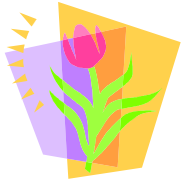




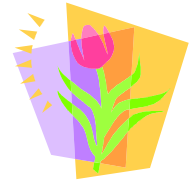
# The Creator Connection

## Newsletter of Creator Lutheran Church

Singing God's song, Sharing God's love,  
Serving God's people.



### May at Creator



<b>May 1</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship followed by coffee and fellowship Education hour begins at 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Team Praise</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship followed by coffee and fellowship Education hour begins at 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Team Faith</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting</b>	
<b>May 15</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship followed by coffee and fellowship Education hour begins at 10:30 a.m. for children May Annual meeting convenes following worship. All are encouraged to attend</b>	<b>Team Peace</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship followed by coffee and fellowship Education hour begins at 10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Team Grace</b>
<b>May 29</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. Worship followed by coffee and fellowship</b>	<b>Team Light</b>

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God's work. Our hands.

## From Pastor Dayle

What an incredible start we've had to the Easter season. At our vigil we heard our young ones sing and tell the story of Jonah... and it was a WHALE of a tale! A huge personal thanks to Debi Stromberg for the vision and follow through; Maggie Steinberg for direction and prop gathering, Annie Miles and Shirley Peterson for coaching and teaching, as well as all the parents and kids who participated in making it happen. Wondering who created the awesome whale for the musical? That would be Craig Edberg. Thanks, all of you!

As we ease our way into May and the season of Easter (yes, it's a season and not a day), we'll be hearing and telling the stories of the early church. What happened after the resurrection? Who were the people who kept the movement going for us? And isn't it amazing that the Greatest Story Ever Told continues to BE told?

The Easter season is about resurrection stories. We have plenty of resurrection stories here at Creator. I'm always amazed (and I mean always!) at what we can pull off when we put our hearts and minds together. I've been here for over 12 years and I don't remember a time when we haven't worried and fretted over finances. Some will say the mortgage is too high or the giving is down or we need to "recruit" new people to help US with finances (yes, someone has said that). Sometimes we fret over what we don't have: not enough programs for youth, not enough staff, not enough activities for adults, not enough options on Sunday morning. Sometimes we fret over what we DO have: we have a lot of land to take care of... we have lots of kids to minister to... we have so many new people, I can't remember all of their names. These are good problems to have.

There's always something to fret over. As we tell our stories in the season of new life, remember God's story. God says: what was old is being made new. Whatever we worry about, is changed: attitudes, minds, all of it. We fret about finances, but we're keeping the doors open... ha! New life! We fret about youth and staff and activities, but we're planning an auction, our youth are heading for Holden Village, we have 8 kids going to confirmation camp, Day Camp is coming in June... ha! New life!

The season of Easter is a time to turn to God knowing that God gives us everything we need to be who we are called to be at this time in this place. Less fret and more action will change us. Our actions come from our faith and our faith comes from God.

Happy Easter! Ha! New Life!!

*Pr. Dayle*

## Creator Connects: Member Corner



Bishop Dave and Gretchen Brauer-Rieke  
Nate, Claire and Aaron

**How long have you been a member at Creator?** We came to Creator the first Sunday after moving to Milwaukie from Newport in August of 2007 and have made it our church home ever since.

**What do you love about Creator?** We were attracted by the high energy, friendliness, informality, and (of course) the great music - all in a context of a congregation full of members who take the message of the Gospel seriously.

**What do you do....For work?**

Dave - Bishop of the 115 congregations of the Oregon Synod since 2007, parish pastor before that

Gretchen - former nurse-midwife (23 years), then nurse-educator (4 years), now founder of CodaConversations, providing consultation and education about end-of-life health care decisions ([www.codaconversations.com](http://www.codaconversations.com))

..... **For play?**

Dave - ("what? play? when?") biking to work when possible, going to the gym occasionally (he has no life)

Gretchen - raising chickens, goats, and finches; hiking, traveling, learning new things about the Portland area, going to the beach (i.e. getting away from Portland)

Both of us - spending time our three young adult kids when possible, going to our cabin near Mt. Hood to get away from the phone and internet, learning to snowshoe J, helping to plan a June wedding here in Portland for our son and his fiancé (who live in Washington D.C.)

