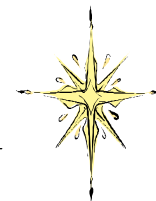


THE MESSENGER



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REFLECTIONS From the Interim Associate Pastor

Dear friends at First Lutheran,

With Pastor Charlie's full return to ministry among us in July, I've been able to focus my work in more particular ways. It seemed logical to use the preliminary position description for your new Associate Pastor as a framework for what to emphasize in these days of my ¾ time Interim Ministry. Hopefully you read the update from Dave Hanen and the Call Committee in the September Messenger, so you know they are well on their way to serious conversations with people who are available to be called to serve among you. It's an exciting time at First Lutheran Church – for this and many other reasons!

As I reflect upon the title *Associate Pastor for Discipleship*, I see an emphasis on both *involvement* of disciples in ministry (both inside and outside the walls of the church building) and on *support* for these ministries. *Support* includes opportunities for study and inspiration, as well as *networking* and *communication*. I've decided to think of my particular contributions in any of these areas as an offering of prayer. The person called to be your new Associate Pastor will certainly do things differently than any of their predecessors (including me), but they will be an integral part of a team seeking to be faithful disciples of Jesus (including you!). As I focus on exploring and experimenting with this combination of particular *Discipleship* duties, sometimes I stop to reflect and to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to use this time well to prepare the way for a strong pastoral and staff team, energized to fully equip the whole congregation for mission and welcome many more to hear *the gospel of Jesus*. I urge all of you to remember your Call Team and the work of the Nebraska Synod to support them in your daily prayers too. God is certainly calling someone to come and join you here in Fremont, and I know from experience that they will be blessed in that journey! Your attention to that process of discernment will also help you prepare to welcome him (or her), ready to go deeper in ministry together.

But back to *Discipleship* for a moment. Three things in October come to mind:

You do not need to read *The Shack* to participate in the conversation with Dr. Scott on Sunday mornings at 9:30 or 10:45. The conversation is more broadly about imagining God in a variety of fictional literature. However, many at FLC have read the book and tell me it's a "quick read." If you intend to read it, hearing the conversation might give away the plot. But, do come! In addition to the literature discussion, we'll have a special appearance from the Call Team and I'll be sharing some impressions of Companion Relationships in Tanzania.

Let's Walk because they Walk! The annual Fremont Area CROP Walk will be held on October 11th beginning at 1:30. If you were energized by hearing the *World Hunger Revs* on their bike tour in August, I hope you'll consider joining me to walk in solidarity with those who must and raise some funds to alleviate hunger too! CROP Walk funds can be designated specifically for Lutheran World Relief, or given generally. An African proverb says *to go fast, travel alone – to go far, travel together*. A CROP walk on a lovely day in October is a great family activity. Join in the fun this year – walk or sponsor a walker!

Note another NEW opportunity this month, the beginning of *Family Friendly Discipleship* opportunities particularly for families and friends with children in the elementary ages. It's all part of a focus on how we might grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God – *together!*

May God bless you as we follow Jesus in this hurting, complicated, yet wonderful world!
In Christ,
Pastor Kathy

A place to belong and a place to become . . .

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Radio Broadcast KHUB 1340 AM
Sundays at 11:00 am

TV Broadcasts Channel 13
Mondays at 10:30am & 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 2:00 pm

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PRAYERS

Remembering ...

First Lutheran staff prays for five member families at their meeting each week. If you have a specific prayer request for your family, please call the church office to let us know of your concern. The following members and their families being prayed for throughout **October** are:

Wendy Payeur, Melanie Peppmuller, Evelyn Perry, Faith Perry, Kari Perry, Kathryn Petersen, Chuck & Lorie Peterson, Kelly Peterson. Bob & Maggie Pfeiffer, Ken & Brittney Phares, Steve & Cynthia Pike, David & Kathy Pinkall, Marvin & LaRae Plessing, Erin Poe, Stan & Ione Popken, Dave & Becky Po ppe, Dwayne & Amy Prazan and Anne & Audrey Pribnow.

