



FOCUS AT FIRST

Volume 24, Issue #9 A monthly publication of First Lutheran Church – Barron, WI September 2010

“Ministry in Daily Life” to be focus on Labor Day Weekend of September 4-5

Labor Day weekend provides an opportunity to reflect on ministry in daily life. In Baptism God calls us as “fellow workers in the kingdom of God.” Worship on September 4-5 will be a time to explore the ways in which we employ our faith in daily life.

Rally Day on September 12 — Blessing of the Backpacks and Teacher Installation

Students and teachers are invited back for the start of another Sunday school year on Sunday, September 12, at 9:40am. Rally Day will be full of fun games, crafts, and snacks based on the Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. For more information, check out the education page of this newsletter.

A special invitation is extended to all students and their families at the 10:45am worship service for a Blessing of the Backpacks. Students, parents, and other caregivers are asked to be present for recognition and prayers. Invite the relatives. Teachers will be installed at both the 8:30 and 10:45am worship services. Pray for the educational ministry of First Lutheran!

Sunday worship goes to two services on September 12

The fall worship schedule begins on September 12, with two services at 8:30 and 10:45am. See you in worship! Bring a friend!

Jubilee Team to sing September 19

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!

“Welcome to Sunday School and to Confirmation” to be September 19 at 10:45am worship service

All students starting Sunday school, as well as students beginning Confirmation instruction, are asked to come to worship on September 19, at the 10:45am worship service for a special “Welcome to Sunday School and to Confirmation.” These are milestone events in the faith journey that begins in Baptism. One of the promises parents make in baptism is “to bring them to the services of God’s house.” In the spirit of baptism, we want to invite our children and parents to the altar as often as possible!

Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi with blessing of the animals on September 26

All creatures both large and small, God loves them all. This is the spirit in which a blessing of the animals will be offered on Sunday, September 26, at 9:40am on the lawn across the parking lot from the educational wing of the church. The worship services that weekend will commemorate St. Francis of Assisi who is best known for his prayer “Make me an instrument of your peace...” and for his hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King.” He is also known as a lover of nature and so the practice of blessing of the animals. Come to worship the weekend of the 26th and bring your animals to be blessed on Sunday at 9:40am on the church lawn!

INSIDE	THIS ISSUE
Page 2	Confirmation Ministry
Page 5	Sunday School Information and Calendar of Events
Page 6	A Vertical Platform Lift Comes to First Lutheran
Page 10	Cupboard and Closet
Page 13	Afternoon Fellowship Sponsors Encore Presentation
Page 14	Birthdays in September

An invitation from Pastor Bruce and Linda Beyer

As many of you know, a time of special celebration is approaching in our lives. Our daughter, Becky, is being married to Justin Tyjeski on October 9, 2010. For obvious reasons, we are unable to invite all of you to the ceremony and reception. But the party will be continuing after the reception with a celebration/dance at Das Lach Haus in Cumberland beginning at 8:00pm. We invite all of you to this part of our happy day.

Pastor Bruce and Linda Beyer

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY BEGINS

Registration: Tuesday, August 31
5:00pm—8th graders
5:30pm—7th graders
6:00pm—6th graders

SWYG: Wednesday, September 8
5:30—7:00pm

All confirmands are required to attend as part of the Confirmation curriculum.

Classes begin: Wednesday, September 15
4:00pm and 6:00pm

CONFIRMATION FOR 9TH GRADERS

Important dates: Sunday, September 12
9:40am

Confirmands and parents meet with Pastor Beyer.

Wednesday, September 22
7:00pm

A one-hour session with the confirmands and Pastor Beyer only.

Wednesday, September 29
7:00pm

A continued session from previous Wednesday—confirmands and Pastor Beyer only.

Wednesday, September 29
8:00pm

*Rehearsal for the Confirmation service
at least one parent needs to attend with each confirmand.*

Service of Confirmation: Sunday, October 3
10:45am



Sunday School News

RALLY SUNDAY PLANS:

LOST SHEEP! LOST SHEEP! Come find your way back to Sunday School! Children, we've missed you all summer in the Children's Education Department. RALLY SUNDAY is September 12. Join us for fun activities and snacks on our first day back. Your parents are invited to share the experience too! The theme for the day will be about the Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. This year we hope to see everyone ba ba baaaa-ck on Sunday mornings.

