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First Word
The monthly newspaper of First Lutheran Church

High school seniors share their faith

Annual video project to be available on First Lutheran website

Each year the youth and family office produces a video testimony of First Lutheran Church high school seniors. Seniors share their faith and reminisce about things they have experienced as they've grown up at First Lutheran.

Sunday, May 2, is Senior Recognition Sunday. The seniors eat breakfast together with their families and then are recognized during the 11:15 a.m. worship service where they receive quilts made especially for them by the First Lutheran Church Quilters.

Below, read a transcript of a few of the seniors' comments. The entire video will be available on the First Lutheran website www.flcsf.org.

GRETCHEN PETERSON

High school: Lincoln

Future plans: Luther College, Iowa

Most meaningful experience:

The youth went up to Montana to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp to go rafting. I enjoyed being one with the wilderness—with no technology and being surrounded by the other youth.

Going to college: I'm going to miss being with family and friends, living at home and being surrounded by friends.

The quilt: I'm thankful for the senior women at FLC for the quilts. It will be a reminder of my FLC family.

MELISSA HAIGHT

High school: Washington

Future plans: St. Mary's University, Minnesota

Most meaningful experience: The trip to New Orleans. I've never really been bonded with our church and

that trip really connected me to the church. I'd do it again if I could.

I'm going to miss: The closeness with my family and friends.

The quilt: It's going to help me through hard times because I know people care enough about me that they put love throughout every stitch that they made.

ANNIE AAMLID

High School: Roosevelt

Future plans: South Dakota State University

I admire: The person of faith that I admire is definitely my mom. Whenever we have tough times in our lives she's always the first one to say, "What do you need me to pray for?" She can always tell if we're struggling and has her devotional and tries to have her quiet time every day.

Going to college: It's scary going off to college knowing that I won't be living with my parents. As I grow



Left: Anne Aamlid (top) and Amanda Strenge keep up with their dental hygiene on the New York City Mission trip in 2007.

Top left (L to R): Sarah Christopherson, Joey Bosch and Melissa Haight sit together at the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

Above: Gretchen Peterson inflates a raft at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp.

up and become my own person God's going to be there with me to help me through all the tough times and he's going to provide in the end.

The quilt: Getting these quilts from these women who've been working so hard on them is such an honor. It really goes to show that our church is like a family and we're willing to do whatever we can for each other.

An ode to Mother's Day

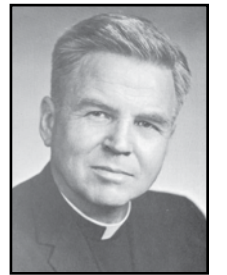
By Dr. Al Rogness, Senior Pastor Extraordinaire (1952–1955)

"Train up your children in the way in which they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it."

—Proverbs 22:6

No matter how excellent an educational system we may achieve, it will still be true that the family, father and mother and children together, is the primary institution to convey to future generations the values of the past.

This is true for values in art, in morals, in religion, in attitudes toward life; as mothers and fathers go, so goes the world.



Dr. Al Rogness

In the past, and even today, mothers have probably played the dominant role in the home, certainly in terms of time. Fathers have been breadwinners, sometimes working long hours, and in modern society often away from home. Fathers, therefore, have been more visible in business, science, government, and the professions.

This doubtless is changing. Only in notable instances in the past have women won distinction in the world of science, government or business—often, however, in the world of education and the arts. One might remember Pierre and Marie Curie as exceptions, both eminent physicists and chemists, awarded jointly the Nobel Prize in physics in 1903. Upon Pierre's death at 47, Marie carried on in research for another 28 years, being the only person to receive the Nobel Prize a second time, in 1911.

When the mother of Arthur and Karl Compton was awarded an honorary doctor's degree by the College of Wooster in Ohio, the citation was simply "Mother of Comptons." Arthur, physicist and Nobel Prize winner, was professor and chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis, and Karl, also a physicist, was president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A legend from pagan antiquity tells how the gods once summoned to Olympus the mortals, telling them to bring with them their highest gifts and achievements. The one who brought the greatest gift was to receive the crown. The artist brought his painting, the sculptor his statues, the husbandman the fruits of the field, the poet his poems, the inventor his machines. But among them came also an old woman with nothing in her

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Art exhibit raises the voices of the silenced in Colombia

Upper Room home to Remember Me Gallery May 16–30

The Remember Me Gallery, an exhibit of original art depicting stories of the decades-long conflict in Colombia, is coming to First Lutheran Church May 16–30. It will be available in the Upper Room of the Parish Education Building.

According to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), a partner in the gallery's construction, Colombia's 50-year conflict has killed 70,000 people and displaced nearly four million others, making it the worst chronic humanitarian crisis in the Western Hemisphere.

