

Glendale Greetings

July 2008

Pastor's Message

Dear Friends,

It's Monday, 6-16-08, and I send greetings from Petrosovsk, Russia, where Carolyn and I arrived yesterday morning (Sunday, 6-15-08) after flying on two planes and riding on two trains and having a very brief overnight in L'viv. Whew! It's been tough travel, but God has already given us many blessings on this trip. In Ukraine, we worked with an international group of pastors and their families, who came from Ukraine, Russia, Poland, Germany, and, of course, the US. The languages that were spoken were Ukrainian, Russian, English, German, and Polish, with many helpful hand gestures and lots of laughter. God blessed our time with Christian fellowship, rich learning experiences, and diverse worship. The Bishop, who is from the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine, and who originally gave the okay for this "first time" conference, said that it was good and that there is an "open door" for the future. We thank God for the way He is at work in the Lutheran Church in Ukraine, where pastors come to serve from all over Russia, Germany, Kasakstan, and Ukraine.

Here in Petrosovsk, Russia, God is also at work, touching the hearts of many people through the ministry of the Lutheran Church. Yesterday, we worshipped in a Russian Lutheran church here in town, and the service began with the baptisms of two children. Following worship, we gathered for fellowship over tea and goodies, and the pastor greeted us and gave us a historical perspective of that church. Observing life in this area, people are loving and full of deep faith. However, the vestiges of Communism are abundant and life is far from easy. But God is up to very good things here.

Today, the Friendship English Language Camp began in two local public schools, with about 100 children in attendance. They are learning English as they hear the gospel of Jesus Christ at the same time. Many hearts are being touched and the children are a natural connection to their parents and families.

Thank you for your prayer support as we travel over many miles in these two short-term missions. Jesus said that we would be his witnesses "to the ends of the earth" by the power of the Holy Spirit. And, in the Creed we confess that "we believe in one, holy, catholic (universal) and apostolic Church." We are experiencing the reality of that statement in some amazing ways. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,
Pastor Phil

Worship Schedule:

- Worship 10:30 am
- Fellowship 11:45 am

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Kouncil Korner News

At the end of worship service, June 8, Kerstin Shaffer announced her resignation as Director of Music Ministry at Glendale. The offer came unexpected, unsolicited and suddenly to make it a complete surprise. Kerstin will be leaving us after July 6, 2008, to assume a similar position at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lacey, WA. Although this is very sad news for us as a congregation, we wish Kerstin the best, and know this is in the will of our Lord for her growth, and ours as well. May we offer a hearty "Best Wishes and the Lord's Blessing" to Kerstin, Jon, Kayleigh, and Jacob, as their journey continues at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lacey, WA. We will miss their multi-musical talents and ready smiles. Shalom.

Elected in our May Congregational Meeting at Glendale, were the following:

Council Vice President: Lloyd McBride

School Board: Loretta Anderson, Debi Gatto & Nancy White

Treasurer: Don Anderson (approved as absentee candidate)

Unfortunately, we are still without individuals to fill the following positions:

Stewardship, Budget & Finance Officer

Youth & Young Adult Minister

Fellowship and Community Minister

Please pray about this and realize the Lord may have you in mind.

Sunday, in the sanctuary may seem like mid-winter, while the calendar says June, becoming July. If it seems cold during Sunday service, snuggle up for warmth and realize that warmer days are coming. It takes many hours of warm-up time for the sanctuary, and second guessing the weather is very difficult on a Saturday afternoon.

As you read this, Pastor Lee and Carolyn have returned from their missionary journey to the Balkans and Russia with, I'm sure, fabulous tales to tell. We are all waiting with bated breath to hear.

Sun World Adventure Park is the theme for Vacation Bible School this year. Dates are June 23 – 27, Monday – Friday. Enroll your child, grandchild, neighbor or friend. This will be, as always, a great time for all attendees. Mark it on your calendar and make it happen.

The pulpit is moving soon. In the interest of safety, balanced appearance and continuity of the communion rail, the pulpit will be moved back toward the altar to match the placement of the lectern. It is predicted the move will not interrupt Sunday services.

