

# 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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### Baptism in Lake Superior: A Celebration of Water and the Spirit

Sun., Aug. 8 at 10:00 a.m., Leif Erikson Park



By water and the Spirit we are made children of God. Come celebrate God's baptismal promises to you and witness God's grace in action as candidates receive this sacrament in Lake Superior.

If you or anyone you know would like to be baptized in the lake on Aug. 8, please contact the church office (728-3668) by Fri., July 30.



### First Lutheran Summer Worship

Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

#### 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The 8:30 a.m. worship service continues through the summer in the sanctuary.

#### 10:00 a.m. Worship in Leif Erikson Park

Leif Erikson Park is located across London Road from the church. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Some chairs are provided. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary.

### Missionaries Dr. James and Carolyn Brown will be at FLC in August 15

First Lutheran's ELCA missionary couple, Dr. James and Carolyn Brown will be at First Lutheran for both morning services on Sun., Aug. 15 at 8:30 and 10:00. Stay after the outdoor service with your blanket and/or chair. Hot dogs, veggies, and bars will be provided for a picnic with the Browns. You can meet them and ask questions about their unique ministry and how we can best partner and support them.



Dr. Brown serves as a medical doctor at Ngaoundere Protestant Hospital in Cameroon as surgical trainer for doctoral residents. Carolyn is working as a nurse in the recovery room, and oversees the administration of a benevolent fund to provide money to pay for services for patients who are unable to pay for their care.

## THE PEOPLE OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WILL....

### Love one another as Christ loved us by:

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

### Grow in Faith through:

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

### Share the Gospel through:

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

### Spread the Gospel through:

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

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

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

## From Associate Pastor Judd Larson



The Tall Ship festival is upon us in Duluth as eight majestic sailing ships come into port. That got me thinking about when I was a kid, growing up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota....

Someone came up with an idea for focusing attention on the Big Sioux River to clean it up: **The First Annual Big Sioux River Inner Tube Regatta.**

So my friends and I registered for this event. We were issued four large inner tubes to "make a boat" for the race. We built a deck with a hole in the middle to stick our feet through (this is the warm, muddy, Big Sioux River, not ice-cold Lake Superior). We tied the inner tubes together and thus made a raft. We rigged a homemade sail. It was a beautiful summer day. Not a cloud in the sky. And no wind, no breeze, nothing to move us along other than drifting down the river.

Lots of water craft were to be seen, made with inner tubes and whatever imagination could add. And then along came a couple of Augustana College kids: they tied four inner tubes in a row looking like a strange canoe. And they were paddling. Fast. They zipped past us and then past everyone else, and won the race. I don't remember if we even made it across the finish line.

Luke gives us a boat story: Jesus is in a boat with his followers and the wind is whipping up. His disciples are scared to death and so wake up Jesus. He with a word calms the wind and the waves, and they are even more afraid and amazed (see Luke 8:22-25). Sometimes, like on my raft, there's no wind. Sometimes, like with these disciples, there's too much wind. Either way, we can't get to our destination.

Luke writes another story about wind. "And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting" (see Acts 2). I'll remind you what Pastor April Larson has told us: In Hebrew the word for wind, for breath, for spirit **is the same word**. God's spirit (wind/breath) blows through that house where they were sitting on Pentecost. God's wind blows them off their seats, onto their feet and into the streets. The followers of Jesus are filled with power to speak of God's love, to share Jesus, to impact their neighbors' lives.

And so the Church was born. You are this wind-driven church, the baptized people of God who live in Jesus. Come to worship, we will set our sails in the breath of God, and then we'll be going!



# TIME FOR RENEWAL

## Time For Renewal The Jerusalem Cross

Some have asked about the beautiful new cross in the sanctuary. It is known as a Jerusalem cross, though sometimes it has been called the Crusader's cross or a Pilgrim's cross. It is a symbol both of Christianity as a whole, and also of the medieval Christian Kingdom of Jerusalem, and consists of a larger Greek cross in the center, and a smaller Greek cross in each quadrant.

The four smaller crosses are said to symbolize either the four books of the Gospel, or the four directions in which the Word of Christ is to be spread to the corners of the earth. Alternately, all five crosses can symbolize the five wounds of Christ during the Passion. The blue background not only complements the blues in the sanctuary's stain glass windows, but signifies the blue of skies or life giving air, and as such is known to be the liturgical color of hope.

The Jerusalem cross was never intended to replace the wooden cross carved by Arvid Slotness for our congregation, though it may be used as a processional cross on certain special occasions.

