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The monthly newspaper of First Lutheran Church

Stronger faith and thankful hearts

Participants reflect on mission trip to Colombia

It was only a 10-day trip, but those who attended the most recent mission trip to Colombia came back with a lifetime of memories.

Eleven representatives from First Lutheran Church returned from a trip to Colombia, South America, on July 19. The immersion-style trip had a central goal of building relationships and understanding the country in a more holistic way.

While there, the group worshipped at San Pablo Lutheran Church and New Life Lutheran Church; visited one of the poorest communities in Bogota—

Soacha; visited the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO) offices for meetings regarding the church, AIDS awareness and more; took part in celebrations including dancing, games and music with new-found friends; and much more.

Following are reflections on the trip from a few of the participants.

Be more thankful, pray more often

All of the elders and their stories made me feel so humble. They have so little and yet were so joyful in their praise of God, their dancing, and their pride that they had items to sell.

Even in their extremely meager existence, God was there in their midst bringing them hope and joy.

I will never again take the gifts God has given me for granted. We have clean water, ample food to eat, a comfortable and clean home, and we can jump in the car and enter a big parking lot each week to attend worship. Our church facility is huge with rooms available for all of our activities. I do not have to fear that I might be forced from my home or that I might lose all of my worldly possessions. I do not have to see soldiers on the streets of

my town helping to keep the peace.

From now on I will be more thankful for what I have, and following Pastor Nate's example I will pray more often. In deep humility I will try to keep the memory of the Colombian people alive in my heart so that I am moved to action on their part.

I know I must put my faith into action apart from and in addition to activities in my own church. I believe God is encouraging me to volunteer more, give more financially, and reach out to help others in a physical way. I also feel a need to read my Bible more and do daily devotions.



Left to right: Pastor Natanael Lizarazo, Eric Hernes, Marcia Huffman, Austin Nickel, Bill Huffman, Eric Sather, David Anfenson, Claire Doeden, Marnie Dahle Backer, Jeff Backer, Kelli Hermanson and Stella Lizarazo pose for a picture during the mission trip to Colombia.

—Marcia Huffman

Stronger faith in God

I experienced a lot in the past 10 days. One of the many ways I was changed is that I have formed a deeper inner connection with God. I feel as if some of my doubts about Christianity have vanished as I saw the ways God touches the lives of the Colombians. I have a stronger faith in God and feel

a lot closer to him through the people we've met in Colombia.

—Claire Doeden

Colombian people make an impact

Many times when you go on these trips you think you are going to help make a difference, but the bigger picture is that the Colombian peoples' faith and zest for life make an even greater impact on you. I will never forget their faces. The touching stories and their enduring faith does so much. It gives you an even deeper faith.

—Eric Sather

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Left: A woman at the Lutheran church in Tunja prepares soup for a fiesta.

Below: High school youth from all over Colombia gather for a spiritual retreat



Congregational meeting set for Sunday, Sept. 12

By Eric Severson

Mark your calendars for a special congregational meeting to take place on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 12:30 p.m. in Reformation Hall. The meeting will decide what we as a congregation wish to do with the gifts so generously pledged through the "God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." campaign.



Eric Severson

Meetings offering updated information about potential projects to fund will take place in the weeks prior to the congregational meeting. Sessions are scheduled for Sundays, Aug. 22 and 29, at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Friendship Room.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Informational sessions: Sundays, Aug. 22 and 29, at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Friendship Room. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion.

Congregational meeting: Sunday, Sept. 12, at 12:30 p.m. in Reformation Hall

One of the important issues that we will discuss is what sort of mechanism will be used to authorize and pay for those projects that are approved by the congregation. I have advanced the argument before that it is not practical to make all these decisions at the congregation level. At some point the people who are elected to serve in leadership roles in the congregation need to be trusted. I am hopeful that

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Pericope Prayer:
For the summer season of Pentecost
 j.r. christopherson

Luke 13:10–17
 XIII PENTECOST (Aug. 22, 2010)

O Lord, we, like the bent-over-woman as described by Dr. Luke ... come into your presence this day—seeking your healing touch. We come to your altar with our sack of stones, our burdens of the day. Some of them are small—pebbles really—those daily frustrations that drag our step and give us away as they hit the pavement and rattle around. Others ... though ... are large—very large—boulders that weigh us down to the point of our feeling scared to death, for we can no longer carry them. Thank you, Lord, for yoking your life with ours in the person of Jesus, that we would not be crushed by sin but rather cradled into the promise of new life ... Because of the stone you rolled away on Easter. O Lord, giver of all life, every puff of existence ... we place our heavy sack of stones at the foot of your Cross again this day—stones of sin, daily reminders of our need for your saving power and forgiveness. Lord in your mercy.

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-13 (Sioux Falls Cable 7), KPRY-4 (Pierre) and KABY-9 (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 September issue is Wednesday, Aug. 11. Please e-mail articles or questions regarding *First Word* to: kvilhauer@flcsf.org. *First Word* is also available online (www.flcsf.org).

Informational meetings to take place Aug. 22 and 29

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we will come to an agreement on a process that is fair to all and that is flexible enough to make the necessary decisions in a reasonable time frame.

The report of the mission task force that was organized over the winter to identify and discuss possible projects for the mission and outreach component of our campaign giving is below. We will continue to discuss these mission ideas and will look for input from the congregation in the next couple of months. We also will discuss a mechanism for disbursing funds to the projects deemed most worthy.

