

# Maricopa Lutheran Church

(A Mission Congregation of the ELCA – Grand Canyon Synod and Mountain View Lutheran, Phoenix)

## June Newsletter

### *Sheeeee's' Back!*

We're so glad to have Pastor Cora back with us after her trip to the Philippines. Pastor would like to say...

*"Thank God for the blessed opportunity to visit my ailing aunt in the Philippines. She was able to eat and sleep well and gained some weight while I was there. She was also able to renew and strengthen relationships with family and friends. I was sad to end our visit, but happy to be back home with my husband and sisters and brothers in Christ at Maricopa Lutheran Church."*

*Thanks & Praise to God!  
Pastor Cora*

### Foreclosure Seminar.....

**June 17th** at 7:00pm at the Mission House. Knowledge is power! Don't foreclose without all the facts! Whether you are struggling to make your mortgage payment and are wondering what your options are or you simply want to learn how to budget your finances to lift you out of a troubled situation, you want to attend this seminar. All are welcome.



Neil Gillespie Assistant VP Commercial Lender, who owns a home in Maricopa and understands the specific challenges facing our community, will lead this informative seminar.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL....

...will be at Mountain View, June 15-19, 2009, 9:00-12:00 noon.



Presentation at the 5:30 service on June 20th. Ages 3 years thru 5th grade. Please call 480-893-2579 or visit

[www.mvlutheran.org](http://www.mvlutheran.org) for registration. Maricopa kids will be brought to MVLC everyday by volunteers. For every 5 kids, we need an adult volunteer. There will be some scholarships available for Maricopa kids. The reason why we will bring our kids to MVLC: They will have guests and other very interesting activities which we can not duplicate here in Maricopa so it is better for our kids to join them. Volunteer adults can also learn so much from this experience and will help us for our next year's VBS when we do it on our own.

### Woman's Group Meeting

Maricopa Lutherans Women's Group will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We had a great turn out for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with 13 women. Again, please bring thoughts of your own spiritual needs so that we may reach out to all. Your friends are also **WELCOMED!**

This will be a potluck at the Mission House, please see Diana Schalow for more details and the sign up sheet for the potluck.

# Women of Faith – A Grand New Day October 2-3 - at US Airways Center

This exciting 2-day event is a mix of laughter, music, and stories that will touch your heart. Join Steven Curtis Chapman, "American Idol" finalist Mandisa, Nicole C. Mullen, Sandi Patty, Lisa Whelchel (from TV's "The Facts of Life"), Sheila Walsh, Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, and more! Over the course of the two-day event you'll hear fabulous music, watch stirring drama, listen to hilarious and heart-tugging stories, and join thousands of women in worship.

Maricopa Lutheran Church is forming a group to go to the conference. Group rates are \$79 and include box lunches both days. The sessions are Friday 10:00am – 3:00pm & 7:00 - 9:30pm and Saturday 9:00am – 4:00pm, but you can attend whatever parts work for you.

To register or for more information, contact Megan Gillespie at 480-710-4594 by July 1, 2009. You can also register and pay by cash or check at the Women's Group Meeting on June 19th.

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## A Sermon about lying..

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



Join us **Saturday mornings at 10:00am** for rehearsal at church.

We meet for one hour each Saturday morning. You don't have to be a great singer – just enjoy music and singing. Choir is under the direction of Sue Fletcher and is for all ages. If you have any questions, please see Sue (pianist) on Sunday mornings, she'll answer any questions you may have.

*Also... do you play the piano?  
A pianist would be of great help to accompany the choir.*

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## Congratulations to ...



**Nicole Mangum,**

who was named  
"Teacher of the Year"  
at Legacy Traditional  
School here in

Maricopa. Way to go Nicole – we need more teachers like you! Nicole is also our Sunday School coordinator and teacher.

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## Sunday School...

is over for the summer months and resume in the fall. Watch for dates in your newsletters and bulletins.

## Adult Education ...

Classes will still be at 9:00am each Sunday morning for all who would like to attend. Pastor Cora teaches these classes.

## *A Stewardship Message . . .*

During the hot days of summer, we tend to be too busy to attend regular worship services. It is important that we continually support the ongoing work of the church.

This is an exciting time in the life of this congregation. Currently the Steering Committee is working hard toward a new and more permanent place of worship for Maricopa Lutheran. God asks us to give from the heart. We give ourselves, our time, and our possessions – not because we have to or because we want to earn favor. We give because that is who we are. We give because we love Jesus. We are gifted by the Holy Spirit to be a gift to others.

*Thank you all* for your continual support and I'll see you in church on Sunday.

Jim Rosenow

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## **Congratulations to Bev Watne and her 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

A team from Legacy Traditional School was crowned overall champions at the Pinal County sixth-grade math challenge. The competition, sponsored each year by the Arizona Association of Teachers of Mathematics, was held May 15 at Central Arizona College.

In addition to the overall team championships won by Beverly Watne's sixth-grade class, Legacy students also earned several other individual awards and a third-place team award by Sean Mahoney's sixth-grade class.

### **TEAM EVENTS:**

#### **Problem Solving**

First Place – Legacy Traditional Team A – Watne

#### **Data Analysis**

First Place – Legacy Traditional Team A – Watne

*Way to go Bev!*

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## **Home Child Care Available**



Maricopa Lutheran member is offering home child care. Erica Hurkes, a certified child care provider with Kindergarten and elementary grade teaching experience is offering home child care. Erica, her husband TJ, and son Ty, attend Maricopa Lutheran Church.

Erica can be reached at (480) 430-9130 for anyone who might be interested.

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## **Newsletter Deadline:**



So that the newsletter can be out on time (by the first of the month), please send me an article you want included in the monthly newsletter by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. (Example: July Newsletter articles must be submitted by June 25<sup>th</sup>.) E-mail your request to [jlrosenow@msn.com](mailto:jlrosenow@msn.com).

It can be prayer requests – upcoming events – notable mentions of other parishioners, etc.

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**A Few Words...** Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