Ted Johnson, Chair, TFR



## A Heartfelt "Thank You" to TFR Supporters

Thank you for *over 200 cash gifts* to Time for Renewal from members and a few non-members. Cash gifts are very important in that they reduce the congregation's need to borrow from our line of credit to pay ongoing construction and organ costs. As a result, interest costs are greatly reduced. Members have given in so many ways:

- Payments on Time for Renewal pledges
- Take a Seat! sponsorships for sanctuary chairs and other sanctuary furniture
- Gifts from women members to match the First Lutheran Church Women's challenge to sponsor the pulpit
- Gifts toward other liturgical furniture such as the baptismal font, the altar, and the cross
- Completion of the 90 Day Cash Match Fund
- General gifts to Time for Renewal in offering envelopes, through the mail, and in the offering

What a wonderful outpouring of support for our beautifully renewed sanctuary, the developing Jaeckel tracker organ, and new welcoming additions of an accessible entrance, gathering space, a family bathroom and renewed nursery. Thank you **so** much!

## Partner in Our Church's Future with TFR Pledge

Between now and the end of September, all members of First Lutheran Church are invited to consider joining the 164 members/families who already have ongoing Time for Renewal pledges. A one to three year TFR pledge, large or small, allows members to be full partners in the future development of our church's ministry and outreach. Each member will receive information on pledging. If you desire to immediately join your fellow members in this effort, call the church office, 728-3668, and you will be contacted with information, answers to questions and a pledge form.

# WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY

## Worship Notes

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

**Sun., August 1 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.**

Readings: Eccles 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23; Ps. 49:1-12; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

**Sun., August 8 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.**

Readings: Gen. 15:1-6; Ps. 33:12-22; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

**Sun., August 15 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.**

Readings: Jer. 23:23-29; Ps. 82; Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

**Sun., August 22 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.**

Readings: Isa. 58:9b-14; Ps. 1-3:1-8; Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

**Sun., August 29 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.**

Readings: Prov. 25:6-7; Ps. 112; Heb. 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1,7-14

*Readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary.*



## Thank You Musicians

Thank you to the following for their music leadership at worship services in July: Kirsten Bich, Pat Dorn, Dave Haavik, LeRoy Henderson, Pastor Judd Larson, Karen Sande, Paul Bagley, violin; Ivah Sundquist, organ; Bob Nesheim, organ; Creekside Trio: Brenda Bergman, flute; Jeanette Paulson, oboe; Kerry VanDusen, bassoon; Ginger Backus, Bob Boman, Tim Churchill, Cory Clay, Heidi Curnow, Johanna Gruskin, flute; LeAnn House, piano; the Boman Family; the family of Katherine (Lorbiecki) Kebbekus.

## First Call: Video Producers Needed



Needed: 30 to 90 second videos on the theme:

### God's Work. Our Hands.

The deadline for submission is mid-September. Any approach welcome as long as it is appropriate to be shared with everyone during October's emphasis on mission support. We will use as many videos as we receive. Let your creative juices flow!

Full details will appear in FLC FirstNews, the FLC website, and in the September issue of *The Builder*. For more information, call Ann Niedringhaus, 728-2988.



## Housing Needed for Group from South Africa

Hope 21:11, a musical group from South Africa will be at First Lutheran in August doing ministry with the community and our youth. They will be participating on Wed, Aug. 11 at First Lutheran's Vacation Bible School, and at Worship on Sun., Aug. 15.

The group is a part of New Hope International which is a ministry working with community youth an after school activities in South Africa.

**Housing is needed** for the members of this group while they are in Duluth. Please call Emily or Becky at 724-6288 if you can help.

### Worship Attendance

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Sun., June 20 | 261 |
| Sun., June 27 |     |
| Sun., July 4  | 166 |
| Sun., July 11 | 288 |
| Sun., July 18 | 433 |

## Karpeles Manuscript Library Exhibit on the Bible

The current exhibit at Duluth's Karpeles Manuscript Library, running through Aug. 31, features selected manuscripts concerning the Bible.

The first half of the exhibit is entitled: "The Literal Bible." In this exhibit, an attempt is made to analyze some of the more interesting questions about God. The second half of the exhibit is a collection of pages from the very first printed book - The Gutenberg Bible.

Karpeles Manuscript Library Duluth Museum is located at 902 E. 1st Street (across from the St. Luke's Hospital emergency entrance) in Duluth (728-0630). They are open Thurs. - Sun. from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

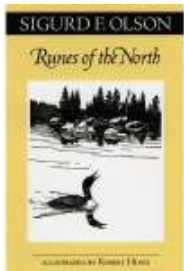
For more information about the exhibit, check their website at [www.karpeles.com](http://www.karpeles.com). (Please note: The hours of operation noted on the website are incorrect.). You can also stop by in the FLC library and pick up an informational sheet located on the checkout desk.

