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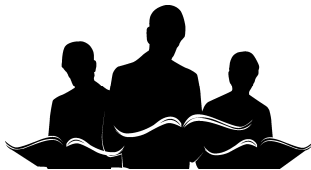
Kids 3 years through 8th grade: Rally Sunday is September 13 and we would like YOU to be a part of this fun day!

At the 8:30 & 10:45 worship services we install your teachers,

sing Sunday School songs and bless *your* backpack!

And...a new Sunday School year begins at 9:40am! Come for Sunday School and stay for church!

Thank you, parents, for sharing your child with us. Check out our website: www.firstlutheran-barron.org/sundayschool.



Men's Breakfast Bible study resumes. See page 7 for details.

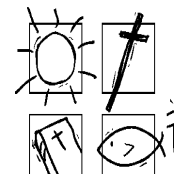


Confirmation will be held Sunday, October 4th during the 10:45am worship service...see page 5.

FAREWELL TO PASTOR LISA: September 6th, will be Pastor Lisa's last Sunday and ministry here at First Lutheran. It is with much sadness, but great joy as she accepts her new call at Bethel Lutheran Church in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. Please join us for worship at 9:00am, followed by a farewell potluck brunch in celebration of her ministry here at First Lutheran. Please bring a dish to pass (egg dish, fruit, muffins, etc.). We wish her much success and many of God's blessings in her new ministry.



We are seeking a Director of Children's Education, see page 5 for more details.



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There are NO dates left in the 2009/2010 Radio Ministry Campaign!!!

The Radio Ministry is greatly appreciated by everyone who is not able to attend the worship service. THANK YOU to everyone who supported and made this wonderful ministry possible!



FAREWELL FROM Pastor Lisa

As you know by now, September 6th will be my last Sunday as your Pastor. I have received and accepted a call to serve as Pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church in north La Crosse, Wisconsin. It is hard to say goodbye as we have grown to love each other deeply. We have gone through a lot together, and we have done a lot together. We will always have that heart connection between us across the miles and years.

I do have to tell you this (or I will be in trouble with Bishop Pederson and my new Bishop too) – when I am done as your pastor, I am done as your pastor. As much as I might care about you, I will not be able to perform any pastoral acts on your behalf. Please do not call me and ask me to do your funerals or weddings or baptisms. Those tasks are the privilege and honor of the pastor called to serve you at First. I had that privilege and honor while I served you as your called pastor beginning in January 2005 until now. On September 6th, I will be giving that privilege and honor back to you.

It seems like I should have some profound words and blessings to share with you in this final article. Perhaps these fit. I received this in an e-mail the other day.

*I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright,
enough rain so you can appreciate light.
I wish you enough music to raise your spirits,
enough silence so you can hear it.
I wish you enough happiness to make you glow,
enough pain to make you grow.
I wish you enough intelligence to make your way,
enough innocence to enjoy the day.
I wish you joy.
I wish you love.
I wish you peace.
I wish you enough.*

I might add a few more:

*I wish you enough faith so you can move mountains,
and enough humility to know it is only through God's power.
I wish you enough love to fill your soul with gladness,
and enough sorrows to keep you holding onto God.
I wish you . . .*

There are so many things I could add, but this newsletter could not hold them all. And so, I say “goodbye” to all of you and may God bless each and every one of you.

With much love,
Pastor Lisa

Minutes of the Congregational Council July 20, 2009

Members Present:

Gerald Johnson, Wendell McDonough, Terry Jergenson, Carla Nordby, Rod Wiemer, Pastor Lisa Shank, Pastor Bruce Beyer, Gayle Larson, Keith Kolpack, Nancy Krahenbuhl, Clarice Fall, Ardis Ress

Members Excused:

Julie Malone, Lissette Ritchie, Carolyn Verhulst, Julie Hallberg, Barb Swant, Jason Erb

Meeting Call to Order:

7:05 PM by Council President, Rod Wiemer

Devotions:

Gayle Larson

Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve June 15, 2009 Secretary's Report by Clarice Fall.

Second by Keith Kolpack

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

No borrowing done in the month of June, but it is expected we will need \$5000.00 to meet cash flow for July obligations.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Wendell

McDonough.

Second by Gayle Larson

Motion carried.

Old Business:

Repair to the large commercial refrigerator in the kitchen has been done. The cost estimate was \$460.00 and donations received have totaled \$438.00. The final repair bill has not been received.

