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OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Recognition of our 2010 high school graduates was on Sunday, May 16,

at the 8:30 service. Following the service, the graduating seniors were our guests of honor at a brunch hosted by the families of this year's junior class. Congratulations and best wishes to the graduating members of First Lutheran:

Dylan Akenson	Derek Dahl
Carl Halvorson	Rachel Hanson
Anna Hinde	Jordyn Hover
Erin McNeil	Hannah Nelson
Randel Peters	Reisa Peters
Landan Romsos	Tyler Romsos
Ashley Steinke	Jerry Stoeklen
Tyler Tubbs	Jackson Unteriner

Service of Healing to be offered on June 5-6

You are invited to a communion service of healing and thanksgiving for healing on the weekend of June 5-6. Perhaps you are in a situation of desiring prayers for healing. Or, perhaps you have experienced recovering from illness and you desire a prayer of thanksgiving. Those desiring prayers may come to the altar rail after receiving communion by intinction for prayers of healing or prayers for thanksgiving for healing.

Come to Meetin' to Sing Some Gospel Music on June 12-13

First Lutheran is known as a place with a love for music and eager voices. Besides, Lutherans are known as singing people. So, now that we are entering into summer, we want to set aside one weekend for singing some of those good old gospel songs. Let everyone know that the church at the corner of Highway 25 and LaSalle is the place to be on June 12-13. Then leave the worship with a song in your heart and a smile on your face!

SUMMER SCHEDULE



Our summer schedule is underway with one Sunday worship service at **9:00am**. Saturday worship continues each week at 5:30pm.

Worship is the Place to be on Father's Day Weekend June 19-20

What better way to honor God, our Heavenly Father, than by worshipping in God's house on Father's Day weekend? We will be using a Litany for "Blessing of Fathers." We hope to see all our earthly fathers and their families in church that weekend in order to wish them a Happy Father's Day!

Vacation Bible School children to sing on June 27

Vacation Bible School children will be sharing songs at worship on Sunday, June 27, 9am, that they have learned during VBS, June 20-24, 5:30-7:45pm. Children will learn life-changing stories about following Jesus with songs, crafts, adventures, and snacks in the SonQuest Rainforest. Invite grandpas and grandmas and the rest of the relatives!

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From the Bishop

(The following are excerpts from Bishop Pederson's written report for the 2010 synod assembly held May 21-22 at Stevens Point.)

There is a clear recognition that, if the church is to be faithful and effective as it seeks to witness and serve in the present and in the future, it will need to step out of the church building and deeply engage the world – both near and far. *This* is mission, and I'm seeing renewed commitment to exploring what it means to be a missional church and commend leaders who are courageously taking risks to lead communities of faith in a missional direction. ...Most congregations are moving ahead in mission. I am particularly heartened by:



- undesigned mission support to the wider church that is not only holding its own, but beginning to grow again; a real witness to the trust that our congregations have in letting God work within our partnership in the gospel;
- the energy created from the recent visit of 15 Malawians who have inspired and blessed us;
- how our seminaries are equipping graduates with missional leadership commitment and gifts;
- the consultations of congregations all over the synod who are exploring creative partnerships;
- the number of education offerings in our synod for laity and rostered leaders with a missional thrust;
- congregations who are streamlining how they are organized to be nimble and effective for mission;
- the development of Living Water, our newest congregation, and the partnership grant for St. Paul's, Medford, both examples of how our mission support translates into real ministry through cooperation of the three expressions of the church (41 new ELCA starts were approved last year);
- the extensive participation in the Book of Faith initiative to plunge people into the Word of life;
- the opportunity to partner with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi to provide a Pastors' Academy in Lilongwe for solid continuing education; two of our pastors will teach this fall;
- the intentional strategies to grow disciples, not members, through Bible study and spiritual practices;
- the likelihood of another Seibert grant to emphasize the household as a primary place where faith is passed from one generation to the next;
- the preliminary plans to develop a mission academy in our synod to equip laity and rostered leaders for mission in the context of a rapidly changing modern world;
- the amazing "on the ground" work of Lutheran Disaster Response;
- the increasing conversation among ecumenical partners about partnership possibilities;
- the savings realized and the improved health of leaders because our synod attained the health assessment goals through the Board of Pensions;
- the fact that one in 50 Americans are touched by social ministries of the Lutheran church;
- the leadership development with youth that happens on account of LYO board;
- the five new congregation-to-congregation matches with Sinodo Centro Campanha Sul in Brazil;
- the growing importance of our synod's youth ministry network, and its focus on supporting and equipping those working within this ministry to form missional young leaders; and
- the completion of 16 years of Lay School of Ministry, and its ongoing role in undergirding lay leaders with theology and biblical knowledge needed to lead missionally in their households, congregations, and communities.

In sum, this particular time, our time, *God's* time, is fraught with opportunity! This is an amazing time to be the church, and I am convinced that God is leading us into missional ways, the likes of which we are only beginning to comprehend. It is my intent as the bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin to lead, support, badger, follow, and encourage the congregations and leaders of our synod wherever the Spirit is at work.

On behalf of the amazing staff with whom I am blessed to work, thank you for your partnership in the Gospel and for your commitment to "walking together for the sake of mission in God's world." It is an honor to be your synod pastor!

Bishop Duane Pederson

From the Office of the Presiding Bishop. . .