The art in the Remember Me Gallery: Voices of the Silenced in Colombia came directly from Colombia, created and inspired by victims of violence. The gallery's foundation consists of testimonies from individual victims and entire communities affected by violence in San Onofre, Sucre, and the province of

Putumayo—principally from the areas of La Hormiga and San Miguel.

This gallery is a visible and tangible way to celebrate the healing difference First Lutheran's shared advocacy work has made and continues to make in Colombia.

"The pastoral team fervently prays and hopes that the congregation will grow in fresh new awareness about the pain and hope of the Colombian people," says Pastor Natanael Lizarazo. "Talk to the people of Colombia and you will be hard-pressed to find a family who cannot tell of how violence has affected their lives. Yet their stories often go unheard."

This is also a chance to celebrate the fact that First Lutheran Church has had significant participation and leadership in LWR peace-making work in Colombia through the "Sal y Luz" (Salt & Light) project, along with other Lutheran churches in South Dakota.



In 2000, paramilitaries stormed Luzmila's home and killed five members of her family. Luzmila and her daughter were the only survivors.

After its time at First Lutheran, the gallery will be displayed at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and at the South Dakota Synod Assembly in Rapid City.

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)

Every third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. a healing service takes place in the 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 June issue is Monday, May 10. Please e-mail articles or questions regarding *First Word* to: kvilhauer@flcsf.org. *First Word* is also available online (www.flcsf.org).

An ode to Mother's Day

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hands. The gods asked her, "Why are you here with nothing in your hands?" The woman answered, "I am here just to look on. I merely wanted to see who received the crown. These are all my children."

Then the judges said, "Give her the crown, for she has trained and inspired them all."

(This essay is from Dr. Rogness' well-beloved devotional entitled, *The Word for Every Day*; Augsburg Publishing, p.137)

'Well, I dunno' becomes 'Yes! Indeed!' Take a step of faith and commit to campaign

By the "God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." committee

"Well.... gee.... I dunno...."

We've heard that response from a number of families over the past few months as we've conducted campaign visits seeking a financial pledge. And, to be honest, we understand. We live in uncertain times. The economy seems to be improving, but the shock of 2008 is still with us. So when we're asked to consider a generous pledge for the campaign, "Well, gee... I dunno..." is not an unexpected response. After all, most of us on the committee had similar thoughts when this all started.

It's happened before. Remember how reluctant Moses was to confront the Pharaoh of Egypt? So much was his uncertainty that God gave him many signs, wonders and words to speak. But it wasn't enough. Moses was still uncertain until God finally told him to just plain "Go!" And so he did... tentatively. Moses returned to his father-in-law Jethro's tent and said that he wanted to go to Egypt, not to "free my people by the powerful hand of God," but instead to "see if any of my people are still alive" (Exodus 3:18). It wasn't exactly the word of a completely confident man. It was more of a "Welllll.... okaaaaay...."

Moses took steps of faith. We might even call them "baby steps of faith" as he returned to Egypt. But as he took those baby steps and saw how God was true to his promise, the steps became bigger. By the time the children of Israel found their backs against the Red Sea, Moses was taking large leaps of faith. "Gee... I dunno..." became "Welllllll.... okaaaaay...." Which became, "Yes! Indeed!"

It's happened before here at First Lutheran. There was another time when

Perennial Plant Sale

Saturday, May 8
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
FLC Parking Lot

Come and shop. Or, donate your plants. Put fist-sized clumps in a plastic bag, label and price. For questions or to offer to help, call Jan at 338-7575 or Muriel at 371-0965. Proceeds will go toward the "God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." campaign.

the economy was uncertain. Banks were failing in Sioux Falls, and many had lost jobs. The stock market was volatile and there was no social safety net like Social Security, unemployment benefits or welfare. That time was 1925. The members of First Lutheran had gathered to consider construction of the sanctuary we currently enjoy. The meeting was tense. There was a lot of "Well, gee.... I dunno...." among the male voters. But during the meeting the women of the church gathered separately and pooled their resources, \$20,000 worth, and then pledged an additional \$10,000 for the future. The vote was to move forward. Now we weren't there, but we have a hunch that rather than a "Yes! Indeed!" it was more of a, "Welllll.... okaaaaay." But God blessed it. The money was raised (10 times the annual budget!) and over the years, "Welllll.... okaaaaay" became "Yes! Indeed!"

We're there again. Even though our economic challenges pale in comparison to 1925, they are still challenges. But God doesn't ask us to look at wordly indicators of the future. He never has. Moses wasn't supposed to consider the folly of leading a rag-tag group of slaves against the greatest army the world had ever known. He was supposed to trust in God's promise. First Lutheran members were not called to look at the volatile economy of 1925 as their security or their future. They were called to look to God who fulfills his promise and blesses his church. Indeed, Jesus has said, "Trust in God. Trust also in me" (John 14:1). Jesus has implored us not to worry about the future, because it will take care of itself. Instead we are asked to believe God's promise to take care of us, sometimes in spite of the wordly safety nets we try to

God's Gifts.

