



# FOCUS AT FIRST

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## **NURSING HOME SUNDAY SERVICES:**

Each church in Barron takes a turn providing Sunday worship at Barron Extended Care and Barron Care and Rehab (Riverside). Our next turn comes on Sunday, April 27. We are at Extended Care at 3pm and “Riverside” at 4pm. If you can help with passing out song books, and/or help us sing a few songs, you are cordially invited to come and join Pastor Lisa and the folks at the nursing homes. The residents LOVE to see visitors.

## **NURSING HOME COMMUNION SERVICES:**

Each 4th Monday afternoon First Lutheran offers communion at five senior housing facilities: Monroe Manor, Berger Woodland, Maplecroft, Barron Care and Rehab and Barron Extended Care. There is a time of singing and then a service of communion. Please call Roger Jones (637-5762) if you would be available and like to help with the music. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



**WE'RE LOOKING FOR** attendees for the Synod Assembly! This year's theme is Book of Faith: Lutherans Read the Bible featuring Diane Jacobson as keynote speaker. Assembly dates are May 30-31 at UW –Eau Claire. If you're interested please contact the church office or speak with one of the pastors.

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**THE FIFTH GRADERS AND PARENTS** finished their Holy Communion Class with the pastors on Palm Sunday, March 16th. Those attending the class and receiving the Sacrament were Paige Burdick, Kristina Johnson, Willie Krentz, Ben Sinclair, Hannah Sloan, and Sara Williams.

## **THE NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**

If you had your picture taken your complimentary copy is waiting for you!



We all know the necessity of heat in the winter, and our furnaces are the way we keep warm during those frigid days. In March, the furnace quit for the Parker family (pictured above). If that wasn't bad enough, when it was restarted, black smoke filled their home and destroyed much. Adam, Karri (nee Weinert), Taylor and Caleb are now faced with the costs of cleaning or replacing their belongings. With no insurance, these costs are impossible for them to meet. On April 5 & 6 we will be having a collection for the Parker family. Please be as generous as you can to help this family in need.

## **Trivia Question: Is it Pokegama? Or Pokegema?**

**What does it mean?**  
(See page 4 for more info)

## Easter Around the World



*This year, Easter Sunday was March 23 (unless you're Eastern Orthodox, in which case it's April 27). You probably have your own Easter traditions, but did you ever wonder how people celebrate in other countries? Here are a few of the more interesting traditions:*

**Greece:** *On Good Friday all the flags in Greece are lowered to half-mast and a funeral service is held for Jesus. Saturday night everyone goes to church; at midnight the priest intones the paschal hymn, "Christ has risen from the dead and in so doing has trampled on death and to those in the tombs he has given life." Church bells ring in celebration, fireworks go off, ships sound their sirens and we're told the celebration makes our 4th of July seem tame in comparison.*

**Bulgaria:** *Eggs are dyed red to symbolize the blood of Christ. People take their eggs to church to be blessed, then crack them on the wall of the church. Alternatively, they may tap their egg against someone else's; the person whose egg cracks last is believed to be in for a year of good luck.*



**England:** *In what is possibly the strangest custom of all, the town of Hallaton engages in a traditional Hare Pie Scramble and Bottle Kicking. Apparently hundreds of years ago a woman was saved by a hare running across the path of a bull on Easter Monday. As a token of her appreciation, she bequeathed a piece of land to the rector of the church. The sole condition to this bequest was that the rector had to distribute a hare pie made to his parishioners (along with a large quantity of ale) every year. And the Bottle Kicking? It's a sort of extreme rugby/football game with no real rules where the men of Hallaton and the next village over attempt to capture the 'bottle' (actually a small wooden barrel).*

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I received the above information in an e-mail from Women of Faith. It is interesting to learn more about how other cultures and people celebrate Easter. The most important thing, more important than eggs or chocolate (yes, even chocolate), is the resurrection of Jesus from the grave. Christmas warms our hearts and without Christmas and the birth of Jesus we couldn't have Easter. But Easter is the ultimate battle won – Death is DEFEATED! The gates of heaven are open to us because of Jesus' willingness to go to the cross and grave for us. The powers of death and evil cannot hold us hostage any longer. We have the promise and hope that the grave cannot and will not hold us any more than it held Jesus. Alleluia! He is Risen! We have Hope and New Life! May we all live in a continual celebration of Easter and the Resurrection.

See you in Church!  
Pastor Lisa

### Confirmation Session 5 Begin!

- Worship class with Pastor Lisa, begins at 6 p.m. on April 2 and runs through May 7 (taking 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays off for SWYG)
- Christian Conservation with Dale Hanson will be on Saturday, April 26

**Minutes of the Congregational Council  
February 18, 2008**

Members Present: Clarice Fall, Jason Erb, Judy Amundson, Pastor Lisa Shank, Barb Swant, Paul Amundson, Terry Jergenson, Joe Johnson, Marvin Organ, Pastor Bruce Beyer, Michelle Davis, Lissette Ritchie, George Unteriner, Ardis Ress, Gayle Larson

Excused Absence: Rod Wiener, Carla Nordby

The meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by the council president, Clarice Fall. Devotions were given by Judy Amundson.

