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First Word
The monthly newspaper of First Lutheran Church

Leave a legacy of faith for your family through Letters from Dad

A new ministry for all men of FLC. Kick-off banquet on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m.

Dear Dads of First Lutheran Church:
If God were to take you home today, what would your wife and children hold in their hands tomorrow that would let them know that they were the treasures of your life?

“After 26 years of marriage, Charles Batson of McKinney, Texas, says his wife means everything to him. He just wishes he knew how to tell her. ‘We’re always going in a million different directions and when we talk, it’s almost like a text message: Hey, I love you. Gotta go.’ That’s not enough, he says. Not for the way he feels. So Batson enrolled in a new ministry through his home congregation [called Letters From Dad] that helps men learn how to write letters of



Greg Vaughn, author of *Letters from Dad*, will be at FLC on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. Call the church to RSVP.

blessing and love for their family. This ministry has become a surprise hit in scores of churches across the U.S. [including the 9/11 Pentagon staff] promoted by pastors who pray that an old-fashioned letter can strengthen our frazzled modern families” (*Los Angeles Times*; Thursday, Nov. 24, 2005).

Intent on writing not only to their wives, but also their children and parents, thousands of men (of virtually every denominational background, from coast-to-coast) have joined Letters from Dad workshops hosted by local congregations. They are doing so in order to help one another put their faith and affirmation of family into a legacy that will be cherished for many generations to come ... simply by the lost art of letter writing.

Letters from Dad has two tenets:

1. The power of the “written word” that we experience every time we hold God’s Holy Scriptures in our hands; and
2. The power of the “spoken blessing”—that echos down the hallways of history, that, when God speaks, his word creates the reality of which he speaks and blesses.

Learn more about Letters from Dad



Pastor John Christopherson is pictured with his dad, Pastor Jim Christopherson. (1958)

Kick-off banquet

Thursday, Sept. 15
 6 p.m.
 Speaker: Greg Vaughn, Letters from Dad founder

RSVP by Monday, Sept. 12, by calling 336-3734

Through this new ministry, men/dads of all ages will also experience the power of God working through them—as they speak and write words of love, affirmation, faith and hope, blessing their wives, children and family.

The founder of Letters from Dad

ministry (authoring a book by the same title in 2005) is a 63-year-old Emmy-Award-winning video producer and member of McKinney Fellowship Bible Church, Greg Vaughn—where Charles Batson and family also attend. Vaughn,

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Rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit

Alpha course starts Sept. 11: Sign up today!

Very likely, you’ve heard about the Alpha Course from someone, maybe from friends at First Lutheran Church. After all, First Lutheran has been involved with the Alpha ministry for more than six years. When asked about her experience with the Alpha Course, Sandra Reinesch, a member of First Lutheran who previously coordinated Alpha, has this to say:

“I heard Austin Nickel talk about Alpha one Sunday and thought this was something I needed to investigate further. I invited my best friend to go with me, and each night I went I learned something new or new light was shed on something I thought I understood. I am excited about this and have been talking to my family and friends about it. The question always is: What is Alpha? Alpha has something unique, but what is that something? Some time ago, I had the opportunity to attend the regional Alpha Conference in New Hope, Minn., and I found words for that something. It’s the Holy Spirit! I have been a Christian for all of these years, but Alpha is what has rekindled the fire of the Holy Spirit in my life, what has made the Holy Spirit very real in my Christian journey.”

Exactly, what is the Alpha Course all about?

Alpha is about solid biblical teaching, building friendships with people, enjoying good food, laughing a lot and being part of interesting discussions about the big questions of life. Alpha is also about connecting with others who are seeking and exploring these big questions.

Of course, some of the biggest questions involve God: Is there a God? I’ve heard about God over the years—how much of what I’ve heard is true? What about all the other religions out there?

The friendly atmosphere of Alpha provides an opportunity to explore these and other questions and to consider what the person of Jesus might have to do with our lives today.

Who is encouraged to attend the Alpha Course?

Alpha is for everyone. It is for those who have attended church for their entire life, those who are just learning about Christianity and everyone in between. Alpha is a friendly way to reach out to those in our lives who do not know about Jesus. If someone just popped into your mind while you were reading this, please consider inviting him or her to the next Alpha course starting Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:45 a.m. If that person doesn’t live around here

Ask questions at Alpha

Explore the many questions of life and more during the Alpha Course taking place on Sundays starting Sept. 11 through Nov. 20 from 9:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.



Register at www.flcsf.org/alpha

Alpha

that’s okay, Alpha courses are happening all over this country, all over the world for that matter. Find more Alpha Courses online at www.alphausa.org.

What are the main lessons covered in Alpha?

Take a closer look at the different sessions covered by the Alpha Course. It provides the very basics of our Christian faith.

1. Christianity: Boring, untrue or irrelevant?
2. Who is Jesus?
3. Why did Jesus die?
4. How can I be sure of my faith?
5. Why and how should I read the Bible?
6. Why and how do I pray?
7. How does God guide us?
8. Who is the Holy Spirit?

9. How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
10. What does the Holy Spirit do?
11. How can I resist evil?
12. Why and how should we tell others?
13. Does God heal today?
14. What about the church?

An integral part of Alpha is a retreat in which we cover four lessons with focus on the Holy Spirit.

When does the Alpha Course begin?

The celebration brunch and beginning of Alpha will take place in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 9:45 a.m.

Register at the Information Desk or via www.flcsf.org/alpha. Child care is available. For further information call Charlotte at 261-2139 or Donna at 359-8623.

