

# THE BUILDER

A PUBLICATION OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Upcoming Stewardship Guests and Events

### Sun., Oct. 16 - Pr. Chick Lane will be preaching. Stewardship Kick-Off.

Pastor Charles (Chick) Lane graduated from Luther College, Decorah, IA, and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He served three congregations and also served as Assistant to the Bishop in the NE MN Synod, ELCA, from 1996-2005, and as Director for Stewardship Key Leader, ELCA, from 2005-2010. He currently serves as the Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary. Pastor Lane is the author of **Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregation**, published by Augsburg Fortress in 2006, and the annual stewardship program *Walk with Jesus*, published by the ELCA in 2006. He is also the author of several articles on stewardship (ELCA).

### Sun., Oct. 23 - Pr. Scott Jacobs is the guest preacher.

As Assistant to the Bishop of the NE MN Synod, and Director for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Jacob works with our synod's evangelizing strategies developing new congregation starts, congregational renewal, stewardship ministries, and discipleship practices. Pastor Jacob works with the Candidacy Committee and the finance section of the Synod Council in preparing the synod budget.

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

Save the Date! The Board of Stewardship is sponsoring this event on Sat., Nov. 12 starting at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Watch for your invitation.

### Sun., Nov. 13 - Commitment Sunday

*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

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### Inaugural Recital at FLC

Sun., Oct. 9 at 4:00 p.m.

First Lutheran Church and the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists are jointly sponsoring "Lake Superior Sounds: An Organ Weekend in Duluth". Special guest is James David Christie. *Turn to p. 6 of this newsletter to see details of this exciting weekend event.*

### You're invited to the Scandinavian Food and Craft Festival

Sat., Oct. 29, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Parish Hall and Lower Commons will be filled with wonderful fragrances, interesting demonstrations, delicious foods, crafts, books, plants, wooden treasurers and much more at the Scandinavian Food and Craft Festival on Sat., Oct. 29. *See more details on p. 12.*



# 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 SENIOR PASTOR

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

It is an amazing experience working with First Lutheran volunteer leadership and FLC staff. To move into this wondrous season of stewardship is to consciously bring to mind the many, many people who inspire us in faith.



You, the volunteers and staff of First Lutheran, proclaim Jesus to me out loud in word and in your deeds. I give God thanks daily for you (actually, many, many times a day). Thanks be to God for you!

Stewardship season brings the opportunity individually, and as a community of faith, to go deep into God together. Sometimes we think stewardship is only about money. Sometimes we think stewardship is about “time, talent, and treasure”.

The truth is, there is no season of our yearly walk with God that brings us closer to the first and core commandment than stewardship season. That commandment:

***I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20: 2&3***

To examine how we spend our time, our talents (gifts and skills) and our treasure is to examine who is the center of our faith. This commandment is God's first and primary instruction to each of us.

Who is our God and in whom do we put our trust? The priorities of our lives, where we spend our time, our work, volunteer time, play and leisure, and how we spend our money shouts to the world “in whom we put our trust and who are our gods.”

Jesus makes this shocking revelation in Matthew 6:21, “Where your treasure is, there your heart is also.” Where we put our treasure, our heart will follow.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the First Lutheran Church Stewardship Board invites us again into a far deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. They invite us into a parting of the Red Sea where we are released from bondage and move more deeply into God's liberation and God's joy. They invite us, once again, into that deepest of all conversations with God and with each other, that is, **who** we are, and **whose** we are.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Larson

Note: Please read about the upcoming Stewardship events on the front cover.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

# YOUTH & FAMILY

## A Word from the President

Becky Hoversten-Mellem



Gather. This word has caught my eye a lot lately.

Fall is the time when the harvest is gathered. Both my grandmothers talked about cooking large amounts of food to feed all the neighbors and hired hands who would gather together to bring in the crops during the harvest season.

The magazine for the Women of the ELCA is now called Gather. I am grateful to Beth Holst for ordering me a subscription. The articles about women living out their faith in countless ways are inspiring. They are a reminder that the women of our Church, our moms, aunts, and grandmothers, have always gathered together to form the bedrock of our Lutheran communities.

At First Lutheran Church, we gather in weekly Bible study, monthly board meetings, Planning Council, Faith Quest and confirmation. The gardening and decorating groups, the prayer shawl ministry, along with numerous other service groups support the needs of our church. There are so many groups that gather on a regular basis, naming them all is daunting. There is a group for most any interest, all providing ways to gather together and participate in the ministries of FLC.

The end of October always brings the Scandinavian Food and Craft Festival when we gather to celebrate all things Scandinavian. In November we will gather in the homes of FLC members for a Progressive Dinner as we prayerfully consider how we will give back to God that which he has first given us.

God created in us a human need to gather together. We often find it most comfortable to gather with those who are of like minds. But a church family gives us the rare opportunity to really get to know and appreciate others who may not hold the same views that we espouse. Just as the women of the church use a variety of colors to make beautiful quilts, a variety of view points allows us to learn and grow and makes our church stronger and richer. All of our individual identities and gifts contribute to a varied and colorful whole that makes FLC unique and special.

Every week we gather together to worship, to hold each other up, to rejoice in the Grace of God. Celebrate as we gather together as the Body of Christ!

## Confirmation Sunday

Sun., Oct. 30, 11:00 worship

Join us on Reformation Sunday as 10th grade youth affirm their baptismal promises.

## 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. Upcoming Sundays:

- Oct. 2 : High on Christ - 4-6 p.m.
- Oct. 9: Anchor Time - 4-6 p.m.
- Oct. 16: Faith Recharge - 4-6 p.m.
- Oct. 23: High on Christ - 4-6 p.m.
- Nov. 6: Anchor Time - 4-6 p.m.
- Nov. 13: Faith Recharge - 4-6 p.m.

## Trunk or Treat!

Sat., Oct. 29, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

London Road Parking Lot and Parish Hall



Come dressed in costume for a great family fun event. Congregation members will have their trunks decorated and special treats to pass out in the London Road parking lot for kids to "trunk or treat". The Parish Hall will have games and a meal for all ages. Invite your friends to come have some safe family friendly Halloween fun. There is no cost to take part in this event. If a congregation member would like to be a trunk, please contact Chad for details (728-3668).

# YOUTH & FAMILY

## October's Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 a.m., Parish Hall

- Oct. 2 Love & Logic Parenting/Grandparenting Session on "Choices"
- Oct. 9 Bible Study with Pastor Larson on "The Widow's Offering"
- Oct. 16 To be announced
- Oct. 23 Learning about *Companions in Christ*
- Oct. 30 Reformation Sunday Cross-Generational Activity

## Sunday Morning Education for Growing Disciples!

During the Education Hour 9:45-10:45 a.m.  
Parish Hall

We are all growing disciples, no matter our age! Every faith journey needs nourishment and encouragement. Each Sunday morning throughout the education year, you are invited to come to the Parish Hall to learn more about God's Word and living a life of faith. This is like a big Sunday School class for adults of all ages and older youth not involved in any other education opportunities. Treats will be provided. New students are always welcome and encouraged to attend

Once or twice a month a large group Bible study will be offered. The topics for study will coincide with the stories that kids in the Faith Quest rotation classes will be learning or the lectionary text from worship. The other Sundays will offer special topics presented by various groups of First Lutheran Church.