New Business:

New Committee Membership Appointments are: Susan Babler/Education, Bruce Rasmussen and Emily Jackson/Finance, Melissa Dahl and Roger Jones/Outreach, David Olsen, Norm Thompson and Curt Madson/Property, Dale Prine, Deb Dietrich and Jan Barrett/Public Relations, Jan Kienbaum/Social Concerns, Jeff Junkans, Karen Roux and Diane Sloan/Stewardship.

Motion to approve new committee members by Terry Jergenson.

Second by Nancy Krahenbuhl

Motion carried.

New Business continued:

An email letter was presented to the Council regarding First Lutheran's need to purchase a van for transportation of members to church, afternoon fellowship or other church-sponsored activities. The idea was researched one year ago and the cost of a van purchase, insurance, liability, storage and maintenance made it too costly to pursue. The Church Council will once again seek information from a local van driver, and other local churches for ideas.

Committee Reports:

Vision – Pastor Odogren will be at First Lutheran on September 19, 2009 to do a workshop with Church Council, Vision Team, Chairs of Committee's and other key church leaders. We will study the book *Living Lutheran* and some topics of discussion include: Who are we? What is our mission? What are our long and short term goals? And What is our next action? Pastor Odogren will also be speaking at all three church services that weekend.

BeFriends – Names of persons the BeFriends need phone and/or addresses for have been placed in the Focus. They are still catching up with other members.

Multi-Media – Mark Pedersen has agreed to get the computer program up and running and will help to recruit others to manage the Sunday Service operations. A draft of the Multi-Media Informational Brochure was also shared with the Church Council. Lisa Schultz, Michelle Degerman and Mary Shearer have done a great job with the brochure!

Property Committee – Keith Kolpack brought a proposal from the Property Committee requesting \$1065.00 to repair and maintain the LaSalle parsonage outdoor deck. There is \$600.00 in the budget for repairs but the remaining \$465.00 would need to come from the Perpetual Fund.

Motion made by Keith Kolpack pending recommendation that \$465.00 of the interest from the Perpetual Fund be used to maintain the condition of the deck at the LaSalle parsonage.

Second by Nancy Krahenbuhl

Motion carried.

Trust Fund Transfers:

A new piano for the church balcony will be made possible by the Berg Family Memorial.

Motion by Clarice Fall to approve the Trust Fund Transfer for the piano purchase using the Berg Family Memorial money.

Second by Nancy Krahenbuhl

Motion carried.

Trust Fund Transfers continued:

The bill for First Lutheran confirmation students to attend Luther Park is \$1040.00. John & Barb Kirk have given \$460.00 for youth camperships and the remaining \$580.00 should come from the Bible Camp Fund.

Motion by Carla Nordby to transfer the \$580.00 from the Bible Camp Fund.

Second by Gayle Larson

Motion carried.

Pastor Beyer's Report:

19 transfers out of First Lutheran have been requested many of which were requested some time ago but not documented in the church office.

Motion approve transfers by Clarice Fall.

Second by Keith Kolpack

Motion carried.

The *Living Lutheran* book to be used for the Church Council Workshop on September 19, 2009 was purchased on-line though amazon.com by Pastor Beyer for \$287.00. This order was a cost savings to the church at over \$60.00 plus no shipping or handling costs.

Motion to approve payment to Pastor Beyer from the Church Council 9130 Account was made by Keith Kolpack.

Second by Terry Jergenson

Motion carried.

Pastor Lisa's Report:

The Barron Clergy Association is currently interviewing candidates for the Cupboard & Closet Manager position. They will split this position into a General Manager and an Operations Manager.

The Relay for Life Fundraiser will take place the weekend of July 31, 2009 at the Barron High School track. Come out and support this very moving and worthwhile fundraiser.

August 1, 2009 a Women's Bible Study on the Book of Romans will take place at the Chetek Lutheran Church.

August 6 & 7 Pastor Lisa will be gone for continuing education.

August 14 – 16, 2009 Pastor Lisa will be away for a Book of Faith Jubilee.

President's Report:

None

Vice President's Report:

None

Special Event:

The Church Council stepped out of meeting to send off the youth and advisors to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

We prayed for safe travels and uplifting experiences.

Constitution Review:

Review of Chapters 9-12 tabled again until the August meeting.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 by Carla Nordby.

Second by Wendell McDonough

Motion carried.

