

# *The Marin Lutheran Bridge*



*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

*June 2010*

A few weeks ago Pastor Kathryn, Ross and Esther Johnson, Karen Anderson and I attended the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly. This is an annual gathering of lay people and clergy from ELCA congregations of this synod (a geographical area including northern California and northern Nevada). At the assembly we heard reports, debated and voted on resolutions and discussed and approved a budget. It's a bit like our own Annual Congregational Meeting that we hold every year in January.

This year the event was held at the Silver Legacy Hotel and Casino in Reno, NV. Each year the location moves around the territory of the synod: going from a central valley location to somewhere in the Bay Area to Reno. When we meet in Reno it's always a bit of an odd juxtaposition for me: three to four hundred Lutherans running around a casino!

It's also a stimulating time, meeting new people, getting re-connected with old friends, and growing spiritually. The spiritual growth comes in worship and in workshops. In worship I learned a number of new (to me) hymns and was fed by stimulating and passionate preachers. During the workshop times I went to one on the Parliament of Religions gathering last year in Australia. A number of Lutherans from northern California attended this event and shared with us their experiences. It was fascinating!

The second workshop I chose to attend was one on the beginnings of a recent study by our national church office called LIFT: Living into the Future Together: Renewing the Ecology of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As it was described by The Rev. Susan Engh, (The Director for Congregationally Based Organizing in the ELCA, and the national church office's representative to our Assembly), this task force is about the evaluation and re-imagining of who we are and who we are to be. They are asking the question of how we as a whole church want to be and what we want to do in the world. This is in response to the so many changes that have been going on over the last 22 years since the ELCA began.

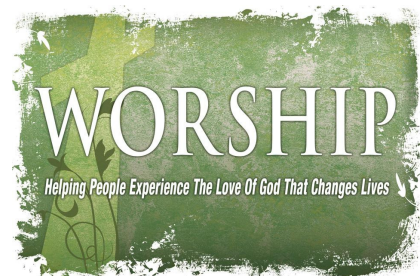
I selected this workshop because it seemed to me this is similar to what needs to happen at Marin Lutheran Church. We are in what one might call a *kairos* (a Greek word meaning "an opportune or seasonable time; the right hour") moment. A lot has

changed and is changing with an influx of new members, the consideration of a new constitution and bylaws, (and with them an updated organizational structure), and the closing of the Children's Center. New questions are arising; new challenges are presenting themselves. And like the "Living into the Future Together" task force we need to wrestle with, pray about and answer questions like, "What unique gifts does our identity bring to our community and to this time of change? How is God surprising and leading us in the midst of change and uncertainty to new and distinctive opportunities? What changes are in order to help us respond most faithfully?"

This is an exciting (and somewhat anxious) time for our congregation. I look forward to the conversations we will have and the places where God will lead us in the next number of months.

*Pastor Tom*

**Sing Praises to God . . . .  
Be Nourished through the  
Word and Holy Communion.**



**Participate in Worship this Month:**

**June 6th:** In today's gospel, Jesus comes near a young man who has died. Jesus has compassion on him, compassion so deep that his very life and power pours out into the world and heals the very situation he's compassionate about.

**June 13th:** In our gospel reading on this day everyone is providing for Jesus' ministry in a very material way. The Pharisees are feeding him. The weeping woman is anointing his feet with her own ointment. This is an economic story through and through.

**June 20th:** The story from Luke is a mess. It is, however, an organized mess. The Gerasenes have found a convenient way to keep all the unclean things—demoniac, the dead, and swine—cloistered away on the periphery. This is an institutionalized form of violence. Keep the dead and dirty on the side, demonize them, and all the normal, clean folk can go about their daily business. Out of sight, out of mind.

**June 27th:** Why is it that the disciples somewhat consistently learn the wrong lessons? Reason might dictate that the disciples would learn to "go and do likewise." But in Luke 9 we find the disciples arguing about which one of them is the greatest (9:46), and in the gospel story for this Sunday we hear them inquiring (what chutzpah!) whether they should call fire down from heaven to consume the Samaritan village that has rejected Jesus (9:52-53). This behavior does not reflect the disciples' desire to model their actions after their rabbi and teacher. Why are the disciples so dense?

