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## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday is the weekend of November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will remember before God those who have died the past year, including:



Alice Nelson	Grace Odden
Kenneth McDonald	Willard Dibble
Berdean Curtis	Fred Rohde
Dudley Barlow, Sr.	Esther Mayte
Cora Heil	Violet Thorsbakken
Marvin D. King	Hazel Blihovde
Richard Degerman	Iver Cross
Ruth Berg	Helen Larson
Lucille Ness	Beverly Wenzel
Elsbeth Kolb	Edward "Bud" Berg
Valoris Moen	



After four weeks of class with Pastor Lisa, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders of our congregation will be receiving their Bibles. Please pray for these young members of our congregation that they would continue to have an interest in learning more about their Bibles and the story of God and God's people.

Daniel Akenson	Kylie Amundson	Clara Babler
Grace Donica	Noah Anderson	Jordan Nevin
Madison Otto	Connor Romsos	Mckinley Verhulst
Jade Schultz		

**ThankOffering Services:** Join the women of the church the weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for our ThankOffering Services. Barb Sousa from LSS will be speaking.



**PRAYER CLASS for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders & Parents**  
Second Graders and Parents will meet with Pastor Beyer for a special class on prayer. The two sessions will be in the Sanctuary and will take the place of Sunday School on:

- Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:40 a.m.
- Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:40 a.m.



## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

The next new member reception will be **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**, at the **8:30 a.m. service**. We will be receiving members by letter of transfer from other

Lutheran churches, by adult instruction, and by reaffirmation of faith. If you wish to be included in this reception or know of others who might, please notify the church office at 537-3575.

**Stewardship Dedication Sunday** Is the weekend of November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. Please celebrate with us the gifts we have received from God and our commitment to be good stewards of our time, our talents and our treasures. If you have not filled in your financial commitment card and your Time & Talent sheets, please do so soon. Thank you for your cooperation.

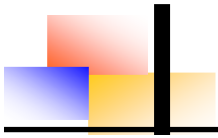
## The Senior High Youth will be having a lefse sale this year and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- Do you know how to roll lefse or would like to learn how?
- Can you donate a day of FUN work or even a few hours?
- Can you donate ingredients or gallon zipper bags?
- Do you have a lefse griddle, board and cloth, or rolling pin we can borrow?

We will start on Friday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 when we'll peel, cook and rice the potatoes and mix and prepare the lefse. On Sat., Nov 8<sup>th</sup> we'll start at 6:30 with rolling, cooking and package the lefse. If you can work either day or even just a few hours, or if you have equipment we can use please sign up at the church on the bulletin board. If you would like to donate ingredients we need: flour and butter or heavy cream - the potatoes have already been donated. If you have any questions, please call Theresa Zappitello at 637-5616. The Youth will be then sell the lefse at the Saturday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> service and on Sunday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>.

*"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toll". Ecclesiastes 4:9.*

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## REFLECTIONS FROM Pastor Lisa

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Thank You Lord...

Lord, thank you for this sink of dirty dishes;  
we have plenty of food to eat.

*Thank you for this pile of dirty, stinky laundry;  
we have plenty of nice clothes to wear.*

And I would like to thank you, Lord, for those unmade beds;  
they were so warm and comfortable last night.  
I know that many have no bed.

*My thanks to you, Lord, for this bathroom,  
complete with all the splattered mirrors, soggy,  
grimy towels and dirty lavatory; they are so convenient.*

Thank you for this finger-smudged refrigerator  
that needs cleaning. It has served us faithfully  
for many years. It is full of cold drinks and  
enough leftovers for two or three meals.

*Thank you, Lord, for this oven that absolutely  
must be cleaned today; it has baked so many  
things over the years.*

The whole family is grateful for that tall grass  
that we all enjoy the yard. My kids are healthy  
and able to run and play. Lord, the presence  
of all these chores awaiting me says You have  
richly blessed my family. I shall do them cheerfully  
and I shall do them gratefully.

*Even though I clutch my blanket and growl  
when the alarm rings, Thank you, Lord, that I  
can hear. There are many who are deaf.*

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the  
morning light as long as possible, Thank you, Lord,  
that I can see. Many are blind.

*Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising,  
Thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise.  
There are many who are bedridden.*

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks  
are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, my children  
are so loud, Thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many  
who are lonely.

*Even though our breakfast table never looks like the  
pictures in magazines and the menu is at times not  
balanced, There are many who are hungry.*

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous,  
Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are  
many who have no job.

*Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day  
and wish my circumstances were not so modest, Thank  
you, Lord, for life.*

I don't know who wrote the prose above, but I certainly appreciate the reminder of all the good things that we all have in our lives. With the upturns and downturns in the stock market, and the gain and loss of jobs, and the overall uncertainty in life – we ALL need that reminder these days. As I write this in October, I am filled with gratitude for all that the community of Barron is doing to make the Food Pantry and Thrift Store move a success. It literally feels like I am on the front line watching God work through us as a community. Thank You and Thank God! We have had quite a number of donations toward the building purchase. We still need additional funds to finish the purchase, but we have a good down payment in hand. There are builders and contractors and other volunteers getting the store ready for us. There are people willing to help with the moving of thrift store merchandise, as well as the food in the food pantry, and those freezers. The High School shop class detailed a donated car, and it sold on the first day the ad appeared in the paper – and it sold for MORE than advertised. The Barron Area Clergy Association is planning a Building Dedication on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m., with the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. God has been so very, very good. Let's raise our hearts in praise and thanksgiving.