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 October issue is Monday, Sept. 12. 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: July 28, 2011

President James Moore reported Ron Moegenburg had presented to Secretary Kris O'Connell a petition signed by 62 members of the congregation that requested a congregational meeting to determine the type of floor covering in the sanctuary. President Moore cited three pertinent portions of the First Lutheran Church By-laws – Article VIII Section 3, which governs the calling of special meetings of the congregation; Article X Section 3, which lists the duties of the First Lutheran Church Council; and Article VI Section 2, which lists the authorities of the congregation – as well as the resolution passed at the congregational meeting on Sept. 12, 2010, which gave the council the authority to make decisions relative to projects of the capital campaign. He said that he consulted four past-presidents of the congregation and several lawyers, who found the petition out of order because the purpose declared in a petition for

a congregational meeting cannot run contrary to previously passed resolutions of the congregation or the by-laws, which grant authority for routine matters to the council. President Moore then referred the matter to the consideration of the council.

A motion for the council to proceed with a vote on the floor covering in the sanctuary was made and seconded. During discussion the comment was made that a congregational meeting called by petition must fall within the authorities of the congregation stipulated by the by-laws, and the view was stated that the council should listen to the wishes of the congregation. After the question was called, a voice vote was unanimously in favor of proceeding with a council discussion and a vote on the flooring in the sanctuary.

A proposal from Elliott and Andersen to provide and install carpet in the offices, break room,

stairways, tower entrance and transepts was presented. A motion to authorize the use of capital campaign funds for the installation of new carpet in those areas was made and seconded. An amendment requiring competitive bids was made and seconded. A vote on the amendment by a show of hands was three in favor and 14 against. A vote on the original motion carried with one voice in opposition.

A discussion of whether to install carpet or a hard surface in the sanctuary was opened. A motion to use carpet for the floor covering in the sanctuary was made and seconded. During discussion the advantages and disadvantages of both carpet and hard surface were brought out. In a secret ballot the motion to install carpet failed by eight votes to nine.

A motion to install terrazzo tile in the aisles with the Design Committee to select the material was made and seconded. The vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

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63, found his inspiration for this new ministry while doing a well-known chore ... Cleaning out the garage on a summer day in 2002, he came across a rusted fishing tackle box belonging to his late father. He went to toss it out, then stopped, realizing that the tangled lures inside were all he had left to remember his dad. *Initially, Vaughn was angry, angry at his father and at God, for not leaving him anything more meaningful. But then Vaughn asked himself whether he had done any better. If he died right then, what would he leave his four children and three stepchildren?*

Vaughn had made a point of always telling his kids he loved them—something his own father had never been able to do. Vaughn had even written them a note from time to time; his daughter, Brooke cherished a “Love You” that he’d scrawled on the paper wrapped around a wire hanger. But as Vaughn held the tackle box, he knew a hanger wasn’t the legacy he wanted to leave. He resolved to give his wife and children letters expressing his pride and his faith in them, his hopes for their future, his memories of joy they’d shared.

He didn’t have the slightest idea how to go about it. Being dyslexic

and hating any writing assignments, Vaughn scoured his address book for friends he thought might advise him. A dozen agreed not only to help, but also to write letters of their own. A seed of inspiration was then sown by God’s Spirit and “the word was out” ... creating and nurturing faith through these dads’ letters to their families. Carpenters and lawyers, farmers and professors, newlyweds and grandfathers, executives in business suits and guys with T-shirts advertising Budweiser.

Just come and see

You might hesitate, saying, “Hey, I’m not good with words or writing.” That’s probably true of most of us guys; however, I still strongly encourage you to attend a very special kick-off dinner on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. at First Lutheran. *The most important reason is because I believe this new ministry will be a huge blessing for your marriage, your family, and, yes, for you. Just come and see.*

Furthermore, we’ve been blessed to have the very founder of Letters from Dad, Greg Vaughn say “Yes” to my invitation—to fly all the way from Texas and be with us at the dinner on Sept. 15 ... as our special guest speaker! I know your hearts and minds will warm

to Vaughn’s winsome yet powerful, faith-filled message. His simple encouragement is this: *“Dads, just say two things: ‘I love you and I’m proud of you.’ There’s no way you can botch it.”*

Dads of First Lutheran Church (and any of your male friends you might consider, who would benefit from this new ministry): keep your eyes peeled for further details in Sunday bulletin inserts, ads, and ... yes ... “letters from us”(!)—as your Letters from Dad advisory committee: Gregg Gohl, Curt Hohman and James Smorada. We also offer up a huge expression of thanks to the Lutheran Men in Mission of FLC for their strong financial support of this new ministry. This will be a wonderful blessing for your family, and also for you!

In Christ,
j.r. christopherson

“And the LORD will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers ...” —Malachi 4:6

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Scripture lessons

Sept. 4: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Sept. 11: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sept. 18: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30;

Matthew 20:1-16

Sept. 25: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Oct. 2: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

September Senior Ministry Luncheon

Tuesday, Sept. 13
12 p.m. Luncheon
Fellowship Hall



Program: Butterflies ...
Butterflies ... Butterflies
presented by Wendy Lewis
from the Sertoma
Butterfly House

Rub elbows with the future of the church at the fall adult study on the Small Catechism

Young, old and everyone in between—all together now!

By Pastor Jason Burggraff

Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 5, adults of First Lutheran will have the opportunity to join their younger learning counterparts in immersing themselves in the Small Catechism.

The Thursday and Sunday sessions of the Bible study will be similar to studies in the past. But the Wednesday session will have a twist.

I will be teaching the Small Catechism to the eighth-grade confirmation students, while at the same time inviting all interested adults to join in the large group worship and teaching sessions.

Here's how the night will go:

All of the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, and all interested adults, will gather in the sanctuary, sing a couple of songs, and enjoy a skit or movie clip introducing the themes

for the night from 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. Then as the sixth- and seventh-graders move to their large group settings, adults will be invited to stay with the eighth-graders as they begin to open the too-often-hidden jewel of Luther's Small Catechism. The confirmation teaching will last about 15 minutes. Then, at 7 p.m., the eighth-graders will go with their shepherds to their small groups, at which time the teaching and conversation with all interested adults will continue until around 7:20 p.m.