Our Responsibility.

Campaign Deadline is Monday, May 31

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

- by calling the church office, 336-3734
- by completing the form at www.flcsf.org/ready_to_pledge.
- by stopping at the Information Desk.

MEET A CAMPAIGN

VOLUNTEER AT THE CHURCH

- Sundays from 9 to 11:15 a.m.

construct (Matthew 6:33-34).

As you consider a campaign pledge you may be thinking, "Well, gee... I dunno...." That's okay. We've all been there. But if uncertainty over the future is your only reluctance to make a pledge, then we also know that we are not called to remain in our uncertainty. We are called to believe God's promise to take care of us and love us. Chances are, "Well, gee... I dunno...." won't turn into "Yes! Indeed!" overnight. It will probably turn to, "Welllll.... okaaaaay..." just as it did with Moses (and for many of us). And that's okay. But as you take those steps of faith, God will continue to strengthen and encourage you to trust in him. And soon, before you know it, "Well....okaaaaay...." will turn into "Yes! Indeed!" After all, God has already spoken his "Yes! Indeed!" in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead!

Church Council Highlights: March 25, 2010

Discussion was held on ways to inform the congregation regarding the ELCA Sexuality Statement. A decision was made to include an article in the May issue of the *First Word* on some of the resources available.

A motion nominating Doris Haugen to fill the unexpired term of Michelle Walter on the Board for Children, Youth, Young Adults and Family Life Ministry was made, seconded and passed.

President Eric Severson announced that the Campaign Committee and the Executive Committee recommended extending First Lutheran's contract with James D. Klote and Associates for three weeks. Mitch Krebs and Larry Toll, members of the Campaign Committee, reported that the additional time would allow Steve Siegel to close several outstanding pledges and to facilitate a transition to a new

leadership team. Co-chairs Brian and Denise Aamlid and Mitch and Shantel Krebs have agreed to continue their responsibilities. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to extend the contract of Steve Siegel from April 10 to April 30.

Tim Heinemann inquired about the amount First Lutheran members contributed to Haiti Earthquake Relief through ELCA Disaster Response. The total was \$3,431.25.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



Further information relating to the ELCA Sexuality Statement

By Pastor Jason Burggraff

While many of the family members here at First Lutheran have perhaps heard as much or more conversation about sexuality in the church than they would prefer, some have requested that more information be made available.

In an effort to be both brief, and also respectful of this request, allow me to list a couple of articles. In addition, I've listed a handful of organizations with ties to the ELCA that have their own websites. I



Pastor Jason Burggraff

believe some articles are more helpful than others, but here, I will try to let them speak for themselves.

"The Bible, The Church, and Faithful Discernment," by Dr. Brian Peterson, professor at

Southern Seminary: Dr. Peterson approved the decisions made at the Churchwide Assembly last August. The article has been referenced by Bishop David Zellmer, and can be found on the South Dakota Synod website at: www.sdsynod.org. (Click on "Sexuality Statement Resources" on the left side of the page.) In his article, Dr. Peterson makes the argument that those on all sides have attempted to remain faithful to Scripture.

"The Bible and Sexual Boundaries," by Dr. Craig Koester, New Testament professor at Luther Seminary: In this article, Dr. Koester explores most of the scriptures that have been cited in relation to the biblical ethics of sexuality. In my own pastoral work, I've found this article (along with a piece by Gerhard Forde, entitled "Law and Sexual Behavior") to be quite helpful in actually working with

the Scripture rather than just talking about it. Koester's article can be found at: <http://wordalone.org/docs/koester-LQ-1993.shtml>. Or, go to the Word Alone website (www.wordalone.org), click on "Resources," then "Education," and Koester's article is found by scrolling about halfway down the page, a ways under the heading: "Marriage and Family."

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience."

—Colossians 3:12

More resources

If you're looking for more information, here are a variety of organizations that have worked in and around the ELCA. Each has its own website with sections listing additional sources of information related to sexuality (and other issues) and the church.

Background Information:

ELCA: www.elca.org

SD Synod: www.sdsynod.org

Pro-change Groups:

Lutherans Concerned North

America: www.lcna.org

Goodsoil: www.goodsoil.org

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries: www.elm.org

Reform Groups:

Word Alone Ministries:

<http://wordalone.org>

Lutheran Core:

www.lutherancore.org

Dr. Robert Gagnon,

New Testament professor:

www.robgagnon.net

We are here to hear God's Word

In closing, you must know that while the ethics of sexuality remain an important issue for our church and our world, finally we are gathered together to hear God's Word—which is useful for comforting, teaching and admonishing. The hearing of this Word is my ultimate concern for you and for all people, regardless of viewpoints. Our views are not what make us right—Christ dying for our sins, and that alone, brings righteousness and justice.

