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First Word

The monthly newspaper of First Lutheran Church

Make your desk an altar

For wisdom ... For students young and old ... For always

"Happy is the one who finds wisdom, and who gets understanding, for the gain from it is better than gain from silver and its profit better than gold. Wisdom is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with it." (Proverbs 3:13-15; RSV)

In all of its roll-topped maple majesty, with copper drawers that over time have taken on a unique-one-of-a-kind patina, she has presided over my study for now some thirty-three years. She entered my life during a senior year at Augustana ('78), when I attended an auction at the train depot in Salem, S.D. Some five-score-and-more years ago, she'd served as the train conductor's operation center—where tickets were sold for travel and adventure, schedules logged, and Horace Greeley's famous words had blown into the new Dakota territory: "Go West, young man." (And still today, if you look carefully ... there, faintly scratched on her back, is the combination for the old Salem depot's safe!)

Broad shouldered, like the city where Cathy and I would eventually move her, she was small enough for a college student's checkbook yet way too large for a small Ford Pinto to carry. The auctioneer, Curt Price and my father,

trucked her safely home to a garage in Madison, where she took-up a wintry residence till summer ... She then became part of our marriage and a rather lengthy academic odyssey. Seminary years in St. Paul ... Internship in Colfax, Wisc. ... Doctoral studies in Chicago ... Parish and university years in Bozeman, Mont. ... And now she's back among her "prairie home companions" in Sioux Falls—continuing to provide a sacred space where I can read and ponder ... and simply lean into the sheer wonder of a divine wisdom that fills every dimension of life.

In the fall of 1983, a small group of young doctoral students gathered for worship in the beatific splendor of the University of Chicago's Bond Chapel—with all of its marvelous blue stained glass windows. My future mentor and friend, Martin Marty concluded his sermon with this imperative: "Make your desk an altar."

And so this fall, in this year of 2011 ... what is your desk? Fantasize your desk. Each of you has one. On campus ... they're strewn with pop-cans, orange peels, water bottles, CDs, laptops, papers and books. At work ... they're



A look at Pastor John Christopherson's desk at Montana State University during the 1990s.

covered with computer screens, pictures of family, files upon files with little yellow sticky notes, and ... perhaps a bottle of ibuprofen buried somewhere. At home, our desks are awash with a

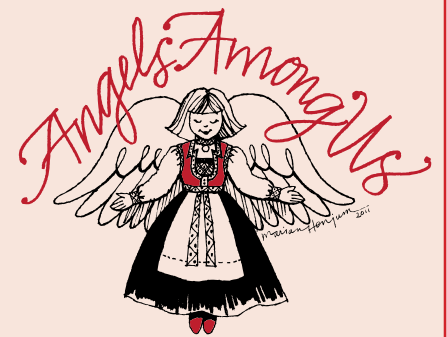
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Bazaar

Saturday, Nov. 5
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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SCANDINAVIAN BUFFET
SPECIALTY SHOPS

Also Featuring
A LIVE NATIVITY
& SPECIAL MUSIC



Spend Thanksgiving Eve with your family of faith

Wednesday, Nov. 23

Thanksgiving Eve Meal • 5-6:15 p.m.

Turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin and apple pie
\$4/adults • \$2/age 6 and under

Thanksgiving Eve Worship • 7 p.m.

- "Now the Feast and Celebration" liturgy by Marty Haugen
- Thanksgiving trilogy of favorite hymns led by handbells and pipe organ.
- Special anthem: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" led by a 120-voice combined choir
- Thanksgiving message by Pastor John Christopherson
- Children's message



Grammy-award-winning organist Paul Jacobs to present recital Dec. 4

In celebration of the re-dedication of First Lutheran's Aeolian Skinner organ, Grammy-award-winning organist Paul Jacobs will present a free recital on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The organ recently underwent a renovation that completed it to the original design, adding more than 400 pipes. It also was cleaned, the electrical components were updated, and parts that had seen more than 50 years of use were replaced.

First Lutheran is honored to have Paul Jacobs, who is lauded by audiences for his tremendous technical abilities and for the wide range of emotions he is able to coax from the instrument, perform in its sanctuary during his 2011-2012 season.

Paul Jacobs made musical history at the age of 23 when he performed the complete organ works of J.S. Bach in an 18-hour non-stop marathon performance, and has subsequently performed the complete organ works of Olivier Messiaen in nine-hour marathon concerts around the country.

At 26, Paul Jacobs was invited to join the faculty of The Juilliard School in New York, and in 2004, at



Paul Jacobs made musical history at age 23 when he performed the complete organ works of J.S. Bach in an 18-hour non-stop performance. Jacobs is performing at First Lutheran on Sunday, Dec. 4.

age 27, was named chairman of the organ department, one of the youngest faculty appointees in the school's history. By the age of 31 he had performed in all 50 states and toured in Europe, Asia, South America and Australia.

MISSION STATEMENT

First Lutheran Church welcomes all people into the community of Jesus Christ, equipping and sending them forth to serve and witness in Jesus' name.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We are grounded in the great commandment of Jesus. (Matthew 22:34–40)

We are grounded in the great commission of Jesus. (Matthew 28:16–20)

We are committed to welcome and minister to all people.

We are committed to equipping people for ministry.

We are committed to service in our community and world.

We are committed to a ministry of relationship building.

We are committed to our heritage and identity as a reforming church.

We are committed to excellence in broadcast ministry.



WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY (Christ the Victor Chapel)
5 p.m. Vespers with Communion

SUNDAY (Sanctuary)
8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
9:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
12 p.m. Worship in an African Context (Chapel)

MEDIA MINISTRY BROADCASTS
8:15 a.m. KELO-FM Radio (92.5)
11 a.m. KSFY (Sioux Falls), KPRY (Pierre) and KABY (Aberdeen)

First Word

First Word is the monthly newspaper of First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, S.D. It is distributed to members of the congregation and others upon request.

