



# FOCUS AT FIRST

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## Rite of Confirmation on October 3

The Rite of Confirmation as a part of the Service of Affirmation of Baptism is one of the important milestones in the faith journey. Be sure to come to witness our young people make

affirmation of their baptism on Sunday, October 3 at the 10:45am service. Show them your prayerful support as they make a public profession of their faith and state their intention to: “to live among God’s faithful people; to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper; to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.” A special invitation is extended to baptismal sponsors, relatives, and friends!

## October Worship Fest with polka services on 10<sup>th</sup>;

### brats and root beer served for refreshments

A-one, a-two, a-one-two-three. Get your toes tapping in anticipation of our own October Worship Fest on the 10<sup>th</sup> with polka services featuring our very own Lenore Berg and friends. No, polka services aren’t just for Roman Catholics. Lutherans can have polka services, too, and what better time than during the month of October? And no same old cookies and bars to go with coffee and punch. Eats and drinks will be brats and root beer served by the Women of Faith. Who says Lutherans can’t have fun?

## SHYG bonfire on 13<sup>th</sup>

Calling all Senior High Youth Group members to a gathering at the home of Patrice Akenson (1010 East Maple) on Wednesday, October 13 at 7pm for a bonfire! This will be our first SHYG event of the fall season to kick off the new school year. For more info, contact Patrice Akenson at 715.537.1371 or pakenson@charter.net. Let’s get our SHYG off to a “blazing” start!

## Jubilee Team on 17<sup>th</sup>; Sunday School to sing at 10:45am

Be sure to come on the third Sunday of each month when our Jubilee Team leads us in the kind of service that will send you home with a smile on your face and a bounce in your step! Our Sunday school children will be singing on October 17 at the 10:45am worship. Invite the relatives and bring your friends!

## Third Graders to Receive Bibles on 24th

Our third graders will receive Bibles on Sunday, October 24 at the 10:45am worship as another milestone in the faith journey. Pray for our children and their families!

## Fall Turkey Dinner on 27<sup>th</sup>

Join us on Wednesday, October 27, 5-7pm for an evening of fellowship, fun, and the best turkey dinner around, as First Lutheran offers the Fall Turkey Dinner. Turkeys grilled outdoors will be served indoors family style with mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, homemade pies and beverages. For more info, check out the complete article on page 5.

## “Remember, Rejoice, Respond” to be theme of Commitment Sunday on October 30-31

Our annual Commitment Sunday on the weekend of October 30-31 provides an opportunity to offer up commitment cards to reflect one’s intent for giving for the upcoming year. “Remember, Rejoice, Respond” is the theme of the stewardship drive this year as we are urged to be faithful and generous people of God!

## French Toast Breakfast on 31<sup>st</sup>

To celebrate Commitment Weekend, everyone is invited to enjoy a French Toast Breakfast on Sunday, October 31 in the Celebration Room between 9:30 and 11am. For more info, check out the complete article on page 3.

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# Growing Together



## **Pastor William Moyo's Story**

In October, pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi will gather for a three-week academy for learning, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Let's look through the eyes of the Rev. William Moyo to see what it will mean to him.

Pastor Moyo was ordained in 2005, one of ten or eleven "short-course" pastors ordained that year. A short-course pastor is a person (male, up to this point) who has served congregations as a lay leader/evangelist, either volunteer or paid, for at least three to five years. Pastor Moyo hasn't been to college or seminary, but instead has attended several month-long training events over a two year period.

After this training, when the church felt he was ready, he was ordained and placed in a parish under the supervision and mentorship of a senior pastor for an additional period of time. Pastor Moyo is serving in Chitipa North, a rural area that is almost as far north as you can get in Malawi before entering Tanzania. While he looks forward to the education he will receive at the Pastor's Academy, for Pastor Moyo and many others even getting to Lilongwe for the retreat/academy is challenging. It will take him nearly two days by bicycle, mini-van, and bus to arrive in Lilongwe. The journey will cost him nearly \$75 (one way) for transportation, food and lodging. On a salary of \$125 a month, this is a significant expense. While he is away for three weeks, work at the congregations of his parish doesn't stop. Elders, parish workers, and evangelists will continue to carry on the ministry of the congregations, including Sunday worship. Even his wife is trained to carry on counseling and other activities in his absence, in addition to her own work in caring for home and family.

## **Pastors' Academy**

The Pastors' Academy provides necessary education for pastors like Moyo to upgrade their knowledge and skills. They will share challenges and problems they have encountered in the parish and receive valuable advice from colleagues. Reconnecting with other pastors as they also focus on their spiritual renewal will refresh and energize them and help put everyone on the same page. Additionally, the whole church benefits from their ideas for developing and growing congregations and parishes. During the academy, courses on Christian Dogmatics, spiritual leadership, financial management, logistics leadership and management, HIV/Aids and human rights will be taught by ELCM staff. In addition, Bible classes and Lutheran systematics will be taught by the Rev. Greg Kaufmann and the Rev. Tod Iverson, assistants to the bishop in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Some pastors, who are still limited in their English language abilities, will also receive English training prior to the academy. This is especially important because most theological literature is written in English.

## **Walking together for the sake of mission in God's world.**

Pastors Greg Kaufmann and Todd Iverson will walk with our companions in Malawi, October 12—November 2, as they teach at the Pastors' Academy. Diane Kaufmann, companion synod coordinator will accompany them on the trip. Please keep them and all who attend the academy in your prayers.

