



THE MESSENGER

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

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REFLECTIONS From the Associate Pastor



LENT @ FLC

SACRIFICE!

to serve others.

**Join us for worship this season of lent.
Beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9.**
Soup and bread supper: 5:00 pm | Worship: 6:30 pm

Grace and Peace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God is preparing our church for 40 days of discipleship during the season of Lent. Our time together will be filled with ministry opportunities.

It all starts on Ash Wednesday, March 9. Join us for fellowship around a delicious bread and soup supper at 5:00 pm followed by worship at 6:30 pm. The supper and worship will continue through every Wednesday in Lent (Mar 9-Apr 13).

In the week surrounding Ash Wednesday you are invited to fast on a day of your choosing between March 7-13. This ministry is a joint-church event shared by several Fremont-area congregations. More details about this are inside this newsletter.

There are also 2 service opportunities during Lent. The first is on Saturday, March 19, 9 am – Come help us pick up trash for 1 hour at Fremont City Parks (meet at the church.) The second is Sunday, April 10, 2 pm – A church Spring Cleaning Day!

And don't forget about our church's 40 day Lent devotions with Scripture study and prayer for every day of the season!

The 2011 season of Lent will be a time for all to reflect on their faith journey as we recall the story of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Matt Knopf
Discipleship Ministries

!FORTY DAYS

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 6
Transfiguration of our Lord
Girl Scout Sunday
8:00 & 9:30 am - Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 13
First Sunday of Lent
Day Light Savings Time Begins
8:00 & 9:30 am - Traditional Worship
9:30 am - 5th Graders participate in Worship
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, March 20
Second Sunday of Lent
First Day of Spring
8:00 & 9:30 am - Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
6:30 pm - ZOE Registration

Sunday, March 27
Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 & 9:30 am - Traditional Worship
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion
5:30 pm - ZOE HS Mentor Training

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FEATURING Of Special Interest

Please join **Christian Fellowship** at 12:00 pm on Friday, March 4 for John Ehlers Fish Fry and a movie "Lost Episodes of Victor Borge" Volume One.

Second Monday Men & Women meet on the second Monday of the month (March 14). Both groups 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 on the fourth Thursday, March 24, at 6:00 pm.

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

March Calendar

6	Kentucky Fried Chicken
13	Mac's Café
20	Applebee's
27	Dairy Queen

FLC Prayer Group will be meeting on Thursdays, at 12:00 pm. All are welcome to join. Contact Meri Jo Soe if interested.

Do you know of someone who is not able to come to Worship on Sunday mornings? Did you know that they can listen to our Worship service on KHUB 1340 AM on Sunday morning at 11:00 am? The **Radio Broadcast** has many openings available for sponsorship. The cost is \$150 and can be shared by one or more families or groups. The next available dates are April 3, 10, & 24. Please sign up today! Sign up is located across from the reception desk.

The Fourth Tuesday Getaways 2011:

March:

Tour the State Capitol and lunch at the Governor's Mansion on Tuesday, March 29. Depart at 8:30 am and return by 3:30 pm. Cost is \$16 per person, includes bus fees and lunch. Sign up at the Ministry Center. Deadline to register is March 23rd. There is still room for you!

April: Blue Bird Nursery

May: Tour Memorial Stadium

June: Ashfall Fossil Beds

July: Brownsville

August: Neligh Mill

September: Sioux City & Ponca State Park

October 12-20: Fall Trip to Washington, DC

For more information contact Betsy Hansen at 721.3299, or sign up at the Ministry Center.



Adult Forum Sunday Mornings at 9:30 & 10:45 am. "Made: Discover how your gifts and talents can impact the world" by Jud Wilhite. Beginning Sunday, March 13. Please join us

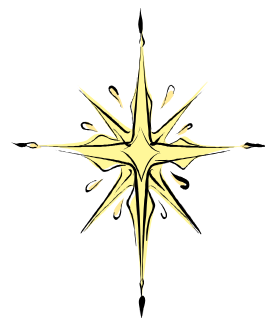
Cover Girls Quilters are in need of new or used flat bed sheets for the many quilts that they make for those in need. Please drop them off at the church office.