Come to a pastor with concerns

If you have any concerns about this or any matter, I hope that you are able to come to any of your pastors for conversation and sharing in the Word of Christ.

Let me leave you with some wisdom from Paul: "As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves in love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:12–17).

And to that, I say: Amen, may it be so among our families here at First Lutheran Church.

Items of interest

First Lutheran Church Women schedule

Get your Hawaiian clothes out for the annual FLCW Salad Supper. The supper is Thursday, May 6, at 6 p.m. in

Reformation Hall. Hannah Circle is hosting.

"Relative Harmony," a gospel music group will provide entertainment.

Tickets are \$6 each and available through circle chairs.

The FLCW board meeting will be Tuesday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

Senior luncheon May 11

The Senior Citizens Ministry Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, at noon in Fellowship Hall. Rene Fetzer will present a program called "It's Magic!" All are welcome, and no reservations are needed.

FLCW Salad Supper

Thursday, May 6
6 p.m.



Reformation Hall
Tickets are \$6

Coming this summer

A study on the Lutheran Confessions

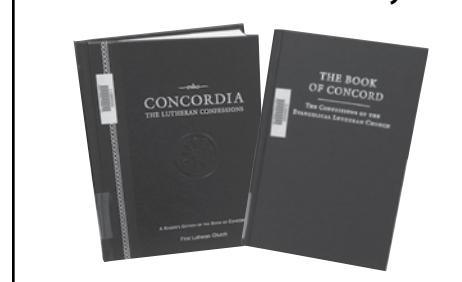
By Pastor Jason Burggraff

Do you ever wonder what makes the Lutheran Church Lutheran (other than a smattering of quotes from Martin Luther)? Perhaps you want to sit down with your friends and look into both the theology and history of the Lutheran Church. Well, your opportunity is coming this summer. If you've never considered this topic—then let me invite you anyway to join us as we begin to open the Lutheran Confessions (Book of Concord) beginning Wednesday, June 23.

We'll be diving in together, learning about why the reformers would risk their lives for the work that would ultimately be collected in the Lutheran Confessions—and why these confessions were needed to preserve the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for future generations. The study will offer three identical sessions, Wednesday evenings, Thursday noon and Sunday morning. More details to come.

The *Book of Concord* is available for group purchase through the First Lutheran Church Library. The Kolb-Wengert version (big blue), a new translation, is a re-working of the old red Tappert translation. It is a

Check out the *Book of Concord* on display in the First Lutheran Library.



good scholarly document, published by Fortress Press, more suited for the academics among us. The price is \$47.

Concordia Publishing has recently put out its own translation (black and maroon), which with its wood prints, background information, and artwork seems more aimed for family use.

Concordia: the Lutheran Confessions—a Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord is \$23.

A copy of each book will be on display in the library throughout the month. To order, please leave your name, phone number, and prepaid check or cash at the Information Desk by Tuesday, May 25.

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SUGGESTED READING FROM THE FLC LIBRARY

Summer is almost here. Following is a list of books available in the library for summer reading. There's something for everyone. Call Librarian Barbara Siebelts at 339-1983, ext. 43, with any questions.

- *Colorado Wings: Four inspirational love stories with a dash of intrigue* by Tracie Peterson (Fiction)
- *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography* by Kathleen Norris (Growth/General)
- *Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm During the Great Depression* by Mildred Armstrong Kalish (Biography)
- *Living As a Christian: Teachings from First Peter* by A. W. Tozer (Growth/General)
- *Passion and Purity: Learning To Bring Your Love Life under Christ's Control* by Elisabeth Elliot (Health)
- *The Inside-Out Beauty Book: Tips and Tools for Girls Like You* by Sandra Byrd (Youth)
- *The Tallest of Smalls* by Max Lucado (Easy Reading for Kids)
- *True Devotions* by Dee Henderson (Fiction)
- *When Teens Pray* by Cheri Fuller (Youth)
- *Luther for Armchair Theologians* by Steven Paulson (Lutheranism)



Family Movie Night

**Wednesday, May 26
7:30 p.m.**

The Blind Side
in Fellowship Hall
Cars in the
Gathering Room

Snacks will be available. For more information call Barbara Siebelts at 339-1983, ext. 43.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



How best can you help the needy?