**Any parting words?**

When we aren't at Creator, we are usually on the road on Sunday mornings heading to various ELCA churches around the state. We see lots of congregations and continue to find Creator to be a unique and exciting church in so many respects. There is much about Creator that represents the future of the ELCA!



# Welcome to New Members!

We welcomed 18 new members to Creator at  
the Easter Vigil this year!

## Joining by Baptism:

Amelia Salinas  
Eli Isaacson  
Lincoln Hubbard  
Christian Hubbard  
Nathaniel Hubbard  
Samantha Hubbard  
Brysen Winthrop  
Brie Voss

## Joining Creator:

Lincoln and Stefanie Hubbard  
Jim and Diane Liefeld  
Irene McKenzie  
Gloria Maier-Traub  
Mark and Trish Voss  
Trey and Jamie Winthrop

We welcome you with joy into the fellowship of Creator Lutheran Church and the  
body of Christ which we share.

# So Many People to Thank!

There has been so much going on around Creator in the past month! It is hard to know where to start with our thank-yous!

Pastor Dayle always works long hours to make Holy Week special!

Many thanks to all Spiritworks Teams and their fearless leaders!

Easter and Christmas demands ask for extra commitment and you all made the effort.

Sparkle Day made Creator Shine. Thanks to :

May Nelson

Kim Mair

Heidi Steen

Lincoln and Stefanie Hubbard

Doug Bennett

Bob and Gladys Armstrong

Jamie Winthrop

Debi Stromberg

Brent Gerritsen

Mary Lou Irving

Don and Ruth Knepper

Pastor Dayle

Craig Edberg

Randy Peterson

Easter Brunch helpers:

Doug and Mary Bennett

Jan Samuels

Lisa Ludwig

Linda Kiggans

Justin Farrell

Paul Kemp

Scott Mattox

Ann Mattox

Diane Mattox

Greg Dobbe

Cindy Huddleston

Deb Hibbs

Maggie Steinberg and the Youth were in charge of the Easter Egg Hunt!

Cindy Huddleston, Jaydee and Kendra Huddleston along with Kim Mair set up and clean-up for the Easter Breakfast.

Allan Mair, David Lee and the Creator Choir provided beautiful music for Holy Week.

Extra Thanks to David Lee for the extra services AND O, Jonah accompaniment.

# So Many People to Thank!

**Oh, Jonah!**



Many thanks to Debi Stromberg and Maggie Steinberg for their hard work putting the wonderful *Oh, Jonah! Musical* together.

**Thanks to the actors:**

Kai Nelson  
Aiden Kelly  
Meiling Masterson  
Analise Nzocumugani  
Timmy Mair  
Katie Kelly  
Majax Nduta  
Malia Masterson  
Makenna Sorenson  
Bryson Winthrop  
Amelia Salinas  
Zach Riccelli  
Annalise Riccelli  
Jasmine Olsen  
Nate Hubbard

Christian Hubbard  
Edwin Ntiranyibagira  
Samantha Hubbard  
Ava Steen

**Thanks to the Stage Crew**

Grant Gerritsen  
Kendra Huddleston  
Damien Ntawumpora  
Brie Voss  
David Mair

**Thanks to the Adult Helpers:**

Debi Stromberg & Maggie Steinberg  
David Lee, Shirley Peterson,  
Annie Miles, Erik Nelson  
May Nelson, Mary Masterson  
Craig Edberg, Donn Maier  
Stefanie & Lincoln Hubbard,  
Kim Mair, Jill Sorenson

*Don't miss the*  
*Creator Blessings Auction*  
*Saturday, June 18, 2011*

*Get your \$20.00 tickets by June 5 and reserve your  
custom-painted wine glass*

Well we have the houses some of the volunteers and a few wonderful auction items. Here's the low down for Creator's Blessings Auction:

4:45 Meet at Creator if you want to carpool  
5:00 Kiggans' home in Damascus for part 1 of Silent Auction  
6:15 Stein's home in Happy Valley for part Deux of Silent Auction  
7:30 at Creator for Live Auction. Lincoln Hubbard is our auctioneer!  
9:00 Wrap up and count our Blessings!