## Lutheran College Fair

Thurs., Oct. 6, in the Parish Hall  
at First Lutheran Church

Students and parents are invited to attend a Lutheran College Fair at First Lutheran. Discover a group of colleges that have *faith* in your future. There will be 14 colleges represented at the fair! Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. **All families attending will receive four application fee waivers to the participating colleges.**

Registration is at 6:45 p.m. followed by a Financial Aid Seminar at 7:00 p.m. The College Fair continues from 7:30-9:00 p.m. with booths and information. This college fair is sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation.

### Becoming a Love & Logic Parent

.upcoming events.

Please join us for "Mini Sessions", first Sundays of the month this fall in the Parish Hall from 10-10:30 during the education hour (everyone is welcome):

- . October 2nd = Choices
- . November 6th = Enforceable Statements
- . December 4th = Natural Consequences

Additional sessions for Promise Preschool, LSS & MOPS. 4 week session repeated from last year, starting in January; stay tuned for registration in November.

"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 - putting the fun back into parenting!

Independent Facilitators:  
Lana Birkeland, Sharon Yung & Karen Zimmerman  
Coordinated by Amy Carlson & Anya Powell  
Supported by the Board of Ed, PPS, and the FLC Foundation

# YOUTH & FAMILY

## Third Grade Bible Presentation

**Sun., Oct. 2 at 11:00 a.m.**

On Sun., Oct. 2, Bibles will be presented at the 11:00 a.m. worship service to all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. At both worship services on this Sunday the congregation will be asked to give these 3<sup>rd</sup> graders a favorite Bible verse. Be prepared to come to worship with a favorite verse in mind!

## Blessing of ELW Hymnals

**Sun., Oct. 9 at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

On Sun., Oct. 9, at both worship services, ELW hymnals will be blessed in worship for 1<sup>st</sup> graders and all new students in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. These hymnals are an important tool in the faith education of our young people in Sunday School and confirmation instruction. These hymnals remain at church for use in classes and worship until the day of their Confirmation.

## Reformation Sunday Celebration

**Sun., Oct. 30, 9:45 a.m.**

Come celebrate the Reformation and life of Martin Luther! This is also the day the 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be confirmed in worship. So it is a day of special importance to the faith life of First Lutheran Church. All ages will be invited to participate in special activities on this day during the education hour. Wear red and plan to join the celebration!

## Internet Safety Presentation

**Wed., Oct. 12 - 12:00, 5:00 & 6:30 p.m.  
at First Lutheran Church - FREE**



This presentation is for **everyone** who uses the Internet. Now more than ever, families and educators are confronted with concerns about the Internet. The Internet has also changed how sexual predators gain access to today's youth.

**Give your family and friends the tools to prevent them from becoming a victim**, to help the community understand the dangers the Internet can pose to their family, and how to have a positive online experience. This presentation by Rick Anderson of Internet Safety Consulting, LLC, will provide training on what the dangers are, what tactics online predators use, and more importantly what everyone can do to keep themselves safe while online.



Vic Krause stands in front of the Boathouse at Camp Vermilion. *See article on p. 18.*

## Jr. and Sr. High Rejuve

**Oct. 15-16, Camp Hiawatha  
2011 theme - "I am a C..."**

We call ourselves Christians, but what does that mean exactly? Is it just a name? A way of living? A calling? A label that we sometimes don't want to wear? Here's your chance to ask those questions and dig a little bit deeper into what it means to be Christ's followers in today's world. Registration at Camp Hiawatha is at 11:00 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 15 and the program ends at 12:00 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 16. Contact Chad to sign up! Cost: \$35 per camper.

## 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., Oct. 2**     **8:30 & 10:00 a.m.** - in the Sanctuary  
Readings: Isa. 5:1-7; Ps. 80:7-15; Phil. 3:4b-14;  
Matt. 21:33-46
- Sun., Oct. 9**     **8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
Readings: Isa. 25:1-9; Ps. 23; Phil. 4:1-9;  
Matt. 22:1-14
- Sun., Oct. 16**    **8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
Readings: Isa. 45:1-7; Ps. 96:1-13; 1 Thess 1:1-10;  
Matt. 22:15-22
- Sun., Oct. 23**    **8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
Readings: Lev. 19:1-2, 15-18; Ps. 1; 1 Thess. 2:1-8;  
Matt. 22:34-36
- Sun., Oct. 30**    **8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**  
Readings: Jer. 31:31-34; Ps. 46; Rom. 3:19-28;  
John 8:31-36

*Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary.*

## Thank You to Musicians

Thank you to the following for sharing their musical gifts in worship during September: Soli Deo Gloria choir, Jubilation Ringers.

## Choir Rehearsals

### Senior Choir:

Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### Jubilation Ringers:

Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. in the Music Room

### Youth Ringers:

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Music Room

There are openings for new members in all groups (no experience required). Please contact Jason Branham for further details.

## Worship Attendance

Sun., Sept. 4	219
Sun., Sept. 11	352
Sun., Sept. 18	393
Sun., Sept. 25	420

## An Invitation To Sing from Kirsten Bich

You are invited to join in a second service choir. We have been a little lonely in the back and would love to have 10 to 15 people join us to help lead the worship. You don't have to solo or have perfect pitch, just enthusiasm and a willingness to make a joyful noise so that the rest of the gathering can hear the melody and feel comfortable with the songs enough to join in. The goal is to have enough people that microphones will not be needed and no one will need to worry about unintentionally solo-ing. The practice time has not been finalized, but may be on Wednesday night around 6:00 p.m. after confirmation. Youth in confirmation are welcome to join. It would be a perfect way to meet your service requirements.

If you have any interest, catch Jason or anyone in the group for more information.

Thank you and make a joyful noise.

## Lake Superior Sounds: An Organ Weekend Sat., Oct. 8 and Sun., Oct. 9

The weekend will be a celebration of the of the Jaeckel Op. 52 pipe organ. Special events have been planned by First Lutheran and the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The special guest is James David Christie, internationally acclaimed as one of the finest organists of our generation. He has performed around the world with symphony orchestras and period instrument ensembles and in solo recitals. He is the Distinguished Artist in Residence at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, Chair and Professor of Organ at the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, OH, and College Organist at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA.

### Weekend Events

**Sat., Oct. 8, 10:00 a.m. - Master Class** led by James David Christie. Admission is \$12. Followed by lunch (call Velda Bell for reservations 724-5492). An **Organ Crawl** will begin at Pilgrim Congregation at 2:00 p.m.