The individuals present introduced themselves and told about their lives. The secretary's report was approved as presented with a motion by Jason Erb and a second by Ardis REss. The motion carried. The treasurer's report was reviewed. As of January 31 we are 87.17% of budget. Joe Johnson guided us through the financial reports we are given each month and answered questions regarding their content. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented with a motion by Jason Erb and was seconded by Marvin Organ. The motion carried.

Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

- Youth—Lissette Ritchie provided details regarding a 15 passenger van that the Youth Committee is potentially interested in purchasing. There was discussion regarding the feasibility of this purchase. The council has requested that additional research be done regarding insurance cost, gas, ongoing maintenance and other options such as leasing. Lenten meals have been going well, though an alternative source for the soup is being researched.
- Property—Progress is being made on the remodeling of the Edgewood parsonage. The council thanked the donors that have generously supplied new appliances for this project.
- Vision Team - There has not been a lot of feedback from individual committees. Committees are reminded that discussion and supporting activities of our Vision should be a regular part of their meetings. It was suggested that a new committee report form be developed to include discussion that is held regarding the Church's Vision and the support that the various committees are providing towards these goals. It was agreed that there does appear to be an uplifting spirit within our church, a potential outcome of the Vision and its goals.
- Be-Frienders Training was attended by Cheryl Johnson, Pastor Lisa Shank and Pastor Bruce Byer. They felt that the experience was beneficial. One half day training session has been held by Pastor Lisa within the congregation. She is currently training five people as Be-Frienders. They are: Ardis Ress, Joan Christenson, Mary Ferguson, Barb Kirk and Clarice Fall.
- Multi-Media: The placement of the screens for this service is a large concern for many. Discussion will take place prior to

any final decisions being made.

Trust Fund Transfers:

- Reimbursement for the housing expenses for the Be-Frienders Training from the Hawkinson Fund for \$500.68
- Expenditures for the sound system/installation, the sequencer and surge protector for \$2,370.00
- Registration for the Youth Canoe Trip (\$50.00) and Godstock (\$100.00) from the ELCA Youth Meeting/Gathering Fund.
- Transfer from the Turkey Dinner trust fund for the Edgewood parsonage remodeling project for cabinets, \$1200.54.

A motion as made by Paul Amundson and seconded by Jason Erb to approve the above transfers. The motion carried unanimously.

Pastor's Reports:

- Pastor Beyer—There are no member transfers to approve. The installation of the new congregational council will be on Sunday, February 24 at the 8:30 service. There are files in the church office for each committee please check them for information and use them to sort any information for other committees. All bills that are approved should be placed in the treasurer's box. Any reoccurring bills will be paid and adjusted if questions arise. Please ask that your vendors place a name on the billing so that supplies and products ordered can be accounted for correctly. There are council training events coming up. If anyone is interested they should let one of the pastors know.
- Pastor Shank - Training begun for a new BeFrienders group. They will meet two Saturdays and during the week. There will be a new member class beginning soon. This is a two session class and anyone interested is invited to attend. During Lent there are mid-week services on Wednesdays at noon and in the evening.

President's Report:

- We now have one safety deposit box located at the First National Bank in Rice Lake. There are currently 4 signatures on the card and a 5th needs to be added. Two of the individuals must be present to open the box. A motion was made by Terry Jergenson to add Jason Erb as the 5th person. This motion was seconded by Marvin Organ. The motion carried.
- A replacement for the dual check signing is needed. A motion was made by Gayle Larson to add Jason Erb as he is the chairperson of the Finance Committee. This was seconded by Paul Amundson. The motion carried.
- A motion was made by Jason Erb to order a cake for Susan Babler's book signing. This was seconded by Lissette Ritchie. The motion carried.

Sign-ups were taken for devotions for future meetings.

A motion as made by Paul Amundson to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Gayle Larson. The motion carried. The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

## Afternoon Fellowship:

### THE POKEGAMA Recreating an Historical Landmark



Ever seen the famous Pokagama Inn canoe? No? Well, here's your chance. On Wednesday, April 23, we're carpooling to Chetek to have lunch at the famous old restaurant, leaving First Lutheran at 11:30.

Many know it was recently purchased by First Lutheran's own Craig Barness. And who's the chef – the "chief cook and bottle washer"? Another of our own: Rob Davis. When we arrive, we'll be treated to a soup\salad\sandwich buffet – the soup du jour to be (as Rob puts it) their soon-to-be-famous chicken dumpling. After lunch we'll celebrate Holy Communion. And Pastor Lisa will lead us in a special "blessing" of the restaurant. All for only \$10.00 including beverages, tax and tip.