See you there, and at church!  
Pastor Lisa

October 27, 2008



Dear Friends in Christ,

Linda and I want to thank you for walking with us and sharing our “Circle of Life” the last couple months. We have learned again that the words “Dear Friends in Christ” are more than how I begin my letters to you in the Focus. They describe the sustaining relationship we have with one another because we are the baptized people of God. We are truly friends who care for each other in tough times and in good days.

On September 1 my mother, Eunice Beyer, died after a short illness. Her death was peaceful, and it was the opportunity for our family to gather and celebrate all that “Grammy” meant to so many people.

**Thank you for all your prayers, expressions of concern, memorial gifts, and the extra things you did while I was gone.** For twenty-six years my mother served as a volunteer at the Lincoln Center (a day-care facility for developmentally challenged adults) in Stevens Point. Even at the age of 87 she would two times a week spend her day serving people with special needs. Undesignated memorial gifts will be given to the Lincoln Center for a project yet to be determined. Thank you!

On October 6 Marc and Kate presented us our fourth grandchild. Nathan Paul was born a month early but still reported in weighing six pounds and nine ounces, twenty inches long. After a day in the Special Care nursery he was deemed ready to go home and face the real world. He is growing, and he is in good health.

**Thank you for your prayers and words of celebration as we expand our family.** There are a couple more pictures off Nathan on my office door. I invite you to help us answer the usual question: “Whom does he look like?”

Linda and I thank all of you for sharing with us the sadness and the joy of the last two months. Being present for us rekindles our desire to be present for you, and that is what it means that we are “Friends in Christ.”

Pastor Bruce and Linda Beyer

**(Partial) Minutes of the Congregational Council  
September 15, 2008**

**(A complete copy of the minutes will be available  
in the next Focus newsletter)**

Members present: George Unteriner, Terry Jergenson, Rod Wieneri, Pastor Lisa Shank, Barb Swant, Judy Amundson, Ardis Ress, Gayle Larson, Cathy Anderson, Marvin Organ, Carla Nordby, Clarice Fall, Pastor Bruce Beyer, Paul Amundson, Jason Erb

Also Present: Joe Johnson

Excused Absence: Lissette Ritchie

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by the council president, Clarice Fall. Devotions were given by Gayle Larson.

A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Jason Erb and seconded by Barb Swant. The motion carried. Offerings YTD are at 92% of the budgeted amount. This is similar to past years for the time of the year. Expenses are in line with the exception of fuel and utilities. They are currently \$1200.00 over budget YTD. Borrowing on the short term note is currently at \$9,000 for the current year compared to \$15,000 last year. Quarterly payments due the end of September will likely push this year's number to an estimated amount of \$14,000. By year end we have historically made this shortfall up.

**Old Business:**

The survey results regarding one service in the summer are positive. They received 27 responses. Attendance was the same as last year. A discussion was held regarding alternative worship services. This should be explored by the Worship and Music Committee along with the Education Committee.

**New Business:**

- A motion was made by Jason Erb to establish a Debt-Fund checking account at the Sterling Bank. Approved signatures will be Joe Johnson, Clarice Fall and Rod Wieneri. The motion was seconded by Paul Amundson. The motion carried. This account will be used to pay the interest on the line of credit recently moved to the Sterling Bank.
- We have received a letter from the Synod office regarding a Charitable Giving Initiative seminar. This will be held in Altoona on October 10. The Synod is looking to inform and educate individuals on the option of including the church as an option in regards to giving at the time of death. It is not a sales pitch. Pastor Beyer agreed to contact individuals in our congregation that....

*(A complete set of minutes will be available in the December Focus).*

Secretarial Position: Michelle Davis has resigned as First Lutheran Parish Secretary effective October 31. She has accepted a new position that has better compensation and offers health care benefits for her family. We thank Michelle for her two and a half years of faithful and dedicated service. The Personnel Committee is receiving applications for the Parish Secretary position. Copies of the job description for this thirty hour per week position are available in the church office. Those interested in applying are asked to write a letter of application including a resume of their work experience detailing computer skills they have. A list of references should also be included. The letter of application should be dropped off at the office or sent to the church in care of Clarice Fall, President of the Congregation. Patrice Akenson and Joan Christenson have graciously agreed to do whatever they can to serve in the office until a new secretary is in place. Obviously, we need everyone's prayers and cooperation during this time of transition.