TEACHERS are invited Rally Sunday to the worship services for a Teacher Installation Service. All teachers are invited for this special time to get the year started off right with God's blessing and to honor your commitment to join us in teaching God's Word!

BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS: Children are invited to the 10:45am worship service for a special blessing and children's sermon during the service. Bring your backpacks to be blessed by God's grace!

WANTED – We need 2-3 bales of hay, or a stack of loose hay to be donated for Sunday School on Rally Day, September 12, for a special activity. Please contact Amanda or Sheila if you have some to spare.

GREETINGS FROM THE EDUCATION OFFICE:

2010-2011 Sunday School year is upon us. With one year under our belts, we have a few exciting things planned for upcoming year with our Children's Education program. We have been busy this summer working on the curriculum schedule, planning fun activities, arranging new adventures in which we can share God's Word and stories of his one and only Son, Jesus Christ.

All children **3 years** through **8th grade** are invited to Sunday school each Sunday beginning September 12. Sunday school is held between our two worship services, beginning at 9:40am and ending at 10:30am. Stay tuned for more announcements each month in the Focus newsletter. We are looking forward to seeing your children each Sunday from September through May! We are scheduling times throughout the year for more interaction with our Sunday school classes and our 10:45am worship service, which will include music, the children's involvement and children's sermons. Watch for upcoming announcements. We'll see you in church!

This year we have some wonderful teachers and music leaders returning along with new teachers as well. 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 (715-637-6539). All teachers are requested to join us for Teacher Installation at either worship service on Rally Sunday, September 12. Please see the General Sunday School Information and upcoming calendar of events for more information.

God Bless,
Sheila Erb & Amanda Johnson

If you have any questions regarding Christian Education for Children, please contact Sheila Erb or Amanda Johnson. The education office will be open on Sundays, 8:15am to 11am, and the second Monday of each month from 7pm to 8pm. Please feel free to set up an appointment, as well, for a time of your convenience. We are here for you.

Sunday School Information and Calendar of Events

NURSERY: The Church Nursery is available for use while you are at church. If the opportunity arises that your child(ren) and you need to use it, please feel free to do so. We apologize for any inconvenience, but the nursery will not be staffed during worship services. A parent or family member above 18 years old will need to accompany any child when using the nursery. If you are in need of the nursery, from the sanctuary, exit out of the front right side double doors to the overflow room. It will be down the hall, first door on the left hand side. It is furnished with toys and books for children’s entertainment while in the nursery.

2010 FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

September 12	- Rally Sunday - Teacher Installation at both worship services - Blessing of the Backpacks at 10:45am - First day of Sunday school at 9:40am (3yrs—8th gr.)
September 19	- Welcome to Sunday school and Confirmation at 10:45am. All parents and children are invited for this special celebration.
September 26	- Blessing of the Animals at 9:40am - All children welcomed to bring their pets to the church lawn for a special blessing as one of God’s creatures.
October 3	- 3rd grade Museum of Woodcarving trip, Shell Lake
October 10	- 3rd grade Bible Class with parents and pastors
October 17	- Classes 3yrs to 2nd grade will sing at 10:45am - 3rd grade Bible Class with parents and pastors
October 24	- 10:45am worship service-classes receive Bibles
October 31	- Reformation Day-wear RED to Sunday school and church to celebrate this special festival.
November 28	- First Sunday in Advent–Christmas program practice will begin during Sunday school.

WANTED:

Teachers and co-teachers are still needed for this upcoming school year! (Co-teaching can give you more freedom for those that have commitments throughout the year!) Please contact Sheila if you are interested. (715-637-6539)

Ages 3 years through 2nd grade will have music time followed by classroom time each Sunday in the lower education area. Short lessons, bible stories, activities, and crafts, along with fun music, will be held for the children to learn at Sunday school.

3rd grade through 8th grade classes will be meeting in their designated rooms in the upper education classrooms. They will also have special activities and special music sessions throughout during the year.

1st through 5th grades will have classes with the pastors during the year that parents will be invited to join. These classes will also have special opportunities to share with the congregation at the 10:45 services.

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

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



We are in the process of readying the packets for our Fall Stewardship Drive and we could use your help! On Monday, September 13, at 7pm, we will be stuffing and labeling envelopes for the Pony Express Packets. On Monday, October 4, at 7pm, we will need help stuffing the brown packets for the Pony Express. Please consider helping on either September 13 or October 4, or both! Thank you.

