

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



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Sunday School Open House & Ministry Fair Sun., Sept. 12

Sunday School

All the Sunday School classrooms will be having an open house on Sun., Sept. 12 for children, parents, and congregation members to learn more about what is going to be happening in Sunday School this year. Students can see their classroom and meet their teachers. Everyone is especially invited to come and check out what is happening in our new Faith Quest classrooms! (See article on p. 12.) Families can also complete registration forms that morning, as needed. Classrooms will be open during the education hour, 9:45-10:45 a.m.



Ministry Fair

Come to the Ministry Fair on Sun., Sept. 12 and learn more about how God's work is being done through your hands. The Ministry Fair will be held from 9:45 -10:45 a.m. Tables will be set up in the Upper Commons, Lower Commons and the Parish Hall. Check out all the great information on the many ministries of First Lutheran Church.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Pre-schoolers to post-grads, bring your school backpack (or book bag or whatever you use) to church on Sun., Sept. 19 for a special blessing during worship. God blesses you in your vocation as a student, and your church family wants to acknowledge that publicly and give you a small gift so you can "wear your faith" each day to school.



Congregational Meeting to be held Sept. 26

A congregational meeting has been scheduled at First Lutheran Church to be held Sun., Sept. 26 at 12:15 in the Parish Hall. The congregation will be asked to formally call Pastor Sonja Anderson, who is serving as Chaplain at First Lutheran. There will also be an update on Time for Renewal, and a financial report. Please plan on attending.

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

A Message from Sr. Pastor April Ulring Larson

*"How very good and pleasant it is when brothers
and sisters live together as one. There God gives
blessing: life for ever."* Psalm 133:1, 3b

*"Come, bless the Lord, all of you. Lift up your
hands to the holy place and bless the Lord."*
Psalm 134:1a, 2



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The hustle and bustle intensifies in August as
FLC boards, committees and task forces, Sunday
School teachers, music leaders and music groups, the FLC women and
new Younger Women's Group, Confirmation instructors and youth
programming start to gear up for our season of programming. Their
ideas, enthusiasm, passion, energy, their hopes and dreams can make
your head whirl and your heart race. As we prepare for the 2010-2011
regular programs, even the tireless bees and the ants of God's kingdom
do not outshine the people of FLC in their preparation. Whew!

Both FLC² and our Confirmation leaders have decided to center on
the historic call to discipleship set forth in the five baptismal promises
all of us as a congregation, including parents and godparents, have
made. These are our marching orders, our mission plan. These promises
are set forth in our Book of Worship: **Evangelical Lutheran Worship**,
the ELW, page 228 and page 236.

*As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are
entrusted with responsibilities:*

*To live with them among God's faithful people
Bring them to the Word of God and the holy supper
Teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten
Commandments*

*Place in their hands the holy scriptures
And nurture them in faith and prayer*

*So that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through
word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for
justice and peace.*

*Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and
life?*

How do we fulfill these promises?



Last April at the NE MN Synod Assembly, we
honored Pastor Earl Carlson's 65th year of his ordination.
When he was given the microphone to say a few words,
Pastor Carlson talked about the two most important
books in his life—the Bible and the hymnbook.

This summer, I almost began to cry in the service. A
young father was sharing his worship book (the ELW)
with his young son showing him where we were in the ELW, inviting
his son more deeply into the worship service. It is one of the powerful
images of First Lutheran, an inspiring visual picture of a parent
vibrantly living out the promise he made at his child's baptism.

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Sometimes we forget the Bible is first of all a communal book. We think instead the Bible is our personal book with God. Yet we cannot miss that our hymnbook, our worship book, is a communal book. We look at it and hold it and we imagine the congregation, the church, gathered in worship, praising God together.

Our fore parents in the faith wore the edges off these two books, the Bible and the Hymnbook. Often, these two books were the only two books they carried from the old country to the new world.

This year through the generous donation of a couple in our congregation, a gift was given in memory of Ben to place a leather-bound pocket edition of the ELW into the hands of each Sunday School student first grade through tenth.

Now this fall, with the finest Sunday School teachers and Confirmation guides, these students will use these pocket ELWs (which will be left at church until the students are confirmed) as we strive together to live out the promises made at our children's baptisms at First Lutheran.

The ELW contains the Small Catechism written solely for parents to instruct their children in the faith, the psalms (which are the earliest songbook of our faith), prayers, the daily lectionary, morning and evening prayers, table blessings. How wonderful it is as a whole congregation, young and old, children and adults, to lift up our voices together in praise of God.

"Come, bless the Lord, all of you. Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord." - Psalm 134:1a, 2

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Larson

FLC Young Leaders Pledge \$685,000!

Young leaders are the future of this congregation and they certainly appreciate this reality. Our younger leaders are not only contributing their time and talents in many ministries, but are significantly supporting that future *financially*. At least 47 young leaders have already made three year pledges, committing support for Time for Renewal of nearly \$685,000.

The TFR Fund Development Committee would like to acknowledge these numerous pledges to Time for Renewal from younger individuals, couples and families and to say an enthusiastic "Thank You!" for your generous support. These pledges have come in a wide range of amounts, with focus on different aspects of First Lutheran's mission. Together they have provided well over a third of the total amount pledged so far toward our renewed sanctuary, new organ and welcoming space. Thank you so much! You are an inspiration for all generations.

TFR Fund Development Committee

Board of Evangelism Ministry Opportunities

Hospitality is a culture. It's easy and natural to look for familiar faces when we enter a room, but the Gospel calls us to seek out the stranger in our midst. The "culture of hospitality" challenges us to break out of our networks of association and seek out and welcome ALL who come to worship. Will you accept this call to hospitality ministry?



New Member Host /Mentor Ministry

The Board of Evangelism would like to find individuals and families to serve as host/mentors for prospective new members. Your primary responsibility would be to let your prospective new member or family know we are pleased they visited FLC and invite them to become members of our congregation of faith. Suggestions on hosting and mentoring will be provided.

Greeter Ministry

It is our goal so set up a Greeter Ministry team for each month of the year. Your team would be responsible for scheduling team members to greet at each worship service that month. Training will be provided to monthly team leaders.

