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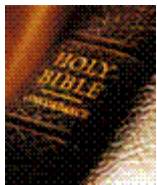
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September 2007



Rally Day is Sunday, September 9th!

Rally Day is the day when we begin the new Sunday School year and change our service time from 10:00 back to 10:45. The teachers are asked to join us during both Sunday services for teacher installation and the children join us for the blessing of the backpacks. During Sunday School time from 9:40 - 10:30, the children will have the opportunity to meet their teacher, see their classroom and parents are invited to stay for coffee and fellowship. Join us for this fun time!



3RD GRADERS & PARENTS:

The Bible Class with the pastors is starting soon. To lead off the class you'll be traveling to the Woodcarving Museum in Shell Lake on Sunday, September 23rd, then meeting with the pastors (and your parents) on Sundays September 30th, October 14th, 21st, and 28th during the 9:40am Sunday School time. You'll then receive your Bibles on Sunday, November 4th at the 10:45 service.



Will be in worship here with us again this year! Join us

on Saturday, September 29th at 5:30pm & Sunday, September 30th at 8:30 & 10:45am. They will be participating in our Confirmation Retreat on Saturday night.

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CONFIRMATION MINISTRY:

ATTENTION 9TH GRADE CONFIRMANDS:

Confirmation will be on Sunday, October 7th at 10:45 a.m. All work and worship reports **MUST** be done before this day! See Pastor Lisa if you have any questions. Watch your mail for more information on final meetings and projects. You will have the opportunity to plan the confirmation service and take leadership roles at the service.

You'll be meeting with the Pastors on **Sunday, September 9th, Wednesday, September 26th** and **Wednesday the October 3rd** to prepare for confirmation. Here is the schedule for September:

- **Sunday, September 9th, 9:40a.m.:** Confirmands and parents meet to plan the service and be fitted for gowns.
- **Wednesday, September 26th 7:30-8:30pm.:** The confirmands meet with the Pastors.
- **Wednesday, October 3rd, 7-9:00pm:** Confirmands meet with the Pastors. At least one parent needs to attend. The rehearsal for confirmation begins at 8pm.

FOR ALL 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

- The first SWYG (Second Wednesday Youth Group) for this year will be Wednesday, **September 12 at 5:30 p.m.** Attendance at SWYG is expected of all confirmation students.
- Session One classes will begin **Wednesday, September 5 at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.**

See page 4 for more information on Confirmation activities



I just finished reading another book by John Ortberg. This one is titled *God is Closer Than You Think*. This is what the front cover flap says: Have you ever wondered. . .

- If God is always with us, why is He so hard to find?
- If the Lord says his sheep know His voice, why doesn't He talk to you?
- If He's as relational as the Bible says He is, where's the intimacy?

I think these questions plague all people of faith. We long to know God and know His continual presence and guidance like our dearest friend. Ortberg contends that this is possible.

Also on the front flap – Where's God? Closer than you think. More eager to connect with you than you can imagine. But amid the relentless crush of daily living, discerning God can be a lot like spotting Waldo in the popular cartoon book. He's in every picture, but you've got to train yourself to recognize him amid the clutter."

In the first chapter, Ortberg writes that God is longing for a relationship with us. If you think of the Michelangelo painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, there is the image of God as the old man with the long white beard reaching and straining with all his might to reach out to Adam. God has left a little space so that Adam can choose. Adam on the other hand is lazily relaxing, not straining at all to reach God's hand. However, if Adam only moves his finger slightly, the connection would be made. God has made all the effort necessary and has reached out so that all we have to do is move a finger, say a prayer, seek his presence in the moment, and the connection will be made. Ortberg has a list of "Foundational Truths of My Life with God." His suggestion is to review these truths once a day for two weeks so that we can learn to cultivate the practice of God's presence.

