

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



Remembering the Saints

Sunday, November 6 is All Saint's Sunday. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, for the saints still among us, and for the saints of God still to come. We give thanks for the examples of faithful living that the saints have given us as they navigated the stormy waters of life, and also for the faithful acts of service we are empowered by God's Holy Spirit to do in our own seas. We give thanks, too, for the fullness of eternal life in which the saints of God who have gone before us now partake and which we have yet to fully enjoy.

The Nov. 6 Sunday bulletin will include the names of members who have passed away this past year. Those who have lost loved ones, who weren't members of FLC, please call the church office by Tues., Nov. 1, 728-3668, to have those names included.

Stewardship Events

Sat., Nov. 12 - An All Congregation Stewardship Progressive Dinner

The Board of Stewardship and FLC Foundation invite you to be their guest at the first annual Stewardship Progressive Dinner. Appetizers will be served at 5:30 p.m. along with a program in the Gathering Space. At 6:30 p.m. guests will progress to host homes for dinner and conversation. Enjoy a festive fall dinner and meet wonderful FLC members. Celebrate the mission and ministry of FLC. RSVP by Fri., Nov. 4. to Mary at 728-1028, or Ann at 728-2988.

Sun., Nov. 13 - Commitment Sunday

First Lutheran will celebrate Commitment Sunday with festive worship services, bringing forward together our commitments for the 2012 FLC mission.



Emory Musicians Timothy and Tamara Albrecht Perform Organ Concert at FLC

Sun., Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10. Please see more information on p. 6 about workshops led by the Albrechts.

Service of Thanksgiving

Wed., Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m.

First Lutheran will have a Thanksgiving Eve Worship service on Wed., Nov. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come. Give thanks.



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VISION & MISSION

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

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR



Psalm 105

*O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of his mighty works.
Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.*

Dear Saints at First Lutheran Church,

Thanksgiving Day is a festival with turkey, pumpkin pie, and other favorite foods and traditions. It's a national holiday with images of Pilgrims and Native Americans at table together sharing the abundance of the harvest. Thanksgiving is also an occasion for us who are marked with the name of Jesus in baptism and who as Christians share a simple meal of bread and wine in which we are thankful to receive Jesus' body and blood, to again give thanks to God.

We know that everything we have is a gift from God. We understand that everything we are is a gift from God. We believe that through Jesus Christ we are given forgiveness, life and salvation. And we hear the Psalmist's call to give thanks to the Lord as an opportunity to give our lives to God, to whom we already belong.

Are we thankful people? It's so easy to get grumpy, feeling short-changed from what we feel we deserve or derailed from what we think we want to do. It's hard not to be discouraged or angry with much of what we hear and see in the news. How can we not be overwhelmed with all the expectations and demands of work, family, activities and such? The word of "thanks" is not the first to come to our lips.

The Psalmist calls us into becoming thanks—giving people, "O give thanks to the Lord." And the Psalmist reminds us to be worshipping people, "Call on God's name." We are sent as thankful people, "make known his deeds among the peoples."

This November, I encourage you to get specific in thanks giving for what God has done. Give thanks to God for everything you have, small and large. Give thanks to God for everything you are. Give thanks to God for the gift of First Lutheran Church, for all the people who are First Lutheran Church, for the wonderful blessing of gathering with all these people to worship Jesus our Lord and Savior. Together we "Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works" We are Thanks Giving people.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Pastor Judd Larson

A Word from the President

Becky Hoversten-Mellem



We all know that taking care of our whole selves, physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, is vital to living healthy, productive and happy lives. We try to get enough exercise, eat right, do crossword puzzles and soduku, and talk to our family and friends when we need emotional support. But taking care of our spiritual lives often gets pushed down on the priority list.

That's where this month's emphasis on stewardship comes in. What? Does that mean money and spirituality are somehow connected?

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34

Pastor Chick Lane and others who have studied stewardship explain it this way: Where we put our money, is where we place our commitment, our time and our energy.

We often think it is the reverse, but consider this: When we invest in a brand new car we make sure to park it where it will be "safe" from scratches and door dings. We take care that no one spills sticky pop or leaves cracker crumbs in the seats. We wash it frequently, get the oil changed on schedule and take care of other maintenance without hesitation.

The same can be said for our church involvement. When we faithfully contribute, we take ownership. We are more likely to pay attention to the life of FLC, it's members and it's mission. We get involved and move forward in our journey with Christ, accompanied by the members of our church family.

When we contribute, we invest in the mission of First Lutheran Church, but it is also an investment in our own spiritual health.

May you prayerfully consider your commitment to your faith journey and the mission of FLC.

10-12 Grade RECHARGE

RECHARGE for 10-12 grade youth is set-up to develop leaders, grow spiritually and faithfully together, and help youth become an active part of the congregation's mission and vision. There are three main parts:

HIGH ON CHRIST - is a time for the youth to get together and have some fellowship and fun.

FAITH RECHARGE - a time to dig deeper into the written word through multimedia, the Bible, and conversation.

ANCHOR TIME - is designated for youth to use their hands for God's work through service learning and projects.

RECHARGE will always meet at the church at 4 p.m., but may leave the site depending on the day.



November's Adult Sunday School Sundays at 9:45 a.m., Parish Hall

- Nov. 6 Love and Logic Session
- Nov. 13 Tamara Albrecht will lead a creative workshop on Children's Music in Worship
- Nov. 20 Talking about Advent and Christmas with Pastor Larson
- Nov. 27 Advent Begins

Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 18 at the 11:00 worship service. A lunch will follow in the Parish Hall for the whole congregation.