If you have material for *First Word*, please contact the editor, Kerrie Vilhauer, or a member of the First Lutheran Church pastoral or program staff (see staff listing on page 3).

Opinions expressed in *First Word* are those of the author and are not necessarily shared by the First Lutheran Church congregation or staff. The editors of *First Word* reserve the right to edit submissions. Responses are welcome.

The deadline for the December issue is Thursday, Nov. 3. Please e-mail articles or questions regarding *First Word* to: kvilhauer@flcsf.org. *First Word* is also available online (www.flcsf.org).

Church Council Highlights: Sept. 22, 2011

Business Administrator Marilyn McNeill reported that a new phone system is being installed due to damage caused by a power outage. The cost is being covered by insurance and \$8,000 from the Contingency Fund.

Media Board Chair Mark Tooley and member Julia Kramer reported that the telecast equipment is beginning to fail and that it is very difficult to find replacement parts. The new equipment would fulfill the requirement for high definition

compatibility. It is estimated that ordering and installing the new equipment would require three to four months and would cost approximately \$120,000. Treasurer Corey Halstenson reported that \$262,000 in campaign funds has been escrowed and will be more than enough to cover the cost of the media equipment as well as the sanctuary flooring. Vice President Krebs requested that a list of the needed equipment and the costs be presented at the next meeting,

when the council will vote on the purchase.

A motion to elect Suzanne Willadsen to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Reinesch on the Board for Worship and Music and Paulette Jensen to fill the unexpired term of Kurt Johnson on the Board for Financial Services was made, seconded and passed.

The meeting was followed by the Budget Congress, during which the boards presented their proposals for the 2012 budget.

Make your desk an altar

“piling system” of bills and magazines, a dish of peanut M&Ms, gum wrappers, coffee cups, letters and screwdrivers and paperclips, a stuffed toy, and ... We make our desks many things. As the wise old professor put it: “Make your desk an altar.”

I know some who have. I remember early childhood days in the Twin Cities, waking up, needing to use the bathroom, and seeing a light coming out from under a door in the kitchen that led to the basement, where my dad had a make-shift office (partitioned by bamboo blinds). Opening the door, I scuffed in my jammies down the rough wooden



Pastor John Christopherson

steps on padded feet, as the smell of Sail pipe tobacco came wafting upward. (Was that holy smoke?) ... “Dad, whatcha doin’?” “Well,” he answered, “I’m just not satisfied with this sermon. I had to get up and rework it.” A man

who made his desk an altar.

My *Doktorvater* (“doctor father”), Langdon Gilkey is another who made his desk an altar. I’d call him as I was working on my dissertation proposal(s), trying to get to him about some ultimate concern. His wife, in her sophisticated New Yorker flare, would invariably answer: “I’m sorry, Dr. Gilkey is at his desk in the study. May he call you back after five, John?” Yes, make your desk an altar. As St. Augustine mused long ago: The Christian life is one of constant learning, of “faith seeking ever deeper understanding” (*fides quarens intellectum*).

In this season of “back to school,” of

fall semesters and cool evening breezes ... make your desk an altar.

Make it a place where there is an encounter—an

encounter with all those beloved forebears, those

most wise and winsome in this

world. Wrestle to find truth, as it emerges and will continue to

emerge in your

life (cf. Genesis 32:22–31). Make your

desk an altar, a place of encounter where you continue to grow and mature—seeking to incarnate Jesus’ imperative for discipleship: “Be ye wise as serpents yet gentle as doves” (Matthew 10:6a).

Make your desk a place of sacrifice (Romans 12:1–2). Commit yourself to your studies. With spirited midnight oil, burn your eyes out, saying “Yes” to that calling, giving priority to growing in faith and knowledge—through regular Bible study, serious theological reflection, through studying the arts and sciences, great literature, and then falling out of your chair in Christian service. Yet also learn to say “No”—when there are so many sirens of today’s mass media—of texting and tweeting, twitter and bleeping—that seek to dull and dim-wit you into spiritual complacency and intellectual mediocrity, of biblical illiteracy and moral indecency. Don’t waste your time with *laissez faire* indifference—whether out of a conservative smugness or liberal self-righteousness. Live each day to its fullest (Psalm 90:12). And ... “Always be prepared to make a defense to any one



Martin Luther’s desk. Make your desk a place of sacrifice (Romans 12:1–2). Commit yourself to your studies. ... Allow time for your desk to be a place of creativity. ... And finally, let your desk be a place of worship.

who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence” (I Peter 3:15).

Allow time for your desk to be a place of creativity. Periodically lean back and kick your feet up, thinking and dreaming and exploring and really listening. Make of your desk a place of constant curiosity ... where books are always open, you’re jotting notes, reading, writing (maybe not always original, but seeking always to be authentic), engaged in that quiet dialog that forms and shapes who you are and who you are constantly becoming ... in the image of God. A created co-creator (Phil Hefner).

And finally, let your desk be a place of worship, a place uncluttered, where you encounter the One who is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6a) ... The One who promises to speak to you through his Word. Make your desk your altar. It is your calling, and it is your gift.

In Christ’s service,

j.r. christopherson
Senior Pastor

Staff celebrate anniversaries

First Lutheran Church is blessed with a very dedicated staff. We are so thankful for each and every staff member for the support provided to the ministries of First Lutheran Church.

The following staff members are celebrating special anniversaries this year.