**Sun., Oct. 9, 2:00 p.m.** The **Organ Crawl** continues at Sacred Heart Music Center. And the weekend concludes with at **Inaugural Recital by James David Christie at 4:00 p.m.** at First Lutheran Church. **Admission is \$10.**

### Upcoming concert date:

- Sun., Nov. 13, 4 p.m. - Timothy Albrecht of Emory University performs a solo organ recital
- Sun., Nov. 27, 4 p.m. - Jason Branham Recital

# STUDY & PRAYER

## News from the Library Desk

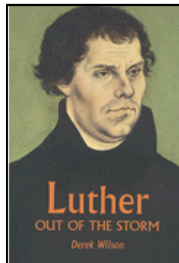
### New adult books on display in the library:

**Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church Is Transforming the Faith** by Diana Butler Bass (Call #: 7 Bas)

**Never Give Up: Vignettes from Sub-Saharan Africa in the Age of Aids** by Kevin Winge (Call #: 13.3 Win)

**Out of the Storm: The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther** by Derek Wilson (Call #: 4 Wil)

**Simpler Living, Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective** edited & compiled by Michael Schut (Call #: 12 Sch)



### New children's books on display in the library:

**How Big Is God's Love?** By David & Helen Haidle (Call #: A Hai)

**My Favorite Book: A Book About Doing Your Best and Being Your Best** by John Sydney Tighe (Call #: B Tig)

Please note: The library is staffed each Sunday morning between services during the school year.

## Friday Morning Bible Study

**with Pastor Larson**

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

**All are welcome. Come early and grab a cup of tea or coffee.**



## 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.

## 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., Oct. 3 - 7:00 p.m. at Sutherland's

**Leah Gathering** - Tues., Oct. 18 - 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall  
(Note date change)

**Elizabeth Gathering** - Wed., Oct. 19 - 9:30 a.m., Upper Commons

**Dorcas Gathering** - Wed., Oct. 19 - 9:30 a.m., Homes

**Esther Gathering** - Wed., Oct. 19 - 1:00 p.m., Lakeshore

**Naomi Gathering** - Thurs., Oct. 20 - 1:30 p.m., Claryce Swensen's

## FLCW Bible Study Leaders - Thurs., Oct. 27, 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room

## Renew, Respond, Rejoice with Prayer NE MN Synod Women's Fall Gathering Thurs., Oct. 6

All women of First Lutheran are invited to attend the NE MN Synod Women's Fall Gathering

- Thurs., Oct. 6
- Theme: Renew, Respond, Rejoice with Prayer
- Grace Lutheran Church, 5454 Miller Trunk Hwy in Hermantown
- Speaker: Dr. Henry French will speak on "Prayer - Deepening Our Relationship with God"
- Coffee and registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 1:30 p.m.

Please give your **RSVP** to Nancy at First Lutheran. This cost at the door is \$7, which includes lunch. If child care is needed, please note that as well when you RSVP. Children will need to bring a bag lunch along.

Women are invited to attend and learn about the wonderful things that are happening through the ELCA women's organizations.

Donations to the ever popular silent auction are welcome, such as jams, crafts, knit items, baskets, etc. All proceeds are put toward scholarship awards to those women attending the next triennial convention in North Carolina.

# STUDY & PRAYER

## Women, War & Peace

Calling all women (and men, too), to put this information on your fall calendars!

**Beginning on Tuesday evening, Oct. 11, PBS will be airing a five-series documentary, *Women, War & Peace*, challenging the conventional wisdom that war and peace is men's domain. Highlighting the stories of women in conflict zones from Bosnia to Afghanistan, and from Colombia to Liberia, the series places women at the center of an urgent dialogue about conflict and security and our understanding of modern warfare.**

Narrated by celebrities, this five-part series reveals how the proliferation of small arms has changed the landscape of war, with women becoming primary targets and suffering unprecedented casualties. At the same time, the women are emerging as necessary partners in brokering lasting peace and as leaders in forging new international laws governing conflict.

*Women, War & Peace* will feature the award-winning documentary *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* and four original films. The series is designed to extend public awareness and build community action around the issues addressed in the series. *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* features Leymah Gbowee, a Lutheran church woman activist who presided at film screenings and spoke to women from NE MN who attended the 2011 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in Spokane, WA, in July.

### **The schedule of episodes is as follows:**

**Oct. 11:** *I Came To Testify*, the story of 16 women who were imprisoned and raped by Serb-led forces in Bosnia broke history's great silence and stepped forward to take the witness stand in an international court of law. Their courage results in a verdict that led to new international laws about sexual violence in war.

**Oct. 18:** *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, the story of Liberian women, led by Leymah Gbowee, who took on the warlords and regime of dictator Charles Taylor in the midst of a brutal civil war, and won an unimaginable peace for their country in 2003.

**October 25:** *Peace Unveiled* follows three women in Afghanistan who are risking their lives to make sure that women have a seat at the negotiating table in peace talks with the Taliban.

**November 1:** *The War We Are Living*, a story of two extraordinary Afro-Colombian women who are braving a violent struggle over their gold-rich lands in the mountainous region in Colombia's pacific southwest. These women are standing up for a generation of Colombians who have suffered terrorization and forced displacement as a deliberate strategy of war.

**November 8:** *War Redefined*, a capstone for the series, weaves together interviews with leading thinkers,

Secretaries of State, and seasoned survivors of war and peace-making. Interviewed include Hillary Clinton, U.S. Secretary of State; Liberian peace activist, Leymah Gbowee; Bosnian war crimes investigator, Fadila Memisevic; and globalization expert, Moises Naim.

Following the U.S. broadcast of the series, the films and a companion discussion guide will become available for community screenings events. You can find more information about bringing the film to your community gathering or classroom at this website: [www.womenwarandpeace.org](http://www.womenwarandpeace.org).

## *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 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.



# STUDY & PRAYER

## ***Companions in Christ* Small Group Experiences in Spiritual Growth**

**Are you interested in a small group experience? Join in!**

First Lutheran Church has several groups that are supporting men and women sharing their faith walk together as they learn more about following Christ and growing together as a community. There are 3-4 groups of men, 4 groups of women, and one new couple/mixed group. The *Companions in Christ* materials focus on a process that is “transformational” rather than “informational” with a goal of God forming us into the persons we are meant to be in Christ.

*“This is the most powerful faith development experience of my life. It also created relationships of absolute trust which I treasure.”* - a FLC member in a men’s group

**Goals:** Deepen our understanding of our Christian Faith and of how to live in the world as disciples of Christ - to better serve.

**Who:** *Companions in Christ* is for spiritually hungry persons who seek a deeper experience of God in company with others in the Christian community. Though not an introductory course in Christianity for new Christians, *Companions* is a study for church people who want to explore afresh the basic disciplines of faith and the pathways of lifelong growth in Christ.

