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Puppet skit to be presented May 2

A puppet skit entitled “The Bible—A Best Seller for All Ages”, under the direction of Lynn Kolpack, will be presented at the worship services on May 2. This will be something you don’t want to miss. Invite the relatives!



Wear Red for Pentecost

Day of Pentecost on May 23, to celebrate birthday of the church

Plan to celebrate the birthday of the church on the weekend of the Day of Pentecost, May 23. The Day of Pentecost is the culmination of the Easter celebration: the risen Christ, having shown himself to his disciples and having ascended, sends the promised gift of the Spirit to the expectant church. The coming of the Spirit gives the church the power and necessary gifts to carry the glad news of the resurrection from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. The color of the Day of Pentecost is bright red, symbolizing the power of the Holy Spirit. Wear red to signify a people of God set on fire by the Spirit!



Blessing of Mothers to be offered on May 8-9

Honor your mother on Mother’s Day weekend, May 8-9, by coming to worship. God preserves and sustains the gift of family with the fourth commandment to honor your father and mother. One specific way is the commemoration of Mother’s Day. Come to worship on the weekend of May 8-9, when we will using a litany for “Blessing Mothers.”



High School graduates to be recognized, May 16

Come to worship on May 16, at the 8:30 am service in order to recognize our high school graduates. A blanket will be presented to each of them. We will also hear from each of their future plans. Rachel Hanson will give a message on behalf of the class. This is another milestone in the faith journey for our young people that began in baptism. Assure them of your best wishes and continued prayers!

Attention Students! Remember the First Lutheran Scholarship Fund which has financial assistance for students attending an ELCA college or seminary. If you are interested and qualify, talk to Pastor Beyer or Pastor Bolstad. Applications are due by May 31.



Summer worship time begins on Memorial Day Weekend, May 30

Beginning Memorial Day Weekend on Sunday, May 30, we will begin our summer Sunday worship schedule of one service at 9:00am. The Saturday worship continues to be offered at 5:30pm. Continue to worship at the Lord’s house throughout the summer!



Procession of flags by honor guard on May 30, of Memorial Day weekend

An American Legion honor guard will present a procession of flags as a part of the 9:00am worship service on May 30, of Memorial Day weekend. An announcement of the memorial services in the area on Memorial Day, May 31, will also be given. An effort is being made to have a similar tribute in the other churches in the community. Be sure to come to church to witness the tribute, as well as to remember in thanksgiving to God the gift of loved ones who have passed on. There will be a special litany for Memorial Day, as well as the singing of national songs. See you then!

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“For the Sake of Mission”

(The following are excerpts from a keynote address by Bishop Duane Pederson at the “Walking Together: A Congregational Resource Event” held March 20, in Chippewa Falls.)



“In our rapidly changing culture, the Christian church is at a crossroads – either we can ‘circle the wagons,’ pine for the good ol’ days, and struggle to survive, *or* we can re-imagine ministry where our identity is deeply grounded in Jesus, and mission is the purpose for which we live and breathe.”

“Re-imagining church will require creativity, change, risk, and trusting that God will reveal new ways to connect the saving grace of Jesus Christ with a chaotic, complex, changing world. Here’s one example of re-imagining church. Steve Bouman is the Executive Director for Evangelical Outreach and Congregational Mission of the ELCA. Here’s how he describes the missional church: *Every member is a missionary. Every pastor is a mission director. Every congregation is a mission outpost.* This is a very different way of thinking about members, pastors, and congregations – they are missionaries, mission directors, and mission outposts.”

“The more we steep ourselves in the... (following) questions, the more the Spirit will nudge us to be mission oriented: Who are we as the people of God? It’s the *identity* question. What is God calling us to do as the people of God? It’s the *purpose* question. What will it look like if we live out our common purpose in this particular mission context? It’s the *vision* question. We might not have all the answers for the emerging church, but let’s at least ask the right questions.”

“In Rouse and Van Gelder’s book, *A Field Guide for the Missional Congregation*, they chart the shift that is underway, giving some understanding to the emerging church (p. 23). From maintenance to mission, membership to discipleship, pastor-centered to lay-empowered, chaplaincy (self) to hospitality (others), focus on ourselves to focus on the world, settled to sent. This chart could serve as a primer for conversation, study, and transformation in every single congregation. It could be a starting point for council retreats, small group study, staff deliberations, and intentional efforts to discern God’s future. It pushes us into deeper conversation about whether our structure supports mission, or whether our mission supports our structure.”

“We *do* live in a time of decline for the church we once knew. But I am optimistic that God is now doing a new thing (even if we haven’t figured it out), that God is already at work in the world (with or without us), and that God will show us the way (once we get out of the way).”

“Be engaged in the emerging church conversation, wrestle with what it means to be part of a post-modern church, continually ask “identity” and “mission” questions, take risks, tee a few people off, die and rise, and trust that God’s mission does indeed bear fruit worthy of the kingdom.”

(For a complete copy of the bishop’s address, go to www.nswi.org.)