Celebrating five years of service:

- Pastor Jim Christopherson, part time associate pastor
- Debbie Garcia, administrative assistant
- Melody Roberts, nursery coordinator/children’s ministries assistant

Celebrating 10 years of service:

- Pastor John Christopherson, senior pastor

- Marnie Dahle Backer, director of Youth Ministries
- Hazel Wek, Carol Choir accompanist

Celebrating 20 years of service:

- Sue Severson, adult choir accompanist

Celebrating 30 years of service:

- Shirley Barlow, Worship and Music Ministries administrative assistant

Please congratulate them on their years of service to First Lutheran and extend your appreciation to all of the staff for the work they do.

Marilyn McNeill, Business Administrator

New members welcomed on Sunday, Oct. 16



Welcome to the following new members of First Lutheran Church: Back row, left to right: Todd Jacobsen, Cami Jacobsen, Britt Jacobsen, Kiri Jacobsen, Darleen Pfeifer, Kristy Wieker, David Merry and Amanda Lundy. Front row, left to right: Berit Foss, Jake Nordin, Jaclyn McKenzie, Mason Wieker and Morgan Wieker.

Not pictured: Bailey Davis, Maren Jacobsen, Judy Ryan, Lori Wilbur, and Molly Wilbur.

To learn about the next New Member Discovery Class, contact Visitor/Volunteer Coordinator Linda Carpenter at 339-1983, ext. 231, or lcarpenter@flcsf.org.

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



Adult Forum to feature Colombian bishop, sports editor and more

Adult Forums continue to take place on Sundays. Identical forums take place at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Friendship Room. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome. Here's the schedule:

Nov. 13—
Bishop Eduardo Martinez
"Our Mission Relationships with Colombia"

Bishop Eduardo Martinez of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia will speak on First Lutheran's mission relationships with Colombia. He will talk about the mission impact that the gifts of First Lutheran continue to make among God's people in Colombia and what mutual mission excitement there is for the "Lutheran House of Encounters Emmaus" which gifts from First Lutheran's capital campaign are helping to establish in Bogotá.

Nov. 20—
Pastor John Christopherson
"Vincent Van Gogh: An artist's quest for God"

Join Pastor John in a study of this artist's struggle with mental illness that gave rise to insightful genius. Unable to complete seminary studies, to marry, to earn a living, to keep any friends, much less his sanity—Van Gogh, through his painting and in his death, expressed his vision of order and creativity.



Pastor John Christopherson will speak on the life of Vincent Van Gogh, the man who painted *Starry Night*, at the Sunday, Nov. 20, Adult Forum.

Nov. 27—
Stu Whitney
"The good, the bad, and the ugly in South Dakota sports"

As a sports writer and sports editor for the *Argus Leader*, Stu has seen it all. Come hear him describe the state of sports based on his 20 years of experience covering events in South Dakota.

Dec. 4—
Phyllis Arends
"Becoming a mental health friendly congregation"

Phyllis Arends is the executive director of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). She'll explain how a congregation can overcome the stigma of mental illness and instead welcome those dealing with mental illness in their family.



SENIOR MINISTRY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Nov. 8
12 p.m. Luncheon
Fellowship Hall

Kevin Gansz
will present a
program on the
unusual items
that call the
Old Courthouse
Museum home

Church Women Schedule

The First Lutheran Church Women's general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 10, at noon in the Gathering Room with Sarah and Katie Circles hosting. The program "Into Africa" will be presented by Richard Blundell. He will be speaking about his work designing churches for towns in Africa. He also will cover how he supervised the construction of those churches. All women are invited to attend.

Prior to the general meeting the FLCW board meeting will take place at 10:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room.

SUGGESTED READING for November

The Hole in Our Gospel by Richard Stearns is the First Lutheran Church Library book of the month for November. It is the attention-grabbing story of corporate CEO Richard Stearns, who set aside worldly success for something far more significant and discovered the full power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to change his own life. The Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA) recently announced *The Hole in Our Gospel* as winner of both the Christian Life Category Award and the 2010 Christian Book of the Year.

Check out the website at www.theholeinourgospel.com to learn more about this remarkable book.

—Barbara Siebelts, Librarian



Go to www.theholeinourgospel.com to learn more about *The Hole in Our Gospel* by Richard Stearns.

Daily Texts available in the library

By Barbara Siebels

The new year is coming and it is time to think about committing to a daily reading program to nurture your faith. I suggest the *Daily Texts*.

This is a unique devotional book with two Bible verses for each day—one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. These are followed

by a prayer based on Martin Luther's prayer pattern, T.R.I.P. (thanks, regret, intercession and purpose). Copies of the 2011 *Daily Texts* are available in the First Lutheran Church Library.

If you would like to order a copy of the 2012 devotional for personal use, stop by the Information Desk for more information.



The 2011 *Daily Texts* is available in the church library.

Readers of all ages are invited to be a part of

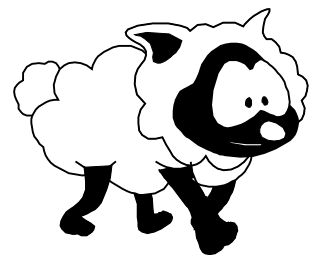
Library Lambs!

It is not too late to be a Library Lamb. Anyone can be a library lamb!

Here's how it works: Read books from the FLC Library and record them on a Library Lamb response form. A file box for forms is on the Library Desk.

The library is open whenever the church is open for self-service check-out.

Participants will be entered into a drawing for incentives. Response forms will be taken through Sunday, Dec. 11.



FLCW is sponsoring a collection of

Socks & Shampoo



The SOS collection will benefit SIGH (Stepping Into Good Health), a free foot clinic for those who have limited resources for health care. Bring any of the following items to the church starting Sunday, Nov. 13. Thank you for your support!

New socks: Men's extra large black socks; calf length or ankle length socks in medium and large (any color); diabetic socks in medium or large (available at Dollar Tree, Walmart, Walgreens).

Shampoo: Any size, including travel size.