## **How You Can Help**

The church in Malawi truly understands and lives out the ELCA tagline, "God's work. Our hands." The more we all are strengthened spiritually and holistically, the more renewed we become and the better we understand how we are God's hands in this world. By supporting the Growing Together effort, we can grow God's kingdom, both here and in Malawi. You can support the Pastors' Academy in Malawi by sending a gift to the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, PO Box 107, Chetek, WI 54728. The offering at the upcoming Fall Ministry Retreat at Heartwood Conference Center will also be designated for this worthwhile educational effort.

## From the President's Corner:



What a wonderful service we had on Sunday, September 19. A special thank-you goes to all the members of the Jubilee Team. Thank you for your work and inspiration. You are indeed a blessing to all of us. The songs are still rolling around in my head. We just finished with a long meeting this past Monday. I want to thank everyone that put forth the effort to attend the September 20 meetings – especially Church Council members. Pastor Todd Iverson met with the Church Council, and members of the Site Profile Committee and Call Committee. Pastor Iverson shared his thoughts on our Ministry Site Profile report and parts where work needs to be improved upon. Keep in mind that this is the report that pastoral candidates review when they check First Lutheran out. We need and want to make a good, honest impression of our church. First Lutheran has much to be proud of. Following Pastor Iverson's comments, discussion centered on our process in calling a new pastor. Questions need yet to be answered. If money weren't an issue, calling a pastor would be no problem. I encourage everyone to review their pledges and to follow through if you can. That in itself will give us (church council) better direction. In the meantime, take part in the upcoming activities for youth and seniors. Special Sundays are coming up. Watch for announcements. October's Turkey Dinner is around the corner, and I even heard of a Sunday with French Toast. See you in church!

Keith Kolpack,  
Church Council President

### **All Aboard! It's French Toast Time for Everyone!**

The weekend of October 30 – 31 is "Commitment Weekend" at First Lutheran Church. To celebrate this event everyone is invited to enjoy a "French Toast Breakfast," which will be served in the Celebration Room between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 31. French toast with syrup/butter, turkey ham, applesauce, milk, and coffee will be served. There is no charge for this meal, but a donation basket will be available for anyone who would like to make a contribution to help cover meal expenses. Folks are encouraged to stop and eat after first service, after Sunday School, or before second service begins. We're hoping Sunday School students and their families will enjoy this meal together before going home.

Help will be needed to prepare for, serve, and clean-up after the meal from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on October 31. If you are available to help please contact Lynn Kolpack at 637-5986. Lynn would also appreciate a phone call if you have an electric griddle that may be used on October 31. Please consider "committing" to this event!

### **LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP MEETING**

A special meeting to adopt changes to the constitution for Luther Park Bible Camp is set for Saturday, November 13, 2010, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. We are entitled to three voting delegates. If you are interested in attending the meeting, talk with Pastor Beyer.

### **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.

**AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE  
will be having a meeting on Wednesday, October 6, at 10am.**

# Sunday School News

## **GREETINGS FROM THE EDUCATION OFFICE:**

2010-2011 Sunday School year has started! It's back in session and what a fun whirlwind of activity in the church between services! As a reminder, all children **3 years** through **8th grade** are invited to attend Sunday school each Sunday beginning at 9:40am and ending at 10:30am. Feel free to join us if you haven't already! Stay tuned for more announcements each month in the Focus Newsletter.

On Sunday, September 19, our Jubilee Team put on a fabulous service with the pastors again! They even passed out instruments for the children to jam with them! Thank you Jubilee Team! We just wanted to remind families that our 10:45am service has been introducing a more camp-like worship! We are having more interaction with our Sunday School children in our 10:45 worship service, including music, future special music and children's sermons. Watch for upcoming announcements and see you in church! For instance, 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders will be receiving their bibles on October 24 at 10:45am. They will also Show 'n Tell during the service what they learned in their classes. On November 7, children are invited to join in the All Saints Jazz service at 10:45am. As children arrive for the service, meet us prior to the service for special instructions! It will be a fun time! On October 17, the younger classes will share some fun songs with us at the 10:45am service with the Jubilee Team! Keep your eye on the Focus each month and the weekly bulletins for announcements.

This year we have some wonderful teachers and music leaders returning along with new teachers, too. We appreciate their time to teach the younger generations of our church. Teaching is a part of God's will to share his word. If you are interested in joining the teaching staff, including co-teaching or substitute teaching, please contact Sheila Erb (637-6539). Please see the General Sunday School Info and upcoming calendar events for more information.

Leaping for our Lord, Amanda Johnson & Sheila Erb

## **Kindergarten Class Announcement:**

New this year, we are delighted that the education committee has decided to give our Kindergarten class a bible of their own! The Spark Story Bible used during Sunday School will be given to each Kindergartner, along with their parents, in a special class on October 3 at 9:40 am. Susan Babler will be sharing how to use the Story Bible for the children's enjoyment! The class meets in the Celebration Room.

## **Third Grade Bible Class:**

On Sundays, October 10, 17 and 24, the third graders and their parents will meet in the Celebration room at 9:40am. Classes will be taught by Susan Babler. The students will receive their bibles during the October 24, 10:45am worship service and present to the congregation a Show 'n Tell of what they have learned.

## **Rally Sunday Hit:**

Thank you to all those parents and teachers that made Rally Sunday a hit! We started with sharing the Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin with a large assembly of children and parents! Mary Shearer and Val Scheps led us with some great music. The children then took their turn finding the Lost Coin and making the Lost Sheep. Check out the bulletin board of all our Sunday School children's lost sheep downstairs by the education rooms. We closed the time with some delicious treats! Thanks again everyone for kicking off the new year of Sunday school!