**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2009**  
**6:30 p.m. Building Dedication at new Thrift Store**  
**7:00 p.m. Worship at St. Joseph's Catholic**

We in Barron have much to be thankful for this year – for life, health, shelter, clothing, family, friends, and on and on. The Barron Area Clergy Association invites you all to be part of the dedication of our new Thrift Store building. Because of your generosity, we are able to have this great new space. So, we would like to have you all be part of the dedication. We will meet at the store at 6:30 p.m. After the dedication, we will make a candlelight walk to St. Joseph's for Thanksgiving Worship which will begin at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to take part in one or both of these celebrations. Let's praise God with joyful hearts for all of our blessings!

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**The BACA Needs YOU!** We are really excited!!! Starting in November, we will have a bigger, brighter thrift store with much more on display. The food pantry will also have more room to do their important work. God has opened the door for this expanded ministry, now we have to do our part. We need more volunteers to help run the thrift store and work the food pantry. If you would like to help, call Jay Keppen at 637-5797 to help with the thrift store, or Lynne Hanse at 637-5151 to help with the food pantry. THANK YOU for donating your valuable time! And don't forget to shop at the Barron Thrift Store - you'll be surprised what you might find there.

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The BeFrienders are continuing the Every Member Visitation project. As 10/23, we will have 130 visits completed. Thank YOU for allowing us to come and visit. We, as BeFrienders and as a congregation, are very blessed to have your input and your wisdom. If you haven't yet had a visit, please be patient as it will take a while to get to everyone. When that call comes, please say "yes" to a visit. First Lutheran Needs Your Input and Wisdom!

A new BeFriender training session began on Thursday, October 23 and will meet for five Thursdays. Each BeFriender goes through 20+ hours of training. In addition to the training, the BeFrienders meet once a month for continuing education and support. We want to do the best job possible for the congregation, and each BeFriender has made a commitment to serve. We would ask for your continued prayers as this important ministry continues at First Lutheran.

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***Afternoon Fellowship:***



Christmas in January? Well, sort of. First Lutheran Afternoon Fellowship folks invite you to come along on Wednesday, January 14, on a deluxe Blackhawk bus (equipped with a rest room) to Eau Claire's Fanny Hill Dinner Theater. There we will laugh until we cry our way through "Don't Hug Me" by Phil Olson.



"Don't Hug Me" is a musical comedy, focusing on the lives of a Minnesotan, his wife, a waitress, and a smooth-talking salesman. The Minnesotan wants to retire and move to the sunny warmth of Florida. However, his wife wants to stay in the winter wonderland of Minnesota. Meanwhile, a waitress has aspirations to become a singer, but her fiancé would rather see her stay. A salesman comes to town and offers the solution to everyone's problems - karaoke. Complete with show-stopping numbers such as "I Wanna Go to the Mall of America," this show truly does have great comedic appeal.

The cost is \$45.00, which includes the bus ride and the play – PLUS a holiday turkey dinner complete with dessert. And the Christmas decorations will still be up!

Interested? Phone Nancy Thompson (637-3733) for information and advance reservations. Any profit will be subject to Thrivent matching funds for the new Barron Area Clothing Store & Food Pantry. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry that day.

## Sunday School, Confirmation & Youth Activities

### Sunday School news from Bonnie Hilbert:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and parents will have their last Bible class on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> with Pastor Lisa and will receive their new Bibles at the 10:45 service that day.
- On Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be having their Prayer class with the pastor at 9:40. Your parents must attend also!
- Advent starts on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Again this year we will be giving to the Gift from the Heart as our Christmas offering. Please send \$2.00 in an envelope to your child's teacher as we will be buying a gift for the heart that we receive.
- Please try to make every effort to have your children here in the month of Nov. & Dec. as we will be practicing for the Christmas program and need the children to know what is going on.
- Mark your calendar for the Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 10:45 service when we'll share the Christmas program for 3 year olds thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade (we may need some of the 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> graders to help too). Practice will be Saturday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and during Sunday school time on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Anyone who would be will to be put on a sub Sunday school teacher list please let Bonnie know your name and phone number. We are in need of subs for Sunday morning when one of the teachers can not be here. Please say yes when you receive a phone call to sub!

**Confirmation Class Reminder:** The Stained Glass Class that was originally scheduled for November 8 has been rescheduled for November 1. The class will meet from 8:30 a.m. to approximately noon. Please make a note of this date change.

### November SWYG and SHYG: November 12, 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



Kelly Jensen from Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan will be with us. We have two programs planned. At 5:30 p.m., we will be having a presentation on Teen Sexuality. At 7:00 p.m. we will be having a presentation on Driving Under the Influence. These important presentations are open to all of our middle school and high school youth and friends. Any parents who would like to attend are also very welcome. We want our youth to make good choices in their lives, and we pray that these presentations will give good options. A description of each presentation follows:

#### TEEN SEXUALITY

Every young person deserves the hard-hitting reality check presented by well-known international speaker Pam Stenzel. Using her DVD called "Sex Still Has A Price Tag", this program focuses on the physical, emotional, spiritual, and character consequences of sex. Includes activities to reinforce concepts presented on the DVD.