This is a new way to do education on Wednesday nights. I'm not only excited to be diving in to the Small Catechism and scripture, but also to see how this format might benefit both our youth and adults. Come check it out, and try this experiment on for yourself. And then, let me know what you think!

The Small Catechism will prove a

valuable resource for all ages, as Luther said himself: "I must still read and study the catechism daily, and yet I cannot master it as I wish, but must remain a child and pupil of the catechism—and I also do so gladly." (*Luther's Preface to the Large Catechism, The Book of Concord*, Fortress Press, 2000, p 380.)

Come when you can: Wednesdays (starting Oct. 5), 6:30–7:20 p.m., in the sanctuary and possibly Fellowship Hall, Thursdays (starting Oct. 6) at noon in the Friendship Room, and Sundays (starting Oct. 9) at 8:55 a.m. in the Den.



Pastor Jason Burggraff

Adult Forums start in September

Adult Forum season is near! The fall lineup includes a wide variety of topics and speakers. Identical forums will take place on Sundays at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in order to make it convenient to both worship in the sanctuary and attend the forums. Forums will take place in the Friendship Room.

Refreshments will be available. All are welcome. Here's the schedule:

Sept. 11—Alan Saatkamp "Fun with model trains"

Alan will kick off the fall forums programming by sharing his passion for model railroading. You'll learn about the hobby as well as have a hands-on

opportunity to "drive the train" and spot freight cars at industries on his portable layout.

Sept. 18—Dr. Mark Britzman "In every family relationship—character counts!"

Dr. Britzman highlights the power and ingredients of a stable and enriched marriage, perfect parenting and additional myths, and creating a Christ-centered family atmosphere. He teaches at South Dakota State University and serves as a counseling consultant at First Lutheran.

Sept. 25—Betty Barto-Smith "Understanding kids (of all ages)—

the temperament project"

Betty works in Children's Family Life Education at Avera. Based on parents' descriptions of their child's behavior, she will provide interpretive information to help parents understand their children and be able to respond more effectively.

Oct. 2—Pastor Natanael Lizarazo and our missionaries

"The tastes, sounds, and sights of Central and South America"

Come enjoy samples (literally) from our First Lutheran missionaries who visited Nicaragua and Colombia this year and learn more about their fulfilling experiences.

Helping Hands links volunteers with those who need assistance

Helping Hands is a service ministry at First Lutheran that will link-up church volunteers to First Lutheran members who may need a "helping hand" with some of life's tasks because of age, physical handicap or illness. Such tasks include:

Inside the home

- seasonal cleaning
- washing windows
- replacing light bulbs
- minor plumbing jobs
- replace electrical fuses
- moving furniture

Outdoor the home

- yard cleanup
- trimming trees or shrubs
- spading small areas
- cleaning windows
- cleaning out garage or shed
- minor concrete repairs

Other services

- occasional car transportation
- writing or reading letters
- a phone conversation to ease a problem

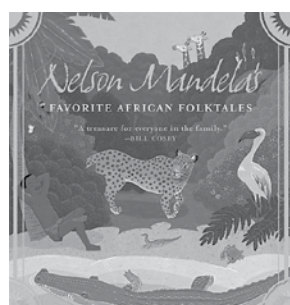
If you need any of these services, call the church office at 336-3734. Also, if you are willing to be a volunteer for these duties, call Linda Carpenter at 339-1983, ext. 36, for a volunteer response form.

FLCW Schedule

The First Lutheran Church Women Board will meet on Thursday, Sept. 1, at 4:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room. The FLCW general meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Room. The program will be an introduction to the 2011–2012 Bible study series by Pastor John Christopherson. Ruth and Dorcas circles will be the hostesses.

The steering committee for the November bazaar will meet on Tuesday Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Any interested First Lutheran Church women are welcome to attend.

FLC LIBRARY SUGGESTED READING for September



Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales is the First Lutheran Church Library's suggested reading for September. Through folklore, regardless where it originates, a people's culture, morals and way of life bear out. Folklore is a way to get to know one another. Although the library has this book in print format only, as an audiobook, *Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales* was awarded the 2010 Audies for Audiobook of the Year and Best Multi-Voiced Audiobook.

—Barbara Siebels

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Thank you from Pastor Dave

Thankyou to all of you who sponsored me in the MS 150 bike ride. We rode to Madison and back on a beautiful weekend, with light winds and moderate temperatures. The Lord



must have known there was an old guy on the ride! With your help I was able to turn over slightly more than \$3,000

to further the effort to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. Because of your generosity over the years, First Lutheran has become a significant partner in the cause to fight MS.

Thanks, Pastor Dave Johnson

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Adult piano class starting soon

Sign up! And cross "learn to play piano" off your bucket list.

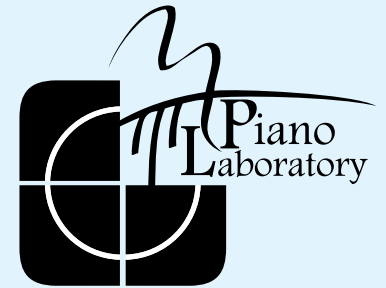
First Lutheran has a state-of-the-art piano laboratory that provides piano lessons to members and the Sioux Falls community.

Adults are invited to take part in the fall session of the Piano Laboratory at First Lutheran Church taught by Karen Schultz.

Dates: Thursdays at 10 a.m. for returning students and 11 a.m. for beginners starting Oct. 6 through Dec. 8.

Cost: \$25 for materials

Sign up: Contact Karen Schultz at Schultz.karen2@gmail.com, or Michael Elsbernd at melsbernd@flcsf.org or 336-3734, ext. 14.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES



First Lutheran has presence at JazzFest

By Mike Minehart

This past July, members of First Lutheran Church hosted a booth at JazzFest for the sixth straight year. Our booth was there amongst the live music, the fair food and the thousands of people.