A basket will be available in the Welcome Center for contributions. Call Arlene Bich, secretary for mission community for WELCA, at 275-6891, or Paula Bartels, parish nurse, at 339-1983, ext. 234, with questions. Thank you for your support of this project.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



November is World Hunger Awareness Month

First Lutheran's goal is to collect 3,450 pounds of food during the month

By Pastor Natanael Lizarazo

Imagine, if you will, your children asking for food when there is nothing to eat at all. Imagine you are unemployed, surviving on food stamps or living as a refugee. Imagine facing famine because of drought and poverty and seeing thousands of children dying each day because of malnutrition and preventable diseases. If there was anything in your power to change these situations, would you respond? If you knew Jesus Christ himself was hungry, would you feed him?

Honestly speaking, these are not realities most of us face on a daily basis. To some extent, we take for granted our blessings and daily sustainability. Yet we know neighbors in Sioux Falls and around the world face hunger and poverty each day. As the daily news would remind us, feeding ministries in Sioux Falls face significant challenges in serving increasing numbers of people, children and youth included. Hunger

and poverty are real in our community and larger world.

As a congregation, we are engaged in responding to hunger both locally and globally! We do so at the invitation of Christ and because we recognize the face of Christ in the vulnerable people we serve (Matthew 25:31-44).

As we intensify our hunger awareness and response in the month of November, we invite you to celebrate what God is doing in our congregation:

- First Lutheran supports feeding ministries in Sioux Falls such as The Banquet, Good Shepherd Center, The Bowden Youth Center, the Union Gospel Mission, Sioux Falls Food Pantry, the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry and Meals from the Heart among others!

- Through Bread for the World and the Ida Bergeland Fund, First Lutheran members advocate for policies that benefit the hungry in the United States and around the world!

- So far this year we have provided 3,135 pounds of food to the Sioux Falls Food Pantry!

- Gifts to ELCA World Hunger provide sustainable development, relief, drinkable water, and health among our companion churches thanks to the work of Lutheran World Relief and the Lutheran World Federation.

- Together, in Christ's name, we experience the transforming power of caring solidarity and empowering connections. As individuals, congregations, and synods of the ELCA, our humble offerings and actions are gathered, blessed, and multiplied to feed millions.

In this spirit of compassion and

solidarity with all those who suffer hunger and poverty in God's world, the Outreach Board invites your ongoing response through the following actions:

- Bring food items to the cupboard in the Welcome Center throughout the year, including Christmas! We hope to collect 3,450 pounds of food in November. (Cash donations can also be made; each dollar can buy 10 pounds of food.)

- Instead of giving unneeded gifts to family and friends this Christmas, give a financial gift to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Consider sacrificing a latte, a hamburger, a pop, or a technological toy. Make checks to First Lutheran earmarked ELCA World Hunger.

- Participate in Bread for the World Offering of Letters on behalf of hungry people!

As co-workers in God's mission, let us be attentive to worship, prayer and Bible study so that the fruits of our faith may indeed bless a hungry world! This is exactly what Martin Luther reminds us regarding the well-spring and relationship of faith and good works:

"Faith is God's work in us that changes us and gives new birth from God (John 1:13). It kills the Old Adam and makes us completely different people. It changes our hearts, our



Volunteers from First Lutheran cook at The Banquet.

spirits, our thoughts and all our powers. It brings the Holy Spirit with it. Yes, it is a living, creative, active and powerful thing. Faith cannot help doing good works constantly. It doesn't stop to ask if good works ought to be done, but before anyone asks, it already has done them and continues to do them without ceasing. Anyone who does not do good works in this manner is an unbeliever. Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God's grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures. The Holy Spirit makes this happen through faith. Because of it, you freely, willingly and joyfully do good to everyone, serve everyone, suffer all things, love and praise the God who has shown you such grace. Thus, it is just as impossible to separate faith and works as it is to separate heat and light from fire."



Donate non-perishable food items by bringing them to the Welcome Center food cupboard. Cash donations can be made as well; each dollar donated can buy 10 pounds of food.

YOUTH, FAMILY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



Where do you feel close to God?

Tenth-grade confirmation class shares thoughts through faith photo project



◀ Manos de Cristo is a place for people and for youth group where we learn about God and have fun. I picked that place because I feel close to God and closer to others that help me learn about God. I feel like I'm more comfortable there than any other place in the church. Youth group is really fun, mostly because of the people who go to it. —Taylor Thibodeau



◀ The place where I felt close to God was Camp Metigoshe. I attended the camp in the summer of 2010 and had a heck of a time. But the reason I chose it was because I felt closer to God there than anywhere else. I think all the activities and praying we did helped a great deal. I also learned how to let God help me with everything from everyday tasks to climbing rock walls! Camp Metigoshe definitely changed my whole perspective on worshipping God, because now I feel much closer to him. —Ethan Gette



◀ Every summer my dad and I head off for a few days to explore a really cool place that is away from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives in South Dakota. This photo is from our bike trip on the Munger Trail in Minnesota. Even though I know that God is with me every day and in everything I do, when I am camping, biking or hiking in the wilderness, I feel especially close to him. There is nothing like seeing his beautiful creation up close and personal. The magnificent rock formations, the beautiful streams and waterfalls, and the trees towering overhead are all examples of the wondrous creations that were put on this earth for us to enjoy! —Carly Hohman



▲ I like the Media Ministries crows nest at the top of the sanctuary where the TV cameras are controlled from. I feel close to God up there because when I'm running camera, I can share the word of God with the people who can't make it to church because they are ill or shut in. During my childhood when I was ill and unable to make it to church, I enjoyed being able to watch the service from home and I really enjoy helping out with the TV broadcast now. —Alyssa Palmer

► The place I feel closest to God is when I'm by myself, away from the world. When I'm by myself it gives me time to think and be alone with my thoughts. By myself outside during sunset, sundown, and sunrise are my favorite times of the day to be outside. It's the perfect time of day because it's not too hot and it's not too cold. When the sun is rising or setting you get to see and hear and feel the world come to life. And at night when the whole world is sleeping, it's just you and God. So when I am alone, in my solitude, I feel alive, safe, and I know God is speaking to me; he knows exactly where my life is going even if I don't. —Skytanna Younger



Mark your calendar



French toast will be served in Reformation Hall from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Start making plans for the summer of 2012. The 2012 summer camp schedule will be announced. Sign up for camp and get a free T-shirt.