First Lutheran Women will host a Table Creations Luncheon Saturday, April 16, at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Tables will be decorated with various themes created by individual women from the church. The luncheon will be catered. The program to follow features Liturgical Dance by students and their instructor, Jennifer Duff of Oakland, from Morning Star Ballet in Omaha. Women from area ELCA Lutheran Churches will also be invited. Tickets may be purchased beginning Sunday, March 20 at a cost of \$8. Mark your calendar now and plan to bring a friend.

ZOE's Coming! Registration for the 2011 "I'm a Believer" Tour will be held Sunday, March 20, at 6:30 pm. Registration packets will be available beginning March 11. ZOE High School Mentor Applications will be available March 2 and are due back to the church by March 16. Contact Amy in the church office (721-2959) for more information.

The **11:00 Worship Team** is looking for help with several projects:

- An individual who would be interested in setting up/working on a Facebook page for the Band
 - Someone to construct an extension for our band "stage"
- Please contact Amy in the church office (721-2959) if you can help!



YOUTH Jr. & Sr. High Ministry

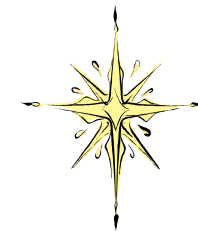
FLYs

Wednesday, March 2
Tuesday, March 8
Wednesday, March 9
Wednesday, March 16
Wednesday, March 23
Wednesday, March 30

John 20 "Resurrection"
Fat Tuesday Pancake Feed
Ash Wednesday
FLY Night
What is Worship
What is Worship

Teens Encounter Christ

March 18-20 contact Jeremy for more information.



Strike out Malaria at the 30 Bowl on Sunday, March 13, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease that kills more than a million people a year, the majority of them children. As Christians we must not stand by and let this happen. That's why LWR is working to make sure people have the knowledge and tools they need to prevent malaria. LWR is also a partner in the **Lutheran Malaria Initiative** (LMI), which mobilizes U.S. Lutherans in the global effort to eliminate malaria deaths in Africa by 2015. LMI is a partnership of **Lutheran World Relief** and **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod** and is made possible through support from the **United Nations Foundation**. The Lutheran Malaria Initiative is partnering with **Nothing But Nets™** to bring Lutherans an exciting way to get involved in the fight against malaria! Just \$10 buys an insecticide-treated bed net, delivers it to someone in Africa, and educates them on its use. Protecting people from malaria-infected mosquitoes is that easy: send a net, save a life. It's something you can do right now. Contact Jeremy with questions.

LENT @ FLC. SACRIFICE: to serve others.

OFF CAMPUS

Saturday, March 19
Help pick up trash around
Fremont City Parks.
Saturday, 9-10 am.

ON CAMPUS

Sunday, April 10
Help our church grounds
get ready for Easter.
Sunday, 2 - 4 pm.

Serve the Lord and your community during Lent: Both events meet at the church

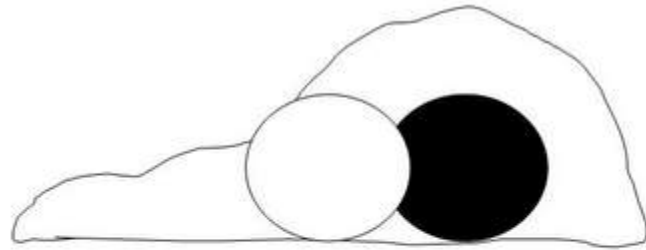
FAMILIES Children and Family Ministry

Good Friday Camp registration forms are available online at www.flc-ne.org under the Education tab - youth education or above the slotted mailbox. Good Friday Camp is a long standing tradition at FLC. Each year students in grades K-3 come to church on Good Friday from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm to learn more about the Easter holiday. Students do a variety of activities to reinforce Jesus' finished work on the cross. Crafts, games, songs and stories are all planned to deepen the students understanding and love for our Savior. 2011 Good Friday Camp is on April 22. Food donations are needed please use the signup sheet at the Ministry Center. Helpers are also needed, please contact Pam Spevak at 721-2959 EXT 23 or pam@flc-ne.org