- God is always present and active in my life, whether or not I see Him.
- Coming to recognize and experience God's presence is a learned behavior; I can cultivate it.
- My task is to meet God in this moment.
- I am always tempted to live "outside" this moment. When I do that, I lose my sense of God's presence.
- Sometimes God seems far away for reasons I do not understand. Those moments, too, are opportunities to learn.
- Whenever I fail, I can always start again right away.
- No one knows the full extent to which a human being can experience God's presence.
- My desire for God ebbs and flows, but his desire for me is constant.
- Every thought carries a "spiritual charge" that moves me a little closer to or a little farther from God.
- Every aspect of my life – work, relationships, hobbies, errands – is of immense and genuine Interest to God.
- My path to experiencing God's presence will not look quite like anyone else's.
- Straining and trying too hard do not help.

I found this book to be a good reminder to look for God in each moment. God is there whether we see Him, or feel Him or not. I'm going to do as Ortberg suggests – I'm going to look at these Foundational Truths for the next few weeks. I challenge you to do the same. We all need that spiritual recharge and reminder that God is closer than we may think.

See you in church!
Pastor Lisa

Minutes of the Congregational Council
July 16, 2007

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Members Present: Barbara Swant, Joe Johnson, Gary Steglich, Terry Jergenson, Clarice Fall, Jim Forsman, Gail Smith, Jason Erb, Bruce Beyer, Ardis Ress, Judy Amundson, Pastor Lisa, Paul Amundson, Kolleen Felber, Sharon Nelson and Rob Davis from the Vision Team

The meeting opened with devotions and prayer led by Pastor Lisa.

The secretary's report was reviewed and accepted after the spelling of the last name Aderman was corrected.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted into the minutes. As of the meeting date we had a total of \$4,949.88 in checking/savings. Joe Johnson reported that we made it to June without having to borrow any money.

Sharon Nelson and Rob Davis gave a Vision Team update. This update will be posted in the church bulletin as an insert for several Sundays and also in the Luthergram. The main area that Barron First Lutheran will focus on this year is "Passionate Spirituality". A plea was given to the council that all members be onboard with modeling "Passionate Spirituality".



Gary Steglich reported on the paving of the parking lot. Three bids for the job were shared. Jim Forsman moved/Joe Johnson 2nd that the property committee decide which patching bid would be the best to stay under the amount budgeted for this year, then budget for a complete recoat for next year. Motion carried.

Trust fund transfers: Still need to pay Luther Park \$1,140 for camperships. \$150 – Use of Church and \$600 – Radio ministry transferred from the trust fund to the general fund. Joe Johnson/Jim Forsman.

Pastor Lisa discussed the youth trip, July 28 – August 4, instillation of the new Bishop August 26th at 3pm in Rice Lake, and Women's Retreat at Luther Park (Lisa pastor for retreat). It was suggested that we may want to discuss child protection background checks for our Sunday school teachers and other youth workers. It is important to do for insurance purposes. Joe Johnson suggested making this a line item for the budget.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Summer Worship Survey

Thank you to all who filled in the summer worship schedule survey. Your thoughts are very helpful as we plan worship for the summer of 2008.

In an effort to glean the thoughts of more people, the Worship and Music Committee is providing this questionnaire. Even if you responded on the insert in the Sunday morning bulletins, your additional input will be helpful as we are now asking specific questions. Please return your questionnaire to church.

Based on the results, the Worship & Music Committee will make a recommendation to the Church Council. The Church Council will consider that recommendation and forward to the congregation it's proposal. The final worship schedule for the summer of 2008 will be determined by the vote of the congregation at the January 2008 Annual Meeting.

2008 Summer Worship Schedule

I feel we should combine the Sunday morning services for the summer of 2008 (June—Labor Day Weekend):

Yes _____ No _____

I would attend a combined service that begins at (*check as many times as you wish*):

8:30am _____ 9:00am _____ 9:30am _____ 10:00am _____



Above: The Rev. Duane Pederson, former pastor of First Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, was installed as bishop for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at a ceremony Sunday afternoon at UW-Barron County in Rice Lake. Pederson succeeds former bishop Robert Berg. Pederson, 52, has more than 26 years of experience in ministry. One of 65 synods in the ELCA, the northwest Wisconsin Synod covers 4,000 square miles, with 213 congregations and about 105,400 members.
Left: The Rev. Mark Hanson, reading, at right, presiding bishop of the ELCA, led the worship and installation.
Carl Meidel photos

THE 2007 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY ADDRESSES VARIETY OF TOPICS:

(Excerpts from an email dated Friday, August 17 from ELCA News.)

CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The Tenth Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) acted on a variety of topics, including a churchwide initiative focused on Bible study, a social statement on education, the ELCA's financial future, an extension of the ELCA's full communion relationship with the Moravian Church, sexuality matters and a new social statement on criminal justice. The assembly acted on proposals regarding social concerns such as HIV and AIDS, the situation in Darfur, Sudan, the Iraq War, military veterans, and the conflict in Israel and Palestine.

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, was re-elected and chaired the assembly. Hanson is also president of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Geneva. The assembly also elected a new ELCA secretary, David D. Swartling.

Navy Pier, Chicago, was the site of the Churchwide Assembly, Aug. 6-11, 2007. About 2,000 people participated, including 1,069 voting members. The theme was "Living in God's Amazing Grace: Thanks Be to God!"

You can read more of this article by going to the news page of our website and clicking the link for ELCA News. Would you like to sign up to receive the ELCA news via email? You can! A second link is available on our website for the ELCA news site's sign-up page.

Celebrate!



You're invited to attend the
75th Anniversary All Camp Reunion Celebration
September 14-15 at Luther Park.

Friday evening we will "Remember When" Bring your memories and weave them together with those of other former campers, counselors and friends of Luther Park. Sing songs, view photos, hear stories and share your own.

Saturday will be a day packed with all of the recreational opportunities that Luther Park has to offer. Some activities will be planned AND there will be lots of time left over for spontaneous fun.

The day, and the weekend, will be capped off with a worship celebration. Come, sing and praise and shout as we thank God for 75 years of great ministry and memories.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday — September 14, 2007

- 4:30 Registration, move in and get settled
- 6:00 DINNER in the Dining Hall
- 7:00 Slides ~ Songs ~ Stories of 75 Years in the Chapel
- 8:30 Snacks in the Dining Hall / Canteen OPEN
- 9:00 Campfire

Saturday — September 15, 2007

- 8:00 Breakfast buffet in the dining hall
- 9:00 Morning Prayer in the Chapel
- 9:30 Fun & Games:
Bean bag toss & other carnival-like games
Sand Volleyball ~ Frisbee Golf ~ Basketball ~ etc.
Canoe to the Bog ~ Hike in the Woods ~ Walk the Labyrinth ~ etc.
- 10:00 Slides ~ Songs ~ Stories (repeat upon request)
Fun & Games continue
- 12:00 Lunch in the Dining Hall
- 1:00 Arts & Crafts ~ Pontoon Rides ~ Dunk "SHERM" in the tank
Fun & Games Continue
- 3:30 ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP CELEBRATION
- 4:30 - 7:00 HOG ROAST

REGISTRATION FEES

\$50 per/person WEEKEND
\$25 per/person Saturday ONLY
\$12 HOG ROAST ONLY

\$50 Fee includes:
4 Meals, Lodging, Program,
Equipment & Accident Insurance

Family maximums:
\$200 for the weekend
\$100 for Saturday
Children 3 and under FREE

*The Worship offering & proceeds from the meal will be applied to the
75th Anniversary — HEART of the MATTER Appeal*

Registration Info is available on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Luther Park Bible Camp, PO Box 153, Chetek, WI 54728 715-859-2215 email: mary@lutherpark.org website: www.lutherpark.org

Youth & Sunday School Activities

S.W.Y.G.

September 12th at 5:30pm is our first S.W.Y.G. of the year for our middle school Students! All middle school youth are required to attend as part of their confirmation activities. Plan on joining us for fellowship, a meal and fun!

Tangled Blue

Confirmation Students:

Tangled Blue will be joining us again to participate in the Confirmation Retreat!

Saturday, September 29th:

5:15 Registration

5:30-6:30pm Worship With *Tangled Blue*

6:30pm Dinner & Retreat with *Tangled Blue*

10:30 Depart for Home (From South Doors)

This will fulfill the retreat attendance requirement for this confirmation year. Sign-up on the bulletin board in Luther Hall for a great evening of fun and fellowship!

Parents: we still need chaperones!