YOUTH & FAMILY

4th Grade Confirmation Sessions in November: The Sacrament of Baptism & Guardian Angel Orientation

Wed. Nov. 2, 9, & 16
5-6 p.m. in Room 301 (3rd Floor)

Parents and 4th graders will explore together what the gift of baptism has to do with the confirmation journey and the daily life of faith.

Fourth graders will also receive training to be Guardian Angels and assist in the baptism of a child during the coming year. They will be commissioned to serve in this leadership role in worship on **Sunday, Jan. 8.**



November Confirmation Schedule

4th Grade - Nov 2, 9, 16, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Baptism and Guardian Angels

6th Grade - Nov. 18-19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Middle School Gathering

7th-8th Grade - Nov. 19-20
Middle School Gathering

7th Grade - Nov. 2, 9, 16, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Old Testament

8th Grade - Nov. 2, 9, 16, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
New Testament

9th Grade - Nov. 2, 9, 16. 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Catechism/Lutheran Theology

All Ages & Adults
Advent Services begin Nov. 30

Becoming a Love & Logic Parent ♦ a workshop series ♦

Jan. 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 1
6:00-8:00 p.m. each night

- \$25 per person/couple; open to community
- optional community dinners on the 2nd & 4th night
- limited childcare available; \$20 per child
- registration deadline Fri., Dec. 9
- download form at [www.flcduluth.org/-youth & family](http://www.flcduluth.org/-youth&family)
- contact Anya Powell or Amy Carlson with questions, 728-4299 or 340-9819

"Parenting with Love & Logic" is based on:

- teaching children (toddlers to teens) responsibility
- empathy, choices & natural consequences
- raising children whom our church leaders look to, teachers call on, kids befriend & employers hire

You benefit from:

- valuable & tangible parenting skills & techniques
- Christian fellowship within your parenting community
- confidence & peace in your home
- oh, yeah - fun!

Independent Facilitators: Lana Birkeland, Sharon Yung & Karen Zimmerman
Connected with: FLC Board of Ed, Promise Preschool, MOPS and LSS
Supported by: FLC Foundation

Mark your calendars for Day Camp Week 2012

The staff from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry will be at First Lutheran on August 6-10 to lead us in an amazing camp experience. Kids entering Kindergarten through 6th Grade are welcome to attend! Invite your friends too! Watch for more information on Camp Sunday which will be in January.

HOT STOCK TIP!

Coming in January at First Lutheran there is a new stock that will be hitting the market with HUGE returns (like the faith of a mustard seed). The symbol for this new stock is FLCY2012. Keep your eyes peeled, you won't want to miss this one!



WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship Notes

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

- Sun., Nov. 6** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. - in the Sanctuary
Readings: Rev. 7:9-17; Ps. 34:1-10,22;
1 John 3:1-3; Matt. 5:1-12
- Sun., Nov. 13** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Readings: Zeph. 1:7, 12-18; Ps. 90:1-12;
1 Thess. 5:1-11; Matt. 25:14-30
- Sun., Nov. 20** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. "Christ the King"
Readings: Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps. 95:1-7a;
Eph. 1:15-23; Matt. 25:31-46
- Sun., Nov. 27** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Readings: Isa. 64:1-9; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19;
1 Cor. 1:3-9; Matt. 13:24-37

Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary.

Thank You to Musicians

Thank you to the following for sharing their musical gifts in worship during October: Soli Deo Gloria and Second Service Worship Choirs; Jubilation Ringers; Youth Ringers; 1st-3rd Graders & Beth Holst, music leader; 4-5 Year Olds & Suzanne Rauvola, music leader; Glenn Peterson, guest choir director; Lorie Scott, flute; Jeanette Paulson, oboe.

Organ Recital by Jason Branham

First Lutheran Church, Sun., Nov. 27, 4:00 p.m.
Featuring Works of Bach, Franck, Dupre and Diemer

Dear Friends,

10 years ago this fall, I entered college as a major in music education. Through a series of events, the organ became my primary academic focus. After completing undergraduate and graduate degrees in the field, I immediately began a doctoral degree in organ performance. This recital is the last in a series of four required for graduation, and I am happy to present that as a free concert at First Lutheran. I look forward to sharing some of the tried and true pieces of the literature as well as some less-often heard works. Being the First Sunday of Advent, also the first Sunday of the new church year, I am excited to present a twentieth century work that ponders that major events of the liturgical cycle and life of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your thoughts prayers as I make my final preparations.

Yours In Christ,
Jason Branham

Emory Musicians Timothy and Tamara Albrecht Perform Organ Concert First Lutheran Church

Organists Tamara and Timothy Albrecht have played duos their entire married life, starting at their own wedding because of the organist's sudden illness. They will share this wonderful tradition with the Duluth community in an organ recital on Sun., Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.



This concert is third in First Lutheran Church's "Year of Celebration" series, sharing the Lutheran heritage of outstanding music in praise to God by voice and instrument with our local community. Dr. Timothy Albrecht will perform works by Bach as well as the first solo organ performance of his original piece, *Fantasy on Hexameron*. Interspersed in the program will be several *Grace Notes* duets with his wife Tamara Albrecht. Dr. Albrecht's performances on the Jaeckel Op. 45 at Emory University will be on sale at the recital.