Please review the highlights of the June Council meeting below. A proposal was discussed at that meeting to provide council authorization to pay

the Schoenstein Company for advance work on the sanctuary organ that could be done in the summer and fall of this year. Please note that the congregation has already approved the portion of the project to repair and refurbish the sanctuary organ. Campaign pledges totaling \$770,819 have been designated for the organ project, an amount which would be sufficient to pay for the entire proposed organ project including the completion of the organ, should the congregation agree in September to approve that project. So far, \$286,594 has already been received for this purpose.

This proposal was intended to provide the flexibility to pay for some materials that could be ordered this

year and to pay for some advance work that could be done by the Schoenstein Company in their shop, with the goal that we would lock in the current prices and increase the chances that the on-site project work in the summer of 2011 could be completed on time. Successful completion of these goals would be positives for First Lutheran.

After significant debate, this motion passed, but because of the narrow vote, and the fact that strong opinions on both sides were shared in the discussion, the Executive Committee has taken action to ensure that no funds will be disbursed until after the September congregational meeting has decided on the question of completing the organ.

Recommendations of the Mission/Outreach Task Force

Submitted by the Outreach Board

A task force made up of representatives from every board at First Lutheran Church has made the following recommendations for the use of the "God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." campaign mission and outreach dollars. The plan for the campaign, as approved by the congregation in September 2009, would earmark 10 percent of campaign dollars received for projects that would extend First Lutheran's missions outside our own walls, throughout the community and world. This task force included Adam Ellsworth, Don Sneen, Eric Lundin, Cindy Tripp, Tim Heinemann, Kristi Gullickson, Judy Erickson, Jean Sneen, Nancy Olson and Jean Eidsness, and was chaired by Elly Folkers.

The group has identified five global and four local projects as ideas that could have lasting impacts. They further recommended that consideration be given to establishing a trust fund that could continue to benefit the chosen missions for years. The Board for Outreach Ministries supports these projects and the idea of establishing a permanent trust that would allow additional flexibility and dollars in the future.

Global projects:

1. Rebuild or replace a faulty generator at the Lutheran Hospital in Garoua Boulai, a facility in our companion synod in Cameroon. Currently, patients in

surgery routinely die when the power goes out. Early estimates put the project at \$12,000, but this project may be completed from other sources before our funds are available.

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2. Consider enhanced funding for Lutheran World Relief, an organization that works in 35 countries every day to respond to disaster and combat poverty.

3. Consider a project with our companion synod in Cameroon to "help build a future" throughout this region of Africa. Assistance with hospital facilities at Ngaoundere and a residence for visiting surgeons would be very significant over the long-term.

4. Consider a project with our companion synod in Nicaragua, called Cedro Galan farm, a place currently used to house visitors. The proposed project, which is expected to cost about three-quarters of a million dollars, would be

used to educate farmers and do research on how farming methods will effect climate change.

5. Consider an endowment to help support the long-term work of the LIZWAN mission in Colombia.

Local projects:

1. Set up a trust to assist Habitat for Humanity to build homes in Sioux Falls, using vocational high school students. The facilities are available to allow up to two homes a year to be built by the students in an indoor facility. Each home would require sponsorships of about \$55,000.

2. Provide long-term support to St. Dymas, the congregation that serves prisoners at the South Dakota State Penitentiary. A permanent fund could be set up to help pay clergy salaries.

3. Set up a long-term transportation subsidy for The Community Outreach, an organization founded by several downtown churches, including First Lutheran, for assisting those in need in the heart of the city. This organization recently lost a grant that had allowed them to provide monthly bus passes to screened clients who were part of a program searching for jobs or in need of the transportation to keep their jobs.

4. Assist with a long-term project with St. Francis House, an organization that provides emergency shelter for the homeless. The shelter recently added a transitional unit for families and this unit is filled to capacity.

Church Council Highlights: June 24, 2010

President Eric Severson opened discussion of the organ project, explaining that repair of the organ had been approved by the congregation last September and that a final proposal had been received from the Schoenstein Company. Vice President James Moore reported that the pledges designated for the organ project, totaling \$770,000, are sufficient to cover all expenses, including repair and completion of the organ. This final proposal will be brought before the council and a recommendation will be made for consideration at a congregational meeting in September. Vice President Moore then explained that materials could be ordered and some preparatory

work could be done by Schoenstein this summer, which would ensure against price increases and shorten the time required to complete the project in 2011. A motion was made that the council authorize a prepayment this summer of \$231,460 from the funds already received for the organ project to pay for materials and preparatory work. After extensive discussion, the motion was withdrawn. A comment was made that the issue had received serious consideration by the council and deserved a vote. A motion to resubmit the authorization for prepayment was made and seconded. A motion that the vote be taken by secret ballot was made but failed for lack of a second. The vote on the

motion passed, seven to six. Vice President Moore said that he would investigate whether payment could be delayed until September.

A motion calling for a special congregation meeting on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010, to decide on the disposition of the campaign funds pledged was made, seconded and passed. Informational meetings will take place at the end of August. The August issue of the *First Word* will carry the report of the Mission and Outreach Task Force and updated campaign figures.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to renew the contract with Gretchen Starnes for the conducting of Kindermusik classes at First Lutheran.

Fellowship Hall gets a facelift

Fellowship Hall received a facelift thanks to Boy Scout Shawn Barron. Shawn, a senior at Washington High School who has been a scout since kindergarten, coordinated the painting of Fellowship Hall as a project requirement to get the highest achievement rank in Boy Scouts, Eagle Scout.

As part of the project, Shawn raised money for supplies and drywall, and he solicited a donation of paint from Olson Painting in Sioux Falls. He also coordinated the volunteer efforts. On painting day, three generations of his family helped out.

