

THE BUILDER

A PUBLICATION OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



According to the Grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:10-11

President of Lutheran World Relief to bring LWR message at First Lutheran Sun., Mar. 6



The Rev., Dr. John Nunes, dynamic speaker, president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) will be bringing the message about Lutheran World Relief at worship services on Sun., Mar. 6. John joined Lutheran World Relief (LWR), a \$35 million global organization, in 2007. With a passion for service and deep commitment to LWR's core values, John leads staff in 17 countries in working to end poverty, injustice and human suffering worldwide.

"I believe deeply that God created everyone to live in justice, dignity and peace," John says.

"When people's most basic needs, like food, water and shelter, remain unmet, they are unable to live out their true calling. By working alongside families and communities struggling to lift themselves out of poverty, LWR helps people around the world live into their full promise."

When First Lutheran Church did the Bundles for Ben project last February, Jon Nunes relayed to Pastor Larson and Pastor Judd his deep appreciation on behalf of LWR. John believes that this was the largest number of health care kits assembled in one place.

We look forward to welcoming John and hearing his words.

Annual Meeting Scheduled for Feb. 20

There will be a meeting of the congregation on Sun., Feb. 20 at 12:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This is First Lutheran's annual meeting, with published board reports and finalization of the budget for 2011. There will be other important reports and business. Please attend.

Bob Niedringhaus
FLC President

Global Festival of Faith Sun., Jan. 30, 2011



Don't forget about the Global Festival of Faith held on Sun., Jan. 30 at First Lutheran Church. The worship services will include global music and an emphasis on global missions. An exciting Intergenerational Event is scheduled for 9:45 a.m. with all ages invited to participate.

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THE PEOPLE OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL....

Love one another as Christ loved us by:

honoring, respecting,
and affirming one another;
practicing Christian hospitality;
ministering to the elderly,
and to those with special needs.

Grow in Faith through:

strong Christian spiritual
education programs for all ages;
small group Bible studies;
inspirational worship, art and music;
cultivating a life of prayer;
compelling youth and family ministry.

Share the Gospel through:

a positive Christ-centered atmosphere;
joyful fellowship with one another
in Jesus' name; intentional,
prayer-filled communication;
gathering around the table.

Spread the Gospel through:

active individual and
congregational involvement
in outreach to the local community;
active individual and
congregational involvement
in global ministries.

The Builder is organized along key elements of Christian Discipleship. The goal is to provide a resource to assist individuals and the church body as a whole on the journey of spiritual transformation:

- ◆ Worship
- ◆ Study
- ◆ Prayer
- ◆ Giving
- ◆ Serving
- ◆ Relating

From Pastor Judd Larson Associate Pastor



One of the traditions in our home is to celebrate Groundhog's Day, Feb. 2, with a bowl of popcorn while we watch the movie of the same name starring Bill Murray and Andie McDowell. The movie is set in Punxsutawney, PA, home of the world's most famous groundhog who will tell us how much more winter to expect. However, the movie was filmed mainly in Woodstock, IL. The main reason the movie was not filmed in Punxsutawney is lack of an adequate town center for a gathering space.

What is a gathering space and why does our church need one?

A quick Google search will reveal photographs and numerous articles about church building gathering space, such as one by Gale Francione for EnVision Church that I would recommend to you. Francione asks the question: Why does our churches need a gathering space? People are social beings; we're always getting together. We gather on formal occasions and we gather informally every day. We purposefully gather together...there is often a host and guests. Francione differentiates between a mere collection of individuals who are strangers in the same space, from a genuine gathering of people.



St. Ann Church, Long Grove, IA.
Photo provided by Gale Francione

How does this relate to Sunday? When we travel to church for worship, is it a true gathering, or simply parishioners occupying the same space? Francione speaks of this gathering: When we enter church on Sunday are we guests?

Hosts? Strangers? Then she reminds us, or calls us, to understand we are all of these as we intentionally gather for worship. **Gathering is our first liturgical act.** Every Sunday, one by one, family by family, we gather for worship. We can't be the Body of Christ unless we are aware of our need to be gathered first.

Most churches built in North America before 1960 were built without gathering spaces. Perhaps they had a small narthex or vestibule. Gathering spaces emerged as a means of expressing a renewed vision of the Church's liturgical life in gathering as the Body of Christ.

In earlier centuries, large churches had a gathering space as a natural part of the architecture, often an outdoor courtyard in front of the church. It was in such a gathering space that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the church door. Think of the piazzas outside the churches in Europe as gathering spaces.

The primary function of the Gathering Space is this gathering as a community for worship.



"Procession of the True Cross in Piazza San Marco," Gentile Bellini 1496
courtesy of Wikipedia Commons (image is in the public domain).

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VISION AND MISSION

Meet the New Director of Youth & Family Ministry!

Hello everyone! My name is Chad Christianson. I'm VERY excited about being part of the ministry team at First Lutheran as the Director of Youth & Family Ministry! I'm originally from Minot, ND, and I'm very Norwegian, so if you hear me end a sentence with "there then" or talk about the Norsk Hostfest that is why. My parents still live in Minot, along with my two sisters and their families.

I first went to college in Williston, ND where I lived with my Uncle Alden. Both my grandmas lived in the



Stacy and Chad

area which helped fuel my passion for playing games. I learned everything from cribbage to hand and foot Canasta. I also learned how to crochet afghans (just to please grandma, but it eventually got me a wife...I'll tell ya about it sometime over coffee). I then transferred to Concordia

College in Moorhead to pursue my elementary teaching degree. It was there I met my future wife, Stacy, in Norwegian class. I was there for 3 semesters before transferring to Minot State University where I completed my degree and did my student teaching in Fargo (unlike my wife who did hers in, where else, Norway). I then taught 2nd grade for two years in Fargo, was the Program Director at Shetek Lutheran Ministries near Marshall, MN for 3 years, and have spent the last 5 1/2 years working at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker, MN. I also worked occasionally at May Creek Assisted Living for 2 years as a resident assistant and was on the school board for Walker-Hackensack-Akeley. In between all that I worked in ELCA outdoor ministries for 10 summers.