## **General Sunday School Information:**

**Ages 3 years through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** will have music time followed by classroom time each Sunday in the lower education area. Short lessons, bible stories, activities, crafts along with fun music will be held for the children to learn stories from the Bible.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade** classes will be meeting in their designated rooms in the upper education classrooms. They will also have special classes and special music sessions through out during the year.

**1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade** will have classes with the pastors during the year that parents will be invited to join in. These classes will also have special opportunities to share with the Congregation at the 10:45am services, as well.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade** will have group discussions and activities as well throughout the year. We encourage kids to join us on Sunday mornings as well as joining SWYG and fulfilling their confirmation requirements.

(See page 5 for the 2010 Sunday School Fall Schedule)

## 2010 SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL SCHEDULE

- October 3: Third grade Museum of Woodcarving Trip, Shell Lake  
Kindergarten Bible Class with parents and Susan Babler
- October 10: Third grade Bible Class with parents, instructed by Susan Babler
- October 17: Classes 3 year olds to second grade will sing at the beginning of the 10:45am worship.
- October 24: Third graders receive Bibles during the 10:45am worship and will present a Show-n-Tell to the congregation.
- October 31: Reformation Day—wear RED to Sunday school and to church to celebrate this special festival.
- November 7: Children will be invited for a fun instrumental music time during the 10:45am All Jazz worship service. Children will gather prior to the service for special instructions.
- November 28: First Sunday in Advent. Christmas Program practice will begin during Sunday school.



## THE FALL TURKEY DINNER

Wednesday, October 27, 2010  
from 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
at First Lutheran

We will be serving turkeys grilled outdoors, served indoors family style with mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, homemade pies and beverages.

Adults: \$7.50 at door.

Children: \$4.50 at door. (children 12 and younger)

Take out Price: \$7.50 at the door.

*(Take-outs are available in adult-size orders only! No take outs available for the 12 and younger price of \$4.50)*

We look forward to this event each year. The dinner takes a lot of hard work from **many willing volunteers**. Come and sign-up in Luther Hall to help for an hour or more. There will be potatoes to peel, tables to set, dishes to take back to the kitchen and wash, coffee to serve, pies to bake and cut. Each job is very important; all of us working together will ensure that the dinner is a huge success!

Join us on **Wednesday, October 27**, for an evening of fellowship, fun, and the best turkey dinner around.

**ALL GOOD PIE BAKERS:** We need to receive 100 pies for the Fall Turkey Dinner. These pies may be either apple or pumpkin. Look for the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall. Thank you!



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## Cupboard Fundraiser

Econo Foods and the Pork Producers of America are proudly sponsoring a fundraiser for the Barron Area Food Pantry (Cupboard) on **Friday, October 8, 11am—3pm**. For \$3.00 you may purchase pork chops on a stick or pork chop sandwiches. There will also be pop and water for \$.75! Be sure to stop by and support your Cupboard which needs your help in supporting the ever increasing number of families that are in need. Thank you for your help!



## MISSION GROWTH

Dear Ladies:

Welcome to fall! We had a nice turnout for our annual September meeting. Pastor Bolstad led the program, which was a review of this year's circle study. Thank you, Pastor Bolstad.

We held our election of officers, but are still in need to women to take the offices of president and vice-president. Judy Amundson will complete her term as president in January. Thank you, Judy, for all of your hard work.

Current officers will continue in these positions: Jean Wick, Secretary; Kolleen Felber, Treasurer; Lynn Hanse, Mission Community; Marian Schmitz, Mission Action; Lorraine Haugen, Mission Global; Barb Swant, Mission Growth.

October 2 will be the Fall Officer's Training Conference Meeting. Anyone is welcome to attend and learn more about the leadership of the Women of the ELCA. Let someone on the Women of the ELCA board know if you are interested.



## FAIR EXCHANGE CHRISTMAS FAIR

On October 20, we will hold our Fair Exchange Christmas Fair. Join us for coffee and Christmas cookies. Bring all of your friends. It is a great time of fellowship and a great place to do all of your Christmas shopping. LWR teams with SERV International bring you food and craft products from farmers and artisans around the world. Your purchase of these products changes the lives of these people. The money they earn from sales like ours allows them to feed and educate their families in an honorable way.

Please make a great effort to come and offer your support and learn more about this wonderful program.

Thank you in advance,  
Barb Swant,  
Mission Growth

## Come to worship

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go up to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA NEWS

Thank you to all who contributed items for the quilts and LWR Kits; which are so needed in far-away places. The many boxes will leave our church on October 9. Our women's group has been blessed for all these years with "willing workers"—those who have served and continue to, in various offices and capacities to guide our church women in using their gifts and talents for Christ. Are YOU interested in participating in some way? Elections were held on September 1, but we are still praying for someone to volunteer to be our president for the year 2011. It would certainly be great if a second person would step up to work with our yet to be announced president as vice-president.

Don't forget the Fair Shopping on Wednesday, October 20, 11:30am—4:30pm. This is a nice, convenient way to purchase gifts for your family and friends. It's as easy as **A**-anniversaries, **B**-birthdays, **C**-Christmas, and other special occasions. Coffee and Christmas cookies will be served during the sale.

Our Thank Offering services will be the weekend of November 13 and 14.

Wednesday, December 1, will be the time for us to celebrate "Advent in the Afternoon."

I am hoping to hear from you regarding our need for a president and a vice-president.

Enjoy the colorful autumn season, and be thankful and grateful to God for it.