Middle School Pizza and Game Night

Friday, Nov. 18
6 to 8:30 p.m. at Pizza Ranch in Brandon
Cost is \$10
(Includes buffet and \$5 game card. Bring extra money if you would like to play more games.)
Meet at First Lutheran.
Sign up by Sunday, Nov. 13, by calling Marnie at 339-1983, ext. 204. Invite a friend!



Christmas pageant notes

The children's Christmas pageant will take place on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9:45 a.m.
Sign-up begins on Sunday, Nov. 20. Practice will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



Supervised Open Gym
Sunday, Nov. 13, 2-4 p.m.
Open to all ages! Parent sign-in is required for children ages 9-14. Adult must be present with children under age 9.

4:12 Bowl Night

Sunday, Nov. 20
5-8 p.m.

Meet at the church

Join us for dinner at Golden Bowl followed by bowling at Suburban Bowl! Cost is \$5 plus whatever you might like for supper. Childcare is provided.

4:12 is Christian adults in their 20s and 30s experiencing ministries through a balance of fellowship, life sharing, spiritual growth and outreach.

First Lutheran Church Calendar—November 2011



Tuesday, November 1

9:00 AM Worship Planning
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
6:00 PM Music Rehearsals S
6:30 PM Agape Ringers HR
6:30 PM Higher Nets RH

Wednesday, November 2

8:50 AM Faithfully Fit Forever P
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1
10:00 AM Bible Study with the Pastors
12:00 PM Eat Well Live Well Love God PMR
1:30 PM Pastors Meetings
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:15 PM Music Rehearsals S
4:30 PM Good Vibrations Rehearsal HR
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsals CR
5:30 PM Belle Campane Rehearsal HR
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal CR
6:30 PM FLYGHT Rehearsals ML
6:30 PM 6th Gr Confirmation MdC
6:30 PM FaithWalkers S
6:30 PM 8th Gr Service Night Offsite
6:30 PM 7th Gr Service Night FH
6:40 PM Beth Moore Study: Daniel C
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal CR
8:00 PM High School Youth Group MdC

Thursday, November 3

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1
10:00 AM Visitation Pastors
10:00 AM Piano Classes Returning Adults PL
10:30 AM Beth Moore Study- Daniel MdC
11:00 AM Piano Class Beginning Adult PL
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry MdC

Friday, November 4

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
8:00 AM Meatball Preparation FH/FHK

Saturday, November 5

8:30 AM Bazaar Prayer Service C
9:00 AM Bazaar
10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR/S
5:00 PM Vespers C

Sunday, November 6

Bazaar Sunday Sale
8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe RH/RHK
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
9:45 AM Preschool FaithWalkers C/UR
9:45 AM Alpha Ministry FH/FHK
9:45 AM Small Group Ministry MdC
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
11:15 AM Preschool FaithWalkers C/UR
12:00 PM Affirmation of Baptism Set-up GR/GRK
12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
2:00 PM Affirmation of Baptism S/GR/GRK
3:00 PM Counseling PR
6:00 PM Dave Ramsey Financial Peace FrR

Monday, November 7

9:00 AM Sewing QSC
1:15 PM Kindermusik MR1
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR
6:00 PM Girl Scouts UR
6:30 PM NAMI Family to Family PR
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 153 D/FrR

Tuesday, November 8

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
12:00 PM Senior Luncheon FH/FHK
12:00 PM Lunch with Bishop Martinez GR
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
5:30 PM Media Board FrR
6:00 PM Music Rehearsals S
6:30 PM Board of Adult Discipleship TR
6:30 PM Agape Ringers HR

Scripture lessons

Nov. 6: Revelation 7:9–17; Psalm 34:1–10, 22; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

Nov. 13: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18; Psalm 90:1–8 [9–11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30

Nov. 20: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 95:1–7a; Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46

Nov. 24: Deuteronomy 8:7–18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6–15; Luke 17:11–19

Nov. 27: Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37

Wednesday, November 9

8:50 AM Faithfully Fit Forever P
9:00 AM Quilting QSC
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1
10:00 AM Bible Study with the Pastors GR/GRK
1:30 PM Pastors Meetings TR
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:15 PM Music Rehearsals S
4:30 PM Good Vibrations Rehearsal HR
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal RH/RHK
5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsals CR
5:30 PM Belle Campane Rehearsal HR
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal CR
6:30 PM FLYGHT Rehearsals ML
6:30 PM 7th Gr Confirmation FrR
6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR
6:30 PM 8th Gr Confirmation S/ FH
6:30 PM 6th Gr Pulse GR/GRK/LL/LFT/SSR4&5
6:30 PM Beth Moore Study: Daniel TR
6:30 PM Adult Study of Catechism FH/S
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal CR
8:00 PM High School Youth Group MdC

Thursday, November 10

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR
9:00 AM Staff Meeting FrR
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1
10:00 AM Piano Classes Returning Adults PL
10:30 AM FLCW Board Meeting FrR
10:30 AM Beth Moore Study - Daniel MdC
11:00 AM Piano Class Beginning Adult PL
12:00 PM WELCA General Meeting & Lunch GR/GRK
12:00 PM Project Car Steering Comm TR
12:00 PM Adult Study of Catechism FrR
5:30 PM Eggers/Thorntson Wedding Rehearsal S
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
6:00 PM Holistic Health Council PMR
6:00 PM Board of Outreach FrR
7:00 PM Pre-Baptism Class GR