## Stewardship: Attitudes and Practice

Author F. Scott Fitzgerald once wrote, “The very rich are different from you and me.” To this, Ernest Hemingway is said to have retorted, “Yes--- they have more money.”

Does stewardship practice change with increasing incomes? Does financial stewardship, giving, get easier—or harder—as incomes increase?

By 1911, John D. Rockefeller had amassed a fortune estimated to be worth more than one billion dollars. But there was another fact involving Rockefeller and money: He was a consistent, constant tither. He gave to God one-tenth of everything he earned in his adult life.

Some of you probably think tithing is easy for someone who has a lot of money. Actually, when you think about it, it’s not hard to imagine that strict tithing might get more difficult for some as their income increases—the tithe gets to be a pretty large sum of money. Listen to Rockefeller’s own testimony in 1932: “I have tithed on every dollar that God has entrusted to me, and I want to say to you that I could have never tithed on my first *million* if I had not tithed on my first salary, which was \$1.50 a week. Whether God entrusted me with little or much, I did not know. I only knew that what I made was actually God’s, and for God to let me have most of it was a very generous deal.”

Stewardship is a lifelong practice, as well as an attitude toward material wealth—that it is, along with everything else, a gift from God, something entrusted to us.

*Jim Kamphoefner*



Dear Karen Clinton, David Shepard, Worship & Music Committee and Marin Lutheran’s Congregation,

On behalf of *The Spirit Ringers* and myself I want to express our gratitude and thanks for the lovely surprise reception you provided Sunday, May 2. You arranged for a warm, sunny, Sunday without rain, scrumptious food, a divine chocolate cake and terrific “ringing” stories.

I appreciate the time and thought you put into the exquisite glass serving tray, Hal and I initiated its use Sunday evening as we enjoyed dinner on our back deck.

It’s these kind generous acts that “make the world go ‘round” and keep us ringing.

In Him, Carol Sherley and *The Spirit Ringers*,

Ron, Marie and Caitlin Jacobs, Alina Beise, Dawn Brewster, Clint Bastin, Paula Saling, Sandy Seeger, Margot Gergus, Lorri Reinders and Koko Jackson

## Picnic Time!

June 6th

Immediately following the  
9:00 a.m. service

Corte Madera Park

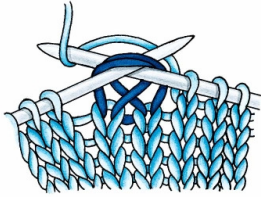
KOTK & families  
and all others who  
would like to join us

Brunch sign-up sheet  
posted in narthex



## **SOCIAL CONCERNS**    Attention! Knitters and those who crochet . . .

Last year MLC sent many scarves and hats to the troops serving over seas. We hope to do the same this year with your help. If we start now maybe we will have a good amount by Thanksgiving when *Operation Gratitude* plans to mail 6,000 packages. Each package costs \$16.00 to mail so if you don't knit; you may want to help send a soldier his or her Christmas box.



Items should be soft worsted or bulky wool, alpaca, or cashmere (No synthetics are to be worn outside the wire as they are flammable) Black, charcoal, brown, tan or gray are the best colors. The scarf should be 5-7 inches wide and 45-50 inches long. You may want to Google *Operation Gratitude* or *Blue Star Mom's of Marin* for pattern instructions. Please include a personal note with the knitted item.

Here is a beautiful letter from a soldier who received one of the scarves.

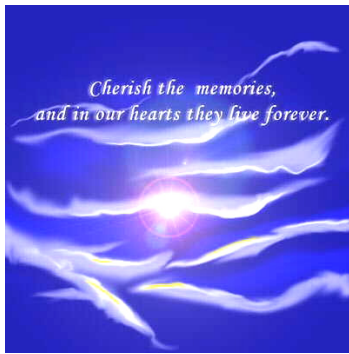
Hi, I received your beautiful scarf today in the mail. I don't have any family so when I was told I had mail waiting for me I was very surprised, since I have no one who writes me. I told them it must be a mistake and the mail clerk said no, it was definitely for me. Once I got back to my hooch I opened up the box and saw your scarf. I took it out and just looked at it. I read the sticker you placed on it which read, "Hand-made for you with love and thanks"! It brought a tear to my heart that someone cared enough to take the time to make something for me. I stretched it out to look at each individual loop and saw how each one was interlocked with another. I imagined you, sitting in a chair in front of a big window with the rays of the sun shining warm and bright on you as you created my scarf with love. Thank you for my scarf. It's my Christmas gift this year and much better than anything that I could ever buy myself. I'm going out on patrol tonight and I'm gonna wear it around my neck so that it will keep me just a bit warmer. Every time I wear it I'll think of my friend who knit it for me. Really, this made my Christmas season very special. Thank you! With love and a big smile, SSG J.