## Books on Display in Library Summer Reading Ideas

**Guide to the Superior Hiking Trail.**  
5th ed. Compiled by the Superior Hiking Trail Association

**The North Shore: A Four-Season Guide to Minnesota's Favorite Destination** by Shawn Perpich

**Paddle Whispers** written & illustrated by Douglas Wood



**Reflections from the North Country** by Sigurd F. Olson

**Runes of the North** by Sigurd F. Olson

**The Singing Wilderness** by Sigurd F. Olson

## Bishop Aitken's Reflection taken from NE MN Synod Online Reflections



Every day each of us deals with those good old Lutheran theological constructs called "law and gospel". When we butt up against our sin, or even our natural limitations, we are experiencing the Law. When we hear how God loves us unconditionally, no strings attached, we experience the power of the Gospel that saves us. Here are some thoughts on preaching the Law and Gospel that I received years ago when I was an intern. I give them to you for pondering and dialog with others in your family, text study, Bible study, or personal devotions:

### The Preaching of the Law

- The preaching of the law is not just scolding. It is knocking the props out from under all my idols, especially the "god" of self.
- The preaching of the law is not imposing some morality on me. It is exposing the immorality and mortality within me.
- The preaching of the law is not just talking about the law. It is thrusting a sword through the proud pretender within me.
- The preaching of the law is not always necessary. There is no need to kill the dead; they need to be raised to new life.
- The preaching of the law is not just for the pagan non-Christian. It is also for the non-Christian pagan within all Christians.

### The Preaching of the Gospel

- The preaching of the gospel does not tell me what to do to be saved. It tells me that I do not need to do anything to be saved.
- The preaching of the gospel does not demand a response of faith. It creates a response of faith.
- The preaching of the gospel does not demand that I decide for Christ. It invites me to live in the decision God in Christ has made for us.
- The preaching of the gospel does not tell me that God will love me if I repent and have faith. It tells me that I can repent and have faith because God loves me.
- The preaching of the gospel is always necessary. Whatever else I need, including the law, I also need assurance of God's love.

These dialectics form the basis for so much of what pastors and others in seminary classes learn about theology as Lutherans. I think the "times we are living in" right now, are good times to go back and discuss this together. Let me know your thoughts, would you?

Carry on with the Gospel!

*Bishop Tom Aitken*

# 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 **Violet Pommerville** on the death of her husband, **Robert Pommerville**.

The family of **Jane & Anti Lepisto** at the loss of Jane's brother Ted.

The family of **Chester Truedson, and Jim & Kathy Sharrow** at the loss of Chester's wife, and Kathy's mother, **Marge Truedson**.

The family of **Betty Preus** at the loss of her mother, Dorothy.

The family of **Craig & Jennifer Pilon** at the loss of Craig's father, Richard.



### *Baptisms*

July 18, 2010 Annika Elizabeth Warner  
Daughter of Sarah & Jason Warner

July 25, 2010 Yeron Bedassa Tadesse  
& Solan Bedassa Tadesse  
Children of Bedassa Tadesse & Iftu Dorose



### *First Communion*

July 18, 2010 Joseph Peter Kebbekus  
Anna Rose Kebbekus  
Children of the late Annette Boman  
Kebbekus, and Peter & Katherine Kebbekus  
Grandchildren of Tom & Mary Boman

July 18, 2010 Claire Marie Berg  
Corinne Michelle Berg  
Sarah Margaret Berg  
Children of Brett & Mary Berg  
Grandchildren of Jim & Carol Settergren

## FLCW Summer Bible Study

All women are invited to the conference room for Bible Study on July 29 and August 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Judd will lead the **Lutheran Women Today** study.



## Wednesday Morning Community Prayer Group

*"Prayer is the root of all our faithfulness. In the weakness of prayer, God visits - and stays."* (From "The Reinvented Church" by Donald E. Miller)

This small group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings, from 8:00-9:00 in the chapel. The first half-hour is spent in quiet contemplation of a scripture reading to be used the following Sunday. Then the group comes together for a brief discussion of the reading before sharing prayer needs of the congregation, neighborhood, community and world. Voluntary prayers are then offered by various members.

The prayer group is open to anyone in the congregation who would like to participate in this ministry. It is a beautiful mid-week affirmation of faith through the meeting of minds and hearts in common prayer. You are invited.



### *Prayer Concerns*

Please remember in prayer Char Juntunen, her daughter the Rev. Molly Weinrich, and the delegation Pastor Molly is leading to Ghana, Africa, from our sister ELCA congregation, the Lutheran Church of Hope, West Des Moines, Iowa, continuing a partnership in helping to provide potable water, assisting in malaria prevention training, nutrition and sanitation training by Char. Lutheran Church of Hope has an ongoing relationship with Globalserve Ministries International in Ghana, Africa. The delegation leaves for Africa on Aug. 3.