#### FATAL VISION

This fun yet informative program demonstrates the realities of drinking and driving with the use of simulation goggles, showing how it is impossible to drive safely while impaired. Discussion covers developing responsible attitudes and behavior in the use of alcohol and stresses prevention.

**GODSTOCK 2008:** November 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in Eau Claire. More info is available on the Youth bulletin board in Luther Hall or online at [www.firstlutheran-barron.org/highschool](http://www.firstlutheran-barron.org/highschool).

**DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH KIDS?** We need your help in the nursery! Please contact Sheila Erb at 637-6539 or [nursery@firstlutheran-barron.org](mailto:nursery@firstlutheran-barron.org) if interested in signing up. There are many available weekends for your choice.

***Let's all help make a difference today for tomorrow's leaders!***

**KEEP UP TO DATE - CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.FIRSTLUTHERAN-BARRON.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTLUTHERAN-BARRON.ORG)!**



The "Gift From the Heart" project began with First Lutheran Church in Barron thirteen years ago. It was designed to make the Christmas of children in the Barron Area a bit merrier. Last year over 300 children were given a gift of a toy and an item of clothing for Christmas.

Families enjoy shopping for their "child." Service organizations and businesses help out and five of our Barron churches are working together to administrate the project.

Posters and coupons are posted throughout the Barron community to alert families of the project. If a family from the Barron Area School District requests gifts for their children, the "Gift From the Heart" will make every effort to provide.

Congregational and community persons select gifts for the children knowing only the gender, age and first name of the child and recommended gift items. Participants giving gifts will select a "Heart" from the tree located by the Centennial Room in Luther Hall. The heart represents a specific child and is given to the person as a reminder of that child for their own Christmas tree.

The wrapped gifts need to be at the church by **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. They will be distributed to the families on **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Hearts may be selected from the "Heart Tree" on the following days:

- **Saturday and Sunday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**
- **Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> & Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

The greatest reward of this project is the joy the givers receive! Thank you for giving from the heart to children who are less fortunate!

Occasionally the church office receives phone calls from people needing a "helper". It might be a single mother needing help moving furniture, etc. If you are willing to help in this manner, please call the church office (537.3575) and we'll add your name to the list.



On September 27 your church library committee attended the Fall West Central WI Church Library Meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Eau Claire. The program "Grieving and the Healing Process" was

given by

Jane Hilgant-Nessel, Grieving Counselor from Sacred Heart Hospital. We were inspired and felt there were those in our congregation at First Lutheran who would find some of the suggested books helpful in how the healing process relates to various aspects of life:

- When a Loved One Dies by Philip W. Williams. When a loved one dies, you begin a journey through grief to healing.
- Five Cries of Grief by Merton P & A. Irene Strommen. One family's journey to healing after the tragic death of a son. Twenty-four year old David was struck and killed by a bolt of lightning.
- Turn My Heart by Susan Brieh and Marty Haugen. Tragedy strikes suddenly... when grief floods our hearts, how can we begin the journey toward healing and wholeness?
- Grieving the Death of a Pet by Betty J. Cormack. The relationships between individuals and their pets are unique and so is the grief experienced when a pet dies.

These books are available in our church library.

- Your Library Committee

Thank you, Michelle!

The coffee hour on Sunday, November 9 will be in honor of Michelle Davis' service to our congregation. Join us for coffee and light refreshments as we thank Michelle for the wonderful way she shared her talents in our church office.

### First Lutheran will be 125 years old in 2009!



125 years is worth a celebration! If you would like to serve on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, we will be having our first meeting on **Tuesday, November 11 at 5 p.m.** We are looking for ideas on how to best celebrate this momentous occasion. Come with your ideas and let's plan a great party.

## VETERANS TO BE HONORED



Veterans will be honored the weekend of November 11 & 12. It has been a tradition to honor First Lutheran Church members who have served in our country's military forces. Red carnations will be given to veterans who are present. Check the names listed below of known First Lutheran member veterans. Please call the church office at 537-3575 for any additions or corrections to the list.