For a short period of time, the restaurant was known as Northwoods. But Craig is restoring its historic name: "The Pokagama" (no longer an inn.) Not only is he giving her back her rightful name, Craig and Rob are doing their best to restore the menu and the recipes that involves.

The Inn's colorful history goes back even before equally colorful Belle and Basil Banks purchased it. Belle was appropriately named, having been "the belle of Chetek" for every one of her 84 years!

In 1952, the elder Banks turned the operation over to their son Burl and his wife Addye. Third-generation John Banks will tell us all about its history, much of which he experienced first-hand. When being interviewed, John mentioned the Sunday noon chicken dinners. This writer remembers them – and, with mouth watering, hopes they are returned to the weekly fare.

Back to the famous canoe. John recalls a fascinating story which is a part of the Inn's history. We'll save most of the details until he can tell us in person. Ann Mair Peterson, a cousin of John, recalls fondly remembering it hanging in the dining room with a buffalo rug hung over it.

As many very successful businesses are, the Inn was truly an extended family endeavor. Ann writes that when she was a small child, her mother and sister both worked along side other Banks family members. And Ann just "hung out" – and loved it!

There's lots more to the story. Don't miss it! Everyone is welcome. For reservations, phone Roger Jones (637-5762) or call the church office (537-3575).

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## THE KITCHEN IS DONE! (ALMOST)

Thank you to all you hard workers who helped with the kitchen remodeling project at the Edgewood parsonage. Only a couple of things remain. It's great! Many thanks go out to:



Gary Steglich	Lloyd Campbell	Doug Clausen	Ron Kahl
Lauretta Peterson	Mike Otto	Carsten Anderson	Arlyn Colby
Wendell McDonough	Sally Jacobsen	Pastor Lisa Shank	R. J. Silveria
Aaron Roux	Affordable Flooring, Rice Lake	Paul Hauck	Hauck Plumbing, Barron
Dirk's Heating & Cooling, Barron	Amundson Appliance, Rice Lake		Nordby Construction, Barron

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to all who helped in any way with the Turkey Dinner the past two years (or came to enjoy). Without your dedicated hard work, this project wouldn't have been possible.

# Sunday School & Youth Activities

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FROM BONNIE:

The Sunday School Children will be singing at church on April 20th at the 10:45am service.

The 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will be playing Bells in Luther hall for coffee hour on April 13th. Thank you to Lynn Kolpack for leading them!

The Education Committee thanks the dedicated teachers and helpers who have worked with our children this year by hosting a coffee service for them on Sunday, April 20th. We ask that you take a moment to thank them for all they do!

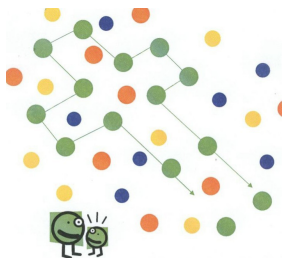
Just a reminder to mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School 2008: July 7 - 11. Watch future newsletters and bulletins for more information!



SWYG is meeting on **Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30** for worship followed by a meal, fun and fellowship.

*The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua, 1:9.*

Our annual Northwest Synod of Wisconsin **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING** is taking place **April 25-26 at Telemark Lodge in Cable**. The theme is God is with us wherever we go. The event includes a wonderful keynote speaker, fun workshops and a performance by the duo Tangled Blue. We will be leaving the church Friday afternoon at 5:00 and returning Saturday evening. First Lutheran will pay for half the cost of the trip (IF you beat the deadline!). Your cost is \$40 prior to April 5<sup>th</sup> and \$50 thereafter. This includes lodging, t-shirt, program, two meals and a snack. Please see information for this retreat on the Youth Board and call Patrice Akenson at 537-1371 with any questions you may have. Register soon since they are only accepting 450 participants. (You will also need to provide a copy of insurance information for each youth attending.)



## SHYG (SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP)

is meeting this month on...

- ... **Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>** at the church for a meal, followed by a jam session. Bring your musical instruments!
- ... On **Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** we are meeting at the church at **5:30** and traveling to Turtle Lake for bowling and pizza. The cost is \$5 per person. Please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board.

# INFINITE GRACE

## WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE 2008

All women of First Lutheran are invited to attend the Women of Faith conference in St. Paul, MN on October 17 and 18. Here's some information from their website on "What's it all about?"

It's two days, 10½ hours. It's refreshment, reality without reproach, and relationships. So what does that mean?

**Refreshment** – Imagine getting together with your closest girlfriends for a weekend. Think of the laughter you'd share, the tears you'd shed, the FUN you'd have. Now multiply that by 10,000 or so. You're starting to get the idea.



**Reality without Reproach** – We're not perfect. We don't expect you to be perfect, either. Our speakers are real women who share stories from their real lives. We're here to encourage women, not to condemn anyone. Even those who have never set foot in a church feel comfortable at our conferences. You can check your mask at the door. You're welcome just as you are.