TAKE TIME FOR CHURCH WORSHIP AND LEARNING TAKE 2 HOURS OUT OF 168

YES! The gift of time is precious! Yet out of 168 hours each week, you are warmly invited to take 2 hours on Sunday morning for worship and learning. In the end, you’ll be glad you did!

From the President's Corner...



"Take Care of Business," a phrase mentioned numerous times by Irvin Favre to his son Brett, when he was playing in Green Bay in his earlier years. This phrase fits well with our current financial status in our church. At the end of the first quarter, our envelope offerings are down almost \$14,000. We are meeting only 81% of our year-to-date budget. If this trend continues, we will be short of our budget at year's end by \$57,362. Our available line of credit is at \$35,371. As this shows, we do not have the borrowing capacity to meet our cash flow needs. This problem can be corrected by increasing donations, or reducing expenditures. We need to ask how each of us can participate in solving this problem. Please help our church by meeting your pledge. Let's "Take Care of Our Church's Business."

At the April council meeting, the Ministry Site Profile of First Lutheran was presented by Dallas Sloan, chair of the committee. Council members will have a month to digest the report before it will be sent to Pastor Todd Iverson, Assistant to the Bishop at our Northwest Synod Office. Pastor Iverson will evaluate the report. He will then meet with the Ministry Site Profile Committee, council members and other congregational members to offer his insight. This should occur over the next couple months. Please keep the pastors and church leaders in your prayers during this time. Thank you.

Keith Kolpack,
Council President

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 **self-sacrificing steward** is based on the self-sacrifice of Christ. For our sake Jesus gave up everything to make us rich through the cross and resurrection. We, too, are called to sacrifice so others may share in God's Word and blessings. *"...gave according to their means, and even beyond their means." -2 Corinthians 8:3*
- Being a **willing steward** means each of us has been moved by the Holy Spirit and are prepared to give. We are to give of our time, our talents, and our resources. Paul writes of the Macedonians, *"For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave..." -2 Corinthians 8:3*

LAST JUBILEE TEAM SERVICE ON SUNDAY, MAY 16!

Be sure to come to worship on Sunday, May 16! It is the last worship led by our Jubilee Team until September! Our Jubilee Team leads us in the kind of service that sends us home with a smile on our faces and a bounce in our steps! Come happy, leave exuberant; filled with joy and the love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Sunday School News

Congratulations 2nd and 3rd graders for almost tying with the most food pantry items donated during the Lenten Project. Both classes received an extra treat bag during their Sunday School class on April 11. Thank you to everyone that contributed items for the Cupboard and Closet!

Swimming Fun with First Lutheran

All Sunday School children are invited to the BACC swimming pool. There will be a snack and video following swimming time in the BACC meeting/party room.

When? Sunday, May 2

Time? 3pm–5pm

All children must be picked up at 5pm.

Parents, please come inside to pick up your children.

Where? BACC Swimming Pool

Who? All Sunday School Kids 3-year olds through 8th graders.

Cost? *Free* for Sunday School Kids and parents accompanying younger children into the pool.

Preschool – Kindergarten children must have a parent/adult in the pool with them.

Please use proper judgment and bring a life jacket if your child is not a strong swimmer.

BACC will have a life guard on duty.

Please RSVP with Sheila 637-6539 or Amanda 637-6637

or stop in the church office, prior to May 2. This will help planning for chaperones and snacks.

Calendar of Events:

All Students: May 2, Swimming Fun at BACC from 3:00-5:00 pm

May 16, Last Day of Sunday School

June 20–24, VBS Week—Pull out the middle section of this Focus for the Vacation Bible School registration, volunteer list, and donation list!

2nd Grade: May 2 and May 9, Prayer Class with Pastor Beyer and your parent(s) at 9:40 am

To the Parents: The south entrance and parking lot can be quite congested prior to the start of Sunday School. Because the early service is still in progress, traffic entering the parking lot from the Highway 25 entrance, and for the safety of your children coming to Sunday School, we are asking parents not to stop at the south entrance to drop off their children. If there is not an open parking spot to pull into on the south entrance, please pull around to the West/Main entrance. Remember, the 8:30am church service is still in progress until 9:30am. Sunday School does not begin until 9:40am. If children are arriving prior to 9:40am, please have them stay downstairs in the younger children's classroom area while the 8:30am service is in progress. Thank you for your help!

Do you have any Sunday School concerns or questions?

Please feel free to contact Sheila Erb (637-6539) or Amanda Johnson (637-6637).



SENIOR HIGH PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED AT LUTHER PARK!

Luther Park is excited to offer a wide variety of senior high programs including old favorites and new adventure options. Check out the options below. Visit www.LutherPark.org for more information or to register.

