

# THE MESSENGER

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## REFLECTIONS From the Interim Associate Pastor

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

Christ is Risen!

Dear members and friends of First Lutheran Church,

What a joy it has been to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord in your midst, and to prepare together for this time through the journey of the Lenten season. You have been most gracious and kind. I hope you share your appreciation also with the rest of the staff who serve so capably with you here at FLC. I see their commitment on a (nearly) daily basis, as well as that of many of you who minister with them. Once in awhile, I think it's good to pause to celebrate what we have been able to do together. I know there is lots more FLC will accomplish as God calls you forward!

Especially as we anticipate the growing health that Pastor Charlie is experiencing in the wake of the miracle of a full liver transplant, we are reminded of the incredible power of new life and second chances. Perhaps our collective experience suggests a focus on the gift of "health" in various dimensions. Several FLC members were able to attend an event on April 20th cosponsored by the Nebraska Synod and Midland Lutheran College. Dr. Peter Steinke reminded us of qualities we will observe in "healthy" congregations. These include 1) a focus on a mission which unites us, 2) a willingness to engage challenges ahead of us, 3) a perspective which is aware of strengths and utilizes them, 4) a commitment to engage and manage conflicts when they arise, 5) clarity about roles, responsibilities, decision making, and structures, 6) a willingness to acknowledge that pain is a teacher without which we cannot live, 7) a pleasant and willing spirit, and 8) leaders who work on their own level of functioning and behavior.

While that may sound like a bit of a dry lecture without the opportunity to hear Dr. Steinke's animated stories, I thought I would share the list from my notes to encourage each member of the congregation to consider how you might contribute to our collective health. I have seen many of these attributes present and growing -- and there is always room to stretch!

Don't forget that our 10:45 am "Giving and Receiving Life" Forum Series continues for two dynamic sessions yet in May (see the April letter for details). Also watch for the Health Cabinet to soon announce plans for a Sunday morning bloodmobile -- so perhaps especially some of us who are "new" to giving blood might find a convenient way to begin this truly servant activity.

To your (our) good health!

Pastor Kathy

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# FAMILIES

## Children and Family Ministry

FUEY (3rd - 5th Grade) will meet on Thursday, May 21st. FUEY is held in the Fellowship Hall from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Bring a friend!

**GO FISH! 2009 VBS** will have some exciting changes. We will be partnering with 4 other area churches to provide a community VBS experience. VBS will be June 8-12th, from 1:00 - 4:30 pm at MIDLAND LUTHERAN COLLEGE. Registration forms are available at the new information desk and online at flc-ne.org. Please sign up early so we can order supplies in time for VBS week. Any questions can be directed to Meri Jo Soe at 721-2959 ext 23.

*A reminder of the rules for the church mailboxes...*

- ✓ Mailboxes are intended for distribution of information about ministry opportunities within the congregation.
- ✓ Items placed in mailboxes are asked to be mail-ready.
- ✓ Those placing information in the mailboxes are responsible for removing information not picked up after the event has taken place.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

### Weekly Attendance through March

2008	2009
611	446 (5 Sundays)



A reminder to all First Lutheran households  
to turn on **star-crosses**.

Together, we are shining bright  
with Christ's light!

# DEVOTIONS

## Family Faith Conversations

### For the week of May 3

Monday: Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How has what you've learned from the Bible helped you know what to do? Explain.

Tuesday: Read Acts 8:26-40. When have you done something you believe God wanted you to do? Explain

Wednesday: Read Ephesians 2:8-10. How might watching for good deeds to do be a way to help God accomplish his plans?

Thursday: Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-10. What can you do to allow God to work through you?

Friday: Read Romans 8:31-39. How do you feel knowing that God is always with you?

### For the week of May 10

Monday: Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-18. How does faith bring you closer to God?

Tuesday: Read 2 Peter 1:3-9. How can you make your faith stronger?

Wednesday: Read James 1:5-8. How does a lack of faith affect us?

Thursday: Read Philippians 4:12-13. How can faith make you feel contented?

Friday: Read 2 Kings 6:8-18. Would it be easier for you to have faith in God if you could see his "army," as the servant did? What might help you "see" God around you?