**It is for persons:**

- who do not feel they have all the answers,
- who are willing to hear scripture in new ways, and
- who acknowledge their need to grow in God’s grace.

**Interested?** Contact: **Kathy Morris, coordinator** (724-2008; kmorris@d.umn.edu) **or**

Men’s groups: Paul Anderson (728-5853), David Walter (728-6257), or Don Streufert (724-9084)

Women’s groups: Paula Tsufis (728-5213) or Kathy Morris (724-2008)

Couples/Mixed groups: Myrna and Bob Ulland (724-1991)

*“I have never been gripped with desire for closeness with Christ as much as I have this past year and a half through the evolution of the CC series..... Through one another we have become sisters and strengthened our understanding of what it means to be a Christ follower...”* – a FLC member in a women’s group

**Attend the forum on Oct. 23 to learn more.**

## **Prayers for Ministry** from Ben Birdseye

Greetings! I am very excited to share with you about a life-changing ministry opportunity that I have been called to participate in. I am part of Captive Free, a relational music ministry team, sponsored by Youth Encounter! Captive Free is a ministry team of young Christian adults that travel throughout the United States with a faith-encouraging program. My team will travel for one year sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through music and relational ministry in congregations and church institutions.

Youth Encounter’s mission is to *partner with Christian communities to strengthen their youth ministry*. Youth Encounter has been sending ministry teams both nationally and internationally for 45 years. To learn more about Youth Encounter and their ministries please visit [www.youthencounter.org](http://www.youthencounter.org).

I reported to St. Paul, Minnesota over Labor Day Weekend to train with my teammates for five weeks before beginning our “on the road” ministry. I am so excited for this year to learn more about myself and about how God works in my life and in the lives of others. I first learned about Youth Encounter in youth group at First Lutheran Church when Captive Free visited our congregation. Ever since then I have wanted to be a member of Captive Free and feel blessed to have received Youth Encounter’s call.

To be able to share Christ through music and relational ministry is a gift that God has given me and I am thankful for the opportunity to use it to share His love with others. Your love and support in my life have helped shape who I am and have helped prepare me for this ministry. I am thankful for you. Please keep me in your prayers this year as I am traveling and sharing the Gospel with many. Pray that God would keep me healthy, safe, and excited to share His Good News with people all around the world.

You can follow me through my blogs and photos online at [www.youthencounter.org](http://www.youthencounter.org). If you have questions about my ministry with Youth Encounter please contact me at [bbirdsey@uwsuper.edu](mailto:bbirdsey@uwsuper.edu), or Youth Encounter at [www.youthencounter.org](http://www.youthencounter.org) or 651-287-9688.

*Ben Birdseye was an active member in First Lutheran’s youth program, prior to his graduation..*

# GIVING

## AUGUST 2011 MISSION PLAN UPDATE



	2011				Annual Mission Plan	2010	
	August Mission Plan	August Actual	Year to Date Mission Plan	Year to Date Actual		Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Actual
Ministry & Mission gifts	\$63,636	\$56,943	\$554,138	\$534,244	\$858,259	\$484,725	\$484,725
Plus Other Income	<u>3,383</u>	<u>1,866</u>	<u>43,086</u>	<u>31,218</u>	<u>76,970</u>	<u>41,748</u>	<u>41,748</u>
Total Income	67,019	58,809	597,224	565,462	935,229	526,473	526,473
Less Expenses	<u>78,655</u>	<u>76,441</u>	<u>635,021</u>	<u>615,018</u>	<u>954,430</u>	<u>557,952</u>	<u>557,952</u>
Cash Surplus (Deficit)	(\$11,636)	(\$17,632)	(\$37,797)	(\$49,556)	(\$19,201)	(\$31,479)	(\$31,479)

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

### October Special Giving Opportunity

#### Sponsored by the Board of Global Ministry

Since May of 2005, First Lutheran Church has supported students from San Antonio Los Ranchos continuing their education at a university. Several have graduated and some have returned to Los Ranchos to work and also volunteer in the community. Students are expected to spend time each month volunteering in their community as a way of giving back.

Presently, there are six students receiving scholarships which are distributed monthly to them. First Lutheran sends \$1,500 twice a year to assist them in their studies by providing funds for transportation, food, and for copying material needed. When Consuelo Ayala Sosa and Jose' Santos Navarro were in Duluth last October, they stressed the importance of the scholarship money to help the youth in their community continue their education. *(See article on p. 17.)*

To support these and other students in the future, please donate to the October Special Giving Opportunity by writing checks to First Lutheran Church with "El Salvador" in the notation. Thanks for your support and prayers.

### 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 August 2011.

August Hunger Offering	\$2,381.37
LSS Wellness Center	\$ 210.00

### Giving for the Ministries and Missions of First Lutheran Church

Weekly offering through:

Sun., Aug. 28	\$ 7,596
Sun., Sept. 4	\$19,497
Sun., Sept. 11	\$12,043
Sun., Sept. 18	\$21,371
Sun., Sept. 25	\$ 9,365

### August/September Gifts & Memorials

**Gifts to Time for Renewal in honor of Jason & Heather Branham** by Ted & Ruth Johnson.

**Gifts to Time for Renewal in memory of Dorothy Erickson** by Ivah & Milt Sundquist.

**Gifts to the Radio Ministry in memory of Joyce Swan** by Larry Swan.

### 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.

### 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. Details to follow!

# GIVING

## ELCA College Grants Awarded

The ELCA College Grant Program Committee is pleased to announce that the following thirteen (13) FLC college students have been awarded grants by First Lutheran Church to attend their respective ELCA college for the 2011-2012 year:

Megan Allen, Gustavus College  
Allegra Birdseye, Gustavus College  
Hillary Boyce, St. Olaf College  
Andrew Choquette, Gustavus College  
Richard Coffin, St. Olaf College  
Jonathon Halquist, St. Olaf College  
Alex Kronzer, St. Olaf College  
Malaika Magomalla, Augsburg College  
Erianna Reyelts, Gustavus College  
Josh Sande, Gustavus College  
Elke Wood, St. Olaf College  
Jenna Yeakle, Luther College  
David Zastrow, Augsburg College

Each ELCA college also provided a grant to the student to match the grant from First Lutheran Church. The goal of this program is to help FLC youth make informed decisions about ELCA college attendance, and to continue their faith journeys by attending a participating ELCA college.

## First Lutheran Congregational Support

These grants were made possible because the "Friends of FLC ELCA College Students" raised funds to create the FLC ELCA College Grant Fund. Thank you to members of the FLC congregation who also responded to the special offerings for this fund in July.

Sufficient funds must exist every year to provide matching grants to all those FLC college students who meet the criteria: FLC membership, acceptance at a participating ELCA college, and on a path to graduate in four years.

Thank you for your continued support of First Lutheran Church's ELCA College Grant Program.