Vacation Bible School: An African Adventure for the whole family. This summer it will be held at FLC, the week of July 18-22 from 5:30-7:30 pm. **This is a multi-generational event.** **VBS Superintendents are needed** to help with planning, recruiting teachers etc. Contact Pam for more information at 721-2959 EXT 23 or email pam@flc-ne.org

Carol Joy Holling is gearing up for the 2011 Summer Camp Season. Some camp weeks are already full. If you sign up before June 1 and use the promo code "youth" on your registration you can save an additional \$20. First Lutheran members get 1/2 of their tuition paid by the church. For more information and registration visit the Ministry Center or online at www.caroljoyholling.org.

THE RESURRECTION PROJECT



First Lutheran is proud to introduce "The Resurrection Project" which is a church care group that volunteers to help others on the 1st Saturday morning of every month. This team of volunteers will help you with landscaping or minor home repair needs. Do you need help with a weekend project? Do you know of an elderly family that could use this assistance? Contact us right away to schedule a Saturday morning work team! Or, sign up to serve when you are available!

The 1st Saturday of every month, starting May 7



God's Chosen Fast

March 7 - 13

Remember to bring your "fast" offerings in on Sunday, March 13

Isa 58:6 (NIV) "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

As we approach the Easter season our hearts are stirred by the thought of the supreme sacrifice that our Lord Jesus Christ made for us, securing eternal life for all those who believe. Often this season is accompanied by our own voluntary sacrificial acts which express our love and appreciation to the Lord for what He has done for us.

This year many of the churches in the Fremont area are partnering together through fasting and prayer. In the scripture verse in Isaiah 58 it tells us God's chosen fast includes more than simply going through a period without food, but it also includes sharing our food with the hungry and helping provide shelter for the homeless. So we have joined together to fulfill the desire of God's heart in this.

We are asking all who would be willing to participate in a day of fasting and prayer during the week of March 7th through the 13th. You may pick any day during that week to fast (go without food). Then, average out the daily cost of groceries for you (and all participating family members), and bring that as a special offering to your church on Sunday, March 13th. These offerings will then be divided equally between Care Core (our local homeless shelter), and Low Income Ministry of Dodge County (whose role is feeding, clothing and assisting needy families in the city).

During that day of fasting and prayer each church will provide a list of items/issues which you would like your congregation to be praying for. I would suggest, however, that the list include unity among believers in our city, as well as a city-wide awakening that would draw unbelievers into a genuine relationship with Christ.

I believe that as a city fulfills the heart of God through His chosen fast, we as a city will experience the blessings which God promises to those who honor Him in this way.

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 February are:

Scott & Tammy Heinke, Jason & Kara Hellbusch, Tanya & Jeremy Hemmer, Marlys Hendrikson, Evan & Amy Henkel, Wade & Rhonda Henry, Phyllis Heuring, Ruth Heyne, Julie Higgins, Arlis Higley, Dave & Andrea Hilgenkamp, Matt Hilgenkamp, Kirk & Donna Hillrichs, Sharon Hinds, Dan & Deb Hitchler, Chris & Kris Hittle, Delbert & MaryJean Hively, Greg & Jan Hively, Jeff & Terri Hollendieck and Harry & Julie Hope.