Saturday: Read Mark 9:20-24. What do you think might happen if you asked Jesus to help you with your disbelief?

### For the week of May 17

Monday: Read Exodus 12:21-27. What do you do that helps you remember what God has done?

Tuesday: Read Romans 15:4. How does reading the Bible give you hope?

Wednesday: Read Psalm 145:1-9. What special thing can you do this Thanksgiving to celebrate the wonderful things God has done?

Thursday: Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19. Why should we thank God?

Friday: Read Luke 17:11-19. How do you think Jesus feels when we forget to thank him?

Saturday: Read 2 Corinthians 2:14-15. How do others benefit when we thank God aloud?

### For the week of May 24

Monday: Read Ephesians 1:13-14, 17-23. How great is God's power? What gives you access to it?

Tuesday: Read Psalm 114: 3-8. Think about the powerful things God's power gives you.

Wednesday: Read 1 Peter 1:3-5. What does God's power give you?

Thursday: Read Isaiah 40:28-31. What good things might happen if you trusted that God's power would work through you?

Friday: Read 1 John 5:1-5. What does faith in Christ give you the power to do?

Saturday: Read Matthew 6:30-33. How does putting God first change your life?

### For the week of May 31

Monday: Read Mark 1:1-8. What is the difference between being baptized with water and being baptized with the Holy Spirit?

Tuesday: Read John 1:14. Why did the Word become flesh? What does that mean to you?

Wednesday: Read John 1:35-41. How did the two disciples know that Jesus was the Messiah?

Thursday: Read Matthew 16:13-16. What did Peter mean when he called Jesus "the Son of the living God"?

Friday: Read Philippians 2:5-7. How is Jesus like a servant?

Saturday: Read Colossians 1:13-17. How would your life be different if Jesus did not live on earth as a man?

# YOUTH

## Jr. & Sr. High Ministry

**FLYs** (First Lutheran Youth: 9-12th grade) **Meets every Wednesday** of the month in the youth room at 7:30 pm.

- May 6 Jefferson House
- May 13 Truth Project - The State: Whose Law?
- May 20 Dr. Livingstone, I Presume
- May 27 Truth Project - The American Experiment: Stepping Stones
- May 28 7:30 am - Camp Carol Joy Holling Work Day

**FLY Exec. Board** meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the youth room at 7:00 pm.

**2009 Senior Graduates** don't forget to bring your pictures to the church office.

**FLIP FLOPS (Middle School Ministry)** meets at Fremont Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Volunteers are needed for tutoring children and to help out during snack. Also needed are food items. Watch the green sheets. Contact Tami Hall for more information.

**ZOE "Extreme Love"** 72 middle-schoolers, 13 HS leaders, and 16 Adult leaders are excited to spend the next 10 weeks exploring God's "Extreme Love" for us through music, drama, bible-study and fellowship. May rehearsals are: May 1, 8, 15, 19, 22 & 29. All rehearsals begin at 7:00 pm. Please keep the Zoe ministry in your prayers!

**Spoudazo 2009** The earth is the Lord's; everything we have belongs to God. Let's spread the news in our production of ALL YOURS. Rehearsals begin Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 pm.

### 2009 Graduates

Phillip Bakken	Allison Hanen	Kirsten Maffitt	Nate Samuelson
Sarah Brune	Jarad Huddle	Hilary Mecham	Megan Soe
Zachary Christensen	Mallory Iseminger	Megan Peppmuller	Scott Speicher
Kelly Cronin	Meagan Kubin	Alec Richards	BreAnna Tessororf
Sydney Dinoso	Morgan Lindgren	Andy Sajevic	Cole Voss
			Jourdon Winterstein

# HEALTH

## Of Special Concerns

### WHO NEEDS A LIVING WILL?

The answer is everyone should have a living will. We do not know what the future holds for each of us. Making health care decisions for an unresponsive or totally dependent person without written directives causes turmoil within a family.

A living will and a durable power of attorney are two important documents to assist with health care decisions. If a person is not able to relate their desires for care, a living will can advise others of the person's desires. A durable power of attorney designates who can make these decisions according to your wishes if you are not able to do this yourself.