Call or email me if you have any questions. Let's get started and make another soldier happy and remind him or her that they are loved and appreciated. (If you would like to have company while knitting, the MLCW Serve & Share project on July 26<sup>th</sup> is knitting scarves for Operation Gratitude. Meet in the church conference room from 10:00am to 12:00noon.)

*Lois Errante*

## **ADULT EDUCATION**

ON SUNDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, FOLLOWING THE 9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY (KIDS OF THE KINGDOM, THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS, AND ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES) WILL HOST A BRUNCH AT CORTE MADERA PARK. ALL CHILDREN AND ADULTS ARE WELCOME. THIS EVENT WILL CONCLUDE THE SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES FOR THIS SPRING. WE WILL CONTINUE AGAIN A COUPLE WEEKS AFTER RALLY SUNDAY. WATCH YOUR SUNDAY BULLETIN OUR CHURCH WEBSITE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.

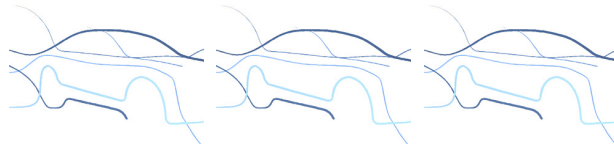


## **We pray for God's peace to shine upon all those who grieve the loss of Eric Houts.**

Please keep his family, Cheri, Michael, Jules, Daniel & Brian Houts, as well as grandparents, Judy Rossbach and Pastor Bonnie & Clint Bell and extended family members, the Rosendahl/Houts family, the Gruver/Houts family, Meg Houts (all who are part of our Marin Lutheran family) and all the rest of the Houts and Bell family members in your prayers.

May our Easter resurrection hope and joy fill all of our hearts and minds during this time, and may the body of Christ, which gathers on Meadowsweet Drive, provide strength and support for one another.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 5th, 12:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in San Anselmo – 72 Kensington Road. A reception follows the service.



### **News from Christa Compton**

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly to Marin Lutheran! I am grateful to be completing my teaching parish placement in a congregation that provides many opportunities for learning and wonderful encouragement as I travel the path to ordained ministry. I feel richly blessed to be worshipping with you and learning from you.

This summer I will be in South Carolina completing Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at the Palmetto Health hospital system in Columbia. I will serve as a hospital chaplain while also meeting regularly with a supervisor and a peer group to reflect on what I am learning. Please keep me in your prayers in the months ahead; I will certainly be praying for MLC during my time away.

I'll miss you and look forward to returning in early September. Happy summer!

Blessings, *Christa*

### **VBS – Baobab Blast!**

It's time to register for VBS, held Aug 2-6. Registration forms have been emailed to families in our congregation. Please fill out one form for each child and return them to the church office.

We ask that you include payment for the camp with your registration forms. Cost is noted on the forms. If you know any neighbors or friends that might be interested in attending let us know. We will send them a registration form (included at end as well). As families are signing their kids up to attend VBS, the planning continues as well. The following meetings are scheduled:

**June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Craft Leaders**  
**July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m.**  
**meetings for everyone**  
**involved in VBS**



# MLC WELCA

## SUMMER GATHERING EVENTS

Join with your sisters on these upcoming women's summer events. Feel free to invite a friend or two!! Every month, we will be **getting together on the last Saturday of the month** for an outing. We'll be using "Pray Always" for a brief devotion each time we gather.

**JUNE 26 – Outdoor Walk:** Come for an easy walk, mainly flat along Richardson Bay to Tiburon, a short rest and a cup of coffee in Tiburon. Meet at MLC at 9:00 a.m. (Back by 11:30am)

**JULY 24 – POTLUCK Picnic at the Beach!** We'll share a picnic together at Fort Cronkite. Those who would like to go for a short walk may, OR you can simply relax and take in the sun and fresh air. Meet at MLC at 11:00 a.m. (Back by 1:30pm)

**AUGUST 28 – Outdoor Walk:** Easy hike in Corte Madera. Meet at MLC at 9:00 a.m. Home by 11:00 a.m. Halfway through, Pastor Kathryn will do a simple devotion on "Pray Always". Come and refresh your body and your spirit!