**Relationships** – Connecting with God and with each other. At Women of Faith we believe that God loves you – no matter what your situation in life may be. We also believe that He wants a personal relationship with you. Through our conferences, more than 150,000 women have indicated decisions to start or renew that relationship. Relationships with each other are important, too. At a Women of Faith conference you'll have the chance to connect with other women – even if you go there alone!

Over the course of the conference, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Renew your spirit with messages of hope and humor from the Women of Faith speaker team
- Recharge your spiritual batteries with drama that tickles your funny bone and touches your heart (at the same time!)
- Rejoice with music from top Christian music artists
- Reconnect with God and each other as the WOF worship team leads an arena full of women in praise to God
- Revitalize your life with resources that will help keep the conference experience alive all year
- Relax in the comforting knowledge that God loves you – right where you are

One attendee told us, *"I had never attended anything like this in my life and to be honest, I was not prepared for the enormous spiritual lift that I received in those two days."* We couldn't have said it better ourselves.

*Speak with Pastor Lisa or Michelle in the church office for more info ~ The Sign Up Sheet Is On Pastor Lisa's Door!*

## SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS TO TALK ABOUT....

... *What are the envelopes in the Focus for?* Your gifts! Your monetary gift will be used to fund the many different ministries that the women of our church provide. Thank you for your gifts!

... *Our Circle of Friends.* Thank you to the 14 (yes 14!) "friends" who have signed up! Jean Wick and I are so excited to get started. You didn't sign up? Join us anyway! Wednesday, April the 16th at 6pm.

... *You're invited to join us in fellowship!* There are several different activities in April (and beyond) that we would love for you to be a part of. There's the Day of Renewal on April the 5th, the 23rd Psalm Program on April 12th, and the W/ELCA Synodical meeting on April 25-26. (Info on all is listed below). There's also the Women of Faith Conference in St. Paul, October 17 & 18. Info is available on page 6 or by talking with Pastor Lisa or me in the office. Something for everyone!

... *Did you bake a cake or provide a jello?* Your pan or dish may still be in the kitchen - the shelves are overflowing! Please take a moment to collect your things—otherwise they will be donated to a local charity.

... *If you did provide food or work* at one of our many recent funerals I would like to offer a HUGE THANK YOU on behalf of myself, the W/ELCA Board and the families and friends who were served. What an important ministry YOU have provided to those who were grieving! Your generosity of food/time is appreciated.

- Michelle Davis, President

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**YOU'RE INVITED TO A PROGRAM OF STUDY AND MUSIC** focusing on the 23rd Psalm and presented by Barb Swant, Ruth Anderson and Bjorn Anderson on Saturday, April 12th at 2:00pm.

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**WOMEN OF THE ELCA** to meet April 25-26 in Eau Claire. They Synodical Women's Organization Convention will be held at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. Early bird discount for registration (\$30) until March 31. More information is available on the bulletin board across from the church office or by speaking to Michelle in the church office.

### **Duties this month:**

Mission Correspondence: Harmony Circle

Communion Assistants: Harmony Circle

Kitchen Maintenance: Leslie Kragness & Nan Krahenbuhl

Care of Altar: \*Clarice Fall, Judy Degerman, Renee Degerman

**THE 2008 DAY OF RENEWAL PROGRAM** is Saturday, April the 5th at 8:30am at Trinity Lutheran in Birchwood. \$8 will cover the cost of the coffee service and lunch after the program. If you'd like to join us in attending please sign up on the women's bulletin Board across from the church office or contact Michelle for more information.

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**LutheranWoman** TODAY Making Peace and Being Peace. The theme verse is Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Isaiah said "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace"> Isaiah 9:6. Christ is the Peace of God. Read Isaiah 11:6-7.

Next we study Ruth reading the verses before Ruth from Judges and then I Samuel 8:4-18. Next in the study, it returns to Matthew. In the last study in May Jesus blesses those who are persecuted for righteousness sake.

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### **MISSION GLOBAL:**

This morning, 3/19/08, I phoned to Cameroun and talked first with James Noss to give him and Karen Easter greetings. Then I spoke with Dr. Solofu and he still remembers the winter at Luther Seminary where he studied and also the welcome spring. He said there are still 10 very malnourished children being cared for. He and Joely are well and I gave him a verse from Colossians 3:1. I told him they are always remembered in prayer here at First Lutheran. There have been many given for orphans and malnourished children and thank you so much for your gift.

- Lorraine Haugen



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:** The food pantry needs our help re-stocking their shelves! Various canned and dry goods, and personal items are all needed.

Cash donations are always welcomed. Simply make your check payable to the Barron Area Food Pantry and drop in the collection plate or leave in the church office.