“The room will be a lot nicer and more people will use it,” says Shawn. “I’ve talked to people and they say it is bleak and dreary. I’m trying to change that.”

In 2009, only 5% of Boy Scouts received the Eagle Scout rank. Ask Shawn how it feels to be on the way to the award, and he responds, “It’s pretty awesome.”



Shawn Barron paints in Fellowship Hall. Shawn coordinated the Fellowship Hall painting as part of an Eagle Scout project.

Interested in membership at FLC?

The New Member Discovery Class is scheduled for Sundays, Aug. 15 and 22 and Sept. 12.

Please call Linda Carpenter at 339-1983, ext. 36, if you are interested.

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ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

News, notes and items of interest

Volunteer opportunities

A parking lot attendant is needed to monitor the First Lutheran leased parking lots one or two days a week. This opportunity takes place during the day for about 45 minutes at a time.

Volunteers are also needed to sort and file coupons collected for members as part of the Board for Pastoral Care Ministries coupon project. Time and place is flexible.

Please contact Business

Administrator Marilyn McNeill at 339-1983, ext. 26, if you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities.

FLCW dates to note

The First Lutheran Church Women all-circle Bible study will take place Thursday, Aug. 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room. The Executive Board is hosting. There



is no FLCW board meeting in August. **Congregational Outreach symposium**

An inter-church ministry on aging, Congregational Outreach with Older Persons (Co/Op), is hosting its annual symposium on Tuesday, Sept. 28. The theme is “Quality of Life: The Fourth Quarter.” More information will be available in the bulletin news notes. Co/Op is a ministry founded in 1978 run by church leaders and volunteers.

Writers, readers and listeners welcome Poetry Group to meet on Tuesday, Aug. 31

By Wanda Todd

King David, Homer, Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Robert Frost, Carl Sandburg, Helen Steiner Rice, Mary Oliver, Carlee Swann, Dave Evans, Cindy, John, Phyllis, Sharon, you!

Yes, you! Writers and readers of poetry, come to the First Lutheran Church Library on the last Tuesday of each month. Share your own words

or read inspirational words from your favorite authors.

Not a writer? Not a reader? Bring a listening ear and heart. Share the enjoyment of poetry. Each month a theme is offered as a focus point for the group. The next poetry group meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m. in the First Lutheran Church Library. See you there!

Senior Ministry Luncheon

Tuesday, Aug. 10
Noon
Fellowship Hall

Alison Ecklund will present interesting facts about bees. All are invited and reservations are not necessary.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Piano Lab opens registration for third- and fourth-grade students

The Piano Laboratory Program at First Lutheran Church is now accepting applications for enrollment for the fall 2010 session. The mission of the Piano Laboratory at First Lutheran Church is to offer group piano lessons to students who would not otherwise be able to afford private piano instruction.

The fall session openings are for students entering grades three and four in the 2010–2011 school year.

Two class sections will be offered for students in grade three: one on Mondays from 3:45–4:30 p.m., and another on Wednesdays from 3:45–4:30 p.m.

Two class sections will be offered for students in grade four: one on Tuesdays from 3:45–4:30 p.m., and another on Wednesdays from 4:30–5:15 p.m.

Applications are available at the Information Desk or online at www.flcsf.org. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Students are selected for enrollment by a lottery drawing scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 2. Call or email Michael Elsbernd, director of Music Ministry and the Piano Laboratory Program, with any questions melsbernd@flcsf.org or 339-1983, ext. 14.

PIANO LAB ENROLLMENT FORMS AVAILABLE AT:

- www.flcsf.org and click on the appropriate headline under News.
- The Information Desk in the Welcome Center.

Make a joyful noise: Join a choir at First Lutheran

• **Good Vibrations:** (grades 5–8, handbells) Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays from 4:30–5:15 p.m. starting Aug. 25

• **Belle Campana:** (grades 9–12, handbells) Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays from 5:30–6:25 p.m. starting Aug. 25.

• **Agape Ringers:** (adult, handbells) Rehearsals take place Tuesdays from 6:30–7:45 p.m. starting Aug. 24.

• **Carol Choir:** (grades 1–4, vocal choir) Rehearsals take place Saturdays from 10:15 a.m.–12 p.m. starting Sept. 11.

• **Jubilant Singers:** (grades 5–8, vocal choir) Rehearsals take place every Wednesday from 5:30–6:30 p.m. starting Aug. 25.

• **FLYGH:** (grades 9–12, vocal choir) Rehearsals take place every Wednesday from 6:30–7:30 p.m. starting Aug. 25.

• **Women's Choir:** Rehearsals take place

on Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m. starting Aug. 18.

• **Adult Choir:** Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays from 7:35–9:05 p.m. starting Aug. 18.

• **Chapel Choir:** Meets twice a year for four weeks at a time. Rehearsals will be three Sundays from 7–8 p.m. The fourth Sunday the choir will sing at one of the worship services. A light meal will precede each rehearsal at 6 p.m. Watch

for an opportunity in January.

• **Ninepatch:** (contemporary band) Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

• **Praise Band:** (contemporary band) Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

If you want to learn more about Worship and Music Ministries, call Shirley Barlow, at 339-1983, ext. 35, or go to our website at www.flcsf.org/music.

YOUTH, FAMILY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



Ultimate Golf Night

with the High School Summer Youth Group

Wednesday, Aug. 18
6:30–9 p.m.

Call Marnie or Mara at
339-1983, ext. 13 or 41,
for more information.