# GIVING

## JUNE 2010 BUDGET UPDATE



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

|                          | 2010          |               |                     |                     | Annual Budget  |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                          | June Budget   | June Actual   | Year to Date Budget | Year to Date Actual |                |
| Ministry & Mission gifts | \$64,880      | \$55,010      | \$393,713           | \$367,038           | \$818,381      |
| Plus Other Income        | <u>3,133</u>  | <u>1,931</u>  | <u>29,713</u>       | <u>34,478</u>       | <u>54,000</u>  |
| Total Income             | \$68,013      | \$56,941      | \$422,426           | \$401,516           | \$872,381      |
| Less Expenses            | <u>75,355</u> | <u>77,778</u> | <u>453,492</u>      | <u>440,763</u>      | <u>910,676</u> |
| Cash Surplus (Deficit)   | (\$7,342)     | (\$20,837)    | (\$31,066)          | (\$39,247)          | (\$38,295)     |

| 2009                |
|---------------------|
| Year to Date Actual |
| \$385,175           |
| <u>51,157</u>       |
| \$436,332           |
| <u>422,027</u>      |
| \$ 14,305           |

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

Weekly offering through:

Sun., June 20 \$15,710  
 Sun., June 27 \$ 8,365  
 Sun., July 4 \$16,618  
 Sun., July 11 \$12,379  
 Sun., July 18 \$20,669

### The Hunger Bowl

The Hunger Bowl is prominently placed each Sunday in the front of the church (and yes, it is brought to the outdoor service as well).

Children (of all ages) are invited to come forward during the offering to donate their gifts to World Hunger.



### Donations Needed

Union Gospel Mission has immediate need for diapers size 2, 3, and 4 and wipes for the babies and toddlers from families they serve.

If you are willing to donate these items, call the church office. Also, cash or check donations to be used for purchase of these items may be sent to the church office, payable to FLC.



### Hearts with Haiti - Greeting Cards

This past spring, Promise Preschool and First Lutheran collaborated their efforts to raise money for Hearts with Haiti. By selling greeting cards, inspired by the lyrics of Ben Larson, to the FLC congregation, as well as Renee Larson's home church of St. Paul Lutheran in Garrison, ND, the LaCrosse Area Synod Office and personal donations/business contributions, \$1,374 (and counting) has been raised! Money goes directly to rebuilding St. Joseph's Home for Boys, a mission that Ben was so passionate about. In Renee's words, "I really feel like [the cards] are a way to share Ben with those who knew him and don't know him, and they promote walking with the people of Haiti".

Thank you for your support.

## Local Outreach! 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). Consider sponsoring a broadcast in memory or in honor of a loved one. Call Shawn, 728-3668, to make arrangements.

The radio broadcast reaches many people who are homebound or unable to come to worship on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.



## Take a Seat! Campaign

Gifts to the "Take a Seat! Campaign" sponsor costs of the new sanctuary seating and other church furnishings. Check the progress of the seating donations on campaign posters throughout the church.

Some examples of items available to support:

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Sanctuary wooden chair with fabric seat and back | \$121 |
| Armchair for nave and sanctuary seating          | \$160 |
| Solid wood choir chair with wire music rack      | \$134 |
| Metal hymnal rack for hanging between chairs     | \$ 46 |

There are three easy ways to sponsor items:

- ♦ Use Your *Time for Renewal* Offering Envelope
- ♦ Put a check in the offering plate
- ♦ Mail in a check to the church office

Please indicate the *Take A Seat!* Campaign in the memo line of your check.

## The Jewel Box

### Thanks for the early donations

Jewelry donations have been coming in for the fall festival's Jewel Box booth. Any used, vintage or new jewelry can be dropped off in the collection container located in the church office. This is an opportunity to donate those items you find while doing your summer sorting, or getting ready for a rummage sale.



## May Gifts & Memorials

**Gift to Time for Renewal in honor of Arnold & Elizabeth Larson's 50th Wedding Anniversary.**

**Gift for Altar Flowers in honor of Arnold & Elizabeth Larson's 50th Wedding Anniversary:** by the Larson family.

**Gifts to 90 Day TFR Match in memory of Benjamin Larson:** Dave & Anne Rogotzke.

**Gifts to Lutheran World Relief in memory of Robert Olin:** Warren & Lois Reich, Bob & Jackie Johnson.

**Gifts to Radio Ministry in memory of Margaret Truedson:** Lester & Rose Drewes. **Clara Sivertson:** Naomi Storsteen. **Michael Wuchter:** Shirley Wuchter.

**Gifts to Time for Renewal in memory of Robert Olin:** Joan & Bill Smith, Ted & Ruth Johnson. **Jeanette Jaekel:** Carol & Joe Prohaska, Ann & Bob Niedringhaus, Lester & Rose Drewes.