## First Lutheran Church Foundation

Don't forget to check out the First Lutheran Church Foundation web page: [www.flcduluthfoundation.org](http://www.flcduluthfoundation.org)

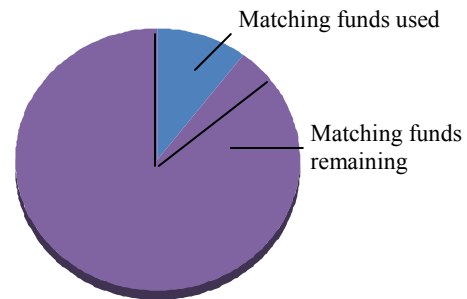
## FREED FOR MISSION Match Program for Time for Renewal

First Lutheran members received an interim report at the Sept. 25 congregational meeting on matches from the *FREED FOR MISSION* Match Fund, matches that increased by 50% *new* gifts to Time for Renewal (TFR).

What wonderful generous giving: new TFR gifts to be matched, as well as pledge payments that complete TFR pledges! All TFR gifts reduce the size of an eventual mortgage. Below is a chart reflecting giving as of Sept. 22.



- 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



## Butterflies will Continue to Multiply

Through the end of 2011 the butterflies on the lake view windows by the open stairway will increase in numbers. As the First Lutheran family turns to focus on the *all-important* Mission Commitments for 2012, the butterflies will quietly appear in response to any new Time for Renewal gifts. Red and blue butterflies indicate *new* gifts that are matched; and green butterflies indicate completed Time for Renewal pledges.



# SERVING

## Scandinavian Food & Craft Festival Sat., Oct. 29, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

At this year's Scandinavian Food & Craft Festival, you can find the perfect Christmas decoration, some homemade breads and cookies, Fair Trade coffees and tea, a multitude of mixes, jewelry, and have a chance to taste freshly made abelskivers, krumkake, and lefse. A soup and sandwich lunch will be waiting for you along with other goodies to enjoy.

### Are you cleaning out your bookshelves, holiday boxes or jewelry collection?



The Scandinavian Food and Craft Festival would love to have your donations: Books for the **Book Nook**, Christmas things for the **Christmas Booth**, and jewelry for the **Jewel Box**. Drop off books and Christmas things in boxes in



the empty room below the Gathering Space. Jewelry can be put into the container near the church office on 3rd floor. Your donations will be gratefully accepted, and will become a treasure to someone else!



### Want to help with preparations?

All preparation activities will be held in the kitchen and/or Lower Commons, and begin at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will enjoy working with others, and your time will be greatly appreciated. All are welcome.

- Oct. 3 (Mon.) - Bread & Cookie Mixes, Apple Crisp - Beryl
- Oct. 11 (Tues.) - Crafts - Muriel
- Oct. 19 (Wed.) - Pie Making - Lois B.
- Oct. 26 (Wed.) - Bake Day - Carol A.
- Oct. 28 (Fri.) - Sandwich Making & Pie Baking, Set Up
- Oct. 29 (Sat.) - Scandinavian Food & Craft Festival

**Planning Team:** Lois Berg (724-4808), Beryl Bredeson (728-2031), Muriel Lehman (525-3608), Janet Wick (525-1224), Coralyn Worth (724-1690), Shirley Wuchter (525-1381) and Teresa Zupancich (340-3223).

Note: Proceeds of the Festival are shared throughout the community, the church and the world to make life better for many. We thank Thrivent for donating matching funds!

**Knitters and Crocheters Welcome  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Meets Thurs., Oct. 13, 1:00 p.m.**



## Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate will be on sale again Oct. 9



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.

### What's that great smell?

It's cinnamon rolls! On Sun., Oct. 2, 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.



## Essentia Annual Memorial Service

Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospice invites you to the Annual Memorial Service. Please join hospice families and friends to remember loved ones, honor families and thank community caregivers. The service takes place at 2:00 p.m., Sun., Oct. 2, at Lakeview Covenant Church, 1001 Jean Duluth Road, Duluth.

Lois and Mavis will be waiting for you at the Scandinavian Food and Craft Festival again this year. Come and see what's in the goodie bags on Oct. 29!



# RELATING

## Lord, How often shall we forgive? from Tom Whittaker

*On the 10th anniversary of 9/11, Pastor Larson mentioned in her sermon the devotions that Tom Whittaker gave at the Executive Committee earlier that week on Sept. 8. Below is a copy of those devotions. As mentioned in her sermon, Tom Whittaker was one mile from the Pentagon on 9/11 ten years ago. Thank you Tom for sharing your devotion with everyone at FLC at the request of your pastor.*

As you may or may not know, devotions are not what I will get my reward in heaven for. Given that, I decided to seek help from the internet. I opened an e-mail from Dan Glendenin of Journey With Jesus entitled "National Tragedies in Light of Spiritual Truths: The Tenth Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks". I opened an e-mail from Bob Pearson in which he said: I am a daily reader of Journey With Jesus. I read the essay from Dan Glendenin on 9/11. The last part, the part referring to forgiveness, I read and pondered on, and will strive to live to the high standard suggested in forgiving others 70 times."

I plugged into Lutheran Hour Ministries. The first thing that caught my eye was a question - "True or False: You remember where you were when the jets flew into the Pentagon and the World Trade Center." The second question was: "True or False: You said a prayer for all the people who were trapped, for those whose loved ones had died, and for those who were involved in the clean-up." I decided that perhaps I should focus my devotions on 9/11.

I remember 9/11. I was working in the Munitions Industrial Base Task Force office in Rosylyn, Virginia; which is a little over one mile from the Pentagon, as the crow flies. About 9:30 in the morning we heard lots of sirens. We paid little attention; there are always sirens going off in the D.C. area. But they kept wailing, and the number seemed to grow. We finally turned on the radio and learned that an airplane had flown into the Pentagon. We also learned that two airplanes had flown into the World Trade Center. We had no TV in the office. I went to my hotel room. On the way, I saw the smoke rising from the vicinity of the Pentagon. From that point on, I was glued to the TV, as were many of you.

I don't recall praying. I do recall being incredibly angry at the animals who would kill over 3,000 innocent people to make a point. I, like many of you, wanted revenge.

Later, I went to a memorial service in the park in

Rosylyn where they rang a bell for every one of the people who died at the Pentagon, except those who caused it. I guess that was when I prayed.

It is now 10 years later. We invaded Afghanistan, where the perpetrators of the awful deeds on 9/11 trained. We conquered the Taliban - kind of. We have killed many Al-Qaeda operatives who planned and helped execute the 9/11 attacks. But more have taken their place. I don't feel any better, and the underlying problems have certainly not been solved. So what is the answer?