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

In memory of _____

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)



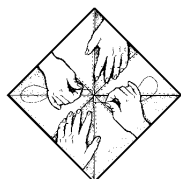
SEEKING AN USHER COORDINATOR

Virgil Edson has expressed a desire to step down from his position of usher coordinator, and we thank him for his many years of faithful service in that capacity. At this time the Worship and Music Committee is seeking another individual willing to assume this responsibility. Please contact the church office or the pastors if you could help with this task. Thank you!



MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study will resume Tuesday, September 14, at 7am. All men are encouraged and welcome to attend! It is a great way to begin your day!



A STITCH FOR QUILTERS

Quilters will meet **Thursday, September 9, and every Thursday through November 19**, from 1—3pm, in the Fellowship Room to assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you have some Thursday afternoon free, please come and join us. If you don't want to stand and tie quilts, you could sit down and stitch around the outer edges of the quilts. Donations of fabric pieces, old bedding, etc. are always needed, as well. If you have any questions, please call Marian Schmitz at 715-637-3964.



Thrivent

ATTENTION THRIVENT POLICY HOLDERS

You recently received a letter from Thrivent describing the Thrivent Choice Dollars program. The letter describes how you designate where your eligible money will be sent. In the past the money would have automatically gone to First Lutheran Church through what was known as "Matching Funds." Now, if you want to support our turkey dinner and Gift From the Heart, you must designate our church by calling 1-800-847-4836 or by visiting Thrivent.com/choicedollars. If you don't do this, Thrivent will eventually send your money to different charities of their choosing. If you have questions, call the church office at 715-537-3575.



BALCONY PIANO DEDICATION

The balcony piano will be dedicated at the 5:30pm worship service on Saturday, September 18. Judy Folstad will provide special music featuring the piano. We thank all those whose contributions made the purchase of the balcony piano possible!



There are several dates available for the 2010-2011 radio broadcast calendar. If you are interested in sponsoring any of the available dates, please contact the church office at 715-537-3575. Please note that you do not need to pay the \$75.00 sponsorship fee immediately. Sponsorship fees may be paid on the day of your reservation. The following dates are available: **October 31, 2010, January 2, 2011, March 13 and 27, 2011, April 17, 2011, and May 1, 2011**. Please consider sponsoring one of these dates to help keep the Radio Ministry on the air. Thank you.

Can't come to worship?


Then listen to our Sunday 8:30am worship services broadcast over radio station 1090 AM or call 715-837-4122 for any of the services on Saturday at 5:30pm or on Sunday at 8:30am or 10:45am!

DUTIES THIS MONTH

<u>Mission Correspondence:</u>	Faith Circle
<u>Communion Assistants:</u>	Faith Circle
<u>Kitchen Maintenance:</u>	Patricia Olson and Pamela Oman
<u>Care of Altar:</u>	*Debbie Slagstad, Jan Barrett, Susan Babler

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

4 W. LaSalle Ave., Barron, WI 54812 • Phone: 715-537-3575 www.firstlutheran-barron.org
 e-mail: office@firstlutheran-barron.org The 8:30am service is broadcast live over radio station 1090 AM. Telephone Ministry for all services: 837-4122

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 SEPTEMBER	2010				
5 9:00a Worship with Holy Communion	6 Church office is closed in observance of Labor Day!	7 9:30a AA Meeting 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting	1 1:30p Women of the ELCA Meeting 7p Sr Choir	2 9:30a AA Meeting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled	3	4 9:30a AA Meeting 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion
12 RALLY DAY 8:30a Worship 9:40a Sunday School Adult Bible Study Confirmants and parents 10:45a Worship Teacher Installation and Blessing of Backpacks	13 6p Worship and Music Committee 7p Most Committees Meet 7p Pony Express envelope assembly	14 7a Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9:30a AA Meeting 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting	15 4p Confirmation 6p Confirmation 7p Sr Choir	16 9:00a Library 9:30a AA Meeting 1p Quilting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled	17	18 9:30a AA Meeting 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion
19 8:30a Worship with Holy Communion 9:30a Sunday School Adult Bible Study 10:45a Worship with Holy Communion	20 7p Council	21 7a Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9:30a AA Meeting 6:30p Jail Ministry 8p AA Meeting NEWLETTER ARTICLES DUE!	22 4p Confirmation 6p Confirmation 7p Sr Choir 7p Pastor Beyer and Confirmands	23 9:30a AA Meeting 1p Quilting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled 5p Meal from the Heart	24	25 9:30a AA Meeting 5:30p Worship with Holy Communion
26 8:30a Worship 9:40a Sunday School Adult Bible Study 10:45a Worship	27 10a Women of the ELCA Board Meeting 12:30p Communion at Nursing Homes begins 6-7p Cub Scout sign-up meeting 6:30p BeFriends	28 7a Men's Breakfast Bible Study 9:30a AA Meeting 6p Multiple Blessings 6:30p Jail Ministry 7p Altar Guild 8p AA Meeting	29 4p Confirmation 6p Confirmation 7p Sr Choir 7p Pastor Beyer and Confirmand 8p Confirmation rehearsal for confirmands and parents	30 8:30a Newsletter Assembled 9:30a AA Meeting 1p Quilting 3:30p Bulletins Assembled	Invite others to worship at the start of the fall activities Do you know someone in your relations, 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 somebody moving into the neighborhood, mention the church to them. You could be doing somebody a big favor!	