# SERVING

## Gardening at FLC

Members and friends of First Lutheran are invited to join the gardeners this summer to help maintain the gardens and landscape on the church property. Bring your gloves, pails, rakes, shovels, pruners, etc. Meet at the Peace Garden, near lower parking lot, at 6:30 p.m. on these dates:



August 5 & 19  
September 2 & 16

Each session ends with a short garden themed devotion and treats. Consider joining the group during the gardening season to enjoy and care for the beauty of God's creation. For more information call Glenn or Erna Peterson (728-5285).



God's love through relationships and resources. Loving childcare is a critical part of this ministry.

MOPS of First Lutheran Church meets the first and third Thursday of each month from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Do you have a heart for children? Do you desire to encourage moms who desperately need it? If you answered yes, please volunteer by calling Lindsay at 464-0043.

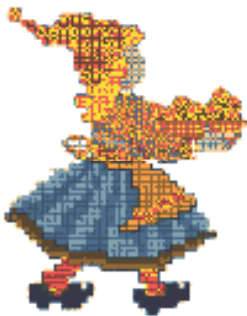
## You can make a difference! Be a childcare volunteer

Choose to color outside the lines and come support the ministry to mothers of preschoolers.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) helps mothers of young children (newborn through kindergarten) experience authentic community and

## Preparations are being made for... The Scandinavian Food and Craft Festival Oct. 30, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m

Plans are being made so you may once again enjoy the traditional Scandinavian Food and Craft Festival! Circle October 30 on your calendar, and plan to attend and participate.



This event has been a highlight of the fall season for more years than most of us can remember! The proceeds benefit many needy people here in Duluth and throughout the world. Last year over 20 different organizations were helped through the earnings of that day. Countless people from the community come and find great food and fun treasures along with warm hospitality. Spread the word, and tell your friends!

Do you paint, write, knit, make cards or pottery, bake, sew, quilt, do wood work, grow plants, or enjoy a craft? Would you be willing to share your talents on that day? If you are available to help in any way - to share a craft, to staff a booth, to welcome others, to help with the delicious foods which are served, or in any other way - please call the church office. We welcome you and appreciate whatever you are willing to do or share. Let's all work together to make this a really great event for our church and our community!

The September issue of *The Builder* will have more information about dates and times when you can be involved. Working together is half the fun, and knowing it will make life better for others is very rewarding! Circle the date, Oct. 30, and tell your friends!



# RELATING

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

Please remember to contact the church office to schedule meetings for the new school year. Call 728-3668.



## Be a Hunger Contact for First Lutheran

The Northeastern Minnesota Synod is asking each congregation to identify people to serve as the "Hunger Contacts" for their congregations. These volunteers would receive and share information on world hunger issues from the synod and ELCA with First Lutheran for a period of only two years.

Please contact Shirley Wuchter at [swuchter@juno.com](mailto:swuchter@juno.com) or Dana Varlan at 464-0488 if you are interested in being a contact for First Lutheran Church.

Once contacts are found, they would attend a fellowship/training/planning session: Sat., Sept. 25, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 2901 South Highway 169, Grand Rapids, MN.

**Topnotchers will not be meeting in August.**

## News from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

[www.vlmcamps.org](http://www.vlmcamps.org) ~ 800-331-5148 ~  
[vlm@vlmcamps.org](mailto:vlm@vlmcamps.org)

VLM's 13th Annual Golf Scramble is scheduled for Mon., Aug. 2 at the Virginia Golf Course. Check the VLM website (under news and events tab) or call Julie at the office for more info.

Now Accepting Resumes for VLM's Program Director Position until Aug. 10. More details and ministry description are on VLM website. Contact Joel Abenth, Executive Director.

## Young People's Art Exhibit



School may be out for the summer, but don't tuck away those art supplies just yet. As mentioned in the June edition of *The Builder*, artwork submissions will be accepted from our congregation's children and young adults to be among the first to be displayed in the newly remodeled commons and gathering space this coming October. Consider setting aside some time this summer to create a work of art for all to admire and enjoy. Here are more details regarding the submission guidelines:



### Who qualifies?

Any FLC member, ages 2-18, can participate.

### What forms of artwork will be accepted?

The exhibit will accept visual art of any medium (including painting, drawing, sculpture, jewelry, textiles/needlework, pottery, photography, mixed media/collage, woodworking, print, and poetry).

### Are there any suggested themes or limitations?

The topic is up to your discretion; however, submissions should be appropriate for display at FLC. (Please avoid works with a political agenda.)



### Do I need to frame my artwork?

Yes. All submissions should be framed, matted, and ready to hang (as appropriate for the type of medium). Attach wires to the back of frames to expedite the setup for the exhibit and expand our display options.

### When will submissions be collected?

Artwork will be collected beginning in mid to late September. The final cutoff for submissions will be



October 1<sup>st</sup>. More details regarding submission dates and times will follow in future editions of *The Builder*.