FaithWalkers: Mark your calendar

Shepherd and Teacher training (to follow the FaithWalkers Bike Rodeo)

Wednesday, Aug. 18
7:15–8 p.m.
Gathering Room
Childcare provided

First Step: an orientation to FaithWalkers for preschoolers and their parents

Saturday, Aug. 21
11–11:45 a.m.
Gathering Room

Classes start: FaithWalkers begin regular classes on Sunday, Aug. 22, and Wednesday, Aug. 25. Contact Director of Children's Ministries Nancy Henrichsen at nancyh@flcsf.org or 339-1983, ext. 45, with questions.



FaithWalkers Bike Rodeo

Wednesday, Aug. 18 6:30–7:15 p.m.

Drop your bike off in the south parking lot and go to the Reformation Hall for the opening session and helmet fitting.

If you can't bring your bike or don't have a helmet, we'll have some helmets to send home with kids who pledge to wear them. Also, there will be extra bikes on hand for those who want the chance to do a bit of riding.

All FaithWalkers (especially the Wednesday night crew) and others from the neighborhood are invited!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Aug. 14–15
All worship services



2010 Confirmation save the date

ORIENTATION TIMES

Sixth-grade Individual Family Orientations

Wednesday, Aug. 25, and
Wednesday, Sept 1 (times will be assigned)

Sixth Grade Large Group

Wednesday,
Sept 8, from
6:30–7:40
p.m. in the
Gathering
Room

Seventh Grade

Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 6:30–7:40 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Eighth Grade

Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 6:30–7:40 p.m. in the Den

Ninth Grade Orientation

Sunday, Oct. 3, from 6:30–8:05 p.m. Friendship Room

SHEPHERD TRAININGS

Sixth through Eighth Grade Shepherd Training

Wednesday, Sept 29, from
6:30–7:40 p.m.
6th Grade in the
Gathering Room;
7th Grade in
Fellowship Hall;
and 8th Grade in
the Den

Ninth Grade Shepherd Training

Sunday, Oct. 3, from 4:45–6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

10th Grade Banquet and Mini Retreat

Sunday, Oct. 10, 6:30–9:30 p.m.

Affirmation of Baptism Service

Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m.



4:12^{ERS} CANOE & KAYAK



COVELL LAKE

Sunday, Aug. 22 • 5–8 p.m.

Call Marnie at 339-1983, ext.13, for more info.

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

Memories from Metigoshe



The group takes a spin around the lake in the famous banana boats.

Jony Ross harnesses up for the high ropes course.



Left to right: Ethan Gette, Jony Ross, Hanna Peterson, Catie DeVaney, Carter Barkley, Harrison Backer and Kevin Nelson spend some time together at Camp Metigoshe.



The guys take their turn making tie dye tshirts.



Catie DeVaney and Hanna Peterson enjoy afternoon free time.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



The Board of Outreach is sponsoring

worship in the PARK

**Sunday, Aug. 15
11:15 a.m.
McKenna Park
Bandshell**

You are invited to an outdoor worship service and a potluck picnic. Chicken, beverages and utensils provided.

First Lutheran to visit St. Dysmas in September

By Orrin Townswick

First Lutheran Church is invited to worship with St. Dysmas, our sister congregation, on Thursday, Sept. 9, at the South Dakota State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls. This ministry is important to the inmates, and they greatly appreciate us coming to worship with them. This is a way for them to maintain contact with the outside world. Being able to worship with



Pastor Marlin Wangsness serves the St. Dysmas congregation.

fellow Christians from the outside helps them to know they have not been forgotten. Our joining them in worship also fulfills our Lord's directive in Hebrews 13:3: "Remember those who are in prison as though you were in prison with them."

We are to arrive at the prison lobby by 6 p.m. After the service concludes at 7:45 p.m., we are invited for dessert or dinner (our personal cost) with St. Dysmas Pastor Marlin Wangsness for continued education on life behind the walls. Don't miss this opportunity to learn.

If you are interested in attending, contact Carol Knapp at 339-1983, ext. 11. Forms must be completed to enter the prison. They are available at the church office and must be returned by

*Worship with
St. Dysmas
Thursday, Sept. 9
6 p.m.*

Complete paperwork by Monday, Aug. 23. Contact Carol Knapp at 339-1983, ext. 11.

Monday, Aug. 23.

I urge you to join us. After worshipping at St. Dysmas, people tell us that it is one of the most rewarding services they have ever participated in. You will want to return.

Care Mobile provides \$20,000 in dental care in four days

"Thank you" was often heard from children, young adults, and the people bringing them to the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile in June. This was a record year at First Lutheran for the dental office on wheels that in four days provided more than \$20,000 in dental care to 65 children and young adults. The Care Mobile, staffed by two dentists and two dental hygienists, was sponsored by the Board for Pastoral Care Ministries and the Board for Outreach Ministries for \$2,500.

Here's a small sampling of the difference that was made:

- A First Lutheran parishioner invited a neighbor family of immigrants and helped them fill out the registration forms and gave them a ride to First Lutheran.
- A tutor called to ask if she could bring the young boy she was tutoring, and she did.

- An American pilot who lived in Republic of Congo became friends with a young man who lived across the street from him. He now sponsors the man, who attends Dakota State University. The pilot brought him to the dental mobile and helped him fill out the registration papers. At 20 years old, the young man had never seen a dentist.

- A young man from Haiti, now 20, who had lived in the United States since he was 11 but had never seen a dentist was given care.