Hospitality Ministry

We want to keep up the tradition of providing coffee and treats between Sunday morning worship services each Sunday. We need Boards, Task Forces, other groups, families or groups of families to sign up to provide treats.

For more information on these ministry opportunities or to volunteer your service to First Lutheran's welcoming and hospitality ministries, contact Board of Evangelism Chair Dave Walter at 728-6257 or e-mail at dawalter38@hotmail.com.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY

Worship Notes

Note the times of worship for September

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

- Sun., Sept. 5** 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. (back in Sanctuary)
Readings: Deut. 30:15-20; Ps. 1; Philemon 1-21;
Luke 14:25-33
- Sun., Sept. 12** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Readings: Exod. 32:7-14; Ps. 51:1-10;
1 Tim. 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
- Sun., Sept. 19** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Ps. 113; 1 Tim. 2:1-7;
Luke 16:1-13
- Sun., Sept. 26** 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Ps. 146; 1 Tim. 6:6-19;
Luke 16:19-31

Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary.



Music Rehearsals begin in September

New members are welcomed to join

- Apostle Choir** (Grades 3-6) - Wed., Sept. 22,
3:45-4:40 p.m. - Sanctuary
- Apostle Ringers** (Grades 3-6) - Wed., Sept. 22,
4:40-5:15 p.m. - Choir Room
- Youth Ringers** (Grades 7-12) - Sun., Sept. 26,
9:45-10:45 a.m. - Choir Room
- Worship Team** (Grade 7-Adults) - Wed., Sept. 22,
5:15-6:15 p.m. - Sanctuary
- Senior Choir** (Adults) - Wed., Sept. 8,
7:15-8:45 p.m. - Sanctuary
- Jubilation Ringers** (Adults) - Thurs., Sept. 9,
5:45-7:00 p.m. - Choir Room

Worship Attendance

Sun., July 25	449
Sun., Aug. 1	470
Sun., Aug. 8	341
Sun., Aug. 15	339

Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice

from Karen Sande, Asst. Dir. of Music Ministry

“Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice – it takes the whole person to sing and rejoice.” This has been the lifelong mantra of Helen Kemp. Helen is considered a national, even international, children’s choir expert, and increasingly an advocate for singing throughout one’s lifetime. She made a cameo appearance at the St. Olaf Conference on Worship, Theology and the Arts, which I attended this summer.

In retirement, Helen has cut down her activities somewhat; she now directs only a preschool choir, and a choir for seniors in the complex where she lives; the youngest singer there is age 76 and the oldest, at age 92, is Helen! Many seniors told her they retired from choirs in their 50s or 60s, thinking they didn’t have the voice or energy they used to, and she always replied, “Oh honey, I was in my prime in my 50s and 60s!” And I can vouch for that; I took a class from her while I was in grad school nearly 30 years ago and she was a fabulous teacher, conductor and soloist.

Helen’s mantra doesn’t apply just to singing and making music. There are countless ways to use your body, mind, spirit and voice as an offering to God and in the service of God’s people. Join the gardeners, maintenance team, ushers, communion servers, scripture readers or work in the nursery, drive the van, visit the sick and home-bound. Join a Bible study or book club, become a reading partner or tutor, teach in Sunday School or Confirmation. Attend worship regularly, participate in a prayer group, share your voice, your art, your talent. Express your faith through song by singing heartily from the congregation, play in a music ensemble or join a choir. According to Helen, “you don’t stop singing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop singing.”

Thank You Musicians

Thank you to the following for their music leadership at worship services in August: Soloists - Annika Johnson (violin), Karen Sande (organ), Malaika Magomolla (piano), Bob Nesheim (organ) Matthew Peckham (tenor) Glenn Peterson (baritone); Worship Team members; Ginger Backus, Kirsten Bich, Cory Clay, Heidi Curnow, Pat Dorn, Dave Haavik, Leroy Henderson, Beth & Tim Holst, Jon Larson, Beth Storaasli & Mark Knutson, Erna & Glenn Peterson, Karen Sande, Liz Raduege, Brenda Schrader-Johnson; and special guests from Cape Town, South Africa, the music group Hope 21:11.

STUDY

Adult Education Opportunities

The Board of Education is working to organize small group ministry within our congregation. We are excited about offering opportunities to build community with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Each of us has a need to be nourished with God's word and with the fellowship of others. By participating in a small group activity we hope you can find that fulfillment. There are three new opportunities available this fall and winter:

1. Sunday school parent group meeting during the education hour;
2. Small groups discussing Lutheranism and its meaning which meets on various days; and
3. "Love and Logic" parenting group led by a trained facilitator.

The Board of Education will have an informational table on Sunday mornings to help answer questions and get you in contact with the group facilitator. We look forward to seeing you this fall!



Women of the ELCA

Lake Superior Conference Fall Gathering "Tread the Earth Lightly"

Thurs., Oct. 7 - Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

All women of First Lutheran are invited to attend the Lake Superior Conference Fall Gathering held on Thurs., Oct. 7 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Duluth. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the program begins at 9:00. Lunch will be served for \$6. The morning speaker is J. Drake Hamilton, Dir. of Fresh Energy's global warming solutions program. Fresh Energy is working in partnership with Lutheran Coalition for Public Policy in Minnesota on state climate and energy policy issues. Learn more about climate change, our role in it, and ways to change it.

A silent auction will be held to cover costs for delegates to travel to the triennial convention in Spokane.

Free childcare with reservation by Sept. 29 (each child needs to bring their own bag lunch).

Call Beth Holst 724-5840, Teresa Zupancich 340-3223 or the church office to place your reservation.

FLCW Bible Study Circles

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

Ruth Circle - Mon., Sept. 13 - 7:00 p.m. at Prohaska's

Leah Circle - Tues., Sept. 14 - 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall

Naomi Circle - Thurs., Sept. 16 - 1:30 p.m., Haugejorde's

Elizabeth Circle - Wed., Sept. 15 - 9:30 a.m., Upper Commons

Dorcas Circles - Wed., Sept. 15 - 10:00 a.m., Homes

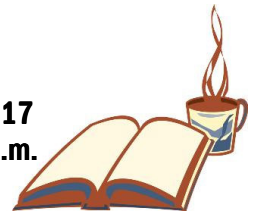
Esther Circle - Wed., Sept. 15 - 1:00 p.m., Homes

Friday Morning Bible Study

with Pastor Larson begins Fri., Sept. 17

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

All are welcome.