I'm married to Stacy (Stromstad), the most wonderful woman in the world. I call her Superwoman because she works part-time at Hope Lutheran as the Christian Education Director, owns her own business (Simply Stacy's Wedding and Event Planning), does home-schooling with our kids, and can leap tall buildings in a single bound. We have four kids: Quinn (7), Kindlee (5), Lydia (just turned 3), and Tucker (turns 1 in Feb.). They

are our pride and joy and give us stomach aches from laughing so hard.

Like I said, I'm very excited to be at First Lutheran, all the amazing ministry opportunities that lie ahead, and working with the amazing staff. I love the church's direction and theme of *Living Our Baptismal Promise*. It is a ministry train that is thrilling to jump on and even more exhilarating to be a part of. Everything I have done in life has involved working with people (mostly youth), and I'm glad the next step in my faith journey will be shared with the members of First.

Besides our Lord, I have many other things I'm passionate about. I love watching and playing sports, especially playing volleyball and watching NFL. I enjoy all types of movies, dancing, playing guitar, and video games (I still have my Atari). I have a good friend named Stihl who loves helping me cut wood, split it, haul it, and put it in my fireplace back home. There is nothing better than a nice warm fire when it is -25 degrees. My latest affection is for the Boundary Waters and all that God's wilderness has to offer. I've been slowly collecting my camping gear and hope to explore new areas with my family, friends, and youth. Things I don't like are beets, hair on my head, diapers that leak, little kids wiggling their teeth, and losing my wedding ring (I've only lost 2 of them in lakes). I like meeting new people so don't be afraid to introduce yourself. You may have to do it more than once as I'm not very good with names, but I'll do my best!



Kindlee, Lydia, Tucker and Quinn.

VISION & MISSION

A Word from the President

When I was young, I remember two distinct experiences with adults which had lasting effects. A friend and I were invited to sing in our church senior choir while in high school. It was a small choir and needed male voices. Harry and I were different boys; the primary difference was that he could sing. We both basked in the glow of being taken seriously by the grown men in the bass section. We full participated in their conversation and humor. I think it affected my decision to go to an ELCA college. Harry graduated from Luther seminary.

While in college one Saturday morning my freshman year, the head of the biology department at Luther invited me down the street to his home for breakfast, one on one. I received encouragement and praise and was invited into a research project with him. It steered me into medicine.

Without adult/youth interaction, our young people fall off the radar after high school. Our youth program is successful if our young people know Christ and help grow His church after they leave. They also need music and pizza along the way.

Chad Christianson, as our new Director of Youth & Family Ministry, understands this completely. Adult commitment and participation was a critical element in him coming to First Lutheran. Our youth are Christians right now and we need what they bring as much as they need us.

During his time as interim, Jonathan Larson has illustrated with his visibility and connection with all ages, how this can work. Thanks be to God for both Jon and Chad.

Bob Niedringhaus
FLC President

abounding
in thanks
giving

It felt like a pipedream (how appropriate!) when the Time for Renewal Fund Development Task Force set a challenge goal of \$220,000 in gifts of thanksgiving for the new gathering space, renewed sanctuary and developing tracker organ. The challenge was named “Abounding in Thanksgiving”. New envelopes were distributed and the challenge was issued to the entire congregation.

Through the end of 2010, Time for Renewal has received \$198,338 in pledge payments, gifts over and above pledges, non-pledged gifts, pew wood purchases and special gift sponsorships for chairs and the pulpit. Support continues to grow. The \$220,000 goal no longer seems out of reach.

Thank you to each and every one of you who has given a gift! May your generosity be experienced by you as a blessing and as a deeper commitment in your life of faith!

The Time for Renewal Fund Development Task Force

December 2010 Special Planning Council Highlights

New Business

The sole purpose of the special meeting is to discuss the financial challenges that will result from hiring two full-time professional staff members. Pastor Larson provided some background information. Based on this individual’s experience and education, and according to American Lutheran Church Musician guidelines, and the synod guidelines, the salary FLC can offer will exceed its current Mission Plan. A similar scenario exists for the individual who has accepted the Director of Youth & Family position, because he comes with considerable experience.

Jim distributed a preliminary 2011 Mission Plan, which included increases in the salary line item, and result in a significant deficit. Discussion ensued. Council concurred that the these individuals are needed and on behalf of the congregation, council supports Pastor’s plan to hire at the salary required by synod guidelines. A motion was made and seconded to authorize Pastor Larson to negotiate with the persons discussed tonight and make an offer as needed to hire them; passed unanimously.

VISION & MISSION

Cont. from p. 2 - From Pastor Judd

We gather in a more neutral space than the sanctuary in order to welcome the stranger, the guest, the visitor, the friend, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Gathering space for a church today is typically 1½ times the size of the sanctuary. Large enough to accommodate all who will be or have been in worship. Growing churches have such gathering spaces. Our lovely gathering space is not as large as our worship space, so we need to tend more carefully to this primary evangelical purpose of gathering guests and visitors into the community, the body of Christ.

Why is a Gathering Space empty?

If you visit churches that have a gathering space, or view photos on line, you will see atriums without furnishings. Furnishings are provided elsewhere in the building in lounges, fireside rooms, fellowship halls. An example is Peace Church right up the hill. Its gathering space has no lounge furnishings, rather those furnishings are in the fireside room.

We've been delighted to have our Gathering Space at First Lutheran Church. And we've been using it in many ways, for coffee fellowship, for funeral



visitations, for what the reformers called “mutual conversation and consolation of believers” (one of the means of grace) and we are discovering how to better use this space. It is important that its primary function as

gathering space for both formal and informal gatherings of the whole community be intentionally developed. The parish planning council asked the Evangelism Board to develop the plan for the usage of the Gathering Space. The church building consultants from the ELCA encouraged us not to put in furniture, as this would negatively impact its primary function as gathering space. We are working together at understanding what this means.