We ask you to include in your prayers the following members and friends of First Lutheran who continue in active service to their country:

AMN Robert M. Blume, *nephew of Scott & Bonnie Warner.*
Cadet Bryce Christensen, *son of Dale & Jeannine Christensen*
Specialist Stefan A. Fahrla nder, *grandson of Ray & Myrna Meister*
LCDC Keith R. Hanson, *son of Jim & Mary Ann Hanson*
Michael Harper, Midshipman,
grandson of Lowell & Mardell Weitzenkamp
Sgt. Sarah Haskins, *Granddaughter of Larry & Mary Ann Thomas*
CPL Garret D. Heitshuse n, *friend of the congregation*
2nd Lt. Ryan Hurt USMC, *nephew of Dave & Kathy Pinkall*

Army Spc. Jared Kruse, *son of Jeff & Connie Elliott*
SFC Eldon Kuntzelman, *son of Rex and Vi Kuntzelman*
Lt. Col. Randall Morris, *son of Diane and Paul Morris*
ENFN Chase P. Nickels, *grandson of Delwyn & Anita Hasemann*
Curtis Nissen, *grandson of Clarence & Dee Schakat*
1st Lt. Johanna O'Toole, *granddaughter of Barbara Lanning*
Sgt. Scott Peterson, *son of Chuck & Lorie Peterson*
Andrew Steffensmeier, *nephew of Scott & Bonnie Warner*

DEVOTIONS

Family Faith Conversations



For the week of October 4

Monday: Read John 13:12-17. Why should we read about what Jesus said and did when he was on earth?

Tuesday: Read Romans 15:1-7. How can you be more like Jesus this week?

Wednesday: Read 2 Timothy 1:8-10. How did Jesus destroy death?

Thursday: Read Galatians 4:1-7. How does Jesus help you feel his love?

Friday: Read Philippians 4:13. What plans do you think God might have for you?

Saturday: Read Philippians 3:8-14. What can you do this week to know Jesus better?

For the week of October 11

Monday: Read Romans 12:4-8. How can this passage help you avoid becoming big-headed when you're good at something?

Tuesday: Read Esther 4:12-16. How did God use Esther's beauty to spare his people?

Wednesday: Read Exodus 31:1-11. What special skills enabled these men to carry

out God's detailed plans?

Thursday: Read Colossians 3:23-24. How is wholehearted service to God rewarded?

Friday: Read Philippians 3:13-15. What kind of "superstars" is God interested in?

Saturday: Read Matthew 25:14-23. What does God expect you to do with the gifts he has given you?

For the week of October 18

Monday: Read Genesis 2:7. Why do you think the way God created man was different from the way he made animals?

Tuesday: Read Genesis 1:27. What do you think it means to be made in God's image and likeness?

Wednesday: Read Isaiah 64:8-9. What are some gifts and talents God has given you? How can you use them for God?

Thursday: Read Psalm 8:3-9. Why do you think people are important to God?

Friday: Read Isaiah 43:1-7. What can you do to remind yourself each day that God loves you?

Saturday: Read Malachi 2:10. How does knowing that God created everyone affect the way you treat others?

For the week of October 25

Monday: Read Psalm 1:1. How can keeping the wrong company lead to sin?

Tuesday: Read Genesis 3:4-6. The serpent led Eve to think that God didn't want what was best for her. When have you thought God's way wasn't the best way for you? What happened?

Wednesday: Read Matthew 4:11. What can you find in God's Word to help you turn away from the things that tempt you?

Thursday: Read Psalm 119:44. How does obeying God lead to freedom?

Friday: Read James 1:13-15. When were you tempted to sin this week? What did you do?

Saturday: Read Hebrews 6:11-12. What choices can you make each day that will help you stay away from sin?

The **MINISTRY CENTER** is available to current members as well as visitors and will include sign-ups for current ministry opportunities sponsored by First Lutheran Church as well as community events. Currently patterns and yarn are available for persons interested in knitting or crocheting baby hats. Be sure and check this ministry center to see what is "going on" and "soon to happen" and be sure and volunteer to be a part of it.

The First Lutheran Church **WELCOME CENTER** will be staffed on Sunday morning and available with information for a newcomer or visitor. Visitor bags are available and if you have any questions, please direct them to the individual at the Center. General information is available for the newcomer or visitor and includes copies of previous announcements, current Messenger and highlights of the ministry here.