News from the Library

Beginning Sept. 12, a library committee member will be staffing the library between church services on Sundays.

In conjunction with the new Sunday School curriculum, Faith Quest, the library will feature books concerning the topic that is currently being studied by the students. This display will be located on the book shelves across from the restrooms. "Creation" is the first Bible story to be studied. Listed below are several books on this topic that are available and can be checked out.

Adam and His Family by Robert Baden

Adam and the Apple Turnover and Other Bible Stories to Tickle Your Soul by Mike Thaler

The Bible Story of the Creation by Mary Alice Jones

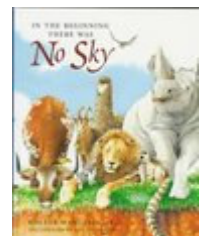
A Garden and a Promise by Ronald J. Schlegel

In the Beginning There Was No Sky
by Walter Wangerin, Jr.

The Real Story of the Creation by Paul L. Maier

The Story of Creation by Alice Joyce Davidson

When Time Began by Rhona Pipe



PRAYER & DEVOTION

News of the First Family



A Loss in the Family

Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved ones:

The family of **Becky Ardren** at the loss of Becky's mother Mildred Rundle.

The family of **Patricia Berry** and family at the loss of Patricia's father Edward Sterling.



Baptisms

August 8 Nelita Marie Nelson
Daughter of Ben & Rachel Nelson

August 8 Nora Larue, Leif Graham,
& Autumn Laurie Turpen
Children of Dave & Beth Ann Turpen

August 8 Joseph Patrick Gall
Son of Bill & Linda Gall

August 8 Ty Olan Schingen
Son of Joe Schingen & Karen Adams

August 22 Luke Robert Letendre
Son of Marc & Jill (Carlson) Letendre



Weddings

August 7 Jodi Frestedt & Bill Lorenze
August 21 Katie Haslerud & Eric Johnson

Adult Forums

Sunday morning adult forums are being scheduled and there are many great topics being covered. Watch for more information in Sunday's *In the Fold*. Forums are held in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m.

Sept. 19: ELCA genetics statement
(see article on p. 11)

Sept. 26: Forum presented by the Board of Stewardship

Noon Book Groups Consolidate on Tuesdays New Members Welcome!

The Noon Book Group will restart on Tues., Sept. 14, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and meet weekly. The Thursday group will not meet this year, but will join the Tuesday group.

The Fall is a good time for new members to try out this lively group. The weekly meetings make it possible for participants to come when they are able, but not miss too much when they are absent. Weekly readings are kept short so they are not overwhelming. To inquire about details of the group and get e-mail notices, call Ann Niedringhaus: 728-2988.

The book for Fall (chosen by group members) is Surprised by Hope by N.T. Wright. The book was recommended by Ben Larson. Copies are available at Northern Lights Books or in the FLC library. Several chapters were discussed last May, discussion will begin with Chapters 7 and 8 for Sept. 14.

Knitters and Crocheters Welcome Prayer Shawl Ministry Meets Thurs., Sept. 9



The First Lutheran Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second Thursday of the month in the 3rd floor conference room at 1:30 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).

Prayer shawls are made with care and prayer, and given to those who are hospitalized or ill. Baptismal blankets are also made and presented at baptisms.

Wednesday Morning Community Prayer Group

This small group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings, from 8:00-9:00 in the chapel. Time is spent in quiet contemplation of a scripture reading, discussion of the reading, and sharing prayer needs of the congregation, neighborhood, community and world. Voluntary prayers are then offered by various members.

You are invited to a beautiful mid-week affirmation of faith through the meeting of minds and hearts in common prayer.

Memoir Group

Do you like writing stories? This small group meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Conference Room beginning Sept. 8 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Call Shirley Wuchter if you'd like more information (525-1381), or visit the group on Wed., Sept. 8.

GIVING

JULY 2010 BUDGET UPDATE



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

2010					
July	July	Year to Date	Year to Date	Annual	
Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
\$65,000	\$61,943	\$457,713	\$428,983	\$818,381	
<u>3,083</u>	<u>5,253</u>	<u>32,796</u>	<u>39,731</u>	<u>54,000</u>	
\$68,083	\$67,196	\$490,509	\$468,714	\$872,381	
<u>77,325</u>	<u>56,770</u>	<u>522,826</u>	<u>497,534</u>	<u>910,676</u>	
(\$9,242)	\$10,426	(\$32,317)	(\$28,820)	(\$38,295)	

2009	
Year to Date	Actual
\$448,951	<u>66,522</u>
\$515,473	<u>493,537</u>
\$ 21,936	

Giving for the Ministries and Missions of First Lutheran Church

Weekly offering through:

Sun., July 25 \$10,300
 Sun., Aug. 1 \$ 9,065
 Sun., Aug. 8 \$19,468
 Sun., Aug. 15 \$ 7,360

Synod Financial Update from Bishop Tom Aitken (July 28, 2010)

Dear Faithful Members:

This is the first of regular updates you will be receiving regarding the shortfall in income our synod has experienced over the past several months. **As of July 27, we are \$121,922.00 behind in congregational Mission Support income.**

Something happened recently that I must share with you. Two weeks ago I was privileged to preach and preside at Holy Communion for one of the synod's smallest two-point parishes. I anticipated the same joy I get whenever I preach in our synod and I was not disappointed. The liturgy was said and sung with vibrancy, the potluck was delicious, and the "Visit with the Bishop" was insightful and encouraging. As I was about to leave, I was given a letter and a check from each congregation in the parish. The letter states something like this: *In response to the e-mail received from our synod office regarding the deficit, please accept the two checks, which represent \$10 per worshipper at each of our two congregations. Perhaps we can, as two of the smaller congregations in our synod, challenge other congregations to give \$10 per worshipper on an upcoming Sunday. We will continue to lift up in prayer the mission of our synod, its staff, its people.*

My response was emotional. WOW! People care about ministry. People care that the proclamation of the Gospel in word and deed through our NE MN Synod and the

ELCA does not suffer. It's one thing to "believe" in my mind that Christ uses our treasures for the good of others, it's another thing to actually roll up my sleeves and see to it that it happens. I commend this small parish for their commitment to creatively respond to the needs of our shared mission and ministry. I was not only emotionally moved - I am doing something!