NEW!!! Senior High Week at the WOODS

(Completed grades 9-12 \$355)

Come to the Luther Park Woods and rekindle your faith in the beauty of God's creation. Spend a week away from electronics and the busyness of our everyday lives and learn what it means to do God's work with our hands. At the Woods you will spend time developing orienteering and survival skills and creating a low ropes challenge course to be used by future campers. Come join us for this fun and exciting NEW program **June 27-July 2.**

J.O.L.T. Jump Onto the Leadership Train

(Completed grades 9-12 \$340)

Discover and experience what it means to be a leader in the church and in the community today! J.O.L.T is a perfect opportunity to build a support network, explore ideas that can be brought back to your own faith community and understand what it means to be a young adult active in ministry today. While living in a family style community at the farm center, J.O.L.T. offers opportunities to learn about a variety of leadership styles, team building, spiritual gifts, worship, games, and serving others. This program can be especially rewarding for campers who participated as P.A.L.S. during a previous summer. Come and Jump Onto the Leadership Train and join us at Luther Park this summer **July 25-30.**

F.L.O.O.D Friends Living Out Our Discipleship

(Completed grades 9-12 \$370+ transportation)

Looking for a way to actively live out your faith by serving others? Join us for a servant event! Experience team building activities with your group and travel to Milwaukee to serve our brothers and sisters in the inner city. This is a great opportunity to expand our service learning in a community near us in Wisconsin. As friends come join us in living out our call to be disciples **July 18-23.**

Explorers Canoe Trip On the St. Croix/ Namekagon Rivers

(Completed grades 9-12 approx. \$355)

These rivers flow through hilly, wild and scenic country. Your week will include scenery, rapids, fun, great food, nature, Bible study, worship and outdoor living. You'll grow tougher as a group and grow in your faith along with the new friends you'll meet along the way. Led by two Luther Park counselors serving as your "outfitters," you'll spend Monday-Thursday out on the river. You'll start and finish the week at Luther Park. This week is for those who want to just get away and do something new, something you'll remember forever! Transportation to and from the river, tents, canoes, food, equipment and program are all provided. Explore the St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers with us **June 13-18.**

Camperships Available: Luther Park does have some funds available to assist with summer registration. If you would like to request a campership you can either download a Campership Request Form from our website at www.LutherPark.org or give us a call at 715-859-2215 and we will send you a request form. We want every child who has a desire to attend Bible Camp to be able to do so. Please check with your pastor or youth and family ministry staff to find out what kind of assistance is available from your congregation as many churches provide camperships.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA- - -

Hello from hot, sunny South Carolina! The temperature has been in the 80's since we arrived on April 10. Next week we will be in Tennessee and then back to Barron, Wisconsin. When looking forward to a fun-filled, exciting vacation trip, you have probably heard the phrase, "The anticipation is greater than the realization." Not so when you go to visit your own children. Then, the realization is GREAT! (And worth the long trip.)

Just a few reminders about future Women of the ELCA meetings. On a May 5, Rosa Rodriguez and Laura Sabe will speak on the topic of "Volunteerism." Join our Cinco de Mayo Celebration.

A past program participant, "The Hat Lady", Janelle Peterson, from Cameron, will be here June 2, with her musical talent and hat collection. That will be some light-hearted (which we all need) entertainment you won't want to miss.

On July 7, is Birthday Party Day! The "Chuck Kirkwood and Friends" Band will play for us as we enjoy supper together at the church during the Annual Ice Cream Social. It's a nice way to celebrate the 4th of July, all be it a little late. See you there!

The Women's Retreat is in August at Luther Park Bible Camp. Make plans now to attend that event. The regular August meeting on the 4th, will be a learning experience for most of us as we meet to pack Mission Action Kits to be sent to our friends and neighbors in other countries.

COMING SOON IN THE LUTHERAN WOMAN MAGAZINE!

Summer Bible study: "Pray Always" by Reverend Gladys G. Moore

- Session 1: Persistence
- Session 2: Waiting with Patience and Hope
- Session 3: Power

Starting in September: the 2010—2011 Nine-Session Bible Study

"The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity"

By Reverends Linda Johnson and D. Jensen Seyenkulo

This study looks at what unites us and defines us as people of faith.

The theme verse is Amos 3:3: "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (KJV)

Submitted by

Judy Amundson,

President of the Women of the ELCA



HELP LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP GET READY FOR SUMMER!

**1ST ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, MAY 15,
8AM—NOON IN THE DINING HALL**

**ENJOY PANCAKES, BACON, SAUSAGE, COFFEE, JUICE, MILK!
FREE WILL DONATION TO HELP SUPPORT THOSE WHO CAN'T AFFORD CAMP**

Never been to camp? Tours will be available!

BONUS: REGISTER FOR CAMP AT THIS EVENT AND RECEIVE A \$15.00 DISCOUNT!

Come help out with the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, May 15. Please RSVP and let us know you are coming to help with the event. Cooks, dishwashers, table cleaners, greeters, and camp tour guides all are needed to make this a fun event. Please contact Becky@lutherpark.org to let us know you want to come to help out with the event.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



The Women of the ELCA invite you to celebrate Cinco de Mayo with them on **Wednesday, May 5, at 1:30pm**. The featured speaker is Rosa Rodriguez, the recipient of the Eleven Who Care Volunteer Award. This is an annual award



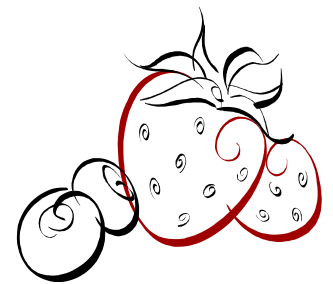
given by Channel 11 and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Don't miss this inspirational speaker and indulge with us in the Mexican Fiesta treats!