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>September 4 and 5</u> 5:30 Gayle and Gail 9:00 Larson	<u>September 4 and 5</u> 5:30 9:00	<u>September 4 and 5</u> 5:30 Rogers Jones 9:00 Linda Hackett	*Leader <u>September 4 and 5</u> *Deb Slagstad Jan Barrett Susan Babler	<u>September 4 and 5</u> Roger Jones, pianist
<u>September 11 and 12</u> 5:30 8:30 Vonny Degerman Ann McDonald 10:45 Tim & Amy Hanson	<u>September 11 and 12</u> 5:30 8:30 John & Barb Kirk 10:45	<u>September 11 and 12</u> 5:30 8:30 Susan Babler 10:45 Mark & Kristi Pedersen	<u>September 11 and 12</u> *Deb Slagstad Jan Barrett Susan Babler	<u>September 11 and 12</u> Ruth Anderson, organist
<u>September 18 and 19</u> 5:30 8:30 Travis & Carol Brown 10:45 Char Chermack Lois Schultz	<u>September 18 and 19</u> 5:30 8:30 Lona Christopherson 10:45	<u>September 18 and 19</u> 5:30 8:30 Jubilee Team 10:45 Jubilee Team	<u>September 18 and 19</u> *Deb Slagstad Jan Barrett Susan Babler	<u>September 18 and 19</u> Judy Folstad, pianist
<u>September 25 and 26</u> 5:30 8:30 Mark & Kristi Pedersen 10:45 Wayne & Robin Hanson	<u>September 25 and 26</u> 5:30 8:30 Joe & Clarice Fall 10:45	<u>September 25 and 26</u> 5:30 8:30 Diane Sloan 10:45 Jan Kienbaum	<u>September 25 and 26</u> *Deb Slagstad Jan Barrett Susan Babler	<u>September 25 and 26</u> June Edson, organist

ACOLYTES

September 5
September 12
September 19
September 26

COFFEE SERVICE

September 5 Property Committee
September 12 Property Committee
September 19 Property Committee
September 26 Property Committee

Cupboard and Closet



Due to the high number of families we are serving at this time the **Cupboard** is in great need of re-stocking. We are especially low on instant rice, potatoes, hamburger helper, condiments, dessert mixes, canned meats, and vegetables. Please consider donating fresh items from your gardens.



The **Closet** is in need of linens, especially towels. We could also use donations of furniture. As soon as furniture comes in, it goes out very quickly. With the return of school, there is a need for school clothing for children of all ages. As you are sorting through your children's clothing to determine what still fits them and what does not, consider donating the clothing that is too small for your child to the **Closet**.

Because of summer schedules and college student volunteers returning to school, we have a great need for volunteers. If you can donate some of your time, please call Pam at 715-637-3499 or Barb Kirk at 715-637-3436. Thank you for all that you do!



"Thank you very much for the food for the Food Pantry that you donate. In July we served 115 families (373 people—of those families, 16 were first time users). Your donations are greatly appreciated and I am very grateful that all of you can be counted on for your continued support."

Lynn Hanse



Lutheran Woman Today is a great, inspirational, informative, motivational, up-lifting magazine meant to be read from cover-to-cover. It is packed with many interesting stories on a variety of topics. Why not subscribe to it now so you won't miss another issue? Call Barb Swant, our Mission Growth chair, at 715-234-5096 for information on how to order.

