thrivent will match \$1.00 for every \$2.00 donated.

At last count we had raised \$1,243.75 with one more weekend to go.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are updating the church directory. If you have any changes please let the office know or email the changes to:

peacelutheranchurch@email.com

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the **Southern Marin Food Pantry**.

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If you would like to help serve or donate a dish for our homeless hot meal program **PEACE MEAL** please contact Lee Rosevear. Our time to serve is the second Thursday of each month at 12n at West Minister Presbyterian Church in Tiburon.

	May 2009	Year To Date
APPROVED BUDGET		
INCOME:	\$19,111	\$ 85,881
Income	19,026.	85,881.
Less Total Expenses	<u>-15,328.</u>	<u>-88,588.</u>
NET GAIN/LOSS	\$ 3,698.	\$ - 2,706.

Jim Sides, Treasure

BIRTHDAYS

7-1 Nancy deVillers
7-2 Beth Huber
7-6 Gene Overway
7-8 Deborah Stephenson
7-11 Jim Mendell
7-15 Ernie Au
7-17 Gary Glover
7-22 Jerry Wyneken
7-26 Ulla Kerr
7-26 Ingrid Carlson
7-27 Wilma Martens

ANNIVERSARIES

7-1 Mark & Lyn Loos
7-2 Ernie & Marilyn Au
7-7 Jack & Mary Ann Griller
7-12 Ted & Janice Hellman
7-28 Eric & Sally Erickson

FUNNIES:

(From a 2nd grade Sunday School)

Dear God:

Thank you God for the baby brother but I think you got confused because what I prayed for was a puppy.

OFFICE HOURS

Our church office is open Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Mondays are Pastor Adams day off. He is available in his study Tuesday thru Fridays from 9 a.m. –12 noon and also by appointment. Sally is in the office Monday thru Thursday. If you are in need of ministry please stop by or call the church office at 388-2065.

HOME PHONE

You may also reach Pastor Adams at home. His number is: (415) 388-7190. Please feel free to call him as you like.