## SUMMER SERVE AND SHARE PROJECTS



**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am-12:00n – School Bags for Lutheran World Relief (LWR):** Most of the supplies I will bring. However, sturdy fabrics such as denim, corduroy or twill are excellent choices for these bags if you would like to supply some. 1/8 yard of 42"-44" fabric yields three 12"x 14" bags. This can be an ongoing project – we can all sew bags at home. In August, we will work together with the Social Concerns Committee to fill these bags as well as the back packs for Ritter Center with the necessary school supplies for children.

**July 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-12:00n – Making scarves for Project Gratitude:** Beginning knitters are always welcome. Some yarn available and a wealth of patterns will be available. Please also refer to the Social Concerns article by Lois Errante. We will be knitting and crocheting in conjunction with the Social Concerns Committee.

**August 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00-12:00n – Quilts for LWR (Lutheran World Relief):** Supplies will be furnished. No experience needed.

## NOT TO BE MISSED – START PLANNING: Save the date

A Sierra Pacific Synod Women's Retreat was announced at the Assembly. It will be held at the Asilomar Conference Center, Nov. 19-21, 2010. Cost for 2 nights/6meals is \$300. The theme is "**Listen! God is Calling.**" Leader and Chaplain are still being determined. The center can house only 200 so any one attending will need to register early.

*Jane McKenzie*

## WOMEN'S RETREAT NEWS

On a beautiful Thursday in May, 17 women gathered at the Ralston White Retreat Center in Mill Valley for a retreat led by Pastor Kathryn entitled, **Pray Always**. Lynn Dowling shared the following note with us:



*Dear Jane, Pastor and Friends:*

*Thanks so much for a perfect day, just what the doctor ordered! This morning when the sun streamed through the kitchen window, I remembered Nola's roses and was able to ignore the streaky glass while I gloried in the sun's warmth!*

*I loved the silence meditations. Thanks for giving me permission to do nothing while I wandered the grounds. I still may not trek on Mt. Tam without a goal of exercise, but I have already given myself permission to wander, doing nothing, in my own back yard.*

*Thank you Marie for the new prayer you gave us to say.*

*Thank you Karen, for giving voice to the same concern I had. "Pray Always?" I was wondering if I would belong. But now I know I do pray a lot--whenever I thrill to the flock of finches feeding in the rosemary, when I settle comfortably into a movie seat beside my husband or laugh with my little family around the dinner table, the fact that my heart is in my throat every time I cross the Golden Gate Bridge, even though I do it at least three days a week.*

*Thanks, Jane for organizing it all with great love and care.*

*Thanks to all of you for being there Thursday. It was just what I needed. Though the glow is slowly fading as life's familiar stresses return, the memory will not.*

*Love to you all, Lynn*

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## Church Properties

We had about half a dozen people turn-out for the Saturday morning gardening and clean-up in May. I was only able to stay until 10:00AM, but before I left managed to blow the pavement and driveways around the Church properties. Others worked on cutting back the vegetation and gardening. Everyone is invited to come the first Saturday of each month from 9:00AM-12:00NOON to help with gardening jobs.

On a rainy Monday I cut all the weeds, thistles, grass, and poison oak on the back property of the Church. Some of the vegetation was over 4FT high. (This has to be done every year for fire control, as well as aesthetics.) We will hopefully get some volunteers to rake and haul away the cuttings. On another Saturday we cut the lawn next to the church and raked the clippings. Also blew down the driveway and sidewalks.

I investigated a report that the door on the west side of the education building was not locking properly. The door could not be closed or locked. Found that the door jam is rotting out and interfering with the door closing. I made adjustments so that the door will close and will make preparations for the necessary repair in June.

*Ron Radtke*

## Marin Lutheran Children's Center



For 38 years, Marin Lutheran Church has provided space for a child care center to operate five days a week, year round. Since 1995 it has been **Marin Lutheran Children's Center** run by the church as a ministry to the community. The center's last day of operation is May 31.