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*
 Lt. Stash A. Dwornicki, *extended family of Jill Norenberg*
 Specialist Stephan A. Fahrlander, *grandson of Ray & Myrna Meister*
 Sgt. John Ferguson, *friend of Richard & Tracy Arett*
 LCDC Keith R. Hanson, *son of Jim & Mary Ann Hanson*
 2nd Lt. Michael Harper, *grandson of Lowell & Mardell Weitzenkamp*
 S. A. Sarah Haskins, *granddaughter of Larry & Mary Ann Thomas*
 LCPL Jarad A. Huddle, *son of Debra Huddle*
 1st Lt. Ryan Hurt USMC, *nephew of Dave & Kathy Pinkall*
 Pvt. Jordan Klocke, *grandson of Dwayne and Lucy Klocke*
 Amn Jacob Kohlscheen, *nephew of Rick & Deb Sammons*
 Army Spc. Jared Kruse, *son of Jeff & Connie Elliott*

SFC Eldon Kuntzelman, *son of Rex and Vi Kuntzelman*
 Major Steve Maus, *son-in-law of Pam Spevak*
 2nd Lt. Scott Miland - *brother of Heather Peterson*
 Lt. Col. Randall Morris, *son of Diane and Paul Morris*
 ENFN Chase P. Nickels, *grandson of Delwyn & Anita Hasemann*
 Tech. Sgt. Curtis Nissen, *grandson of Clarence & Dee Schakat*
 Capt. Johanna O'Toole, *granddaughter of Barbara Lanning*
 Sgt. Scott Peterson, *son of Chuck & Lorie Peterson*
 Andrew Steffensmeier, *nephew of Scott & Bonnie Warner*
 Mike Warner, *son of Scott & Bonnie Warner*
 Recruit Joshua Wells, *grandson of Jerry & Joy Horn*
 AMN Benjamin Andrew Wing, *grandson of Roger & Shirley Wing*

MEMBERS Births, Baptisms, Deaths, Marriages

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:

Laura Brodd, Stan Callaway, Brinkley Chandler, Barbara Coke, Kate Dickhart, Jim Ebers, Del Hively, Al Jessen, Madison Smutz, Bill Wilson

Baptism

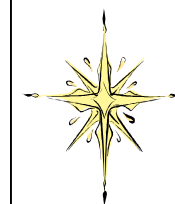
Cade Dennis Lynch February 13, 2010
 Parents: Cory & Tanya Lynch
 Sponsors: Kelly Carlson, Nichole Porter, Mark Witte

Deaths

Our sympathy to the family and friends of:
 Kenneth & Marie Clausen on the death of their son Jim.
 Arlene Mulder on the death of her husband Jim Mulder
 Jon & Kelly Wilson on the death of Jon's father Garland Wilson
 Brian & Pam Brodd on the death of Pam's father Roger Fett.

Worship Schedule

8:00 & 9:30 am - Traditional Worship
 9:30 am - All Education Hour
 10:45 am - Adult Education
 11:00 am - Contemporary Worship



Star-cross update!

A reminder to all First Lutheran households on Ash Wednesday, please unplug your star-cross — and leave it unlit but in place during the Forty Days of Lent—a quiet, somber time of repentance. If your star-cross is not working now would be a good time to bring it in to the church office.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

February 2011

Pastor Matt presented opening devotions from John 15:16.

Secretary's report

MSC to accept the Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report

1. President Paul Johnson stated that every February the Council needs to appoint the Treasurer for the upcoming year. Pablo McDermott made a motion to reappoint Kent Speicher and Marty Gifford seconded the motion.
2. MSC to accept the Treasurer's report.

Senior Pastor's Time

1. Pastor Charlie welcomed the new Council members for 2011 and also thanked the returning council members.
2. He announced that we received 34 new members joining us here at First Lutheran last Sunday, February 6th.

Associate Pastor's Time

1. Pastor Matt reported on his study trip to Israel and the Palestinian Territories. He said that he took thousands of pictures and pages of notes so he could share his findings with us through his sermons in the months ahead.
2. He also reported on his and Jessica's trip with a group from Salem Lutheran Church to work with youth in Costa Rica. He thanked Pastor Charlie and the entire congregation for his experiences.
3. Pastor Matt reflected that his recent travels were very inspirational and will help him to focus on strengthening our own missions, including Mowo.
4. Pastor Matt has set up a service day a week or so before Easter both at the church and around Fremont. The work to be done is open to the whole congregation and more information will be available soon.