Enjoy the summer sun and take your umbrella. This is Seattle, you know. See you in church.

Mel Nicholson

Council President

A Musician's Musing

"I'm on a mission from God." Some of you might remember this from a Blues Brothers movie. Some of you may remember and not want to admit you know the movie – that's okay, I'll never tell. Anyway, it's a statement that is fitting here as I say good-bye. My last Sunday with you will be July 6.

I have taken a new opportunity to serve God's people at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lacey beginning July 7. I'll be their Director of Music Ministries, not unlike what I've been doing to serve you here at Glendale. I did not seek this position out, they came seeking me. I originally had told them I wasn't interested – which is true. After many conversations, much prayer and a lot of thinking I knew that this would be a good place to serve and the right time for my family and I to move and share our talents and gifts with another congregation. I've always known that I serve the larger church and that ministry in any one place is not a 'permanent gig.' It's fluid and often means leaving behind people that you care about, but not without some sadness as well.

As I told the choir the other night, I will continue to serve you here at Glendale, just not on a daily basis. If you ever need my help, you will know where to find me and I will help as I can.

So now, a few last thoughts on music and worship for you. Worship creates a community. We enter our worshiping body through Baptism. We are called into The Good Shepherd's fold. We confess this weekly through creeds and songs and hymns we sing and say together. We eat a meal together. These two sacraments are not done in isolation, but in community or in unity with the Creator and the created – each other! Then worship, after re-centering and reconnecting with our God, with his word and his grace, connects us with all of His creation.

Worship is not about me or you. It is about God and God alone. Every time we enter into a time of worship together let us be reminded and mindful of this truth.

On a mission.
Kerstin Shaffer

Endowment Fund – June 2008 Report

The Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment Fund was created in 1998 to accept gifts from members and friends of Glendale for the purpose of expanding Glendale's ministries at home and throughout the world. Money given to the Endowment Fund is invested and only the earnings are used to fund ministry.

Since the inception of the fund, significant gifts have been received and invested. Gifts received from Carl and Bev Huber memorialize their parents: Harold and Martha Walberg; Charley and Evelyn Ashley. Gifts received from Myril and Iva Lou Schultz have been given in loving memory of their parents: Carrie and Holger Schultz; Thilda and Edwin Hauge. Gifts by Harriet Oyen memorialize her husband, Al Oyen and her mother, Georgia Baker. A gift was also received from the estate of Reva Fox, in her memory.

Earnings from the fund over the last several years have supported several different projects and ministries. Some of those include Jean Wahlstrom and Marvin Kananen's ministry in Tanzania, the Glendale Piano Fund, the Lutheran Social Services project at Angle Lake, and Pastor Lee's moving expenses.

If you are interested in making a gift that continues to give, either cash or through estate planning, or have questions about the Endowment Fund, please don't hesitate to contact members of the Endowment Fund Committee: Jerry Harris, Carl Huber, Pastor Lee, Dick Lodmill, Kay Nicholson, Allan Ohlson and Ernie Woodward. Cash gifts can be made payable to Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church and given to the Treasurer, but marked for the Endowment Fund.

Dick Lodmill
Co-Chairperson, Endowment Fund

Thank You, Glendale

Thank you, Glendale for filling up thy thermometer charts through and through. We have done it! All of the \$31,770.08 for the roof repair has now been paid. Thank you so very much for all your generous donations that have allowed us to achieve this important and necessary goal.

There is work still to be done on the roof yet. Most of it will be done in mid- to late-summer, or when the weather is at its best. We will be adding a silver coat to seal the new roofing touch down on the Christian Education Building and adjoining hallway and offices. We will also be adding new gutters to the upper section of the CE Building, which was not a part of the previous roofing repair cost.

Finally, a silver coat needs to be placed on the sanctuary roof, as well, in order to seal the same type of existing roofing.