### Will all submissions be displayed in the exhibit?

Yes, provided that they meet the above guidelines. Up to two submissions per child/young adult will be accepted.

### Will awards be distributed?

Yes. To thank all those who participate in the exhibit, awards will be handed out (ribbons) at a reception/appreciation event in the fall. Everyone who enters is a winner!

If you have any questions regarding the above guidelines, please contact Sarah Marks at (218) 525-0633 or by e-mail at [sarahmarks77@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahmarks77@hotmail.com).

## Rhubarb Fest a Great Success Over \$25,000 Raised

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual CHUM Rhubarb Fest held at First Lutheran on June 26 was a great success. CHUM raised over \$26,000 to be used in its many programs. This is a record for CHUM. Folks from over 30 of CHUM's 40 member churches were involved in making this happen. Many First Lutheran members provided hours of labor making pie crust, pies, crisps, jams and jellies, cobblers, scones, muffins, salsa, relish, burritos, and just having fun. Working side by side with folks from First Lutheran, other community churches, and many "drop in" volunteers (from as far away as Michigan) in getting ready and serving, is always a highlight of the Fest.

Thanks to those that worked, donated rhubarb, jars and other items for the fest. It is a "guess"timate that the fest used over 1,000 pounds of rhubarb in all of the products produced for the sale. The silent auction was also a success. Thanks too to the First Lutheran Staff who were very VERY helpful and to Pastor April Larson for the "blessing of the rhubarb" opening devotion.

**Plan ahead: Be sure to put June 25, 2011 on your calendar for the 7th Annual Fest and plan to help.**

## 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](http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Social-Statements-in-Process/Genetics/Draft-Social-Statement.aspx)

## Valleyfair!

**Tues., Aug. 3**

The annual 7th-12th grade youth trip to Valleyfair is on Tues., Aug. 3. The cost will be between \$60 - \$65, which includes transportation and your entry ticket. You will want to bring extra money for food and games. For the trip, bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen and a change of clothes. Adult chaperones are needed too! If you are interested, please contact the church office, 728-3668.



## Pictures from Friendship Camp

*See article on p. 13.*



Sonja and Jorgen Baertsch (right) with their host family.



Carol Anderson helps students with a "sticky" craft project.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Sunday School Model: Faith Quest

First Lutheran's 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will begin 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 our Bible story in different workshops each week.

Faith Quest uses the workshop rotation model with students learning a Bible story or faith lesson in depth and using different learning styles for 4 weeks. Each week there will be a 20 minute large group opening with music, Bible memory and skills work, catechism, etc., followed by a 35 minute workshop that tells the story each week using a different type of activity (art, science, music, drama/storytelling, cooking, games, video, and hopefully, one day, computers!). Each week the students would be learning about the story in a different, hands-on way as they move to a different workshop. This will hopefully increase the retention of the story and make it a fun and exciting environment in which to learn.

The stories that will be explored this year in Faith Quest are: Creation, The Lord's Prayer, Jesus is Born, the Good Samaritan, Ruth and Naomi, Holy Week and Easter, and the Fruits of the Spirit.

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! A training session will be held for all guides and leaders before classes begin.

### Group Guide

Be a part of 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 our kids 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, and games. Lesson plans will be written for you in advance, and you use the same lesson plan for the whole rotation. Leaders are responsible for knowing the story well and attending 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. We need music leaders who can commit to regular attendance during the school year. Lesson plans and training will be provided! We are also looking for piano/guitar players to work with our music leaders.

To learn more about Faith Quest and how you can be a Faith Quest volunteer, contact Sarah Gunderson, Director 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).



## First Lutheran Day Camp Aug. 9-13



The theme for Day Camp is "Keeping the Earth". During the week together, the group will gather daily to learn and experience what it means that Jesus and his love is present in our lives. Through worship and music, crafts, Bible study, games, great snacks, a field trip (on the train!) and fun service projects, we will grow in faith and have a great time together.

**Day Camp week begins with a rally event for the whole family on Sun., Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Meet the Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (VLM) staff who will be leading Day Camp, learn more about what will happen during the week, and have a special treat.

Day Camp is for kids who have completed K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. The camp goes from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. each day, except on the final day of the week when there will be a closing program at 12:00. The cost for the week is \$40 per child (\$100 maximum for a family and campership funds available upon request). Call the church office to sign up.

Join VLM camp staff as they bring a week of camp to First Lutheran!

### There's still time to sign up!

There is still time to sign up for Day Camp! Youth are encouraged to invite a friend or neighbor kid to join them. Call the church office today, 728-3668. It will be a great week!