MEMBERS

Births, Baptisms, Deaths, Marriages

Births:

Jackson Ryan September 16, 2009
 Parents: Chris & Jen Wolff-Boeck

Baptisms:

Kaitlinn Elizabeth Wells August 30, 2009
 Parents: Craig & Jennifer Wells
 Sponsors: Dale & Kirsten Meier

Deaths:

First Lutheran would like to extend our sympathy to the family of Gena Luschen in her passing. If anyone would like to send condolences please do so to Gena's daughter; Helen Braesch, 13060 North 138th Street, Omaha, NE 68142.

Marriage:

Chelsea Bloom to Nate Anderson August 1, 2009

The Ministry of Healing:

Please remember to let our church office know when you are facing a health concern or hospitalization so that our pastoral staff might be in touch with you and you can provide information to share with our whole faith community. When you request, a prayer chain will also be activated. First Lutheran members known to have health concerns this month included:

Linda Wiese, Joan Bentley, Lorna Berkland, Vi Kuntzelman

Average Weekly Attendance through August

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
673	661

YOUTH

Jr. & Sr. High Ministry

FLYs (First Lutheran Youth: 9-12th grade) in the youth room.

Wednesday's at 7:30 pm.

Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for Bible Study.

LYON Lutheran Youth of Nebraska Superhero! The Lyon Board is excited to invite us to the 2009 Lutheran Youth of NE Assembly on November 20-22 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Kearney at 6:00 pm. Early bird deadline is October 14. Contact Jeremy Hansen at 721.2959 or 402.679.6928 or jeremyh@flc-ne.org

AGAPE and Rachel Kurtz Concert @ Dana College - Saturday, October 17 - depart from church at 6:30 pm. This event is open to FLYs, friends and family. Cost is \$14, deadline is October 14. Contact Jeremy with questions.

First Lutheran Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6-8) will be going to Camp Fontanelle Corn Maze on Saturday, October 10 from 1:00—4:00 pm. Cost is \$7. This trip is limited to the first 38 students to have their permission slips and money turned into Jeremy. Deadline to register is Sunday, October 4. Registration forms are available on-line or at the Ministry Center.

Family Friendly Discipleship (newborn - to 5th grade) will be headed to Camp Fontanelle on Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 pm. We will gather at the entrance of the Corn Maze. Come and get lost in the 10 acre Biblically themed corn maze. Adult \$6, children (3-11) \$4. \$1 off coupon @ www.Campfontanelle.com. See you there!



**WE DON'T CHANGE GOD'S MESSAGE. . .
 HIS MESSAGE CHANGES US.**

CAMP NEWS

Carol Joy Holling

Fall retreat "**I Love to Tell the Story**" on October 5 - 7 and the camp's Swanson Retreat Center.

UFO Retreat - October 25-27. For crafters of any kind. Bring your own unfinished objects and use this time away to get caught up or do new projects!

For more information visit on any of these events visit www.nlom.org or call 1-888-656-6254.

LETTERS

What You're Saying to Us

Thank you so much for the beautiful bouquet you sent in honor of our Open House. It certainly added to the festive atmosphere for our special day! God's blessings to you as we work together to love and serve Him! In His service,

Peace Lutheran Church

The **family of Doug Ludvigsen** thanks Pastor Charlie for his message, Amy and Lon for their music, and the funeral lunch committee for their help. And all of your messages and remembrances are very much appreciated.

A simple "thank you" does not seem enough to tell you how much we appreciate our church family. It is such a great ministry and also a way for me to witness to others. The prayer shawls have been used many times and it isn't even cold. The meals are a real blessing and the flowers lasted 10 days. Everything reminds us daily for all we have to be thankful for. In Christ,

Love, Al & Leanne Biesecker

Thanks you for thinking of me and sharing the altar flowers from Sunday's service. I am getting a long great after my surgery.

Love and prayers, Lorna Berkland

THANK YOU

We Are Grateful

A big thank you to Del Hasemann for building a wonderful new flannel board stand for the Sunday school!! Thanks also to the Cover Girls for donating new flannel for the board, and a new covering for the air hockey table. And I want to thank Pam England and Betsy Hansen for helping me re-stock the Sunday school classrooms. These wonderful volunteers are greatly appreciated!!

Pam Spevak, Director of Children's Ministries

SERVICE

How You Can Help

First Lutheran serves a meal once a month at **Care Corps Homeless Shelter** in Fremont. This month will be Tuesday, October 20, at 5:30 pm. Watch the green sheets for ways that you can help or donate food.