You may attend any or all of the locations. Wine glasses will be at Kiggans (or at Church on Sunday June 12th); You may cash out at any of the houses or at Creator at the end. There will also be raffle items beginning in June to participate in on June 5th, June 12th during the auction with the drawing after Live Auction at Creator on June 18th.

If you let us know a theme by June 5th and pay for your ticket, we will paint a reserve a wine glass just for you. If you haven't paid for your auction ticket by this date...sorry...you will be drinking out of a paper cup. You may reserve your wine glass beginning Sunday May 1st.

Here is our opportunity to show off all the wonderful skills, talents and blessings of the people (and friends of) Creator Lutheran Church. We know we are blessed, we know we are unique. Please help us make this the best Auction ever!

Call or email Linda Kiggans with any questions, or suggestions at 971-221-6998 or email [otalways@aol.com](mailto:otalways@aol.com).

**May Congregational Meeting: May 15, 2011**  
**Mark your calendar**



### Painting Wine Glasses

Lisa Ludwig will be offering **free painting classes** for those of you that would like to learn more about decorative painting. The projects she will teach will feature wine glasses for our upcoming blessings auction. All the supplies will be provided. You will learn basic painting strokes and techniques and leave with a painted wine glass for yourself and paint one for the blessing auction!

Currently scheduled classes will be Thursday May 12 from 12-3:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 14 from 9-12.

This class is open to anyone 12 and over!! Sign up in the narthex and check out the glasses we will be painting!

If you have questions you can call Lisa at 503-475-7390 or email her at [deadpainter@comcast.net](mailto:deadpainter@comcast.net)

Want to know what is happening in the Oregon Synod?  
Check out <http://www.oregonsynod.org>



## Creator Day Camp:

June 27—July 1, 2011

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday

9:00 a.m.—noon Friday

For kids entering K—6th Grades

*Counselors from Camp Lutherwood will be coordinating and leading*

*A wonderful program including:*

- Crafts
- Outdoor games
- Songs and skits
- Kid-friendly worship
- Creation time
- Bible time
- Energizers
- Service Projects
- Playground time
- Lots of loving fun

*Mature 6th graders through College-aged are invited for the amazing leadership experience as Jr. Counselors and group Leaders! Same registration form needed, plus contact Debi (debstromb@comcast.net) for requirements and preferences for age group assignment. Training/orientation for Leaders and Jr. Counselors is Sunday, June 27, 6:00 p.m.*

*Adults needed to help with registration (Monday and Tuesday AM), coordinate a service project (Monday and Tuesday PM), host 4 counselors for dinner or oversee Jr. Counselors 1/d days or 1/2 week. Please indicate on your child's registration form how you want to help.*

# 2011 – Creator’s Year of Hospitality

## May Hospitality Emphasis: Talents

After stretching our April Advocacy month into the May 1st Adult Class with letter-writing for Bread for the World, we’re going to move on to our May focus of discerning our own individual **talents** for hospitality. The question presented is: *what do **you** do well that provides welcome and acceptance for other people?*

It might be easy to sit back and wait for other people to do the welcoming – after all, isn’t that the job of the extroverts? Surely I can just walk by people before and after church and hope that someone else will stop and greet them – right? I’m just not comfortable talking to people I don’t know...

Consider the belief that everyone is gifted in some way to help create community and a sense of belonging. For some, this talent might be obvious in their easy ability to walk up to unfamiliar people and strike up a conversation. But what about the rest of us – the ones who are more shy, less gregarious, uncertain and uncomfortable with small talk? What can we offer to create connections inside the congregation, especially for our newcomers? What ability does *each* of us have to be hospitable to the people around us in church?