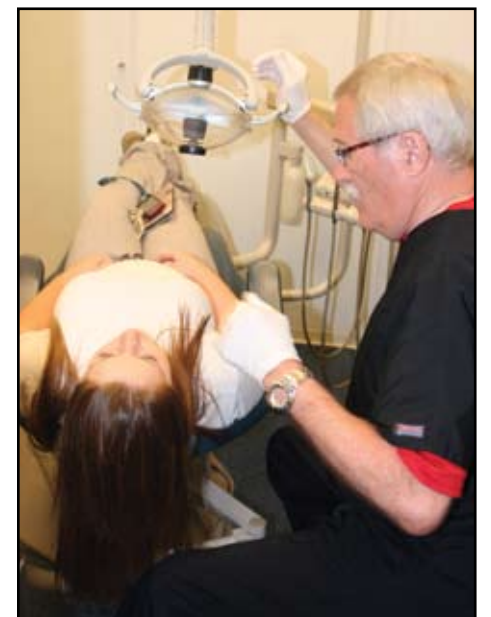
- A mother of three younger children heard on television that the Care Mobile was going to be at First Lutheran. She drove through the parking lot three times on Monday morning looking for it. Since the Care Mobile comes from Pierre, it doesn't arrive until late morning. In desperation she decided to call. When Parish Nurse Paula Bartels received her call, the

mother was elated that her children could be seen. Later that day she said, "You don't know how wonderful this is! I have so many things going on and I want my children to have dental care but can't afford it! It is such a load lifted for me."

Thirty one percent of the participants who came to the Care Mobile at First Lutheran had never seen a dentist. In the four years Ronald McDonald Care Mobile has come to First Lutheran, 190 children and young adults have been seen and \$81,429 worth of dental care has been given.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with registration who were the welcoming face in the heart of the Sioux Falls!

Thank you also to the parishioners who give tithes and offerings, making it possible for the Care Mobile to be sponsored.



The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile was sponsored by First Lutheran on June 21-25. Sixty-five children and young adults received dental care.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES



Check the Health Shelf in the library for a 'Glimpse of Heaven'

By Parish Nurse Paula Bartels



Paula Bartels

Life on earth is only temporary! Yet it can be very difficult to think of our life, or the life of someone we love, as ending here on earth. However, Jesus died on the cross so we can have forgiveness of sins and the hope of a "change of address" to heaven on Gold Street! "Glimpses of Heaven, Reflections on Your Eternal Home" by Dave and Jan Dravecky, with Amanda Sorenson, is a new book on the Health Shelf in the library. It is a wonderful book. Dave Dravecky was the pitcher of the San Francisco Giants. His pitching arm was amputated due to cancer.

First Lutheran Church member Wanda Todd has written the following review of the book:

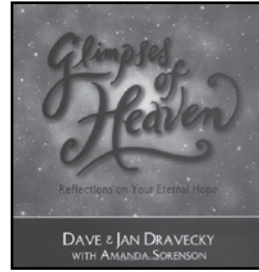
"The mysterious calls us to ask questions about what's hidden beyond our view—just like closed doors entice us to open them, to find out what's inside! We wait, hoping to find something good. We also wait with a measure of fear, not fully knowing what's ahead. It's like being in the dark, searching for a light—or, at least, a light switch!

"Such is the event called death. It can be thought of as a door between life on this earth and new life in heaven. As human beings, we face it with both excitement and dread. A sense of the sacred makes our hearts beat with longing for the creator, even as we desire to remain with our loved ones and life we've known. The promise of no more pain, no more tears, no more sorrow pulls us closer to the mystery of heaven, eternity with God.

"It is in the waiting time—those moments of searching for a light switch—that we face the challenge

of reaching out and letting go. Dave and Jan's book, "Glimpses of Heaven," offers helpful and comforting insight to encourage those who find themselves walking within the shadows of death—whether it be a loss, a pain, a sorrow, or the coming experience of death itself. Glimpses of hope for peace despite fear."

We can look forward to walking the streets of gold, when we know Jesus. Until then, taking a walk and enjoying the great creation here on earth is a great way to take care of your temple!



"Glimpses of Heaven, Reflections on Your Eternal Home" by Dave and Jan Dravecky, with Amanda Sorenson, is available in the library.

Healthy Feet Community Foot Care Clinic



Fourth Tuesday of each month starting Sept. 28

8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.

Parish Meeting Room

Cost is \$25 (\$21 for Sanford Discovery members, one time)

Appointments are necessary. Call Parish Nurse Paula Bartels at 339-1983, ext. 24, to schedule.

Sanford foot care nurses will:

Screen and Assess: circulation, sensation, skin, shoes

Educate: inspection methods, daily care, footwear selection, foot precautions and exercise

Treat: toenails clipped and filed, thick nails grinded, corns and calluses buffed

Bible resources for those in recovery

By Pastor Barbara Wangsness

Do you know someone who struggles with chemical dependency and its hurts, hang-ups and habits? Someone who longs to be assured the



Pastor Barbara Wangsness

Bible can still speak to their situations? If so, I'd like to share the titles of two Bibles that include study materials with a focus toward those contexts. Anyone who's been involved with 12-step programs can find them to

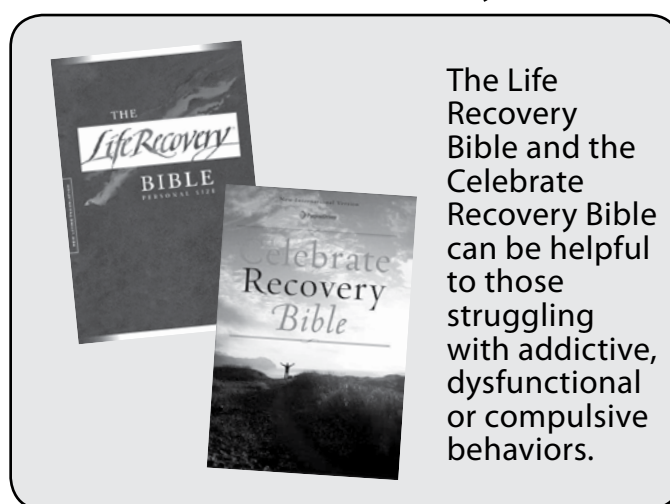
be a helpful resource. The final goal of both Bibles is to share that the source of true recovery, for all of us, is found only in God. I hope you'll check them out.