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Trusting that God's new creation is made evident in and through us, we rejoice that:

Directors for evangelical mission are prepared, based in synods and ready to serve so that all ELCA congregations are growing as evangelical centers for mission.



Synod-based partners in evangelical worship are being identified to assist congregations as we seek to be an evangelizing church centered in the means of grace.

The ELCA's priority for developing new congregations continues. In 2009, 32 new congregations were planted, many in ethnic-specific or multicultural communities, among people living in poverty, and in urban areas. Camino de Vida, a new congregation under development in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is a joint new start with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Mission Developer Jaime Guillermo Yela welcomed more than 400 people for the first worship service in December 2009.

Leadership is the focus for young adults of African Descent who, in response to "Elisha's Call," are identifying at least 100 new young adult leaders within their communities.

Creativity abounds through the Book of Faith Initiative as congregations and colleges gather around Scripture in coffee shops and pubs, in homes and in dorm rooms. In one congregation, confirmation students receive Bibles in which their parents, mentors, sponsors, and pastors have already marked their favorite passages.

Social media is playing a vital new role in connecting people to this church. The ELCA News Service transmits releases in real-time via Twitter (twitter.com/elcanews). More than 13,000 fans on the ELCA Facebook page (facebook.com/Lutherans) share stories, encouragement and prayers online. The Book of Faith site (www.bookoffaith.ning.com) has welcomed more than 3,300 participants into a conversation about the first language of faith.

Generosity marks the ELCA's response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti. In the first five weeks, ELCA members gave nearly \$5.3 million dollars, and more contributions continue to flow in. Lutheran Disaster Response works with our partners, the Luther World Federation and Lutheran World Relief, to meet urgent needs, including shelter, medicine, drinking water, food, sanitation and psychosocial assistance, in a commitment that will continue for years to come. Mission support, the portion of a member's financial offering that a congregation shares with its synod and the churchwide organization, provides the infrastructure that makes it possible for this church to apply 100 percent of every designated gift to disaster response.

Living in the hope of the risen Christ who is making all things new, we are moving forward in mission and supported and encouraged by your synod's fervent prayers, generous financial support and evangelical missional imagination.

I give thanks to God for your service in the mission and ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and for the time and resources you share with your congregation, synod and churchwide ministries. As we stand together in God's grace, it is my prayer that God's work will be served with our hands.

In God's grace,
Mark S. Hanson,
Presiding Bishop

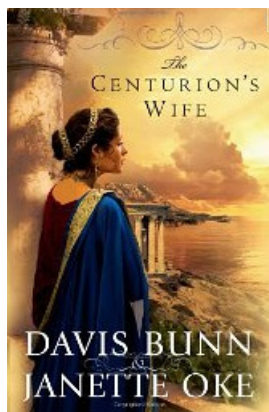
From the President's Corner...



At our last church council meeting, the Ministry Site Profile report was approved. This report will now be sent on to our Northwest Synod office for their evaluation. Meanwhile, a call committee member list was made. Members on this list will be contacted so the call committee can be formed within a month or so. Work is being done looking into an elevator for our church. This elevator would be similar to one in the Methodist church. The Multi-media project will have a special mailing coming in June, so look for that. Summer is just around the corner with Bible Camps and Vacation Bible School available too. Watch for deadlines and dates including Strawberries and Shortcake on July 18.

First Lutheran Church is blessed with many talented people and some very positive projects moving forward. Still, a major concern is our benevolence giving. We are currently at 86% of meeting our current budget needs. We are behind, but better than we were a month ago at 81%. Our first special "Mission Giving Sunday" in April garnered \$2,015. Our goal was \$5,000. Keep in mind that these monies are for our church to keep the lights on, our water bill paid, and support our church staff. Missions are part of our budget and we are obligated to do our part for the "greater" church. An extra \$5 – 10 per week would go a long way to helping meet our budget needs - in addition to the three Special Mission-Giving-Sundays (hopefully raising another \$5,000 each) coming up in July, August/September, and November/December. Please don't forget our church as the busy summer season starts. First Lutheran needs all of us. Please consider your giving. See you in church!

Keith Kolpack,
Church Council President



THE CENTURION'S WIFE

An historical novel by authors David Bunn and Jeanette Oke

This book is a story of the dramatic event that surrounded the birth of Christianity and the personal story of Leah. Leah is compelled into a brothel she never wanted and was drawn by a faith she never expected.

Leah's family lost all their wealth and power so she was sent to Pontius Pilate, a relative, in the hope that he would arrange a suitable marriage. She was betrothed to Alban, a handsome Centurion, head of the garrison near Galilee. Alban has ambitions that one day he would have a seat of power—in Rome itself. Eager to prove himself, he took the assignment of a lifetime, one that could endanger his career, his beliefs, and his life.

But when the death—and missing body—of an obscure rabbi compelled Leah and Alban to search for the answers, what they discovered changed everything!

This is a compelling novel! Visit our church's library and this book out!

The Library Committee



FIRST LUTHERAN-BARRON REMEMBERS MALAWI!!