September "Fellowship at First" Event for High School-Aged Youth...

The September event for the high school youth group will be on **Wednesday, September 12th from 7-8:30pm.** We will be planning activities for the 2007-08 school year. Please mark you calendars and bring a friend!



CALLING ALL TEACHERS - Our children need YOU! We're looking for (1) 1st Grade, (2) 2nd Grade and (1) 5th Grade teacher. We also need (2) people to help youth teach with the 3 year olds and 4 year olds (our child protection policy mandates that anyone under 21 years of age cannot teach without an adult helping them). Anyone who is interested in teaching or helping with Sunday School this fall, please contact Bonnie Hilbert at 637-9339 as soon as possible so that you can get the grade/age that you would prefer. Get a friend and co-teach!



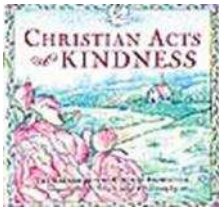
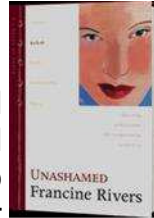
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH! Join us during either Sunday service for the blessing of the backpacks and installation of our Sunday School teachers. We will enjoy our Sunday School time at 9:40 with a child & parent get-together. Children will meet their teacher, find their room and enjoy a snack. Parents are asked to come and register your child(ren), have a muffin and coffee and get caught up with your church friends! We're also looking for parents to sign-up to bring a snack one Sunday.

THE 3RD GRADE CLASS will be going to the Woodcarving Museum in Shell Lake on **September 23rd at 9:15.** This is a trip donated by Evelyn Peterson. We are looking for parents to drive - please call Bonnie ASAP so we can make sure we have enough rides for everyone. They will then begin having Bible classes with the pastors on **Sept 30., Oct 14, 21, and 28 from 9:40 to 10:30.** Each child should bring a parent or parents with them. Finally, they will end this study by receiving new Bibles on **November 4th at the 10:45 service.**



OUR CHURCH LIBRARY has two small books that are worthwhile to take a “little” time to read.

The first is a novella by Francine Rivers, Unashamed. This book is about Rahab, one of five unlikely women who changed eternity. Rahab was a woman with a past to whom God gave a future. This obok tells how men exploited Rahab and saw only her beauty, but Rahab held fast to her faith in God. You see the truth of how God finds those whose hearts are tender towards Him, no matter how far away they are.



The second book is Christian Acts of Kindness, by the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation with a forward by Millard D. Fuller. This obok has heart-warming stories that show Christ’s love and kindness, stories that will warm your heart and lift your spirit. They are shining examples of people around the world living the Christian credo to “love thy neighbor as thyself”. “To get joy, we must give it, and to keep joy we must scatter it” (*John Templeton*).

Visit our library, check the books out - you will enjoy them!



THE JESUS PAINTER, Christian performance artist **Mike Lewis**, will be using his gift to communicate the message of Christ in a dramatic presentation that demonstrates the essence of the gospel in a way never experienced before. This powerful message captures the imagination of audiences of all ages. The Jesus Painter will be performing in Eau Claire on September 23, 2007 at 4pm at the State Theatre in Eau Claire. All are welcome! (*You can learn more about Mike Lewis at www.jesuspainter.com*)



Gift from the Heart would like to include knitted **mitten**s for each child receiving a gift this Christmas. Warm hearts and willing hands help make this project a reality. Yarn is available by calling Cheryl Johnson, 637-5350.

THE BARRON COUNTY OFFICE ON AGING is hosting a series of workshops called the “Helping Hands Series”. It’s for those who are caring for aging family members and friends. The workshops will be held each Tues., from Sept 11 through Nov 13 from 1-3pm in the Great Room at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake. The public is invited to attend any or all of the workshops. More information, including a listing of workshop topics, can be found on the bulletin board across from the church office.

THE MISSION TRIP GROUP met at First Lutheran on Friday, July 27th, for a Send-off Service prior to loading the U-haul. We then left the church on Saturday morning enroute to Carthage College. We enjoyed a tour of the campus followed by pizza, volleyball, and swimming in Lake Michigan.