Low Income Ministry of Dodge County will be collecting the following items: Games, videos, cd's and gift certificates for teens for Christmas Toy Shoppe distribution.. They are also in need of canned goods. Thank you for helping the families of our community. Donations may be dropped off at 549 N. H. Use glass door on south side of the building.

The **Crisis Center** is in need of the following items: Paper towels, diapers (4 & 5), cell phones, conditioner, batteries, stamps, monetary donations, cleaning products, kitchen garbage bags, laundry baskets, new toys, calling cards, laundry soap, toilet paper, gas cards & light bulbs. Any questions call 721.4340. If you are experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault, call their confidential 24-hour hotline 727.7777 or 1.888.721.4340.

The **Jefferson House** is still looking for suitcases to send belongings home with the kids when they leave the house. Donations can be dropped off at church in the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall.

American Red Cross Blood Drive:

Monday, October 26	City Auditorium	11:30 - 5:30
Tuesday, October 27	City Auditorium	10:30 - 4:30



Operation Shield is collecting the following items to send to our soldiers serving overseas. Items may be dropped off at the Ministry Center.

Body wash (no bar soap please)
packages of baby wipes
hand sanitizer
snack foods
books & DVDs

cards for seasons
(holidays, birthdays)
puzzle books
(crosswords, sudoku)
UNO cards, Skip Bo cards

domino sets
beef jerky
Crystal Light/Kool-Aid single packets
tape
Icee/freezer pops

HEALTH

Of Special Concerns

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. According to the National Cancer Institute breast cancer affects one in eight women during their lives. Breast cancer kills more women in the United States than any cancer except lung cancer. A mammogram is the most effective way to find breast cancer early, up to two years before the lump is even large enough to feel. Mammograms detect cancer because cancer is denser (thicker) than the normal part of the breast. Wear a pink ribbon and remind your friends and family members to have their mammogram. We can help protect those who are close to us.

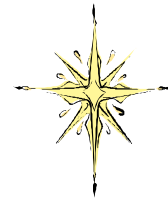
"God created each one of us with tender love, making us perfect for the role we would fill in His world.

He planted deep within us a seed of potential and then He gave us free will.

What we do or do not do with our lives is up to us.

Taking care of this gift of life is important for us, for our families and for our mission in this life."---Unknown

If you participated in the free cholesterol and blood screening clinic last month and received a recommendation to see your primary care provider, please make that appointment. Follow up is important.



GOING DEEPER

On Sunday Morning

NEW this fall, we hope you've noticed an opportunity for adults to gather enjoy a time of study and conversation led by guest presenters on Sundays at 9:30 and 10:45. You are always welcome to drop in! The Adult Discipleship Formation Team is advising and supporting this new direction (Colleen Dilley, Lana Larsen, Myrna Meister, Jeff Miller, Nancy Rix, Shawn Shanahan, and Pastor Kathy), and they welcome your feedback. Coffee and cold water are available in the Heritage Room itself, and you are welcome to bring your cup in from the fellowship hall. Sometimes we might even bring a breakfast treat to share. Always we will hope to create an atmosphere of interactive learning that inspires each of us to "Go Deeper" in our study of scripture and tradition and in our connectedness to one another!

On **October 4th** our Guest Preacher will be John Mkende, an educator and a 1965 graduate of Midland Lutheran College. While we welcome him back into the sanctuary, Pastor Kathy and members of First Lutheran who have been to Mowo will present an overview of engaging in Global Mission in the ELCA through these Companion Relationships. How did the Nebraska Synod get paired up with the Northern Diocese in Tanzania and how have we been transformed through these encounters in shared mission?

On **October 11** we welcome Dr. Alcyone Scott, a graduate another ELCA college -- Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. A long-time professor at Midland, her Masters and PhD work were completed at the University of Chicago and included study at the Divinity School. A popular course she teaches at Midland, where she serves as chair of the Faculty and the English Department, is "Theology and Literature" which she now calls "Looking for God."

It is Dr. Scott's class that has prompted the theme which ties our fall study opportunities together. She will be leading three sessions of presentation and dialogue, and we hope you'll attend all three but you are welcome to drop in as your schedule permits. The starter for this study will be a book entitled *The Shack: Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity*, which was published in 2007. The Grace Circle recently read and discussed this work, and perhaps you have too? You may want to see if you can read it, but the assignment is not required. We'll talk about why people have found this so profoundly insightful or so deeply offensive. More broadly, Dr. Scott will help us consider how literature addresses, informs, or even challenges our beliefs about God as interpreted from Scripture and through Church Doctrine. Can the literary imagination enhance our faith life? Are there works of literature that have spoken to your faith questions?