Judy Amundson,  
Women of the ELCA President

### *Duties this month:*

Mission Correspondence: Harmony Circle

Communion Assistants: Pledge Circle

Kitchen Maintenance: Merilee LaPoint & Gail Larson

Care of Altar: \*Betty VanNatta, Kolleen Forsman, Tricia Jerome

## Malawi News *by Ann Knutson*

Each day I think of Malawi, Africa and thank my God for the blessings as He walked each and every step with me in a country that I was a stranger. That was in the fall of 2006. I returned in 2009 to be united with dear friends. Now, fall is approaching here in Wisconsin and summer is coming quickly in Malawi, Africa, and I long to return. I feel peace in my heart as I talk with friends in Malawi and share their stories with friends here. It feels good to say, I am no longer a stranger but an advocate for education and an ambassador for Malawi.

We witness to our companionship strengthening through education in ministry. In October our synod will be sending Pastor Todd Iverson and Pastor Greg Kaufmann to Malawi. They will be attending a Pastor's Retreat. There they will be assisting the ELCM as they up grade skills in Bible study, Lutheran theology and the English language. Keep our pastors and the Malawi pastors in your prayers. God is good, and our companionship grows! Attend a Women of the ELCA meeting at First Lutheran-Barron and witness God's ever-present love manifested through efforts, large and small. God's ever-present love is manifested through our efforts, large and small.

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### Malawi suffers from food shortage

About two million people in southern Malawi do not have access to food. Prolonged dry spells and a worm outbreak affected crops, particularly in Malawi's Nsanje, Chikhwawa, Thyolo, and Balaka districts. In an effort to address the food insecurity situation, the ELCA provided \$20,000 to the Evangelical Lutheran Development Service (ELDS) in Malawi. The ELDS started a six-month program, ending in January 2011, to provide food to hundreds of households. In addition to food aid, the ELDS is addressing environmental issues and agricultural needs.

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### Virtual Safari with Don Drost of Cameron

You say an African safari is on your "bucket list"? You're in luck. Come to First Lutheran on Wednesday afternoon, November 17 at 1:30pm for a "virtual" safari with Don Drost of rural Cameron. Don and his wife Carol were fortunate to experience a real-life safari in South Africa in 2008. He will show and narrate pictures of their trip, many of Kruger National Park in South Africa.

Don, born and raised in Barron County, is a graduate of Rice Lake High School. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree, and later a Master's Degree in Teaching, from UW-River Falls. His career included teaching high school agriculture at Green Bay and Glenwood City before coming home to Barron County as the University of Wisconsin Extension Agricultural Agent, a position he occupied for 26 years before retiring in 2002. During that time he was president of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in 1998.

The Drosts are truly world travelers, having visited France, Belgium, Luxemburg and the Netherlands about ten years ago and Japan in 2005. The out of doors is no stranger to Don, having seen polar bears "up close and personal" in Churchill, Manitoba. Most recently, in April, he was one of three teams representing the United States in the Rotary World Curling championship in Perth, Scotland.

Don is an accomplished and experienced speaker. Expect a little humor! The public is invited. Come to the west door near the sandwich board – no steps to climb. There will be a free-will offering for the Barron Area Community Center – Drosts' request. Refreshments will be served following the program.



# Worship Volunteers

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

## USHERS

October 2 and 3  
 5:30 Russell & Ann Knutson  
 10:45 George Unteriner & Helene Kelly

## October 9 and 10

5:30 David & Linda Martinson  
 10:45 Darryl & Roxy Kahl

## October 16 and 17

5:30 Boyd & Ann McEwen  
 10:45 Rod & Betty Shipley

## October 23 and 24

5:30 Mike & Kathy Weghorn  
 10:45 Tim & Amy Hanson

## October 30 and 31

5:30 Jay & Carol Frank  
 10:45 Char Chermack  
 Lois Schultz

## GREETERS

October 2 and 3  
 5:30 Gayle & Gail Larson  
 8:30  
 10:45

## October 9 and 10

5:30 Mark & Kristi Pedersen  
 8:30  
 10:45

## October 16 and 17

5:30 Dave & Linda Martinson  
 8:30  
 10:45

## October 23 and 24

5:30 Wayne & Lillian Nevin  
 8:30  
 10:45

## October 30 and 31

5:30 Wayne & Lillian Nevin  
 8:30  
 10:45

## LECTORS

October 2 and 3  
 5:30 Deb Slagstad  
 8:30 Pam Jacoby  
 10:45 Confirmands

## October 9 and 10

5:30 Barb Kirk  
 8:30  
 10:45 Mary Shearer

## October 16 and 17

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

## October 23 and 24

5:30 Ryan Mosestine  
 8:30 Roger & Donna Jones  
 10:45 Roger & Donna Jones

## October 30 and 31

5:30 Linda Beyer  
 8:30  
 10:45 Lorraine Haugen

## ALTAR GUILD

\*Leader  
October 2 and 3  
 \*Betty Van Natta  
 Kolleen Forsman  
 Tricia Jerome

## October 9 and 10

\*Betty Van Natta  
 Kolleen Forsman  
 Tricia Jerome

## October 16 and 17

\*Betty Van Natta  
 Kolleen Forsman  
 Tricia Jerome

## October 23 and 24

\*Betty Van Natta  
 Kolleen Forsman  
 Tricia Jerome

## October 30 and 31

\*Betty Van Natta  
 Kolleen Forsman  
 Tricia Jerome

## PIANISTS/ORGANISTS

October 2 and 3  
 5:30 June Edson, organ  
 8:30 Ruth Anderson, organ  
 10:45 Ruth Anderson, organ

## October 9 and 10

5:30 Julia Loisele, piano  
 8:30 Lenore Berg, accordion  
 10:45 Lenore Berg, accordion

