

THE MESSENGER

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REFLECTIONS From the Intern Pastor

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

For the love of Christ compels us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

—II Corinthians 5:14-15

Dear Friends,

What an extraordinary love we encounter in Christ! His is a love of devotion and sacrifice, a love that urges us to care for one another by his example. Christ's love isn't simply an emotion or a feeling deep inside, it's a spark that ignites our passions and carries us to the far reaches of God's Kingdom to share the good news of forgiveness and new life. We are compelled by this love, called and activated, and sent with the Holy Spirit to lift Christ's name on high!

In early June I was honored to join First Lutheran's voting members at the 2009 Nebraska Synod Assembly as an observing visitor. This passage from II Corinthians served as a foundation for our time together, where the work of the wider church was discussed with the significance of Christ's love always kept as the central focus. One speaker took a moment to think about the word *compel*. What does it mean to be compelled by Christ's love? He likened it to a ball being shot out of a cannon. Christians, like a cannon ball, don't have much say in the matter when we are compelled by Christ's love. We go where we are sent, trusting in God through faith that we will land where we are called to be. And we aren't just tossed or lobbed; we are thrust, propelled with great energy into the world where Christ's love is needed to be shared the most! This love gives us the energy and excitement we need for our journeys of faith.

As many of you know, July is my final month of internship at First Lutheran. I would like to thank each of you for sharing in this portion of my faith journey with me. My time with you has been wonderfully enriching and deeply moving. Emily and I are grateful for your hospitality and generosity, and we will never forget the embrace of this caring and faithful community. It will be very hard to say goodbye after this extraordinary year, but I am feeling compelled by Christ's love to continue my preparation for ordained ministry by returning to seminary and getting ready for my first call. The love that compels me is the love of Christ that I have experienced through my relationships with each of you. This love pours forth from the people of First Lutheran—it surrounds each of us every day. I pray that this love never ceases to flow and that each of you, in your own way, are compelled by love to never live for yourself, but always for him who died and was raised for you. What an extraordinary love you have to share in Fremont and throughout the world!

Thank you and God bless,

Intern Pastor Nathan

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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 **June** are:

Mark & Tammy McKenzie, Billy & Michele McManigal, Ken & Terri McNulty, Jerry & Karen McPherran, Tiffany Mecham, Ray & Myrna Meister, Joan Menard, Janie Mengedoht, Brett & Casey Meyer, Kevin & Amy Meyer, Terry & Beth Meyer, Trent Meyer, Bill & Marci Michaud, Bill & Connie Miller, Chris & Jill Miller, Jeff & Keri Miller, Rebecca Miller, Dave & Lea Millie, Dave & Kim Mitchell, Duane & Jackie Mitchell, Dona Mock, Darlene Moll, Kathy Moll, Nancy Morris, and Paul & Diane Morris

We ask you to include in you prayers 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*
Sgt. Andrew Gibson, *Friend of Jamie Wolff*
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*
Cody Stickman, *friend of the congregation*



DEVOTIONS Family Faith Conversations

For the week of July 5

Monday: Read Psalm 91:11. When have you felt God protecting you?

Tuesday: Read Mark 10:46-52. What hurts can you trust God to heal?

Wednesday: Read Philippians 4:6. Think of a difficult problem you're facing. How can Jesus help you with that problem?

Thursday: Read Mark 6:32-34. When is it hard to bring problems to Jesus? How does hearing about Jesus' compassion make it easier to bring problems to him?

Friday: Read John 14:18. What are some examples of how Jesus takes care of you every day?

Saturday: Read John 13:34. How might Jesus use you to care for someone in need this week?

For the week of July 12

Monday: Read Matthew 10:29-31. How can you be sure you're important to God? How can knowing that help you when you're afraid?

Tuesday: Read Matthew 14:23-32. Why was Peter able to walk on the water? What caused him to sink?

Wednesday: Read 1 John 5:13-14. What does it mean to ask God "according to his will"? How can you know your prayer is according to God's will?

Thursday: Read Psalm 10:17-18. How can you be sure you can trust God?

Friday: Read Luke 7:3-10. How could the centurion be so sure that Jesus could save his servant?

Saturday: Read Ephesians 3:20-21. What might help you remember to turn to Jesus when you're afraid?

For the week of July 19

Monday: Read Isaiah 59:1-2. Why do we need forgiveness for our sins?