After a good night’s rest we took off for Aurora, Illinois. The trip to Aurora went a little longer than expected (few wrong turns.oops!). At the work camp, we were filled with devotion, play, food, and song. We met many new people and grew deeper in our faith. Please join us on Rally Day Sunday when we will share pictures, songs, and detailed accounts of the trip.

Thank you First Lutheran for making this trip possible!

Robin Hanson



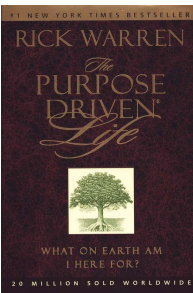


Did you see that it's picture directory time again? Pictures are going to be taken again during the first week of Oct. We encourage you to sign up soon as they are going to fill up fast.

Did you know that every portrait sitting gets a free 8X10? You also have the option to order additional pictures, if you so choose. The pictures will be here in plenty of time to send out as gifts or Christmas cards, too. And the directory you receive means you can finally learn the names of those folks you see in church on Sunday. (No, there won't be a quiz!)

Did you know that our church benefits by having more people take their pictures? We receive extra directories to give to new members, info brochures about our church to hand out to new folks in the community, extra pages in the directory, and the list goes on. *But only if you help!* One church recently had 92% of their members have their picture taken. Let's shoot for 100%!

Members of the Public Relations Committee will be taking appointments and answering questions before the 5:30 service on Sat starting September 1st and between services on Sunday. Or contact the church office for more information. We want to see YOU in our book!



What on earth are you here for?

Have you ever wondered about your purpose in life? Have you ever wondered if your life has any lasting value? Most of us have asked ourselves those questions at some time or another.

Beginning October 2 and 4, on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m., we will be going through Rick Warren's The Purpose Driven Life. Warren writes: *"You are not an accident. Even before the universe was created, God had you in mind, and he planned you for his purposes. These purposes extend far beyond the few years you will spend on earth. You were meant to last forever!"*

Please sign up for this class with Pastor Lisa by September 16 so we can get books ordered. The price of the book will be \$12. Childcare can be made available with advance notice. Join us and find out more about your God created purpose. It should be a great study!!

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Yes, Pastor Lisa, I'm interested in attending the Purpose Driven Life Bible Study!

Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Please order me _____ **copies of the Book @ \$12 each** or **I already have one** - don't order one for me! _____

I would like to attend the study on: Tuesdays at 7:00pm _____ Thursdays at 10:00am _____

I'd appreciate childcare. I have _____ child(ren) that would be coming with me.

THANK YOU... .

My sincere thank you to my church family and pastors for the prayer support, cards and phone calls for myself and Norm during my long hospital stay. May God bless all of you.
 Nancy & Norm Thompson

The property committee thanks the anonymous donor of \$6,000 towards the resurfacing of our parking lot. Thank you!

The property committee also thanks Laretta Peterson, who donated \$5,000 from the Bob Peterson Memorial Fund for the purchase of new windows at the Edgewood Street Parsonage.

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR...

...the Presidents of Cameroun and Central African Republic during this unstable time. Pray for the caregivers of the malnourished children kept at the Garoua Boulai Nutrition Center that there will be those who really understand the Fulani.



Warmest Greetings to All of You,

Plan to attend our annual meeting this September 5th at 1:30pm. Faith Circle has prepared an original skit, "BeeAttitude", to introduce our new Bible Study. Pastor Lisa will then give us an overview of the study. We will also be electing new officers and voting on some revisions to our constitution, so don't miss this important afternoon.

Then mark your calendars for our October 3rd meeting. We will be having a Fair Exchange Christmas Fair. Fair Exchange is a program which helps all of God's people in their struggle against poverty and oppression. We help by buying work created by talented artisans and chocolate and coffee from farmers at a price that is fair to us and them. The monies are channeled back to the people who bring us the products. No ordering—take them with you that day. If you already have your Christmas shopping done, come anyway, and have coffee and cookies with us and view the work of your sisters and brothers around the world. Bring your friends.

The peace of the Lord be with you - each and every one!
Sincerely,
Barb Swant, President.