Newcomers to churches feel unwelcome when they feel invisible – when their presence is not acknowledged or appreciated. So what is it that you can do to help people feel seen and welcomed? If you aren’t a conversationalist, isn’t eye contact and a smile a gift? How about a quick “I’m so glad that you came to worship with us today”? Or a compliment? Or a simple “I hope that you come back to join us again” while shaking hands? It may take some effort and discipline on your part, but will reap great rewards!

If you *do* have a talent for conversation, consider honing that talent by practicing a good blend of friendly inquiry (getting to know something about the newcomer) with the sharing of information that might be helpful to the person (“is there something you’d like to know about Creator?”) Start thinking about how Creator can help meet that person’s needs – what do we, as a congregation, have to offer this person? Perhaps you can extend that talent beyond the walls of our church and invite the stranger from the community to join with us on Sunday morning...

As you think about your own talent in our effort to practice hospitality this year, join our discussion at the Adult Class on May 8<sup>th</sup>. And just imagine how full our church would be if we could each effectively communicate to newcomers and to each other “I’m so glad that you came today! Your presence enriches us all.”

# 2011: Creator's Year of HOSPITALITY

**How we work, day in and day out  
to make people feel welcome.**

MONTH			
Jan	<b>C</b>	Children	Learn the name of a child in the congregation each week this month. Greet those children by name every time you come to church. Start developing a supportive relationship.
Feb	<b>R</b>	Receiving each other	<b>Make it a point to introduce yourself to at least one or two people that you don't recognize in church each Sunday. How can you help new comers feel welcome at Creator?</b>
March	<b>E</b>	Engaging Community	It's Mardi Gras! Find one way to help engage our community – how can we help the community know that Creator is here?
April	<b>A</b>	Advocacy	How do we help “make the rubber hit the road” with issues of social justice? What can we do – as individuals, families, and a congregation – help create room in our society for the disenfranchised?
May	<b>T</b>	Talent for hospitality	Determine your gifts and strengths for hospitality – what do <i>you</i> do well that provides welcome and acceptance for other people?
June	<b>O</b>	Outside the Church	How many times this month, can you let someone in your community know that you attend Creator? Can you mention a particular ministry of the church relevant to the community?
July	<b>R</b>	Re(member)ing	Re-acquaint yourself with people in the congregation who you don't know well. Consider who you have been missing at Creator and initiate contact. Is there something they need from us?
Aug	<b>S</b>	Signs	What are the visible signs of our welcome at Creator? Can you come up with another way to make our welcome more visible to the community around us and to the guests who walks in our doors?
Sept	<b>G</b>	Gift	What gift can we provide as a tangible sign of welcome to people who come in to our church as guests? What can you help create as a small token of hospitality?
Oct	<b>I</b>	Inviting	Invite someone you know to attend Creator this month and/or invite yourself to a community event as a representative of Creator.
Nov	<b>F</b>	Fellowship	Attend a non-worship church gathering this month – expand your fellowship connections. Who needs to be connected in fellowship and how can we facilitate those connections?
Dec	<b>T</b>	Telling Stories	Let's talk to each other about our Year of Hospitality. What stretched us? What was hard – and why? What more can we be doing?



## President's Corner: May

The council met on March 28<sup>th</sup> and it was a long one. We had 2 guests: Paul Kemp talked to us about building a Habitat for Humanity house for the Ntiranyibagira family in the Gresham area. If that happens we will need to provide several work days to meet HFH requirements.

We also heard from Mike Sommers from Telecom Lease Advisors. He presented a tentative offer of between \$100,000 - \$110,000 for the lease of the Verizon cell tower on our property. This would be a lump-sum payment. Verizon would thereafter pay his company the monthly payment of \$1,076 we are currently receiving. Council will do some additional research on this before making any commitment. It would also require a vote of the congregation to do this so stay tuned.

Greg's Treasurers's report was somewhat disappointing. After an expectedly bad January, we recovered somewhat in February but March has been terrible – our giving was \$5,000 under budget and our reserves have been totally wiped out.

Brent Gerritsen reported that we are in need of an electrician to do some re-wiring of lights around the building. We also need to have the parking lot re-stripped this summer at a cost of about \$350 but we would have to pressure-wash the lot to prepare for that.