On Sat., Nov. 12, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Timothy Albrecht will hold a workshop at the church for organists and pianists featuring selections from Bach's Two-Volume *Well-Tempered Clavier as Organ Repertoire*. Also that day from 11:30-12:30 p.m., music educator and active church musician, Tamara Makdad Albrecht will lead a workshop for pastors, Sunday School teachers, music leaders, and Christian educators based on *Singing Through the Church Year: Resources for Children's Music in Worship*, her creative and comprehensive new resource book for all of those who work with children. Workshop sessions are open to the public and cost \$10 per workshop or \$15 for the two. For more information go to www.flcduluth.org or e-mail Jason Branham, Director of Music Ministry, jason@flcduluth.org.

Worship Attendance

Sun., Oct. 2	370
Sun., Oct. 9	419
Sun., Oct. 16	455
Sun., Oct. 23	338

STUDY & PRAYER

News from the Library

New adult books on display in the Library:

Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary by Marcus J. Borg (Call #: 8 Bor)

Raising Nonviolent Children in a Violent World by Michael Obsatz (Call #: 18 Obs)

The Thanksgiving Handbook: Celebrating Thanksgiving One Day at a Time by Robert Cozby (Call #: 6 Cos)

Traveling with Pomegranates: A Mother-Daughter Story by Sue Monk Kidd and Ann Kidd Taylor (Call #: 3 Kid)

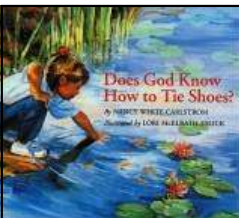
A new book for teens:

Luther (The Graphic Novel) by Susan K. Leigh (Call #: D Lei)

New children's books on display in the Library:

Bible Stories: With Prayers and Hymns by Dorothy Barker (Call #: C Bar)

Does God Know How to Tie Shoes? by Nancy White Carlstrom (Call #: B Car)



God's Alphabet Book by Brenda Eubanks (Call #: A Eub)

Prayer: Learning How to Talk to God by Jeanette L. Groth (Call #: A Gro)

Thanksgiving is on Nov. 24. Listed below is a sampling of children's books available on this topic:

P Is for Pilgrim: A Thanksgiving Alphabet by Carol Crane (Call #: B Cra)

Pilgrim Cat by Carol Antoinette Peacock (Call #: B Pea)

Thank You for Thanksgiving by Dandi Daley Mackall (Call #: B Mac)

Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving by Laurie Halse Anderson (Call #: B And)

Thanksgiving: A Harvest Celebration by Julie Stiegemeier (Call #: B Sti)

Thanksgiving: What Makes It Special? by Harold Myra (Call #: B Myr)

FLCW Bible Study Gathering

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

Ruth Gathering - Mon., Nov. 7 - 7:00 p.m. at Prohaska's

Leah Gathering - Tues., Nov. 8 - 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall

Elizabeth Gathering - Wed., Nov. 16 - 9:30 a.m., Upper Commons

Dorcas Gathering - Wed., Nov. 16 - 9:30 a.m., Homes

Esther Gathering - Wed., Nov. 16 - 1:00 p.m., Lakeshore

Naomi Gathering - Thurs., Nov. 17 - 1:30 p.m., Alsop's

News of the First Family



Weddings

Oct. 8 Emily Crook and David "DJ" Hamm



A Loss in the Family

The family of **Kim Hall** on the death of her mother, **Mary Alice Hanson**.

The family of **Linda Summer** on the death of her uncle Russell Summer.

The family of **Erna Peterson** on the death of her brother Dan Barstad.

The family of **Steve Reyelts** on the death of his uncle Eldon Mortensen.

The family of **Kim Schandel** on the death of her father, Wayne Zinc.

The family of **Karen Adams** on the death of her grandfather.

The family of **Lorraine Carlson** on the death of her mother, Doris Carr.

Friday Morning Bible Study

with Pastor April Larson

in the Parish Hall from 9:30-11:00 a.m.

All are welcome.



STUDY & PRAYER

Walking in the Light

**First Lutheran Church Winter Retreat
with Pastor Emily Rova-Hegener
January 20-21, 2012
Friday 6 p.m. – Saturday 4 p.m.
Superior Shores Resort & Conference
Center on Lake Superior in Two Harbors**



I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

Join us in the midst of winter darkness for a church-wide retreat bringing Christ's light into our lives, families, community and the world. The retreat sessions will be held Friday evening and Saturday morning and afternoon. Although participants are highly encouraged to stay overnight to share in fellowship and quiet time at the retreat center, commuters are welcome also. Approximate cost \$100-\$115 per person (based on double occupancy and 3 meals.) More details to follow this fall.

The retreat will be led by Pastor Emily Rova-Hegener who currently serves as co-pastor with her husband at United in Christ Lutheran Church in Eveleth, MN. She has



Pr. Emily Rova-Hegener

a deep passion for connecting faith in daily life and seeks ways to equip people to serve Jesus in all that they do. Pastor Emily holds a certificate in Spiritual Direction from Christos Center for Spiritual Formation and uses her spiritual direction in

assisting those who want to go deeper and explore where Christ is leading them. She has led numerous retreats focusing on spiritual gifts, vocation, prayer, and discipleship.

Watch for registration details.