What do we do at these booths? We are available to share about the mission and ministry of First Lutheran Church, and we greet people like friends. Visitors can also sign up to win an iPod.

As we have been there a number of years, we have gotten to know others who have booths at JazzFest. This has

been helpful with setup and helping with getting people to visit. Plus, we have extra people to talk to during the event.

We are very grateful for the people who represent First Lutheran Church well when people stop by the booth.

This year was Melody Roberts's first year of volunteering at the booth.

"I was surprised at how many people were looking for information," she said. "We had people of all ages—single, married, married with children, grandchildren, and people who just moved to Sioux Falls. I found it

rewarding and fun to help them find what they were looking for, whether it was adult Bible study, young adult activities, FaithWalkers for the kids, music options for the whole family and maybe a new church home where they feel welcomed. I look forward to helping out again next year."

Thanks to everyone who helped. And



Visitors stop by First Lutheran's booth at JazzFest.

be on the lookout for your opportunity to tell the story of our church home.

YOUTH, FAMILY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



Pow-Wow-Hows from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

By Marnie Dahle-Backer

While spending a week rafting on the North Fork River with Rocky Mountain National Forest on one side and Glacier National Park on the other, First Lutheran high schoolers learned many new things about themselves, their group and their faith.

At the end of each day, we spent time sharing with each other how the day went. Our custom has often been to share "highs and lows" however, in Montana we share "Pow-Wow-Hows." What's a Pow-Wow-How? Well I'm glad you asked!

Pow: What was something that was a challenge for you today?

Wow: Share something that was awesome about the day.

How: How did you see God alive in your world today?

What an awesome twist on an



Campers stop along the river for a photo opportunity.

old tradition. Each day of our lives, whether in the Rocky Mountains or trying to maneuver Minnesota Avenue during road construction season, we encounter "Pow-Wow-Hows." Here are some from the youth on the rafting trip:

Anna Litz

Pow: Cold water and mosquitoes.

Wow: Dan Nelson and the joy he brought me every day. Also the awesome views.

How: Bonding with everyone and escaping the problems from Sioux Falls.

Adam Lund

Pow: Trying to keep negative thoughts away when discouraging events like rain and mosquitoes would happen.

Wow: Experiencing the beautiful wilderness that God created for us, especially swimming in the river!

How: Seeing God working through everyone to make every part of the trip go as smoothly as things could be.

Jillian Doty

Pow: Cold water/raining. Struggling to pull over on the raft for the last time to get off the North Fork.

Wow: Dan Nelson and his outfits, going on all of the rapids, the cool counselors and just the whole camp in general.

How: The beautiful scenery, just



Dan Nelson's outfits made the "wow" list of many of the campers.

knowing that God created every single blade of grass and the relationships/bonds that were formed in the midst of it.

Jessica Sundet

Pow: A challenge that I faced this week was getting to know everyone. It just took some opening up, which was hard.

Wow: My favorite part of the trip was the company. After campfires and sharing rafts, I began to realize that I was having fun because of the people I was with. I won't forget the bonds created.

How: I saw God through the nature and beauty of everything on the water and during the camping. I also saw God in the people I was with. This was my favorite church camp I have been to!

Sign up today!



HIGHER HOOPS

A non-competitive basketball program for boys and girls in first through third grade Saturdays, Sept. 17 and 24 and Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 9–10:15 a.m. Reformation Hall. Cost is \$20

HIGHER NETS

For boys and girls in fourth through sixth grade interested in learning volleyball basics Tuesday, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4, 11, 18 and 25, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Reformation Hall. Cost is \$10

SIGN UP

Each program includes a brief faith-based discussion to encourage teamwork, friendship, respect and determination. Call Debbie in the Youth and Family Office at 339-1983, ext. 34, to register.

What's new in confirmation 2011–2012

By Pastor Jason Burggraff

Part of the challenge and fun of working at a career that follows a regular yearly rhythm is the opportunity to stop, evaluate how things are working, restate the mission, and change things up a bit to see if the Word can be heard a little more clearly. Having had such an opportunity, we're trying a few new things this year in confirmation. The overall structure will look like this:

Sixth Grade—Pre-Confirmation

When: Wednesday nights, orientation takes place on Sept. 14, confirmation begins Oct. 5.

Taught by: Pastor John Christopherson

The content will change from the 10 Commandments to Bible Overview, Worship Service Elements, Who is Luther, Basic Parts of the Catechism (4–5 weeks in the fall and spring), along with the Pulse elements we've

used in previous years (shop/kitchen/games).

Seventh Grade—Bible

When: Wednesday nights, orientation takes place Sept. 21, confirmation classes begin Oct. 5

Taught by: Associate in Ministry Alan Saatkamp

A new curriculum will be used taking the Bible as one narrative, which from Genesis to Revelation is the Word of Christ. The emphasis will be on reviewing/learning key stories of the Bible and placing them in the timeline of the biblical story.

Eighth Grade—Luther's Small Catechism

When: Wednesday nights, orientation takes place on Sept. 21, class begins Oct. 5.

Taught by: Pastor Jason Burggraff

A new curriculum will be used teaching the basics of the faith as sketched out by Martin Luther.

Students will use their biblical foundation to expand upon the 10 Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer, Sacraments and Office of the Keys.

Ninth Grade—Putting it all together

When: Wednesday nights beginning Oct. 5. (This is a change from last year.) This will take place at 7:30 p.m. right before youth group and will merge into youth group at 8 p.m.

The ninth-grade year will be a lighter combination of learning, service and fellowship activities that will help integrate what our youth have learned, and promote more discussion about vocation, faith in everyday life, and how God is using us where we are.

Throughout the year, the ninth-graders will write their faith statements. They will interview with pastors the following summer, and be

confirmed in the fall of their 10th-grade year.