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

IT'S JUST THE BERRIES!



Last summer's strawberries and shortcake event was such a success, we would like to do it again! This year's "Strawberries and Shortcake" Get-Together will be after the 9am worship service on July 18. We need your help to make this work! I will be happy to get a group of middle-schoolers together to pick, clean, and freeze berries in June; but, I'll need help paying 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, returned to the church office, or directly to Lynn Kolpack. As we get closer to July 18, I'll also be looking for volunteers to supply a pan of shortcake. Let's make this another successful strawberries and shortcake event. If you have questions, please call Lynn Kolpack at 637-5986.

Luther Park's Annual Golf Scramble Monday, June 21, at Turtleback




Mark your calendars now and get registered to attend our 6th Annual Golf Outing. The event will be held on Monday, June 21, at the Turtleback Golf Course in Rice Lake, WI. Registration, practice drives and warm up putting will commence at 10:30am with a shotgun start at noon. A Banquet dinner with awards and prizes will follow at the club house. Registration forms are available upon request or you may download one from our website at www.LutherPark.org. Put your foursome together and come out for a great day of fun and fellowship.

Can't come to worship? Then listen to our Sunday 8:30am worship service broadcast over radio station 1090AM or call in to 837-4122 for any of the services on Saturday at 5:30pm or Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45am!

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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
1 9:30a AA Meeting 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion						
2 8:30a & 10:45a Worship with Holy Communion 9:30 Sr Choir 9:40a Sunday School, 2nd graders prayer class & Adult Bible Study 3p Swim at BACC	3	4 7a Men's Bible Study 9:30a AA Meeting 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting	5 1:30p Cinco de Mayo Celebration by Women of the ELCA 4p Confirmation 6p Confirmation	6 9:30a AA Meeting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled	7	8 9:30a AA Meeting 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion
9 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 & 10:45 Worship 9:40a Sunday School, 2nd graders prayer class, & Adult Bible Study 9:30a Sr Choir 7p SHYG at Lettner's	10 6p Worship & Music Committee 7p Most Committees Meet	11 7a Men's Bible Study 9:30a AA Meeting 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting	12 1:30p Harmony Circle 5:30p SWYG	13 9a Library 9:30a AA Meeting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled	14	15 9:30a AA Meeting 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion
16 8:30a & 10:45a Worship with Holy Communion 9:40a Sunday School and Adult Bible Study Last day of Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 9:30 Sr Choir	17 6p Cub Scouts Pack Meeting 7p Council	18 7a Men's Bible Study 9:30a AA Meeting 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting NEWLETTER ARTICLES DUE!	19 4p Confirmation 6p Confirmation 6p Circle of Friends	20 9:30a AA Meeting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled	21	22 9:30a AA Meeting 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion
23 8:30 & 10:45 Worship PENTECOST	24 10a Women of ELCA Board Meeting 12:30p Communion at Nursing Homes begins	25 9:30a AA Meeting 6p Multiple Blessings 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting 6:30p "Needle Night"	26	27 9:30a AA Meeting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled 5:30p Meal From the Heart	28 8:30a Newsletter Assembled	29 9:30a AA Meeting 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion
30 9a Worship Summer Worship Schedule Starts	31 Memorial Day Church Office Closed					2010



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

Join us for a FUN week!

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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 24th
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 20th 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:
(parents 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 by June 1!

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	COFFEE SERVICE	PIANISTS/ORGANISTS
<u>May 2</u> 8:30 David & Linda Martinson 10:45 Tim & Amy Hanson	<u>May 2</u> 8:30 Paul & Rosella Amundson	<u>May 1 & 2</u> 5:30 Mike Anderson 8:30 Linda Hackett 10:45 Helene Kelly	<u>May 1 & 2</u> Pastor Bruce & Linda Beyer	<u>May 1 & 2</u> Ruth Anderson
<u>May 9</u> 8:30 Vonny Degerman 10:45 Ann McDonald	<u>May 9</u> 8:30 Dean & Lori Springer	<u>May 9</u> 8:30 Robin Hanson 10:45 Pam Jacoby	<u>May 8 & 9</u> Bonnie Burke & Jeff Junkans	<u>May 8 & 9</u> Roger Jones
<u>May 16</u> 8:30 Travis & Carol Brown 10:45 Virgil & Paula Edson	<u>May 16</u> 8:30 Jay & Carol Frank	<u>May 16</u> 8:30 Graduates 10:45 Jubilee Team	<u>May 15 & 16</u> Lauretta Peterson	<u>May 15 & 16</u> 5:30 Ruth Anderson 8:30 Julia Loisel 10:45 Julia Loisel
<u>May 23</u> 8:30 Mark & Kristi Pedersen 10:45 Doug & Judy Folstad	<u>May 23</u> 8:30 Roger & Donna Jones	<u>May 23</u> 8:30 Kathy Weghorn 10:45 Jan Kienbaum	<u>May 22 & 23</u> Lona Christopherson & Jan Kienbaum	<u>May 22 & 23</u> June Edson
<u>May 30</u> 9:00 Lloyd Campbell	<u>May 30</u> 9:00	<u>May 30</u> 9:00 Diane Sloan	<u>May 29 & 30</u> Roger & Donna Jones	<u>May 29 & 30</u> Roger Jones