I encourage every congregation in our synod, all 145, to accept the challenge the Maple Hill and Swan Valley Lutheran Parish proposed. I did the math. If every worshipper gave \$10 (I know \$10 is about the equivalent of two large DQ Blizzards!) toward Mission Support on an upcoming Sunday, we will raise **\$174,000!** This one-time gift, over and above a pledge, or your congregation's intent to the synod, will eliminate the current shortfall and set us **ahead** of projections. WOW.

Remember that wonderful verse, Isaiah 11:6, that we like to repeat at Christmastime? ". . .and a little child shall lead them." Right now, **a little parish is leading us.** Accept the challenge! I will provide regular updates of the funds received in *Online Reflections*.

Your opportunity to respond to the needs of the NE MN Synod of the ELCA will happen during worship on Sunday, Sept. 19. Check the *FirstNews* and *In the Fold* for details. Thank you for considering this need in your decisions as a steward of what God has given you!

Board of Stewardship

GIVING

June/July Gifts & Memorials

Gift to Take a Seat Campaign (choir chair/rack) in honor of Lois Janson's birthday: by Mary Ledford

Gift to FLCW Matching Funds (liturgical furniture) in honor of Arnold & Elizabeth Larson's 50th Wedding Anniversary: by Martha Larson/Bud Schaefer & Emily, Ruth Larson

Gift to Take A Seat Campaign in honor of Bob & Jackie Johnson: by Ted & Ruth Johnson

Gift to LWR Haiti in honor of Heather Roy & Steven Pitsckka's 1st wedding anniversary: by Bob & Ann Niedringhaus

Gift to 90 Day TFR Match in memory of Benjamin Larson: Dave & Anne Rogotzke

Gift to Memorial Fund in memory of Margaret Truedson: by David & Deborah Thorp, Chester Truedson

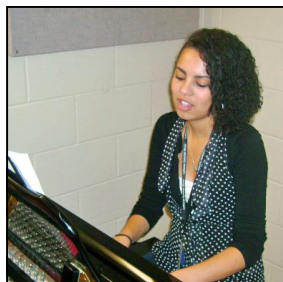
Gift to Radio Fund in memory of Margaret Truedson: by Michael & Cathy Armstrong, Roger & Evelyn Berntsen, Roy & Sandra Egelhoff, Kathy Johanson, Steve & Joyce Lent, James & Trudy Luman, Earl Nelson, Gary Peper, Wayne & Sharon Rebenstorf, Eugene & Betty Running, James & Kathleen Sharrow, Muriel & John Throp, Chester Truedson, David Zajac, Brad & Lezlie Oachs

Gift to TFR in memory of Dorothy Preus: by Brad & Lezlie Oachs.

Thank You for Scholarship from Malaika Magomolla

This June I spent four weeks in Decorah, Iowa at the Lutheran summer music camp. I was able to take primary piano lessons once a week and secondary voice lessons. My primary instructor, Eric Daub, was a helpful teacher and gave me many new techniques to think about. Being in the concert choir helped me so much and tied in with my voice lessons.

One of my favorite parts of the camp was the amazing people that I met. My social group composed of many of the girls from my quad. I had a wonderful roommate and got the chance to share some of the music I've worked on and written with them. I'm grateful to the people at First Lutheran Church who made this possible for me by providing me with a generous scholarship [provided by the Foundation, Board of Youth and Board of Worship, Art & Music]. I will always remember and carry this experience with me in my future musical career or simply my life journey.



2010 Special Giving Calendar Growing in Christ...

...the Special Giving Opportunity invites us to do just that. By responding to Christ's call to share our abundance with others, we are stirred to support ministries that are above and beyond the pre-planned Mission Plan of First Lutheran Church. The Special Giving Opportunity allows each of us to respond to those extraordinary or unplanned needs, and in so doing, "experience the spiritual reward of hearts increasingly drawn into the wondrous love of God." (Mark Allan Powell)

FLC is living a "First Fruits" approach, committing the first 20% of our income to support First Lutheran Benevolences. Special Giving Opportunities invite us to share above and beyond those items included in our Benevolences and are a vital part of a spiritually healthy congregation's discipleship and stewardship ministry. This important opportunity continues to be a vibrant part of our congregation's fulfillment of Christ's call to love one another as Christ loves us, grow, share, and spread the gospel.

Please contact Stewardship or the Church Office with any questions about this important Ministry! Thank you.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Board</i>
January 2010	Evangelism
February	Open*
March	Global Ministry
April	Open*
May	Church in Society
June	Open*
July	Evangelism
August	Open*
September	Global Ministry
October	Annual Response Program
November	Open*
December	Church in Society

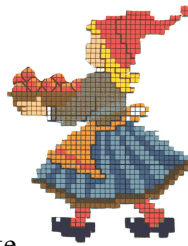
"Open" is a month whereby a congregational member can propose a Special Giving Opportunity for approval, which is congruent with the Mission of FLC. This program is also designed to accommodate emergent needs. Please contact Stewardship or the Church Office with questions.

The Scandinavian Food & Craft Festival

Oct. 30, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m

Get involved, enjoy the preparation and the festival!

If you could help someone who really needs help, would you? That opportunity is waiting at the Scandinavian Food and Craft Festival. You are invited to participate in any way you can. You'll meet new people, have fun working together, and know you are helping others. All the money earned, after expenses, is donated to about 20 different groups within our community, First Lutheran youth and missions.



There are many ways to be involved. Activities listed will be in the kitchen or lower commons. All you need to do is come. Items made will be sold at the Festival.