Why is a Gathering Space empty? It is empty so that it can be full of people gathering as the holy community, the Body of Christ, the Communion of Saints. It is empty so we can be host and guest, stranger and welcomer, one to another. So we can become as we confess, “I believe...in the communion of saints.”

Task Force on Bound Conscience Report

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August 2009 adopted Resolution #3. RESOLVED: That in the implementation of any resolutions on ministry policies, the ELCA commit itself to bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound consciences of all. (adopted 771-230 as amended)

In the First Lutheran library there is a black notebook containing reference material relating to the ELCA understandings of “**Bound Conscience**”. This is on reserve. There are also handouts of a summary of the notebook contents. These summaries are available to take with you for your personal study and use. We welcome, invite and encourage study of these materials.

Each of us makes decisions out of a unique personal foundation of intellectual, emotional, cultural and theological understandings. This we call our conscience - that part of our being that enables us to decide on issues and actions. The resolution of the ELCA Assembly to respect another's conscience is a call for us as members of the Body of Christ to recognize and acknowledge our differences in this complex arena of human discernment. A call to behave towards our brothers and sisters in Christ, as the sinner and saint that we know ourselves to be, and to love others as we love our own flawed selves.

If respect for another's Bound Conscience had been operating, Galileo would not have been confined to house arrest and condemnation by the church because of his scientific discoveries. Martin Luther would not have had to be captured by his prince and hidden away in a castle to prevent physical retribution for his opposition to church authority. Many of the abuses of the Crusades and the Inquisition would not have occurred. Mosques, churches and synagogues would not have been violated and burned. The tragedy of the Holocaust and continuing religious wars would not have evolved.

Civility and respect for another's freedom to hold positions and opinions differing from our own undergirds our democracy and our civil society. This does not mean we cannot challenge, debate, discuss or promote what we decide is a “better” way. It does mean that even in interpretation of words as well as actions, we need to acknowledge the fallibility of believing we alone have the only and whole truth.

During 2011, we would encourage small group discussions on what it means to “**respect the other's bound conscience**”. These discussions can take place within already established small groups such as Bible Study or disciple groups, book groups, circle or board meetings, or any other gathering of FLC members. Task Force members would be available to assist in such discussions. Task force members are: Claryce Swensen (728-9640), Laura Hoelter (724-3062), Don Streufert (724-9084), Lois Janson (310-2468), Ginger Backus (879-9073), and Pastor Judd Larson (728-3668).

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship Notes

Live Radio Broadcast: KDAL AM 610, 8:30 a.m. Sundays

Live Streaming

Sun., Feb. 6 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Isa. 58:1-12; Ps. 112:1-10; 1 Cor. 2:1-16;
Matt. 5:13-20

Sun., Feb. 13 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Deut. 30:15-20; Ps. 119:1-8;
1 Cor. 3:1-9; Matt 5:21-37

Sun., Feb. 20 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Lev. 19:1-2,9-18; Ps. 119:33-40;
1 Cor. 3:10-11,16-23; Matt. 5:38-48

Sun., Feb. 27 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Readings: Isa. 49:8-16a; Ps 131; 1 Cor. 4:1-5;
Matt. 6:24-34

Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary.

Looking ahead: Ash Wednesday - Mar. 9

Choir Members and Musicians:

February Rehearsal/Performance Schedules

Jubilation Ringers: Wednesday rehearsals, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Senior Choir: Wednesday rehearsals, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Youth Ringers: Sunday rehearsals, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Worship Ensemble: Wednesday rehearsals, 5:15-5:45 p.m. All confirmation students/family members are welcome to this intergeneration group. More singers/instrumentalists needed! Please call Karen Sande for more information, 728-3668, ext. 211.



Thank You to Musicians

First Lutheran Church truly has had a multitude of musicians during Christmas and Epiphany worship services! Many thanks to:

Choirs: Angel Choir, Jubilation Ringers, Senior Choir, Worship Ensemble, Youth Ringers

Soloists: Linda Bagley, Patricia Dorn, Karla Johnson, Victor Krause, Mary Ledford, Lia Saari

Brass ensemble: Jackson & Tim Churchill, Jim Erickson, Jason and Ryan Michalicek, Liz Raduege, Andrew Zimmerman

String ensembles: Jorgen Baertsch, Linda and Paul Bagley, Peter Calhoun, Breyen Coffin, Anthony Dollens, RaeAnn Johnson, Grace Knauss, Makeela Magomolla, Ethan Meyers, Joycelyn Ream, Matt Rogotzke, Joshua, Kristin and Nathan Sande, Ellen Wold, Sarah Zimmerman

Guitar: Cory Clay, Jon Larson

Harp: Katie Elmer

Oboe: Jeanette Paulson

Organ: Robert Nesheim

Piano: Malaika Magomolla

Help is Needed for Funeral Ministry

When a funeral is being held at First Lutheran Church, the women of First Lutheran organize, host, and clean-up after the gathering time and lunch in the Parish Hall.

There is a need for more women who would be willing to help with this important ministry. You may find that you are available once a year, once per month or at the last minute. Women are needed who are willing to be called when a funeral is planned. Your consideration to join this ministry of First Lutheran Church is appreciated very much!

Please contact Muriel Lehman, 525-3608, for more information and give her your name and contact information. .

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY

Jaeckel Pipe Organ Nears Completion

First Lutheran's new 55 stop, 72 rank pipe organ is nearly complete, according to builder and FLC member Dan Jaeckel. About 90% of the 3,700 pipes have been installed, voiced and tuned. The organ's main function is to support congregational singing and stimulate everyone's involvement in worship, but also works beautifully in accompanying choirs and ensembles, as well as solo voices and instruments. We look forward to hearing this magnificent instrument in concert in the not-too-distant future!



The console and casework (pictured above) are made of rift and quarter sawn white oak. The music rack contains a beautiful section of burl walnut edged in padouk (also known as vermilion). Stopknobs are made



of rosewood and the white keys are covered with mastodon bone! The black keys are of granadilla, a dark hardwood.