ACOLYTES		ALTAR GUILD FOR THE MONTH OF MAY	
<u>May 2</u> 8:30 Kendall Verhulst Jolene Lansin	10:45 Tod Bates	*Donna Jones Vonny Degerman Tammy Severude	
<u>May 9</u> 8:30 Sara Williams	10:45 Hannah Hanson		
<u>May 16</u> 8:30 Karianne Mau	10:45 Tod Bates		
<u>May 23</u> 8:30 Rece Dietrich	10:45 Tod Bates		
<u>May 30</u> 9:00 Trent Campbell			

* Indicates Leader



BEFRIENDERS LISTEN!

Are you hurting, upset, or just confused about events in your life? Would you like someone to just listen confidentially? A BeFriender would like to walk beside you as you express your feelings or fears. Call Pastor Beyer, Pastor Bolstad, or Cheryl Johnson—we will be pleased to help. 537-3575.

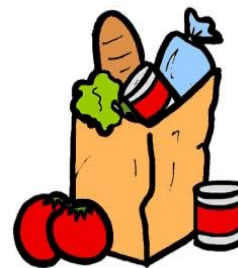
Cupboard & Closet

When you are Spring cleaning your homes this season, don't forget to take your donations to the Cupboard and Closet. Your old lamp, end table, dishes, clothing, books, and knick knacks will become someone else's treasure!

This month's highlight is canned tuna! Here is a simple recipe that you are sure to enjoy!

Tuna Broccoli Roll Up Casserole (6 Servings)

Ingredients: 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 cup milk
1 (9 ounce) can tuna, drained and flaked
1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped broccoli, thawed
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
1 (2.8 ounce) can French-fried onions
6 (7 inch) flour tortillas 1 medium tomato, chopped



Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a medium bowl, stir together the cream of mushroom soup and milk. Set aside. In another bowl, stir together the tuna, broccoli, 1/2 cup of Cheddar cheese and half of the French fried onions. Stir in 3/4 cup of the soup.
3. Divide the tuna mixture evenly between the tortillas, and roll up. Place rolls seam side down in a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking dish. Pour the remaining soup over the rolls, and spread evenly using the back of a spoon. It will be a thin layer. Sprinkle the rest of the French fried onions over the soup, then the tomato, and finally the remaining Cheddar cheese. Cover with nonstick or lightly greased aluminum foil.
4. Bake for 30 minutes in the preheated oven. Remove the aluminum foil, and bake for 5 more minutes to allow the cheese to melt and brown slightly.

Please note that every food donation is greatly appreciated and given to someone in need. However, there is a constant need for "staples" for the Cupboard. There is a great need for: pasta, cereal, peanut butter, soup, and canned vegetables. We thank you for all that you do!



May's "Needle Night" will be held on Tuesday, May 25, from 6:30-8:30pm in the Centennial Room. Welcome spring 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 beverage. Bring a friend! Everyone is invited; folks need NOT be members of First Lutheran Church!

Duties this month:

Mission Correspondence: Pledge Circle

Communion Assistants: Faith Circle

Kitchen Maintenance: Karla Nevin and Traci Newville

Care of Altar: *Donna Jones, Vonny Degerman, Tamy Severude

GOD IS GOOD!

THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who so generously supported our outreach for the earthquake victims in Malawi. We are so pleased to share with you that \$768.84 was raised to aide our companions who suffered extensive damage to their homes, churches and schools.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

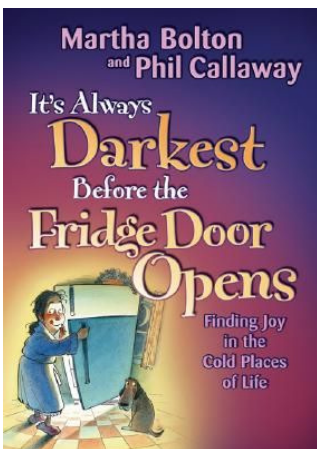
About Malawi

Malawi has a population of almost 14 million, with a growth rate of 2.39%, according to 2008 estimates. Infant mortality rates are high, and life expectancy at birth is 43—45 years. There is a high adult prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS, with estimated 900,000 adults (or 14% of the population) living with the disease in 2003. There are approximately 84,000 deaths a year from HIV/AIDS (2003). Approximately 250 new victims are infected each day, and at least 70% of Malawi's hospital beds are occupied by HIV/AIDS patients. The high rate of infection has resulted in an estimated 5.8% of the farm labor force dying of the disease, and HIV/AIDS is expected to lower the country's GDP by at least 20% by 2010. The government spends over \$120,000 each year on funerals for civil servants who die of the disease. There is a very high degree of risk for major infectious diseases, including bacterial and protozoal diarrhea, hepatitis A, typhoid fever, malaria, plague, and schistosomiasis.