POST-ASSEMBLY NOTE TO THE SYNOD. The 2009 Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, August 17-23, has come to an end. I write this after 1,045 voting members, 22 from the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, have spent long, emotionally laden days doing the legislative work of the church. Because of the enormity of decisions made, I want to share both information and a few of my thoughts.

THE WIDE VIEW. When the Churchwide Assembly is viewed through a wide-angle lens, the scope of our work has been broad and breathtaking. The Assembly approved a malaria initiative and an HIV and AIDS strategy which will literally save the lives of tens of thousands of people around the world; elected a Vice President; established a full-communion relationship with the United Methodist Church; studied the Scriptures; heard reports and greetings from ELCA officers, units of the church, and ecumenical officers; and worshiped, prayed, and sang throughout. Information was shared, spirited debate ensued, and the direction of the Spirit was sought. In short, it was a typical, weeklong Churchwide Assembly, and the work of the highest legislative authority of the church was done. . .there was much more that I've not summarized.

THE NARROW VIEW. But the Churchwide Assembly was atypical in that the "wide view" of the Assembly has been virtually ignored by those both inside and outside the church; instead, a "narrow view" has prevailed. After eight years of study, prayer, discussion, reflection, input, debate, actions, drafts, and rewrites, the recommendations regarding human sexuality finally came before the church for action. This eight year process has been the most extensive, transparent, and participative in the history of the church.

HERE ARE THE DECISIONS THAT WERE MADE:

The proposed social statement, "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust," was approved. The implementing resolutions derived from the social statement passed with 71% approval. The four recommendations on Ministry Policies were reordered and revised in minor ways by amendment. They are as follows:

1. "Resolved, that the implementation of any resolutions on ministry policies, the ELCA commit itself to bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound consciences of all." Approved with 77% of vote.
2. "Resolved, that the ELCA commit itself to finding ways to allow congregation that choose to do so to recognize, support, and hold publicly accountable, life-long, monogamous, same-gender relationships." Approved with 61% of the vote.
3. "Resolved, that the ELCA commit itself to finding a way for people in such publicly accountable, life-long, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders of this church." Approved with 55% of the vote.
4. The final resolution is too long to write out in full here, but it calls upon the church to respect the bound consciences of those with whom we disagree, affirm "structured flexibility" in candidacy decisions and the extending of calls, eliminate the prohibition of rostered service of those members who are in publicly accountable, life-long, monogamous, same-gender relationships, affirm policy provisions to recognize the conviction of those who believe the church should not call or roster those who are publicly accountable, life-long, same-gender relationships, and the development guidelines and amendments to all policies to carry them out regarding the public ministry of this church. (read this resolution in full on the ELCA website.) Approved with 68% of the vote.

Those are the facts, but what is not represented here are the tears of joy for those who have felt alienated from the church for decades, or the tears of sadness for those who now feel that their church has abandoned Scripture and tradition and alienated them. No one in the Assembly hall was left untouched by the reality and strain that is presently upon this part of the body of Christ.

I am abundantly aware of the depth of pain that some feel who have been in the minority at this Assembly regarding the matters of human sexuality. Further, I am abundantly aware that this same pain is felt throughout the church by those who are every bit as faithful to the Scriptures as those who have sought and embraced change. That pain and sense of betrayal must be named, and respect and sensitivity to those wounded by the Assembly's actions must be extended. It is important to remember that the resolutions approved make ample room for "bound conscience" and "structured flexibility;" in other words, local ministry contexts will dictate whether or not rostered persons in publicly accountable, life-long, monogamous, same-gender relationships will give leadership in that setting. It is my hope and prayer that this fact will give "breathing room" for those who disapprove of the changes in ministry policy and allow them to remain part of this church. It is my conviction that our unity is grounded in Christ and not in uniformity of policy or perspective. Our unity is shaped by a common mission and in our commitment to living out our faith in witness and service for the sake of the world.