President's report

1. President Paul Johnson asked the Council for a volunteer who would be interested in being a representative for the Pre-School board. Sharon Landholm will serve in that position.
2. Paul Johnson informed the new Council members and reminded those returning members of the importance of attending the monthly meetings. He asked that if someone isn't able to attend a Council meeting that they should call him or the church office ahead of the meeting.
3. Paul also reported that a resignation from the Council was received by Jeff Miller. A motion was made by Sharon Landholm and seconded by Wanda Clements to appoint Frank Vech to finish his term.
4. February is also the month where designation of the Lenten offerings is decided. Barry Benson made a motion and Dawn Koehlmoos seconded the motion to donate the offerings to the following: NE Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Followers of Christ Prison Ministries, Jean's Storytime, Oaks Indian Mission, Low Income Ministry, The Jefferson House and Relay for Life will receive the proceeds from the Soup Suppers
5. The Nebraska Synod Assembly is in June this year in Fremont.
6. President Paul Johnson received thank you's from the following agencies for monetary support: Care Corps, Inc., Feed the Roots, Grow the Forest Campaign, Kids Against Hunger and Midland University, and a second thank you from Care Corps, Inc. for food, scarves and hygiene products.

New Business

Chuck Peterson reported a request from the congregation that we check into procedure on length of time allowed to speak from someone from the floor during Annual Meeting.

Old Business

Vice President Rick Spalding gave an update on the Executive Building Team (EBT). He acknowledged that the architects are doing a great job with the plans on Phase II. The EBT will be visiting several area churches this coming Saturday.

Committee time met after adjournment of the council meeting.

Board of Stewards

1. Dawn Koehlmoos was elected Chairperson for the Stewards for the upcoming year.
2. The Stewards reviewed the counting schedule.

Board of Deacons

1. Wanda Clements was elected Chairperson for the Deacons for the upcoming year.

Board of Trustees

1. Chuck Peterson was elected Chairperson for the Trustees for the upcoming year.

Members of the Council concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Rix

WORSHIP

Lenten Season

Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday

5:00 pm - Soup & Bread Supper
6:30 pm - Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes



Wednesdays March 16 - April 13

Sacrifice To Serve Others

5:00 pm - Soup & Bread Supper
Proceeds from the Soup Suppers will go to Relay for Life & The Jefferson House
6:30 pm - Lenten Worship

Special Music during Wednesday Lenten Services

March 9 - FLC Choir & Oboist Bob Jenkin
March 16 - NE Wesleyan Women's Choir
March 23 - Omaha Conservatory of Music Students
March 30 - FLC Men's Quartet
April 6 - Midland University Choir
April 13 - String Quartet

Wednesday Lenten Offerings

March 16 - NE Lutheran Outdoor Ministries
March 23 - Followers of Christ Prison Ministries
March 30 - Jean's Storytime
April 6 - Oaks Indian Mission
April 13 - Low Income Ministry

Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday

8:00 & 9:30 am - Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

Thursday, April 21

Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion

Friday, April 22

Good Friday

3:00 pm - FLY Faith Walk
6:30 pm - Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 24

Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 am - Youth led Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion
8:00 am - Breakfast served by the Trustees
9:00 am - Festival Worship with Holy Communion
11:00 am - Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion

STEWARDSHIP

Financial Giving

	General Fund Pledged Receipts			Building Fund Receipts		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
January	49,293.50	59,940.50	80,486.75	12,977.00	8,808.85	31,417.50
Total to Date	49,293.50	59,940.50	80,486.75	12,977.00	8,808.85	31,417.50
	2011 General Fund			2010 General Fund		
	Receipts	Expenses	Net Income	Receipts	Expenses	Net Income
January	86,355.59	54,475.37	31,880.22	63,889.05	46,296.61	17,592.44
Total to Date	86,355.59	54,475.37	31,880.22	63,889.05	46,296.61	17,592.44

What a great way to start the new year! I know January was a 5 Sunday month, but collections were significantly higher than I ever recall for this early in the year. Keep it up as it sure helps cash flow!! The capital fund also had significant collections, as shown above. Thanks to all who attended the annual meeting and congratulations to the new council members. Sincerely, Kent Speicher, Church Treasurer.