Malawi's population is made up of the Chewa, Nyanja, Tumbuka, Yao, Lomwe, Sena, Tonga, Ngoni, and Ngonde native ethnic groups, as well as populations of Asians and Europeans. According to 2001 estimates, there are approximately 2,600,000 Roman Catholics, 2,070,000 Protestants (mainly Presbyterian), 1,700,000 African Christians, 1,560,000 Muslims and 820,000 who follow traditional beliefs. The remainder of the population follows other religions or are atheistic. Major languages include Chichewa, and official language spoken by of 57% of the population, Chinyanja (12.8%), Chiyao (10%), and Chitumbuka (9.5%). Other native languages are Malawian Lomwe, spoken by around 250,000 in the southeast of the country; Kokola, spoken by around 200,000 people also in the southeast; Lambya, spoken by around 45,000 in the northwestern tip; Ndali, spoken by around 70,000; Nyakyusa-Ngonde, spoken by around 300,000 in northern Malawi; and Tonga, spoken by around 170,000 in the north.

Submitted by Ann Knutson

Source: Wikipedia



It's Always Darkest Before the Fridge Door Opens— Finding Joy in the Cold Places of Life by Martha Bolton and Phil Callaway

“Life is filled with problems: the kids won't stop fighting, the bills won't stop coming, and someone left the shopping cart in your parking stall!” It's enough to make your scream and cry and stomp your feet! The trouble is you're not three anymore! You have been robbed of your joy and laughter and are feeling very cold. It is time to open the 'fridge' door and shine a light on your life. Let the comedy team of Martha and Phil remind you that you can laugh again. You'll discover ways to deal with the telemarketers and why M & M's are a healthy snack! Where there is a will, there is way, and Martha and Phil will help you find joy and bring it back to life. This is a light-hearted book with a great message! A book you will enjoy reading! Come visit our library and check it out!

Submitted by Barb Kirk,
Library Committee





Brent Forsman	5/1
Phyllis Rohde	5/1
Anastasia Jones	5/1
Erin Merrill	5/2
Jamason Davis	5/2
Maya Daram	5/2
Hannah Steinke	5/2
Shirley Stokes	5/2
Barbara Redlich	5/2
Delbert Goff	5/2
Harold Gonske	5/2
Nancy Krahenbuhl	5/2
Judy Degerman	5/3
Taylor Johnson	5/3
Trey Johnson	5/3
Michael Jacobsen	5/4
Gary Matthys	5/4
Michael Slagstad	5/4
Bruce Rogers	5/5
Valerie Gieseke	5/5
Hannah Peterson	5/5
Hope Peterson	5/5
Willie Koons	5/6
Joseph Felber	5/6
Katie Mizer	5/7
Lois Gulbranson	5/8
Paisley Alton	5/8
McKenna Davis	5/9
Julie Malone	5/10
Miguel Ayala	5/10
Anthony Mizer	5/10
Sandra Riebe	5/11
Donna Lloyd	5/11
Douglas Connors	5/12
Matthew Oman	5/13
Bonnie Pichelman	5/13
Todd Clark	5/14
Connor Bates	5/14
James Weise	5/15
Diana Burke	5/15

Cindy Barlow	5/15
Lucille Erickson	5/15
Nathaniel Harmon	5/16
Jaylin Lansin	5/16
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Adam Jacobsen	5/22
Anthony Doud	5/23
Ricky Anderson	5/23
Linda Wiemeri	5/23
Laura Jackson	5/23
David Martinson	5/23
Marcia Anderson	5/23
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Lauren Zappitello	5/23
Eugene Olson	5/24
Ruth Kittleson	5/24
Vincent Heil	5/24
Keisha Kappel	5/24
Tracy Smith	5/24
Dalton Hilbert	5/24
Katie Freeland	5/25
Larry McDonald	5/25
Helene Keily	5/26
Nicole Nelson	5/26
Gerald Johnson	5/26
Alaetha LaLiberty	5/26
Larry Wenzel	5/27
Helen Carson	5/27

Jackson Unteriner	5/27
Ryan Swant	5/27
Gail Smith	5/27
Len Meysembourg	5/28
Lexye Rose	5/28
Bolton Algeo	5/28
Tracy Schmitz	5/28
Alexa L'Heureux	5/28
Bradley Thompson	5/29
Carol Romsos	5/29
Cathy Anderson	5/29
Rosella Anderson	5/30
Julie Snively	5/30
Lynn Peterson	5/30
Daniel Scheps	5/30
Ashley Schake	5/31
Dakota Willers	5/31
Marcia Fall	5/31
Linda Martinson	5/31

Happy Birthday to Everyone!