It took vision, dedication and hard work, to open this center as a fully licensed infant and toddler day care. The names of all those who worked to make this a reality are familiar and many are still active in our church. Our heartfelt thanks go to Mary Creigh Houts, Susan Morrow, Sammie Sanford Dunn and Michael Rosendahl for getting the center "up and running." There were countless volunteers who put in many hours caring for the children (until enough tuition was generated to hire staff), and others who supported the center monetarily over the years: Janet Foster, Jane McKenzie, Judy Rossbach, Meg Houts and Maggie Harrington, are a few; thank you! Many individuals served on the MLCC Board, overseeing the operations: Susan Morrow, Mary Creigh Houts, Michael Rosendahl, Janet Foster, Roy Davis, Barbara Allen, Dawn Brewster, Bob Dunn, Carol Cunliffe, Lorraine Loo, Sandi Fickenscher, Jay Bayler, Chris Bach, our pastors, and parents of the children.

The heart and soul of the center was, of course, the children and the staff. Hundreds of parents came through our doors over these years and left their children in the capable, loving hands of our staff. I cannot begin to name them all, but there are two who over the years meant much to MLCC. Ann Primeaux, our first director, and Laura Vicente, a head teacher, personified what it means to care for children. Our present staff is excellent: Zenaida Alberto, our director, Carmen Escobar, Estela Mendez, Griselda Moran, Kimberly Polen and Afaf Ziani all ECE accredited teachers – Carmen has worked for us for 9 years! As one parent said after learning about the closure of the center, "I would follow these women anywhere." We ask that you keep these individuals in your thoughts and prayers so that they can all quickly move on to new jobs, and continue the work they love. Bless Griselda as she awaits the arrival of her new baby girl in June.

What a joy it has been to be associated with MLCC and this ministry. I celebrate all those named above, along with many others who have helped in ways large and small. My sincere apologies to anyone I've forgotten to mention here; my omission does not diminish your contribution. Because of you, with the support of so many in the congregation we have carried out God's ministry to families and their precious children.

*Bev Kamphoefner*

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### Report on Synod Assembly

May 6-8, 2010

#### "Getting the Bigger Picture"

We are pleased to have been your representatives at the recent Assembly gathering (the annual business meeting) for the Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA. We thank you for this opportunity. We learned about the people and programs of many congregations spread across northern California, as we

elbowed for two days with over 400 folks from member congregations. We were also reminded of the many important programs and organizations associated with our synod, including a number that address various social concerns, seven campus ministries, a college (Cal Lutheran) and a seminary (PLTS). Finally, we got an up-to-date idea of what priorities are for our national church (ELCA) and saw what is being done on a global scale. The real sense was that we were "getting the bigger picture".

What were some of our strongest impressions? First, there are many local congregations doing remarkable things within their communities. We heard about a church serving 50 meals one night a week to hungry neighbors, who were treated with dignity and respect. Another church in Davis is engaged in inter-faith activities and sent representatives to an international gathering in Australia where more than a hundred faiths were represented. We also learned of a Bay Area congregation with a major outreach effort designed to include more Latino neighbors. And a Berkeley congregation contacted all the ELCA pastors in Arizona to provide support and understanding in the wake of that state's new law regarding the treatment of immigrants. We are proud to be linked with all of these congregations through the Synod and the larger church – and we are inspired!

Second, at the Synod level, we learned of a major reorganization of our sprawling synod, which will soon include three satellite offices,

one at St. Mark's in downtown San Francisco. This is a huge undertaking in many different ways, yet those close to it seemed to be energized and eager for all to be in place. Votes were also taken on several matters that related to our being an inclusive church, and they all passed rather decisively.

Finally, a number of presentations shared descriptions, videos and data about work at the national level. Some of these were both unbelievable and heart-warming. ELCA congregations contributed \$9 million for relief in Haiti and the ELCA recently provided 80,000 meals to people in Haiti suffering from the aftermath of the earthquake there. For cold nights in troubled areas all around the world, ELCA congregations last year made 225,000 quilts!

Thanks be to God for all of these efforts!

