



**DOVE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

growing together
deeper. wider. higher.

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Sunday Morning Services
with Holy Communion
8:45 a.m.-Traditional
11:00 a.m.-Contemporary

Children and Adult Education
9:50 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Service
with Holy Communion
9:00 a.m.

Our Mission Statement

***The Holy Spirit gathers us into a
community that enthusiastically
claims and shares our experience of
God's Grace.***

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SUMMER!

Did you know that June is officially the hottest month of the year in Tucson?

You can draw that conclusion by looking at the average high temperatures. July is barely lower than June, but technically, June is the hottest.

The average low temperatures are somewhat different. If you look at the nighttime temperatures, July is the hottest month of the year. The range of temperatures in June is a greater range. The nights are cooler, and the days are hotter.

Many of us grew up in places in the Northern Hemisphere where July and August are the hottest months. Things are a little different here in Tucson. That is largely due to the "monsoon" season.

May and June are colloquially named the "dry summer." There is virtually no rain. The sun shines down relentlessly, and bakes the earth. It is hot, hot, hot.

Then comes the "monsoon summer." Moisture comes in from the Gulf of California (and to a lesser extent, the Gulf of Mexico). In the landscape of desert valleys and high mountains, thunderstorms are born. They typically occur in the late afternoon. And they bring rain everywhere, but especially in the upper hills and mountains. The rain in the higher country drains down through the canyons, the cañadas, and the arroyos. It creates flash floods in the lower country— floods which can wipe out roads, bridges, and neighborhoods. Deadly floods.

This is our life in the desert. Most of us chose this landscape because we love its rugged beauty and the opportunities for outdoor recreation. But it is a wild and sometimes dangerous environment.

Summer is the season that challenges us to question our assumptions and our ideas about life in the desert. It is hot. Dangerously hot. And the sudden floods can destroy life, including human life. This is a season that challenges us to be mindful of who we are, and what we are up to, on Planet Earth.

FOR COUNSEL AND ASSISTANCE

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church is a member of the Grand Canyon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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Synod Bishop

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In our Prayers...

John & Julie Atwood, Jane Au, Dorothy Austin, Bill and Bobbie Behm, Ken and Betty Belknap, Gary Benoit, Larry Bielenberg, Shirley Binghold, Joyce Birt, Kelly Brazzell and family, Marcia Brown, Nancy Brown, Sonya Bowers, Julie Burgus, Thea Campmany, Monica Campmany, Kenny Carlton, Vince & Maggie Corrao, Linferd Cummings, Ed Davis, David Demeritt, Gene Dozmati, Nan Drafz, Betty Elledge, Dick Evers, Holly Fisher, Jim Fisher, Summer Flowers, Esther Fodness, Tom Ford, James Foss, Yoko Foss, Vince Fredrickson, Web Goldsmith, Chuck Goldsmith, Camie Gray, Stacy Hael, Gertrude Jangling,, Duane Johnson, Beverly Kappel, Mindi Klein, Lorna Kraemer, Cari Lamm, Jenna Lawson, Vern Lein, Richarad Maly, Jessica & Lisa Maly, Rita Marinelli family, Nancy Marofla, Shirley Marshal, Shirley Matchett, Jim McCann, Ruth and Todd Mesich, Marie and Dave Monheim, David J. Monheim, Frank Musgrave, Jane Musgrave, Dakota Nash, Joe and Betty Ness, Brian Newman, Elizabeth Olson, A.C. Oropeza, Celia Oropeza, Joni Pabst, Jim and Lenna Pauson, Charles and Loretta Paxton, June Pryde, Dave and Gloria Ray, Pam Reek, Audrey Rostal, Don Rushing, Jane Scalan, Flo Schmid, Lois Setter, Chas Shortman, Joyce Smith, Jim Taylor, Oliver Turner, Carlos Valenzuela, Norman Wagner, Marlene Walters, Debbie and Daniel Wells, Harvey Whittmyer, Linda Williams, Dona Wilson, Bryan Wren, Carol Wren, Denise Wren, Salstino Ybarra, Mike Yoquelet

MEMBERS IN LONG TERM CARE

June Aadland, June Christenson, Laurie Dalton, Anita Stark

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Caleb Allen, Justin Wiley, Andy Bergstrom, Michael List, Larry Hoffmann, Brian Huston, Joshua Allen, Lisa Abels, Steven Phares, Michael Paul, Cassandra Lane, Stevan McCrory

THE ELCA MALARIA CAMPAIGN

Why a campaign against malaria?

For a long time, the ELCA has been supporting clinics and programs in Africa to provide health care. Now we're focusing on malaria with a new intensity. Malaria kills 800,000 people each year, most are children under five. That's a child **every 45 seconds**.