Is your name missing from our March 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
March 15, 2010**

Members Present: Pastor Lowell Bolstad, Pastor Bruce Beyer, Keith Kolpack, Andrew Harrington, Wendell McDonough, Nancy Krahenbuhl, Laretta Peterson, Judy Amundson, Barb Swant, Rod Wiemeri, Julie Hallberg, Gerald Johnson, Gayle Larson, Carolyn Verhulst, Julie Malone, and Carla Nordby

Members Excused: Jean Wick, Carrie Amundson

Meeting Call to Order: 7:01pm by Council President, Keith Kolpack

Devotions: Barb Swant

Secretary's Report: One correction - Lissette Ritchie not Rischette submitted resignation from the church council and committee assignments. Motion to approve the secretary's report as printed by Wendell McDonough. Second by Andrew Harrington. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Cash in Bank looks high at \$18,906.98 but there is actually \$8,527.00 because \$10,380.00 needs to be transferred to the Trust Fund. Envelope offerings currently represent 82.72% of the budget. This is well below the 90% we like to be at, putting us below budget at -\$8,276.16. This could put us in a position of borrowing sooner than we would like in the year.

Old Business:

- Election of Vice-President - Andrew Harrington was nominated by Nancy Krahenbuhl. Second by Julie Malone. Carolyn Verhulst moved that nominations be closed. Second by Gayle Larson. Motion to cast unanimous ballot for Vice-President Andrew Harrington by Carolyn Verhulst. Second by Nancy Krahenbuhl. Motion carried.
- Council Leadership Training, March 20, Chippewa Falls - attending: Andrew Harrington, Pastor Lowell Bolstad, Keith Kolpack, Rod Wiemeri, and Pastor Bruce Beyer.
- Elevator Study - committee formed: Jean Wick, Bill Koser, Nancy Krahenbuhl, Lynn Peterson, Curt Madson, Boyd McEwen, and Gary Steglich.
- Church nursery update - Andrew Harrington recommends a disclaimer be posted on the nursery door. He also volunteered to word the disclaimer for First Lutheran Church.
- Easter breakfast - the Centennial Room will be set up with tables and chairs. Serving coffee following the 6:30 AM service is: Jean Wick, Judy Amundson, and Carla Nordby. Serving following the 8:30 AM service is: Carolyn Verhulst, Julie Malone, and Gayle Larson.
- 2010 Synod Assembly - 3 voting members needed May 21 and 22, Pastor Bruce Beyer and Wendell McDonough will be attending and Carolyn Verhulst and Nancy Krahenbuhl are considering.
- No other old business.

New Business:

- Special World Missions Offering – This project will allow First Lutheran Church to continue its full ministry. What are we accomplishing outside our walls? Pastor Beyer will put a letter in the newsletter. Our focus groups will be the NW Synod, Malawi, Luther Park, and Lutheran Social Services. We need \$20,000.00 to meet our obligation!
- No other items.

Committee Reports:

- Education Committee - wants to know the maximum committee members allowed. 8 elected members: 1 education director; 1 council representative (10 max)
- Stewardship Committee - would like to add Pam Jacoby as committee member.

Approved by all.

- Ministry Site Profile Committee - the committee work is nearly complete; 1 or 2 meetings remain before recommendations will be made to the Church Council.

Trust Fund Transfers: none

Pastor Beyer’s Report: Genevieve Huset requested transfer of membership to Amery, WI. Motion to grant this transfer by Nancy Krahenbuhl. Second by Rod Wiemer. Motion carried.

A request from the American Legion has been made to come to the Sunday service before Memorial Day to present the flags, the meaning of Memorial Day and then retire the flags. Barb Swant made a motion to approve the American Legion presentation. Second by Gayle Larson. Motion carried.

Pastor Bolstad’s Report: Regular Pastoral Ministry work has included Lenten Services, Youth Ministry - Sunrise Service, Public Relations – new bulletin board. Transition Ministry work continues: connecting to the larger church. Constitution work will take a year to complete. Possible events: 150th Birthday Celebration Service, All Saints Sunday – Jazz Theme, October Worship fest – brats and root beer. Personality of worship assemblies – Chapel, Cathedral, Camp. Ministry Site Profile work.
Multi-Media and contemporary music.