+Ralph Akenson	+Chester Amundson	+Dale Amundson	Marvin Amundson
Rosella Amundson	Carsten Anderson	DeWayne Anderson	+James B. Anderson
+Norman Anderson	Robert Anderson	Morris Avery	Lloyd Barness
Harry Bauer	+Elmer Berg	+Selmer Berg	+Walter Betley
+Conrad Bjelland	+Orville Blihovde	+Elmer Bolstad	Travis Brown
Darrell Bryngelson	Richard Carr, Sr	Joan Christenson	+Donald Clausen
Douglas Clausen	+Harold Clausen	+Loren Clumpner	+Howard Crowell
+Richard Degerman	+Roy Dibble	+Willard Dibble	Byron Dodge
Bradley Doe	John Edson	Virgil Edson	Donald Ellefson
Jordan Ellison	+Vernon Ellison	+Lloyd Erickson	Allen Ferber
James Forsman	Dan Frandsen	Rob Funck	Robert Funck
Richard Garling	+Gordon Gilbertson	Harold Gonske	+Leonard Greenwold
+Ralph Gulbranson	Jeffrey Gulczynski	+Jergen Hagen	Orville Halvorson
Donald L. Hanson	Jade Haskins-Smith	+Walter Hanson	+Jon Helgeland
+Hammond Helland	+Harold L. Hong	Allen Hover	+Howard Jacobsen
Donald Johnson	Gerald Johnson	+Orville Johnson	+Kenneth Juve, Sr.
Darryl Kahl	Don Karpenske	John Kirk	Russell Knutson
Al Kohl	Adam Koslofsky	Steve Kragness	+Adam Krahenbuhl
+Robert Kunz	Aaron LaLiberty	+Robert Landsvork	+Donald S. Lansin
Gayle Larson	Clifford Lien	+Lester Lien	Lawrence Lyste
Verl Maas	**Robert Madson	David Martinson	+Brad Marvin
+Earl Marvin	Gary Matthys	+Adam Matye	Kenneth McDonald
Wendell McDonough	**Aaron McEwen	Boyd McEwen	+James Meisegeier
+Lewis Mikulanec	Terry Miller	+Thoreld Moberg	+Thorsten Moberg
+Martin Mullikin	+Harvey Nelsen	Walter Nelson	+ Hans Ness
Howard Ness	+Melvin Neumann	Wayne Nevin	+Carl Nordby
+Jean Odden	Eugene Olson	Darren Ormson	Douglas Ormson, Jr.
Douglas Ormson, Sr.	Duane Ormson	+Kenneth Ormson	+Oscar Ormson
Roger Ormson	Michael Otto	+Stanley Paulson	Sheila Peters
Brian Peterson	Gerald Peterson	Larry Peterson	+Maurice Peterson
Tom Pichelman	Dale Prine	+Lyle Raddatz	+Harry Raven
Ardis Ress	Walter Riese	June Rockman	+Bill Roettger
+Fred Rohde	Mark Roux	+LeRoy Sather	+Lee Scherz
Richard Schultz	Eugene Schutts	+Herman Selvig	+James Sevals
+Ole Severude	Rodney Shipley	Robert Simons	Maurice Smith
Tracey Smith	Glen Springer	Robert St. Vincent	Debora Stoeberl
Orville Stokes	Gary Swant	+Martin Swant	+Roger Swenson
+Clark Tabor	Russell Tabor	Norman Thompson	Chad Weinert
+William M. Weinert	+Donald Wenzel	Lee Zabka	

\*\*active duty

+deceased veteran

October was a month of community for the Women of First... community with those outside our walls. We began the month with our annual "Fair Trade Christmas Fair". What a wonderful turn-out we had! Thanks to the generosity of our congregation members and others from the Barron area, we are sending more than \$1800 to our friends in the International community for the hard work they've put into creating the treasures and food products that you purchased. We also celebrated community with our sisters in Christ from the Midwest and Canada when our group of 34 attended the Women of Faith Conference at St. Paul's Xcel Center in October. What a memorable experience it was! Laughing with Patsy Clairmont and Anita Renfro, hurting with Marilyn Meberg and Sandi Patti, and "raising the roof" in song and dance with Nicole C. Mullins and Mandisa. You haven't seen *anything* until you've seen that many women dancing! Next year we want *you* to join us. We've already blocked 45 tickets, and although our church is sponsoring this we've opened it up to our friends in the Barron community - and they've already accepted. Join us!

- Michelle Davis, W/ELCA President

### SOME OF YOUR WORKS IN ACTION....

- ... Donation of 25 pies to the Amanda McDonald Benefit.
- ... Donation of (1) scholarship to the Heart of the North Retreat at Luther Park.
- ... Donation of (3) scholarships to the Women of Faith Conference in St. Paul in October.

Currently W/ELCA has two CD's. One was from excess funds after the kitchen renovation, the other was designated for use for educating the women of our congregation through scholarships, retreats and continuing education. **The W/ELCA Board recently voted to support the fundraising activities of the Barron Area Clergy Association using the first of these CD's.** When the CD comes due at the end of October we will be giving \$750 towards the Barron Area Thrift Store/ Food Pantry building fund and another \$750 towards the purchase of food for the Food Pantry. The remaining dollars will then be put towards the second CD when that renews one week later.

#### **Duties this month:**

- Mission Correspondence: Pledge Circle
- Communion Assistants: Harmony Circle
- Kitchen Maintenance: Karen Lettner & Bev Lien
- Care of Altar: \*Carol Romsos, Carol Bolster,  
Ethel Ellison & Mary Ferguson

theme verse of Ruth 4:11 is titled "A Place of Community". "Last month we witnessed Ruth's extravagant loving loyalty." This study helps us understand "laws of land redemption and leverage marriage." Setting the stage: The Men's Story. In Cameroun the head men of the town meet in the outer court of the Chief so I can picture these men meeting to think over what Boaz (a very important man) is asking for. There are in the gathering those of lesser standing, especially Mr. "So and So". It was an eye-opener to read this last study about Ruth. Finally, there was Ruth who married Boaz and had a son Obed, which means servant.