“Blessings to our companions in Malawi, Africa, from First Lutheran Church of Barron” is the message that is being sent to aide the earthquake victims of Karonga area. Thank you, for your generous outreach to help them recover from the devastation caused by many tremors. First Lutheran’s response was more than incredible with a total of \$2,158.84. Checks came in by the number from \$20.00 to a huge amount of \$1,000.00. Each week of Lent our jar and boxes gathered funds to uplift our sisters and brothers in need. God is good and his blessings are many! Thank you, everyone, for your gifts and prayers. Your response was magnificent!

Installation of Women of Prayer

Last month was Mother’s Day. A day set aside to remember the gifts we have received from our mothers. A day we reflect on the gifts of love we pass on to our children who are ours biologically and those we gather as our own. My mind and heart goes out to all the children in Malawi who have been robbed of a mother’s love through HIV/AIDS or malaria. Their loss is immeasurable by every fiber of my being. So, today again, we give thanks for the Women of Prayer who work tirelessly to care for the needs of the orphans. We also give thanks to each and every woman who has taken many, many children into her home to feed and give them shelter. Most of them live on less than a dollar a day and yet they share the Nsima they have with many little mouths. This example of Christ’s grace is beautiful. WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS !!!



by: Ann Knutson



There are several dates available for the 2010-2011 Radio Broadcast Campaign. If you are interested in sponsoring any of the following dates please contact the church office or fill out the form available in the church bulletin and in the church office.

Currently, the following dates are available:

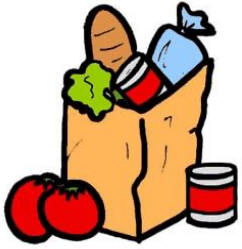
2010: August 1, 8, and 15; September 26; October 10, 24, and 31; November 7 and 21;

2011: January 2, 9, 16, and 30; March 13, 20, and 27; April 17; May 1; and June 5.

There is no need to pre-pay to sponsor one of these available dates. The broadcasts should be paid by the Friday prior to date of sponsorship. Each broadcast’s fee is \$75.00. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Pray for God’s direction during this transition

Earnest prayer is requested for direction for this congregation as we make our way between installed pastorates in the position of congregational life pastor. Special prayer is requested for congregational leadership, pastors and staff, bishop and synod staff.



Cupboard and Closet

Summer is coming and there is an increased need at the Cupboard as school children are not receiving breakfast and/or lunch at school. Please be as generous as you can. There is always a need for: macaroni/pasta, cereal, peanut butter, soup, and canned vegetables.

There is also an increased need at the Closet as children have outgrown last year's summer clothing. What a great way to reduce, reuse and recycle! Bring in the clothing your children have outgrown and find some that will fit. Everyone wins!

Volunteers are in need this summer as many of our regular volunteers are out of town, traveling, or otherwise vacationing. If you can share a few hours a month, you would be a Godsend.



JUNE'S HIGH LIGHT IS MACARONI AND CHEESE!

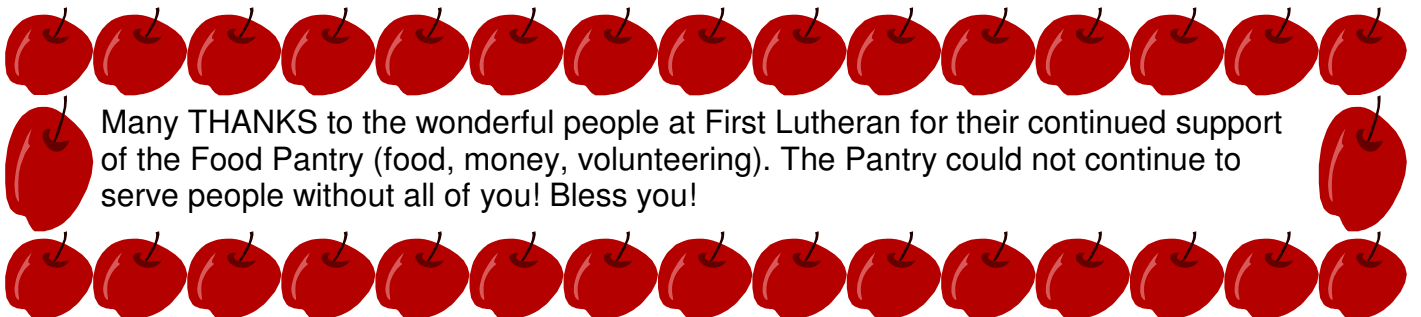
Company Broccoli Three-Cheese Bake

(from Betty Crocker Recipes)

- 1 can (2.8 oz) French-fried onions
- 2 bags (24oz each) Green Giant® frozen broccoli and three cheese sauce
- 1 package (3oz) cream cheese, cut into cubes
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper, if desired
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper sauce



1. Heat oven to 350°F. Reserve 1 cup French-fried onions for topping.
2. In 5 quart Dutch oven, mix remaining onions, the broccoli, cream cheese, bell pepper and red pepper sauce. Cover; cook over medium-low heat about 20 minutes, stirring once halfway through cooking, until cream cheese cubes are melted. Transfer to ungreased 2- to 3-quart casserole.
3. Bake uncovered 20-25 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Sprinkle reserved onion around outer edge of casserole; bake 5 minutes longer.




REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH DURING THE SUMMER!