On **October 18** Dave Hanen and the Associate Pastoral Call Team will take a turn with the topic of *Looking for God*. How does this "Call" process work? How have they experienced the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this search for a new pastor? How have any of us experienced God's guidance as we have engaged in life-changing decisions? What practices lead to such discernment? Come for an update on the current process and progress in this "forum" style discussion.

And on **October 25**, Dr. Scott will return for the 2nd of three sessions on *Looking for God in Literature*.

As we continue our study sessions through the fall, we welcome your input about who you might like to welcome into this teaching/facilitating role with First Lutheran Church on Sunday mornings, or what subjects you might like to learn more about.

FEATURING Of Special Interest

Christian Fellowship will meet October 2 at 12:00 pm. The menu will be Runza's, chips and ice cream.

Second Monday Men & Women meet on the second Monday of the month (October 12). Both groups now meet at 9:00 am for coffee and then tackle some of the tasks needing to be done here at the church. Both groups always welcome newcomers.

L.I.F.T. (Lutherans in Fellowship Together) Potluck Group will meet Thursday, October 22, at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share and your own table service and be ready for fellowship and games. Please join us!

Are you a church member in need of a ride to an evening event, a doctor's appointment or maybe a worship service? **YOU ARE IN LUCK!** We have an **"Over the Road" Gang** in place to assist you! Please call Jill (in the church office; 721-2959) to make arrangements. Please let us know how we can best serve you!

SOLOs (Fellowship for singles or those widowed) meet at 11:45 am each Sunday for dinner at a variety of places:

October Calendar

4	Wendy's
11	Hy-Vee
18	Gringo's
25	Dairy Queen

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 6, at 9:30 am. This will be a time to share what we have accomplished over the summer and to decide who we want to give all of our caps to. Thanks to everyone who has worked so diligently on shawls and caps.

It's time to start saving your shoeboxes. **Operation Christmas Child** is right around the corner.

Table Talk Worship has now moved back to Wednesday Nights at 5:30 pm. Sorry for any confusion.

Wednesday, October 21, will be the new time for the **COVER GIRLS** to meet. We are finishing up all the quilts that everyone has so graciously made this past year. So please come and join in the fellowship and fun as we tie quilts. You can come any time between 9:30 am and 1:00 pm to tie as we work until about 3:00 pm. Join us for a potluck lunch....always a treat!!!! There will be more quilt kits available at the Fellowship Center. Time to get started on putting new ones together for the coming year. Also, needed are pieces of black, cream or tan fabric. No scrap too small. They will be used to make a great quilt for the Carol Joy Camp Quilt Auction next year.

Our **COOKBOOK** committee is formed! Our goal is 400 recipes for our anniversary cookbook. That means we need the "cooks" of the congregation to step up and share their recipes! Forms are available at the ministry center. If you would like, email your recipe to Shawn (bikerbridgman@msn.com) or Jill (jilln@flc-ne.org). If you would like to bring your family or favorite recipes to the church office, we will photo copy it and Jill will type it up for you! All recipes must include your name/phone number (in case we have any questions). Our deadline for submitting recipes is December 1st so... please get out those recipe cards!

CALLING ALL VETERANS!

As Veteran's Day approaches, we are reminded of the sacrifices made by so many to protect our nation and ensure our freedoms. Operation Shield is planning a special dinner on Sunday, November 15, at 12:15 p.m. to honor veterans of the military and their families. Come, be our guest for a delicious ham dinner, and an afternoon of music, fun, and fellowship! Please sign up at the welcome center or on upcoming green sheets.