We'll study Daniel the next 3 months.

### **MISSION GLOBAL:**

On October 20 I phoned Dr. Solofu and he and Dr. Joely are fine. He said the Nutrition Center had closed in his absence, but they already have 2 very malnourished children in the Center. I am sure people will bring in children who need our help to survive some of the effects of malnutrition, so I will continue to send money to Mr. J. Noss who forwards it to Mr. Nelson in N. Goandire and Dr. Solofu will help those who come.

Thank you to all who have given to so many little ones. They would tell you thank you - Usoko Yenna!

- Lorraine Haugen



**MISSION COMMUNITY:** November brings us cold weather and family gatherings. When you are out shopping remember those who need a little help and add a few extra items to your cart to share. Canned goods are always handy so this month grab a few extras. Thank you!

### **MISSION ACTION:**

Thank you for all the donations that we've received towards the health and sewing kits and school bags. It has been a resounding success this year. We were asked to send at least 5 more of each kit than we had provided in previous years because of the increased need and we've met the challenge! Unfortunately the need continues. Your donations of both items and money are welcomed all year long so that we can pack these important kits throughout the year. Thanks!

**GATHERED TOGETHER  
BY THE SPIRIT**

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING**

2008 Budget	\$326,800.00
Received This Week	6,366.17
Needed Year to Date	249,479.05
Received Year to Date	241,221.05
	-8,258.00

**REPAIR AND DEBT FUND**

Received Year to Date	5,172.00
Needed Year to Date	3,673.06
	+1,498.94

**MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS**

In memory of John Beecroft  
For the Radio Broadcast Fund ..... \$75

In memory of Ralph Akenson  
For the Radio Broadcast Fund ..... \$75

**BAPTISMS**

Brennen Bradley Hanson ..... 10/11/2008

**CONFIRMATIONS**

Nathan Akenson	Tyler Campbell
Tyler Dahl	Adam Doe
Sierra Freid	Helen Goosby
Dylan Hanson	Kaitlin Hanson
Dalton Hilbert	Kari Knutson
Jared Nelson	Mitchell Nelson
Jace Paulson	Kiersten Severude
Joel Sinclair	Lauren Zappitello

**RADIO BROADCASTS**

- November 2: In memory of George Ress  
By Ardis Ress and Family
- November 9: In memory of John Paul Beecroft  
By Maureen Vruwink
- November 16: In memory of Melvin Peterson  
By Evelyn Peterson and Family
- November 23: In memory of Kenneth Juve Sr., Henry &  
Gena Juve, Lawrence Juve and Martin & Cordela  
Bryngelson By Carol Juve and Family
- November 30: Richard & Darlene Carr's  
52nd Wedding Anniversary  
From Their Children

**FUNERALS**

Viola Miller ..... 10/24/2008



**THANKS TO OUR CONGREGATION...**

... thank you to you the members of First Lutheran for the patience, understanding, support and generosity of spirit that you've shown me during my tenure in the office as your parish secretary. My time in the office has been a learning experience - and oh, how much I've learned! There are many, many projects that flow through that busy office and countless people who are assisted there - not just from our congregation, but our community as well. If you have the time, please take the opportunity to support the new office staff by volunteering - even if it's simply to answer the phone every now and again. I truly appreciate those who have given generously of their time (from answering the phones and helping with projects, to folding bulletins and preparing newsletters for mailing) to allow me the opportunity to focus on the task at hand. Now as I move on to another opportunity of learning and growth I say thank you again. I've so enjoyed getting to know you and look forward to worshipping with you as a fellow member.  
- Michelle Davis

... thank you for your continued support of the youth in our congregation through the recycling of aluminum cans, purchase of cinnamon rolls and calendars, and other projects. These fundraising efforts will allow youth to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next year..

**Nov 2: Stormey Denise Burroughs – Avoiding an Itsy Bitsy Life; Luke 10:2**

The life of a refugee is never easy. Fleeing persecution or life-threatening circumstances in one's own country to find a home elsewhere is next to impossible. Post 9/11 jitters and restrictions in America make the U.S. even less open to immigrants and refugees. Along comes Denise Burroughs, a young single mother and social worker in Michigan. She takes it upon herself to become the loving foster mother to four teenage boys from Burma.

**Nov 9: Kathleen Kennedy Townsend – Responsibility for Your Neighbor: Mark 12:28-31**

Since her childhood, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend has made a point of trying to put other people first. As the eldest child of Robert and Ethel Kennedy, she assumed an early sense of responsibility for what it means to be civically engaged on behalf of those for whom the systems of justice do not work well. One-time lieutenant governor of Maryland, Kennedy Townsend has a marvelous way of letting her Christian faith inform her commitment to stand up for all who live on the margins of society.