Tuesday: Read 1 John 2:1-2. Do you think there are sins that can't be forgiven?

Wednesday: Read Jude 21. What does Jesus promise to everyone who asks him for forgiveness?

Thursday: Read Matthew 2:22. Why does Jesus tell us that we must forgive sins against us?

Position Postings

First Lutheran church is accepting applicants for the positions of Children's Ministries Director and Senior Choir Director. Applications may be picked up at the church office. Please submit applications and resumes to Pastor Charlie.

Friday: Read John 10:27-28. How can you become one of Jesus' sheep?

Saturday: Read Psalm 32:5. Why do you think it's important to tell God what your sins are, even though he already knows?

For the week of July 26

Monday: Read Romans 8:39. How do you know you're important to Jesus?

Tuesday: Read Hosea 11:1-4. Do you ever feel afraid of God or wish God would not notice what you're doing? How can you remind yourself that God always loves you?

Wednesday: Read Matthew 18:10. Why do you think Jesus points out that little children have angels in heaven?

Thursday: Read Psalm 8:1-5. What can you do this week to thank God for his love?

Friday: Read Matthew 18:12-14. Do you think God loves some of us more than others? Explain.

Saturday: Read Jeremiah 31:3. What can you do that would help you remember--especially when you feel alone or scared--that God's love for you is everlasting?

YOUTH

Jr. & Sr. High Ministry

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

There will be not FLY Nights July 1- Aug 12.

Fly Covenant Meetings are scheduled for 7:30 pm on: Wednesday, July 8th or Thursday, July 9th

ELCA Youth Gathering Covenant meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13, at 7:00 pm .

FLIP FLOPS (Middle School Ministry) meets during the school year at Fremont Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Volunteers are needed for tutoring children and to help out during snack time. Contact Tami Hall if you are interested in helping this fall.

Thank You Meri Jo and Lon!!

At their June 2 Council Meeting the First Lutheran Church Council accepted the resignations of Meri Jo Soe and Lon Olson. We wish to thank Meri Jo and Lon for their dedicated ministry. They will be missed as Children's Ministries Director and Senior Choir Director respectively.

HEALTH

Of Special Concerns

A trauma, such as the loss of one's job, can put us at higher risk for depression, substance abuse, anxiety and compulsive behaviors such as over-eating, excessive gambling, and over spending. Our self-image takes a beating if it has been dependent upon vocation as the measure of our worth. Spiritually, we are also affected by job loss. We may be left with questions such as, "Why me?" or think, "Why has God allowed this to happen to me?" During this time, it is more important than ever to take care of yourself physically. Get enough rest, eat a balanced diet, and get plenty of exercise (itself a great stress-buster). Learn what you can do to keep your stress level under control. Keep to a schedule. Plan tasks such as working around the house, visiting the library, updating your resume. Write about your feelings. This can help reduce the tense emotions associated with the loss. Keep connected to supportive friends, family and above all the congregation. They provide valuable support throughout this tough time. Look outside yourself by practicing empathy for others. Do some volunteer work. Lastly, pray! Remind yourself that God is walking beside you during this time. Lean on Him. Debbie Best, Diakon Congregational Health Ministries & Family Life Services

SPOUDAZO 2009

*The earth is the Lord's;
everything we have belongs to God.*

Friday, July 3	7:00 pm	Choreography Review
Tuesday, July 7	7:00 pm	
Friday, July 10	7:00 pm	Dress Rehearsal
Friday, July 10	9:30 pm	Parent's Picture Night
Sunday, July 12	8:30 & 10:30 am	Lead Sunday's Worship services
July 14 - 19	Tour	
Sunday, July 19	5:00 & 7:30 pm	Home Concert

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

July 20 - 27



Jesus Justice Jazz, the theme for the 2009 [ELCA Youth Gathering](#), draws from the rich faith history, diverse cultures and arts of New Orleans. It will stretch our understanding of what it means to live in relationship and service with each other in the manner of Christ... for life...wherever we are! First Lutheran will be represented by 7 youth and 2 adults attending this gathering. Please keep them in your prayers.