- ♦ Tues., Sept. 28 - Crafts with Muriel at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ Thurs., Oct. 7 - Making Mixes (breads and ginger cookies) with Beryl at 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Tues., Oct. 12 - Special Mixes with Muriel at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ Wed., Oct. 20 - Pie Making with Lois B. at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ Wed., Oct 27 - Scandinavian Bake Day with Carol A. at 9:00 a.m.
- ♦ Fri., Oct. 29 - Sandwich Making and Set up
- ♦ Sat., Oct. 30 - Scandinavian Food & Craft Festival, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Take time now to think of what you could contribute. Do you write, raise plants, bake, knit, do crafts, paint or have other talents? **A new booth will be the Book Nook**, which will sell used books.

These booths would gratefully receive your donations of lightly used items:

Christmas Shop - Donation box near 3rd floor offices

Book Nook - Donation box in the church library

Jewel Box - Donate jewelry you no longer use. Container by 3rd floor office.

Helpers are needed for set-up on Fri., Oct. 29, and on the 30th for staffing booths, kitchen help, serving, greeting and demonstrating. If you would enjoy any of these activities, please let a committee member know.

Thrivent for Lutherans is once again generously donating matching funds for which we are very grateful!

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First Call: Video Producers Needed



Needed: 30 to 90 second videos on the theme:
God's Work. Our Hands.

The deadline for submission is Sept. 27. Any approach welcome as long as it is appropriate to be shared with everyone during October's emphasis on mission support. Let your creative juices flow!

Watch for more details in FLC FirstNews, Sunday *In the Fold* bulletin inserts, and the FLC website. For more information, call Ann Niedringhaus, 728-2988.

The Jewel Box

More donations needed



Jewelry donations have been coming in for the fall festival's Jewel Box booth. Keep them coming! Any used, vintage or new jewelry can be dropped off in the collection container located by the church office.

FLC Renaissance House Painting Crew

A talented and motivated group of First Lutheran painters, ably recruited and briefed by Sheryl Van Scoy and Dan Bergeland, rehabilitated and painted the six private living quarters at Renaissance House in downtown Duluth.



Renaissance House is owned and operated by Lutheran Social Service and is home to six homeless youth.

Youth are carefully screened prior to admission and can stay for up to 18 months as they learn the skills to become productive and independent citizens.

The painting crew included Voula and Jim Heffernan, Mary and David Zastrow, Bob and Dawn Boman, Bill and Ruth Perkins, Jeff Hallback, Nate Capel, Dick Swenson, David Lothner, Paul Anderson, Brooks Anderson, Bob Johnson, Dan Bergeland, and Tom Boman. Special thanks to Dan Bergeland who has developed a specialty of recruiting and organizing volunteers from FLC for painting projects.

RELATING

Young People's Art Exhibit



The new gathering space is expected to be complete in just a couple short months and we are excited to see the masterpieces our young people have created over the summer adorn the walls. If your summer has been busy and you haven't gotten around to creating your work of art, you still have time!

To recap, the exhibit is open to all FLC members, ages 2-18, and will take place this fall in coordination with the opening and dedication of the new gathering space. Each participant may submit up to two pieces, framed, matted, and ready to hang (as appropriate for the type of medium). All forms of visual art will be accepted, including painting, drawing, sculpture, jewelry, textiles/needlework, pottery, photography, mixed media/collage, woodworking, print, and poetry. The topic is up to your discretion; however, submissions must be appropriate for display at FLC. All submissions will be displayed in the exhibit, provided that they meet the above criteria. Don't miss this opportunity to show off your talents and brighten up this much-anticipated new space!

Two drop-off times have been set up:

Wed., Sept. 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 3, 9:30-11 a.m. (between services)

Please clip and complete the following form and tape it to your artwork when you drop it off.

Name: _____

Parents (and/or grandparents): _____

Age: _____

Title of piece: _____

Description (optional): _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Drop-off will be in the Upper Commons area. If you're unable to make these dates, please contact Sarah Marks (sarahmarks77@hotmail.com, or 525-0633) to make alternate arrangements. Submissions must be received no later than Sun., Oct. 9. Watch for posters and updates on the FLC website for more information regarding exhibit dates and an appreciation event to thank the artists who make this exhibit possible.

An Invitation: To All First Lutheran Women

The FLCW fall luncheon will be held on Thurs., Sept. 9 in the Parish Hall at 11:30 a.m. All women of First Lutheran are invited to attend! Invite a friend you haven't seen for a while or invite a new member. Free child care provided by calling Beth Holst 724-5840 by Sept. 6.

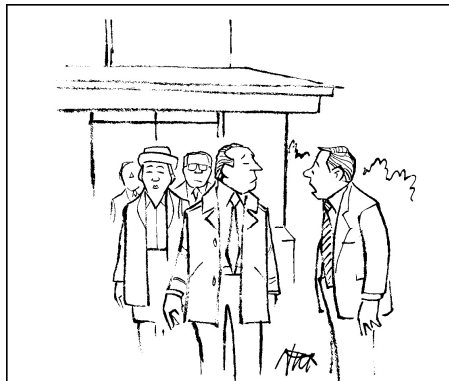
A light lunch will be served at noon. The guest speaker is Sue Bussa. Sue spends her vacations each year with a volunteer medical team helping in Africa. Please come!

FLCW Ladies Night Out Calling all Mary's and Martha's for an m&m event!

Join together on Fri., Oct. 1 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for an appetizer and dessert cooking class with Beatrice Ojakangas and music by Cory Clay.

While socializing, learn what's new with First Lutheran Women. What have the FLC women been doing and where are they going? Are you interested in getting involved in the many activities and missions the women support? Do you have any ideas for new projects or events?

Please contact Beth Holst (724-5840), Teresa Zupancich (340-3223), Sara Ojard (864-2744) or the church office (728-3668) for \$5 tickets.



"I know your ringtone is 'Rock of Ages' David, but it's still a distraction during the service."

Yoga

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

ELCA Genetics Study

Bishop Aitken of the NE MN Synod office and the ELCA Church in Society Unit in Chicago have chosen First Lutheran Church to host a very important and exciting meeting.