Lutheran World Relief works to end poverty, injustice and human suffering

By Jean Sneen

One of the most efficient organizations in the world is Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Who says it's so good? Five years ago, *Newsweek* rated a large group of charities. Lutheran World Relief received an A+. Why did LWR receive such a high rating? I believe it is for two reasons: 1) Quick distribution and 2) Low overhead.

When you give \$1, 91 cents of that dollar goes directly to charitable relief. This compares dramatically with the many charities that pay high salaries to their leaders



Jean Sneen

and spend lots of money on advertising.

LWR is a secret that is too well kept. What does it do? It manages a major warehouse full of quilts, layettes, sewing kits, health kits and soap that are accessible to be distributed immediately in a disaster. Do you remember when the first boatload of relief supplies arrived to help the people devastated by a tsunami a few years ago? Whose was it? Yes, supplies from LWR. It helps around the world wherever there is a need. It sent truckloads of supplies to New Orleans when the residents needed them.

After the Jan. 12, 2010, earthquake in Haiti LWR sent relief teams into immediate action. It committed \$500,000 worth of material resources to bring relief and comfort to the people of Haiti. LWR workers soon learned that areas outside of Port-au-Prince were also seriously affected. These smaller, rural communities sustained extensive damage and were especially vulnerable because most aid was concentrated in the capital city. With millions homeless and without access to water, food or sanitation, the emergency relief that flooded into the country is surely sustaining lives.

But LWR is not just for emergencies. It works to better the lives of people. In Africa, they have helped villages dig wells. Women then don't have to walk miles daily to get clean drinking water.

It has shown Third World farmers how to grow more productive grains and other crops. And they have helped coffee farmers get their coffee to market so they can make a living.

My favorite story of LWR aid takes place in one small section of Asia where many young girls were dying. LWR sent investigators there to find out why. They found that the custom was for men to eat first, then the boys, next the women, and last the girls. So, when there was soup, the girls had nothing left but the broth, no vegetables or meat. LWR trained some native women in these villages and when LWR delivered food to a village, no family got food unless one of these trained native women sat with the family to see that all ate together. The death rate for young girls dropped dramatically.

Another way for you to help is to buy Equal Exchange coffee. Many coffee farmers who have a middleman to process and distribute their product



The First Lutheran Quilters make more than 20 quilts a week. Many of the quilts are donated to Lutheran World Relief. In 2009, LWR distributed 378,050 quilts in 22 different countries.

found that the middleman took 75%. LWR set up small co-ops and the farmers now get 90% and can support their families.

LWR is a joint project of the ELCA and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It is dependent on members to supply their needs. First Lutheran Church Women do just that by quilting and putting together various kinds of kits. Last year, LWR gave aid in 22 countries and distributed 378,050 quilts. You probably can't go to Africa, Colombia, or West Bank, Israel. But your gift to LWR will help there. What will you give?



works with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering.

Learn more at
www.lwr.org

Offering of Letters helps families

By Marvyl Eldal

You can help low income working families through the Bread for the World Offering of Letters. This year the focus is on the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

On Sunday, May 16, we will have an opportunity to tell our senators and representative that we want this program to continue. God cares about the poor. I know God blesses these efforts in ways far beyond our understanding.

I'm inviting you to take five minutes between services on Sunday, May 16, to stop in the Atrium and write a note to our South Dakota Congressional



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delegation on behalf of low-income working families. This is a joint effort of our Board for Outreach Ministries and FLC Bread for the World members. Writing materials and sample letters will be

available.

You can find additional information about this year's offering of letters on www.bread.org

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Sign up for Choral Institute by May 17

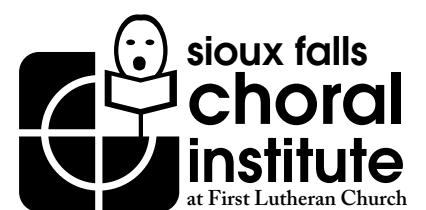
The Choral Institute at First Lutheran Church is a summer music camp for middle school and high school students. The weeklong experience includes mixed choir rehearsals, boys and girls choirs, and short elective sessions, such as handbells, vocal lessons and piano lessons.

The Details

Dates: July 19– July 24, 2010

Sessions: There are separate sessions for middle school and high school students.

Cost: \$75



Register: Online at www.flcsf.org/choral_institute or get a form by contacting Christopher Windle at 339-1983, ext. 49, or cwindle@flcsf.org. Registration is due May 17.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC



Jump out of the pew and into a choir!



Chapel Choir is perfect for the person who loves to sing, but needs a short-term commitment to a choir program.

Join us May 2, 9 and 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. for a light meal and rehearsal.

Lead worship at the 11:15 a.m. worship service on May 23. No further commitment.

Contact Christopher Windle at 339-1983, ext. 49, for more information.