Family devotions added

For the 2011–2012 school year, family devotions will also occupy an increasingly large part of the confirmation experience. A booklet with weekly devotions and activities mirroring what is taking place in confirmation will be sent home so that parents know what's being taught, and so that they can help their children at home (where most of our children's religious education takes place anyway!).

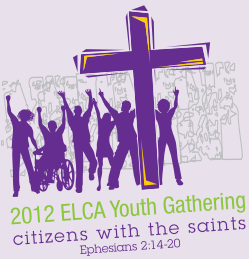
All of this is because the congregation has attempted to take seriously our call to prepare our youth in the basics of the faith. It is our pleasure to work with you all in this exciting endeavor. Finally, God is faithful to us in Christ—and that is all we have to go on ... and it is enough!



Here's what's happening ...

Sign up today: 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

July 16–23, 2012



High school youth are invited to join thousands of other Lutheran high schoolers in New Orleans, La., to immerse themselves in discipleship, peacemaking and justice. Call Marnie Dahle Backer for more information at 339-1983, ext. 13.

Youth Group resumes!

Ninth- through 12th-graders
Manos de Cristo
Wednesday nights, 8 to 9 p.m.
Gather with us as we grow together as God's people.

Devotions • Dodgeball • Arts & Crafts • Food • Fellowship • Games • Bible Study • and more!

FaithWalkers Praise Party!

Sunday, Sept. 25
10:30–11:30 a.m.
Reformation Hall
(Classes will take place as usual.)
Enjoy apple crisp, twirl a hallelujah hankie and celebrate another year of learning God's word!

4:12 Downtown Scavenger Hunt

Friday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m.
Childcare is provided.

4:12 is Christian adults in their twenties and thirties experiencing ministries through a balance of fellowship, life-sharing, spiritual growth, and outreach.

Fourth- and fifth-grade activity night

Friday, Sept. 16
Supper at 6 p.m.
Fun and games until 8 p.m.
Free. Friends are welcome!

FOUNDATION



Gifts to the First Lutheran Church Foundation make a difference

Did you know it is possible to make a difference in the ministry of First Lutheran Church even after you are gone?

The First Lutheran Church Foundation was created to support the ongoing operations of First Lutheran



Gifts to the Foundation support all areas of First Lutheran Church. Students color muslin bags at the 2011 vacation Bible school.

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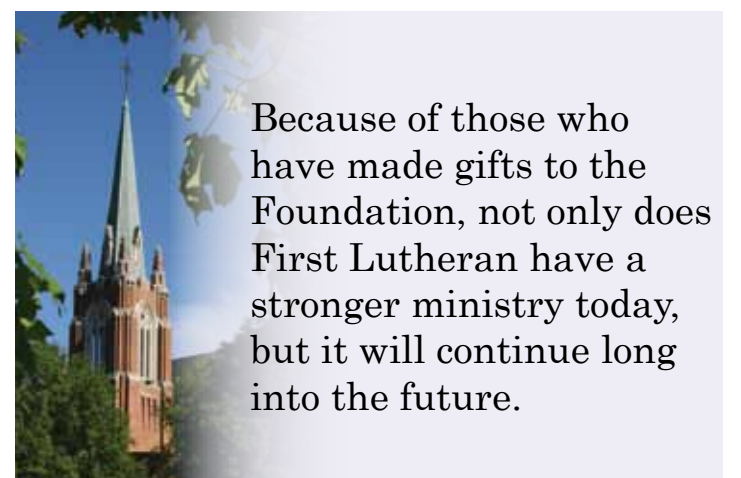
Media Ministries is just one of the many ministries that receives gifts from the Foundation. Nine television and 12 radio broadcasts each year are paid for through Foundation earnings from sizeable estate gifts designated for the broadcasts. These gifts make a difference in the budget of Media Ministries and in the lives of people all around the four-state viewing/listening area. Though youth, music, and outreach ministries are supported by the earnings from the Foundation as well, undesignated gifts are encouraged so they can be used to support all the areas of ministry and unanticipated needs of the church.

A broadcast viewer from Lucan, Minn., recently wrote, "Thank you for your Sunday morning service. My

husband had been ill for many years and died recently at a nursing home. I appreciated having your service to watch."

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The Foundation, which was established in 1964, has contributed up to 10% of the church's operating budget since its inception. This support can only continue if members of the congregation remember the Foundation with annual gifts or estate bequests of



Because of those who have made gifts to the Foundation, not only does First Lutheran have a stronger ministry today, but it will continue long into the future.

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Because of those who have made such gifts, First Lutheran not only has a stronger ministry today, but it will continue long into the future. Please consider joining all those who have made gifts to support the Foundation and First Lutheran Church. For more information on how to make a gift, call Marilyn McNeill at 339-1983, ext. 26.

First Lutheran Church Calendar—September 2011



Thursday, September 1

9:00 AM Staff Meeting FrR
10:00 AM Visitation Pastors TR
4:30 PM FLCW Board Meeting FrR
5:30 PM Parent Ministry Meeting GR/GRK/RH/
6:00 PM WELCA Mtg/Bible Study Intro FrR
7:00 PM Pre-Baptism Class TR

Friday, September 2

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
5:30 PM Swecker /Jacobsen Rehearsal S

Saturday, September 3

10:15 AM Open Gym RH
11:30 AM Wedding Hospitality TR
3:00 PM Swecker/Jacobsen Wedding S
5:00 PM Vespers C

Sunday, September 4

8:00 AM Alpha Ministry A
8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
3:00 PM Counseling PR

Monday, September 5

Office Closed Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
4:00 PM Piano Propective Student Interviews LL
6:00 PM Stephen Ministries FrR/FrRK
6:00 PM Music Rehearsals S
6:30 PM Agape Ringers HR