Dana to Host Jesus Justice Jazz: The Tour Dana College is excited to be the only site in Nebraska to host Jesus Justice Jazz: The Tour on its campus in Blair, Neb., on Oct. 17. Jesus Justice Jazz: The Tour features music by ELCA Youth Gathering artists Agape and Rachel Kurtz and powerful youth testimonies. This event promises to be an effective way to re-ignite the hearts of Gathering participants and others that need encouragement on their faith journey.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Congregation is hosting a benefit dinner (pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and dinner roll) for Jeremy Gierke on October 18 to help offset some of his medical costs. Jeremy has dealt with a serious medical condition for several years. His father is the Senior Pastor for Good Shepherd. Suggested donation are adults \$7 and children \$3.50. Funds will be supplemented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Entertainment provided by Lonny Lynn & Orchestra. For more information call 402.721.8412

A busload of First Lutherans will attend the **"Church Basement Ladies"** musical comedy at Iowa Western Community college in Council Bluffs on October 16th. While it's too late to get in on the group excursion, you still might be able to get tickets to attend on your own by calling 712/388-7140. William Christopher (best known for playing Father Mulcahy on M*A*S*H*) stars in the production. He portrays Pastor Gunderson. Now 76, he was recently interviewed in *Your Nebraska Lutheran*. He and his wife Barbara have written "Mixed Blessings," an account of their experiences raising a child with autism. "We learned a great deal about life and ourselves and about autism," through the years of learning how best to help their son Ned. Consider the short trip to Council Bluffs, and you may have an opportunity to meet the actor with Methodist roots who has played a Roman Catholic Priest and now a Lutheran Pastor!



400 Recipes needed - 41 received to date = 359 still needed!

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 2009

The September 2009 meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President Brian Brodd.

Pastor Charlie Axness presented opening devotions.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

MSC to approve Church Council representatives Lana Larsen-Hunke, Roger Larsen, Dale Christensen and Terry Flanagan along with Pastor Charlie Axness and Pastor Kathy Gerking to draft a congregational letter to address the Church-Wide Assembly's decision regarding same-gender relationships. Included in this motion will be a draft of a continuing resolution addressing the above issue to be approved by the Council at the October meeting.

Motion = Roger Larsen Second = Terry Flanagan

The Council approved holding the September payment to the ELCA Synod until the approval of the resolution at the October meeting.

SECRETARY

MSC to accept the minutes as written.

Motion = Eric Lindgren Second = Lana Larsen-Hunke

TREASURER

MSC to accept Treasurer's Report.

Motion = Mark McKenzie Second = Michelle Beran

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Charlie Axness reported that the Call Committee has several candidates at this point and will proceed with setting up interviews.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brian Brodd shared the 125th Church Anniversary logo that will be displayed throughout the anniversary year of 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Wanda Clements is forming a committee in order to make recommendations for placement and types of trees that will be planted as Memorials on the First Lutheran Church grounds.

Brian Brodd shared that First Lutheran Church is in the process of gathering bids for electronic information screens for use inside the Fellowship Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

MSC to allocate up to \$5,000 of the MOWO Kindergarten fund to be used for food assistance for the children of MOWO due to a severe drought.

Motion = Jeff Voss Second = Lana Larsen-Hunke

Paul Johnson reported a Hospitality Workshop will be presented at First Lutheran Church on Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00.

MSC to adjourn.

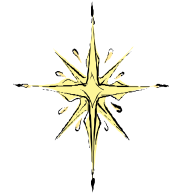
Motion = Michelle Beran Second = Lana Larsen-Hunke

The Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes recorded by Caryn Erickson

Respectively Submitted

Nancy Christensen, Secretary



STEWARDSHIP

Financial Giving

General Fund Pledged Receipts

	2007	2008	2009
January	45,393.50	53,355.50	49,293.50
February	42,963.50	52,211.80	55,906.00
March	53,460.50	59,293.50	69,420.91
April	64,334.49	52,909.50	53,852.50
May	47,232.50	47,655.50	57,642.00
June	45,392.50	59,112.03	47,096.50
July	55,044.50	47,055.90	56,141.50
August	<u>52,402.50</u>	<u>52,925.00</u>	<u>57,471.00</u>
Total to Date	406,223.99	424,518.73	446,823.91

Building Fund Receipts

	2007	2008	2009
	12,636.99	10,907.50	5,514.50
	11,050.50	11,977.82	16,928.50
	17,086.50	24,000.25	10,675.50
	31,757.50	19,493.50	8,251.50
	128,933.67	15,279.50	16,093.50
	15,509.97	22,959.50	6,717.50
	70,392.19	20,569.50	6,123.25
	<u>31,289.50</u>	<u>11,121.75</u>	<u>6,286.29</u>
	318,656.82	136,309.32	76,590.54