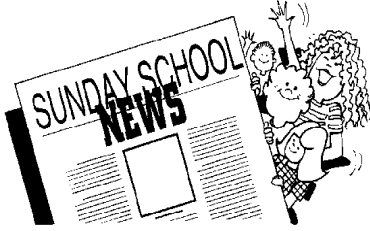
There are those organizing to encourage members, congregations, and rostered leaders to leave the ELCA. Meetings are scheduled, materials on how to withdraw from the ELCA have been prepared, advice to withhold mission support has been given, and strategies of separation are underway. I am profoundly saddened by these actions which encourage and promote the very disunity that all have sought to avoid. Wisdom and common sense indicate that we move slowly, delay making major decisions or changes, and let the dust settle before taking big steps. I encourage those who wonder whether or not they can remain part of this church to put that decision "on hold" and live into the future until a time of less anxiety. For the majority of our church, ministry and mission will move forward as usual. The Word will be proclaimed, the Sacraments administered, and disciples sent into the world to witness and serve. As the pastor of the synod, I intend to seek the unity of the church, graciously care for those who feel alienated, and emphasize missional discipleship again and again. At a time such as this, it is important to remember that this is not *our* church, it's the LORD'S church. In the midst of turmoil and conflict, I trust that God will continue to work through the broken body that Jesus has claimed as his own. Therefore, it is to the Lord that we entrust this church, our future, and the ministry of the Kingdom.

"O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the people. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually." Psalm 105:1-5

Join me in seeking the Lord's strength and presence as we tell and sing of his wonderful works.

Bishop Duane Pederson
Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

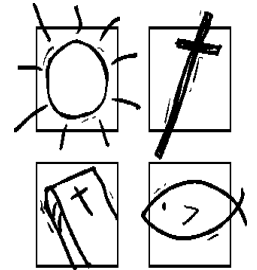
Sunday School, SWYG, Confirmation & Youth Activities



SEEKING DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S EDUCATION: The Director of Children's Education of First Lutheran Church shall assist the Pastors and Education Committee in planning and promoting a comprehensive educational program from cradle through confirmation. The Director of Education is responsible to and is an advisory member of the Education Committee and advisor to the Confirmation Committee. The Education and Personnel Committee is willing to have this position be a shared position.

A complete job description for this position is available in the church office. Please send a letter of application and resume to:

First Lutheran Church
Attn: Personnel Committee
4 West LaSalle Avenue
Barron, WI 54812



The application deadline is **September 30, 2009.**



The first meeting of SWYG is on **Wednesday, September 9, 2009, 5:30pm—7:00pm.** All confirmation students are required to join us for SWYG night, which includes a meal, an activity and fellowship together



2009 CONFIRMANDS AND PARENTS: Confirmation will be held on **Sunday, October 4th**, during the 10:45am service. Parents and students are scheduled for a meeting with the pastor on **Sunday, September 13th at 9:40am.** The confirmands will also be meeting with the pastor on **Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00pm and Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00pm** with rehearsal to follow at 8:00pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS



Our Sunday School needs your help! We are still looking for Sunday School teachers for the 3 year olds and the 4th grade. We are also looking for individuals who would be willing to be put on a list to serve as substitute teachers. If you are willing to serve in either capacity, please contact Jill Lansin at 790-7100.



"THANK YOU" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KIDS!!!

They collected enough school supplies to make 36 school kits which will be sent to Lutheran World Relief! We have awesome kids and parents at First Lutheran who care for those children that are in need!!!

THANK YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH!!!



WANTED: WOMEN WITH NEEDLES!!!

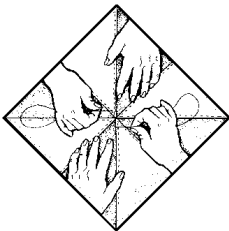
Join us on **Tuesday, September 29th, from 6:30—8:30pm** in the Centennial Room for our first “Needle Night” of the season! Bring any stitchery, knitting, or crocheting project/s you’re currently working on. If you are just beginning, bring some needles and yarn and learn to knit. If you are not currently working any projects and/or would just like to learn how to knit, come and borrow some needles and yarn. You could learn how to make hats for the “Gift from the Heart” program, or learn how to make prayer shawls for folks in hospitals and nursing homes. You’ve got lots of options! Beginning and experienced needle workers are invited. Come, and leave early as your schedule allows. Enjoy conversation and some dessert, too! Tell your friends! If you have questions, please call Lynn at 637-5986.

STEP: An opportunity to serve your community. If you are 62 years of age or better, and own property in the Barron Area School District, you have the opportunity to earn money toward your tax assessment while serving the children of your community. STEP (Senior Tax Exchange Program) is offered by the school district to senior volunteers who receive will receive a \$5 property tax credit for every hour volunteered up to 80 hours for a total of \$400 each school year. Volunteers are needed in all of the schools; no special abilities are needed aside from a love of children and a desire to help them achieve their dreams.