The Bible passage that goes along with the Glendenin essay is Matthew 18: 21-25. It reads: *Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."*

Jesus' words may not be precisely relevant to the 9/11 circumstances, but I'm afraid they are the only answer. Not because any of the perpetrators deserve forgiveness, but because revenge isn't working, and it will never work, and the cancer of hatred is spreading to good people who will end up being our enemies because of it. We need to forgive so we can move on and start to deal with the root causes of the problem.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, help us forgive the people who attacked us on September 11, 2001. Help us remember that they did what they did out of misguided devotion to a cause, not for personal gain. Help us, in particular, to keep from spreading our feelings about those people to the vast majority of Moslems who feel as we do about their behavior. And finally, please help us work toward constructive solutions to the problems we face. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

### Topnotchers

**Fri., Oct. 14 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Topnotchers** (anyone 50 and over) will meet Fri., Oct. 15. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. So you won't be surprised, the cost of the meal is raised to \$8. The "Downbeats" will provide a musical program. Those who are attending for the first time are asked to call Dorothy by **Tues., Oct. 11 (525-5550)** to let her know you are coming. If you are one of the regulars, but haven't received a phone call by Tuesday, call Dorothy. Watch for posters in the church that will give you information about the featured program.

# RELATING

## Stephen Ministry: God's Love in Action Recruiting Stephen Ministers

The Stephen Ministry Leaders are asking congregation members to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as they recruit Stephen Ministers. They ask especially for prayers that the Holy Spirit might raise up those in our midst who have been blessed with the gifts of mercy, compassion, faith, and encouragement, that they might develop their gifts more fully through the Stephen Ministry Program and use those gifts to bring God's love and forgiveness to people in need.



### Information Sessions

There will be three Stephen Minister Information Sessions in October for all those interested in becoming

or encouraging Stephen Ministers: Sun., Oct. 9 from 10:00-10:30 a.m.; Tues., Oct. 11 from 12:00-12:30 p.m.; or Wed., Oct. 12 from 6:30-7:00 p.m. All information sessions will be on the 3rd floor in the Room 307.

### Applications are Being Accepted Now

Applications for Stephen Ministers are being accepted now through Sun., Oct. 23. If you need an application, please ask one of the pastors, a Stephen Leader, or someone in the church office. Interviews for selecting Stephen Ministers will take place in November, and the new class will begin training in January.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry, please talk a pastor or a Stephen Leader (Lezlie Oachs, 724-5860; Ron Carlson, 525-6542; Don Streufert, 724-9084).

## What Stephen Ministers Do

### Pray

Stephen Ministers pray daily for their care receivers and strive to worship God always in word and deed. They reveal the love of God to those who most need to see it.

### Care for the Care Receiver

Stephen Ministers are assigned to care receivers - people in crisis who need caring support. Stephen Ministers care for those in moderate difficulties. The Stephen Minister's care helps the care receiver resolve the difficulty and achieve growth. Most Stephen Ministers meet once a week with their care receivers for about an hour at a time. They may also check in with the care receiver by telephone, particularly when the care receiver is going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers use special skills to care for their care receivers. Among the most important are:

- ◆ **Listening.** Most care receivers need someone simply to listen - really listen as they talk through their difficulties.
- ◆ **Dealing with feelings.** Stephen Ministers reflect the care receiver's content, feelings, and ideas and ask open-ended questions to help the care receiver recognize, express, and accept his or her feelings.
- ◆ **Sharing distinctively Christian caring resources.** Stephen Ministers may share a prayer, a Bible verse or story, or other caring gestures that the care receiver would welcome
- ◆ **Remaining process-oriented.** Stephen Ministers do not try to fix the care receiver or his or her problems; they focus on the process of caregiving and rely on God to achieve results.
- ◆ **Relating assertively.** Stephen Ministers respect both the needs of the care receiver and their own needs as well.

◆ **Maintaining boundaries.** Stephen Ministers set appropriate boundaries in the caring relationship, helping the care receiver remain as independent as possible while being there for the care receiver as needed.

◆ **Recommending professional care when necessary.** Stephen Ministers are not trained to care for those who are suicidal, severely depressed, abusive, or homicidal, or who are abusing drugs or alcohol. If Stephen Ministers recognize that their care receiver's needs exceed the care they are able to provide, they see, that the care receiver receives professional care.

### Maintain Confidentiality

Stephen Ministers understand that confidentiality is crucial in any caring relationship. The care receiver needs to know that what he or she says to the Stephen Minister will remain in confidence. Stephen Ministers maintain strict confidentiality and encourage other Stephen Ministers to do the same.

### Participate in Twice-Monthly Supervision and Continuing Education Sessions

Stephen Ministers participate faithfully in Small Group Peer Supervision and continuing education, coming prepared to every supervision session unless illness or emergency makes attendance impossible. Supervision provides Stephen Ministers with support, guidance, and accountability for their caring relationships. There are no unsupervised Stephen Ministers.

### Help the Congregation Understand and Appreciate Stephen Ministry

Through their service, Stephen Minister's help the congregation appreciate Stephen Ministry and encourage members to become ministers of referral who help those in crisis receive the care they need.

# RELATING

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

"Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers." - Charles W. Eliot

Thank you God for those that are on the library committee. They keep our library organized and appealing. They send us little reminders when we forget to bring a book or movie back by the due date. The library committee keeps adding books for our reading interests. And each month they entice us with a list of books of special interest with their monthly column in this newsletter.

Did you know that the library has a selection of Videos and DVD's for children and also ones for adults/families? How cool to be able to check out Veggie Tale movies or Davey & Goliath! And books – a wide range of books! They are organized by age group – from picture books on up to adult reading. How fun to stop by on Sunday to browse and pick out something new to read or view. There is a committee member "on duty" between services to assist you. Anything from fiction to parenting skills to devotional books are in the Olina Library. Thank you God for all the skills and work of the library committee.

"I cannot live without books." - Thomas Jefferson



## Remembering the Saints

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6, is a time to remember those who have gone before us in faith. The 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, 728-3668, to have those names included.

## New Members Classes to Begin

New Member classes will begin on Sun., Oct. 30 at 9:45 in the 3rd floor Conference Room. Classes continue on Sun., Nov. 6 and 13 at 9:45 a.m. New members will be welcomed into the congregation on Sun., Nov. 20. Please contact the church office if you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran Church (728-3668).

## Women's M&M Event: "Women of Light" Fri., Oct. 7

Women of First Lutheran Church will gather on **Fri., Oct. 7 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** for a fall candlelit m&m event. The evening will begin with "light" desserts and social time in the Parish Hall followed by a special evening worship service. The service will be led by Pastor Larson and feature music by the vocal duo of Sara Thomsen and Paula Pedersen.

Tickets are \$5.00 and are available Sunday mornings or from the church office. Get yours while they last! Please contact Beth Holst, Teresa Zupancich, Sara Ojard or the church office with any questions.

## What's with the m&ms? An FLCW Welcome from Beth Holst, FLCW President

"m&ms" are candies many can't resist. They come in many colors, flavors and sizes. What do these little morsels have in common with FLC women? Plenty! "m&m" can stand for more than just candy. They can stand for two sisters in the Bible whom Jesus loved, namely Mary and Martha. Mary is the one found sitting at the feet of Jesus (Luke 10) listening, ingesting every Word from Him, growing in faith. It's a beautiful image.

