

**Hope Lutheran Church of the Sierra**  
 Congregational Life Team  
 Report to Council, September 1, 2009

**Date:** August 27, 2009

**To:** Church Council, Congregational Life Team

**From:** Phil Stevenson

**Coming Events**

Tallac Hike	Saturday, September 5, all day. An early start is needed because of scarce trailhead parking and the length of the hike.	This date is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, a week earlier than usual, so as not to conflict with the Women's Retreat. We will observe the Stations of the Cross during the ascent and celebrate Holy Communion at the summit. Organizer: Chris Triggs.
Beach Fellowship	Sunday, September 20, 5 PM to dusk, Pope Beach.	
"Pack-your-own" Picnic	Sunday, October 11, after service, Woods Lake. (Originally scheduled for 9/27 but moved to avoid a conflict with the Women's Monthly Luncheon.)	There will be options to fish and to hike after lunch. Organizer: Phil Stevenson.
Oktoberfest	Saturday and Sunday, October 4-5, Camp Rich.	Phil has asked Arlene Wolfe to organize a Hope Lutheran booth for Oktoberfest.
Halloween Party	Saturday, October 24, evening, at church.	Phil has asked Diane Martin to organize the event.
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?	Friday, October 30, evening.	Organizer: Chris Triggs. The Amundson's and the Larson's will host dessert. Other hosts are needed to serve dinner to groups of 6-8 people.

**Events for Late Fall/Early Winter – Dates to be Determined**

Potluck Dinner and Movie, "How Great is Our God?"	Date to be determined.	Pastor Martyn and Kerwin Wolfgram will plan this event.
Christmas Caroling	Date to be determined.	To be discussed further at October team meeting.

Our meeting on August 16 was attended by Pastor Martyn, Chris Triggs, Arlene Wolfe, Kerwin Wolfgram, and me.

The attendance has been sparse for this summer's hikes (Waterfall Hike, June 7, 5 hikers; Wildflower Hike through Meiss Meadow, July 18, 3 hikers; Wildflower Hike to Winnemucca Lake, August 2, 2 hikers), but several others who wanted to go couldn't because of schedule

conflicts. The team feels that the hikes were worthwhile, especially the Carson Pass to Meiss Meadow to Big Meadow hike, which occurred at the peak of the wildflower season.

The Annual Picnic (July 26) was quite successful, with lots of people attending the outdoor service, enjoying lunch, and staying for games (volleyball, bocce, ladder golf, horseshoes).

Attendance at the first two Beach Fellowship Events was low: 6 on June 14 and 5 on July 18, but there were 9 adults and 4-5 children there on August 16. Finding each other has been a problem for 2 of the 3 events so far this summer, so Phil has specified the location for the September 20 event more precisely in his website posting. It will be near the second (of the three) lavatory buildings next to the second parking area.

We scheduled our next meeting for Sunday, October 18 at church at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Stevenson