- Heidi Verhulst, Mission Community

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### **MISSION ACTION:**

Let's fill the soap barrel!

The soap is sent to Lutheran World Relief. When you are shopping please pick some soap to donate.

There are bags by the stairs to collect items for Health Kits. Items needed are listed on the bags. If you would like to donate extra items it is much appreciated.

Please continue to save Campbell Soup labels.

Thank you for your help with these projects!

- Lucille Ness



**April 6, 2008**

**Bill McKibben – Treating Our Planet  
Courteously; Isaiah 24**

Few subjects are more urgent than the crisis of our planet. The stresses we put on the natural resources of planet earth, not to mention the air we breathe and the water we drink, are growing each day. Our personal behaviors and global economies are all contributing to the crisis. Bill McKibben, author and writer-in-residence at Middlebury College in Vermont, is one of nation's most articulate spokespersons on the environment, climate change and the need for all people to live more lightly. His personal faith powers much of his message.

**April 13, 2008**

**Robert Abernethy -- Depth. Heft. Gravity.  
Psalm 139**

All of us want to live lives of meaning. No person seeks to drift through life with a purposelessness. Yet some individuals have the gift of thinking with clarity on matters of the heart. Some know exactly how to put their faith into words. These are people, by and large, who live and speak with depth, heft and gravity. Bob Abernethy is the executive editor and host of the PBS program "Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly." He joins the program to discuss why lives of meaning matter so much to him.

**April 20, 2008**

**Jim Wallis – A Revival In the Works; Isaiah 42:1**

We live in a day when individuals from all walks of life are trying to make sense of the intersection between religion and politics. Most of us know we are not enamored with the extremes, where strident know-it-alls dominate the airwaves, but what is the middle ground? Or better said, how can people of faith think deeply about the moral and justice issues of the day? New York Times best-selling author, and faith-based activist Jim Wallis is as poised as anyone to speak about this topic. He is encouraged by a new movement emerging among America's religious faithful.

**April 27, 2008**

TBD

There are thousands of parish nurses in dozens of denominations, including hundreds in the ELCA. The parish nurse helps congregational members meet their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Some parish nurses are paid members of a church staff; others are volunteers committed to the health and well-being of the faith community and beyond.

What does a parish nurse do? The parish nurse has four primary duties: health educator; personal health counselor; coordinator and teacher of care-giving volunteers; health resources liaison. Some activities might include:

- = providing health forums
- = coordinating homebound visitation and prayer chains
- = giving direction for durable power of attorney for health care
- = assisting with older adult transitions
- = leading spiritual growth small groups
- = providing hygiene instruction in preschool
- = creating healthy congregational menus
- = coordinating blood pressure screening
- = offering healing services
- = explaining medications
- = providing grief counseling
- = personal health consultations
- = supporting first-time moms

*"Say to him: 'long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!'" – 1 Samuel 25:6 [NIV]*

Are you interested in a ministry that intentionally seeks "good health to all?" Consider parish nursing. Call the synod office for further information at 715-234-3373 or check: <http://www.elca.org/lutheranpartners/archives/nurtlife.html>.



## THANK YOU FOR THE EASTER FLOWERS



Many families have contributed memorial and honorarium gifts to the Altar Guild.  
Any excess monetary gifts not used for Easter flowers  
will be used towards future flower purchases for the Altar. *Thank you.*

In memory of Martin & Violet Thorsbakken  
by Dale & Ardis

In memory of Gene Nordby by family

In memory of Shannon Jay Dennis  
by Beverlee Huset

In memory of Family Members  
by Lee & Kay Zabka

In memory of Melvin Peterson  
by Christia & Johnathan Armstrong

In memory of Fred & Donna Burke and  
Donald Burke

In honor of Amanda Junkans  
by Bonnie Burkey & Jeff Junkans

Given as a gift  
by Clifton & Gladys Hansen

In memory of Fritjov Carlson  
by Lillie Sauer

In memory of loved ones  
by Travis & Carol L Brown

In memory of Lester Lambert  
by Betty Lambert & Family

In memory of Allen (Rusty) Hover  
by Shirley and Family

In memory of Violet Maas  
In honor of Elaine Gubbin  
by Verl Maas and Family

In memory of Don Thompson  
by Margy & Family

In memory of our parents and brother Roger Shipley  
by Rodney & Betty Shipley

In memory of Phyllis Anderson  
by Craig & Ruth, Christopher & Bjorn

In memory of Timothy Fied  
by Tyler Dahl & Family

In memory of Judith Holub  
by Melissa Dahl & Family

In memory of John & Muriel Krough  
and Joseph, Helen, Robert & Marlene Felber  
By Fran and Kolleen Felber

In memory of Harvey Nelsen  
by Mabel & Sharon Nelsen

In memory of Ed & Rose Byngelson  
by the Bryngelson Families

In memory of Don Thompson & Gerry Huset  
In honor of Wayne & Lillian Nevin  
and Marj Thompson  
by Larry & Karla Nevin