**Nov 16: Everett Worthington – A Lesson in Humility; Philippians 2:5-11**

Everett Worthington is a soft-spoken and gentle man. Professor of psychology at Virginia Commonwealth University, Everett gets to teach about forgiveness, reconciliation and a host of other fascinating subjects. A personally tragic experience – the murder of his mother in the mid-1990s – caused Worthington to examine forgiveness in a whole new way. What he discovered was a fresh priority for the place of humility in shaping one's life.

**Nov 23: Phyllis Tickle – The Sayings of Jesus Mark 1:40-45**

After spending a life immersed in scholarship with Scripture, Phyllis Tickle determined that faith and humility were often left behind among those who study the words of Jesus. She embarked on a thoughtful journey to analyze the different ways that Jesus of Nazareth typically spoke. Five different speaking roles for Jesus surfaced from her work. In this edition of Grace Matters, she discusses some of the interesting twists and turns that Jesus took with his words.

**Nov 30: Advent I Meditation – A Conversation with Maximilian Kolbe; 1 Thessalonians 3:13**

In the first of a four-part Advent series, host Peter Marty converses with different guests who could not be present for an interview. Each week, the conversation involves one of the great saints of the church. Maximilian Kolbe is this week's guest. He is the Polish priest who voluntarily took the place of another prisoner at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp when Nazi commanders arbitrarily selected ten prisoners for forced starvation.

*“Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’”*  
 Luke 4:17-19

Scripture reminds us we are called by God to bring good news to poor, to love and serve our neighbor and to strive for a just world. As Lutheran Christians, God equips us to work for justice by granting forgiveness of our sins. It is through grace that we are free to set out into the world to share the promise of the Gospel.

Looking at our neighbors and loved ones, we see many in our community who are struggling to feed themselves and their families. The demand for food at local food pantries all too often exceeds the available supply. The downturn in our economy has resulted in the loss of jobs and housing for working families. More and more, we realize that our neighbor in the pew or down the road is struggling to survive in this land of plenty.

Christ calls us to love one another through acts of charity and by advocating for justice. We bring good news to the poor when we reach out to our local food pantry. We let the oppressed go free when we work through government to call attention to the needs of the poor. Advocating for our neighbors results in programs and funding that make a difference in the lives of children, families and seniors. Where charity and justice prevail, the promise of the Gospel has been brought to life. God's Work, Our Hands.

Amy Johnson, Lutheran Office for Public Policy Wisconsin



**Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 2nd!**

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# November



## First Lutheran Church

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### Pastors:

Bruce Beyer home: 537-3480  
Lisa Shank home: 637-7916

### Parish Secretary & Newsletter Editor:

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

### Senior Choir Director:

David Midboe

### Dir. of Education:

Bonnie Hilbert

### Custodians:

Ron & Brenda Kahl

### Summer Schedule:

*(Memorial Day - Labor Day)*

Saturday Worship, \* 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship, \* 9:00a.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
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*Schedules subject to change:  
 A current full month calendar and worship volunteer schedule are also available online at  
 www.firstlutheran-barron.org*

1  
**9:30a** AA Mtg  
**5:30p** Worship & Holy Comm.

2 <b>8:30a</b> Worship & Holy Communion <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Study <b>9:40a</b> Third Graders & Parents Bible Class <b>10:45a</b> Worship & Holy Communion; Third Graders Receive Bibles	3 <b>5:15p</b> Bears Den <b>7p</b> Personnel Committee	4	5 <b>4 &amp; 6p</b> Confirmation <b>7p</b> Sr. Choir	6 <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg <b>1p</b> Quilting <b>5:45p</b> Women's Way <b>7p</b> Gift from The Heart  BeFriender's Training	7 <b>9a</b> Bulletins Assembled  Prep for Making Lefse  ← Luther Park Recharge →	8 ThankOffering Weekend  Lefse Making Day <b>8:30-12p</b> Conf: Stained Glass <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg <b>5:30p</b> Worship & Holy Comm.
9 <b>8:30a</b> Worship <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Study <b>9:40a</b> Blood Pressure Checks <b>9:40a</b> Second Graders & Parents Prayer Class <b>10:45a</b> Worship <b>3p</b> Service @ Extended Care	10 <b>6p</b> W&M Cmte <b>7p</b> Most Cmtes	11 <b>7a</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg <b>6:30p</b> Jail Ministry <b>7p</b> Faith Circle Hosted by Lorraine Haugen	12 <b>1:30p</b> Harmony Circle <b>5:30p</b> SWYG <b>6p</b> SHYG <b>7p</b> Sr. Choir	13 <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg <b>1p</b> Quilting <b>5:45p</b> Women's Way  BeFriender's Training	14 <b>9a</b> Bulletins Assembled <b>5p</b> Tallman/ Micheels Wdg Rehearsal	15 <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg <b>2p</b> Tallman/ Micheels Wdg <b>5:30p</b> Worship & Holy Comm  ← Godstock →
16 New Member Sunday! <b>8:30a</b> Worship & Holy Communion <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School & Adult Bible Study <b>9:40a</b> Second Graders & Parents Prayer Class <b>10:45a</b> Worship & Holy Communion  Godstock →	17 <b>5:15p</b> Bears Den <b>7p</b> Council	18 <b>7a</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg <b>6:30p</b> Jail Ministry  Newsletter Due Date	19 <b>4 &amp; 6p</b> Confirmation <b>6p</b> Circle of Friends <b>7p</b> Sr. Choir	20 <b>9a</b> Library <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg <b>1p</b> Quilting <b>4p</b> W/ELCA Bible Briefing <b>5:30p</b> Meal From the Heart <b>5:45p</b> Women's Way	21 <b>9a</b> Bulletins Assembled	22 <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg <b>5:30p</b> Worship & Holy Comm.
23 8:30 Worship 9:40a Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10:45a Worship	24 <b>11a</b> W/ELCA Bd <b>6p</b> Cub Scouts Pack Mtg <b>7p</b> BeFriender's Communion @ <b>12:30p</b> Monroe <b>1:30p</b> Maplecroft & Brg- Wdland <b>2:30p</b> Barron Care & Rehab <b>3:30p</b> Extended	25 <b>7a</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study <b>9:30a</b> AA Mtg <b>6p</b> Multiple Blessings <b>6:30p</b> Jail Ministry	26 <b>4 &amp; 6p</b> Confirmation <b>7p</b> Sr. Choir	27 Thanksgiving  Office Closed	28 <b>8:30a</b> Newsletters Assembled <b>9a</b> Bulletins Assembled	29