## October 16 and 17

5:30 Julia Loisele, piano  
 8:30 Julie Loisele, piano  
 10:45 Julia Loisele, piano

## October 23 and 24

5:30 Roger Jones, piano  
 8:30 Roger Jones, piano  
 10:45 Roger Jones, piano

## October 30 and 31

5:30 June Edson, organ  
 8:30 June Edson, organ  
 10:45 June Edson, organ

## ACOLYTES

October 3 Sara Williams and Paige Burdick, 8:30;  
 Kristina Johnson, 10:45  
October 10 Sara Williams, 8:30; Jolene Lansin, 10:45  
October 17 Paige Burdick, 8:30; Willie Krentz, 10:45  
October 24 Kendall Verhulst, 8:30; Kristina Johnson, 10:45  
October 31 Erin Haag, 8:30; Willie Krentz, 10:45

## COFFEE SERVICE

October 3 Carla Nordby  
October 10 October Fest-EDU Committee  
October 17 Susan Babler  
October 24 Sheila Erb & Amanda Johnson  
October 31 Alaethea LaLiberty

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Temple Talk, October 3 at 8:30am.						
<b>3 8:30a</b> Worship with Holy Communion <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School Adult Bible Study <b>10:45a</b> Worship with Holy Communion and Confirmation						
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<b>17 8:30a</b> Worship with Holy Communion <b>9:30a</b> Sunday School Adult Bible Study <b>10:45a</b> Worship with Holy Communion Temple Talk	<b>11</b> Worship and Music <b>6p</b> Most Committees Meet	<b>12</b> <b>7a</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study <b>9:30a</b> AA Meeting <b>6:30p</b> Jail Ministry <b>7p</b> Cemetery Board <b>8p</b> AA Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>1:30p</b> Harmony Circle <b>5:30-7p</b> SWYG <b>7p</b> SHYG <b>7p</b> Sr Choir	<b>14</b> <b>9:00a</b> Library <b>9:30a</b> AA Meeting <b>1p</b> Quilting <b>3:30p</b> Bulletins Assembled	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>9:30a</b> AA Meeting <b>5:30p</b> Worship with Holy Communion; Temple Talk
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<b>24 8:30a</b> Worship <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School Adult Bible Study <b>10:45a</b> Worship	<b>25</b> <b>12:30p</b> Communion at Nursing Homes begins <b>6-7p</b> Cub Scouts	<b>26</b> <b>7a</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study <b>9:30a</b> AA Meeting <b>6p</b> Multiple Blessings <b>6:30p</b> Jail Ministry <b>8p</b> AA Meeting	<b>27</b> <b>5:30-7:00p</b> Fall Turkey Dinner	<b>28</b> <b>9:30a</b> AA Meeting <b>1p</b> Quilting <b>3:30p</b> Bulletins Assembled <b>5p</b> Meal from the Heart	<b>29</b> <b>8:30a</b> Newsletter Assembled	<b>30</b> <b>9:30a</b> AA Meeting <b>5:30p</b> Worship with Holy Communion
<b>31 8:30a</b> Worship French Toast Breakfast <b>9:40a</b> Sunday School Adult Bible Study <b>10:45a</b> Worship						

### Stewardship Prayer



O God, I resolve to put You first in my life. I recognize that You have blessed me with all that I have and all that I am. As your steward, I resolve to sacrifice when necessary but always to do so out of a spirit of sincere love, just as your Son, Jesus, did for me.

I humbly accept the challenge to share from my means rather than from my excess.

I recognize that being a good steward is nothing more than being truly Christian.

Dear God, I resolve, to be generous with my time, talent and treasure, giving in proportion to the gifts I have been given. I commit myself to taking care of my body and all of creation.

I know there will be times when I will fail to be a good steward, but I pledge to keep on trying.

I will confidently live each day with a spirit of true peace and joy in knowing that I am doing your will.

Amen.

### Reason to tithe

**Financial Wisdom**— Tithing brings God’s wisdom to our finances, exercising a healthy spiritual discipline over them, and helps us to combat the destructive materialism and greed that destroy the lives of many.



### A VERTICAL PLATFORM LIFT COMES TO FIRST LUTHERAN

First Lutheran will soon welcome back all of its members who are unable to attend church due to not being able to climb the steps or are unable to maneuver the ramp leading to the sanctuary! On Monday, August 16, our church council approved a plan for a Vertical Platform Lift (similar to the one pictured), a fund for the monies donated to be put into, and for construction to begin when the goal of \$25,000 has been met. The lift will be on the left side of our existing steps and will take you up to the sanctuary. At this time, we invite all builders and electricians of our church to bid on the work for the project. Please contact Boyd McEwen at 715-296-2094,

for an explanation of what needs to be done starting immediately. If you wish to contribute to this project, cash or check donations may be made out to First Lutheran Church-Lift Fund and may be in honor of or in memory of someone, or just in support of this project. Simply detach and complete the form below. You may then submit your completed form, along with your cash or check donation to the church office via postal mail, into the offering plate, or drop it by the church office. Contribution forms will also be available in the church office and in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please call any of the Lift Committee members: Nancy Krahenbuhl, Boyd McEwen, Bill Koser, Lynn Peterson, Jean Wick, Bob Oman or Pam Oman.

### LIFT FUND CONTRIBUTION

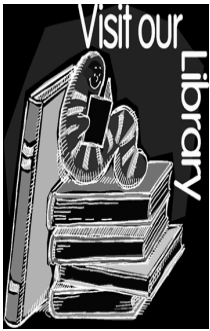
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\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate my time, please contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(phone number)

Please use my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward the Vertical Platform Lift Fund.