Ranks of pipes (pictured at left), wood and metal, old and new. The holes are waiting to be filled with the final reed and mixture stops.

Thank You for Advent and Christmas Décor

A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed time, energy and skills in making our sanctuary both beautiful and meaningful during the Advent and Christmas Season. Special thanks to Glenn Peterson who planned the design to feature a simple, contemplative setting in the beginning of Advent, then revealing more as each week passed, and finally bringing the scene to its fullness for Christmas. Invaluable help was given by Steve Broderius and Miriam Sommerness, Mark Hakes and Erna Peterson. The birch and spruce trees were graciously donated by Peach and Dick Ojakangas. Thanks to Dick Swenson for the use of his trailer to transport these trees. Also, thanks to many members of the congregation who purchased poinsettias in honor of or in memory of loved ones, which added so much festive color to the setting.



Many other places in the church were made beautiful and welcoming by Gail Tate, Ken VanDyke, Pat Johnson, Patty Sertich, and Mary Nash. The Norway pines in the commons and gathering space were contributed by Milt and Ivah Sundquist. We also continue to appreciate our custodians Duane, Steve, and Ellis for their extra work during this busy season.

Worship Attendance

Sun., Dec. 19	585
Dec. 24	1,283
Dec. 25	123
Sun., Dec. 26	166
Sun., Jan. 2	377
Sun., Jan. 9	379
Sun., Jan. 16	408

STUDY

“Check Out” First Lutheran’s Library

In conjunction with the Sunday School curriculum, Faith Quest, the library is featuring books concerning the topic that is currently being studied by the students. This display is located on the book shelves across from the restrooms near the Parish Hall.

"Ruth & Naomi" (Ruth 1:22; 2:1-17) is scheduled for study in February. Listed below are books on this topic that are available and can be checked out:

Ruth and Naomi by Anne Jennings

Stories about "Ruth & Naomi" can also be found in collections of bible stories, such as:

The Bible for Children by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

Children's Illustrated Bible by Selina Hastings

One Hundred Bible Stories pub. by Concordia Publishing House

Usborne Children's Bible by Heather Amery

New books on display:

Becoming a Woman of Influence: Making a Lasting Impact on Others by Carol Kent

God's Story: Finding Meaning for Your Life through Knowing God by Anne Graham Lotz

Making God Real to Your Children by Sally Leman Chall

Parenting in the PEW: Guiding Your Children into the Joy of Worship by Robbie Castleman

When God Whispers: Glimpses of an Extraordinary God By an Ordinary Woman by Carole Mayhall



New children's materials on display:

Wondrous Rhymes and Prayer Times pub. by Harvest House (Preschool)

The Journal of William Thomas Emerson, a Revolutionary War Patriot by Barry Denenberg (Grades 3-6)

Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf by Jennifer L. Holm (Teens)

The Chronicles of Narnia--The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe DVD #33

The Chronicles of Narnia--Prince Caspian DVD #34

Friday Morning Bible Study

with Pastor Larson meets Fridays in the Parish Hall from 9:30-11:00 a.m. All are welcome. Come early and grab a cup of tea or coffee.



Adult Forums

Sunday morning adult forums are held in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. Watch for updates in Sunday's bulletin insert, "In the Fold".

Feb. 6 - CHUM

Feb. 13 - CORP (Community Offender Reentry Program), presenter is Sara Carlson, mentor coordinator for CORP. The main purpose of CORP is to establish mentor/mentee relationships that facilitate the reentry for ex-offenders back into society.

Feb. 20 - Earthbound: Created and Called to Care for Creation" is a new six-part series on DVD that looks at Christians' complex relationship with God's creation. It examines the origins of misconceptions about Scripture's portrayal of creation and how Christians have become heaven-focused at the expense of Earth. The series takes Martin Luther's breakthrough understanding of justification and vocation and applies it across all of creation. It shows how people throughout the Church are living out a vocation of relating to and caring for creation. **The Feb. 20 Adult Forum will show and discuss Episode 1. Created/Called (justified and free to serve the world) of the Earthbound series. Come and join the discussion.**

Feb. 27 - The Ministry of the Encounter youth center, presenter is Ryan Underwood, executive director.

Yoga

Yoga is meeting on Thursday mornings in the youth room at 9:00 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing, and bring a small mat. All are welcome. Take some time to relax and enjoy the morning.

News of the First Family



A Loss in the Family

The family of **Teresa Zupancich** on the death of her father, Dave Grant.

The family of **Betty Mae and Tom Dock** on the loss of their daughter Pam Snyder.

The family of **Harley Hanson and Pat Dorn** on the death of Harley's mother.

The family of **Dan McCarthy and family** on the loss of his brother-in-law, Ray King.

The family of **Dorothy Olson**, former member of First Lutheran Church.

The family of **Larry Swan** on the death of his wife, **Joyce**.



Baptisms

December 12 Ashton Jayden Wigg
Son of David & Emily Wigg

January 2 Nina Rose McCourtney
Daughter of Dan & Sarah McCourtney

January 2 Benjamin Andrew Storsteen
Son of Erik & Tracy Storsteen

**Knitters and Crocheters
Prayer Shawl Ministry
will be meeting
February 10 at 1:00 p.m.
in the Conference Room.**



Prayer shawls are made with loving hands and prayerful hearts and given to those who are ill or in need of special care. White blankets are also made for baptisms. Patterns, yarn and needles are available for anyone wishing to join in this caring ministry.

FLCW Bible Study Circles

All FLC women are invited to attend any of the circle meetings listed. Call the church office for info.