*Esther and Ross Johnson*

## **Summer Giving** - Jim Kamphoefner

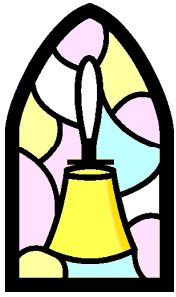
We have been asked, "What is the correct way to give to the church?" There is no right or wrong way to give, as long as we give. For many, the act of putting something in the collection plate is very important. What happens then, when we are not in church? Are we relieved of our commitment to MLC? Is the Sunday collection plate simply the price of admission for Sunday worship? Of course not!



The church is open year round, and has a budget, programs, ministries, that can't be dependent on our individual summer vacation schedules. We know many people will be travelling this summer, but while you are away we hope that you remember MLC, your commitment to this community and the work that continues here. The way you give is not important, but we do strongly encourage **regular, consistent** giving, for your own benefit, and for ours.

This summer, before you leave on vacation, consider **Simply Giving**. This is an automatic, electronic funds transfer – weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. It's an excellent way to support your church, regularly, consistently, even when you're not here. It also helps with the idea of "first fruits" – giving **first** to God. Try it over the summer – you can stop using it come fall, or you may find you really like this method of giving. A sign up form can be found at the end of this newsletter. Please complete and return to the office. Questions? Call 924-3782.

## Worship & Music



We celebrated our wonderful Spirit Ringers and their esteemed director, Carol Sherley, between services on Sunday, May 2. They are taking a much deserved break and will be ringing again in September. We are so grateful for their commitment to the hours of practice and musical enhancement to our services.

In this wonderful group of Spirit Ringers, we have fathers, mothers, daughters, wives, husbands, grandmothers, granddaughters and friends (we call them Aunts and Uncles) all working together to enhance congregational worship.

The Spirit Ringers cheerfully welcome new members. Here are some of the requirements:

- Count to four repeatedly, while ringing, during a piece and sometimes count to six without stumbling.
- Laugh easily – that is a requirement for joining!
- Arrive at Wednesday night practice on time and with a change of clothes
- Get up early on “ringing” Sunday morning, arriving at church at 7:15 with a smile for morning practice
- Laugh at mistakes – laugh with each other
- Set up all six tables, wrestle with the foam, set up 12 music books with lights and all 81 bells, 36 hand chimes and mallets
- All dress alike and not complain
- Enjoy each other – the most important of all!

So, if you are feeling the spirit to ring out the bells, please contact Carol Sherley or any of the Worship & Music Committee members.

God Bless You Spirit Ringers,

*Karen Clinton*

## **JUNE CELEBRATIONS**

### **Birthdays**

- 1 Cheri Houts  
Karl Nicholas  
Cooper Jacobs  
Matt Kawajiri  
Peyton Russell  
Wyatt Russell
- 3 Jeanne Burt
- 4 Anna Seeger
- 6 Sue Ellen Raby  
Haakon Lacy
- 7 Robert Zlatunich

### **Anniversaries**

- 8 Fred Foster
- 16 Chloe Jacobs  
Daniela Hirdt
- 21 Barbara Bischoff  
Rick West
- 22 Susan West
- 26 Seth Kamphoefner
- 28 Meggie Rosendahl
- 30 Dustin Hirdt



## MLC Notebook



### Graduates!

Three young men graduate from high school this month and will be headed to college in the fall:

- ✓ **Miles Marymor** leaves Marin School of the Arts at Novato High and will be heading to California Lutheran University in So. Cal.
- ✓ **Mathew Reinders** says good bye to Marin Catholic. He received a golf scholarship to the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs and is enrolled in their business school.
- ✓ **Bryan Wulzen** graduates from Tamiscal High and is looking forward to attending the University of California at Davis.

Several colleges are also saying goodbye to three of our young adults:

- **Jules Houts** graduates from UC Davis School of Engineering with a degree in Computer Science. Beginning in August he will be working in Menlo Park at E-Trade.
- **Nick Rosano** graduates from Oberlin College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Latin American Studies. He currently has an internship with the soccer online news magazine, goal.com. His articles focus on professional soccer in the United States. He is also pursuing employment opportunities in Spain and South America.
- **Megan Reinders** graduated Summa Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from University of Pennsylvania with a degree in Biological Basis for Behavior. She has accepted a Research Coordinator position at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Her goal is to begin Medical School in 1-2 years.

**Brandon Hirdt** and **Jack McCormish** are completing 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year and will be headed to high school in the fall.