Duties can include helping in classrooms, tutoring individual students, clerical duties, or other jobs as needed. Students love to get to know the volunteers and are cooperative and respectful. Teachers are very appreciative of the contributions made by volunteers. A very rewarding experience is waiting for all who participate—just ask Roger Jones, Donna Jones, and Betty Dodge—the are some our the current volunteers!

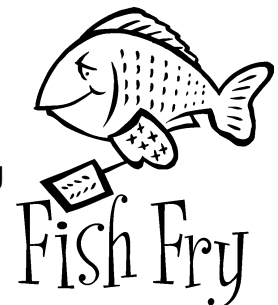
Fort more information and/or to register to participate, contact the STEP Coordinators, Marge or Arlyn Colby at 627-3928.



A STITCH FOR QUILTERS

Quilters will meet **Thursday, September 3, and every Thursday through November 19.** We meet from 1--3pm in the Fellowship Room to assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you have some Thursday afternoon free, please come and join us. If you don't want to stand and tie quilts, you could sit down and stitch around the outer edges of the quilts. Donations of fabric pieces, old bedding, etc are always needed as well. If you have any questions, please call Gail Larson at 837-1834.

“Friday Night Fish Fry for Friends at First”, Friday, September 18th, 6pm at Tagalong near Birchwood. Pay for your own meal, beverage and tip with an average cost of \$10.00. Let’s meet in the west parking lot of the church at 5:30pm to carpool to Tagalong. This event is open to all ages, singles, and couples. No need to order fish—you may order whatever you like! The group that meets in September will decide where and when the next “fish fry” outing will be. If you are interested in the September 18th fish fry, please sign-up on the bulletin board in Luther Hall by Wednesday, September 16th, so we have an accurate number when our reservation is called in. If you have questions, call Lynn at 637-5986, or Gabby at 637-3445.



MEAL FROM THE HEART

For 7 1/2 years, the Barron Area Clergy Association has sponsored "Meal from the Heart", a free hot meal for those in need in our community. The meal is held at 6pm on the fourth Thursday of each month right here at First Lutheran, and is provided by local church, community and civic groups. The first meal was served in January 2002, to two guests, now, 50 or more are served at each meal.

A steering committee from our local churches sets up the schedule and is present at each meal (from 4:30—7:30pm) to supervise set-up, serve and clean-up. Marge Colby and Mari Koser are presently our representatives, but there is a need for a few more people to serve on this committee. This is an extremely rewarding way to be of service to our community. If you could join the committee, or would like more information, call Marge Colby at 637-3928.



On Wednesday, **September 2 @ 1:30pm**, W/ELCA will be having their Annual Meeting. There will be an election of officers and an overview of Circle Bible Study given by Pastor Lisa.



MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study will resume **Tuesday, September 15th at 7am. All men are welcome to attend!**

125 YEARS AND GROWING — IN STEWARDSHIP

We Americans are so blessed, having been born in this great country! We have so much in the way of material things. This is why we must have our priorities straight.

That is why it is so important that stewardship or generous giving has to be nurtured and the more we get involved in seeking the answer to life's challenges, the more generous we become. It is really not about money—it is about God—our lives—and our priorities.



A message from your Stewardship Committee!



The articles in this issue are very interesting and should help with the new Bible Study. When you start the Bible study section, you should read the article: "When in Rome." The title of the study is "To God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans." This month's study, "Be Mutually Encouraged" with the theme verses in Romans 1:16. There are a few notes to you, see pages 29, 31, and 32—"if time permits." Don't miss the marks of our lives as disciples.

MISSION NEWS



Mr. James Naas will go to Cameroun in September to help leaders and work out the financial problems. I have phoned Cameroun many times with no one picking up the phone. I have even tried operator assistance with no luck. Our prayers are with them.

Lorraine Haugen

DUTIES THIS MONTH:

Mission Correspondence: Faith

Communion Assistants: Faith

Kitchen Maintenance: Janice Morris & Tammie Mosentine

Care of Altar: Debbie Slagstad, Jan Barrett, Susan Babler

Cupboard and Closet

Thanks to all of you, the ***Cupboard and Closet*** is booming. Donations and sales are going well. The hungry are being fed and other needs are being filled as well.

What a wonderful gift from God that we have this ministry in Barron.



We do have special needs this month: We are in need of a dorm room size refrigerator for the volunteer break-room. We would also like to encourage you for any furniture donations. As soon as any furniture comes in, it is sold almost immediately.