Ruth Circle - Mon., Feb. 7 - 7:00 p.m. - at Carol Prohaska home

Leah Circle - Tues., Feb. 8 - 9:30 a.m.. Parish Hall

Elizabeth Circle - Wed., Feb. 16 - 9:30 a.m., Upper Commons

Dorcas Circles - Wed., Feb. 16 - 10:00 a.m., Homes

Esther Circle - Wed., Feb. 16 - 1:00 p.m., at Lakeshore

Naomi Circle - Thurs., Feb. 17 - 6:00 p.m., Upper Commons

An Invitation to FLCW Luncheon

Thurs., Feb. 3

All women of the church are invited to the next FLCW luncheon scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 3 at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be Connie Johnson, a trained leader in the Synod Women's Organization on Anti-Racism. Connie will be speaking on what it means to live in an anti-racist society.

FLCW Joins Facebook

Women of the FLC! Join the new Facebook Group for FLC Women: "First Lutheran Church Duluth Women - FLCW" to share and get the latest M&M event information!

GIVING

DECEMBER 2010 BUDGET UPDATE



Ministry & Mission gifts
 Plus Other Income
 Total Income
 Less Expenses
 Cash Surplus (Deficit)

		2010			2009	
December	December	Year to Date	Year to Date	Annual	Year to Date	
Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
\$90,601	\$92,269	\$818,381	\$762,108	\$818,381	\$802,707	
<u>7,896</u>	<u>10,017</u>	<u>54,000</u>	<u>57,468</u>	<u>54,000</u>	<u>104,605</u>	
98,497	102,286	872,381	819,576	872,381	907,312	
<u>82,426</u>	<u>93,151</u>	<u>910,676</u>	<u>847,725</u>	<u>910,676</u>	<u>862,452</u>	
\$16,071	\$ 9,135	(\$38,295)	(\$28,149)	(\$38,295)	\$ 44,860	

Special Giving Opportunity for February: Lutheran World Relief

The February special giving offerings will go toward Lutheran World Relief. To support this special giving opportunity, please write checks to FLC with "LWR" in the memo line of your check for this special giving opportunity. (See "Bundles for Ben article on p. 12.)

Giving for the Ministries and Missions of First Lutheran Church

Weekly offering through:

Sun., Dec. 19 \$27,135
 Sun., Dec. 26 \$15,473
 Sun., Jan. 2 \$18,780
 Sun., Jan. 9 \$20,653
 Sun., Jan. 16 \$18,234

Thank You for Gift

Dear First Lutheran Church members,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$189 to Life House!

Over 600 different kids visit Life House each year. While their needs are great, your thoughtfulness helps alleviate some of those needs. Your generosity allows Ashley access to emergency supplies (food, hygiene supplies, laundry), as well as follow-up support for three months. That is fantastic!

Kim Crawford
 Life House Director

March Food Drive

Support the March food drive for CHUM and the Union Gospel Mission. Bring non-perishable items to church and leave them in the specially marked boxes just inside and of the main entrance doors. Consider bringing the kind of food that you like to eat since those using the food banks probably like the same kind of food. This has been a tough year and a hard winter and many families have needed to use the food banks to survive. So both of these organizations need help. The food drive is a program sponsored by the FLC Board of Church in Society.



Look for Fair Trade Coffee sales in the Gathering Space Feb. 13

Fair Trade sales: coffee (beans or ground) decaf coffee (beans or ground), tea, baking cocoa, hot chocolate mix, candy bars.

The Jewel Box

Thanks for the early donations

Jewelry donations will be collected throughout the year for the fall festival's Jewel Box booth. Any used, vintage or new jewelry can be dropped off in the collection container located outside the church office.

Gifts & Memorials

Gifts to Time for Renewal in memory of Steve McGann by Tim & Beth Holst; **in memory of Gladys Helgeson** by Vince & Nancy Magnuson, Dave & Marcia Lothner, Irene Thomson, Arnold & Elizabeth Larson, Irene Hanson, Mary Solt, Don & Patricia Parzych, Thomas & Joyce Moody; **to TFR Pulpit in memory of Gladys Helgeson** by Tim & Beth Holst; **to TFR Chair Fund in memory of Ned & Norma Boyce** by Mark & Sherry Boyce.

Gifts given to Memorial Fund in memory of Gladys Helgeson by Alpheia Iverson, Naomi Storsteen, Brandon Nardine, Judy Fox, Margaret Yernberg, John & Marilyn Warren, Louise Anderson, Annette Ulrich; **in memory of Guy Olsen** by Jean LeMon.

Gifts to Radio Ministry in memory of Lorraine Olsen by Norma Hoffbauer, Naomi Storsteen, Betty Ness, Char Juntunen, Gudrun Hoivik, John & Pat Carow, Betty Anderson; **in memory of Gladys Helgeson** by Gudrun Hoivik, Don & Laviere Johnson, Carol E. Anderson, Norma Hoffbauer.

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Gift to Sunday Coffee Fund in honor of Norma Hoffbauer's birthday by Susan & Tom Hellmers.

Gift to World Hunger in honor of Dorothy Palmquist by Ruth & Ted Johnson.

Gift to Good Gifts in memory of Don Morris by Katherine Morris; **in honor of Mary Ledford** by Lois Janson.

Gift to TFR Take a Seat in honor of Karen Sande by Ted & Ruth Johnson.

Gift to TFR in honor of Richard Swenson by Ted & Ruth Johnson.

Annual Rock-a-thon

An opportunity to support the youth campership program

Feb. 12-13

The Rock-a-thon is an annual fundraising event that helps youth, mainly 7-12 grades, raise money for the Campership Fund. This fund helps many youth attend church related events such as Camp Vermilion, retreats, road trips, and many other activities. These events can be life changing experiences.



Youth: Sign up for the Rock-a-thon by contacting Chad Christianson. Talk to him at confirmation, on Sunday morning, or give him a call, 728-3668.

Donations of food are needed for the "Grand Feast" on Saturday evening, Feb. 12. It will be a potluck of great food! Please bring your dishes to the church between 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Feb. 12. The FLCW will be serving breakfast!

The youth will also begin work on this year's Bundles for Ben's birthday project, putting together health kits for Haiti. (See article on p. 12 for more information.)



Please consider contributing to the Campership Fund! Pledge envelopes will be available as you come to worship on Sun., Feb. 13, or you can send your gift to the Campership Fund directly to the church.