Wednesday, September 7

9:00 AM Design Committee Mtr SSR5
9:00 AM Quilting QSC
10:00 AM Bible Study with the Pastors GR/GRK
12:00 PM Eat Well Live Well Love God PMR
12:00 PM Parent Ministry Meeting GR/GRK
1:30 PM Pastors Meetings TR
4:15 PM Music Rehearsals S
4:30 PM Good Vibrations Rehearsal HR
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal RH/RHK
5:15 PM 6th Gr Individual Conf. Interviews TR
5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsals CR
5:30 PM Belle Campana Rehearsal HR
5:45 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal CR
6:30 PM Flyght Rehearsals ML
6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study LL
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal CR
8:00 PM High Sch Youth Group MdC/D/RH

Thursday, September 8

9:00 AM Staff Meeting FrR
12:00 PM Project Car Steering Comm TR
4:00 PM Piano Propective Student Interviews LL

5:30 PM Media Board TR
5:30 PM Parent Ministry Meeting GR/GRK/RH
6:00 PM Holistic Health Council PMR
6:00 PM Board of Outreach FrR

Friday, September 9

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC

Saturday, September 10

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

Sunday, September 11

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
9:00 AM Alpha Ministry FH/FHK
9:15 AM Equal Exchange Coffee WCD
9:30 AM Adult Forum FrR/ FrRK
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S

9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/RH/PR/UR
11:00 AM Adult Forum FrR/FRK
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 Akaska Trip Gathering GR
3:00 PM Counseling PR
6:00 PM Dave Ramsey Peace University FrR

Monday, September 12

9:00 AM Sewing QSC
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR
6:30 PM NAMI Family to Family PR

Tuesday, September 13

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
12:00 PM Senior LuncheonFH/FHK
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 Board of Adult Discipleship TR
6:30 PM Agape Ringers HR

Wednesday, September 14

5:30 AM Serve the Banquet Offsite
8:50 AM Faithfully Fit Forever P
9:00 AM Quilting QSC
10:00 AM Bible Study with the Pastors GR/GRK
12:00 PM Your Whole Life PMR
1:30 PM Pastors Meetings TR
3:00 PM Charis Ministry PMR
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 Campana Rehearsal HR
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal CR
6:30 PM Flyght Rehearsals ML
6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR
6:30 PM 6th Gr Orientation GR/GRK/
6:30 PM 3rd Gr Parent Meeting D
6:30 PM Beth Moore Study: Daniel TR
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal CR
8:00 PM High Sch Youth Group MdC/D/RH/RHK

Thursday, September 15

9:00 AM Rachel Circle GR/GRK
9:00 AM Staff Meeting FrR
9:30 AM Lydia Circle TR
10:30 AM Beth Moore Study - Daniel MdC
1:00 PM Martha Circle GR/GRK
5:00 PM Financial Services Bd PMR
5:30 PM Board of Worship & Music TR
6:00 PM Letters from Dad RH
7:00 PM Hannah Circle Off Site
7:00 PM Ruth Circle Fr/FrK

Friday, September 16

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
6:00 PM 4th & 5th Gr Activity Night GR/GRK/RH/L

Saturday, September 17

9:00 AM Higher Hoops RH
10:15 AM Open Gym RH
10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR/FR/FRK/S
12:00 PM Violin Lessons FrR
5:00 PM Vespers C

Sunday, September 18

8:00 AM Youth Gathering Display AD
8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
8:30 AM New Member Orientation TR
9:00 AM Alpha Ministry FH/FHK

9:30 AM Adult Forum FrR/ FrRK
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
9:45 AM Preschool FaithWalkers C/UR
10:00 AM 3rd Gr Breakfast Pizza Party RH/RHK
11:00 AM Adult Forum FrR/FRK
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
11:15 AM Preschool FaithWalkers C/UR
12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
3:00 PM Counseling PR
6:00 PM Dave Ramsey Peace University FrR

Monday, September 19

9:00 AM Sewing QSC
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR
6:30 PM NAMI Family to Family PR

Tuesday, September 20

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
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
5:30 PM Bazaar Meeting GR
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
6:00 PM Board of Pastoral Care L
6:00 PM Stephen Ministries FrR/FRK
6:00 PM Music Rehearsals S
6:30 PM Agape Ringers HR
6:30 PM Girl Scout Council RH

Wednesday, September 21

8:50 AM Faithfully Fit Forever P
9:00 AM Quilting QSC
10:00 AM Bible Study with the Pastors GR/GRK
12:00 PM Your Whole Life PMR
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 Campana Rehearsal HR
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal CR
6:30 PM Flyght Rehearsals ML
6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR
6:30 PM 7th & 8th Gr Orientation FH/FHK
6:30 PM Beth Moore Study: Daniel TR
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal CR
8:00 PM High Sch Youth Group MdC/D/RH/RHK/SSR

Thursday, September 22

9:00 AM Staff Meeting FrR
10:30 AM Beth Moore Study - Daniel MdC
5:00 PM Church Council FH

Friday, September 23

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
6:30 PM 4:12 Downtown Scavenger Hunt GR

Saturday, September 24

9:00 AM Higher Hoops RH
10:15 AM Open Gym RH
10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR/FR/FRK/S
5:00 PM Vespers C

Sunday, September 25

7:30 AM Music Dedication Sunday FH/FHK
8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM New Member Orientation TR
9:30 AM Adult Forum FrR/ FrRK
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/PR/UR
10:30 AM FaithWalkers Praise Party RH/RHK
11:00 AM Adult Forum FrR/FRK
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
11:15 AM FaithWalkers C/PR/UR

12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
12:30 PM High School Senior Lunch GR/ GRK
3:00 PM Counseling PR
5:00 PM New Member Orientation GR/GRK
6:00 PM Dave Ramsey Peace University FrR

Monday, September 26

9:00 AM Sewing QSC
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
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