Martha has an image of a whiner- she's ending up doing all the work of hosting Jesus and his disciples while her sister sits. Yes, Martha is not perfect, but she is the one who welcomed Jesus into her home and gave her best to serve. Later (John 11), when her brother Lazarus dies, Martha runs to Jesus and witnesses to her faith stating "you are the Son of God", when few others just didn't get it. Oh to have the energy and insight of Martha. Jesus dearly loved them both.

As women of FLC, we are called to be Marys and Marthas, taking the time to nurture our faith as Mary did and serving through our actions as Martha. It can't be "m" or "M". We understand that spirituality without service is barren and selfish. Service without spirituality is exhausting and hopeless.

FLCW strives to build community within the congregation, inviting women we love into an organization we cherish. Monthly Bible studies are offered and the women are grounded in serving others, especially those outside the church walls.

When you hear or read "calling all Marys and Marthas", we hope you consider being a part of what we are about. We welcome you to come and see!

**The next m&m event is Fri., Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m.**

# RELATING



## 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)



Part of the team:  
Back row - Will, Gunnar, Karl, Kal; Middle - John, Dory, Kristine; Front - Ben, Sarah, Austin.

## Flyers Softball Team Finish Season

The First Lutheran Flyers Softball team had another fun and successful season this summer. Despite several rainouts we finally finished the season on August 23rd. Those playing on the team were: Victor Krause, Mike Shepard, Karl, Kal, and Gunnar Howg, Geoff and Katie Vuchelich, Luke and Miranda Shoenecker, Will Sjoblom, Austin Nelson, Laura Hoelter, Jill Hilliard, Pete and Sophia Langr, and Kristine Fitch, Nick and Sarah Shilman, and John Caple. Another youth, Ben Weaver joined the team for the last game and scored two runs. Thanks to Katie for getting the new t-shirts ordered and to everyone else for making it a great season.

Co-managers: Vic Krause and Dory Sjoblom



More team members: Back - Will, Mike, Dory, Luke, Geoff, Laura; Front - John, Vic, Miranda, and Jill.

## 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.



## Conference on Sustainability

Global Health Ministries is sponsoring a conference on "Sustainability: Empowering Partners and Communities" on Sat., Oct. 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake. Contact Shirley Wuchter if you are interested in attending.



Vic and Laura



Pete, Sophie and Kristin

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



Space to Grow is gearing up! Planning continues to move forward with the new educational space here at First Lutheran. Hopefully you had a chance to follow the yellow flowers during September to visit the space; if not, please take the opportunity to peek into the shelled space adjacent to the 2-3 year old Sunday School room/Promise Preschool.

This space will provide educational opportunities throughout the week for all ages. The entire church community will gain a vehicle for fulfilling our baptismal promises, a joyful learning environment and a place to build relationships. The new space will have multiple beneficiaries throughout the week:

- The 4 and 5 year old Sunday School class will be relocated to the new space.
- Adult education classes will be located in the vacated 4 and 5 year old Sunday School room.
- The 4 year old Promise Preschool class will gain a more secure room, free from the distractions of traffic in and out of the London Road entrance.
- Families of Lutheran Social Services will be invited to access the new educational space for large motor play during family evenings.

Please direct questions to George Rennan (Chair) at 728-3721/fabio625@callta.com or Anya Powell (Co-Chair) at 728-4299/powell717@msn.com.

**News from San Antonio Los Ranchos  
in El Salvador**

First Lutheran received news from sister community of San Antonio Los Ranchos in El Salvador. The new coordinator, Julieta Borja, spoke of the importance of communication, and told of a Sister Parish Solidarity Walk to raise awareness and funds for Sister Parish and of the possibility of a delegation from Duluth traveling there. A former student and scholarship recipient told of the importance of communication:

*“Good communication is what makes the Hermanamiento continue...we shouldn't value the Hermanamiento because we get a materialistic benefit, but because we have built a relationship of friendship and solidarity between the two communities.”*

The group also worked on decorations for the celebration of the anniversary of the repopulation of Los Ranchos (when people returned from the refugee camps in Honduras in the 1980s). Some pictures were sent of this preparation by former and present scholarship students. From reading their letters, we can see that life is not easy. There are gangs that extort the public bus drivers and if the bus drivers refuse to pay the extortion they are killed. This affects the whole population and sometimes prevents the students from travelling to school or work.

Carmen Vesenia, a scholarship student wrote: *We would like to thank all of you for what you do for us, your support is very important and value for us as students. You have accompanied us in this long but beautiful journey. I am studying Nursing and I like it a lot. Currently I am working in my graduation thesis, the theme I have chosen to investigate is of a lot importance for all the women. I am working on the different tests to detect breast cancer and I am already in the last phase of the investigation.*

If you are interested in being part of the delegation to Los Ranchos, please contact Anne Rogotzke or Dory Sjoblom. A meeting will be set up soon with those who are interested and a date set for travel that works for everyone. More information on delegations can be found at the Sister Parish website ([www.sisterparish.org](http://www.sisterparish.org)). There are also pictures of First Lutheran folks -as well as last October's visitors, Consuelo and Jose`.



Consuelo and scholarship student help decorate for anniversary celebration.

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# CAMP NEWS

## Operation Boathouse Continues Camp Vermilion

First Lutheran, with funding from Thrivent's "Care abounds in Communities" program, and volunteer help from Voyageur Lutheran Ministry staff and Faith Lutheran Church in Iron, MN, is completing Phase II of Operation Boathouse at VLM's Camp Vermilion. The structure has been strengthened, utility improved, and the crew enhanced the appearance of this, the signature building at Camp Vermilion. Once again, we can point with pride to the plaque on the building which identifies First Lutheran as the church responsible for the structure.

You may recall that, during Phase I, also funded by Thrivent, we replaced all the windows; painted most of the exterior, and some of the interior; added shakes to the upper part of the lake side of the structure; removed the rotting gutters; and replaced the large "Camp Vermilion" sign on those shakes. First Lutheran volunteers included: Bob Pearson, the Krause family, Don Streufert, Rick Hanson, Bill Perkins, the Badger family, Nels Ojard, and Tom Whittaker. They were assisted by Brian Fulkerson of Cook. During Phase II, which was just completed, the crew accomplished the following:

- Shored up the structure of the building with 4' by 4's, 8" by 8"s, 2" by 8"s, concrete, steel, and very large bolts. It is now ready for whatever the lake can throw at it.
- Removed the 3 old lakeside doors, and replaced them with 2 new steel roll-up doors.
- Replaced the rotting half-log siding adjacent to the roll-up doors with new siding; and painted same.
- Finished painting the interior of the second floor.