Adult volunteers are needed! Please consider spending 4 hours with the young people on Sat., Feb. 12 and Sun., Feb. 13. Please contact Chad, 728-3668, ext. 215, or Vic at 720-4364, if you can help.

Finally, if you have a rocking chair (sturdy) that would be available for a youth to use for that weekend, let Chad or Vic know. It should be a great time.

SERVING



Photos from Bundles for Ben's Birthday 2010 1500 Health Care Kits for Haiti

Childcare Volunteers needed for upcoming workshop

Childcare volunteers are needed during the "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" workshop. The workshop will be held on four Thursday evenings: Feb. 10, 17, 24 and March 3 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with volunteers needed 5:30 to 8:15 p.m. each evening. Please call Amy Carlson at 340-9819 if you are interested in helping out.

Bundles for Ben's Birthday 2 Let's do it again!

With a million homeless, sick and hungry Haitians, and over 90% of the earthquake's rubble and damage still untouched in Haiti a year later, their desperate need for help grows stronger. As their brothers and sisters in Christ, we at First Lutheran have the opportunity to send aid in the form of health care kits and hunger appeal donations.

January through February 26, **please bring in your donations for the health care kits in honor of Benjamin Larson.** Items that have already been collected: 1,450 toothbrushes (donated by Madison Nelson Family Dentistry) and nail clippers, 700 hand towels, 1,000 wash cloths and 500 bars of soap! Board of Global Ministry used \$2,000, receiving generous wholesale pricing from Kohl's and Walgreen's plaza to get this project under way.

Instructions and supplies are posted around the church with a display in the new gathering area. If you would rather give a cash donation for the items needed, checks can be given to the office with your memo stating, "Bundles for Ben". Shipping will cost over \$4,000, so a special offering will be received in the month of February for Lutheran World Relief. **Most needed item:** standard size band aids.

The first round of assembly will take place at the youth Rock-a-thon on Feb. 12, and at a congregational event, Sun., Feb. 27. Please watch for more info and dates to come!



Get Involved in a Ministry

Ushers Needed on Sunday Mornings

First Lutheran Church is looking for people interested in ushering in 2011. Volunteers are assigned to a team and then only have to usher every 3 months. Services are at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. from Jan. 2 to May 29, and from Sept. 11 to Dec. 25. From June 5 to Sept. 4 the services are at 10:00 a.m. in Leif Erikson Park.

Men, women, and families are encouraged to sign up for this ministry. Contact Bob Johnson at 724-4796 to sign up.

Communion Servers Needed

Volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings and Wednesdays during Lent to serve communion. FLC members can also contact Bob Johnson to sign up. He'll love to hear from you!

SERVING

Hands to Work and Hearts to God

from Patti Hallback

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Thess. 1:2-3

Thank you God for the folks that make visits to our homebound and bring them communion on a regular basis. These folks are the FLC connection to those who have a harder time making it to church. They share the nourishing and sustaining meal of the body and blood of Christ. "Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever. Amen"



Thank you God for the "Builder Ladies". Once a month these fine women gather together, roll up their sleeves and get to work. They fold, label and prepare *The Builder* publication for mailing. It seems like they swoop in and swoop out accomplishing their task efficiently and making it fun at the same time.

Thank you God for those that clean up after us. Of course, we are so grateful to Duane and Steve and Ellis and their tireless efforts in cleaning our facility with great servant attitudes. Thanks also go to those who willingly stay around after a meal, a meeting, an activity to clean and pick up the area so it is left in a workable condition. Your extra efforts are noticed and most appreciated.



I continue to have my heart warmed by the number of ministries and activities that people of our faith community here at First Lutheran are involved in.



**First Lutheran Church Women
M&M Event: Crafting with Love
Fri., Feb. 4, 7:00 p.m.**

No crafting experience is necessary for this "Crafting with Love" event on Fri., Feb. 4 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Celebrate love of the Lord, of each other, and of those in distant lands. The evening will begin with a devotional time. Then there will be an opportunity to make Valentine cards and/or pillowcase dresses for "Little Dresses for Africa". Please bring a new cotton pillowcase of any size if you would like to make a dress. A free will offering will be available to help cover the cost of supplies and shipping.

For more information please contact Beth Holst (391-2230), Teresa Zupancich (340-3223), or Sara Ojard (715-864-2744).

Come Join Us on a Service Trip

First Lutheran's Board of Youth & Family is sponsoring an inter-generational service trip to Appalachia this summer, July 24-30 for ages 14 and up. We will be working with Appalachia Service Project (APS), www.BuildANewYou.org.

APS brings volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families while emphasizing our relationship with God. Typical home repairs are: roofing, stairs, painting, foundation repairs, drywall and insulation, building porches, building wheelchair ramps, and repairing floors.



Board of Youth & Family

RELATING

Practical parenting skills will be taught at upcoming Love and Logic workshop

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent is a training resource based on teaching children (from toddlers to teens) responsibility. Parents use empathy, choice, and natural consequences to raise children whom our church leaders can look to, teachers call on, kids befriend, and employers hire. Grounded in Christian values, parents allow their children the opportunity to make and learn from their mistakes in a controlled, safe environment, before these situations become life-changing. Parents are in control and children quickly learn from the power of their own decisions – not by lectures from their parents.

This is not like other programs; parents will learn valuable and tangible skills and techniques with concrete examples that can easily be adapted to various parenting situations. Many of these are small changes that can easily be incorporated into daily life and conversations with children. Children quickly learn that they have to live with the effects of their own choices; they grow up more confident and able to make good decisions when faced with difficult situations.

First Lutheran Church, Board of Education and Promise Preschool, is sponsoring a four-part evening workshop (Feb. 10, 17, 24 and Mar. 3) that will be led by independent facilitators Lana Birkeland, Sharon Yung, and Karen Zimmerman. They are not only members at FLC, but they are parents and have recently attended training at the Love and Logic Institute in Denver. Parents will meet together in Christian fellowship to connect and share their experiences, see short presentations with effective real world examples, discuss and complete exercises geared to the Love and Logic style of parenting.