Augustana senior completes internship

By Michael Elsbernd

Alex Eykamp, a senior sacred music major from Augustana College, recently completed his internship at First Lutheran Church. The purpose of the sacred music internship is for students to gain practical experience in the field of church music ministry. During the past semester, Alex has observed meetings of the Board for Worship and Music Ministries, weekly worship planning sessions and vocal and instrumental rehearsals. He also served as rehearsal accompanist for the Adult Choir and has presided at the organ at various services.

A native of Oldham, S.D., Alex is an active member of the South Dakota Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He plans to pursue the master of music degree in organ performance at the University of Kansas upon graduation from Augustana College. It has been a great pleasure to have Alex as our student intern during the past few months. Well done, Alex,



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and on behalf of the Board for Worship and Music, I send our best wishes to you as you continue to use your gifts in service to the church. I continue to be grateful to Augustana College for taking a leadership role in the area of sacred music as part of their academic offerings.

YOUTH, FAMILY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



Capstone project combines artwork and history

This year's fifth-grade FaithWalkers were the first to participate in what will be an annual project known as the Capstone Timeline Banner.

Director of Children's Ministry, Nancy Henrichsen, conceived the idea as a means of reviewing the primary Old and New Testament figures with students who are finishing their years as FaithWalkers and moving on to confirmation instruction.

In January, students sought out character clothespins that were hidden throughout First Lutheran Church. Clues to the hiding places were posted on the First Lutheran Church website.

In early March, students claimed the clothespin for the Bible character they wished to create. Figures have been constructed of a variety of materials (cloth, wood, plastic, fabric, foam) and attached to the clothespin. Completed figures were turned in at the end of March and will be displayed on a banner in the large stairwell of the Parish Hall.

This is the inaugural year for this ongoing project. Figures will be displayed on the timeline until a student in a subsequent year chooses to create a new figure for that Bible character.



A sampling of the characters created as part of the Capstone Timeline Banner.

Middle School/High School trip to Valleyfair

Wednesday, May 26
7:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m.
Cost is \$60

Sign up in the Youth Office. You must pay to reserve your space. Call 339-1983, ext. 34, for more information.

SPECIAL THANKS

to all of the FaithWalkers shepherds, teachers and helpers

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| Mary Sterling | Somer Anderson | Gretchen Peterson |
| Spenser Pederson | Mark Anderson | Grace Peterson |
| Mya Baca | Lori Schlekeway | Julie Leiseth |
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| Pam Loge | Terri Carlson | Lindsey Herbert |
| Matthew Loge | Sarah Gunlicks | Erin Willadsen |
| Nancy Henrichsen | Celeste Uthe-Burow | Christina Nelson |
| Chris Kyte | Kim McElroy | Kevin Nelson |
| Jill Barron | Kristi Putnam | Trina Kalo |
| Mark Tooley | Lenae Liddiard | Danelle Kalo |
| Kim Hankel | Barbara Kappenman | Andrea Wessel |
| Jane Palmer | Chris Ekstrum | Jenny Kalo |
| Angie Deitschman | Kate Ekstrum | Diana Borgum |
| Stacey Rietz | Dana Andral | Jacinda Cerwinski |
| Leah Bogue | Sherry Barkley | Jill Andersen |
| Jon Dewitz | Katie Barkley | Beth Monson |
| Tiffani Dockter | Libby Smorada | |
| Jody Elton | Julia Kramer | |

PICK MORE DAISIES

STOP BY THE WELCOME CENTER SUNDAYS, MAY 9 AND 16



Pick a daisy from the window, purchase the item, and bring it back to the Welcome Center by Sunday, May 23. Items will go to Nicaragua, Colombia, or New York City on FLC mission trips.

4:12 Gals, gather your excess stuff for a thrifty get together. Bring five items from your home you would like to put up for the swap and let the trading begin!

After a bit of shopping and repartee, we will meet up with the guys at McKennan Park for a potluck supper.

Gals Swap Party

Where: 308 W 34th St

Sunday, May 16, at 5 pm.

Sponsored by 4:12.
4:12 is young Christian adults in their 20s and 30s.

Guys Laser Tag

4:12 Guys, meet up at the church for some laser tag action!

After working up an appetite, we will meet up with the gals at McKennan Park for a potluck supper.

For more information, call Marnie at the First Lutheran Church Youth and Family office at 339-1983, ext. 13.

FINANCIAL SERVICES



Gifts and memorials from March 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...