The ELCA, through the **ELCA Malaria Campaign**, is joining hands with eleven Lutheran church bodies in Africa and becoming part of an historic global movement to say, "enough is enough!" No child, no person, should die of a disease that is both preventable and treatable. Therefore the ELCA Malaria Campaign has committed to raise \$15 million to help prevent, treat and educate communities in Africa about malaria and eliminate deaths from this disease—for good.

Malaria Facts

- Almost 9 out to 10 of the 800,000 people who die from malaria each year live in Africa.
- An African child has on average between 1.6 and 5.4 episodes of malaria each year.
- In countries with high rates of malaria, the disease accounts for up to 60 percent of health clinic visits and 50 percent of hospital stays.

Why the ELCA?

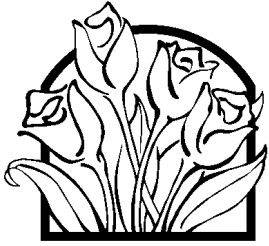
For many years, the ELCA has been building relationships of accompaniment and mutual respect with our companion churches in Africa. Together with our church partners, we are poised to bring about a massive grassroots movement to contain malaria and bring hope to those who suffer.

Lutheran churches in Africa aren't just places of worship. They are the center of community life. That's what makes our work—the work of the church, through churches—perfectly positioned to make a difference.

How we work

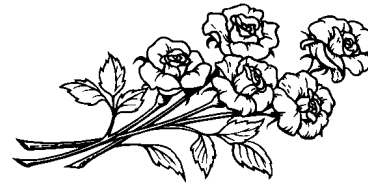
The ELCA Malaria Campaign funds programs of our companion churches that:

- provide life-saving health care—including medicine to treat malaria
- train health care providers and church volunteers to diagnose and treat malaria
- teach people how to protect themselves from the mosquitoes that spread malaria, recognize symptoms and seek treatment
- distribute insecticide-treated mosquito nets and provide training on their use
- provide preventative medication to protect pregnant women and their babies
- encourage governments to provide adequate health care and malaria prevention activities
- support water treatment projects to control the environments where mosquitoes breed



May Birthdays

Biede, Carla	5/03
Parker, Brenda	5/04
Schwab, Eric	5/04
Wagner, Norman	5/04
Hagen, Edward	5/05
Wilson, Dona	5/07
Davis, Edward	5/09
Ford, Jacquelyn	5/09
Johnson, Duane	5/10
Saewert, Orville	5/11
Andersen, Lars	5/12
Nielsen, James	5/12
Paxton, Larry	5/12
Fredrickson, Marge	5/13
Mccullor, Donna	5/13
Thomas , William	5/13
Saewert, Marcellene	5/14
Meyer, Kenneth	5/18
Stark, Anita	5/18
Ahlers, Sandy	5/20
Guy, Marvel	5/20
Peters, Mona	5/20
Hucul, Waunetah	5/24
Paulson, Lenna	5/24
Schneuker, Lynn	5/27
Cranz, Kimberly	5/29
Taylor, Brian	5/30
Cooper, Norma	5/31
Peters, Richard	5/31
Spurgeon, Jay	5/31



May Anniversaries

Gary & Joann Benoit	5/03 (37 yrs)
Russ & Norma Cooper	5/20 (62 yrs)
Jeff & Jeanne Brightman	5/22 (41 yrs)
Bill & Bobbie Behm	5/23 (20 yrs)
Richard & Ann Cordero	5/23 (53 yrs)
Mike & Sue Yoquelet	5/24 (27 yrs)
Stephen & Paula Klein	5/25 (38 yrs)
Ronn & Jo-Ann Bronson	5/29 (47 yrs)
Don & Millie Lowe	5/31 (65 yrs)

Blessed Is The Mother ...

Who can hold onto her children while letting them go;

Who puts a tranquil home ahead of an immaculate house;

Who knows a kind act will be remembered longer than an easy word;

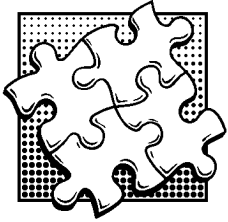
Who really believes that prayer changes things;

Whose faith in the future sweetens the present;

Whose Bible never needs dusting;

Whose sense of humor is alive and well.

*Reformation Lutheran Church
Lancaster, SC*



Bits and Pieces

OMBUDSMAN FOR MAY

Each month a council member is available to help members and friends of Dove with their questions, concerns, complaints, suggestions, etc. This person is called the "ombudsman," and their duty is to make communication in our congregation stronger. During the month of May, the council ombudsman is **Loretta Elsholz**. You can get in touch with her (1) by phone (520)887-0106; (2) [No email](#) or (3) by filling out a response form in the foyer ("narthex") of our sanctuary, where there is a box specifically set aside for feedback.