Hospitalized? Death of a loved one?

If you or a family member is **hospitalized or if there is a death in the family**, please call the church office at 728-3668. For emergencies after office hours, contact information is provided on the church answering system.

An Invitation to Join a Small Group: Koinonia Conversations

Thurs., Nov. 17, 7-9 p.m., Parish Hall

“Since the earliest days, Christians have claimed to be part of a Koinonia. They have understood this Greek word to carry dynamic and layered meanings of ‘mutuality’, ‘fellowship’, ‘community’, and ‘union’. Together these meanings suggest a fundamental commitment to shared participation and a ‘holding in common’.” (ELCA Draft Statement on Genetics. March 2010 p. 35)

You are invited to be a part of small discussion groups that will consider current issues we experience as members of the Body of Christ and as a society.

The goal is to listen to each other with respect and caring as we acknowledge issues where we struggle to find our unity in Christ.

The first **Koinonia Conversation** will focus on the topic “Coping with Change”:

- When does change threaten?
- When does change offer opportunity?
- What assists us to cope with inevitable change?
- How can we celebrate the different ways we experience change?
- Was Jesus a change agent?
- What is our Christian calling to change?

This first Koinonia Conversation will be on Thurs., Nov. 17 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The group will gather around round tables sharing hospitality over coffee, cider and bars. Some guidelines for discussion will be provided and facilitated. All are welcome.

Prayers for Stewardship Reflection

O God of abundance, open my heart to receive your good will for my life. Amen

O God of abundance, open my eyes to a new understanding of what you intend for me. Amen

O God of abundance, wean me from my quest to find security in earthly things that can be accumulated and only perish. Teach me that true security comes through deep faith in your Word and your will. Bring me to an everlasting trust in you. Amen

O God of abundance, remind me this day that there are no limits to your love. Empower me to grow in faith and to trust that you will provide all that is necessary, not only to survive, but to thrive. Amen

GIVING

SEPTEMBER 2011 MISSION PLAN UPDATE



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

	2011				Annual Mission Plan	2010	
	September Mission Plan	September Actual	Year to Date Mission Plan	Year to Date Actual		Year to Date Actual	
	\$77,549	\$65,036	\$625,679	\$592,566	\$858,259	\$546,318	
	<u>4,101</u>	<u>2,633</u>	<u>53,195</u>	<u>40,565</u>	<u>76,970</u>	<u>49,273</u>	
	81,650	67,669	678,874	633,131	935,229	595,591	
	<u>78,142</u>	<u>78,896</u>	<u>713,164</u>	<u>693,915</u>	<u>954,430</u>	<u>625,583</u>	
	\$3,508	(\$11,227)	(\$34,290)	(\$60,784)	(\$19,201)	(\$29,992)	

Special Giving Opportunities

Each month First Lutheran Church has designated giving opportunities, opportunities to give money to different ministries. Listed below are the ministries and amounts given during September 2011.

September Hunger Offering	\$1,308.35
Horn of Africa	\$1,510.00

Giving for the Ministries and Missions of First Lutheran Church

Weekly offering through:

Sun., Oct. 2	\$10,211
Sun., Oct. 9	\$19,306
Sun., Oct. 16	\$11,488

KDAL AM Radio Broadcast

FLC Sunday Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Foundation invites and encourages members and friends of the congregation to sponsor a Sunday morning KDAL radio broadcast for \$100. The Foundation will match that gift with \$100 to cover the full cost of a broadcast (\$200). Call Nancy, 728-3668, to make arrangements.

Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate will be on sale again Nov. 13



The Lutheran World Relief coffee project is turning 15!

Each year, Equal Exchange makes a 20 cent donation to the LWR Small Farmer Fund for each pound of coffee, tea or cocoa purchased through the project. **Over the past 15 years, Lutherans bought 1,250 tons, raising over \$550,000!**

Thank you to all who support this worthy effort through drinking coffee on a Sunday morning and contributing to the coffee fund, or purchasing products you take home each month.

Save the Date!



The Board of Stewardship is sponsoring an all-congregation Stewardship Progressive Dinner on Sat., Nov. 12 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the church. See info on p. 1.

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A Time to Celebrate! Stewardship 2011

*On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
And on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
And I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant
goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
The LORD is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all. Psalm 145:5-9a*

We give thanks to the LORD, we have so much to celebrate at First Lutheran Church! The mission and ministry at First Lutheran is vibrant, alive, and abundant. With God's help we've accomplished a lot over the last several years and we prepare for the growing ministry in the coming year. You've heard the themes - ***A Time to Build, A Time for Renewal***, and now ***A Time to Celebrate!*** It is good to pause, reflect on God's abundant love and renewal in our lives. . . and to celebrate!

We give thanks for the over 50 members who have written devotions and reflections for the Stewardship Devotional Booklet that each member household will be receiving early in November. The booklets will be available for pickup at church beginning Oct. 30. We hope that you will read each story, use as a devotional, and through the witness of others, grow deeper in your own faith and stewardship.

And we hope you will join us on Sat., Nov. 12 for an all-congregation Progressive Dinner! Invitations have been mailed and the RSVPs are on their way. Hosted by the Board of Stewardship and the First Lutheran Church Foundation, this is an evening of celebration for members. Please join us and get acquainted with people you do not know or with people you wish you could know better! The first course and program will be at the church; following, attendees will be traveling to members' homes for dinner. Over thirty members have opened their homes to host the dinners! There is no charge for the dinner, child care and transportation available. (Call the church office with any questions).