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Marilyn Eikanger's 80th birthday: Barb Peterson

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Barb Peterson; Vi Smith; David & Pam Sonnichsen; Don & Florence Toft; Bill &

Opal Westerdahl; Paul & Donna Willadsen

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Sofie Mueller: Anna Hedinger; Sig Miller

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Jane Voigt: FLCW; Greg & Carol Puerkel

Jeff Willadsen: Ben & Kay Masselink

Pastor Glenn, Pastor Rogness, Pastor Borgwardt and our many other fine

Pastors: Marianne Vatne

Gift to Youth and Family in memory of

Ruth Avery: Eunice Quamen

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Ruth Avery: Tracie Osthus

Financial update March 2010

Worship Attendance

March 2010..... 4,769

Total Revenues YTD

2010 Actual \$452,147

2009 Actual \$462,481

Total Expenses

2010 Actual \$466,614

2009 Actual \$476,777

Notes Payable

Bank Loan - Capital \$1,630,558

Contract For Deed

Ideal \$636,001

"God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." Income

Through March 2010 \$604,189

Leonard Wormstadt: Cheryl Wormstadt

Gift to volunteer men in memory of

Ruth Avery: Pastor John & Cathy Christopherson

Gift to Music Department in memory of

Marilyn Edman: Dr. Howard Peterson, Jr.

Dagney Hegland: Susan Ackre; Emil & Carol Knapp; Eunice Quamen

Gift to Organ Fund in memory of

Ruth Avery: Scott & Diane Atchison

Art Huseboe: Ron & Janice Erkes

In honor of Anna Kappenman's baptism

Todd & Barbara Kappenman

MEDIA MINISTRIES



March and April 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:

March 7: In memory of Dr. Doris Eggers Huseboe; her parents, Delbert and Erna Eggers; and her grandparents, Claus and Mary Eggers and Richard and Lena Schneider. Funds for this have been made available through a gift to the First Lutheran Church Foundation.

March 14: In memory of Norman Salem, whose birthday would have been March 19, by his wife, Doris; daughters, Karla and Karen; and their families.

March 21: In loving memory of Jeannie Baca, whose 42nd birthday would have been March 21, by Don and Joyce Helberg and Mya Baca. The gift is made possible through gifts and memorials.

March 28: In loving memory of Mrs. Marie Steen, made possible through earnings of the bequest of her daughter, L. Inez Rognley, to the First Lutheran Church Foundation.

April 4: In honor of Marilyn Eikanger's 80th birthday, by her husband LeeRoy Eikanger.

April 11: In memory of Cora Boneff through earnings from a bequest she made to the First Lutheran Church Foundation.

April 18: In honor of Bonnie Lindgren and the 35th edition of From the

Children and as thanks for all the time, effort and love that Bonnie has devoted to the Carol Choir these many years.

April 25: In celebration of Jean Ellwein's 80th birthday, by her daughters and their families: Jackie, Jon, Kelsi and Megan Williams; Julie, Erick, Andrew and Lisa Hedlund; and Jan, Jerry, Alex, Casey, Mattie and Kersten Bork.

KSFY telecast sponsored:

March 7: In honor of Paul and Donna Willadsen's 56th wedding anniversary and in memory of family members Pat Wahlstrom and Grace Roessler.

March 14: In loving memory of Samuel Spitzer, who would have celebrated his 90th birthday March 14, by his family: Emma, Elaine and Ella Spitzer.

April 4: In loving celebration of the memory of Susan Lankford. It is made possible through earnings of a gift by her family and friends to the First Lutheran Church Foundation.

April 11: In loving memory of Arlene Jordt, whose 92nd birthday will be on May 4, by her daughter, Mary Eich, and sister-in-law, Eunice Quamen.

April 18: By Frank and Marilyn Alvine in memory of their parents and in thankfulness for their family.

April 25: By Jack and Amanda Leaders through a special gift to the First Lutheran Church Foundation.

Sponsorships available

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

Upcoming available television sponsorships:

May 23 and 30; June 6 and 13; July 4 (A full sponsorship is \$1,300, a partial is \$675.)

Upcoming available radio sponsorships:

Aug. 29, Sept. 26 and Oct. 17, 24 and 31 (A sponsorship is \$115.)

Upcoming television closed captioning sponsorships: May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. (A sponsorship is \$140.)

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.

Media Ministry Notes

Broadcast on Fox on May 30

The Sunday, May 30, worship service broadcast will be on Fox-KTTW (channel 17) at 11 a.m. due to KSFY's coverage of the Indy 500. It will return to KSFY on June 6.

DVDs of services available

DVDs of From the Children and Senior Recognition Sunday are available for \$15 each by calling Heather Kuecker at 339-1983, ext. 20.

Each Sunday's 9:45 a.m. worship service can be ordered on DVD as well.

Scripture lessons

May 2: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 9: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

May 16: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

May 23: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 [25-27]

May 30: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES



First Lutheran team to walk in NAMI event

By FLC's Steps 4 NAMI Task Force

A group from First Lutheran Church will be walking in the seventh annual National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk—Changing Minds One Step at a Time. You are invited to be a part of the team. The walk takes place on Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m. at Sertoma Park. Check in starts at 9 a.m.