These extra steps are estimated to cost approximately \$6,500 more. We have included most of this amount this into our annual church budget for BEAM, but had to temporarily forgo this task, due to some other items in need of immediate attention. If you are interested in helping to fund the roof silver coat application, please contact myself or the church office. If you would like to contribute to these extra steps, feel free to drop a donation into the collection plate on Sundays, and please specify "roof repair project." Any further monies collected for the roof project will go to this cause. I will keep you informed on the progress we are making through the Glendale Greeter newsletter.

Thanks again for all your help and support in this endeavor. It was great for all of this support to have come in, in such a timely manner; that's just fantastic. Thanks so much!

BEAM Chair
Donald Wenstad

Glendale Women's Outreach Ministries **June 2008 Report**

Our Spring Luncheon on Saturday, May 10, was enjoyed by approximately 100 women. They brought salads and desserts; Women's Ministries supplied decorations, juice and bread. A free-will offering was collected for the Kenyan women's employment ministry and crisis fund. The Women's Outreach Ministries collected a free-will offering of \$623.00 and our Treasurer wrote a check for \$625.00 to be wired to Eldoret Kenya, along with a \$40.00 check to cover the wiring charges. Musical entertainment, by Sharon Lone Browder, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Glendale Women held a mini-retreat in the Fellowship Room on Saturday, June 7, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Approximately 20 women attended and enjoyed the Bible teaching of Pastor Nancy Winder and Music & Worship, led by Kerstin Shaffer. Our delicious lunch was catered by Galliano's.

Kay Nicholson

Lutheran World Relief News

It is time, again, to gather supplies for school kits – look for sales. A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war. School kits help parents continue their childrens' education, even while living in a refugee camp. For example, a school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes.

Each school kit consists of:

- One pair of blunt scissors;
- One ruler;
- One pencil sharpener;
- Six #2 pencils;
- One eraser, approximately 2 ½”;
- 12 sheets of construction paper; and
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons

Soap is always an on-going need.

If you wish to contribute toward this cause, items may be left on the display table in the narthex. Thank you.

Thelma Dill & Eva Kragness

Update on Jonathan Flanagan

Jonathan Flanagan is a 1984 Highline High School graduate and former member of Glendale's youth group. Following is a write-up on him from a newsletter, entitled "Shark Tales," from the 11th Iraqi Army Division Military Transition Team (Hammerheads). Please remember him in your prayers.

“The 15th day of June 2008 is Father's Day. I would like to wish our Fathers a 'Happy Fathers Day' and congratulate them on their accomplishments. Even though they may be deployed, there isn't a day that goes by that they don't think about their loved ones back in the United States. Being a long distance father is not easy, but the access to internet, e-mail, and DSN phone calls do make the job easier. Over the months 'til they re-deploy, the Hammerheads will be rotating thru our Mid-Tour Leave Schedule. Each month we will have an average of two Hammerheads returning to the United States for 15 days' leave, and a more deserved rest and relaxation with family and friends. The rest of the team will have to cover down on their responsibilities 'til they return. We will also schedule our team members for a four day 'Freedom Rest' at the International Zone and/or a four day rest in Qatar. These four day breaks will give the team members a chance to wind down, catch up on e-mails and phone calls, and enjoy MWR activities. Rest assured, the Hammerheads are all healthy and safe and are very busy advising and training the 11th Iraqi Army Division with the ongoing events in Baghdad and Sadr City. Have a safe summer and thank you for keeping us in your prayers.”

GELC Reunion – Summer of 2008

The Glendale youth group years 1977 - 1990 invite you and your families (parents of former youth included) to be a part of our reunion activities on Friday August 1, 2008 - Sunday August 3, 2008. We look forward to seeing old friends and sharing about special times past and present! Please come to some, or all of the planned events. If you know anyone who is a part of this group, please pass on this information. Please RSVP as listed below. Any questions? Contact Melanie (Welton) Wilson, melaniewwilson@comcast.net, Lisa (Lodmill) Hunnewell, hunnewellnw@hotmail.com Chris (Peterson) Watson, cpw66@cox.net

Friday August 1, 2008; 7:00 pm - *Bison Creek Pizza, Burien*: Mix and mingle (kids O.K.) Please RSVP for this event to cpw66@cox.net

Saturday, August 2, 2008, 12 - 4 pm - Family day at *Seahurst Park in Burien*. Please bring your own food and drink. No RSVP necessary. Look for the red balloons.