Even if you are out of town on weekends, keep in touch by listening to worship through the telephone ministry (715-837-4122) and support the church by sending in your contributions!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 e-mail: office@firstlutheran-barron.org The 8:30 service is broadcast live over radio station 1090 AM. Telephone Ministry for all services: 837-4122

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:00a Worship with Holy Communion	7	8 9:30a AA Meeting 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting	9 1:30p Harmony Circle	10 9:30a AA Meeting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled	11 7:00p Wedding Rehearsal	12 9:30a AA Meeting 3:00p Hubbard/ Riebe Wedding 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion
13 9:00a Worship	14 7p Most Committees Meet	15 9:30a AA Meeting 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting	16	17 9a Library 9:30a AA Meeting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled	18	19 9:30a AA Meeting 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion
20 9:00a Worship with Holy Communion 5:30p VBS	21 7p Council 5:30p VBS	22 9:30a AA Meeting 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting NEWLETTER ARTICLES DUE! 5:30p VBS	23 5:30p VBS	24 9:30a AA Meeting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled 5p Meal from the Heart Newsletter Assembled Wedding Rehearsal 5:30p VBS	25 5:30p Carlsen/Y amada Wedding	26 9:30a AA Meeting 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion
27 9:00a Worship	28 10a Women of the ELCA Board Meeting 12:30p Communion at Nursing Homes begins	29 9:30a AA Meeting 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting 6:30p "Needle Night"	30			

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 20 THROUGH JUNE 24—5:30PM—7:45PM!



First Lutheran Church
Barron, WI
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 20 – 24
5:30pm to 7:45pm

Join us for a FUN week!

First Lutheran Church
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 20 – 24
5:30pm to 7:45pm

Dear Parents,

We are beginning to take registration for Vacation Bible School this summer. All children ages 4 to 5th grades are invited to join us for a fun-fill week at First Lutheran Church. Children will learn life-changing stories about following Jesus with songs, crafts, snacks, and adventures in the SONQUEST RAINFOREST. Be there and bring a friend!

We also invite parents to join us on the last day (Thursday) of Vacation Bible School to hear the children share what they learned during the week and share dessert at the end of the program. On Sunday June 27, the children are invited back to share the songs with the congregation at the worship service.

Of course, many things are still needed for Vacation Bible School. There will be a list in Luther Hall for donations for craft items. Our biggest need is for volunteers and helpers for each evening. If you are interested and able to help, please contact Amanda Johnson at 637-6637 or Sheila Erb at 637-6539. We could really use your help! Please pull out this section from the Focus, complete the registration form, and drop it off at the church.

Feel free to sign up to donate any of the items on the donation list. Items are needed by June 1.

SEE YOU AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Vacation Bible School Registration Form
June 20 – June 24
Family Information (one per family)
Please return by June 1st

Family Last Name _____
Parents First Name(s) _____
Address _____
City, St, Zip _____
Phone _____ Alt. # _____
Congregation _____

Child 1
First Name _____
Last Name _____
Completed Grade _____
Birthday _____

Child 2
First Name _____
Last Name _____
Completed Grade _____
Birthday _____

Child 3
First Name _____
Last Name _____
Completed Grade _____
Birthday _____

Child 4
First Name _____
Last Name _____
Completed Grade _____
Birthday _____

Please Read and Sign: My children listed above have permission to take part in VBS Day Camp on June 2, to June 24th led by members and friends of First Lutheran. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give the VBS personnel permission to seek medical treatment for my child(ren).

Parent's Signature _____

**For Parents: I _____ am interested in:
(parent and or guardian's name)**

(please check if you are interested)

- Volunteering for VBS (anything, just sign me up!)**
- Leading or helping with music**
- Prepare/serve snack for the groups**
- Team leader**
- Sharing Daily Lesson**
- Donate for snack (will call you prior to week)**
- Donation in list below _____**
- Help to prep for VBS.**
- Sharing a proxima/projector to use for the week.**
- Other _____**

We are in need of the following items for VBS crafts!

Wrapping paper cardboard rolls

1-inch wooden dowels

Wood beads

Sticks—straight about 12-inches

Sticks—about 3 to 4 foot, straight, thick like walking sticks

Small clear glass bowl—similar to fish bowl or wedding centerpieces

Tissue Paper (smallest size — 1-inch square)

Iridescent Glitter

Nylons — light colored or knee highs

Pipe cleaners

Cotton (balls or batting) and fiberfill

Black acrylic paint

Feathers (preferably black)

Satin ribbon

5-inch (or smaller) terra cotta pots

Jingle bells

Seed beads (white, solid colors)

1 1/16-inch safety pins and 2-inch safety pins

Adult size black tall socks

Black, white, and tan felt

Yarn (black and bright colors)

Transparency sheets

There is no obligation to donate, however it's always appreciated!

Check out the list in Luther Hall for additional items.