The Life Recovery Bible is the New Living Translation (NLT). What I appreciate about it most is the study notes which, by verses, help in understanding the connections between recovery principles and the

biblical situations of many familiar and historical biblical characters.

In addition, it includes Bible-based devotionals tied to the 12-step recovery program and the Serenity Prayer. Key Bible character profiles show important recovery lessons that can be drawn from their lives. Topical recovery reflections and recovery themes are discussed at the beginning of each Bible book.

Celebrate Recovery Bible is the New International Version (NIV). It is based on eight recovery principles and includes a Christ-centered 12-step program listed within it. While it does not have study comments, by verses (as above), it does have contemporary, personal stories, which help make a connection between the individual's own struggles and certain scriptural



The Life Recovery Bible and the Celebrate Recovery Bible can be helpful to those struggling with addictive, dysfunctional or compulsive behaviors.

texts. In addition, it includes character studies about specific biblical characters and a 30-day devotional plan based on offering hope, healing and encouragement.

Both Bibles are meant to be especially helpful to those struggling with addictive, dysfunctional or compulsive behaviors but—most importantly—they remind all of us about the loving power of Jesus Christ, present throughout the recovery process and also available to us.

Life Transitions through June

Births

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

- Lillian Jan Gieser, daughter of Brian Gieser & Carrie Kramer, born on June 10, 2010
- Anders Howard Paulson, son of Michael & Veronica Paulson, born on June 10, 2010
- Claudia d'Ann Visscher, daughter of Corey & Monica Visscher, born on June 6, 2010
- Emileigh Ryan Stukel, daughter of Joshua & Nicole Stukel, born on June 4, 2010



Baptisms

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

- Isaac Oliver Van Veldhuizen, son of Dan & Angela Van Veldhuizen
- Tylen Michael Ducommun, son of Jared & Kim Ducommun
- Erica Mae Boyce, daughter of Eric & Alexis Boyce
- Riley Marie Okeson, daughter of Erick Okeson & Jescika Johannsen
- Ellery Ryan Donovan, daughter of Ryan & Stacey Donovan



Weddings

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

- Benjamin Plummer & Laura Smith
- Scott Rick & Brianna Johnson
- Tyler Anderson & Chaely Dykstra



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)

- Eugene Payne
- Arnold Oveson

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Gifts and memorials from June 2010

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...

Gifts to Foundation in honor of

Warren & Phyllis Day's 60th Anniversary: Jean Ellwein
Jean Ellwein's 80th Birthday: Barb Peterson
Norm & Muriel Ekeland's 60th Anniversary: Jean Ellwein; Don & Florence Toft

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John & Jeanne Buren's 60th Anniversary: Warren & Phyllis Day
Warren & Phyllis Day's 60th Anniversary: Elmer Sorensen
Norm & Muriel Ekeland's 60th Anniversary: Warren & Phyllis Day; Betty Johnson; Frances Vanderbush; Elmer Sorensen
Jean Ellwein and in memory of Keith Ellwein. Jean & Keith would have celebrated their 60th anniversary on June 11: Warren & Phyllis Day
Marv & Eva Olinger's 70th Anniversary: Vi Smith; Karen Lidel
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Anniversary: Gerald & Barbara Entringer

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Dalores Bartels: Bob & Glennys Meerdink
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Selma Nelson: Ordell Krogstad
Gene Payne: Gerald & Barbara Entringer; Patricia Erickson; Dean & Jan Everetts; Esther Hanson; Wayne & Wanda Helgager; Roger & Bev Lamp; Barb Matson; Warren & Janet Opheim; Eunice

Financial update		June 2010	
Worship Attendance			
June 2010	3,338		
Total Revenues	YTD		
2010 Actual	\$935,116		
2009 Actual	\$917,588		
Total Expenses			
2010 Actual	\$913,003		
2009 Actual	\$934,289		
		Notes Payable	
		Bank Loan - Capital	\$1,435,963
		Contract For Deed	
		Ideal	\$628,702
		"God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." Income	
		Through June 2010	\$920,228

Quamen; Vi Smith; Elmer Sorensen
Naomi Pratt: Selmer & Helen Anderson; Shirley Ashworth; First Lutheran Church Women; Dorothy Grevlos; Sandra Holleman; Roger & Bev Lamp; Barbara Matson; Bob & Glennys Meerdink; Pastor LeRoy & Elaine Nevin
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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
 (James 1:17)