Friday, November 11

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
11:30 AM Wedding Hospitality TR
3:00 PM Eggers/Thorntson Wedding S

Saturday, November 12

10:15 AM Open Gym RH
10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR/FR/FRK/S
11:30 AM Carol Choir FH
5:00 PM Vespers C

Sunday, November 13

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
8:30 AM Camp Sunday & French Toast Breakfast RH
8:55 AM Adult Study of Catechism TR
9:00 AM Alpha Ministry FH/FHK
9:15 AM Equal Exchange Coffee WCD
9:15 AM Baptism Meeting LL
9:30 AM Adult Forum FrR
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/PR/UR
9:45 AM Small Group Ministry MdC
11:00 AM Adult Forum FrR
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
11:15 AM FaithWalkers C/PR/UR
12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
2:00 PM Supervised Open Gym RH
3:00 PM Counseling PR
3:30 PM Pre-Holiday Grief Service of Prayers C/
6:00 PM Dave Ramsey Financial Peace FrR

Monday, November 14

9:00 AM Sewing QSC
1:15 PM Kindermusik MR1
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR
6:30 PM NAMI Family to Family PR
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 153 D

Tuesday, November 15

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
10:00 AM Altar Guild Coffee GR/GRK/C
10:00 AM Chaplaincy Board Meeting PR
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:00 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting PMR
5:00 PM Financial Services Bd Mtg SS 212
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
6:00 PM Board of Pastoral Care L
6:00 PM Music Rehearsals S
6:30 PM Agape Ringers HR
7:00 PM Theology on Tap Offsite

Wednesday, November 16

8:50 AM Faithfully Fit Forever P
9:00 AM Quilting QSC
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1
10:00 AM Bible Study with the Pastors GR/GRK
1:30 PM Pastors Meetings TR
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:15 PM Music Rehearsals S
4:30 PM Good Vibrations Rehearsal HR
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal RH/RHK
5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsals CR
5:30 PM Belle Campane Rehearsal HR
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal CR
6:30 PM FLYGHT Rehearsals ML
6:30 PM 7th Gr Confirmation FrR
6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR
6:30 PM 8th Gr Confirmation S/ FH
6:30 PM 6th Gr Pulse GR/GRK/LL/LFT/SSR4&5
6:30 PM Beth Moore Study: Daniel TR
6:30 PM Adult Study of Catechism FH/S

7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal CR
8:00 PM High School Youth Group MdC

Thursday, November 17

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR
9:00 AM Rachel Circle GR/GRK
9:00 AM Staff Meeting FrR
9:30 AM Lydia Circle TR
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1
10:00 AM Piano Classes Returning Adults PL
10:30 AM Beth Moore Study - Daniel MdC
11:00 AM Piano Class Beginning Adult PL
12:00 PM Adult Study of Catechism FrR
1:00 PM Martha Circle GR/GRK
5:00 PM Church Council FH
5:30 PM Board of Worship & Music TR
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
6:30 PM Volleyball Tournament RH
6:30 PM Stephan Ministries PMR
7:00 PM Hannah Circle GR/GRK
7:00 PM Ruth Circle Fr/FrK
7:00 PM Letters from Dad D

Friday, November 18

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
6:00 PM Board of Pastoral Care L
6:00 PM Middle School Event RH/ Offsite
6:00 PM 4th/5th Gr Activity Night GR/GRK/RH/LFT

Saturday, November 19

10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR/FR/FRK/S
10:15 AM Open Gym RH
5:00 PM Vespers C

Sunday, November 20

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
8:45 AM Mentor Breakfast RH/RHK
8:55 AM Adult Study of Catechism TR
9:00 AM Alpha Ministry FH/FHK
9:15 AM Wreath Pick-up A
9:30 AM Adult Forum FrR
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/PR/UR
9:45 AM Small Group Ministry MdC
11:00 AM Adult Forum FrR
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
11:15 AM FaithWalkers C/PR/UR
12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
3:00 PM Counseling PR
5:00 PM 4:12 Bowling GR/GRK/RH/RHK/N
6:00 PM Dave Ramsey Financial Peace FrR

Monday, November 21

1:15 PM Kindermusik MR1
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:30 PM Mailing Assembly GR/ GRK
4:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR
6:00 PM Girl Scouts UR
6:30 PM NAMI Family to Family PR
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 153 D/FrR

Tuesday, November 22

8:30 AM Foot Clinic PMR
9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:30 PM Serve the Banquet Offsite
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:00 PM Stewardship Board Meeting TR
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
6:30 PM Agape Ringers HR
7:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal S/ CR

Wednesday, November 23

8:50 AM Faithfully Fit Forever P
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1
1:30 PM Pastors Meetings TR
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal RH
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
6:15 PM Choir Rehearsal Warm-up FH
6:30 PM Beth Moore Study: Daniel TR
7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service S
8:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal CR/ S

Thursday, November 24

Office Closed Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 25

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
Saturday, November 26
10:15 AM Open Gym RH
10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR/FR/FRK/S
5:00 PM Vespers C

Sunday, November 27

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
9:15 AM Wreath Pick-up A
9:15 AM Baptism Meeting LL
9:30 AM Adult Forum FrR
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/RH/PR/UR
9:45 AM Small Group Ministry MdC
11:00 AM Adult Forum FrR
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
11:15 AM FaithWalkers C/RH/PR/UR
12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
2:00 PM Harp Concert Rehearsal S
3:00 PM Counseling PR
6:00 PM Dave Ramsey Financial Peace FrR
7:00 PM Harp Concert S

Monday, November 28

9:00 AM Sewing QSC
1:15 PM Kindermusik MR1
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:00 PM Property Board TR
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR
6:30 PM NAMI Family to Family PR
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 153 D/FrR

Tuesday, November 29

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR

Wednesday Night Meal Menu

5–6:15 p.m.
\$4/adults • \$2/age 6 and under

Nov. 2: No meal

Nov. 9: Roast beef and baby red potatoes

Nov. 16: Lasagna and tossed salad

Thanksgiving Eve Meal

Nov. 23: Turkey, mashed potatoes and pumpkin pie
Anyone willing to donate pumpkin or apple pies, please contact Marnie at 339-1983, ext. 204.