Worship Volunteers

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

USHERS	GREETERS	LECTORS	ALTAR GUILD	PIANISTS/ORGANISTS
<u>June 6</u> 5:30 9:00 Gayle and Gail Larson	<u>June 6</u> 8:30	<u>June 6</u> 5:30 9:00 Tesha Horvath	*Leader <u>June 6</u> *Gabby Hanson Gail Larson Reda Thorson	<u>June 6</u> Ruth Anderson
<u>June 13</u> 5:30 9:00 Vonny Degerman Ann McDonald	<u>June 13</u> 8:30	<u>June 13</u> 5:30 9:00 Lynn and Barbara Peterson	<u>June 13</u> *Gabby Hanson Gail Larson Reda Thorson	<u>June 13</u> June Edson
<u>June 20</u> 5:30 9:00 Wayne and Robin Hanson	<u>June 20</u> 8:30	<u>June 20</u> 5:30 9:00 Mark and Kristi Pedersen	<u>June 20</u> *Gabby Hanson Gail Larson Reda Thorson	<u>June 20</u>
<u>June 27</u> 5:30 9:00 Wayne and Lil Nevin	<u>June 27</u> 8:30	<u>June 27</u> 5:30 9:00 Keith and Lynn Kolpack	<u>June 27</u> *Gabby Hanson Gail Larson Reda Thorson	<u>June 27</u> Roger Jones

ACOLYTES

June 6
June 13
June 20
June 27
 Austin Schake and Trent Campbell
 Karianne Mau
 Austin Schake
 Karianne Mau

COFFEE SERVICE

June 6
June 13
June 20
June 27
 Wayne and Lil Nevin
 Monty and Mary Shearer
 Gayle and Gail Larson
 Gabby Hanson



Thank you to everyone who donated treats for the college and service people care packages! Thanks to Tricia for collecting the names and to Pastor Beyer for the letter which was included in the care packages. Also, thank you to Carol Brown, Jean Wick, Kristi Pedersen, and Donna Jones for packing the boxes.



Here are a some quotes from a few of the college care package recipients:

"I would like to thank First Lutheran and all who contributed to the wonderful gift package! It is much appreciated and will come in handy during finals week! Thank you again!

Sincerely,
Samantha Carr

Dear First Lutheran Church:

Wow! I think this finals week will be the best week I've had! Thank you so much for the package of goodies, there are so many good things, I didn't know where to start! I really appreciate all First Lutheran has done for me and packages like these remind me of that.

Thank you so much,
Elsa Pedersen

Dear First Lutheran:

Thank you so much for sending me the finals care package! It is so nice to get mail and to know that the church is thinking of me, even though I'm at school! My friends and I have really enjoyed the snacks and I'm sure we'll continue to do so over the next couple of weeks! Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Emma Babler

Dear First Lutheran Church:

Thank you for the care package that you sent me during my time of cracking down on studying hard for the end of the year and finals. The goodie filled box is being enjoyed! Thank you for your support!

Kate Olsen

First Lutheran Congregation:

Thank you so much for the care package. I know I can speak for all the other college students by saying we truly have been blessed with a great Christian family. It means a lot to us when we receive the big box of goodies in the mail. Not only is it great to have a huge box of junk food, it is a reminder to all of us that you are thinking about us during this stressful time of the year. Thank you all so very much! Can't wait to see you all this summer!

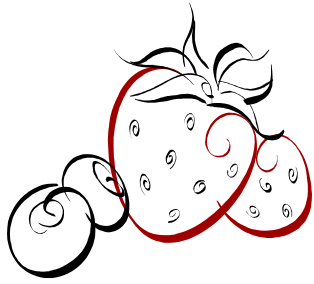
God Bless!
Lara Haugen

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 1 Corinthians 1:4

First Lutheran Church Members:

I would like to thank you very much for the care package of goodies. It will definitely help me study for finals!

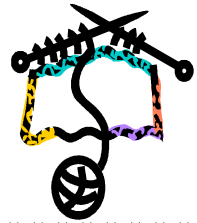
Thanks again!
Nicole Zappitello
UW-Superior-Chemistry Major



A Reminder for...It's Just the Berries!

This year's "Strawberries and Shortcake" Get-Together will be after the 9am worship service on Sunday, July 18. YOUR help is needed to make this work! Lynn Kolpack will be happy to get a group of middle-schoolers together to pick, clean, and freeze berries in June, but your help will be needed to pay for the berries. If you'd like to support this cause, please look for a donation envelope that can be found in the big strawberry hanging on the bulletin board in Luther Hall. Donation envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office or to Lynn Kolpack. Volunteers will also be needed to supply some tasty shortcake on July 18. Contact Lynn if you are able to help. If you have questions or need more information, please call Lynn at 637-5986.

June's "Needle Night" will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 6:30—8:30pm in the Centennial Room. Celebrate summer with an evening of visiting and a stitchery project—one you've already started or a brand-new project, or just come and visit. Treats will be served, but everyone brings their own beverage. Bring a friend! Everyone is invited and welcome! Folks need not be members of First Lutheran!



It's our Birthday Party Day!

Do you think spring has finally sprung? I certainly hope so! The women have been looking forward to up-coming events and activities. When visiting with Lillie Carlson Sauer about two weeks ago, I learned that she has completed writing a play that will be performed twice during the Sesquicentennial at the BACC. There is no charge as she wants everyone who would like to attend, be able to do so.



Doris Day in Barron? What is THIS? Janelle Peterson, known fondly as "The Hat Lady" from Cameron, will be with us at the June 2, Women of the ELCA meeting. She has prepared a musical program (some hats included) which is based on the songs from Doris Day's movies. If you enjoyed these movies, you will certainly enjoy this also! It is also our Birthday Party Day! Come, have a fun afternoon, and enjoy cake and ice cream, and leave with a song in your heart!



Submitted by
Judy Amundson, President of the Women of the ELCA

Gone on Sunday?