Saturday, August 2, 2008; 7 pm - 10 pm - Volleyball, Dessert Potluck, and 9pm Prayer and Praise with childcare provided at *Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church*. Please RSVP for childcare, with names and ages.

Sunday, August 3, 2008; Worship Service at 10:30 – Please bring a dish for the potluck lunch at 11:30 afterwards, in the gym, or course, at *Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church*. Please RSVP.

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Pastoral Visitations

If you have need of a pastoral visitation, please contact Pastor Lee at the church office. If there is no phone answer, please leave a message for Pastor Lee. He checks his voicemail and e-mail regularly.

Church office: (206) 244.9400, ext. 11

e-mail: prphil@glendalelutheranwa.org

GELC Facilities Usage

If anyone would like to reserve space throughout our Glendale facilities for a function, please be certain to check with the church office for availability before making plans.

Also, if you use one of our rooms at the church and rearrange the furniture, please be sure to move it back to its original placement, as when you arrived. Your courtesy is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder: The 15th of each month is the deadline for the upcoming month's Glendale Greeter Newsletter. Thank you for keeping that in mind!

FOURTH OF JULY

by Margaret Willott

Fourth of July!
Blackberry Pie!
Barbeques and Picnics!
Fireworks in the sky!
Huge celebration of the birth of our nation!
Thanksgiving for freedom!
We all pray for peace!
What does freedom and peace require?
Our total commitment
To fight to maintain them
Neither one is free.
They need constant care
Or they could be stolen
So watch and beware!
And listen to God who says:
Pray for your nation,
Pray for your leaders,
Pray for your enemies
Pray for your relatives, your neighbors, your friends.
Let each breath be a prayer. Let your prayers never end.
And as you wage war in fighting for peace
Let God's Peace That Passes Understanding
Flood your being with the marvelous freedom
That others before us fought to attain,
Others were sowing. We are reaping their harvest.
So, in humblest Thanksgiving let us bow down in prayer,
And then rise up and enjoy these gifts so generously given.
As God and His Saints Beam down on us from Heaven.

Worship Assistants - July 2008

Date	Communion Schedule			Ushers	Readers	Acolytes	Special Music	Readings	Coffee Servers
	Set Up	Clean Up	Bread						
7.5.08	Eileen & Cliff	Bev & Shirley	Ardis Berg	Team 3: Parks, McBride, Levack, Thompson	Mary Alice Timm	Garth Ball & Brandon Wickham	Choir	Zechariah 9:9-12; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Love Circle
7.13.08	Ardis & Maureen	Thelma & Maren	Ardis Berg	Team 4: Jury, Lorenz, Hoff, McComb	Carl Huber		Marlyn & Murial Wahlstrom	Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 15: 1-9, 18-23	Men of the Church
7.20.08	Eileen & Cliff	Elna & Gladys	Ardis Berg	Team 1: Harris, Lodmill, Wickham, Carey	Dick Timm	Maddy Gatto & Nate Wollam		Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Nellie Sattelberg
7.27.08	Ardis & Maureen	Bev & Shirley	Ardis Berg	Team 2: Wiger, Matthiesen	Carol Jury	Katie Gatto & Emma Miller		1 Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	Church Council

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10:30 am – Worship with Holy Communion

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Philip K. Lee - Pastor
Kerstin Shaffer – Dir. of Music Ministry
Earl Ericksen - Visitation Pastor
Paul Kragness – Custodian

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VISION STATEMENT

Every Member Sharing in Christ's Ministry

MISSION STATEMENT

Make Jesus Christ Known through Evangelism,
Discipleship, Worship, and Service

MOTTO

Making Christ Known – Growing in Grace