Commitment Sunday is Nov. 13. Each member will be receiving a pledge card AND a prayer card in the mail the week of Nov. 1. We invite you to prayerfully consider what percentage of your income God is calling you to give to the mission and ministry through First Lutheran Church. Please fill out your card and bring to worship on Commitment Sunday.

We also invite you to write a prayer on the prayer card for First Lutheran. What are your hopes and dreams for the ministry? For what are you most thankful because you are a part of the First Lutheran family? The Prayers of the People will be used creatively throughout the year. During the November 13 service there will be a time for a processional offering when you are invited to bring forward your pledge for the 2012 ministry, your prayer card, and your regular offering. Again, special music will be brought to us by the Jazz band.

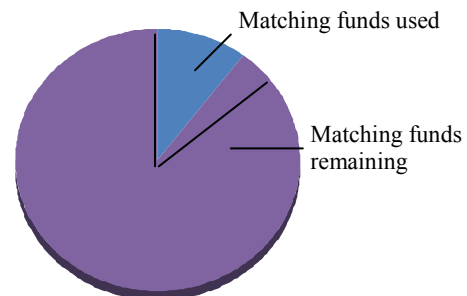
What better to celebrate God's love and renewal than by wearing wings - butterfly wings! The Board of Stewardship members declare and celebrate God's abundant goodness and awesome deeds by donning butterfly wings during this time of Stewardship. Look for them, get acquainted with them, be one of them - join the celebration!

Special thanks to Char Juntunen, Beatrice Ojakangas, Kathy Morris, Anya Powell, and the First Lutheran Church Foundation for partnering with the Board of Stewardship in the exciting events of Stewardship 2011!

FREED FOR MISSION **Match Program for Time for Renewal**



- 107 gifts total \$32,302 which trigger \$16,151 in Match Funds.
- \$83,849 remains in the Match Fund
- 3 Time for Renewal pledges were completed in August/September



Thank you to all who will participate in the Scandinavian Food & Craft Festival Sat., Nov. 29

After the visit of King Harald and Queen Sonja, we are even more enthusiastic to share our heritage! "Mange takk" to all of you for being part of the event on Sat., Oct. 29! Whether you are African, Irish, German, Chinese, Scandinavian or whatever your background is, it is fun to celebrate the customs and foods of our forefathers, and that is exactly what we will do on Saturday! We know the day will be a great success. Thanks to all involved and to those who will come!

Another wonderful part of that day will be to share the profits with about 20 different and needy organizations throughout our community and the world, as well as the youth of First Lutheran. Watch for further information about the distribution of the money in a future issue of *The Builder*.

Gratefully, in Christ's Service,
The Scandinavian Festival Committee



Lutefisk, Salmon and Meatball Dinner

Wed., Dec. 7, Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15 Adults / \$5 Children 10 and Under

Come to the feast! The Lutefisk, Salmon and Meatball Dinner is held on the first Wednesday in December. This year it is on Dec. 7. Invite your family and friends and enjoy a wonderful meal.

There are volunteer opportunities for anyone wanting to help prepare:

- ★ **Tues., Dec. 6,** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Peel 500 lbs. of potatoes, food preparation, roll 100 lbs. of meatballs and set up the dining room.
- ★ **Wed., Dec. 7,** 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Final set up, prepare and serve food, act as hosts and hostesses, and help clean up.

Please sign up on the kitchen bulletin board if you would like to help, or e-mail Char Juntunen to let her know the day and time you can work charjuntunen@hotmail.com). You can also call the church office, 728-3668.

Knitters and Crocheters Welcome Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets Thurs., Nov. 10, 1:00 p.m.

The First Lutheran Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Thursday of the month in the 3rd floor conference room at 1:00 p.m. Yarn, needles and patterns are furnished, and shawls can be taken home to be worked on. If you have any questions, please call June Alsop (525-3307).



Just can't resist them!

It's cinnamon rolls! On Sun., Nov. 6, the youth will be selling the rolls after services. Make sure you get a package before they are all gone! One roll is \$1 and a package of 6 is \$5. Proceeds go towards youth camperships.



Lutefisk, Salmon & Meatball Dinner of 2010. Pails and pails of potatoes.

"Lefse Parties with Peaches"

Gather 5 to 6 of your friends and family to get together to make Lefse for the Lutefisk, Salmon, Meatball Dinner. Once you have a group together, call Peaches (Bea Ojakangas at 721-3026) and decide if you will make lefse in her kitchen or your own kitchen. No experience necessary, Peaches does a great job of guiding you all along. Call by Mon., Nov. 7 to set up a Lefse Party.

Hands to Work and Hearts to God from Patti Hallback, Parish Administrator

They are at the door to give a warm greeting
As we enter the sanctuary, assist us with seating
They hand us a bulletin to follow along
This helps us to be able to sing the right song
They count all who on that day are there
And do miss you if you are elsewhere
They do a fine job of passing the plate
And for communion, guide us to not be late
After service they pick up all the disarray
Our wonderful ushers do this each and every Sunday
Thank you God for our USHERS who so wonderfully
guide us and assist us at each worship service.

Space to Grow. grow in development. grow in community. Grow in Faith.