On Tues., Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, there will be a regional hearing sponsored by the synod on the proposed draft "Social Statement on Genetics" that will provide feedback to the ELCA Task Force on Genetics.

There will be an adult forum on this topic on Sun., Sept. 19 at 9:45 a.m. Members of First Lutheran are encouraged to download and read the draft Social Statement on Genetics and become familiar with the issues. Geneticists, physicians and others in the community who would have expertise and interest in this social statement will be invited to attend the hearing on Sept. 21 and also take part in the adult forum.

www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Social-Statements-in-Process/Genetics/Draft-Social-Statement.aspx

Boards, Committees, Circles, Small Groups.... Schedule Your Meetings Now!

Please remember to contact the church office to schedule meetings and gatherings for the new school year. Regularly scheduled events should also be confirmed. Call 728-3668.

Thank you.



Confirmation Begins Wed., Sept. 15 7th-9th grade students

An exciting new year of confirmation begins with a parent/student night on Wed., Sept. 15 at 7:00 p.m. Many new things are happening so don't miss this first session. The following week classes will be at 4:00 p.m. **Watch your mail for more great details!**

ELCA College Grants Awarded

The ELCA College Grant Program Committee is pleased to announce that the following 15 FLC college students have been awarded matching grants by First Lutheran Church to attend their respective ELCA colleges for the 2010-2011 year:

- ♦ Allegra Birdseye, Gustavus Adolphus College
- ♦ Hillary Boyce, St. Olaf College
- ♦ Andrew Choquette, Gustavus Adolphus
- ♦ Shelby Cochran, Concordia College
- ♦ Richard Coffin, St. Olaf College
- ♦ Jonathan Halquist, St. Olaf College
- ♦ Erik Johnson, Luther College
- ♦ Emily Kilgore, Luther College
- ♦ Alex Kronzer, St. Olaf College
- ♦ Erianna Reyelts, Gustavus Adolphus College
- ♦ Joshua Sande, Gustavus Adolphus College
- ♦ Clayton Schnell, Gustavus Adolphus 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 ELCA youth make informed decisions about ELCA college attendance, to continue their faith journeys by attending a participating ELCA college.

These grants were made possible because the "Friends of FLC ELCA College Students" raised funds to create the FLC ELCA College Grant Fund. However, for the second time in two years, *there were insufficient funds for each student to receive full financial support.*

First Lutheran Congregational Support

For this program to successfully continue, sufficient funds must exist every year to provide matching grants to all those FLC college students who meet the criteria: FLC membership, acceptance/attendance full time at a participating ELCA college, and on a path to graduate in four years.

Eleven of the 15 college students listed above will be eligible for a matching grant in 2011-2012, and we anticipate that there will be additional college students next year as well.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School Model: Faith Quest

First Lutheran's 1st-6th grade students will be beginning a "Faith Quest" this fall. Faith Quest is the name for the new Sunday morning education program that encourages our young people to dive deep into God's Word and grow in faith through exploring a Bible story in different workshops each week.

Faith Quest uses the workshop rotation model, with students exploring a Bible story or faith lesson for 3-4 weeks by attending a different workshop each week of the rotation. Each week will begin in a large group session, and then break out into small groups to attend a 30 minute workshop exploring the story through activities in art, science, cooking, games, videos, or drama/storytelling. Faith Quest will definitely be an exciting and fun place to grow in faith Sunday mornings!

Faith Quest is looking for group guides, workshop leaders, and music leaders to embark on this exciting journey with our children this year. Consider how you can be involved in Faith Quest! The first rotation begins on Sun., Sept. 19 and goes to Oct. 10. A training session will be held for all guides and leaders on Sat., Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Group Guide: Be on a team of guides that share the responsibility of getting to know a small group of students and guiding them to their workshop each week. We need guides who can commit to regular attendance during the school year. Consistency helps to build relationships! Guides also help keep the children participating in lessons and assist other leaders as needed.

Workshop Leader: Lead a lesson in one of the Faith Quest workshops with a different small group of students each week for a 4-week rotation. Workshops this year will be in art, cooking, science, drama, storytelling, video, or games. Lesson plans will be written for you in advance, and you use the same lesson plan for the whole rotation. Leaders are responsible to know the story well and to attend the training session before the rotation begins.

Music Leader: Be a part of a team during the Faith Quest large group opening session each week that will be responsible for introducing the story and teaching basic Bible songs and hymns. Lesson plans and training will be provided! **Piano/guitar players** are also needed to work with the music leaders.

To learn more about Faith Quest and get more information on how you can be a Faith Quest volunteer, contact Sarah Gunderson, Dir. of Christian Education at 728-3668, or one of the Faith Quest coordinators: Julia Sampson (525-5220), Karen Zimmerman (525-4349), or Becky Hoversten-Mellem (724-4319).

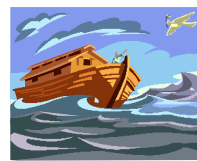


Keeping the Promises (KTP) Ministry

KTP is an educational program designed to help parents, sponsors and the congregation fulfill the promises made at baptism to continually nurture the faith of our children. KTP involves the celebration of faith milestones through special blessings and gifts given in worship, and opportunities for faith education with children and families.

This fall, First Lutheran will be giving many of our young people age-appropriate Bibles and ELW hymnals. This will be a part of fulfilling our baptismal promises to place in the hands of our children the Holy Scriptures and teaching them about worship and prayer.

On Sun., Sept. 19 at the 8:30 worship, the 2 and 3 year olds will be receiving the **Toddler Rhyme Bible**, which is the Bible used in Sunday School with this age group. The pastors will also be visiting the classroom to talk about this special milestone and how we can encourage our children to read their Bible every day.



On Sat., Sept. 25 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall, a Bible workshop will be held for children age 4 through 3rd grade and their families to explore the Bible through fun activities before they receive their Bibles in worship the following two Sundays. A letter will be sent to families so you can register for this event.

On Sun., Sept. 26 at the 8:30 worship, 3rd graders will receive their Bibles. The following Sun., Oct. 3 at the 8:30 worship, 4 year olds through 2nd graders will receive the **Spark Story Bible**.