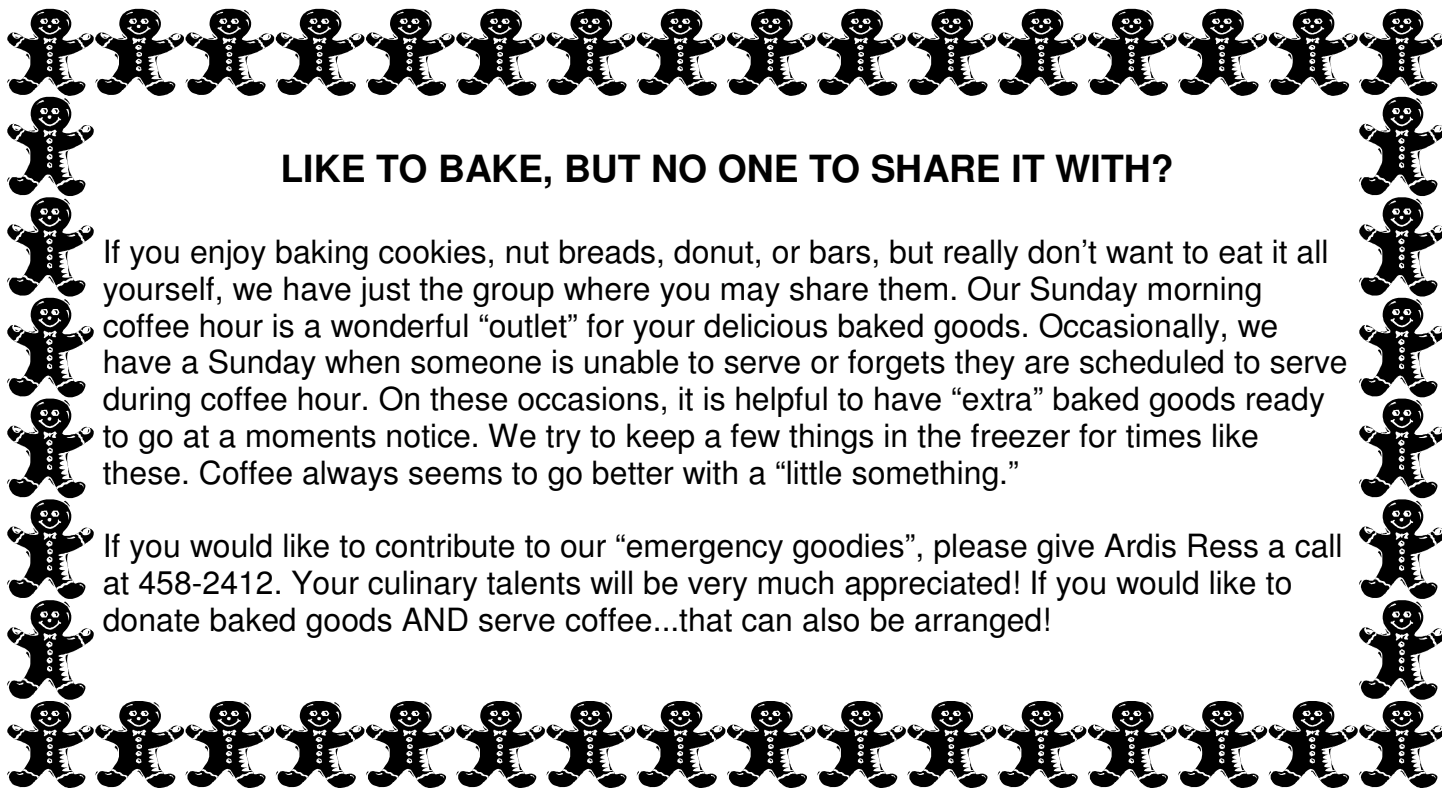
President’s Report: Thank you Andrew Harrington for accepting your call to service.

Other business: World Day of Prayer was a huge success. Lorraine Haugen had a wonderful day.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:40pm by Gayle Larson. Second by Wendell McDonough. 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.



LIKE TO BAKE, BUT NO ONE TO SHARE IT WITH?

If you enjoy baking cookies, nut breads, donut, or bars, but really don’t want to eat it all yourself, we have just the group where you may share them. Our Sunday morning coffee hour is a wonderful “outlet” for your delicious baked goods. Occasionally, we have a Sunday when someone is unable to serve or forgets they are scheduled to serve during coffee hour. On these occasions, it is helpful to have “extra” baked goods ready to go at a moments notice. We try to keep a few things in the freezer for times like these. Coffee always seems to go better with a “little something.”

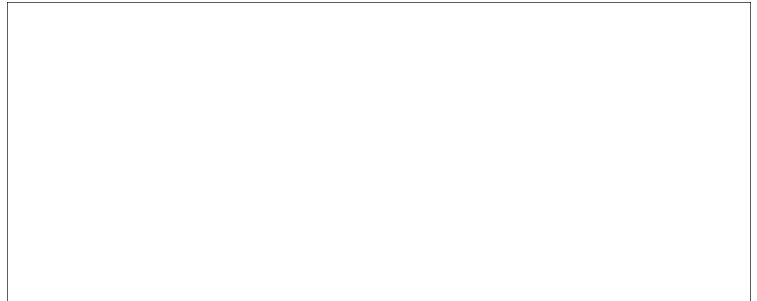
If you would like to contribute to our “emergency goodies”, please give Ardis Ress a call at 458-2412. Your culinary talents will be very much appreciated! If you would like to donate baked goods AND serve coffee...that can also be arranged!

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David Midboe

Directors of Education

Sheila Erb and
Amanda Johnson

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 1st and 3rd Sunday