The Oregon Synod Endowment Board has money available for grants to congregations for community projects. We applied for a \$500 grant to provide enhancements such as signs and seating for our Labyrinth that Ryan Musser will be building on the East side of the property this Summer for his Eagle Scout project. He has already received donations of enough bricks to line the walkways of the project. Unfortunately we did not receive the grant.

In other news, the Mardi Gras was a financial success and some of the proceeds will go to improving microphones and our sound system.

Council met again on April 18.

Greg reported that our April receipts were enough to meet all of the month's expenses and this was before any Holy Week giving.

Justin reported that we have 3 nominees for open council positions. They are Kim Hyder, Cindy Huddleston and Marc Donlin who was a guest at the meeting.

On the facilities front, we are having drainage problems that all the recent rains have made worse. Brent will try to get the County to fix it but if not, we'll be having a work party this summer.

The next council meeting will be May 9 and the Congregational meeting will be on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Doug Bennett

# Our Stewardship

The Creator theme for May is hospitality. What is hospitality? In checking the thesaurus for synonyms, one might find words such as welcome, warmth, kindness, friendliness, cordiality, comfortableness and generosity. Over the years, I have often heard people asked why they chose to join our Creator family and their response usually includes one or more of the words listed above.



Have you ever stopped to think that hospitality is a form of stewardship? It is the act of sharing our feelings for faith community that we love and reaching out to others to be a part of it. It is part of the persona of Creator Lutheran. It is something that we do well. But sometimes we get so involved with conversations with our friends that we don't take the time to get to know other people.

So, with that in mind, do we as individuals, go out of our way to look for visitors or other members that we don't know well, greet them and introduce ourselves? As a community, our welcoming behavior only begins with a greeting at the front door. Usually there is time before the service begins for a few of us to introduce ourselves with a smile and show some genuine interest in them. During the service do they look a little lost? Help them out. The Sharing of the Peace on Sunday mornings can be kind of chaotic and even bewildering to a visitor. However, I believe that they can sense warmth and friendliness that is present-- IF they are personally greeted and made to feel welcome, not left out of the tradition. Following the closing hymn, make it a point to invite them for coffee, engage them in conversation and urge them to come back. This is in-house out-reach and takes very little time or effort but can be a very fruitful endeavor for all parties.

Our hospitality stewardship needs to include children and teenagers. It can be a real turn-off to these young people if they feel that they are not important enough to be included in a welcoming manner. This is especially important now as we are in the process of trying to enlarge our Sunday School and youth programs. Often we don't realize the potential that our young people have. We only need to look back at the *Jonah* production to see the talent and enthusiasm that was exhibited there. That's stewardship at an early age.

I'm not sure who said it but I believe it: "There's no such thing as a stranger, only people I haven't met yet." Hospitality can turn "people we haven't met yet" into our best friends. So, take the opportunity to reach out and get to know each other better.

Shalom,

Craig Edberg  
Stewardship Chair

# Our Stewardship



## Let Us Know

Creator is a community of the faithful, a priesthood of believers. We minister to one another in our joys and our sorrows. When something affects one of us, we each want to be available to give words of comfort and encouragement, celebration or sympathy.

**\* Baloni from Toni**

When we are in the middle of a crisis, it is often hard to remember to contact the faith community to enlist the support of others through prayer, meals, time, or just a listening ear. SO LET US KNOW YOUR NEEDS! Take a second to call or e-mail to let us know what is going on and what you need when you are in crisis, or when you just need someone to listen or rejoice with you.

Remember, we are here for one another. Doing God's work, using our hands.