The new Bible study begins this month in Lutheran Woman Today, and is about the Bible. In this magazine, as well as, The Lutheran, you will see many articles referring to the Bible. These are good to read by you and members of your family.



Ardis Ress, our Sunday morning coffee coordinator, has retired as of August 1. She held this position for three years. We thank her for her years of service in this capacity. "THANK YOU, ARDIS, FOR A JOB WELL-DONE!"

The church council has implemented a new plan regarding the coffee service between worship services. In order to continue providing this time of fellowship, we will have the various committees and service groups sharing this responsibility on a monthly basis. Beginning September 5, the Property Committee will be "in charge" of serving coffee, followed by the Education Committee in October, etc., throughout the year. You, as an individual, may call the church office if you would like to offer your help.

The Annual Women of the ELCA on September 1, at 1:30pm, will include the Bible study overview and the election of officers who will take office in January 2011. Harmony Circle has made the arrangements for the program. We hope to see you there!

And, remember...bring a friend to church!

Judy Amundson,
President of The Women of the ELCA

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

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

Members Excused: Andrew Harrington, Carrie Amundson

Meeting Call to Order: 7:07pm by Council President, Keith Kolpack

Devotions: Keith Kolpack

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve Secretary's Report as printed by Julie Hallberg. Second by Wendell McDonough. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: We are currently meeting 85.08% of our budget as of the end of June. Things are looking good so far.

Old Business:

- Elevator Study update – Nothing new to report.
- Multi-Media update – Fund raiser mailing has been sent out.
- Call Process update – The Site Profile Report has been submitted. The Call Committee has been formed, but meetings may not start until September.
- Key update – There are still 10 "B" keys and 2 "A" keys missing.
- Other old business – None.

New Business:

- Our next Special Mission giving Sunday is July 25.
- Maintaining/Increasing line-of-credit – Our current line-of-credit is at \$80,000. We have requested to increase this line-of-credit to \$100,000 to help cover the payments of member loans being called. Sterling Bank and First National Bank are currently reviewing documents and bank regulations.
- Barron Sesquicentennial – Parade/Float – Keith Bolster repaired the steeple. Rod Nordby has volunteered to pull the float in the parade. Keith Kolpack will find a trailer and some decorations. A work night has been scheduled for Monday, July 26, 7:00pm at the church.
- Other Business – Sunday Coffee Hour – The Women of the ELCA would like to pass the responsibility of Sunday morning coffee onto another group. Lifting heavy coffee pots has become restrictive for many of the women involved on a regular basis. The Parish Fellowship Committee will be approached to possibly guide and coordinate this project. A report will come back to the Church Council for further discussion.

Committee Reports: None to report.

Trust Fund Transfers: None.

Pastor Beyer's Report: No membership changes. The balcony piano is now paid, and a dedication service will be planned. With the new program called "Choice Dollars" through Thrivent Financial, it sounds like any member who has a qualifying contract with Thrivent has the right to choose where the money is allocated. We will want to make sure we pass this information on to our members.

Pastor Bolstad's Report: Pastor Todd Iverson was with us last Sunday and spoke on the larger church. Work continues on confirmation ministry. We have a very homegrown curriculum, which is pretty impressive. It involves many members of the congregation. Work also continues on bringing a nice variety to our services.

President's Report: None.

Vice President's Report: None.

Any other business: None.

Adjourn: 8:40pm. Motion to adjourn meeting by Carolyn Verhulst. Second by Gayle Larson. 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.



"GIFT FROM THE HEART"

We are planning to do the "Gift from the Heart" program in December. We will be needing many pairs of mittens. Please keep knitting and crocheting! All sizes are needed. If you need yarn, please call Cheryl Johnson at 715-637-5350.

Be sure to watch for the date of the "Brat Feed" to be held at EconoFoods, which is sponsored by the "Gift From the Heart" Committee. Your help with this event will be greatly appreciated.

AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS ENCORE PRESENTATION

Many Barronites got so caught up in the spirit of the Sesquicentennial celebration that they were let down when it ended. Were you one? Well, you have a chance for at least one more event. Did you see Ken Noesen's wonderful pictorial review of life in Barron since 1860? Our Afternoon Fellowship committee, together with Monroe Manor (MM) is hosting an encore presentation in the Manor's new "theatre/conference room" on Wednesday, September 15 @ 1:30pm. Refreshments will be provided by MM administrator, Julie Malone, and her staff. Invite your friends. Everyone is welcome. There will be a free-will offering.