## CONGRATULATIONS to ALL! Baptism

**Lucienne Reese Theobald** brought lots of her extended family with her to witness her baptism on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We wish God's blessings on Lucienne, Lindsey & Travis.



### New Baby

Carol & Hal Sherley welcomed a new grandchild into their family. **Ket Dasher Wylie** was born on May 21<sup>st</sup>, weighing 9 pounds 11 ounces and 21.5 inches. Proud parents, Caroline and Patrick, and big sister, Marit are all doing well. The Sherleys will be headed up to Seattle soon to meet baby Ket.

### July 4<sup>th</sup>

This year, July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday. The Corte Madera/Larkspur parade, held on the 4<sup>th</sup>, will begin 2 hours later than usual – at 12noon – to accommodate the churches along the parade route. Street closures along the route will begin at 11:00 a.m. The parade starts at Redwood High School, travels down Magnolia Ave. to Tamalpais Ave. and then turns left to Madera Ave to get to the Town Center parking lot.

The Worship & Music Committee has decided to keep the starting time of our 11:00am service the same, but would like to make everyone aware of the village's plans. If you get to church on time, all streets will be open. Following the service, you can take Meadowsweet Dr. to Sanford (in front of BofA) and then turn east onto Tamalpais to get to the highway. They may very well let us slip north on Madera Ave. as church is letting out just when the parade starts and we are at the end of the parade route.

## JUNE 2010 Worship Assistants

	JUNE 6 <sup>TH</sup>	JUNE 13 <sup>TH</sup>	JUNE 20 <sup>TH</sup>	JUNE 27 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>GREETERS</b>				
9:00AM 11:00AM	Margot & Ray Gergus Marie Conrad	Theresia Morgenlaender Barbara Bischoff	Sandy Seeger Marilyn Davis	Jane McKenzie Erna Randig
<b>USHER</b>				
9:00AM 11:00AM	Duff Hansen Joe O'Neill, Jr.	Jon Rolien Rick West	TheresiaMorgenlaender Roy Davis	Carol Cunliffe Lorri Reinders
<b>ACOLYTE</b>				
9:00AM 11:00AM	Adelaide Shunk	Taylor Saling Michaela Marymor	Robert Allen	Morgan Saling Peyton & Wyatt Russell
<b>LECTOR</b>				
9:00AM 11:00AM	Ray Gergus Marie Conrad	Karen Clinton Annemarie Hofling	Andrew Chilson Joe O'Neill, Jr.	Rebecca Shunk Nate Russell
<b>ALM</b>				
9:00AM 11:00AM	Karen Anderson Betsy McCormick	Susan Morrow Paul Davis	Yvonne Weidmann Betsy McCormick	Kathy Bayler Paul Davis
<b>COMM ASSIST</b>				
9:00AM 11:00AM	Carol Zlatunich Marie Conrad	Dawn Brewster Barbara Bischoff	Sandy Seeger Paul Davis/Jane McK	Jane McK/Barb B. Erna Randig
<b>SOUND TECH</b>				
9:00AM 11:00AM	John Bischoff Kerry Hansen	Jeff Reinders John Bischoff	Dan Watrous Kerry Hansen	Bart Saling Jeff Reinders
<b>COUNTERS</b>				
9:00AM 11:00AM	Roy Davis Janet Foster	Brewster/Bastin Janet Foster	Brewster/Bastin Brewster/Bastin	Roy Davis Kamphoefner
<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>				
9:00AM 11:00AM	Rebecca Shunk Jeanne Burt	Karen Anderson Sharon Guy	Margot Gergus Tamara Stocker	Judy Rossbach Carol Zlatunich
<b>FLOWERS</b>				
	Seegers	Jeanne & Stu Burt	Rosendahl/Houts	Judy Rossbach
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>				
	Bev Kamphoefner	Bev Kamphoefner	Bev Kamphoefner	Bev Kamphoefner



# Member Enrollment and Authorization Form

Return completed enrollment form to the Lutheran congregation, benefiting from your giving.