FELLOWSHIP

Women's Ministry

Lydia	Wednesday, July 8	9:30 am
	Our study for the summer is MARY:A WOMAN FOR ALL SEASONS. It will be divided into three sessions: The Annunciation; Kinships, Friendships, and Holy Encounters; and Mary Among the Disciples. Mary is one of the few female characters of the Bible whom we see over decades. This study will cover all phases of her life. Women from other circles and any woman that is free this summer are invited to join us. All are welcome!	
Ruth	Thursday, July 9	9:00 am
	Lesson Leader:	Anita Hasemann
	Hostesses:	Vi Kuntzelman
Faith	Thursday, July 9	7:00 pm
Grace	Tuesday, July 21	7:00 pm



Save the date!!! July 24-25
What a great gift for mothers!
A women's conference right in Fremont.
For details visit www.fremontwdd.com.

JCF Days Balloon Glow Party

Friday, July 10th - 7:30 pm

Supper concessions, face paintings,

lots of family fun things to do.

Balloon glow begins at dusk.

SPOUDAZO

“The earth is the Lord’s; everything we have belongs to God.”

Leads us in worship on July 12th

at 8:30 & 10:30 am

Home concert

July 19th at 5:00 & 7:30 pm

Table Talk Worship with Charlie & Shawn

Beginning July 22 at 6:30 pm

First Lutheran will be offering a new Wednesday evening worship experience. This worship does not follow the text of Sunday worship, but will be based on different topics and texts. The worship is designed to be interactive, thus exploring the faith journeys of all involved.

The first four topics will integrate your experiences of moving, receiving disturbing news, the miracles of medicine, and life changes with those of Pastor Charlie. Beyond that time frame, you will choose the topics, and Shawn Bridgman will match the topic with appropriate texts and questions.

We hope to see you this summer!!!

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LETTERS What You're Saying to Us

Thank you to Pastor Norm and the Solos for the visits & cards during my short stay in the hospital. Also for the delicious meal. It was really appreciated. **Norma Lindgren**

Thank you so much for the fleece blanket! It will definitely be a nice, comforting addition to my dorm room. I really appreciate your thoughts and prayers as I move on to the next chapter of my life. Thanks again!

Allison Hanen

I want to thank the members at First Lutheran for the reception on Sunday, May 31st. I am truly humbled by your expressions of love and support. God's Blessings to all. **Rick Strong**

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, cards, also Pastor Norm, Nathan and Pastor Kathy for their visits & prayers and the beautiful flowers (they lasted all the while I was in Merrick Manor).

Roy Carstensen

Thank you so much for the church service for the graduates on Sunday, May 17. It was so nice to have the opportunity and the breakfast. Also, thank you for the blankets everyone of us was given. It was a very creative and nice gift. Thanks again,

Kirsten Maffitt

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers.

Perry Nelson

SERVICE How You Can Help

To Serve is a Privilege www.childrenofpeace.org

I, am returning to Vietnam for a 16-day trip with the nonprofit organization CHILDREN OF PEACE on July 22, 2009. Please go to the web site to learn more details of the entity.

Binh Rybacki is the founder of this organization and presently a member of King of Glory Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO, which was Pastor Jim Munters congregation for many years.

Binh takes only two groups a year, March and July to Vietnam. I went with this organization in March 10 years ago.

This is a humanitarian trip. We will be setting up medical outreach in remote villages, mainly dental. Because this is a communist county, we do not take "Sunday School" there. As I see it, my main job will be to hold the dear children in the orphanages and on the street. With body language, I will show them my Christian love.

I want to make available zip lock bags to those who want to contribute two dollars but no more. Once in Viet Nam we will purchase hygiene items to fill these bags and use these as a teaching tool in the villages. Your \$2.00 commitment and donation will be to pray daily for our safety, health and that we might make a difference. Soaps etc are available in the cities of Vietnam and will be much cheaper to purchase there. I then will use my limited luggage pounds to carry vitamins, sidewalk chalk etc. A box labeled CHILDREN OF PEACE will be available at the Welcome Center on July 5 for your offering.

Thank you for taking the time to read these words from me to you.

Kathy Moll

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.

First Lutheran serves a meal once a month at **Care Corps Homeless Shelter** in Fremont. This month will be Tuesday, July 21, 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 July: Kleenex, toilet tissue, shampoo, deodorant, cleaning products for carpet, counter, bathroom & windows. 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 our confidential 24-hour hotline 727-7777 or 1-888-721-4340.

American Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at the FLC on Sunday, June 21 from 7:30 am - 11:30 am and at the City Auditorium on Monday, June 22 from 11:30 am - 5:30 pm and Tuesday, June 23 from 10:30 am - 4:30 pm .

THANK YOU We are grateful

To the FLC congregation the suitcases you donated was a wonderful gift! Thank you for your generosity it is much appreciated.

The Jefferson House

To all who helped in any way with the **ZOE ministry**. It was a great success and a great time for all.

A special "thank you" **to** Dave Grimm for construction of our new centers, Dan Wright for the signage and to the family of Darlene Smith for the financial support.

The **MINISTRY CENTER** is available to current members as well as visitors and will include sign-ups for current ministry opportunities (such as the Red Cross Blood Drive) 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.

COUNCIL MINUTES

June 2009

The June 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.

STEWARDS

Consecration Sunday is scheduled for November 8.
The counting schedule was reviewed.

DEACONS

The new "Building Use" policy was distributed for approval.
MSC to accept the new "Building Use" policy.
Motion = Roger Larsen Second = Brent Zuch

TRUSTEES

Work projects for May and June were reviewed.

SECRETARY

MSC to accept the minutes as written.
Motion = Roger Larsen Second = Dave Millie

TREASURER

MSC to accept Treasurer's Report.
Motion = Rick Strong Second = Jeff Voss

SENIOR PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Charlie Axness shared that he will be returning full time on approximately July 1, 2009.
"Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalms 106
The Call Committee will move forward with Pastor Charlie's return.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Council regretfully accepts the Resignation of Lon Olson, Senior Choir Director. Lon has served as Choir Director for the past 23 years. The Resignation of Meri Jo Soe as Director of Children's Education Ministry was also regretfully accepted.

The Church Anniversary Committee has formed with Gail and Nancy Nielsen serving as chair persons.

The John C. Fremont Days Balloon Glow will take place on First Lutheran Church property on Friday evening July 10th. Dave Millie is the chairperson.

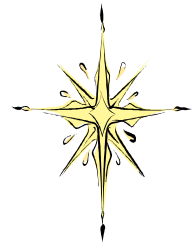
OLD BUSINESS

Paul Johnson reported that the Worship Team has suggested no changes in the Sunday service schedule at this time.
Brian Brodd thanked the Worship Team for their work.
MSC to forego the July Church Council meeting with the knowledge that the Executive Committee will be charged with any decision making that may arise during that time period.
Motion = Dave Millie Second = Kevin Fenner

MSC to adjourn.
Motion = Michelle Beran Second = Dave Millie

The Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Recorded by Caryn Erickson
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	11,977.82	16,928.50
March	53,460.50	59,293.50	69,420.91	17,086.50	24,000.25	10,675.50
April	64,334.49	52,909.50	53,852.50	31,757.50	19,493.50	8,251.50
May	<u>47,232.50</u>	<u>47,655.50</u>	<u>57,642.00</u>	<u>128,933.67</u>	<u>15,279.50</u>	<u>16,093.50</u>
Total to Date	253,384.49	265,425.80	286,114.91	201,465.16	81,658.57	57,463.50

	2009 General Fund			2008 General Fund		
	Receipts	Expenses	Net Income	Receipts	Expenses	Net Loss
May	59,995.56	53,912.66	6,082.90	50,364.13	55,364.77	(5,000.64)
Total to Date	303,836.04	274,774.83	29,061.21	287,423.50	288,919.99	(1,496.49)

May was a 5 Sunday month, which always helps. Year to date looks really good, but we are still holding over 15,000 of Spoudazo and Zoe deposits, which will be paid out soon. Pledged giving is above last year, however still below budgeted, so please Meet your Pledge! June and July are typically our lowest month for collections, so please keep coming (and giving) to your Church.

Sincerely, **Kent Speicher, Church Treasurer.**

PS. The Capital Fund still needs your help! We have \$75,000 of debt left on the building!

FEATURING

Of Special Interest

The deadline for the August Messenger is Monday, July 13.

Christian Fellowship will not meet during the month of July. See you in August!

L.I.F.T. (Lutherans in Fellowship Together) Potluck Group will meet Thursday, July 23, at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish to share and your own table service and be ready for fellowship and games. Please join us!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet in the fall.