Duties this month:

Mission Correspondence: Harmony Circle
Communion Assistants: Faith Circle
Kitchen Maintenance: Carol Juve & Roxy Kahl
Care of Altar: Deb Slagstad, Arlene Frandsen & Jan Barrett

LutheranWoman TODAY The September issue of our magazine contains so many interesting articles, also a list of resources for you to order some interesting books.

Our new Bible study with the title: "Blessed to Follow: the Beatitudes". Session 1 is Counting Your Blessings with the theme verses Matt. 5:3-12. The Beatitudes bear blessings, and each blessing bears a promise." Remember that you will enjoy the morning at Chetek Lutheran where we will have an overview of the study by Pastor Nathalie Laske.

MISSION NEWS:

All the boxes packed by Judy, Donna and Lorraine, all bandages (over 1000!), gifts given for needs and transport given by someone were put into my brother, Norm's truck and he delivered it all to Global Health Ministries on August 13. There were 136 bars of soap, many towels, a large box of baby clothes that will be wonderful for orphans and malnourished children. I have a total list of things sent if you want to see it. All volunteers (65!) packed 2-(40) ft sea containers.

The Nutrition Center at Garoua Boulai was repaired, painted and is now ready to receive the malnourished who must be hospitalized. Dr. Solofu told me on Sunday, August 19 that people representing Cameroun Health Dept., UN., UNICEF, and WHO were there already. The refugees have already been seen and there are 31 little children who will get food. Dr. says the pantry is full! All the money sent by you for aids orphans will be used for them through the hospital. Thank you again for your gifts which Mr. Noss has taken to Garouai Boulai.

- Lorraine Haugen



The Barron Food Pantry is showing an increased need to help families. They're asking for the following items:

- Instant mashed potatoes
- Jello
- Canned veggies
- Fresh Garden Produce
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- Personal Supplies

Thank you for everything that you give!

BISHOP PEDERSON'S FIRST DAY AS BISHOP

All I needed in order to be ready for the first day of grade school were new color crayons (the bigger the box, the better), "Big Chief" lined notebook paper, #2 pencils, a big rubber eraser, new tennis shoes, and a new Flintstones lunchbox. I piled my school supplies into the big wire basket on the front of my bicycle and peddled three miles to Creston School, all the while looking down at my new shoes that weren't even scuffed yet. And when I walked into the classroom, armed with my supplies, I was ready to begin the school year.

Today is my first day as bishop. Instead of new school supplies, I brought 10 boxes of beloved books and four boxes of files to my new office in Rice Lake. But I hardly feel ready to begin! I don't know how to operate the laptop, the copy machine looks like a robot from another galaxy, and the procedures that everyone else takes for granted seem like a maze through which I have to feel my way. Not a single book or file that I brought with me is helpful. Perhaps I should have bought a new box of color crayons, just to make me feel better. But, I have mastered one thing: I know where the restroom key is!

Yes, newness and change are afoot. And it may surprise you to learn that I *do* feel confident, even though I have much to learn as I "grow into" the office of bishop. I am confident not so much because of my preparedness, but because I know there are countless people in our Synod and beyond who are holding me in prayer. I am confident because I know the Lord steps you and me in his grace. I am confident because I trust that the Spirit guides the church in both seen and unseen ways, whether we're fully prepared followers or not!

Therefore, as we seek to be the disciples whom God has called us to be, trust always in the Lord, for he is our strength and our salvation.

"Trust in the Lord forever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock." Isaiah 26:4



September 2007

September 2, 2007: Janet Peterman – Ritual Living With a Flair; *Colossians 3:16-17*

We often speak of rituals as being boring, dull, or even dead. The word ritual is laden with many negative connotations in peoples' minds. But rituals can drive life. They can even restore life. The Rev. Janet Peterman believes so thoroughly in their power that she has authored a book of sacred rituals for special moments and crises in life. It's not your average compilation of friendly rituals for easy times, but it is what you or a friend may wish to know about for that trying time that can befall any one of us.