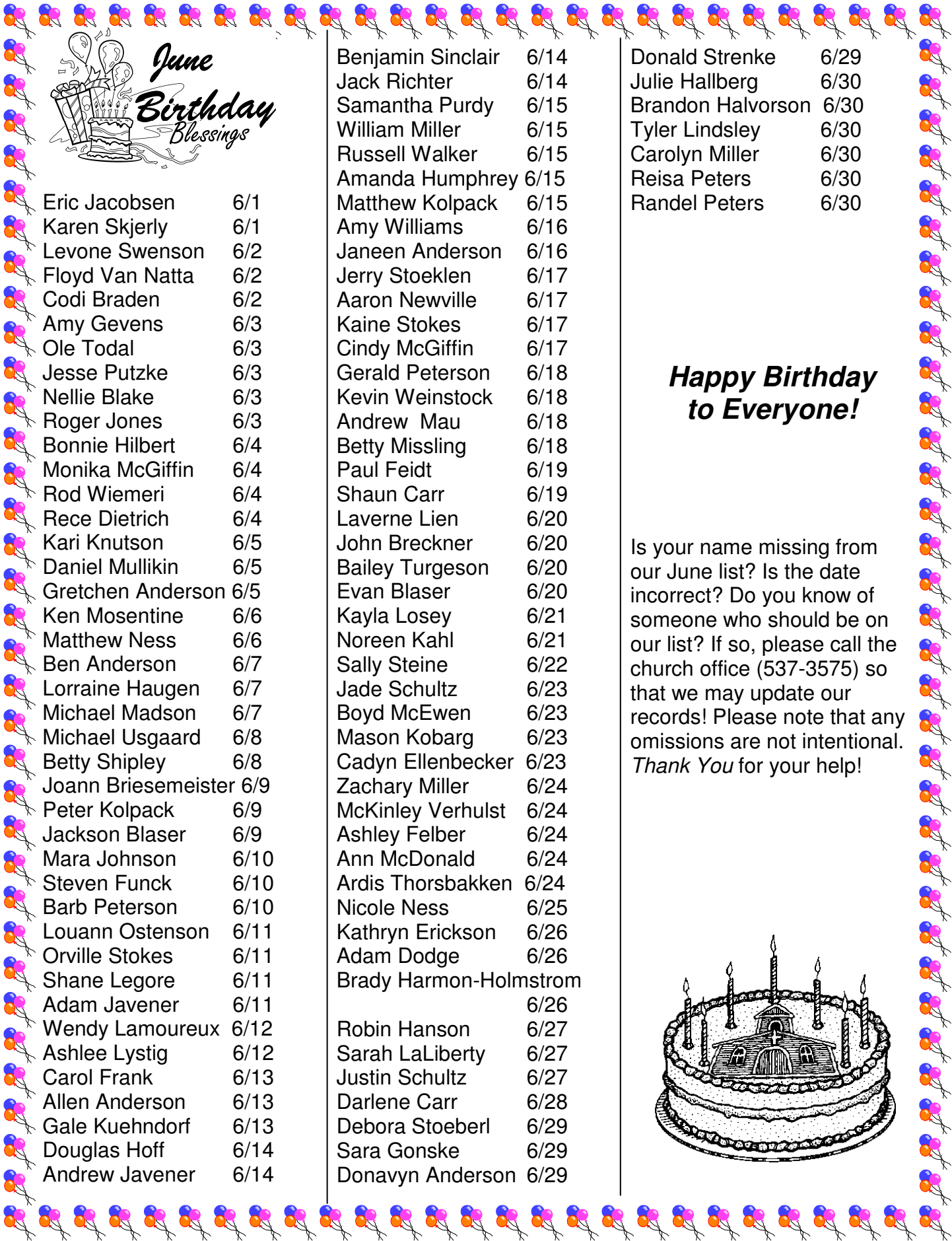
Then come on Saturday to worship at 5:30pm. Make your weekend complete by worshipping at the Lord's house!

Duties this month:

- Mission Correspondence: Faith Circle
- Communion Assistants: Pledge Circle
- Kitchen Maintenance: Sheri Nevin and Traci Newville
- Care of Altar: *Gabriele Hanson, Gail Larson, Reda Thorson

Can't come to worship?

Then listen to our Sunday 9am worship service broadcast over radio station 1090AM or call into 715-837-4122 for any of the services on Saturday at 5:30pm or Sunday at 9am!



Eric Jacobsen 6/1
 Karen Skjerly 6/1
 Levone Swenson 6/2
 Floyd Van Natta 6/2
 Codi Braden 6/2
 Amy Gevens 6/3
 Ole Todal 6/3
 Jesse Putzke 6/3
 Nellie Blake 6/3
 Roger Jones 6/3
 Bonnie Hilbert 6/4
 Monika McGiffin 6/4
 Rod Wieneri 6/4
 Rece Dietrich 6/4
 Kari Knutson 6/5
 Daniel Mullikin 6/5
 Gretchen Anderson 6/5
 Ken Mosentine 6/6
 Matthew Ness 6/6
 Ben Anderson 6/7
 Lorraine Haugen 6/7
 Michael Madson 6/7
 Michael Usgaard 6/8
 Betty Shipley 6/8
 Joann Briesemeister 6/9
 Peter Kolpack 6/9
 Jackson Blaser 6/9
 Mara Johnson 6/10
 Steven Funck 6/10
 Barb Peterson 6/10
 Louann Ostenson 6/11
 Orville Stokes 6/11
 Shane Legore 6/11
 Adam Javener 6/11
 Wendy Lamoureux 6/12
 Ashlee Lystig 6/12
 Carol Frank 6/13
 Allen Anderson 6/13
 Gale Kuehdorf 6/13
 Douglas Hoff 6/14
 Andrew Javener 6/14