Blessings,  
Toni



*Fair trade coffee,  
cocoa and  
chocolate*



*Fair Trade ministry here at Creator is an great way to enjoy good coffee while working for social justice. The items available—coffee from around the world, cocoa and chocolate—are purchased through the Lutheran World Relief Coffee*

*Project and provide a living wage as well as safe and environmentally responsible working and growing conditions. Brew some justice with your coffee.*



## Nursery Schedule for May

May 1 - Donlins  
May 8 - (Mother's Day) – Farrell's  
May 15 – Heidi Steen  
May 22 – Amy & Sarah  
May 29- Donna Iltz

*Many thanks to our nursery volunteers. If you wish to volunteer please contact Melissa Donlin, Nursery Volunteer Coordinator. (All volunteers have been screened with a background check.)*

## Community Happenings



Creator members have a wonderful opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity this summer to help with the build of a new home for one of our member families! Silidio and Lucia Ntiranyibagira and their family have been selected to participate in the HFH program. Right now we are looking at several Saturdays this summer for Creator work-days. Paul Kemp is coordinating this volunteer effort with Habitat for Humanity, as well as working with Silidio and Lucia as they work on the process, completing their part of the commitment to Habitat. We should have work dates from HFH soon and will be posting sign-ups for the work.

Watch for information on the work days and come swing a hammer to create a home!

**HAVE FUN, RAISE MONEY...** *Make a Difference*

**Chevys**  
FRESH MEX

**Please Join Chevys At Our Fundraising Event For**

**BACKPACK BUDDIES**  
Creator Lutheran/Happy Valley Middle School

Invite all of your friends and family to dine with us and Chevys will donate 25% of the proceeds to our fundraising partner!

**DATE: MAY 18, 2011 TIME: 11 A.M.– 10:00 P.M.**  
12520 SE 93<sup>rd</sup>  
CLACKAMAS, OR

**TO GO ORDERS INCLUDED!!!**

*It's just our way of giving back to the community!*

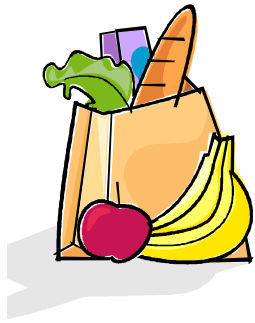
**Eat at Chevys,  
help feed a child**

**Backpack Buddies  
Fundraiser At Chevys  
Wednesday,  
May 18, 11:00 a.m. –  
10:00 p.m**

**Bring a Chevy's flier on  
May 18 and enjoy a meal  
while helping to fund  
Backpack Buddies.  
What could be easier?**



## Ministries of Creator



### Hunger Awareness

**For May Creator is collecting dried pasta, mac and cheese, rice.**

Despite the unemployment rate dropping in February of this year, the need for assistance by many families remains high, especially families who have never needed assistance before. Because job availability is still low and unemployment benefits are being exhausted, the need for help for essential services continues to grow. There are many ways we can help: continuing to support King's Cupboard with physical donations of food supplements their pantry shelves with variety that they do not get otherwise. Remembering to grab a can of tuna or a box of muffin mix every time you do your family shopping is easy. Then just put it in one of the bins under the mail boxes at church and it will be delivered to the pantry. Currently the most needed items are peanut butter, canned tuna and meat, dry cereal, boxed mixes ( cookie, muffin, cake, etc ), boxed pasta, potato, and rice mixes, macaroni and cheese, chili and spaghetti sauce. There are often coupons for these items: buy the maximum and bring them to church.

Another way to help needy families is to support Oregon HEAT: they take money donations which helps keep households warm. Once a family has been helped with Oregon HEAT funds, they are also educated about using energy more efficiently and budgeting for the costs of energy. Some are eligible for weatherization programs. Another way to support Oregon HEAT is to support their oil recycling program. Participating auto shops recycle the used motor oil through ORRCO (Oil Re-Refining Co.) who in turn pays Oregon HEAT for its salvage value. Two important things are going on here: the environment is protected and Oregon HEAT is able to expand its ability to help. We can be part of that by patronizing participating shops or encouraging our favorite shops to join. More information at [www.oregonheat.org](http://www.oregonheat.org).

With every bite you take, remember the hungry.

*Diane Mattox*

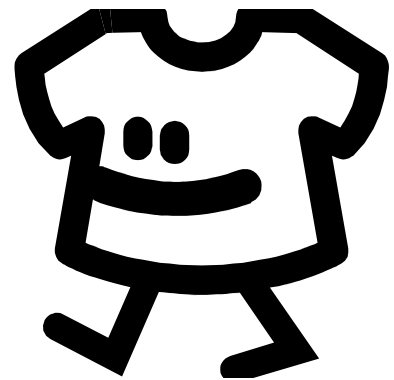
### Creator Tee Shirts are here!