First Lutheran Church is known throughout the community for its excellent youth and family programming. By hosting this workshop, First Lutheran continues supporting families who wish to raise their children in a loving, Christian environment while raising confident leaders who are equipped to deal with the challenges of becoming an adult.

If you missed the registration deadline of Jan. 21, another workshop is being planned for the near future. Contact Anya Powell at 728-4299 or Amy Carlson (724-4040) if you'd like more information about the program.

Topnotchers: 50+ Group Feb. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

All over 50 are invited to Topnotchers. The next meeting will be Fri., Feb. 11. If you have questions, please phone Dorothy (525-5550) or Elaine (724-1068).

Happy New Year from your friends at Promise Preschool!

The New Year is well underway but let's first look back at a few **Holiday Season Highlights**: Ms Carrie's afternoon class performed for the women's luncheon on Dec.9, kazoo's and all! Morning classes attended a performance by the East High School Choraliers on Dec. 15 in the Sanctuary. It was a special invitation from Tom Boman and the Kiwanis club. The children and teachers enjoyed the sights and sounds and it prepared us for our own Christmas performance on Dec 22. Our Christmas performance included festive songs and the morning Pre-Kindergarten class participated in the "The Nativity" play. Afterwards, we gathered to visit and celebrate then wished each other well until the New Year. **January**: We welcomed new teachers this month. Heather Wilsey is our new Lead Teacher of the morning 3-5 year old class along with Assistant Teacher Karine Kvam. We are blessed to have them here with us.



In celebration of the Epiphany on Jan.6, Pastor Larson led the children in song, "We Three Kings of Orient Are". We are also looking forward to a visit from FLC guest Ted Johnson who will be sharing his talent of watercolor painting!

In keeping with the theme of Peace in the New Year, we are incorporating a "peace table" in our classrooms as part of conflict resolution. We continue to enjoy play outside and are busy studying winter weather and animals. We will review shapes, numbers and colors of the rainbow, which remind us of God's great love and Promise.

2011-2012 Enrollment Announcement

The enrollment process for current PPS families began the last week of January. During the dates of Feb. 6-18 FLC members will be given priority to register. Please call Director Sarah Ching at 728-3668 ext. 214.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Thank you from Jon Larson Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of Jesus Christ through First Lutheran Church and thank you for welcoming me into this faith community. These past four months have gone by very quickly. I want to specially thank the students and adults involved in the confirmation program. You are important leaders in this congregation and God works mightily through you.



As we welcome Chad Christianson into the First Lutheran community of faith, we trust that God will continue to strengthen First Lutheran in our mission together. This is an opportunity to continue to emphasize and receive the amazing gifts of our youth, as well as the importance of

connecting generations together.

We are Christ to each other, and you have been Christ to me on my own journey. I have been particularly blessed to participate in worship with you and to take leadership in music, children's sermons, prayers, and even preaching. It has been in worship where we have gathered to remind each other of our baptismal promises, and realize God's work in our lives. Through worship and the community of faith, we are equipped for service in the world.

As far as where I go from here: I have been called by God and the church to serve as the associate pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND. It is sad to leave First Lutheran and the wonderful people who call this place home, but I continue to trust God to give us all that we need, wherever God leads us. Saint Paul writes in his second letter to the Corinthians, *"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."*

Thank you for sharing so much with me. Thank you for allowing God to work through you and in you. You will go with me on my journey of faith and into my calling at Faith Lutheran in Bismarck. May God continue to bless First Lutheran Church.

Holy Hangin' with Chad from Chad Christianson, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Holy Hangin' with Chad is a sweet time for youth that I hope you'll take advantage of. I'm looking to get to know everyone better, but it is going to take me till 2015 to do that at the pace of a couple names a Wednesday night. So, what I'd LOVE to do is get together with your family or in small groups of youth to do something fun in February. It could be at your house (games, meals, shoveling snow...whatever), at a coffee shop over a beverage, going to a sporting event, or even showing me around Duluth (VERY unfamiliar with the area). Morning, noon or night is fine! Whenever, whatever we do is up to you, as long as it isn't sky diving into a pool of rabid sea cucumbers.

chad@flcduluth.org
728-3668, ext. 215

Sunday School Parents

On Sunday mornings during the education hour, Sunday school parents gather in the Chapel to discuss various faith topics and parenting issues. A schedule is posted outside the Chapel. Parents will be meeting Sundays, Dec. 5 and 12, and then resuming the group again in January. Please come join the group! Get to know other parents in the congregation and take time to learn a bit about your faith. Contact Teresa Zupancich (340-3223) for additional information.



Day Camp 2011

Mark your calendars for the week of August 8-12 for First Lutheran Day Camp! Registration information will be available in April. Day Camp is for children K-6 grade. This summer we will be including a preschool session and possible family and intergenerational activities during the week. Watch for more information coming soon!

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Holy Communion Instruction

Is your child ready to receive Holy Communion for the first time? Or does your family need a refresher course on what the sacrament of Holy Communion is all about? Then plan to attend the 2-session class led by our pastors that will go over all the basics of what it means to be welcomed to the Lord's table, including a behind-the-scenes tour of the sacristy!



The class will be held on Sun., Mar. 13 & 20 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Childcare available upon request. Register by contacting Sarah Gunderson, Director of Christian Education, at 728-3668 or e-mail her at sarah@flcduluth.org.

"Coffee & Conversation" Young Adults Gathering (20s & 30s)

Coffee, Conversation, Questions...God?

Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. @ Sara's Table/Chester Creek Café (1902 E. 8th St.; corner of E. 8th St. and N. 19th Ave.)



Whoever you are, wherever you come from, you are welcome to join in conversation about faith and life. It's informal, it's fun, and there is some awesome pie! Sara's Table is a great atmosphere to spend some time on a Thursday evening. Contact Chad Christianson (728-3668, etc. 215, chad@flcduluth.org) with questions, or if you have young people to invite. Or...just show up on Thursday evening.