Have you had a chance to visit the proposed new Sunday school/Preschool room? If not, please take a moment to stop by! You can find it on the London Road level, adjacent to the 2 and 3 year old Sunday school room, accessed through the stairwell. A self-guided poster tour and renderings of the completed space are set up in the room.

A heartfelt thank you to all who have already given or pledged. We have raised over \$13,000, with contributions from the Space to Grow Steering Team, Board of Education, PPS Board, as well as congregation members across the generations.

Additional information is available in the church office and on the website. Please direct questions to George Rennan (Chair) at 728-3721/fabio625@callta.com or Anya Powell (Co-Chair) at 728-4299/powell717@msn.com.



Bishop Aitken's Reflections *Joy was palpable*

(from October 16 Online Reflections)



This past weekend I was privileged to ordain and install a new pastor into Word and Sacrament Ministry at Lutsen Evangelical Lutheran Church and install another pastor at Salem Lutheran Church in Hermantown. Both churches were packed! Installations and ordinations are moments that bring out the best in us as church members. I have noticed, without fail, that when the rites of installation and ordination take place among us, joy seems to be every-where! We don't fret about an argument the council may have had the week before about the color of the carpet, the leaky roof, or the disgruntled group who don't like the choice of hymns lately, or the group that is impatient with the building project progress.

Instead, we listen to promises made by the pastor to do her/his best to care for God's people, to feed them the gospel on a regular basis, and serve us with the sacrament of Holy Communion that will strengthen us and send us out with power. Pastors publicly promise before God, the bishop, and their new congregations, to preach, teach, and live according to the Scripture, our Lutheran Confessions and our constitution. They agree to give faithful witness in the world; that God's love may be known. They promise to use their office not to dominate, but to encourage and equip the congregation. They promise to live within our expectations of holy living, setting an example for the flock they are charged with. These are huge promises - that can only be made good on "by the help of God."

The congregation makes promises too: 1) To receive the pastor as a servant of God, and messenger of hope and salvation, 2) To pray for, help, and honor their new pastor, 3) To strive to live in the peace and unity of Christ as a congregation.

For evening devotions, let's all get in on the joy once again of being church together by reading through the three congregational promises (above) that we once made when our pastor was ordained or installed among us.

Carry on with the Gospel!

Bishop Tom Aitken
Northeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

RELATING

Stephen Ministry How the Congregation Supports the Stephen Minister

The Stephen Minister has responsibilities, as described in the October issue of *The Builder*. The congregation also has responsibilities.



Training

Through its trained Stephen Leaders, the congregation supplies Stephen Ministers with 50 hours of training for this ministry before they are assigned a care receiver, and further supplies continuing education twice monthly for as long as the Stephen Ministers serve. The training is comprehensive, and Stephen Ministers can feel confident in their skills for this ministry.

Commissioning

The congregation formally commissions Stephen Ministers at one or more worship services. This allows the community to recognize their efforts, affirm and support their ministry, and pray for them as they begin their caring ministry.

Supervision

Small Group Peer Supervision provides Stephen Ministers with encouragement and ensures that no Stephen Minister will ever have to carry the responsibility for his or her care receiver all alone.

Prayers

Stephen Ministers rely on the prayers of the congregation for keeping God's presence foremost in their caring ministry. Sometimes the going will be tough for both caregivers and their care receivers; the Stephen Ministers will need the additional support of knowing that others are lifting their needs as caregivers to God in prayer.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry, or to apply to be a Stephen Minister, contact Lezlie Oachs (724-5860), Ron Carlson (525-6542), or Don Streufert (724-9084).

Topnotchers

Fri., Nov. 18 at 12:30 p.m. Note date and time.

Topnotchers (anyone 50 and over) will meet Fri., Nov. 18 at 5:00 p.m. The cost of the meal is \$8. Those who are attending for the first time are asked to call Dorothy by **Tues., Nov. 15 (525-5550)** to let her know you are coming.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN **YOUTH RINGERS** A HANDBELL CHOIR FOR GRADES 7-12 AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- The Youth Ringers meet Sundays from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Music Room.
- This will help fulfill *confirmation requirements!* Everyone is encouraged to participate in a group during education hour: Sunday School Class, Fish Force or Youth Ringers!
- Some musical background is helpful, but not required.
- Please call or e-mail to sign up or ask any questions: Karen Sande, director (ksande@flduluth.org, 724-0576 home, 310-5727 cell)

FLC's Jubilation Ringers to Play at Handbell Festival

Sat., Nov. 5, 2:30 p.m. at Marshall School

First Lutheran's Jubilation Ringers will be attending a handbell festival on Sat., Nov. 5 at the Marshall School (1215 Rice Lake Rd.). Sixteen handbell choirs from Minnesota and Wisconsin will be participating in this day-long event. A final concert at 2:30 p.m. will be open to the public.

Entrance to the concert is free, but donations will be accepted following the concert to help defray expenses.



Empty Inkjet Cartridges Wanted

FLC youth have launched a fundraising project: recycling empty inkjet cartridges! Youth will receive up to \$4 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit the youth attending the 2012 Synod Journey and ELCA Youth Gathering, not to mention it is great for the environment. You can help! Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type. Bring in your empty inkjet cartridges (placed in Ziploc bag to keep it safe from spills and damages) to the church office or recycle box in the Parish Hall.