In memory of Bernard Rockman  
by June Rockman

In memory of LeRoy Dahl  
by Sarah, RJ, Caitlin, Jordyn & Michael

In memory of Harold Thompson  
In honor of Norman & Nancy Thompson  
By Mable Thompson

In memory of George Ress  
by Ardis Ress and Family

In memory of R. Calvyn Romsos  
In honor of Grandchildren: Brianna, Landan,  
Tyler & Connor  
by Carol Romsos

In memory of Phyllis Anderson  
by Carsten Anderson

In memory of Muriel King  
In honor of Marvin King  
by sons Mike & Kim

In memory of Katie Scheps  
by Dan & Valerie Scheps Family

In honor of Godson Mason Morash  
by Dan & Valeri Scheps

In memory David & Lillian Millermon  
by Elaine, JoAnn & Joyce

In memory of Dudley Gene Barlow  
by Cindy Barlow

In memory of Ken "Doog" McDonald  
by Ann McDonald

In memory of Lloyd Huset  
by Gladys Huset and Family

In honor of Matt, Pete & Sara  
by Keith & Lynn Kolpack

In loving memory of Carla M. Grey  
by Nina & Don Ellefson

In memory of Agnes Thomley & Julian Folstad  
by Doug & Judy Folstad

In memory of Ralph Akenson  
by Mynn Akenson & Sons

In honor of Ralph Akenson's Birthday  
by Mynn Akenson

In memory of Sally Peterson  
by Harold & Reda Thorson

In memory of Herman & Cora Heil  
by Their Family

In Memory of Family Members  
by Gale & Elaine Wells

In memory of Nellie & Norman Olson  
by the Olson Family

In memory of Oscar & Bertina Degerman;  
Ralph & Doris Frank; and Richard Degerman  
by Jay & Carol Frank and Family

In memory of Beverly Funck  
by Bob Funck, Kathy Funck & Jim Sedarski

In honor of Lloyd Campbell's 73<sup>rd</sup> Birthday  
by Janet Campbell

In memory of Brad Marvin  
by Linda & Family

In memory of James Ellison  
by Carsten & Sally Ellison

In memory of Harold Thompson and Glenn Bushland  
by Norman & Nancy Thompson

In memory of loved ones  
by Virgil & Marj Anderson

In memory of Florence & George Balza  
In memory of Melvin Peterson and Jerry Elliott  
by Tesha and Jeremy Horvath

In memory of our parents  
by John & Barbara Kirk

In memory of loved ones  
by Wendell & Mary McDonough

In memory of Hjahmer & Lila Haugen  
In honor of Health Care Friends  
in Garoua Bouelai, Cameroun  
by Lorraine Haugen

In honor of Pastor Bruce Beyer and  
Pastor Lisa Shank  
by Friends



**THE BOOK ABBA'S CHILD** by Brennan Manning is being featured this month. If you read The Ragamuffin Gospel by Manning, also in our church library, you will be eager to check out Abba's Child.

The author states he has received more comments on "The Imposter" than all the other chapters combined. As Abba's child we can take the mask off and claim our identity as God's child

"The Rabbi's Heartbeat" is another engaging chapter. "Let the Great Rabbi hold you silently against His heart. In learning who He is, you will find out who you are. Abba's child in Christ our Lord."

There are so many good books just waiting to be read in our church library - the opportunity awaits you.

- The Library Committee

**GATHERED TOGETHER  
BY THE SPIRIT**

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING**

2008 Budget	\$326,800.00
Received This Week	7,578.00
Needed Year to Date	68,890.00
Received Year to Date	73,295.32
	+4,405.32

**REPAIR AND DEBT FUND**

Received Year to Date	2,192.00
Needed Year to Date	1,025.04
	+1,166.96

**RADIO BROADCASTS**

- April 6: In memory of Vi Thorsbakken  
by her family
- April 13: In memory of our parents Ray & Irene  
Carr; Alvin & Norma Johnson; and our son  
Michael, by Dick & Darlene Carr
- April 20: In memory of David & Lil Millermon  
Given by their daughters JoAn, Elaine & Joyce
- April 27: In honor of our 55th Wedding Anniversary  
By Wayne & Lil Nevin

**MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS**

- In memory of Phyllis Anderson  
For the ELW Hymnal Fund ..... \$20
- In memory of Violet Thorsbakken  
For the Debt Retirement Fund ..... \$20  
For the Sound System ..... \$10  
For the Altar Guild ..... \$65  
For the Radio Ministry ..... \$100  
For the Quilting Fund ..... \$50  
For the Library Fund ..... \$50
- A Gift for the W/ELCA Mission: Relief Fund ..... \$50
- In memory of Cora Heil  
For the Sunday School Fund ..... \$50  
For the Radio Broadcast Fund ..... \$75  
For the Altar Guild Fund ..... \$85  
For the Good Samaritan Fund ..... \$50  
For the ELW Hymnal Fund ..... \$60
- For the Radio Broadcast on March 9, 2008 ..... \$75
- In memory of Esther Mayte  
For the Tables Fund ..... \$60  
For the ELW Hymnal Fund ..... \$40