Nov. 30: Broasted chicken and cheesy potatoes

4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
6:00 PM Music Rehearsals S
6:30 PM Agape Ringers HR

Wednesday, November 30

8:50 AM Faithfully Fit Forever P
9:00 AM Quilting QSC
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1
10:00 AM Bible Study with the Pastors GR/GRK
1:30 PM Pastors Meetings TR
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:15 PM Music Rehearsals S
4:30 PM Good Vibrations Rehearsal HR
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal RH/RHK
5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsals CR
5:30 PM Belle Campane Rehearsal HR
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal CR
6:30 PM FLYGHT Rehearsals ML
6:30 PM 7th Gr Confirmation FrR
6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR
6:30 PM 8th Gr Confirmation S/FH
6:30 PM 6th Gr Pulse GR/GRK/LL/LFT/SSR4&5
6:30 PM Beth Moore Study: Daniel TR
6:30 PM Adult Study of Catechism FH/S
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal CR
8:00 PM High School Youth Group MdC

Life Transitions through September

Births

"May the Lord give you increase, both you and your children."
(Psalm 114:15)

- Eva June Linton, daughter of Curtis & Alexa Linton, born on Sept. 10, 2011
- Kiara Rayne Farr, daughter of Amanda Farr & Daniel Welu, born on July 18, 2011

Weddings

"So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no one put asunder."
(Matthew 19:6)

- Tanner Jacobsen & Aleece Swecker

Deaths

"Death is swallowed up in victory... thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57)

- Phyllis Schock
- Harlan Herbert
- Eugene Dow
- Arlyce Peterson

MEDIA MINISTRIES



September and October broadcast sponsors

First Lutheran Church's worship can be seen every Sunday at 11 a.m. on KSFY, KPRY and KABY in Eastern South Dakota, Southwest Minnesota, Northwest Iowa and Northeast Nebraska. A live radio broadcast of worship can be heard each Sunday at 8:15 a.m. on KELO-FM, 92.5.

KELO broadcast sponsored:

Sept. 11: By Merrill and Jane Larson in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.
Sept. 18: By Don and Florence Toft in celebration of their family.
Sept. 25: In honor of Arlen and Marcia Knutson, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 23.
Oct. 2: In honor of First Lutheran Church pastors in celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month, with gratitude for their ministry by the First Lutheran Church staff.
Oct. 9: In loving memory of Gene Koch by his wife, Deb. They would have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Oct. 11.
Oct. 16: In loving memory of Loren Jarratt by family and friends.
Oct. 23: In honor of Gloria Johnson, whose 89th birthday was on Oct. 15, by the Paul and Neva Johnson family.
Oct. 30: In loving memory of Albert and Esther Berdahl by their family.

KSFY telecast sponsored:

Sept. 18: In loving memory of Lloyd Osthus by his wife, Jean, and family.
Sept. 25: In memory of former First

Lutheran choir members Howard Hagen, LaVonne McElroy, Julia Simons, and Wally and Alicemae Steele through the memorial gifts of family and friends.

Oct. 2: In memory of the pioneer ancestors Marvin and Joyce Hasvold, who established Bellview Lutheran Church in Miner County and Clare Lutheran Church in Moody County.
Oct. 9: With gratitude for the founders and staff at Augustana College, First Lutheran Church and Good Samaritan Society by V. Ronald and Joyce Nelson.
Oct. 16: In memory of Terry Graves by his family.
Oct. 23: In thankfulness for the wonderful memories of the life shared by Bob Knopf, father and grandfather, whose 69th birthday would have been on Oct 8, by Mark and Janie Thomas and family.
Oct. 30: By David and Judy Van Veldhuizen and family—Dan, Angela, Sam, Ella, Isaac, Paul, Heidi, Jack, Winter, Gabrielle and Sasha.

Closed captioning sponsored:

Sept. 4: In loving memory of Emma Hieb by her family and friends.

Sept. 18: In loving memory of Robert and Mary Ann Ellinghausen, who would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Sept. 17, by their children and families—Sharon Moon, Candy Kukok, Robin Haugland and Jay Ellinghausen.

Oct. 9: With gratitude for the founders and staff at Augustana College, First Lutheran Church and Good Samaritan Society by V. Ronald and Joyce Nelson.

Oct. 16: In loving memory of Loren Jarratt, by family and friends. He and his wife, Charlene, would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this year.

Gifts and memorials

Un-sponsored dates are made possible in part through gifts and memorials to First Lutheran Church Media Ministries. All donations make a difference. Thank you for your support.

Sponsorships available

To sponsor a broadcast or closed captioning, call LaVonne Wolf at 339-1983, ext. 211.

Available dates:

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Closed Captioning (\$140): Nov. 13 and 20; Dec. 4, 11, 18 and 25.

KELO (\$115): Jan. 15 and April 15, 22, and 29 in 2012.

Holiday broadcast schedule

- The Thanksgiving Eve service will air on KSFY, KPRY and KABY on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 11 a.m.

- The Christmas Eve Candlelight service will air on KSFY, KPRY and KABY on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 11:05 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 25, at 8 a.m.