September 9, 2007: Eboo Patel – The Dangers of Religious Totalitarianism; *Acts 2:1-21*

If you are tired of trying to make sense of why certain expressions of religion irritate you so thoroughly, you need to meet Eboo Patel. Chances are good that what is bothering, or even infuriating you, is what Patel calls "religious totalitarianism." Or it could be your own mistaken assumption that no one knows the truth unless they know your version of it. Eboo Patel is an articulate man of faith who is founder and executive director of Interfaith Youth Core – an organization devoted to advancing religious understanding and respect.

September 16, 2007: Andrea Jaeger – Holy Laughter *Genesis 18:12-15*

Those who follow the tennis world closely know the name Andrea Jaeger. In the mid-1980s she was playing number two in the world on the women's pro circuit. That was young Andrea. Following a career ending injury as a teenager, she engaged in a serious refocus of her life. Today, she is an Anglican Dominican sister who devotes everything she is to kids who live with life-threatening diseases. It's quite a life, mixing tears, laughter and a whole lot of fulfillment.

September 23, 2007: Wayne-Daniel Berard – Retrieving Our Jewishness; *Mark 6:3*

If Christians are not careful, we have a dangerous tendency to view the Bible as an exclusively Christian book. Where this perspective exists, we do a serious disservice to both the Jewishness of Jesus and the Jewish roots of our own faith. Wayne-Daniel Berard, professor and author, who was born of a Jewish parent and adopted by a Catholic family, practices his faith today as a Christian and a Jew. He calls on Christians to explore "with open heart and mind" the Jewishness, not only of Jesus, but of themselves.

September 30, 2007: David Hilfiker – Seeing Into the Eyes of the Poor; *Deuteronomy 15:1-11*

David Hilfiker did what many people think about, but never have the courage to do. He and his family left comfortable living in a rural community to begin a new life among some of America's poorest people in an urban ghetto. Few upper-middle class people understand the plight of the poor quite like this physician. He contends that the only way to really know what it means to be poor, and to quit treating "the poor" like a category, is to look them in the eye and get to know them.

**GATHERED TOGETHER
BY THE SPIRIT**

GENERAL FUND OFFERING

2007 Budget	311,000.00
Received This Week	3,907.25
Needed Year to Date	176,188.41
Received Year to Date	182,657.04
	+6,468.63

REPAIR AND DEBT FUND

Received Year to Date	7,817.00
Needed Year to Date	8,365.34
	- 1,990.64

RADIO BROADCASTS

September 2: In memory of Nellie & Norman Olson by family: Anita Olson, Susan Olson, Robert Olson, Nancy Syndergaard & Donna Toomey

September 9: In honor of Mike & Cindy Otto's wedding anniversary.

September 16: In honor of Lloyd & Janet Campbell's 51st wedding anniversary.

September 23: In honor of Adolph & Lorraine Scheps' 55th wedding anniversary by Dan & Valeri Scheps and family.

September 30: In memory of Charles Beckwith by wife Effie & daughters Kristine, Marilyn & Carolyn.

BAPTISMS

Bailey Unity McGiffin..... 08.05.07

FUNERALS

JoAn Anderson 08/03/07

MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS

- For the purchase of cabinets in the church office \$100
- For blessings received
For the radio broadcast Fund \$75
- In memory of Don Thompson \$10
- In memory of Mal & Al Burow
for the Radio Broadcast Fund..... \$75
- In memory of Mike & Kathy Weghorn
for the Radio Broadcast Fund..... \$75
- In honor of Adoph & Lorraine Scheps' 55th
wedding anniversary
for the Radio Broadcast Fund..... \$75
- In memory of Luella Turgeson
for the Radio Broadcast Fund..... \$150
- In memory of Nellie & Norman Olson
For the Radio Broadcast Fund \$75
- For the resurfacing of the parking lot \$6,000
- For the purchase of new windows at the
Edgewood Parsonage \$5,000



THE CHURCH COUNCIL has approved adding "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" to the Gifts and Memorials list.



We will not be using budgeted money to purchase this new hymnal and service book until enough gift money has been received to purchase the books.

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Summer Schedule:
(Memorial Day - Labor Day)
Saturday Worship,* 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship,* 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Winter Schedule:
Saturday Worship,* 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship,* 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:40 a.m.

*Holy Communion,
each Saturday and 1st and 3rd Sunday

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