**Be sure to get your Creator Tee Shirts,  
on sale now in the Narthex.**

**They are really cool and you can wear them when your  
Spiritworks team has a function or when you are  
working as a team on Sunday mornings.**

**They are selling like, well, like tee shirts—really fast.  
Get yours right away.**

**Requested donation is \$10 for kid's tee shirts and  
\$15 for adult's tee shirts.**



## Ministries of Creator

### Here's the latest news from the food pantry at King's Cupboard, King of Kings Lutheran Church:

- Demand continues strong. Comparing similar service dates in 2011 vs. 2010, the pantry has served 42% more families so far this year.
- USDA food allocations remain strong through April, though federal support for emergency foods is uncertain under current federal budget discussions. Other food supplies, via Oregon Food Bank, local food manufacturing or retail sources, trend significantly lower.
- Partner congregations remain strong and faithful in collecting food and funds and/or providing volunteers for pantry tasks -- and that's a huge help. We welcome two new congregation supporters this year: Clackamas Park Friends Church and Milwaukie Presbyterian Church. This project could not exist without all its helping hands!
- Current supporting congregations include:  
King of Kings Lutheran, Oak Hills Presbyterian, Creator Lutheran, Milwaukie Lutheran, Clackamas United Church of Christ, Clackamas Park Friends and Milwaukie Presbyterian
- The large View Acres School garden is currently building raised beds and preparing for planting. Jane Johnston, the school's science teacher, has done a remarkable job of engaging the school community and raising grant funds to make this garden a reality. The pantry looks forward to receiving fresh produce from the garden in September, when kids return to school.

And finally, Oregon Food Bank recently performed the pantry's site certification review. We were delighted to earn an "excellent" grade. "Your dedication to serving clients with dignity and connecting with the community is a model of excellence for pantries in the Metro area," notes the reviewer.

On May 5, King's Cupboard will host a pantry tour as part of Oregon Food Bank's member agency local conference. We are one of 3 agencies in Clackamas County being highlighted.

## Ministries of Creator



### **CREATOR WOMEN OF THE ELCA All are Welcome!**

Women and friends of Creator have two opportunities to have lunch together in May. Both no-host lunches are at 11:30 am at Happy Valley Apple-  
bee's. The Wednesday lunch is on May 11 and the Saturday lunch is on May 21st. These informal lunches are good ways to make new friends or to get better acquainted.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Huddleston, Lila Haase, or Eileen Houser.

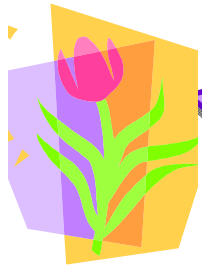
With your support, Creator WELCA is putting together 20 personal care kits for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. These kits make a difference to individuals who are most in need. Thank you for your contributions.

## *May 22 is last day of Sunday School for the 2010/ 2011 school year*

*Many thanks to Mary Masterson and Meghan Kelly for organizing  
another wonderful year of Sunday School!*

*Thanks, to, to Pat Isaac, Marie Rowland and Annie Miles for their  
work in the Sunday School.*

*Sunday School teachers will be needed for the 2011/2012 Sun-  
day School year. It is a shared job, so you teachers don't teach  
every week. Please prayerfully consider teaching—we have a big  
and very wonderful group of youngsters that need YOU!*



# Youth News for May



## **Youth and Parent Meeting:**

*Middle School and High School youth and their parents will be meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at Creator. Be there to talk about upcoming events.*

## **Creator Youth Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen**

A Youth Group fundraiser will be taking place at California Pizza Kitchen at the Clackamas Town Center ALL DAY on May 8, 9 and 10. Watch for coupons to present when you eat at CPK on those days and the CLC Youth will receive a percentage of the cost of the meals. This includes all services except delivery (and alcohol).

**WEAR YOUR CREATOR TEE SHIRTS when you go to eat at CPK!**

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