FINANCE REPORT AS OF MARCH 2012

Income:	\$102,766
Expenses:	\$ 81,086
Difference	<u>\$ 21,680</u>
2012 Annual Budget:	\$345,740
Average Monthly	
Income Needed:	\$ 28,812
March Income:	\$ 28,850

APRIL MEMORIALS

In memory of **Lloyd Aadland** from Sylvia Kappedal for the memorial fund.

In memory of **Wally Engberg** from Frances Dixon for the memorial fund.

Next Newsletter Deadline will be Monday, May 14, 2012

ASCENSION DAY (May 17, 2012)

In Luke's writings, the ascension of Jesus takes place 40 days after his resurrection, whereas in John's writings it seems to occur sometime soon after the resurrection.

The festival to commemorate the Lord's ascension at the end of his earthly ministry reminds us that not only does he become our mediator and advocate with God, but also he takes with him his humanity and thus demonstrates the purpose of the incarnation: that as he became human for us, so our humanity can become divine in him.

Hymns for the festival speak of Christ's reign with God ("sitting" at God's right hand) and our call to share in that in the fullness of time.

In late medieval times a season of Ascensiontide developed and had the effect of reducing Eastertide to 40 days.

In the latest revisions this has been rectified. On this day we are reminded that Jesus was no longer visibly present with his followers so that he could be invisibly present at all times and in all places.

Ronald Dowling

Pentecost (May 27, 2012)

The day of Pentecost is the church's festival of the Holy Spirit.

It is the third principal festival of the church year, the day on which we remember how the Holy Spirit came powerfully to a gathering of Jesus' followers in Jerusalem. But Pentecost is more than remembering a past event; it is also a day to celebrate the gift of faith to people throughout the world, the fulfillment of Christ's promise to be with us always, and the bestowal of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The two most common Pentecost symbols represent the Holy Spirit. A descending dove is frequently used to symbolize the coming of the Spirit, since the Gospel of Luke reports that the Holy Spirit came to Jesus at his baptism in the form of a dove. (Luke 3:22) Tongues of fire are also used to symbolize the Holy Spirit, based on the account of Pentecost found in Acts 2:1-4. The liturgical color for The Day of Pentecost is bright red, which reminds us of the fire of the Spirit.

*St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Folcroft, PA*

OCW Guest Follow-Up First Quarter Report
(Outreach, Communication, Welcome)

	<u>First Time Guests 2012</u>	<u>First Time Guests 2011</u>	<u>Quarterly Total</u>
January	40	18	75 (2012)
February	24	14	
March	11	50	82 (2011)

Outreach feedback: Several times I noticed a man at the early service who clearly was a visitor. It seemed that after the service he always left before I could speak to him. One Sunday I actually sat near him and spoke to him when we exchanged the peace. Sometime later I learned that he doesn't live nearby and therefore worships at Dove infrequently. He enjoys coming to Dove and very much appreciates the design of our church. It turns out that this visitor, while at the U of A, was a student of the man who designed our sanctuary!

Outreach alive and well at Dove: It is so gratifying for me to see Dove members themselves actively reaching out to visitors! One Sunday I sat near a visiting couple. After the service, another couple, members who were seated in front of the visitors, turned around to meet them and then the four of them had quite an extended conversation.

On Palm Sunday, as people gathered outside to process in, a couple, obviously visitors, stood toward the back of the crowd. At the time I was talking to someone and before I could greet this couple myself, at least two other people had already welcomed them. Way to go "Dovers"!! Although I send a follow-up note to first time guests, often I haven't actually met them myself. There's nothing better than a warm, **personal greeting** to make a visitor feel **welcome** and happy that they chose to worship at Dove of Peace. Keep on "outreaching" people!

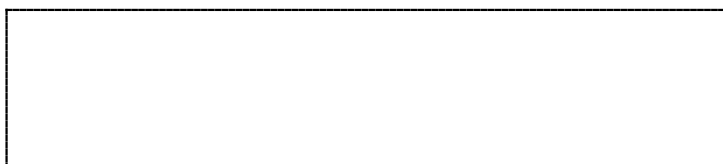
May Easter peace and joy continue to fill your life,
Diane Hoelter

p.s. The Palm Sunday visitors had attended our Bach concert and decided they wanted to return to Dove for a worship service. As initially hoped, our concerts too can be a source of outreach.

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