On Sun., Oct. 10 at the 8:30 worship, children in 1st grade through 10th grade will be receiving a special ELW hymnal that they will be able to use in Sunday School and Confirmation classes as well as in worship.

If you have questions about "Keeping the Promises", please contact Sarah Gunderson, at 728-3668.



REACHING OUT LOCALLY / GLOBALLY

Global Ministry Weekend

Thank you to all who contributed to the warm welcome and valuable visit of Dr. James and Carolyn Brown to Duluth for the first time since they began their assignment at the Lutheran Hospital in Ngaoundere Cameroon nearly two years ago. First Lutheran Church is sponsoring the Browns with \$6,000 from our First Fruits Budget.

Thanks to Drs. Martha Aas, Dr. Glen and Mary Holt for arranging meetings with SMDC personnel and visiting the warehouse where items are being donated and sent to Cameroon. Thank you to Shirley Wuchter for hosting the Browns.



Missionaries Carolyn and Jim Brown and daughter Rachel Bechtel



Hope 20:11, a musical group from South Africa, provided global music at the Sun., Aug. 15 worship services.

Thanks to the members of the Board of Global Ministry for arranging details of the visit and planning the congregational picnic on Sun., Aug. 15 when Dr. Brown preached on the prodigal son text.

Beth Storaasli and Mark Knutson hosted a breakfast for the Board of Global Ministry, the Planning Council members and pastors to meet the Browns and hear more about their missionary work.

Also helping during the visit were church circles, disciple groups, choir members, ushers and the FLC custodians who either helped with the set up, provided food, or helped in the kitchen. The members of so many members working together was a blessing to our congregational spirit and was an inspiration to the Browns.

The music group Hope 21:11 from South Africa provided wonderful global music during the morning services. Thank you to the hosts who provided hospitality in their homes to the members of the music group: Emily, Becky and Paul Kilgore, Paul and Karen Zimmer and family, Brad and Lezlie Oachs, Erna and Glenn Peterson, Dan and Marge Bergeland and Carol Anderson.

Pray for Pakistan and Elenn'

At first the flood in Pakistan did not affect Tank and Christian Hospital, but the flood has now moved to the lower areas and Tank Hospital buildings have about two feet of water in them. Elenn' Elness (formerly a doctor at the hospital) is going to

Pakistan for the months of September and October and asks for your prayers for 1) safe travel, 2) good health while she is there,

3) availability of good water, 4)

successful cleanup of the hospital, 5) good health

of the workers 6) that

there NOT be a cholera or typhoid epidemic, and 7) all the Pakistani victims of the flood.

Prayer is crucial.



Inside the front gate looking out on the waters rushing in.

Congregational Hunger Leader Training Sat., Sept. 25, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closing Worship Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids

Presenters: Rev. Dan Rift, Dir. of ELCA Hunger Appeal and Ms. Tammy Walhof, Bread for the World



You are invited to attend this event that will equip you to bring the story of ELCA World Hunger into First Lutheran. Learn about resources, network with other congregational hunger leaders, and find out what First Lutheran can do to fight hunger. Each person will leave this event with new insights and a solid congregational action plan for this vital ministry.

Register at info@nemnsynod.org with your name, congregation and city by Sept. 1.

For more information, contact Shirley Wuchter (525-1381), or Brenda Sproat (728-2383).

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JULY PLANNING COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Report of the Pastors

Council toured new additions. Pastor reminded council of its responsibility as policy maker and the need to work together to decide who will occupy the space. Little Treasures has asked to use the 4th-6th grade Sunday School space until its Lakeshore space is ready. EC will not extend LT's lease beyond Aug. 30, 2010 unless three conditions are met: 1) approval of the Fire Marshall; 2) state licensure; and 3) remaining funds are raised at the July fund-raising event. Pastor is not pleased with the responses received for youth director position. Pastor was encouraged to expand posting beyond synod. About 25 applications have been received for music director position. FLC will host a synod regional hearing Sept. 21 on the ELCA's proposed draft social statement on genetics. A forum will be held Sept. 19 in conjunction with the hearing.

Finance Committee Report

End-of-second quarter numbers show overall income about \$22,000 under budget, with Mission & Ministry offerings at \$363,000 compared to \$388,000 budgeted. Expenses are also running under budget: \$440,000 through June with \$453,000 budgeted. Adjustments were made in June for staff raises. Boards are operating close to budget. First Fruits have paid out \$80,000, which is slightly behind budget of \$84,000. The net loss through June is \$39,000.

Old Business

FLC² task-force chair Brian Bich presented the proposed youth and family vision for FLC. The vision is not just about youth, but all ages with a focus on helping youth develop faith. The task force asked council for its help in moving the vision into action. They intend to have liaisons interact with boards and church leadership.

New Business

The revised website has two new features: an on-line calendar to facilitate planning and a Sunday soundcast that allows listeners to hear FLC's service on-line.

Board of Evangelism asked council to create a plan when the building project is completed. Items to consider include how the space brings people together, concert bookings, open houses, how to engage people.


Board of Evangelism to give a pocket-sized version of Luther's Small Catechism to each family and/or adults and children on Rally Sunday.

The LWR Remember Me exhibit will be at FLC Nov. 21-29.

Members are encouraged to read the official minutes, available in the church office, the Information Station, posted on the bulletin board outside the west transept and at www.flcduluth.org, under Resources.