<b>Complete this section for ALL ENROLLMENTS</b> (Please print in black ink)			
<b>Check the appropriate box:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New enrollment/authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change in bank account <input type="checkbox"/> Change in authorized amount	Last Name _____		First Name _____
	Mailing Address _____		
	City _____		State _____
	Home Telephone # _____		Work Telephone # _____
Donations/payments should be taken from: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking (attach a voided check) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings (attach a savings deposit slip)  Routing Number _____ <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b></p> Account Number _____		<b>REQUIRED:</b> I authorize Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Vanco Services, LLC to automatically withdraw donations/payments from my account. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.  Account Holder Signature _____  Date _____	

<b>Complete this section for Lutheran CONGREGATION DONATIONS</b>														
Congregation Name: <b>Marin Lutheran Church</b>		Street Address: <b>649 Meadowsweet Drive</b>												
City: <b>Corte Madera</b>		State: <b>CA</b>	Zip: <b>94925</b>											
<b>Church Fund Designations:</b>  <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: center;">_____ <b>General/Operating</b> _____</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$ _____ (minimum \$5)</td> </tr> </table>	_____ <b>General/Operating</b> _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____	<b>TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT</b>	\$ _____ (minimum \$5)	<b>Frequency of Donation:</b> (Please check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on Monday <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly on Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly (transferred on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> of each month) <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>  Date of First Donation _____	
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<b>TOTAL DONATION AMOUNT</b>	\$ _____ (minimum \$5)													
<b>Note:</b> The total amount will be transferred based on the frequency selected.														

**\*\*\* REQUIRED \*\*\* MUST BE COMPLETED BY CONGREGATION / INSTITUTION**

Congregation / Institution Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope / Student / Participant Number \_\_\_\_\_ Verifier Initials \_\_\_\_\_

To begin contributions using Simply Giving (electronic fund transfers), please complete the first two sections and return form to the church office. If you have any questions regarding this, please call 924-3782 and talk with Bev.



# Vacation Bible School – BAOBAB Blast Registration Form

**Dates:** August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (Closing Celebration – August 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. (breakfast); 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon each day

**Place:** Marin Lutheran Church  
649 Meadowsweet Drive  
Corte Madera, CA 94925  
(415) 924-3782

**Ages:** 3 year-olds to 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Cost:** \$55 per child. (\$85 for families with two children; \$110 for families with three or more children.) Scholarships are available where needed. Please make checks payable to: Marin Lutheran Church



**Registration deadline:** July 26, 2010

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M  F

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Last grade attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other medical concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Has student attended a church school? Yes  No  Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

If parent(s) attend church, where? \_\_\_\_\_

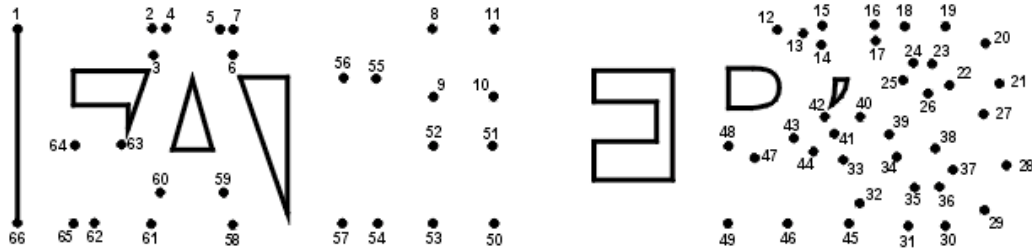
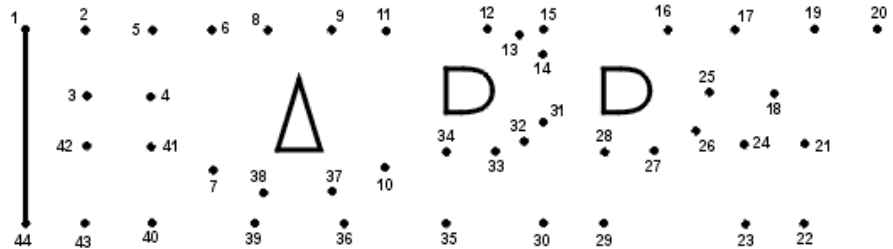
Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



# Kids Page



## Father's Day Word Search

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 V P C H B W N E A E W E U F P  
 E I H V R S H I N R E D T I P  
 Q A W E E J L N H S T Y A Z M  
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 Q S D J K D N I H G I F T S O  
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Bowling  
 Breakfast  
 Dad  
 Dinner

Fishing  
 Gifts  
 June  
 Kids

Love  
 Party  
 Tee Shirt  
 Yardwork