MEDIA MINISTRIES

June and July broadcast sponsors

First Lutheran Church's worship can be seen every Sunday at 11 a.m. on KSFY-13, KPRY-4 and KABY-9 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:
June 6: In loving memory of Keith Ellwein by his wife, Jean. They were married at First Lutheran and would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 11.
June 13: In memory of Albert and Esther Berdahl, who were married at First Lutheran Church on June 11, 1937, by their family.
June 20: In loving memory of Gordon Nelson, whose 86th birthday would have been June 20, by family and friends.
June 27: In memory of Ralph and Priscilla Hillgren, whose anniversary would have been June 26, and in memory of their daughter, Sonja Hillgren. It is given by John Hillgren through a gift to the First Lutheran Church Foundation.
July 4: In honor of and in gratitude for the Lutheran Men in Mission dishwashers, by the women of First Lutheran Church.
July 11: 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 18: By Warren and Phyllis Day in gratitude for their family and in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. Warren and Phyllis were married at First Lutheran Church on June 7, 1950.
July 25: In loving memory of Earl Doescher, whose birthday would have been July 29, by the Bob Doescher family.
KSFY telecast sponsored:
June 6: By Norm and Muriel Ekeland, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 8. The gift is given in gratitude for 60 years of blessings, the First Lutheran Church congregation and staff, and family and friends.
June 13: In loving memory of Esther and Albert Berdahl, who were married at First Lutheran on June 11, 1937. It is also sponsored in memory of Will Edward Lantis and in honor of Mary Ellen Lantis, whose wedding anniversary would have been June 15.
June 20: In recognition of Joyce M.

Ashley's parents through earnings from her memorial gift to the First Lutheran Church Foundation.
June 27: In memory of Susan Lankford by the earnings of a gift to the First Lutheran Church Foundation from her family and friends. David and Susan would have celebrated their anniversary on June 23.
July 4: In memory of Anita Sorensen, whose 80th birthday would have been July 4. The gift was given by her husband, Elmer Sorensen, and their children—Nanci Hayward, Grant Sorensen and Sue Severson—and their families.
July 11: In memory of Jane Hargus by family and friends.
July 25: In loving memory of Jack and Lillian Becker by their daughters—Carol, Stephanie, Valerie and Mary—and their families.
KTTW-FOX telecast sponsored:
July 18: By earnings of the Griffin Endowment for Media Ministry, through the First Lutheran Church Foundation.

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

Sponsorships available
 To sponsor a broadcast, call LaVonne Wolf at 339-1983, ext. 18.

Upcoming available television sponsorships:
 Aug. 1 and 22, Oct. 31 (A full sponsorship is \$1,300, a partial is \$675.)

Upcoming available radio sponsorships:
 Oct. 17, 24 and 31 (A sponsorship is \$115.)

Upcoming television closed captioning sponsorships: Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. (A sponsorship is \$140.)

Participants reflect on mission trip to Colombia

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May we love as Jesus did

I think that Jeff [Backer] said it best: May we not forget the people of Colombia. May we not forget people struggling to gather \$30 for rent when we are thinking about spending \$4 at Starbucks. May we think twice about their needs when we think we need that new gadget or piece of clothing. May we love as Jesus did by giving sacrificially to others in need.

—David Anfonson

I was changed for the better

It was so clear that God is alive and well in Colombia. I was particularly moved when we visited Soacha which was a very, very poor community filled with displaced people. The elders were among the happiest people we got to visit, yet the poorest. Poor as they were, they illuminated Christ's awesome love,

and I witnessed Christ in each of them.

It made me realize how poor I was in the spirit. But because of the amazing love we received I was changed for the better. Service will now be a part of my life even more than before.

—Austin Nickel

Faith reaffirmed

I wouldn't say that my faith has changed so much as it has been reaffirmed. Everybody we met welcomed us with warm hearts. We learned about Colombia's troubled and violent history, including conflicts that are ongoing to this day. My faith grew, and I am inspired by the stories we heard and the examples we witnessed. Even though many of the people we met have lived through hardships, they are still proud of their accomplishments and have hope for the future.

—Eric Hernes



Above: Pastors distribute communion at New Life Lutheran Church, a new mission congregation that is bilingual.



Right: Austin Nickel walks down a rocky path with one of the elders in the community of Soacha.

First Lutheran Church Calendar – August 2010



Sunday, August 1

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
9:15 AM HyVee/Sunshine Grocery Card Sales W
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
11:00 AM Flute Choir Rehearsal FH
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
1:30 PM Shetek Camp Depart
3:00 PM Counseling PR
7:15 PM Chapel Choir Rehearsal CR/S/FrR

Monday, August 2

Return: Mission Trip Nicaragua
9:00 AM Sewing QSC
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR

Tuesday, August 3

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
1:00 PM Basketball Practice RH
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
3:00 PM Shetek Mini Camp Return
6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR
6:30 PM Esther Study Mdc
7:00 PM Stephen Ministries Off Site

Wednesday, August 4

Camp Shetek Day Play - Off Site
9:00 AM Sewing QSC
10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors GR/GRK
12:00 PM Lunch with Hinderlies GR/GRK
1:30 PM Pastors Meeting TR
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR
6:30 PM Study on the Lutheran Confessions GR

Thursday, August 5

9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR
9:30 AM WELCA Bible Study GR/ GRK
10:00 AM Visitation Pastors Meeting TR
12:00 PM Study on Lutheran Confessions GR
1:00 PM Basketball Practice RH
3:00 PM Peer Ministry Training Retreat Off Site
6:00 PM Holistic Health TR
7:00 PM Pre-baptism class GR

Friday, August 6

Peer Ministry Training Retreat Off Site
8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
9:40 AM Senior Ministry Board Meeting TR
3:00 PM Shetek Week Camp Return

Saturday, August 7

9:30 AM De-Stigmatizing Mental Illness FH/FHK
10:15 AM Open Gym RH
11:00 AM Flute Choir Rehearsal CR/ML
12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C
5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C