MR. HABITAT PAGEANT 2011

April 16, 2011 - Midland University Hopkins Arena

Pastor Matt and FLC Member Jon Wilson are both being nominated for this year's "Mr. Habitat" Award. Come watch them compete in a beachwear, talent, formalwear, and people's choice competition! Your ticket includes an elegant dinner. Purchase your tickets online or visit the ministry center for more information. Discounted tickets may be purchased up until March 18. Be sure to designate your donation towards the candidate of your choice!



www.fremonthabitat.org

HEALTH Or Special Concerns

United States Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Kathleen Sebelius announced the release of the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, the federal government's evidence-based nutritional guidance to promote health, reduce the risk of chronic diseases, and reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity through improved nutrition and physical activity.

"The 2010 Dietary Guidelines are being released at a time when the majority of adults and one in three children is overweight or obese and this is a crisis that we can no longer ignore," said Secretary Vilsack.

"These new and improved dietary recommendations give individuals the information to make thoughtful choices of healthier foods in the right portions and to complement those choices with physical activity. The bottom line is that most Americans need to trim our waistlines to reduce the risk of developing diet-related chronic disease. Improving our eating habits is not only good for every individual and family, but also for our country."

The new 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans focus on balancing calories with physical activity, and encourage Americans to consume more healthy foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains, fat-free and low-fat dairy products, and seafood, and to consume less sodium, saturated and trans fats, added sugars, and refined grains.

Below is a preview of some of the tips that will be provided to help consumers translate the Dietary Guidelines into their everyday lives:

- * Enjoy your food, but eat less.
- * Avoid oversized portions.
- * Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.
- * Switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk.
- * Compare sodium in foods like soup, bread, and frozen meals – and choose the foods with lower numbers.
- * Drink water instead of sugary drinks.

This edition of the Dietary Guidelines comes at a critical juncture for America's health and prosperity. By adopting the recommendations in the Dietary Guidelines, Americans can live healthier lives and contribute to a lowering of health-care costs, helping to strengthen America's long-term economic competitiveness and overall productivity.

The **First Lutheran Health Cabinet** would like to thank everyone who contributed their gift of time, energy, food and patience for our Blood Drive Sunday, Feb 13. Because of your efforts we were able to give 36 pints of Good Blood to the Red Cross for those in need. We Blessed over 100 persons with your giving!! You Gave the Perfect Gift!! Our next blood drive will be Sunday, June 12th. Thanks again!!

First Lutheran Youth, Thank you very much for a job well done at the Jefferson House "Stand Up for Kids" Comedy Night event. You did a fantastic job serving and cleaning up the meals, as well as with everything else. You truly helped make the event a great success. Sincerely, **Laura - Jefferson House**

Thank you for your recent contribution to Low Income Ministry. Without friends like you we could not carry out our ministry here. We thank you for your support and faith in our commitment to those who come to us. Requests for assistance with rent and utilities as well as food are ongoing and increasing. In fact, requests for food distribution are up over 9% and crisis requests are up 22%. Together we are truly making a difference in the lives of those in need. Our concern for the needs of others is eased by your concern. May God bless you for your generosity and support. Received from First Lutheran Church - FLYs \$135.00. Sincerely, **Marcis Divis-Michaud, Executive Director**

LETTERS What You're Saying to Us

We never know how deeply an act of kindness can touch a heart. Just wanted to let you know how very much your thoughtfulness was appreciated. Thank you for all the prayers and the blanket. I really like the blanket. It's being used on my bed right now. Thank you, **Scott (SGT Peterson) 32nd Trans Co.**