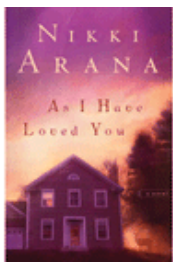
There is a real need in our community for affordable furniture, so anything you can do to help would be a true blessing.



The summer has again shown that there is an immense need in the Barron community. Mother Hubbard's cupboards are almost bare. We have a need for all kinds of foods. As always, we have a need for basic food staples – things like instant rice, instant potatoes, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, cereal, canned vegetables, and canned fruit. All other kinds of non-perishable food items would also be welcomed. If you have an abundance of garden produce, please bring the extras in and we will make sure that they get distributed on Tuesday or Thursday.



Volunteers are needed to work at the Cupboard and Closet, if you are able to volunteer, please call 637-3499 and speak with Pam or Jeff.



As I Have Loved You **By Nikki Arama**

This novel is about Leigh Scott, who is widowed, a Christian, an author and a single mom. She has one son, Jeff, who is the light of her life. Jeff is a devoted son and a college student with his life all planned. He meets Jessica, a young woman with a troubled past. Leigh frets that Jessica will destroy everything she has for which she has worked so hard. Leigh is accustomed to fighting for her son and now she finds that she is fighting with him about some of his decisions. Then, Leigh's father develops cancer and her parents are in danger of losing their home. On top of everything, Leigh has a book deadline to meet. Her "first love" appears on the scene and she struggles to keep her balance.

This book will keep your interest. We have many great books in our library. Plan to stop and browse and then, check out a book!

The Library Committee



ALL ABOARD !!!

Get ready for a fabulous train ride
and a sumptuous meal!

When?	Sunday, September 13 th , 10:45am
What?	Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad Dinner Train
Where?	Spoooner to Spring Brook roundtrip
How long?	Three hours
Menu?	Several meats, fruits, salads, as well as assorted breakfast items.
Cost?	\$36.93 per person ride & brunch

We will car pool from Barron to Spoooner, leaving church at 10:45 that morning. Interested? For more information and reservations phone Nancy Thompson (637-3733).

The train folks require reservations and payment a week in advance (payment due September 6th).



PLANNING retreat

ALL DAY LEADERSHIP RETREAT: On **Saturday, September 19**, Pastor Amy Odgren from our synod staff will be leading a day-long leadership retreat at First Lutheran. Pastor Odgren will work with us as we look at the vision mission of our congregation, consider how we best achieve our goals, and do some strategic planning for the future. If you want to participate in this exciting process, please speak with Pastor Beyer.

Pastor Odgren will be preaching at the services the weekend of September 19-20 and will lead a forum during the learning hour on Sunday morning.

**GATHERED TOGETHER
BY THE SPIRIT**

GENERAL FUND OFFERING

(As of August 23, 2009)

2009 BUDGET	339,000.00
Received this week	3,366.00
Needed Year to Date	200,898.10
	-7,711.38

REPAIR AND DEBT FUND

Received Year to Date	3,496.00
Needed Year to date	3,371.10
	+124.90

MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS

BAPTISMS

Summer Marie Thorp.....8/08/09

FUNERALS

RADIO BROADCASTS


- September 6: In memory of Norman & Nellie Olson by the Olson Family
- September 13: In honor of their 53rd Wedding Anniversary by Lloyd and Janet Campbell
- September 20: In memory of 125th Anniversary by the 125 Anniversary Committee
- September 27: In thanksgiving for Baptism and new life by Rodney and Betty Shipley.


Weddings

Steven Alexander Elliott
&
Lindsey Nicole Kurtz
8/15/2009

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Aaron Donald Roux
&
Jennifer Rose Barrick
8/22/2009


A Special
THANK YOU *“On behalf of the Synod Hunger Action Committee, I could like to express grateful THANKS for your participation in fighting hunger along with the other 211 congregations of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin.*

- Gifts given to the 2009 Synod Assembly Quarter Offering totaled \$46,250*
- *2/3 will go to Malawi food sustainability efforts*
 - *1/3 to ELCA World Hunger*

Your generosity in this partnership is critical to so many around the globe. THANK YOU—as we walk together, for the sake of mission, in God’s world!”
Duane Pederson, Bishop NW Synod of WI

“Together we save lives” Thank you!
Pastor Kathy Wohlers, Hunger Action Committee

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**Summer Schedule:
(Memorial Day - Labor Day)
Saturday Worship,* 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship *9:00am**

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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