**FUNERALS**

- Marvin D King ..... 03.06.08  
Hazel Blihovde ..... 03.18.08  
Richard Degerman ..... 03.25.08

**Thank you notes to  
W/ELCA.....**

- .... For your gift to World Missions in  
memory of our mother.  
- The Family of Vi Thorsbakken
- .... Thanks for the delicious lunch.  
God's Blessings.  
- The Family of Cora Heil

**DELIVERING RICE FOR LIFE LENTEN PROJECT:** The Social Concerns committee would like to express a big THANK YOU to all who helped to make this year's Lenten project a great success. Together we were able to raise **\$1806.73** to help our brothers and sisters in Malawi and to provide food security there. If you have been watching our display throughout the weeks of Lent, you will be interested to know we have filled **five** trucks with **361** sacks of rice which amounts to **3,610** pounds of rice. Soon this wonderful "Delivery" will be made to our sister parish in Mulanje. The "First Lutheran Express" will be a welcome sight there. God Bless you all and thank you again for sharing your blessings with those who have little.

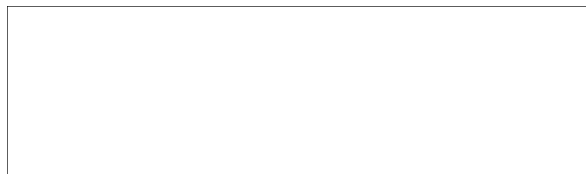
- The Social Concerns Committee

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### **Pastors:**

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### **Parish Secretary & Newsletter Editor:**

Michelle Davis                  church: 537-3575

### **Office Hours:**

**Monday-Thursday:      8:30-11:00 & 12:00-4:00**  
**Friday:                      8:00-12:00**

### **President:**

Clarice Fall

### **Vice-President:**

Rod Wieneri

### **Treasurer:**

Johnson, Agen, Kupferschmidt  
& Associates

### **Financial Sec.:**

Mary McDonough

### **Acting Senior Choir Directors:**

Brad & Jennifer Werner

### **Dir. of Education:**

Bonnie Hilbert

### **Custodians:**

Ron & Brenda Kahl

Summer Schedule:  
(Memorial Day - Labor Day)  
Saturday Worship,\* 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Worship,\* 9:30a.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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><b>Schedules subject to change:                      A current full month calendar                      and worship volunteer schedule                      are also available online                      at <a href="http://www.firstlutheran-barron.org">www.firstlutheran-barron.org</a></b></p>		<p>1  <b>7a</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>6:30p</b> Jail Ministry</p>	<p>2  <b>10a</b> Afternoon Fellowship Comm.  <b>6p</b> Confirmation  <b>7p</b> Senior Choir</p>	<p>3  <b>4</b> BeFriender's Training</p>	<p>4  <b>9a</b> Bulletins Assembled</p>	<p>5  <b>8:30a</b> Day of Renewal at Trinity in Brchwd  <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg  <b>5:30p</b> Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p>	
<p>6  <b>8:30</b> Worship &amp; Holy Communion  <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study  <b>10:45a</b> Worship, Holy Communion</p>	<p>7  <b>6p</b> Cub Scouts Pack Mtg</p>	<p>8  <b>7a</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>6:30p</b> Jail Ministry  <b>7p</b> Faith Circle Hosted by Carolyn Verhulst  <b>7p</b> Cemetery Bd</p>	<p>9  <b>1:30p</b> Harmony Circle  <b>5:30p</b> SWYG  <b>6p</b> SHYG  <b>7p</b> Senior Choir</p>	<p>10  <b>9a</b> Library Mtg</p>	<p>11  <b>9a</b> Bulletins Assembled</p>	<p>12  <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg  <b>2p</b> W/ELCA Program "23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm"  <b>5:30p</b> Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p>	
<p>13  <b>8:30</b> Worship  <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study  <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School Bells  <b>10:45a</b> Worship</p>	<p>14  <b>3:30p</b> Bears &amp; Webelos  <b>5:15p</b> Wolves  <b>6p</b> W&amp;M Cmte  <b>7p</b> Most Committees</p>	<p>15  <b>Newsletter Due Date</b>  <b>7a</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>6:30p</b> Jail Ministry  <b>7p</b> Trust Fund</p>	<p>16  <b>6p</b> Confirmation  <b>6p</b> Circle of Friends  <b>7p</b> Senior Choir</p>	<p>17  <b>12:30p</b> Library Benefit &amp; Book Signing @ County Seat</p>	<p>18  <b>9a</b> Bulletins Assembled</p>	<p>19  <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg  <b>5:30p</b> Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p>	
<p>20  <b>8:30</b> Worship &amp; Holy Communion  <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study  <b>10:45a</b> Worship, Holy Communion  <b>10:45a</b> Sunday School Sings</p>	<p>21  <b>3:30p</b> Webelos  <b>5p</b> Tiger Cubs  <b>7p</b> Council Mtg</p>	<p>22  <b>7a</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>6:30p</b> Jail Ministry  <b>7p</b> Altar Guild</p>	<p>23  <b>11:30a</b> Afternoon Fellowship @ The Pokegama  <b>5:30p</b> SHYG Bowling  <b>6p</b> Confirmation  <b>7p</b> Senior Choir</p>	<p>24  <b>4p</b> W/ELCA Bible Study Briefing  <b>5:30p</b> Meal from the Heart</p>	<p>25  <b>8:30a</b> Newsletters Assembled  <b>9a</b> Bulletins Assembled</p>	<p>26  <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg  <b>5:30p</b> Worship &amp; Holy Communion</p>	
<p>27  <b>8:30</b> Worship  <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School &amp; Adult Bible Study  <b>10:45a</b> Worship With a Ride &amp; Communion</p>	<p>28  <b>11a</b> W/ELCA Bd Communion @  <b>12:30p</b> Monroe  <b>1:30p</b> Maplecroft  <b>1:30p</b> Berger-Woodland  <b>2:30p</b> Barron Care &amp; Rehab  <b>3:30p</b> Extended  <b>3:30p</b> Bears  <b>515p</b> Wolves</p>	<p>29  <b>7a</b> Men's Bible Study  <b>6p</b> Multiple Blessings  <b>6:30p</b> Jail Ministry</p>	<p>30  <b>6p</b> Confirmation  <b>7p</b> Senior Choir</p>				