The living will indicates whether a person wants to have life-prolonging measures taken in the event of an illness or injury from which you are unlikely to recover. Life support includes, but not limited to, ventilators, feeding tubes, radiation and/or chemotherapy, and dialysis. A durable power of attorney for health care decisions designates a person as an agent to make decisions on your behalf when you are no longer able to do so. Alternate agents may also be named.

None of us like to relinquish making decisions for ourselves, but it is important to discuss your wishes with your family and complete the necessary forms for the living will and durable power of attorney while you are of sound mind. Your attorney will have these available for you and will ensure they are completed correctly. Do this for yourself and your family members.

# MEMBERS

## Births, Baptisms, Deaths, Marriages

### Births

*Ethen Emersen Henkel* March 19, 2009  
Parents: Evan & Amy Henkel

*Lainey Mae Willnerd* March 24, 2009  
Parents: Brent & Angie Willnerd

### Marriage:

*Sarah Heller to John Glenn* March 21, 2009

### Death:

*Our sympathy to family and friends of:*  
Esther Nelson  
Dave and Andrea Hilgenkamp on the death of Dave's father.  
Alan & Pam Mulliken on the death of Alan's father.

## Summer Worship Hours



Beginning Sunday, May 24  
and ending Sunday, September 7

Blended Worship...9:00 am

(Please note this is different from last summer.)  
Communion served on 1st & 3rd Sundays

Contemporary Worship...10:30 am  
Communion served on 2nd & 4th Sundays

During the summer months FLC will be going green. We will only print the announcements and green sheets. Available at the usher station located at the back of the worship space will be a several binders with copies of the service for those who may need it.

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## LETTERS **What You're Saying to Us**

Thank you very much for the altar flowers that I received on Sunday. They were beautiful and smelled wonderful. The flowers along with all your prayers are really appreciated. **Vera Nielsen**

Thank you for the bouquet of Altar flowers you shared with me. Special thanks to the pastors for their visits before and after my surgery. **John Gard**

Thank you to the pastors for their visits and prayers while I was hospitalized. Also, thank you for the delicious meal that was provided for us on my return home. It means so much to have such a wonderful church family. **Joe Kubr**

## THANK YOU **We are grateful**

A total \$2,737.15 was collect during the soup suppers. This money will go to First Lutheran's FLIP FLOP Ministry. The weekly Lenten offerings will go to the following ministries that First Lutheran supports. Way to go FLC!

Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor ministries – 642.00

Nebraska Prison Ministry – 626.00

Jean's Story Time – 515.25

Oak's Indians – 488.25

Low Income Ministry – \$585.00

Dear FLC,  
Thank you for the tremendous job you did coordinating the daffodil sales and FLC. With your help 4, 500 daffodils were distributed which helped raise over \$5,000 for various cancer patient programs. This would not have been possible without your help. Thanks you, **Ruth Fischer, Chair American Cancer Society Daffodil Days.**

Dear members, Sunday school teachers and children, on behalf of the families of the Building Families Boutique, THANK YOU for all the pennies, loose and soft change that was collected from the Penny March during the month of March! \$275.63 was raised and this amount will help to provide families with diapers, wipes, shampoos, new clothing and other important necessities! Please continue to keep the Boutique Program in your prayers as we move ahead to provide awareness and services to families and their children in the Fremont and surrounding area. God Bless you. And again, MANY THANKS! **Building Families Boutique**

## 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, May 19, 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 during May: Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables & canned soups. Donations may be dropped off at 549 N. H. Use glass door on south side of the building.

**Save your Hy-Vee receipts** for the preschool "Kash for Kids" program. Just drop your receipts in the Campbell soup container outside the preschool door. May 31st is the last day to drop them off for this school year.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive** is Monday, May 18, from 2:00 - 8:00 pm at the City Auditorium

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 our confidential 24-hour hotline 727-7777 or 1-888-721-4340.

**Building Families Boutique** is looking for volunteers who would be available to help with their program this summer beginning, June 4th through August 6th. We will be providing ELL classes at the Boutique for Participants from 5:30 – 7:00pm. This is free to them and we also provide free childcare. In order to provide this very necessary ministry to the Hispanic population, we will need volunteers to either mentor or help in childcare during this time. Contact Liz Johnson at 941-0075.