Benjamin Sinclair 6/14
 Jack Richter 6/14
 Samantha Purdy 6/15
 William Miller 6/15
 Russell Walker 6/15
 Amanda Humphrey 6/15
 Matthew Kolpack 6/15
 Amy Williams 6/16
 Janeen Anderson 6/16
 Jerry Stoeklen 6/17
 Aaron Newville 6/17
 Kaine Stokes 6/17
 Cindy McGiffin 6/17
 Gerald Peterson 6/18
 Kevin Weinstock 6/18
 Andrew Mau 6/18
 Betty Missling 6/18
 Paul Feidt 6/19
 Shaun Carr 6/19
 Laverne Lien 6/20
 John Breckner 6/20
 Bailey Turgeson 6/20
 Evan Blaser 6/20
 Kayla Losey 6/21
 Noreen Kahl 6/21
 Sally Steine 6/22
 Jade Schultz 6/23
 Boyd McEwen 6/23
 Mason Kobarg 6/23
 Cadyn Ellenbecker 6/23
 Zachary Miller 6/24
 McKinley Verhulst 6/24
 Ashley Felber 6/24
 Ann McDonald 6/24
 Ardis Thorsbakken 6/24
 Nicole Ness 6/25
 Kathryn Erickson 6/26
 Adam Dodge 6/26
 Brady Harmon-Holmstrom 6/26
 Robin Hanson 6/27
 Sarah LaLiberty 6/27
 Justin Schultz 6/27
 Darlene Carr 6/28
 Debora Stoeberl 6/29
 Sara Gonske 6/29
 Donavyn Anderson 6/29

Donald Strenke 6/29
 Julie Hallberg 6/30
 Brandon Halvorson 6/30
 Tyler Lindsley 6/30
 Carolyn Miller 6/30
 Reisa Peters 6/30
 Randel Peters 6/30

Happy Birthday to Everyone!

Is your name missing from our June list? Is the date incorrect? Do you know of someone who should be on our list? If so, please call the church office (537-3575) so that we may update our records! Please note that any omissions are not intentional. *Thank You* for your help!



**Minutes of the Congregational Council
First Lutheran Church
April 19, 2010**

Members Present: Andrew Harrington, Pastor Lowell Bolstad, Keith Kolpack, Jean Wick, Laretta Peterson, Julie Malone, Julie Hallberg, Gerald Johnson, Rod Wieneri, Pastor Bruce Beyer, Gayle Larson, Carolyn Verhulst, Carla Nordby, Nancy Krahenbuhl

Members Excused: Wendell McDonough, Judy Amundson

Guests: Terry Miller, Sally Ellison, Dallas Sloan

Meeting Call to Order: 7:03 PM by Council President, Keith Kolpack

Devotions: Julie Malone

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the secretary's report as printed by Andrew Harrington. Second by Gayle Larson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Income Line 3010 – Offerings – Envelopes through the end of March shows a negative \$13,952.16. On a good note, April offerings are ahead of March by about \$4,800.00. Donations still needed for the balcony piano \$245.00.

Old Business:

- **Multi Media:** Terry Miller and Sally Ellison presented the final brochure for multi-media at First Lutheran Church. It will be mailed out along with a pledge card to all members of First Lutheran. The first fundraising event will be "sponsor-a- song" at the May Jubilee Song Service. Do you know how to make lefse? Calling all lefse lovers to help make lefse at a food booth sponsored by First Lutheran Church at the Barron 150th Birthday celebration. Funds raised will help cover the final \$16,000 needed for the multi-media project.
- **Church Nursery:** Andrew Harrington presented his draft of the Disclaimer for First Lutheran Church Nursery. It will be posted inside and out of the nursery area. The disclaimer will also be posted in the Focus Newsletter. A motion to approve the disclaimer for posting was made by Carolyn Verhulst. Second by Julie Hallberg. Motion carried.
- **Elevator Study update:** First meeting was very successful. Gary Steglich will not be serving on the committee but Bob Oman will. Boyd McEwen has viewed the First Methodist Church elevator and believes that a lift rather than an elevator is a doable project for First Lutheran. The committee will be viewing churches in Prairie Farm and Turtle Lake as well. No additional insurance will be needed.
- **2010 Synod Assembly:** May 20, 21 and 22, Nancy Krahenbuhl will be attending. Wendell McDonough still a question.
- **Paper Saving Effort:** Each council member will make an effort to print their own agendas for council meetings at home. Additional copies will only be made the night of the council meeting as needed, back to back.
- **Site Profile Committee:** Dallas Sloan presented the Ministry Site Profiles in its entirety. The committee did an excellent job, and the next step is to send it to the synod office. A meeting will then be scheduled with Todd Iverson and the Call Committee.

New Business: Leave of Absence for Church Secretary – Tricia has requested a leave of absence without pay June 28 – July 12, 2010. A motion to approve was made by Nancy Krahenbuhl. Second by Laretta Peterson. Motion carried.