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)



## IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY!

Welcome to *Tales from Grace Chapel Inn*!  
Fall in love with the folks of Acorn Hill.  
These stories will speak to your heart about all that brings meaning to our lives:  
family, faith, and a community of friends.  
It all begins with...

### Back Home Again

By Rebecca Kelly

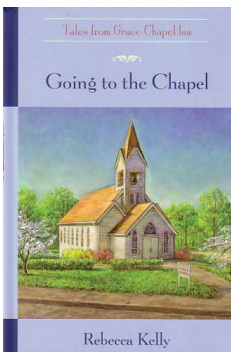


After Daniel Howard, the adored minister of Grace Chapel passes away. His three daughters each have a different vision of what to do with his run-down Victorian house. A brilliant solution to the sisters' dilemma—Grace Chapel Inn—a unique bed and breakfast is born and a new life begins for all of them.

The joy continues with...

### Going to the Chapel

By Melody Carlson



A handsome and charismatic minister for Grace Chapel arrives. No one believes he can replace Daniel Howard. Ethel steams at the notion that the town can even contemplate replacing her brother. Yet, when he stays at Grace Chapel Inn with the Howard sisters, they slowly warm up to him. Will the townsfolk of Acorn Hill come to know and love him as well?

Read these books and meet Louise, Alice, and Jane Howard. Share their adventures and fall in love with all the wonderful folks that make Acorn Hill a very special place.

The Church Library is always open; stop in and check out a book!



Greetings to All Members of the Jubilee Team!

Thank you! The time and effort you spend planning and practicing for and sharing the "Good News" during our 'Jubilee Worship" services are very much appreciated. During the hours you are leading us in song and worship there is "nothing finer" happening in all of Barron County! Thank you! It is often easy to come up with energy and excitement when working a new, never-been-done-before project. Coming up with the time, energy, and excitement month-after-month to keep an on-going project/activity alive and moving ahead takes real dedication and commitment. I applaud your efforts. You make me cry—the very best of tears!

I wonder, do we, as a congregation, show our thanks and appreciation often enough? What should/could the folks of First Lutheran be doing MORE of to show you all how important you and your gifts are to worship services at First Lutheran Church?

I LOVED the new Song of Praise, "Days of Elijah," that we sang. Both the melody and the words touched my heart. Truly "these are days of great trial, of famine, of darkness, and sword." And we all need to be reminded that "we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare, ye the way of the Lord!" The song, "Fill My Cup, Lord," that we sang during communion may be an old song, but its message sums up what Jubilee services do and for my soul whenever I have the good fortune to be a part of them—they fill my cup!

Thank you so much!

Lynn Kolpack

# October Birthday Blessings

Daniel McNeil	10/1
Robert McDonald	10/2
Gale Wells	10/2
Lynn Kolpack	10/3
Nicole Putzke	10/3
Maureen Vruwink	10/3
Shanna Floan	10/3
Dewayne Anderson	10/4
Johnathan Rischette	10/4
Effie Hegna	10/5
Emily Johnson	10/5
Terry Lansin	10/5
Lona Christopherson	10/6
Madison Losey	10/6
Cole Ogren	10/6
Clara Babler	10/7
Jeffrey Bates	10/7
Adair Flug	10/7
Julie Frank	10/7
Shawn Nesseth-Lipke	10/7
Wendy Tireman	10/7
Rhoda Burdick	10/8
Arlyn Colby	10/8
Hannah Holst	10/8
Carol Juve	10/8
Matthew LaLiberty	10/8
Laura Christenson	10/9
Alexander Doe	10/9
Logan Langerude	10/9
Shawn Thompson	10/9
Patricia Halvorson	10/10
Dallas Sloan	10/10
Daniel Walker	10/10
Tyler Dahl	10/11
Alice LaPoint	10/11
Jared Lystig	10/11
Kathleen McNeil	10/11
Lisa Schultz	10/12
James Babler	10/13
Tyler Campbell	10/13

Rayann Tallman	10/13
Virgil Anderson	10/14
Andrew Haugen	10/14
Jeremy Horvath	10/14
Gregory Nelson	10/14
Greta Scheps	10/14
Michael Shade	10/14
Bryant Strohmeyer	10/14
Ruth Anderson	10/15
Isaiah Hardina	10/15
Pamela Oman	10/15
Kayla Scott	10/15
Byron Dodge	10/16
Sherri Hanson`	10/16
Hans Landsworth	10/16
James Ormson	10/16
Emily Schultz	10/16
Erika Shearer	10/16
Verl Maas	10/17
Jennifer Meyer	10/17
Barry Espeseth	10/18
Helen Goosby	10/19
Ramona Huset	10/19
Drew Kahl	10/19
Corrine Schultz	10/19
Marilyn Strop	10/19
Ardis Ress	10/19
Susan Espeseth	10/20
Christopher Malone	10/20
Luke Mosentine	10/20
Ella Peterson	10/20
Aaron Roux	10/20
Michael Dietrich	10/21
Allen Ferber	10/21
Lacie Frandsen	10/22
Benjamin Koons	10/22
Gene Redlich	10/22
Michael Weghorn	10/22
Jonathan Church	10/23
Brenda Kahl	10/23
John Kirk	10/23
Bobbi Jo Riebe	10/23
Clarine Sass	10/23
Larry Nevin	10/24
Colt Riebe	10/24
Dorothy Jacobson	10/25
Crystal Colby	10/26

Orville Halvorson	10/26
Anita Meysembourg	10/26
Caleb Parker	10/26
James Burdick	10/27
Karla Nevin	10/27
Derek Newville	10/27
Connor Romsos	10/27
Trinity White-Folstad	10/27
Jerry Greenwold	10/28
Kenneth Hanson	10/28
Matthew Jensen	10/29
Kevin Schmitz	10/29
Hannah Sloan	10/29
Ashley Steinke	10/29
Bruce Akenson	10/30
Ronald Kahl	10/30
Craig Mullikin	10/30
Ralph Pitzrick	10/30
Mark Roux	10/30
Loren Huset	10/31
Mary Shearer	10/31
Alan Roettger	10/31

## Happy Birthday Everyone!

Is your name missing from our October 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 up-date our records! *Thank You* for your help!