REACHING OUT LOCALLY & GLOBALLY

The First Lutheran Board of Church in Society invites all to attend the following:

Chum Fall Community Assembly

Tues., Nov. 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mitchell Auditorium, The College of St. Scholastica

Chum is pleased to announce that Shane Claiborne - bestselling author, prominent Christian activist, and sought-after speaker - will be the guest for the Chum Fall Community Assembly.

Shane graduated from Eastern University and did graduate work at Princeton Seminary. His ministry experience is diverse, from a 10-week stint working alongside Mother Teresa in Calcutta, to year spent serving in a wealthy mega-congregation at Willow Creek Community Church outside Chicago. During the recent war in Iraq, Shane spent three weeks in Baghdad with the Iraq Peace Team. Shane is also a founding partner of The Simple Way, a faith community in inner city Philadelphia that has helped to birth and connect radical faith communities around the world.

To learn more about Shane Claiborne, please visit his website at <http://www.the-simpleway.org/shane>. If interested in carpooling to this event, please contact Sheryl S. Van Scoy at ssvancoy@yahoo.com or 591-6966 by October 31st.



400th Anniversary Celebration of the Ingrian Lutheran Church

When Carol and I first visited Russia in 1991 we were unaware that there was a Lutheran Christian presence in that country. But that visit introduced us to the congregation of the Ingrian Lutheran Church in Petrozavodsk, with whom our church has had a friendship relationship since 1992. In fact, this year marks the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR)! On October 1 and 2 I had the privilege of attending a celebration of this anniversary in Petrozavodsk by the Karelian Deanery. I went as a representative of our church, our Synod, and the partnering churches, and was accompanied by Pastor Richard Stadler, Sr. Pastor at Saint James Lutheran Church in W. St. Paul, one of the churches partnering with us to support the youth ministry work of Nadia and Pastor Alex Krongolm. Saturday's program was attended by approximately 400 people from the Petrozavodsk congregation, other Ingrian churches, and churches in Finland. The celebration concluded on Sunday with a wonderful worship service, including an inspiring sermon by Bishop Arri Kuggappi. He told about his surprise at how many children attended worship when he had preached at FLC in Duluth several years ago; he used this to challenge ELCIR

churches to view youth ministry as the key to rebuilding and renewing the ELCIR. The celebration coincided with the opening of a much needed new church building for the Petrozavodsk congregation, and the service included a ceremonious handing over of the keys by a Building Committee from Finland that had worked 8 years on this benevolent and important project, paid for entirely by churches from Finland and elsewhere, including FLC and our Synod. The service ended by a presentation of a beautiful stained glass replica of Luther's Seal by Pr. Stadler, made by a member of his congregation, on behalf of the Partnering Churches.



New Lutheran church in Petrozavodsk

The ministry focus on youth, ideas for reaching out into the community, the excellent location of the new building, gifted and joyful spirit-filled leaders like Alex and Nadia and others are all good reasons why we left excited about the ministry opportunities and desire by the church to move forward, despite serious challenges. Thank you for your prayers for this visit.

- Paul Anderson

See www.flcduluth.org/education/global-ministries/russia/.

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Pastor's Report: Pastor Judd gave the pastor's report, giving a quick overview of the new confirmation structure. The purpose of the new structure is for young people to continue their faith journey into adulthood. Discussion was held regarding comments and concerns heard from parents regarding the new structure and communication regarding the new structure.

FLC Foundation - Mark Knutson informed PC on the role of the Foundation. The Foundation meets monthly and oversees \$500,000 in assets that is invested through the ELCA. Each year grants totaling approximately \$20,000 are given for use at FLC. The Foundation's sole mission is to support FLC. Grant applications are available on the FLC website and in the church office.

Treasurer's Report - Jim Zastrow gave the same report that was presented at the congregational meeting on Sept. 25. The overall financial status is good. Salaries are up due to having a complete staff. Board of Operations expenses are up due to increased heating costs. MN Power is doing an energy audit this fall.

LSS Update - Pat Connolly and Cathy Bergh were at the congregational meeting Sept. 25 to let people know where LSS is in regard to the process in the Center for Changing Lives. From the discussions it was noted that people want more information on the history of LSS in Duluth and the relationship FLC has with LSS.

Update on Governing Process - PC will spend Sat., Nov. 19 at Wilderness North near Brimson, MN, working on a new governing process for FLC. The Executive Committee has been working on this issue this fall and will present ideas at the retreat. Forums will be held to introduce any new governing process. Congregation members will be invited after Advent to give feedback on any proposals made. The aim is to have a new governing process ready to go into effect at the Spring 2012 elections.

Stewardship - The fall mission campaign will begin on Oct. 16, ending Commitment Sunday, Nov. 13. The PC will make early commitments. Dave Lothner encouraged all PC members to contribute to the devotional booklet being made.

Youth and Family - Vic Krause informed the PC about youth e-chat that can be found on the NE MN Synod website. The board of Youth and Family now meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. They may have a retreat to look at long range plans for their board.

Education - Bibles are being distributed this fall for Sunday school children. Love and Logic is starting again this fall for 3 months. Confirmation/Reformation Sunday is Oct. 30. An intergenerational Sunday school is scheduled. Space to Grow has raised \$11,000.

Worship, Art and Music - Arvid Slotness has completed the wood carving for the Narthex. Discussions are in progress on a processional cross. Jeanette Paulson is working on a new baptismal banner. The year of celebration plans have been finalized.

Church in Society - The number of board members is down. They met with leadership at Trinity Lutheran to discuss outreach in the community.