**AARP presents** a safety refresher course for drivers age 50 and older on Thursday, May 21, at Christensen Field Friendship Center at 9:00 am. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non members. You may register at the Parks & Recreation office, or call 727-2810. Benefits to you: May qualify for an auto insurance premium reduction, refine existing driving skills, learn about age-related changes that may affect your driving.

**Carol Joy Holling Camp** is looking for volunteers for their annual Work Day on Saturday, May 16, from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. Reservations need to be made by May 14, for lunch planning. Call toll free 1-888-656-6254 or [www.nlom.org](http://www.nlom.org). They are also in need of the following items for the 2009 summer camp season: Large jugs of hand sanitizer, kitchen matches, heavy duty, long heat proof gloves for cookouts, sunscreen, bug spray (no deet), wooden paint stirrers, hemp twine, permanent markers, saddles, bridles, halters, training ropes for horses, wheel barrow, boots for horseback riding, hay cart, and hay. Also check their web site for available summer camp dates.



# COUNCIL MINUTES

April 2009

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

Pastor Kathy Gerking presented opening devotions.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

## STEWARDS

The counting schedule was reviewed.

## DEACONS

MSC to approve a scholarship for the First Lutheran Preschool in order to support students who are in financial need.

Motion = Brian Brodd    Second = Rick Strong

## TRUSTEES

Plans for the Easter Sunrise Breakfast were discussed.

Dale Christensen shared a thank-you and certificate from the Combined Joint Task Force – 101, Operation Enduring Freedom.

An American flag was enclosed which had been flown in honor of First Lutheran Church.

## SECRETARY

MSC to accept the minutes as written.

Motion = Eric Lindgren    Second = Caryn Erickson

## TREASURER

MSC to accept Treasurer's Report.

Motion = Eric Lindgren    Second = Mark McKenzie

## INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Kathy Gerking shared information pertaining to a one-day retreat entitled "Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times." It is sponsored by the Nebraska Synod and is scheduled for Monday, April 20, at Midland College.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Call Committee representative and the Exec Board are scheduled to meet with Martin Russell from the Nebraska Synod to discuss next steps in Associate Pastor call process.

## NEW BUSINESS

MSC to appoint Bill Christensen, Beryl Knudson, and Gayle and Nancy Nielsen as the core team of the 125th Anniversary Committee. They will convene to recruit and coordinate other volunteers as needed.

Motion = Kevin Smith    Second = Rick Strong

MSC to adjourn.

Motion = Eric Lindgren    Second = Lana Larsen Hunke

The Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectively Submitted

Nancy Christensen, Secretary



# STEWARDSHIP

Financial Giving

	General Fund Pledged Receipts			Building Fund Receipts		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
January	45,393.50	53,355.50	49,293.50	12,636.99	10,907.50	5,514.50
February	42,963.50	52,211.80	55,906.00	11,050.50	37,848.18	16,928.50
March	<u>53,460.50</u>	<u>59,293.50</u>	<u>69,420.91</u>	<u>17,086.50</u>	<u>24,000.25</u>	<u>10,675.50</u>
Total to Date	141,817.50	164,860.80	174,620.41	40,773.99	72,755.93	33,118.50

	2009 General Fund			2008 General Fund		
	Receipts	Expenses	Net Income	Receipts	Expenses	Net Loss
March	71,362.26	46,121.27	25,240.99	65,508.71	67,505.80	(1,997.09)
Total to Date	181,320.68	158,723.37	22,597.31	181,334.35	185,010.99	(3,676.64)

March was a very good month with the help of five Sundays and Easter. The large net income amount also includes about 12,000 of deposits that will be paid out in April for ZOE and the Adult trip. Pledged giving was above last year, as we are off to a great start. Keep it up! Sincerely, Kent Speicher, Church Treasurer.

PS. The Capital Fund needs your help as we still have \$100,000 of debt on the building!

# FEATURING Of Special Interest

**Senior Christian Fellowship** will meet Friday, May 1, for Brats & Hot Dogs & Sauerkraut, Beans, Chips and Ice Cream Bars. Please call the church office if you need a ride.