Minutes of the Congregational Council  
First Lutheran Church  
August 16, 2010

**Members Present:** Pastor Lowell Bolstad, Andrew Harrington, Wendell McDonough, Jean Wick, Julie Malone, Judy Amundson, Gerald Johnson, Rod Wieneri, Gayle Larson, Barb Swant, Nancy Krahenbuhl, Carolyn Verhulst, Carla Nordby, Lauretta Peterson, Pastor Bruce Beyer

**Members Excused:** Keith Kolpack, Carrie Amundson

**Meeting Call to Order:** 7:00pm by Vice President, Andrew Harrington

**Devotions:** Julie Hallberg

**Secretary's Report:** Motion to approve Secretary's Report as printed by Wendell McDonough. Second by Rod Wieneri. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** July offerings at 63.13% of budget. Year to Date offerings at 83.44% of budget. Special offerings at \$3517.00, which is \$6400.00 below the projected goal. Our expenses are inline at this time.

**Old Business:**

- a. Sesquicentennial Float – What to do with the miniature church?  
A motion to leave it in the church garage as it has been, unless we are told otherwise, was made by Barb Swant. Second by Gayle Larson. Motion carried.
- b. Elevator Study Update – Nancy Krahenbuhl delivered a recommendation from the "Lift" Study Committee to install a vertical platform lift from Luther Hall to the sanctuary. Current lift bid is \$17,608.00 – this bid will go up \$1200-2000 in September. Extra's needed to complete the project would be electrical work, telephone, and construction to plumb and square the shaft for the lift. There will also be a monthly phone bill of approximately \$30.00 and an annual state inspection between \$80-100.00. Our insurance premium will actually go down with the installation of the lift.  
  
A motion to move ahead with the vertical platform lift project; and establish a lift fund for donations which should total \$30,000.00 prior to construction was made by Wendell McDonough. Second by Carolyn Verhulst. Motion carried.  
  
More discussion followed regarding the actual costs for the lift project.  
  
A new motion to move ahead with the vertical platform lift project; and establish a lift fund for donation which should total 25,000.00 prior to construction was made by Wendell McDonough. Second by Carolyn Verhulst. Motion carried.
- c. Multi-Media Update – committee needs to meet and reassess fund raising appeal.
- d. Call Process Update – nothing will begin until September.
- e. Other Old Business – none.

**New Business:**

- a. Special Mission Giving Sunday, August 29, 2010.
- b. Luther Park – need an advocate to act as a liaison between Luther Park and First Lutheran. This person should have a real passion for Luther Park. Further discussion tabled until September.
- c. Fundraising ideas for meeting the budget – as of the end of July the balance in the checking account was \$942.00. Please bring ideas to Church Council meeting next month.
- d. Other New Business – none.

**Committee Reports:**

- a. Finance Committee – line of credit currently at Sterling Bank – Barron. Increasing line of credit up to \$100,000.00
  - 1 year at Sterling Bank 5.75%
  - 1 year at First National Bank 5.50%
  - 2 years at Sterling Bank 6.00%
  - 2 years at First National Bank 5.75%

3 years at Sterling Bank 6.25%  
3 years at First National Bank 6.25%

The Finance Committee would like to recommend moving the line of credit to First National Bank to take advantage of a lower interest rate.

A motion to accept the recommendation to move First Lutheran's Line of Credit to First National Bank for 2 years at 5.75% was made by Julie Hallberg. Second by Wendell McDonough. Motion carried.

**Trust Fund Transfers:** A motion to transfer from the Trust Fund to the General Fund \$340.00 for a Luther Park Bible Campership was made by Jean Wick. Second by Julie Hallberg. Motion carried.

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is hosting a three-week continuing education event for 50 plus pastors of the church – key partners “Growing Together” a mission project of continuing education for Pastors in Malawi. Can we help with this educational event?

A motion was made to transfer from the Mission in Ministry Fund to support Global Mission to the General Fund for \$150.00 by Barb Swant. Second by Rod Wiemer. Motion carried.

**Pastor Beyer's Report:**

Amber Riebe - instruction is complete. She is a new Baptized/Confirmed member.

One marriage – Michael Mark Miller and Victoria Lee Fredrickson, July 24, 2010.

One Transfer in – Amanda Taylor-Johnson transferred in from New Scandinavia Lutheran Church in Dallas, WI.

Ann Knutson has agreed to serve as a Mission Interpreter for the Synod.

The Gideons would like to come to one of our services for a short promotional talk. A quiet Sunday service will be chosen.

Thrivent Choice Dollars – All qualifying Thrivent Contract Members will be given the opportunity to select qualifying charities for Choice Dollars. Call 800 or go on-line starting this Sunday to help First Lutheran receive these Choice Dollars. Matching Funds as we knew them no longer exist! Thrivent Contract Members of First Lutheran Church need to act on this opportunity now!