Second Monday Men & Women meet on the second Monday of the month (July 13) 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 for the Radio Broadcast are: July 12, August 16, September 13, 20, 27, October 18, November 29 & December 6. 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:

July Calendar

July 4 meet at Janice Hansen's and bring a sack lunch to go with hamburger's on a bun which will be furnished... meet at 6:00 pm.

July 5 Kentucky Fried Chicken

July 12 Wendy's

July 19 Hy-Vee

July 26 Gringo's

COVER GIRLS QUILTERS will meet on Tuesday, July 28, from 9:30 - 3:00. So far this year we have made and put together over 100 quilts. We have many, many more to finish. If you are free on this day, please come and help us tie quilts. If you would like to work on a special quilt for next year's quilt auction, please let Marilyn Freeman know.

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!

The Coffee House will close for the summer and will resume in the fall.

It's time to register your children for the 2009/10 Sunday School year. Registration forms are available on-line or at the Welcome Center.

Opportunity is knocking. This year Mt Carmel Ministries is having Elderservity 2009. Some members of First Lutheran are taking advantage of this opportunity and attending. The group is looking at August 24th to 27th. Elderservity will include a study on 2 Thessalonians lead by Dr. Jack Eichorst, energetic music with Kay Hoffland, devotions in motion with Sonja Hinderlie and light-hearted jokes from Johan Hinderlie. If you are interested, look for registration forms at the Welcome Center information area or the Reception area. Register early to make sure space is available. It may be possible to share travel expense with others from First Lutheran if you are interested.

The 21st Annual Quilt Auction will be held at Carol Joy Holling Camp on Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. The day promises good food, great fun and lots of beautiful quilts donated by various church quilting groups. Quilts will be on display by 9 am and the auction begins at 10 am. Sale will continue until 5 pm or until all quilts are sold. Last year a record \$166,000 was raised to benefit the camping programs of the Camp. A BBQ turkey lunch will be served from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. The swimming pool will be open at 12:30 pm with a lifeguard on duty. Kids can swim while adults enjoy the auction. Don't MISS this great event!

First Lutheran Stars Softball League

All games are played at Memorial Field. Come and cheer them on!!!!

Sunday, July 12	6:30 pm
FLStars vs First Congregational UCC	
Sunday, July 19	5:00 pm
FLStars vs Salem Slammers	
Sunday, July 26	3:30 pm
FLStars vs Bluffs Trinity	
Sunday, July 26	5:00 pm
FLStars vs First Baptist	

World Hunger Garden Market is scheduled to take place July 19 and August 2. All items will be a free will offering. If you have items to donate (produce, crafts, baked goods, etc.) please contact Myrna Meister

Library News: New in the Library are four Davey and Goliath DVDs. Four old favorite Veggie Tales are now in DVD form plus *God Made You Special*. DVDs and new books are added from time to time. This month, books added to the reference are:

The Story of Ruth

by Joan Chittister

Turn

by Max Lucado

Blue Like Jazz

by Donald Miller

Non Fiction

The Spirituality of Bread

by Donna Sinclair

Dangerous Journey

by Oliver Hunkin

Dangerous Journey appears to be a child's book but perhaps adults, too, will appreciate the easy reading of this new arrangement of Pilgrims Progress and the pictures that accompany the story.

Check out guidelines are on the book deposit table at the library door. We thank those who have contributed memorial donations.

Tour de Revs hit the road!



Three ELCA pastors along their 13,000-mile journey which began on May 13 and continues thru August 24 on a bicycle built for three to raise money for and awareness about ELCA World Hunger will be stopping at FLC during August 2. Watch for more details. .

There have been various sightings of ELVIS over the past years. We have advance knowledge that HE will be making a guest appearance here at First Lutheran on Sunday, August 2. A family potluck supper is being planned for this event. Mark your calendar now! You won't want to miss this fun and entertaining evening!

First Lutheran & St. Pat's will be co-sponsoring a concert by the **Minnetoa Boychoir** on Wednesday, July 1, at St. Pat's at 7:00 pm. Founded in 1962, Minnesota Boychoir is the oldest boychoir in the Minneapolis/Saint Paul metropolitan area. The Boychoir's reputation for excellence has brought invitations from local and national music conventions, as well as sporting events and touring Broadway companies. Boychoir is comprised of boys and young men, ages 7 to 18.