**National World Day of Prayer** is Thursday, May 7, at St. Pat's in Fremont at 7:00 pm.

**Friday AM Bible Study** meets on Fridays at 9:30 am at church. May 15th will be the last meeting and will resume in the fall. *All are Welcome!*

**Cover Girls Quilters** A big B I G THANK YOU goes to all who have made and are making quilt tops for Lutheran World Relief. COVER GIRLS will keep on putting the quilts together and finishing them throughout the summer. If you still have time and want to work on a smaller, less time consuming project, a lot of the flannel fabric we received can be made into diapers for the World Relief Kits or for Honduras. Directions and fabric will be set out soon. Look for them!! HAPPY SEWING!!! Anyone who would like to participate in tying quilts, please join the COVER GIRLS on Tuesday, May 26, from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Come and work a few hours or stay all day. Lunch is POTLUCK! We will be giving two of the quilts we have made this year to Camp Carol Joy Holling for their annual quilt auction on July 25, 2009. Mark your calendar as it is a great event. Last year a record \$166,000 was raised from the sale of quilts that churches and individuals donated. This money benefits their camping programs.

**COVER GIRLS** would like to make one or two really special quilts for their 2010 auction. To do this, we need your help. Needed are women who embroidery, sew, appliqué, and hand quilt. You have proven that you have the talents and the know how. This will be a great way to show case our talents. Quilts have been known to bring in \$1,000s of dollars each. We need to get started on this by fall so they will be ready for next summer. Again, look for a sign up sheet.

**L.I.F.T. (Lutherans in Fellowship Together) Potluck Group** will meet Thursday, May 28, at 6:00 pm. Please join us!

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** has made at least 60 prayer shawls over the winter. A great big thank you to everyone who created them. Everyone who received them was very appreciative. To quote one woman, "Every time I wrap myself in my shawl, I pray that all the prayers prayed into my shawl will help me get better." There **will not** be a sharing meeting during the summer months. Shawls can still be made but many of us will switch to making caps for babies and children in the Fremont area. This will use up our scrap yarn. Look for patterns, materials and samples to be on display soon. Any pattern or yarn can be used. Be creative!

**Retired Men's Bible study** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 8:15 am in the conference room. Coffee and breakfast treats are provided. All men of retirement age are welcome to join us for fellowship and conversation.

**Second Monday Men & Women** meet on the second Monday of the month (May 11) 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.

The **2009 Radio (\$150) and Altar Flower (\$35) charts** are up. Available dates are July 12, August 9, 16 & 23rd. You can sign up for your special day. Groups are always welcome to sponsor a broadcast. Charts are available across from the reception desk.

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

#### May Calendar

- May 3 Arby's
- May 17 Holiday Out Post
- May 24 Burger King
- May 25 Memorial Day grill at Janice Hansen's at 5:00 pm. Bring your choice of meat.
- May 31 Runza

**Outreach Vacation Bible School** is an important ministry at First Lutheran Church. This year we are helping children from the Washington/Inglewood area enjoy GO FISH Community Bible School at Midland Lutheran College. We need your help in a variety of ways to make this ministry

work! Check out the green sheet for your way to help, or contact Jeremy.

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!

**Jim Elsberry & The Master Singers presents Salute to American Jazz** with special guest Jeff Jenkins - Jazz pianist & composer on Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 pm - Midland Lutheran College in the Kimmel Theater. Benefit for Teammates Mentoring Program. Cost is Adult \$15 - senior citizens \$13 - Students \$7.50 - children under 10 free. Tickets may be reserved in advance or purchased at the door. For more information contact ewage@eathlink.net or 402-991-1035.

Please mark your calendars! Plan to bring your check book or a little extra cash on Sunday, May 10th, or Sunday, May 24th, to purchase a **Relay for Life luminaria**. Sign up will be at the Welcome Center. The cost is \$10 per name to honor the memory of or to honor a cancer survivor. Sacks are available if you wish to decorate your own bag otherwise, names will be printed on each bag. Please consider this most worthwhile cause and support the FLC Relay for Life Team!