While Phase II benefitted from the work of many of the Phase I volunteers, Vic and Shania Krause, Bill Perkins, Chad Christianson, Joycelyn Ream, Jane Olson and Tom Whittaker have been the primary FLC contributors this time around. They received significant help from Hugh Etter, Ward Etter, Bob Joki, and George Godfrey from Faith Lutheran in Iron, MN, who did most of the structural work; and Rick Scheuring, and Joel Abenth of VLM.

There is still work to do. We need to strengthen the rip-rap in front of the building, install shelving in the lower level, and replace some siding on the northeast corner of the building. Rick is prioritizing the work in the light of the remaining Thrivent funds, and will provide direction soon. Joel Abenth and his staff at Camp Vermilion are very grateful for the work we did, and very pleased with the results. We, in turn, are very grateful for the opportunity to work with them and with Thrivent to enhance the summer camp experience for our youth.

# OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> 10:00 AA - YR 10:00 Visitation-GS 11:00 Funeral for Mary Alice Hanson-S
<i>2</i> 8:30 Worship - S 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Youth Rngrs-MR 10:00 Love&Logic-PH 11:00 Worship - S 4:00 Recharge-YR	<i>3</i> 9:00 FLCW Bread Mixes-K 1:00 Library Comm. 5:15 AA - PH 6:00 Sojourners II-CH 6:00 SojournersIII-CF 7:00 Sojourners I-hom 7:00 m&m Bible study 7:00-Ruth Gathering	<i>4</i> 9:00 Steph Min-#307 11:45 Book Group-UC 4:15 Past Pres Pryr 5:30 Bd of Ed-UC	<i>5</i> 8:00 Pryr Comm - CH 10:00 Staff Mtg - CH,CF 5:00 Confirmation-PH 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria-S	<i>6</i> 7:00 Men's Prayer & Discussion-UC 8:45 MOPS-PH 9:00 Yoga-YR 5:30 Jublation Rgr-MR 6:45-9 College Fair 5:30 Exec Comm - CF 6:00 Bd of Ops	<i>7</i> 9:30 Fri. Morning Bible Study w/ Pr. Larson-PH Cook/Hamm wedding rehearsal 7:00 m&m Event	<i>8</i> 10:00 AA - YR Organ Master Classes w/James David Christie-S 3:30 Crook/Hamm Wedding-S
<i>9</i> 8:30 Worship - S 9:45 Sunday School/ Adult Ed 9:45 Youth Rngrs-MR 11:00 Worship - S 12:00 Steph Min-#307 12:15 Pre-Baptism-CF 4:00 Organ Recital-S 4:00 Recharge-YR 6:30 Synod Journey Mtg	<i>10</i> 5:15 AA - PH 6:00 Sojourners II-CH 6:00 SojournersIII-CF 7:00 Sojourners I-hom	<i>11</i> 9:00 FLCW Crafts-LC 9:00 Steph Min#307 11:45 Book Group-UC 12:00 Steph Min Info 4:15 Past Pres Pryr 5:30 Caring Min - CF 6:30 Bd Ch Soc - UC 7:00 Bd WAM - CF 7:00 Bd Gbl - #307 7:00 Bd of Evang-Lib	<i>12</i> 8:00 Pryr Comm 10:00 Staff Mtg-CH,CF 5:00 Confirmation-PH 6:30 Steph Min info-#307 6:30 Space/Grow Mtg 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria-S Internet Safety-12:00, 5:00, 6:30 - see article on p. 15	<i>13</i> 7:00 Men's Pryr 9:00 Yoga-YR 9:00 MOPS Comm 1:00 Prayer Shwl - CF 5:30 Jublation Rgr-MR 6:00 Bd of Ops 7:00 Bd of Youth-CF 7:00 OSL-CH	<i>14</i> 9:30 Fri. Morning Bible Study w/ Pr. Larson-PH 5:00 Topnotchers-PH	<i>15</i> 10:00 AA - YR
<i>16</i> 8:30 Worship - S 9:45 Sunday School/ Adult Ed 9:45 Youth Rngrs-MR 11:00 Worship - S 4:00 Recharge-YR	<i>17</i> 1:00 Library Committee 5:15 AA - PH 6:00 Sojourners II-CH 6:00 SojournersIII-CF 7:00 Sojourners I-hom	<i>18</i> 9:00 Steph Min #307 9:30 Leah Gathr- CF 11:45 Book Group-UC 4:15 Past Pres Pryr 6:30 Foundation-307 7:00 Bd Steward - UC	<i>19</i> 8:00 Pryr Comm - CH 9:00 FLCW Pies-K 9:30 Eliz Gath - UC 9:30 Dorcas - LC 10:00 Staff Mtg 1:00 Esther- Lakeshore 5-7:30 Confirmation 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria-S	<i>20</i> 7:00 Men's Pryr Grp 8:45 MOPS - PH and classrooms 9:00 Yoga-YR 1:30 Naomi Gath-Hms 5:30 Jubilation Rgr-MR 6:00 Bd of Ops 7:00 NE MN Synod Event-PH	<i>21</i> 9:30 Fri. Morning Bible Study w/ Pr. Larson-PH 10:30-5 Hang Day with Chad - YR	<i>22</i> 10:00 AA - YR
<i>23</i> 8:30 Worship - S 9:45 Sunday School/ Adult Ed 9:45 Youth Rngrs-MR 11:00 Worship - S 4:00 Recharge-YR 6:00 Fish Force-YR	<i>24</i> 5:15 AA - PH 6:00 Sojourners II-CH 6:00 SojournersIII-CF 7:00 Sojourners I-hom	<i>25</i> 9:00 Steph Min #307 11:45 Book Group-UC 4:15 Past Pres Pryr	<i>26</i> 8:00 Pryr Comm - CH 8:00 FLCW Bake Day! 10:00 Staff Mtg 5:00 Confirmation 7:15 Soli Deo Gloria-S	<i>27</i> 7:00 Men's Pryr 9:00 Quilting-PH 9:00 Yoga-YR 1:30 FLCW Study Ldrs 4:00 Finance-CF 5:30 Jubilation Rgr-MR 6:00 Bd of Ops 5:00 PPS Potluck-PH 7:00 Companions-CH	<i>28</i> 9:30 Fri. Morning Bible Study w/ Pr. Larson-Chapel Fall Festival set-up	<i>29</i> 10:00 AA - YR 9:30-1:30 FLCW Scandinavian Food & Craft Festival 2:00 Confirmation rehearsal-S 4:00-6:00 Trunk or Treat-PH, Ld Rd Lot
<i>30</i> REFORMATION 8:30 Worship - S 9:45 New Mbr ClassCF 9:45 Sunday School/ Adult Ed 9:45 Youth Rngrs-MR 11:00 Confirmation No Recharge today	<i>31</i> 6:00 Sojourners II-CH 6:00 SojournersIII-CF 7:00 Sojourners I-hom					



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