CALENDAR

September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Blood Press. Chk 10am - Worship @ Leif	30 5pm - AA 5:15 @ Parish 6:30pm - Sojourners II @ 6:30pm - Sojourners III @	31 4:30pm - Pres Prayer Grp @	1 8am - Prayer Committee @ 9:30am - Kiwanis @ Parish 10:30am - Worship Planning 1:30pm - Staff Mtg @ 4pm - Education Planning 6pm - Promise Presch Mtg	2 9am - Yoga @ Youth Room 9:30am - Interim Pastors- 11:30am - Office cooler 12pm - MOVED FLCW 4:30pm - Green Team Mtg 6pm - Bd Op 6:30pm - Gardeners @	3 6:30am - Sojourners I @	4 10am - AA @ Youth Room
5 8:30am - Worship @ 10am - Worship @ Church	6 1pm - MOVED Library 5pm - AA 5:15 @ Parish 6:30pm - Sojourners II @ 6:30pm - Sojourners III @	7 1:30pm - Staff Mtg @ 4:30pm - Pres Prayer Grp @ 5pm - Bd Ed @ Upper 7pm - BdEvangelism @ Lib	8 8am - Prayer Committee @ 9am - Memoir Group @ 9:30am - Kiwanis @ Parish 10:30am - Worship Planning 7pm - 7:15 Sr. Choir @	9 7am - Men's Group @ 9am - Yoga @ Youth Room 12pm - FLCW Luncheon @ 1pm - Prayer Shawl Group 5:30pm - Jubilation Ringers 5:30pm - Open House- 6pm - Bd Op 6:30pm - Executive	10 6:30am - Sojourners I @ 5pm - TopNotchers @	11 9:30am - Sun. Sch. Teacher 10am - AA @ Youth Room
12 Ministry Fair 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Ministry Fair @ 11am - Worship @ Church Sunday School Open House 	13 10am - FLCW Board mtg. @ 1pm - FLCW closet clean @ 5pm - AA 5:15 @ Parish 6:30pm - Sojourners II @ 6:30pm - Sojourners III @ 7pm - Ruth Circle @	14 9:30am - Leah Circle @ 11:30am - Book Group 11: 1:30pm - Staff Mtg @ 4:30pm - Pres Prayer Grp @ 6:30pm - BdCh in Soc. @ 7pm - Bd Global @ Library 7pm - Bd/WAM @	15 8am - Prayer Committee @ 9:30am - Elizabeth Circle @ 9:30am - Kiwanis @ Parish 10am - Dorcas Circle @ 10:30am - Worship Planning 1pm - Esther Circle @ 7pm - 7:15 Sr. Choir @ 7pm - Confirmation Orient.	16 7am - Men's Group @ 8:45am - MOPS @ Parish 9am - Yoga @ Youth Room 1:30pm - Naomi Circle @ 5:30pm - Jubilation Ringers 6pm - Bd Op 6:30pm - Gardeners @	17 6:30am - Sojourners I @ 9:30am - Bible Study @	18 10am - AA @ Youth Room 11:30am - Private Event
19 Rally Sunday Blessing of Back- 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - Adult 9:30am - Sunday School @ 11am - Worship @ Church 12:15pm - Prebaptism	20 1pm - Library Committee @ 5pm - AA 5:15 @ Parish 6:30pm - Sojourners II @ 6:30pm - Sojourners III @	21 9am - ELCA Genetics Mtg @ 11:30am - Book Group 11: 1:30pm - Staff Mtg @ 4:30pm - Pres Prayer Grp @ 7pm - Bd Stewardship @ 7pm - Bd Youth @ 3rd Floor	22 8am - Prayer Committee @ 9:30am - Kiwanis @ Parish 10:30am - Worship Planning 3:45pm - Apostle Choir @ 4pm - Confirmation @ 4:40pm - Apostle Ringers 5:15pm - Worship Team @ 7pm - 7:15 Sr. Choir @	23 7am - Men's Group @ 9am - Yoga @ Youth Room 10:30am - Quilters @ 5:30pm - Jubilation Ringers 6pm - Bd Op 6:30pm - Planning Council	24 6:30am - Sojourners I @ 9:30am - Bible Study @	25 7:30am - Blue Star Mom 10am - AA @ Youth Room
26 8:30am - Worship @ 9:30am - 3rd Gr. Bible 9:30am - Adult Forum- 9:30am - Sunday School @ 9:45am - Youth Ringers 11am - Worship @ Church 12pm - Conarea. Mtg @ 9:45pm - Youth Ringers @	27 5pm - AA 5:15 @ Parish 6:30pm - Sojourners II @ 6:30pm - Sojourners III @	28 9am - FLCW Crafts @ 11:30am - Book Group 11: 1:30pm - Staff Mtg @ 4:30pm - Pres Prayer Grp @	29 8am - Prayer Committee @ 9:30am - Kiwanis @ Parish 10:30am - Worship Planning 3:45pm - Apostle Choir @ 4pm - Confirmation @ 4:40pm - Apostle Ringers 5:15pm - Worship Team @ 7pm - 7:15 Sr. Choir @	30 7am - Men's Group @ 9am - Yoga @ Youth Room 4pm - Finance Comm - CF 5:30pm - Jubilation Ringers 6pm - Bd Op 7pm - TFR Fund	1 6:30am - Sojourners I @ 9:30am - Bible Study @ 7pm - FLCW Gathering @	2 10am - AA @ Youth Room

Topnotchers: Sept. 10

Topnotchers will meet on Sept. 10 at 5:00 p.m. Watch for posters at the church detailing the program. If you are over 50, you are a Topnotcher! If you would like to come, but have not gotten your name of the caller list, just call Dorothy (525-5550) or Elaine (724-1068) to let us know you will be there as we plan very closely on the food. Welcome!



Fair Trade Coffee: Sept. 12

After a two-month hiatus, coffee sales return to the normal schedule: the second Sunday of the month. So Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate will be available in the usual spot in the upper commons on September 12, before the first worship service and between worship services. Here is the time to replenish your dwindling supply!





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First Lutheran Church, dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ, welcomes you into our community of faith, where we share life in its entirety, with all its joys and sorrows. We believe all people are created in the image of God and are offered God's love, grace and forgiveness, regardless of: religious tradition, age, gender, race, education, economic status, sexual orientation, family structure, mental or physical abilities. If you have felt excluded here or elsewhere, to you we extend a special welcome in Christ's love.

***The Builder* Schedule**

The following dates are the deadlines for submitting articles (the 18th of each month). Articles submitted after deadline will be published in the next issue. If possible, e-mail articles to: builder@flcduluth.org.

OCTOBER 2010 NEWS

Deadline: Sat., Sept. 18, Noon

NOVEMBER 2010 NEWS

Deadline: Mon., Oct. 18, Noon

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