THRIVENT MEMBERS TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

The Dead Sea Scrolls at the Science Museum of Minnesota, **September 21**. Cost, not including lunch, \$40.00. For information call, Nancy Flinn at 715-790-0810 or email her at CrazyNan55@hotmail.com.



The Barron Area Women of Faith are planning a delegation to the Women of Faith Conference in St. Paul, MN on **October 22-23**. Cost is \$150. For more info, contact Michelle Davis, group leader @ 715.931.8580 or barronareawof@gmail.com.

WHAT IS MISSION SUPPORT?

Mission Support is the money you place in the offering plate that is shared with your synod and churchwide organization for ELCA ministries beyond your congregation. When we work together as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are doing God's work in ways that no individual or none of the 10, 549 congregations can do alone. By sharing our time, talents, and possessions generously, God's Spirit inspires others to give generously! Your Mission Support dollars support the whole church!



September Birthday Blessings

Karia Severude 9/3
 Rod Nordby 9/3
 Luella Amundson 9/3
 Dawn Goettl 9/3
 Clayton Cecka 9/3
 Jared Lundequam 9/4
 Michelle Davis 9/5
 Carole Bolster 9/5
 Alanna Hanson 9/5
 Brennen Hanson 9/5
 Madison Rischette 9/5
 Riley Peterson 9/6
 Amanda Hinde 9/6
 Patrick Hover 9/6
 Sara Kolpack 9/6
 Richard Carr 9/6
 Nina Ellefson 9/6
 Taylor Braden 9/7
 Jill Forsman 9/8
 Marta Pedersen 9/8
 Christa Armstrong 9/9
 Allen Becker 9/9
 Bailey McGiffin 9/10
 Ralicia Holmstrom 9/10
 Racquel Holmstrom 9/10
 Dale Hanson 9/10
 Virginia Marten 9/10
 Melissa Malone 9/11
 Kevin Lipke 9/11
 Jodi Sinclair 9/11
 Abberlyn Morris 9/11
 Bryan Mueller 9/12
 John Edson 9/12
 Wayne Hanson 9/12
 David Willers 9/12
 Dylan Akenson 9/13
 Gladys Manor 9/13
 Rochelle Rohde 9/13
 Ryan Rohde 9/13
 Walter Nelson 9/14
 Hannah Nelson 9/14

Destiney Ormson 9/14
 Ronald Gowin 9/15
 Jason Lansin 9/15
 Ranessa Peters 9/15
 Chris Postle 9/16
 Betty Dodge 9/16
 Cassidy Erickson 9/16
 Brent Peters 9/17
 Kiersten Severude 9/17
 Clifton Hansen 9/17
 Jason Humphrey 9/17
 William Koser 9/18
 Jesse Odash 9/18
 Thomas Schaaf 9/18
 Carson Kurtz 9/18
 Benjamin Kraft 9/19
 Adam Doe 9/19
 Brett Mueller 9/19
 Ida Peterson 9/19
 Susan McNeil 9/19
 Beverly Lien 9/20
 Sandra Kraft 9/21
 Carol Matthys 9/21
 Kayla Hilbert 9/21
 Reggie Kahl 9/22
 McKenzie Otto 9/22
 Richard McGiffin 9/22
 Erin Haag 9/22
 Adam Turgeson 9/22
 Monti Hallberg 9/22
 Thyman Vandenbrink 9/23
 Anne Gonske 9/23
 Duane Stoeklen 9/24
 Derek Dahl 9/24
 Audrey Burow 9/25
 Heidi Verhulst 9/25
 Macey Herrman 9/25
 Trevor Picknell 9/25
 Mathew Forsman 9/26
 Ariella McDonald 9/26
 Kayla Stokes 9/26
 Laura Jurek 9/26
 Nicole Rundhaug 9/26
 Marcus Mitchell 9/27
 Charles Uehlin 9/28
 Jordan Nevin 9/28
 Abigail Hakari 9/28

Faith Hanson 9/29
 Donald Hanson 9/29
 Heidi Picknell 9/29
 Jerrad Kahl 9/30
 Joshua Hanson 9/30
 Shirley Hakari 9/30

**Happy Birthday
to Everyone!**

Is your name missing from our September 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!