Sunday, August 8

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
8:55 AM Study on Lutheran Confessions TR
9:15 AM Equal Exchange Coffee WCD
9:15 AM Hyvee/ Sunshine Grocery Card Sales W
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, August 9

11:00 AM Keleher/Christensen Wedding S
6:00 PM Board for Outreach TR
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR

Tuesday, August 10

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
12:00 PM Senior LuncheonFH/FHK
1:00 PM Basketball Practice RH
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR
6:30 PM Esther Study Mdc
7:30 PM Adult Discipleship Board TR

Wednesday, August 11

10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors GR/GRK
1:30 PM Pastors Meeting TR
5:00 PM Stewardship Board Meeting TR
6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR
6:30 PM Study on the Lutheran Confessions GR

Thursday, August 12

9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR
11:00 AM Stephen Ministries Off Site
12:00 PM Study on Lutheran Confessions GR
1:00 PM Basketball Practice RH
5:30 PM Media Board TR
6:00 PM Holistic Health Cabinet PMR

Friday, August 13

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
5:30 PM Buss/Karajanis Rehearsal C

Saturday, August 14

10:15 AM Open Gym RH
11:00 AM Thomas Wedding Shower GR GRK
12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice UR
12:00 PM Bride's Room D
3:00 PM Buss/Karajanis Wedding C
5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C

Sunday, August 15

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
8:55 AM Study on Lutheran Confessions TR
9:15 AM HyVee/Sunshine Grocery Card Sales W
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
11:15 AM Worship in the Park, McKennan Park
12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
3:00 PM Counseling PR

Monday, August 16

9:00 AM Sewing QSC
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR

Tuesday, August 17

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
12:00 PM Stephen Ministers TR
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
5:00 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting PMR
6:00 PM Board of Pastoral Care L
6:00 PM Board of Outreach TR
6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR
6:30 PM Esther Study Mdc
7:00 PM Theology on Tap OFF SITE
7:00 PM Stephen Ministries Off Site

Wednesday, August 18

9:00 AM Sewing QSC
10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors GR/GRK
1:30 PM Pastors Meeting TR

6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal S
6:30 PM Bike Rodeo-Faith Walkers C/RH/PR/UR
7:00 PM Youth Group Mini - Golf off site
7:15 PM FaithWalkers Teacher Training GR
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/FrR/S

Thursday, August 19

9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR
5:00 PM Financial Services Bd PMR
5:30 PM Board of Worship & Music TR

Friday, August 20

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
5:30 PM Bauman/Halverson Rehearsal S
6:00 PM 4th/5th Grade Activity Night GR/GRK/RH/

Saturday, August 21

10:15 AM Open Gym RH
11:00 AM First Step GR/GRK/C
11:30 AM Wedding Hospitality TR
12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C
3:00 PM Bauman/Halverson Wedding S
5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C
5:30 PM Appleton/Gayetaye Rehearsal S

Sunday, August 22

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
9:15 AM HyVee/Sunshine Grocery Card Sales W
9:30 AM God's Gifts Our Resp Q & A Session FrR
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/RH/PR/UR
11:00 AM God's Gifts Our Resp Q & A Session FrR
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
11:15 AM FaithWalkers thru 2nd Grade
12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
3:00 PM Counseling PR
5:00 PM 4:12 Canoeing/Kayaking Covell Lake

Monday, August 23

6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR

Tuesday, August 24

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR
6:30 PM Agape Ringers Rehearsal HR/S

Wednesday, August 25

10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors GR/GRK
11:00 AM Wednesday Night Meal Set-up RH/RHK
1:30 PM Pastors Meeting TR
4:30 PM Good Vibrations Rehearsal HR
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal RH/RHK
5:15 PM 6th Grade Individual Conf. Interviews I
5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsal CR/S
5:30 PM Belle Campana Rehearsal HR
6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR
6:30 PM FLYGHT Rehearsal CR
6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal S
6:30 PM FaithWalkers 3 years through 5thGrade
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/FrR/S

Thursday, August 26

9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR
11:00 AM Stephen Ministries Off Site
12:00 PM Project Car Steering CommTR
5:00 PM Church Council FH

Friday, August 27

Scripture lessons

Aug. 1: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–23; Psalm 49:1–12; Colossians 3:1–11; Luke 12:13–21

Aug. 8: Genesis 15:1–6; Psalm 33:12–22; Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16; Luke 12:32–40

Aug. 15: Jeremiah 23:23–29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29–12:2; Luke 12:49–56

Aug. 22: Isaiah 58:9b–14; Psalm 103:1–8; Hebrews 12:18–29; Luke 13:10–17

Aug. 29: Proverbs 25:6–7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16; Luke 14:1, 7–14

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC

Saturday, August 28

10:15 AM Open Gym RH
12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C
3:00 PM Appleton/Gayetaye Wedding S
5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C

Sunday, August 29

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
9:15 AM HyVee/Sunshine Grocery Card Sales W
9:30 AM God's Gifts Our Resp Q & A Session FrR
9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/RH/PR/UR
11:00 AM God's Gifts Our Resp Q & A Session FrR
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
11:15 AM FaithWalkers thru 2nd Grade
12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
12:30 PM HS Adult Leader Training/Mtg Off-site
3:00 PM Counseling PR

Monday, August 30

9:00 AM Sewing QSC
5:00 PM Property Board TR
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR
6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop UR

Tuesday, August 31

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
6:00 PM Poetry Group GR/GRK/L
6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR
6:30 PM Agape Ringers Rehearsal HR/S

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