- The Christmas Day service will air on KELO-FM 92.5 at 8:15 a.m.

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Gifts and memorials from September 2011

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Financial update

September 2011

Worship Attendance

September 2011..... 4,214

Total Revenues

	YTD
2011 Actual	\$1,340,495
2010 Actual	\$1,346,018

Total Expenses

2011 Actual	\$1,388,751
2010 Actual	\$1,372,795

Notes Payable

Bank Loan - Capital\$885,554

Contract For Deed

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PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES



Pastor Lee Eikanger retires after 17 years as visitation pastor at FLC

In October the family of First Lutheran said “Many thanks and God bless you” to Pastor Lee Eikanger after his retirement as a visitation pastor.

Pastor Lee worked in ministry for 57 years, serving First Lutheran for more than 17 years.

Pastor Lee received his first letter of call from New Effington Parish in South Dakota while he was still attending Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He served four small parishes that were quite a distance apart.

He also has served in Madison, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Webster, S.D. and Lead, S.D. Pastor Lee and his wife Marilyn, returned to this area in 1993 to be closer to family.

As visitation pastor, he served up to 60 people each month visiting them at nursing homes, assisted living facilities and private residences.

“We, along with those he regularly visited, will miss his gentle ways and his contentment of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with those to whom he

ministered,” says Pastor Barbara Wangness.

“With grateful and heartfelt appreciation, we thank Pastor Lee and Marilyn, for their ministry among us and wish them godspeed in this new chapter of their lives. Well done, good and faithful servants.”

In retirement, Pastor Lee and Marilyn hope to travel and visit their five children, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

“I’m really grateful for all the people we’ve gotten to know at FLC and for the support in the work that we’ve been doing,” says Pastor Lee.



Pastor Lee Eikanger recently retired as visitation pastor after more than 17 years of service to First Lutheran.

Parish nurses share story of cancer and chronic care kits in Missouri

First Lutheran Parish Nurse Paula Bartels and her colleague, Becky Blue, recently presented a break-out session at the 25th annual International Parish Nurse Institute’s Westberg Symposium in St. Louis, Mo.

They spoke on the cancer and chronic care kit ministry that has been in place at First Lutheran for just over two years. One hundred and sixty kits, each containing a devotional, sacred music and a prayer shawl, have been distributed to those who have been diagnosed with cancer since the ministry started.

Through Paula and Becky’s presentation, parish nurses from across the United States and other countries learned more about the program and ways to duplicate it within their home congregation. Twenty-five copies of Sue Severson’s piano CD “You are Loved” were sold and Paula distributed two cancer care kits to meeting attendees.



Becky Blue (left) and Paula Bartels stand next to the Westberg Symposium display. The duo spoke on the care kits that are distributed to those with cancer and chronic illnesses.

The kits are made possible by gifts to First Lutheran Church. If you know of someone who would benefit from a kit, contact Paula Bartels at 339-1983, ext. 234.

Navigating the choices of aging: Resources to help with decisions are available

By Paula Bartels, Parish Nurse

There can be many difficult times in life when you need God’s wisdom in your decision-making. One good thing to know is God’s promise in James 1:5: “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”

There are times when God uses other people or circumstances to help with decisions.

Perhaps you are getting older and living in your present dwelling is become more difficult. Or, you may be the child or caregiver of a person in that situation. Two agencies in the Sioux Falls area help families navigate through all the options. There is no charge for their services, since they are contracted by the agencies they represent. Those agencies are:

- Simply Senior Transitions: 594-3170
- Living Solutions: Janice Lewis at 553-5625 or 336-0808

You may not be ready for a move yet. However, it is good to have a facility you would prefer if that time comes. It is wise to look at places when you have time so you are not pressured to make a quick decision. Some people choose an apartment they would like and put their name on a waiting list should the apartment

become available. Many independent and assisted living apartments have waiting lists. Being proactive is wise. In some cases, such as a medical emergency and hospitalization, when it is time to leave the hospital you have to take what is available and there is no choice left.

Another option is home care that comes to your own house. While most agencies don’t have nurses to do medical care, such as set up medications, they can remind people to take medications when they are there, help with personal cares, do light meal preparation, take care of light housekeeping, and run errands. They usually require a two to three hour minimum time for a visit with \$19 hour average charge. I have brochures from several of the home care agencies in Sioux Falls if you would like more information.

Resources

A DVD called “Embracing Aging: Families Facing Change” is available for check-out in the First Lutheran Church Library. “Embracing Aging” is a documentary that follows a number of families as they navigate the choices that accompany aging.

Watching it was very timely for me as my parents have just moved into an assisted living facility in Storm Lake, Iowa, after living in their farm

home for the last 56 years. While it is difficult for them to leave the farm, after being on a waiting list for nine months, they knew it was the right thing for them to do.

A binder containing back issues of the “Adult Children of Aging Parents” newsletter is available on the Health Shelf in the library. You may be interested to know that this newsletter was generated out of the caring ministry at First Lutheran under Bea Frieseth’s guidance in the early ’90s.

Also, check out the new rack in the atrium next to the Pastoral Care bulletin board. It contains information on addiction courtesy of TLC Tallgrass.

Take time for God

At the beginning of a busy time of year, with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming, we all need to be reminded to “Be still and know that I am God...” (Psalm 46:10a). It will take a conscious effort for many of us!

Even if it is several minutes a day of stillness with our God, we need time to thank him for all the many things he has given us—most importantly for his death on the cross for our sins and promise of eternal life with Him.

Jesus says in John 14:1-3, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going



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there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

What a tragedy if we have every option arranged for our earthly home, but haven’t made arrangements for our eternal home.

Keep taking care of your temple—“body, mind and spirit.” A walk in the crisp air may be your time to “be still.” Is the air too crisp? Walk at First Lutheran!

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