2009 General Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Net Income
August	62,724.00	81,583.44	(18,859.44)
Total to Date	473,237.04	464,468.40	8,768.64

2008 General Fund

	Receipts	Expenses	Net Income
	56,411.08	54,985.16	1,425.92
	459,645.88	451,942.40	7,703.48

August was that "catch up" month we knew was coming. Spoudazo and Zoe "caught up" on their expenses resulting in about \$13,000 of extra expenses this month. Otherwise a pretty average month. We are still ahead of the prior year on pledged giving in the general fund by about \$22K, however behind the budget by about \$36K. Hope we can make that up this fall! So Please Meet Your Pledge! We paid another \$25K on the building debt, leaving us a balance of \$50K. Still hope to pay that off by year end. Consecration Sunday is coming soon, so prayerfully consider taking that next step. Sincerely, Kent Speicher, Church Treasurer.

WORSHIP NEWS Fall

Our September Children's Time (8:00 & 11:00) focused on what we do, and why, during the "Gathering" portion of Worship. October Children's Time will move to the more traditional spot during the "Word" portion of Worship, and explore how God's word is active in our lives and our worship.

You may have noticed that our 8th Grade Confirmation students have a strong visual presence during the 9:30 worship and education hour. These faithful students are serving in Ministry Teams this year as a supplement to their required service hours. You will see them serving coffee and tidying up the Fellowship Hall, "shepherding" the younger Sunday School students, and helping with the "Technical Arts" during worship. Please keep these students in your prayers as they explore the different ways they can "be Christ" among us.

October 4

Communion at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00
9th Grade Statements of Faith
Guest Preacher – Dr. John Mkenda

October 11

Communion at 11:00
9th Grade Statements of Faith

October 18

Women's Ministry Sunday
Communion at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00
Operation Christmas Child Kick Off
9th Grade Statements of Faith
Donut Hole Sunday (between services)

October 25

Communion at 11:00
9th Grade Statements of Faith
Affirmation of Baptism Worship Service – 2:00 pm

FELLOWSHIP Women's Ministry

Lydia Wednesday, October 4 9:30 am
Lesson Leader: Lucy Klocke
Hostess: Prudy Nissen
Lydia members will meet at the home of Prudy Nissen
2429 Fairway Drive.

Ruth Thursday, October 8 9:00 am
Lesson Leader: Meri Jo Soe
Hostess: Doris Keairnes

Faith Thursday, October 8 6:30 pm (Note time change)
Lesson Leader: Evelyn Eldridge
Hostess: Sandy Trehearn

Grace Tuesday, October 7:00 pm
Lesson Leader: Carol Bohling

Packing for Lutheran World Relief will be on Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 pm.

Work on the various kits for **Lutheran World Relief & Lutheran Family Services** has started. We can only assemble them with help from everyone at First Lutheran. A table is located at the west end of Fellowship Hall and has details for each kit. Please check it out weekly for patterns, fabric, etc. That is also where the collected and purchased items can be put.

Now is the time to purchase items for the **SCHOOL KITS**. Items needed: notebooks of ruled paper 8 1/2 x 11 inches with 100-150 sheets, blunt scissors, rulers, pencil sharpeners, pencils with erasers, construction paper, boxes of crayons. These items are then put into a 12" x 14" cloth bag. (See the display in Fellowship Hall for patterns and samples) These kits will be distributed to children whose lives have been disrupted by war or other disaster. Receiving a school kit is a sign that someone far away cares.

In refugee camps, mission hospitals and villages around the world, gifts of **LAYETTES** convey a warm welcome to infants and their mothers. Items needed: Onesies, shirts, gowns, receiving blankets, cloth diapers, sweater, washcloths, bath size soap, diaper or very large safety pins. Garage sales are a great place to get most of these items as they can be "gently used". Sizes up to 24 months are needed. Diapers can be made from 100% cotton L or XL white or light colored T-shirts.

Clean hands, good grooming, bright and shining smiles are brought to children through the gift of a **HEALTH KIT**. This kit consists of a hand towel, washcloth, bath size soap, toothpaste, pick type comb (one of plastic with big teeth), metal nail file or clipper, and Band-Aids. If you have worn towels that are still in good condition, bring them. They can be cut down and serged to make hand towels and washcloths.

If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Klocke, 478-5406, or Evelyn Eldridge, 721-4671.