Tuesday, September 27

8:30 AM Foot Clinic PMR
9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
4:00 PM Piano Class PL
4:45 PM Piano Class PL
5:00 PM Stewardship Board Meeting TR
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, September 28

8:50 AM Faithfully Fit Forever P
9:00 AM Quilting QSC
10:00 AM Bible Study with the Pastors GR/GRK
12:00 PM Your Whole Life PMR
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 Campana Rehearsal HR
5:30 PM Piano Class PL
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal CR
6:30 PM Flyght Rehearsals ML
6:30 PM Confirmation Shepherd Orientation GR
6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR
6:30 PM Beth Moore Study: Daniel TR
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal CR
8:00 PM High Sch Youth Group MdC/D/RH/RHK

Thursday, September 29

9:00 AM Staff Meeting FrR
10:30 AM Beth Moore Study - Daniel MdC

Friday, September 30

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC

Wednesday Night Meal Menu

5-6:15 p.m

\$4/adults • \$2/age 6 and under

Sept. 7: Ham and au gratin potatoes

Sept. 14: Lasagna and tossed salad

Sept. 21: Roast beef and mashed potatoes

Sept. 28: Shepherds pie/tator tot casserole and fruit

MEDIA MINISTRIES



July and August 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:

July 3: In honor of Bernice Rikansrud, who will celebrate her 97th birthday on July 4, by her daughters, Kristi Wallin, Karla Rikansrud and their families.

July 10: In loving memory of Madeline (Maddie) Wellenstein, by her husband, Toby; her son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Donna; and her granddaughter, Hayley.

July 17: In memory of Travis Kenyon, son of Peggy Naessig, whose church camp experiences inspired the First Lutheran Church Foundation endowment fund for youth campers.

July 24: In loving memory of Earl Doescher, who would have celebrated his birthday on July 29, by the Bob Doescher family.

July 31: In loving memory of Doris L. Anderson, who would have celebrated her 105th birthday on July 12, by her family and friends.

Aug. 14: In memory of Cora Boneff through earnings from a bequest she made to the First Lutheran Church Foundation.

Aug. 21: In loving memory of Arlen Osthus, whose 85th birthday would have been today, by Bea Osthus and family.

KSFY telecast sponsored:

July 10: In memory of Jane Hargus and Alice Osback by family and friends.

July 17: By earnings of the Griffin Endowment for Media Ministries, through the First Lutheran Church Foundation.

Aug. 28: In loving memory of Edie Boomsma and Tory Boomsma by their family—Emma Spitzer, Elaine Spitzer and Ella Spitzer.

Closed captioning sponsored:

July 24: In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Les and Lone Pereboom by their children and grandchildren.

July 31: By supporters of First Lutheran Church Media Ministries through donations received at Genesis Café on Sunday, July 17.

Aug. 21: In honor of Ruth Ewoldt, who is celebrating a very special birthday today, by her thankful family, Andrea, Rick and Chase Adams.

Gifts and memorials

Un-sponsored dates are made possible

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Sponsorships available

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Available dates:

KSFY sponsorships (\$1,300 for a full sponsorship, \$675 for a partial): Sept. 11

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KELO (\$115): Sept. 11, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Dec. 4, 11 and 18

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Gifts and memorials from July 2011

Thank you to our generous donors who have shared many thoughts, prayers and financial gifts with the ministries of First Lutheran Church. We are blessed by the support of the following people...

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Gerry Kropp: Tracie Osthus; Scott Osthus; David Osthus

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Keith Paisley: Elaine Brandenburg;

Financial update

July 2011

Worship Attendance

July 2011 3,666

Total Revenues

2011 Actual \$1,076,785
2010 Actual \$1,061,372

Total Expenses

2011 Actual \$1,083,068
2010 Actual \$1,078,581

Notes Payable

Bank Loan - Capital \$911,089

Contract For Deed

Ideal \$594,818

"God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." Income
Through July 2011 \$2,124,465

Marianne Larsen; Tracie Osthus; Dale & Aggie Schlump; Ruth Werner

Ann Pearson: Brian & Denise Aamlid; Linda Gores; Milt & Ruby Mutch; Dick & Deb Sorensen

Gifts to Organ Fund in memory of

Keith Paisley: John & Marcia Kittelson; Harvey Nelson

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

Life Transitions through July

Births

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

- Sawyer James Thompson, son of Raymond & Stacey Thompson, born on July 5, 2011.
- Ava Grace Halverson, daughter of Sam & Joely Halverson, born on July 20, 2011.

Baptisms

"Go ... make disciples ... baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

- Keaton Charles Parrish, son of Mark & Shelly Parrish-Mull
- Kennedy Brooke Parrish, daughter of Mark & Jodie Parrish
- Evelyn Ann Gibson, daughter of Scott & Melissa Gibson
- Elise Ann Hedrick, daughter of John & Gretchen Hedrick

- Ian Matthew Glau, son of Michael & Penny Glau
- Ainsley Emmerson Weatherill, daughter of Jay & Katie Weatherill

Weddings

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

- Robert McKenney & Alexxis Clark
- Ethan Jensen & Sara Kvien

- Kyle Andriash & Angela Albertus

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)


- Lisa Drew
- Anne Pearson
- Ashley Engel

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY SERIES OFFERING SUPPORT AND EDUCATION STARTS SEPT. 12

A free, 12-week course for family and friends of individuals with serious mental illness or brain disorders will take place on Mondays starting Sept. 12 through Dec. 5, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The class, led by Pastor Barbara Wangsness, will offer information, insight, understanding and empowerment.

TO REGISTER:
Contact Phyllis at 271-1871. Or, call Melody Roberts at 339-1983, ext. 25, with questions.



NAMI
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Healthy Feet
Community Foot
Care Clinic

Tuesday, Sept. 27
Parish Meeting Room




Appointments necessary.
Call 336-3734.
Cost is \$25.