## Worship Volunteers

*If you would like to help in any of these areas, please call the church office at 537-3575.*

### USHERS

#### April 5 & 6:

5:30 Orville & Shirley Stokes  
8:30 Mike & Kathy Weghorn  
10:45 Harold & Reda Thorson

#### April 12 & 13:

5:30 Ed & Ann Berg  
8:30 Paul, Rosella & Abbey  
Amundson  
10:45 Tim & Amy Hanson Family

#### April 19 & 20:

5:30 Ron & Jan Barrett  
8:30 Darryl & Roxy Kahl  
10:45 Char Chermack &  
Joan Christenson

#### April 26 & 27:

5:30  
8:30 Greg Karen Roux  
10:45 Scott & Lisa Schultz  
Family

### GREETERS

#### April 5 & 6:

5:30 Orville & Shirley Stokes  
8:30 Lynne Hanse  
10:45 Harold & Reda Thorson

#### April 12 & 13:

5:30 Ed & Ann Berg  
8:30 Boyd & Ann McEwen  
10:45 Tim & Amy Hanson Family

#### April 19 & 20:

5:30 Ron & Jan Barrett  
8:30 Terry & Greg Jergenson  
10:45 Char Chermack &  
Joan Christenson

#### April 26 & 27:

5:30  
8:30 Dallas & Diane Sloan Family  
10:45 Scott & Lisa Schultz Family

### LECTORS

#### April 5 & 6:

5:30 Ann Berg  
8:30 Emma Babler  
10:45 Erika Shearer

#### April 12 & 13:

5:30 Orville Stokes  
8:30 Howard Ness  
10:45 Bill Koser

#### April 19 & 20:

5:30 Mike King  
8:30 Jubilee Team  
10:45 Jubilee Team

#### April 26 & 27:

5:30  
8:30 Pam Jacoby  
10:45 Lorraine Haugen

### ACOLYTES

#### April 6:

8:30 Jace & Jaren Paulson  
10:45 Jared Nelson &  
Braden Lipke

#### April 13:

8:30 Ryan Mosentine  
10:45 Dylan Hanson

#### April 19 & 20:

8:30 Dalton Hilbert  
10:45 Joel Sinclair

#### April 26 & 27:

8:30  
10:45

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

#### April 5 & 6:

5:30 Dale Prine  
8:30  
10:45

#### April 12 & 13:

5:30 Shirley Stokes

#### April 19 & 20:

5:30 Ryan Mosentine  
8:30  
10:45

#### April 26 & 27:

5:30 Jan Barrett  
10:45

### COFFEE SERVICE

#### April 6: Lloyd Campbell

#### April 13: Bonnie Burke-Junkins

#### April 20: High School Youth

#### April 27: Gail & Maurice Smith

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

#### April 6:

8:30  
10:45

#### April 13:

8:30 Julie Hallberg  
10:45

#### April 20:

8:30 Sheila Erb  
10:45

#### April 27:

8:30 Lynne Hanse  
10:45 Michelle Davis