Attention Youth: Friend Request!

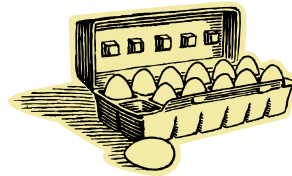


Become a friend of First Lutheran Church Youth on Facebook. This is a great place to share announcements, or pictures and learn about activities happening in the Youth and Family Ministry program.

Search for First Lutheran Church YOUTH!!! (Duluth Chapter) on Facebook.

Items Needed for Faith Quest Projects

Faith Quest Sunday school is in need of a couple of items for an upcoming rotation during March and April. The children will be learning about the story of Holy Week and Easter through some fun projects! Please collect and bring in empty egg cartons and toilet paper tubes. They can be brought to the 3rd Floor Sunday school area or the church office by Sun., Mar. 13. Thanks!



Movies Night for 7th-12th Graders

2nd Sunday of the month

Where: Youth Room

When: Sun., Feb. 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Who: Young folk (7th-12th graders)

Come for a good movie, some intense four square, snacks, and hang out time. Bring your friends!



Youth Serve Cinnamon and Caramel Rolls - Mmmmm! Next sale: Sun., Feb. 6

Proceeds from these sales go toward helping youth attend retreats, camps and youth other events.



REACHING OUT LOCALLY / GLOBALLY

A Word about Haiti

from Jon Larson

“I am privileged to serve beside my people who continue to suffer,” said Louis Dorvilier, our friend and brother who serves as the Lutheran World Federation’s (LWF) Director of Relief in Haiti. Louis and his wife Mytch are the people directly responsible for the recovery of my cousin, Ben Splichal Larson, from the rubble of the collapsed building. Both Louis and Mytch are Haitian and share a deep love for their people knowing the pain the people of Haiti face each day. Louis now lives in Haiti and will live there for the majority of the next three years, working side-by-side with his native people. While he works tirelessly in Haiti, Mytch and their four children remain in the Chicago area. Their family suffered loss of family members, many friends, and continue to grieve the brokenness of their beloved Haiti. Yet, all six of them demonstrate the resiliency of the Haitian people; people who continue their work to rebuild their devastated country.

We as members of Christ’s church and specifically members of LWF and Lutheran World Relief (LWR) via the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are called to support people such as Louis, Mytch, and their children. In the coming future, Louis plans to grow support for a communally driven project, of which LWF is an integral part. This project will focus on rebuilding people’s lives through education, housing, Haitian culture, music, dance, healthcare (including psychosocial), and granting dignity to individuals, especially youth.

During the Christmas season the Larson and Ullring families joined in this effort by giving more than \$2,000 to LWF for recovery in Haiti. This happened through the Haiti Christmas Project headed by Heart River Lutheran Church in Mandan, ND, which is the congregation Renee Splichal Larson serves. As a family, we obviously have a deep connection to Haiti because it was the Haitian people who welcomed Ben, Renee, and me into their midst, and it was the Haitian people who supported our family by recovering Ben’s body and comforting us in our loss.

I implore you to continue to remember the people of Haiti in their deep need and continue to support trustworthy organizations, such as LWF and LWR (through our ELCA Hunger Funds), which have developed relationships with the people of Haiti and work to accompany and empower the people of Haiti.

Christ has called us to serve our neighbors and to listen to their stories. The Haitian story is indeed one of severe tragedy, but it is also a story of resilience, faith, and life in the midst of death. Together we pray and walk with the people of Haiti.

An Opportunity to Stretch your Food Dollar!

Ruby’s Pantry-Coppertop will be distributing food at First United Methodist Church (the Coppertop Church) 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, the third Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. Ruby’s Pantry-Coppertop is a community partner of Ruby’s Pantry; making food available to anyone who needs to stretch their food dollar. For a \$15 donation (which is used to cover transportation, warehouse, and other expenses), you will receive approximately 2 large boxes of food. You will need to bring your own boxes (laundry baskets work very well). There are no income guidelines. Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution process. If interested in volunteering or have questions, please call Sarah Maddy at First Methodist Church at 727-5021.



Volunteers Needed

Community Action Duluth will again sponsor free tax preparation services this season for low and moderate income individuals and families. Volunteers are needed as greeters, tax assistants, screeners and tax preparers. Training is provided for volunteers. Contact FLC member Joanne Jokela at 724-2102 or jdjokela@chartermi.net for further information.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 2010 Executive Committee Highlights EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pastor's Report

Updates were provided on the Director of Youth and Family Ministry, and the Director of Music Ministries candidates.

Finance Report

Jim distributed a spread sheet that he had prepared showing the Mission Plan with conservative figures and stretch figures. Current committed pledges is \$706,439. Pastor reminded EC of the discussion at last month's council meeting regarding the Foundation's \$100,000 grant from Thrivent Financial. She attended a recent Foundation meeting and believes they would support working with Stewardship to help both groups learn how to improve giving.

Old Business

Bob distributed a small packet of materials from the Task Force on Bound Conscience. Motion was made and seconded to approve the four-point action proposal as submitted by the Task Force on Bound Conscience; passed unanimously.

New Business

- Bob distributed a memo from Bob Pearson regarding an inter-generational service project slated for next summer. The board of Youth and Family has already approved the project, which will take place in rural central Appalachia. Motion was made and seconded to wholeheartedly endorse this inter-generational service project; passed unanimously.
- The personnel committee has proposed changes to staff benefits, primarily a switch to paid-time-off (PTO) from sick/vacation days, and an increase in insurance premiums. EC concurred with the proposals, which Pastor believes will be effective Jan. 1, 2011.
- Bob suggested that formal recognition be made for Ted Johnson and the TFR committee at the next congregational meeting. EC concurred.

Staff Update

Shawn Feralin, former office specialist at First Lutheran, has taken a job at the Human Development Center in Duluth. We want to thank Shawn for her many years of great service and wish her well on her new journey.

FEBRUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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