Global Ministries - They are working on board development, congregation involvement and clarity in purpose and process.

Evangelism - Kathy Morris joined their board, working with the Companions in Christ small group ministry. New member classes begin in October.

FLCW - They are working on the malaria initiative for the festival of faith in January. M&M event on Oct. 7. Fall Festival is Oct. 29.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>November 6th</p>		<p>1 ALL SAINTS DAY</p> <p>9:00 Steph Min-#307 11:45 Book Group-UC 4:15 Past Pres Prayer 5:30 Bd of Ed-UC 7:00 Bd of Evang L</p>	<p>2</p> <p>PPS Picture Day 8:00 Pryr Comm - CH 10:00 Staff Mtg - CH,CF 5:00 Confirmation-PH 6:15 2nd Serv Choir 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria</p>	<p>3</p> <p>PPS Picture Day 7:00 Men's Prayer & Discussion-UC 8:45 MOPS-PH 9:00 Yoga-YR 5:30 Jubilation Rgr-MR 6:00 Bd of Ops 7:00 Companions CH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 Men's Comp CH 9:30 Fri. Morning Bible Study w/ Pr. Larson-PH</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AA - YR</p>
<p>6 All Saints Sunday</p> <p>Cinnamon Roll Sunday 8:30 Worship - S 9:45 SS/Adult Ed 9:45 Youth Rngrs-MR 9:45 New Members CF 10:30 Love&Logic-PH 11:00 Worship - S 4:00 Recharge-YR</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00 Library Comm. 5:15 AA - PH 6:00 Sojourners II-CH 6:00 Sojourners III-CF 7:00 M&M Bible study 7:00-Ruth Gathering</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 Steph Min-#307 9:30 Leah Circle PH 11:45 Book Group-UC 4:15 Past Pres Pryr 5:30 Bd Caring Min CF 6:30 Bd Ch Soc UC 6:45 CM/Comm/Vis PH 7:00 Global Min #307 7:00 Bd WAM CF</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 Pryr Comm - CH 10:00 Staff Mtg - CH,CF 5:00 Confirmation-PH 6:15 2nd Service Choir 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 Men's Prayer & Discussion-UC5:30 9:00 MOPS Steer Mtg 9:00 Yoga-YR 1:00 Prayer Shawl CF 5:30 Jubilation Rgr-MR 6:00 Bd of Ops 6:30 Ex Comm CF 7:00 OSL 7:00 Bd Youth CF 7:00 Companions CH</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 Men's Comp CH 9:30 Fri. Morning Bible Study w/ Pr. Larson-PH</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 AA - YR Organ Master Classes with Timothy and Tamara Albrecht 5:30 All Congregation Progressive Dinner begins in Gathering Space</p>
<p>13 Commitment Sun</p> <p>8:30 Worship - S 9:45 SS/Adult Ed 9:45 Youth Rngrs-MR 9:45 New Members CF 11:00 Worship - S 4:00 Organ Recital-S 4:00 Recharge-YR Fair Trade Coffee sales</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:00 FLCW Bd Mtg PH 5:15 AA - PH 6:00 Sojourners II-CH 6:00 SojournersIII-CF</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 Steph Min#307 11:45 Book Group-UC 4:15 Past Pres Pryr 6:30 Plan Council PH</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 Pryr Comm CH 9:00 Staff Larson's 9:30 Elizabeth UC 9:30 Dorcas Homes 1:00 Esther-Lkshore 5:00 Confirmation-PH 6:15 2nd Service Choir 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 Men's Pryr UC 8:45 MOPS PH and classrooms 9:00 Yoga-YR 9:00 Quilting LC 1:30 Naomi - Alsops 4:00 Finance Com CF 5:30 Jubilation Rgr-MR 6:00 Bd of Ops Mtg 7:00 Companions CH 7:00 Koinania PH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 Men's Comp CH 9:30 Fri. Morning Bible Study w/ Pr. Larson-PH 11:15 Women's Disc. Grp. CH 12:30 Topnotchers-PH</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 AA - YR Planning Council Retreat</p>
<p>20 Christ the King Sun</p> <p>FLCW Thankoffering Sun 8:30 Worship - S New Member Sunday Reception at 9:45 9:45 SS/Adult Ed 9:45 Youth Rngrs-MR 11:00 Worship - S</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:00 Library Committee 5:15 AA - PH 6:00 Sojourners II-CH 6:00 SojournersIII-CF</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Steph Min #307 11:45 Book Group-UC 4:15 Past Pres Pryr</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 Pryr Comm CH 10:00 Staff CH, CF 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p>THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 AA - YR</p>
<p>27 Advent Begins</p> <p>8:30 Worship - S 9:45 SS/Adult Ed 9:45 Youth Rngrs-MR 11:00 Worship - S 4:00 Organ Recital Jason Branham</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:15 AA - PH 6:00 Sojourners II-CH 6:00 SojournersIII-CF</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 Steph Min #307 11:45 Book Group-UC 4:15 Past Pres Pryr 7:00 Stewardship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 Pryr Comm - CH 9:00 Kiwanis PH 10:00 Staff Mtg 5:30 Advent Service 6:15 2nd Service Choir 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria</p>			<p>New Members are welcomed to FLC on Sun., Nov. 20 at both worship services.</p>



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***The Builder* Schedule**

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Deadline: Fri., Nov. 18, Noon

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