Give blood

The blood mobile is coming to First Lutheran on Sunday, Oct 2, from 8:30-12:30 p.m.

Watch the bulletin news notes for more information.



Stephen Ministers listen, pray and care

Are you called to be a Stephen Minister? Training starts soon.

By Cindy Forsburg

“They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the holy spirit ... And the word of God increased; and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem.” —Acts 6:5-7.

On July 17, First Lutheran was blessed to commission another Stephen Minister, Charles Petersen, into the group of actively caring Christians. Charles recently completed an extensive training course, studying and practicing skills such as empathy, listening, assertiveness, boundaries and Christ-centered care. Learning about these skills, while essential to Stephen Ministry, is also valuable training for one’s personal life as well. Anyone

involved in any type of relationship can benefit from a focus on being fully present in the company of another. And of further meaning is the embodiment of the Stephen Ministry motto, “Christ caring for people through people.”

Two more Stephen Leaders, Karon Gubbrud and I, will be commissioned on Sunday, Sept. 11. In addition to the Stephen Minister training, Stephen Leaders attend a week-long, 50-hour course along with participants from around the country. In addition to reviewing and honing the skills of a Stephen Minister, Stephen Leaders receive training in how to administer and oversee this ministry in their congregations.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” —Matthew 11:28

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministers provide one-to-one Christian care for those going through a tough time or a transition. Situations can include difficult times such as grief, loss, and illness but may also involve more positive circumstances such as expecting a baby, adoption or a new job. Change, whether difficult or joyful, often brings up strong feelings and questions. Stephen Ministers are there to listen to, spend time with, and pray for their care receivers. The caring relationship is completely confidential, so care

receivers can feel comfortable discussing their situations and emotions freely.

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” —Galatians 6:2

What does this mean for First Lutheran?

God calls on each of us to share the love and peace of Christ with others. Here at First Lutheran, we are all called to ministry, and there are many ways to fulfill this mission. Stephen Ministers are laypersons who receive specialized training in reflective listening and Christian care. Their involvement in the congregation allows our pastors to do more of the work they have been specially trained to do, thus widening the circle of compassion and support that First Lutheran can provide both for its members and also for the community.

Training class to begin Sept. 27

Thank you to Charles Petersen and to all our Stephen Ministers for their commitment to this ministry. We need more Stephen Ministers to answer the call. A new Stephen Series class begins on Tuesday, Sept. 27. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Karon Gubbrud at 351-0246 or myself at 940-8766.

Sad Isn’t Bad

Grief support group for children and the adults who care for them.

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 20
5:30–7:30 p.m.

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
Open to the community.

No cost.

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Prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister

Stephen Series class begins on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Contact Karon Gubbrud at 351-0246, Cindy Forsburg at 940-8766, or Melody Roberts at 339-1983, ext. 25, for more information.

Faithfully Fit Forever

Chair exercise for men and women of all ages.

Wednesdays starting Sept. 14
8:45–9:20 a.m.

Pentecost Room



You can be a part of the Parish Nurse Ministry

By Paula Bartels, Parish Nurse

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Many have done just that by telling me about relatives, friends, and neighbors who have been diagnosed with cancer or are dealing with a chronic disease.

The Parish Nurse Ministry has a

Kathy Stelzer packs books, devotionals and a CD into a gift bag to be delivered as a Cancer Care Kit. Contact Paula if you know someone who would benefit from the kit.



number of ways to bring comfort to those who need encouragement. We are told in Hebrews 10:25 to encourage one another and in Hebrews 3:13 to encourage one another daily!

Cancer Care Kits are one way the Parish Nurse Ministry follows that mandate. A bag including a CD of sacred music by Sue Severson and appropriate books and devotionals is delivered (in person or by mail) to those who have been diagnosed with cancer, along with a prayer shawl. Often a frozen meal prepared by Meals from the Heart is included as well.

This ministry makes a difference. Read the following notes from those who have received the kits:

“I am so touched. I received your package today. Oh, how special! You have warmed my heart with your caring thoughtfulness. I don’t sleep well and both of these will be great medicine. I can feel the healing!”

“Thank you, Paula, for the lovely chronic care kit. Others caring means so much to me. I will use and treasure the

beautiful red shawl. Sue Severson’s CD is so comforting.”

“What perfect timing! Just another way God provides for us. Your encouraging care package (book and Bible verses) arrived today on a truly dark and frustrating day. What a way for God’s shining light to shine through all the darkness and tears! Bless you!”

“Thank you for the beautiful CD. We played it for three days nonstop while mom was in hospice.”

“Heartfelt thanks to both of you for the wonderful care package! The book, Do Not Lose Heart has given me much comfort and support. I’ve also found Sue’s CD, ‘You Are Loved,’ to be an awesome relaxation retreat from the pain. It takes me to a place of peace and tranquility. Thanks so much for sharing God’s gifts with me.”

You can be an encourager, too. Please let me know about individuals who could use encouragement. You are welcome to come pick up a Cancer Care Kit to deliver. Or, if you knit or crochet, consider making a prayer shawl for this

ministry. Yarn is available in the library. Drop off a meal for someone. Pick up a Meal from the Heart from the freezer in Luther Lounge (pick up the key to the freezer at the Information Desk.)

Going for a walk with those going through a difficult journey can be a very caring thing to do, too. If they aren’t able to walk with you, you could pray for them while you are walking!

First Lutheran Cancer and Chronic Care kits will be presented at the 25th Annual Westberg Parish Nurse Symposium on Sept. 16–18 in St. Louis! I will be presenting a breakout session “Creating Care Kits for those with Cancer and the Chronically Ill: A Feast for the Senses and the Soul” with a fellow parish nurse, Becky Blue. I’m looking forward to sharing with others how they can be encouragers, too!



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