Thank you very much for your kind gift! As I returned early from Afghanistan due to family issues, it is now used every night by my 6 yr. old daughter who cherishes the warmth it provides. Your thoughtfulness and concern for me and all of those serving in our military overseas is sincerely appreciated by all of us and we are lifted up by the kindness and love of our families and friends at home. Please continue to pray for all our men and women in harm's way over there. It is a dangerous place and although seemingly a barren land, thanks to your prayers, we know that God was there! May he bless you and your friends through this ministry! God be with you, **Steve Maus**

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers. I enjoyed them very much. Thank you to Pastor Norm for his hospital visit. A very special thank you to Laura and Bob Brodd for all their care...I am so blessed. **Kate Dickhart**

FELLOWSHIP Women's Ministry

Lydia Wednesday, March 9 9:30 am
Lesson Leader: Lucy Klocke
Hostesses: Lorie Peterson
Watch for information on a sewing workshop for World Relief.

Ruth Thursday, March 10 9:00 am
Ruth Fellowship will meet at the home of Beulah Larsen 1745 Gaeth
Lesson Leader: Meri Jo Soe
Hostess: Beulah Larsen
Members please bring your books "Why A Crown".
All are welcome, books are available to use at the meeting.

Faith Thursday, March 10 7:00 pm
Lesson Leader & Hostess: Wendy Olson

Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible
Tuesday, March 7:00 pm

Bad Girls of the Bible
Tuesday, March 25 9:30 am



Cover Girls Quilters: Please join us on Wednesday, March 16, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm or any time in between. Every pair of hands that work even an hour help us help others. Lunch is potluck! They are also in need of flat sheets.

Prayer Shawl Committee will be meeting on Monday, March 7, at 9:30 am.

First Lutheran Women will host "Lunch and Laughter" on Monday, March 7, at 12:00 pm. They will be watching "**Bad Girls of the Bible**" by Liz Curtis Higgs. Lunch will be a baked potato bar a free will offering will be taken.

First Lutheran Women will host a Table Creations Luncheon on Saturday, April 16, at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tables will be decorated with various themes created by individual women from the church. The luncheon will be catered. The program to follow features Liturgical Dance by students and their instructor, Jennifer Duff of Oakland, from Morning Star Ballet in Omaha. Women from area ELCA Lutheran Churches will also be invited. Tickets may be purchased beginning Sunday, March 2, at a cost of \$8. Mark your calendar now and plan to bring a friend.

Camp Carol Joy Holling is hosting a **Wild Women Retreat Jail Break** on Friday, March 11, to Sunday, March 13th. It's time to break free from your chains! We all have them - self-doubt, emotional burdens, chaos and stress. Through study, prayer, friendship and fun, the Wild Women Retreat will give you the tools you need to live a free life in Christ. Bring your friends for a weekend of relaxation, pampering and lots of laughs at this women-only retreat! For more information visit www.caroljoyholling.org or call 1.888.656.6254

CHECK IT OUT Library News

NEW DVD Series --- WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE?

This new DVD Series by Phil Vischer, creator of *VeggieTales*, is a wonderfully witty mix of snazzy animation, wry humor, catchy tunes, and hilarious puppetry---designed to introduce kids to the *whole* Bible, book by book! *What's in the Bible* series helps children "connect the dots" between familiar Sunday School stories, and at the same time introduce foundational concepts like sin and salvation. Phil Vischer's innovative DVDs equip children with the big picture of Scripture while answering tricky questions like "Who wrote the Bible?" and "What does *redemption* mean, anyway?"

Each DVD plays approximately 45 minutes.

#1: *In the Beginning (Genesis)*

#2: *Let My People Go! (Exodus)*

#3: *Wanderin' in the Desert (Leviticus-Deuteronomy)*

#4: *Battle for the Promised Land! (Joshua-Ruth)*

Look for these DVDs on the 'Check It Out' table in the Church Library.