**May is National Nursing Home Month**, a time where residents, caregivers, families, staff and volunteers honor and celebrate nursing facility life. This is a perfect time to visit loved ones, friends and neighbors in area nursing homes. If you are unable to visit, please make a phone call, send a card, flowers or even an email ([residentmail@goodshepherdblair.org](mailto:residentmail@goodshepherdblair.org)) this special attention will make someone's day. Take this time to reach out and let someone special know that you are thinking about them now and throughout the year.

Now is the time to sign up for **summer camp**. **LOVE to SERVE** is the theme this year at Camp Carol Joy Holling. There are still many dates open. Don't forget that FLC will pay 1/2 of your camp registration.

The **Coffee House** will close for the summer on Sunday, May 24th, and will resume

# 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 **May** are:

Esther Kucera, Theron & Patricia Kuhn, Rex & Vi Knutzelman, Scott & Jill Lackey, Keith & Ann Lallman, Linda Lallman, Sharon Landholm, Barbara Lanning, Phyllis Lantefield, Lana Hunke, Lyle & Janet Larsen, Paul & Beulah Larsen, Ralph & Marge Larsen, Roger & Eileen Larsen, Jim & Lori Lathrop, Chris & Mary Beth Leaver, Jerry Leaver, Sally Legband, Jim & Kathy Lewis, Doug & Linda Liehs, Cheryl Lindgren, Eric & Kris Lindgren, Norma Lindgren, Sherryl Longacre and Janet & Gordon Lowe.

We ask you to include these brave men and women in your prayers as well as the following members and friends of First Lutheran who continue in active service to their country:

**Cadet Bryce Christensen**, son of Dale & Jeannine Christensen  
**Specialist Stefan A. Fahrlander**, 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. Heitshusen**, 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  
**Major 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

# FEATURING Of Special Interest

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Our monthly **Messenger newsletter** is now available online at [www.flc-ne.org](http://www.flc-ne.org). If you would like to save postage and help the environment by reading the newsletter online, just sign-up or call the church office so you may be removed from the mailing list.

**Have you moved?** If so, please contact the church office so that we may update our records.

**A reminder** to please keep the pastoral staff informed of your expected and unexpected hospitalizations. Despite checking the Fremont hospital regularly, the church may not be receiving a complete list of members in the hospital and we have no notification from Omaha hospitals of members admitted there. Please call the church office if you would appreciate a visit.



Trusting in the new covenant given in the body and blood of Jesus Christ, we celebrate that the following young people have been prepared to receive their First Communion. They have received faith as a gift from God in their baptism. We ask that you remember them in your prayers, that they will continue to grow in God's gifts of grace.

Allie Beran  
 Molly Brown  
 Drew Dravland  
 Sydney Harbaugh  
 Allison Kopisch  
 Anna Lewis  
 Hope Ludvigsen  
 Ian Menking  
 Mariah McNulty

Chase Nielsen  
 Alex Rohlfs  
 Brenna Schmidt  
 Brycen Svatora  
 Tia Taylor  
 Tyler Walling  
 Jordan Wells  
 Peytyn Winterstein

# FELLOWSHIP Women's Ministry

**Lydia** Wednesday, May 13 9:30 am  
 Lesson Leader: Marilyn Freeman  
 Hostesses: Betty Carstensen

**Ruth** Thursday, May 14 9:00 am

**Faith** Thursday, May 14 7:00 pm  
 Lesson Leader: Nancy Nielsen  
 Hostess: Dee Schakat

**Grace** Tuesday, May 19 7:00 pm

**Lesson Leaders** will be meeting on Thursday, May 7, at 6:00 pm.  
**Please contact Nathan Clements if you plan on attending.**  
**721-2959 ext. 19**

**Church Women United Friendship Day** is May 1 at Salem Lutheran Church 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

## Women of First Lutheran

are hosting a scrapbooking/faith booking event Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Melissa Welding will present thoughts and techniques on Faith booking. All you need is 1-4 pictures that inspire you and \$2-5 if you wish to purchase supplies for your first page that evening. Dessert will be provided by Ruth circle so please sign up early on the green sheets.



Save the date!!! July 24-25  
 What a great gift for mothers!  
 A women's conference right in Fremont.