**Pastor Bolstad's Report:**

It was so much fun to be a part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration. The Norwegian Service was well attended. Enjoying the book *Back to Barron*. Fall activities will include bringing youth and family participation to the 10:45 church service and confirmation classes with great leadership from members for elective courses.

**Other Business:** Parish Fellowship Committee is not interested in coordinating Sunday morning coffee between services. It was decided to take coffee service to the committee level. Each committee will serve one month and be responsible for finding someone to serve coffee and cookies each Sunday of assigned month. **Property Committee will serve September, and Education Committee will serve October.**

**Vice President's Report:** none

**Any Other Business:** none

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm by Barb Swant. Second by Nancy Krahenbuhl. Motion carried.

Closed with 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.***

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**Invite others to worship**

Do you know someone in your relation, friendship, neighborhood, or work setting who may be looking for a church home? Why not bring them to worship with you? Also, if you see someone moving into the neighborhood, mention First Lutheran to them. You could be doing someone a big favor!

**GATHERED TOGETHER  
BY THE SPIRIT**

As of September 26, 2010

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING**

2010 Budget	318,100.00
Received This Week	3,389.00
Needed Year to Date	229,893.87
Received Year to Date	<u>197,882.02</u>
	-32,011.85

**REPAIR AND DEBT FUND**

Received Year to Date	3,844.00
Needed Year to Date	<u>3,866.85</u>
	-22.85



**Kaia Irene Werner**

Born July 1, 2010

Baptized September 12, 2010

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**Sydney Louise Church**

Born February 22, 2010

Baptized September 25, 2010



**Bennie Jergenson**

Born February 27, 1921

Died September 15, 2010

**RADIO BROADCASTS**

October 3: In memory of Bob Peterson and in honor of our 13 grandchildren by Laretta Peterson.

October 10: In memory of Oscar and Bertina Degerman and Richard Degerman by Jay and Carol Frank, Vonny Degerman and families.

October 17: In memory of A. Vernon Ellison by Ethel Ellison and family.

October 24: In memory of Ronald Bagley by Lila and family.

October 31: In thankfulness of our many blessings by LaVern and Marilyn Strop.

**VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE:** Come to our **chapel** service on Saturday evening and meet old friends and make new ones. Come to our more formal **cathedral** early Sunday morning service to sing and hear great music that goes over the airwaves to our radio audience. Come to our more informal **camp** later Sunday morning service where a special message will given for the children. A Jubilee service is offered each third Sunday during the school year with our Jubilee Team leading the worship. In addition, various special emphasis services are offered to reflect the many aspects of the Christian life.

**VETERANS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN** will be honored the weekend of November 6. The current list of veterans is posted on the bulletin board and will be printed in the November *Focus at First*. Please **check the list** and **notify** the church office at 537-3575 or [office@firstlutheran-barron.org](mailto:office@firstlutheran-barron.org) regarding new or someone missing from our list.

**CUPBOARD AND CLOSET**

It is peanut butter month at the closet! Here is a Betty Crocker Recipe for Indoor Peanut butter s'mores: 1/2 cup peanut butter, 18 graham cracker squares, 2 1/2 inches each, 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows, 1/2 cup chopped salted peanuts, and 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips. Spread peanut butter over 1 side of each graham cracker. Place 9 of the graham crackers, peanut butter sides up, in a square microwavable dish, 8x8x2 inches. Sprinkle marshmallows evenly over crackers. Sprinkle peanuts and chocolate chips over marshmallows. Top with remaining graham crackers, peanut butter sides down. Microwave uncovered on high 1 to 2 minutes or until marshmallows are very soft. Cool at least 15 minutes. Cut each square in half. Makes 18 servings.

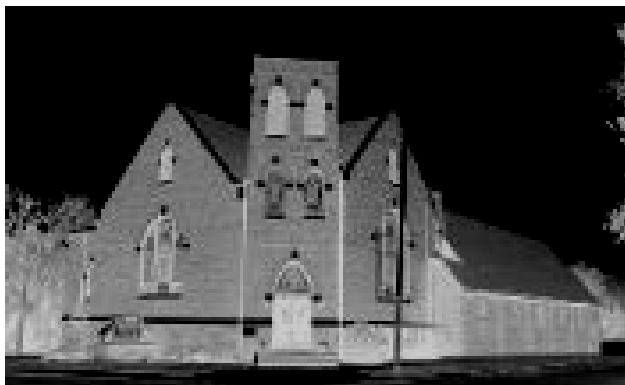
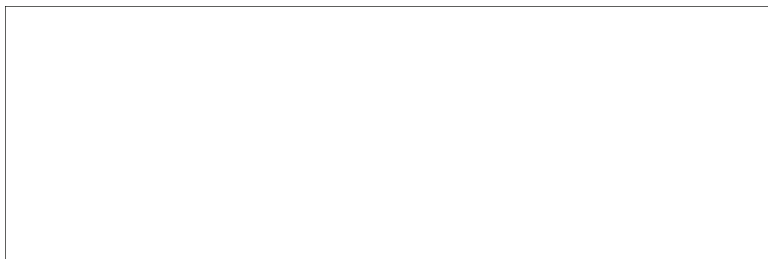
Did you know that at the beginning of the school year, that the Cupboard and Closet helped over 60 families? Please consider donating clothing that your children have outgrown. If you have excess vegetables from your gardens, please consider donating some to the Cupboard. With colder weather soon approaching, there will be a great need for warm jackets, hats, mittens, and boots. There is also a great need for furniture. Please keep us in mind and thank you for all you do!

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

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Tricia Lehner Church: 537-3575, Editor

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Andrew Harrington

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