30  
8:30 Worship  
9:40a Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
10:45a Worship



# November



## Worship Volunteers

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

### USHERS

#### November 1 & 2:

5:30  
8:30 Richard & Lorri Hinde  
& Family  
10:45 Tim & Amy Hanson  
& Family

#### November 8 & 9:

5:30 W/ELCA  
8:30 Randy/Rhonda Severson  
10:45 Doug & Judy Folstad

#### November 15 & 16:

5:30  
8:30 Richard/Lorri Hinde Family  
10:45 Wayne/Robin Hanson  
Family

#### November 22 & 23:

5:30 Dale & Agnes Prine  
8:30 Paul & Rosella Amundson  
10:45 Char Chermack  
& Joan Christenson

#### November 29 & 30:

5:30  
8:30 Lloyd Campbell  
10:45 Doug & Judy Folstad

### GREETERS

#### November 1 & 2:

5:30  
8:30 Ryan Mosentine & Family  
10:45 Tim/Amy Hanson Family

#### November 8 & 9:

5:30 W/ELCA  
8:30 Lorraine Haugen  
& Michelle Davis  
10:45 Doug & Judy Folstad

#### November 15 & 16:

5:30  
8:30 Richard/Lorri Hinde Family  
10:45 Wayne/Robin Hanson  
Family

#### November 22 & 23:

5:30 Dale & Agnes Prine  
8:30 Richard/Lorri Hinde Family  
10:45 Char Chermack  
& Joan Christenson

#### November 29 & 30:

5:30  
8:30 Elizabeth Stephens  
& Family  
10:45 Doug & Judy Folstad

### LECTORS

#### November 1 & 2:

5:30  
8:30 Bonnie Burke  
10:45 Fran & Kolleen Felber

#### November 8 & 9:

5:30 W/ELCA  
8:30 W/ELCA  
10:45 W/ELCA

#### November 15 & 16:

5:30  
8:30 Jubilee Team  
10:45 Ken Mosentine

#### November 22 & 23:

5:30  
8:30 Sally Ellison  
10:45 Erika Shearer

#### November 29 & 30:

5:30  
8:30 Donna Jones  
10:45 Bill Koser

### ACOLYTES

#### November 2:

8:30 Amanda Hinde  
& Karia Severude  
10:45 Nicole Rischette

#### November 9:

8:30 Amanda Hinde  
10:45 Willie Krentz

#### November 16:

8:30 Amanda Hinde  
10:45 Jaren Paulson

#### November 23:

8:30 McKenzie Otto  
10:45

#### November 30:

8:30 Elizabeth Stephens  
10:45 Corrine Schultz

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

#### November 1 & 2:

5:30  
8:30  
10:45

#### November 8:

5:30

#### November 15 & 16:

5:30  
8:30  
10:45

#### November 22:

5:30 Dale Prine

#### November 29:

5:30

### COFFEE SERVICE

#### November 2:

Theresa Zappitello  
& Sandy Rohe

#### November 9:

Clarice Fall

#### November 16:

Lay Ministry

#### November 23:

Reda & Harold Thorson

#### November 30:

Cheryl Johnson & Volunteers  
With Gift From the Heart

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

#### November 2:

8:30 Sheila Erb  
10:45 Lynn Kolpack

#### November 9:

8:30 Donna Jones  
10:45

#### November 16:

8:30 Sheila Erb  
10:45 Judy Degerman

#### November 23:

8:30 Michelle Davis  
10:45

#### November 30:

8:30 Lynne Hanse  
10:45 Michelle Davis