# REACHING OUT LOCALLY / GLOBALLY

## FLC Members Participate in the 2010 Friendship English Language Camps in Russia

Sonja and Jorgen Baertsch, Kathy Morris, Paul and Carol Anderson joined six others from the NE MN Synod and fifteen from other Lutheran churches in the 2010 Friendship English Language Camps in Petrozavodsk and Kondopoga sponsored by East European Mission Network ([www.eemn.org](http://www.eemn.org)). The group departed May 26, returning June 14 a bit exhausted but filled with memories of wonderful new friends. The camps provided opportunities to help young people practice English using a curriculum based on the life of Christ. The theme for the week was "Living in Love" focusing on their memory verse, John 3:16.

Sonja, Jorgen and Kathy were in Petrozavodsk the first week with the "Lutheran Camp" co-directed by Nadia and Pastor Alex Krongolm (their youth ministry work is partly supported by FLC), and the second week at Lyceum #1 with public school youth.



Jorgen playing with students.

A highlight was the opportunity to meet and interact with Nadia and Alex, as well as their youth ministry team and youth at the Petrozavodsk Lutheran Church (with whom we have a Friendship Congregation relationship). Other highlights included getting to

know the kids and speaking Russian (Jorgen); seeing the class drama come together on the last day of the week - a miracle (Sonja); experiencing so many opportunities to share God's love with students, interpreters, and families, and experiencing first hand the major financial problems of the Russian Ingrian Lutheran Church and realizing how much they need our support (Kathy).

Paul and Carol were at the FELC in Kondopoga, 30 miles north of Petrozavodsk, with a small EEMN team of six. Highlights included observing growing awareness of faith in the lives of several teacher/translators since the FELC began in Kondopoga four years ago, and wonderful conversations with the youth about the implications of Jesus' ministry for our lives.

Notes from teachers like this validate the axiom that "When you go on a short-term mission trip, you receive much more than you give." *"I'd like to write (that) since you've started our course, a lot of things have changed concerning our faith. Thank you for making it possible for me, teachers and our students."* More detailed individual personal summaries can be read on the FLC web site (under Global Ministry-Russia).



Kathy with two of her students.

## Update on Los Ranchos Delegation and Scholarship Students

The three Los Ranchos delegates who are coming to Duluth Oct. 5-14 had their visa interview on July 27. Letters from Pastor Larson and other officials were sent to U.S. officials in El Salvador. First Lutheran's El Salvador committee are looking forward to their arrival and will need lots of help in the following areas: six hosts for each of the three people for about three days each, Spanish translators, hosts for dinners or lunches, drivers to various places, ideas for places or people to have our guests visit, funding to cover air fares and other expenses, and prayers for a successful delegation. They will have much to share with us when they arrive, such as community projects.

In other news, the scholarship students have written a letter to First Lutheran: "We thank you for the help you provide us, since we know that you put lots of effort into it...may God grant you many blessings." Two former scholarship students graduated on June 20: Miguel Serrano and Hilda Abrego. Current students will be starting a new semester in August. They also report that they "are living in a wave of violence...and are afraid to leave our communities to go to the capital." Five of the students are volunteering with a project which shows educational movies to children and one is volunteering in a health clinic (part of their scholarship requirements). They "hope that all is well with your families and in your work."

Information on preparing for a delegation can be found on the ELCA website under Global Mission and Companion Synod Handbook. (<http://www.elca.org/Who-We-Are/Our-Three-Expressions/Churchwide-Organization/Global-Mission/Engage-in-Global-Mission/Companion-synods/Hosting.aspx>). You can also contact members of the committee (Anne Rogotzke, Dory or Will Sjoblom) with ideas or offers of help. *Please keep our sister community in your prayers so that the travel process will go smoothly and that the violence will subside so students can safely attend the universities in the capital.*

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## First Lutheran Website Updated

Take a peek at what's new on the FLC Website

- New design, look and organization
- Current church news and events "blog" with headlines on front page sidebar
- Online church calendar with meetings, worship and events; send your updates to Shawn
- Information and link to listen live via the Internet to worship on Sunday morning in the sanctuary
- Worship Audio file archive started; 29 audio files on site from Christmas through Easter on the site and more coming with goal of having Sunday worship available on Mondays
- All for a 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the previous annual website cost
- Send website content updates and current news to Shawn

Send your feedback and suggestions on the website via the church contact form on the site!