GATHERED TOGETHER BY THE SPIRIT

As of August 22, 2010

GENERAL FUND OFFERING

2010 Budget	318,100.00
Received This Week	2,348.25
Needed Year to Date	202,584.05
Received Year to Date	176,412.51
	-26,171.54

REPAIR AND DEBT FUND

Received Year to Date	3,427.00
Needed Year to Date	3,371.10
	+55.90

RADIO BROADCASTS

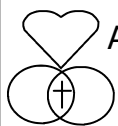
September 05: In memory of Nellie and Norma Olson by the Olson Family.

September 12: In loving memory of Brenda (Larrabee) Fisher by Helen E. Larrabee.

September 19: Given by Lloyd and Janet Campbell in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.

September 26: A gift from Kris and Lori Wells.

SEASONS CYCLE — SO DO MARRIAGES



All marriages experience seasons of Harmony and Joy alternating with times of Frustration and Disillusionment. A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you new tools to weather the changes using deeper communication and love. In an intimate retreat setting, away from the rest of the world, four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling and no group sharing. You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals beginning Friday, at 7pm, and concluding Sunday, at 5pm. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 22-24, in Duluth; and November 19-21, in Brooklyn Center. Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick and Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete and Phyllis

GODSTOCK (LAUNCH) 2010

Following in the footsteps of the joint synod assemblies, the Northwest and East Central Synods of Wisconsin have joined together to host "I Wanna Rock," this year's senior high youth gathering on November 12-14, at the Plaza Hotel in Wausau. Plan now to attend this fantastic weekend that will include worship, learning, and service projects. The keynote speaker is Jay Gamelin and the music is by Jacob's Road. Program, lodging, t-shirt, and Saturday evening meal are included in the registration cost of \$125.00.

Synod offers Lay School of Ministry

This year's Lay School of Ministry offered by the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin promises another great time of learning and growing. You can discover more by visiting the website of The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Lay School of Ministry at www.layschoolofministry.org or call the Resource Center at 715-833-1153.

Why we give our offerings

As an act of community—This is about ministry that is beyond "me." My offering is released into the care of the wider congregation, and so my offering is part of our ministry, an expression that my identity is now part of the church.

Pray for God's direction during this transition

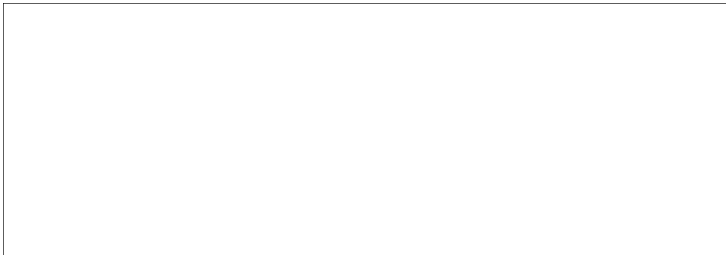
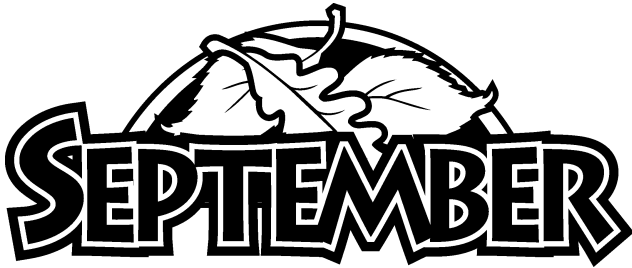
Earnest prayer is requested for direction for this congregation as we make our way between installed pastorates in the position of congregational life pastor, Special prayer is requested for congregational leadership, pastors and staff, bishop and synod staff.

First Lutheran Church

4 W. LaSalle Ave.
Barron, WI 54812-1307

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Non profit Org.
U.S. Postage
Paid
Barron, WI 54812
Permit #45



First Lutheran Church
4 W. La Salle Ave. · Barron, WI 54812
Church Phone: 715-537-3575
Telephone Ministry: 715-837-4122
e-mail: office@firstlutheran-barron.org
www.firstlutheran-barron.org

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

Pastors
Bruce Beyer Home: 537-3480
Lowell Bolstad Home: 637-3333

Parish Secretary
Tricia Lehner Church: 537-3575, Editor

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 8:00-12:00 & 12:30-4:00
Friday 8:00-12:00

President Keith Kolpack
Vice-President Andrew Harrington
Treasurer Johnson, Agen, Kupferschmidt & Associates

Financial Secretary Mary McDonough
Choir Director David Midboe
Directors of Education Sheila Erb and Amanda Johnson

Custodians Ron & Brenda Kahl