Pastor Bolstad has made a "good faith" gesture to renegotiate the interim letter of call to go from a compensation package of 14 years experience to a compensation package of 4 years experience beginning May 1, 2010. The Church Council would like to honor its obligation to Pastor Bolstad

so discussion was tabled until June when we reach the 6 month mark in our budget year. A motion to table further discussion until June was made by Carolyn Verhulst. Second by Gayle Larson. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Aaron Amundson has agreed to serve on the Stewardship Committee. A motion to approve was made by Carolyn Verhulst. Second by Gayle Larson. Motion carried.

The Education Committee would like to fill some inactive positions on the committee. Church Council directs the Education Committee to seek resignations from inactive committee members first before filling the positions.

The Lay Ministry Committee has sent 25 First Lutheran Church college students a bountiful care package.

Trust Fund Transfers: Funds received in 2009 in the amount of \$675.00 for Radio Broadcast need to be transferred from the Trust Fund to the General Fund. A motion to approve the transfer of \$675.00 was made by Jean Wick. Second by Julie Malone. Motion carried.

Pastor Beyer's Report:

- There were no membership changes this month.
- The Bishop delivered a very challenging speech; a few copies were made available for us to read.
- Worship and Music would like to change Lenten Service Worship time next year to 12:15 PM.
- A request has been made to First Lutheran Church to host the Synod Council meeting on Saturday February 26, 2011. Approximately 30 people will attend. The council agreed to host the event.
- Easter Breakfast, served by members of the Church Council, went very well. Many people were served between 7:30 and 10:45 AM.
- If any church members have a key to the church they are not using, they are asked to return them.
- We have received a letter requesting use of the First Lutheran Church to host Preschool mornings and 3-5 year olds in the afternoon. In consideration of the request it was decided we could not meet the requirements.

Pastor Bolstad's Report:

- Regular Pastoral Ministry has included: Lenten Services, Easter Sunrise Service with 17 young people participating, Easter Services, sat in on some Senior Expositions at Barron High School, May 16th is Graduation Recognition Sunday.
- Intentional Transitional Ministry – working on how to grow in spiritual ministry. How do we have a deeper, longer term commitment?

President's Report:

The Church Council Leadership training in Chippewa Falls was excellent! A great resource can be found at sundaymorningmissfits.com

Vice President's Report: None

Other business: None

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:40 PM by Laretta Peterson. Second by Carla Nordby. Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Being called by God through Baptism and strengthened by the Word and Sacrament of our Lord's Table, God guides First Lutheran Church to teach, preach, live and spread the Word of God.

**GATHERED TOGETHER
BY THE SPIRIT**
(As of May 23, 2010)

GENERAL FUND OFFERING

2010 Budget	\$318,100.00
Received This Week	2600.00
Needed Year to Date	125,026.14
Received Year to Date	<u>115,696.49</u>
	-9,329.65

REPAIR AND DEBT FUND

Received Year to Date	2,176.00
Needed Year to Date	<u>12,082.15</u>
	+93.85

MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFTS



Mary Lou Puls

by Byron and Betty Dodge

\$25.00 for the Annual Christmas Fund

\$20.00 given anonymously for the Food Pantry



Ethel B. Hjersjo

April 28, 2010

RADIO BROADCASTS

- June 6: In memory of Mildred and Al Burow by Audrey Burow.
- June 13: In memory of R. Calvin Romsos by Carol Romsos and Family.
- June 20: In memory of Ken (Doog) McDonald on his 77th birthday by Ann and Family.
- June 27: A gift from Dave and Linda Martenson

Looking ahead in July

- July 3 & 4 Independence Day focus at worship
- July 10 & 11 "Bless the Years—Honoring Older Adults"
- July 17 & 18 Emphasis on the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin
- July 24 & 25 Special offering in order to be a blessing to the world



Principles of stewardship

As members of the Body of Christ, we confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior: We proclaim the Gospel as the Word of God, in our faith we recognize the gifts God has first given us through grace and accept our role as stewards. These principles provide a foundation for our role as God's stewards.

Being a **committed steward** means making a statement about your intent to fulfill your role as a steward. As members of a church we are asked to make a commitment of our time, talents, and resources to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Paul encourages us to "*arrange in advance for the gift you have promised.*" -2 Corinthians 9:5

Being a **regular steward** means practicing our stewardship on a daily basis. By doing so this becomes a lifestyle. Paul instructs us to, "*On the first day of the week, let each one lay aside their offering, as God has prospered them.*" 1 Corinthians 16:2



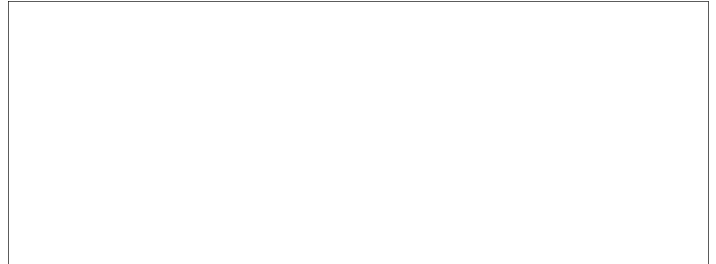
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Summer Schedule:
(Memorial Day - Labor Day)
Saturday Worship,* 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship *9:00am

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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Tricia Lehner Church: 537-3575, Editor

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