Board of Evangelism and Communications/PR Ministry Team



### GET BETTER CONNECTED ON OUR WEBSITE

- ◆ Go to [www.flcduluth.org](http://www.flcduluth.org)
- ◆ Sign up for *FirstNews* weekly e-mail updates by sending an e-mail to [flchurch@flcduluth.org](mailto:flchurch@flcduluth.org)
- ◆ Sign up to receive a full color, digital issue of *The Builder* via email (go green)
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# CALENDAR

## August 2010

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday                                   | Saturday                           |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|------------------------------------|
| 1<br>8:30am - Worship @<br>10am - Worship @ Leif<br>11am - Prebapt         | 2<br>1am - Library<br>5am - AA 5:15 @ Parish<br>6:30pm - Solourners II<br>6:30pm - Solourners III          | 3<br>ValleyFair Trip<br>11:30am - Book Group<br>4:30pm - Pres Prayer<br>5pm - Bd Ed @ Uoer<br>7pm - BdEvangelism @ | 4<br>8am - Prayer<br>9:30am - Kiwanis @<br>10:30am - Worship<br>1pm - Staff Mto @     | 5<br>9am - Yoga @ Youth<br>9:30am - Interim<br>6pm - Bd Oo<br>6:30pm - Gardeners @                             | 6<br>Rehearsal<br>6:30am - Solourners I  | 7<br>Wedding<br>10am - AA @ Youth  |
| 8<br>8:30am - Worship @<br>9:30am - DayCamp Rally<br>10am - Worship @ Leif | 9<br>DayCamp<br>5pm - AA 5:15 @ Parish<br>6:30pm - Solourners II<br>6:30pm - Solourners III                | 10<br>11:30am - Book Group<br>4:30pm - Pres Prayer<br>6:30pm - BdCh in Soc.<br>7pm - Bd Global @<br>7pm - Bd/WAM @ | 11<br>8am - Prayer<br>9:30am - Kiwanis @<br>10:30am - Worship<br>1:30pm - Staff Mto @ | 12<br>9am - Yoga @ Youth<br>6pm - Bd Oo<br>6:30pm - Board Conoc.<br>6:30pm - Exec. Comm.<br>7:30pm - Order St. | 13<br>6:30am - Solourners I              | 14<br>10am - AA @ Youth            |
| 15<br>8:30am - Worship @<br>10am - Worship @ Leif<br>11am - Picnic @ Leif  | 16<br>1am - Library Comm. @<br>5am - AA 5:15 @ Parish<br>6:30pm - Solourners II<br>6:30pm - Solourners III | 17<br>11:30am - Book Group<br>4:30pm - Pres Prayer<br>7pm - Bd Stewardship<br>7pm - Bd Youth @ 3rd                 | 18<br>8am - Prayer<br>9:30am - Kiwanis @<br>10:30am - Worship<br>1:30pm - Staff Mto @ | 19<br>9am - Yoga @ Youth<br>6pm - Bd Oo<br>6:30pm - Gardeners @  | 20<br>Rehearsal<br>6:30am - Solourners I | 21<br>Wedding<br>10am - AA @ Youth |
| 22<br>8:30am - Worship @<br>10am - Worship @ Leif                          | 23<br>5pm - AA 5:15 @ Parish<br>6:30pm - Solourners II<br>6:30pm - Solourners III                          | 24<br>4:30pm - Pres Prayer   | 25<br>8am - Prayer<br>9:30am - Kiwanis @<br>10:30am - Worship<br>1:30pm - Staff Mto @ | 26<br>9am - Yoga @ Youth<br>10am - Women's Bible<br>4pm - Finance Comm.<br>6pm - Bd Oo                         | 27<br>6:30am - Solourners I              | 28<br>10am - AA @ Youth            |
| 29<br>8:30am - Worship @<br>9:30am - Blood Press.<br>10am - Worship @ Leif | 30<br>5pm - AA 5:15 @ Parish<br>6:30pm - Solourners II<br>6:30pm - Solourners III                          | 31<br>4:30pm - Pres Prayer   | 1<br>8am - Prayer<br>9:30am - Kiwanis @<br>10:30am - Worship<br>1:30pm - Staff Mto @  | 2<br>9am - Yoga @ Youth<br>9:30am - Interim<br>12pm - FLCW Luncheon<br>6pm - Bd Oo<br>6:30pm - Gardeners @     | 3<br>6:30am - Solourners I               | 4<br>10am - AA @ Youth             |

### Softball Schedule for FLYers



Take an evening stroll or short drive over to the UMD baseball fields on Tuesday evenings and cheer for First Lutheran's softball team as they play ball! One can't help but get caught up in the fun and team spirit that this group shares with their teammates, the opposing team, and spectators.

Here is the remaining schedule of their season:

- August 3 7:00 p.m. Field 2
- August 10 8:00 a.m. Field 3
- August 17 8:00 p.m. Field 3

### Promise Preschool Registrations

FLC's Promise Preschool provides a quality child-centered environment where children learn and grow in their faith and development, incorporating Christian teachings and values. Promise Preschool provides morning (9:00-11:45 a.m.) or afternoon (1:00-3:45) half-day sessions with a traditional, preschool environment. Eligibility begins at 36 months. If you are interested, contact Jenny Lancrete at 728-3668 ext. 214.



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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.

#### **SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWS**

Deadline: Wed., Aug. 18, Noon

#### **OCTOBER 2010 NEWS**

Deadline: Sat., Sept. 18, Noon

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