The NAMI Walk is an event dedicated to raising awareness on improving the lives of people with mental illness. NAMI has become the nation's voice on mental illness with affiliates in every state and in more than 1,100 communities across the country. NAMI works toward the eradication of mental illness and the improvement of the quality of life for all who are affected by these diseases.

Today, stigma remains a powerful force in our society. NAMI works to educate people that mental illnesses are disorders of the brain just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas. Mental illnesses are no-fault brain disorders that no longer carry the needless guilt and shame of personal weakness, lack of character, poor upbringing, and lack of self-discipline or inadequate faith. They are illnesses seen for what they are: chemical imbalance or impaired circuit boards.

Gunner Christianson, MD, the co-

chair of Faith Net NAMI says, "I believe God's work is done through and with his people. We all are unique in our triumphs and defeats, but our lives are intertwined with common threads. Spirituality connects us not only to God but also to each other. We are all, after all, headed in the same direction; we just take different roads to get there.... We are not persons with a brain disorder. We are not families of people who have brain disorders. We are not man or woman. We are not Catholic or Jew. We are not rich or poor. We are children of God.... a tapestry created and woven with love by the source of all love, God."

People who are diagnosed with a brain disorder need to take their medications as prescribed. If they are not compliant in taking their medication, they will plummet back into symptoms of their illness. It's like a big dark cloud and veil that covers that person and throws them into a pit that they cannot get out of on their own. Sometimes they become illusionary, disconnected, confused, have suicidal



A team from FLC participates in a NAMI Walk. This year's walk takes place on Saturday, May 15. Members of First Lutheran are invited to take part in the walk or to donate money to NAMI.

thoughts, or become violent, harming themselves more than others. It takes proper diagnosis from a psychologist or psychiatrist.

There is help: counseling support and support from loved ones, friends and the church. Some of the friendliest people who share their love with people have these diseases. With proper assistance, they can function well in society.

Please join First Lutheran's team, Steps 4 NAMI, in the NAMI Walk on May 15, either by donating money to the cause or walking. For registration contact Sandy at 334-9740, Ruth at 362-3016 or Wanda at 929-9654.

Spirituality an important part of the wellness equation

By Paula Bartels, Parish Nurse

Wellness. We hear the word often. We may even go to wellness centers, and that can be a good thing, but does it mean we are well? We may be physically well but have we left the spiritual part out of the equation?



Paula Bartels

Dr. John Pilch led a group of researchers at the the Medical College of Wisconsin asking, "What makes us most healthy—not only in body, but also in soul and spirit?" The research concluded that four key ingredients contribute to wellness, a properly integrated life of wholeness:

- A person is well who knows the purpose and meaning of life.
- Well people know that life's authentic, satisfying, fulfilling joys and

It can be "well with our soul" even when physically we aren't well. It is a gift of God through Jesus Christ.

pleasures don't come from satisfying themselves, but from living for a higher purpose and a higher power.

- People who are well have found an appropriate source of motivation.

- A person who is well understands that health is far more than physical well-being.

When we know Jesus and his teachings, we have all of the ingredients for wellness. Here are a few things I have learned:

- God desires our worship and praise.

Psalm 135:3 says, "Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant." He is the one that gives our lives meaning and purpose.

- God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are our higher power. As for not just satisfying ourselves, the Apostle Paul reminds us of Jesus' words in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

- Knowing that Jesus loves us, forgives us and offers us eternal life with him in heaven ... that gives motivation!

- It can be "well with our soul" even when physically we aren't well. It is a gift of God through Jesus Christ.

So keep on taking care of your temples. Eat healthy, exercise, get enough sleep, do random acts of kindness and take care of your spiritual body by reading God's word and spending time talking to him in prayer. Enjoy complete health.

Bring a meal to a friend or neighbor

Do you know someone who has been hospitalized, someone who is going through medical treatments, someone who has experienced a loss, or someone who just needs to know someone cares? Meals from the Heart provides a home-cooked meal that can be picked up in the freezer in Luther Lounge in the southeast corner of the Welcome Center. The freezer key is available at the Information Desk Sunday through Friday.

Meals are prepared by volunteers every four to six weeks in the Reformation Hall kitchen. Each cooking session takes about an hour



Stop by the Information Desk for the freezer key and stop in Luther Lounge to select a meal.

and a half. Would you like to join this outreach ministry? Please contact Linda Carpenter at 339-1983, ext. 36, or Jean Hoff at 361-7267.

Life Transitions

through March

Births

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

- Erica May Boyce, daughter of Eric & Alexis Boyce, born on March 25, 2010
- Paige Jeaniene Hanson, daughter of Steve & Kelli Hanson, born on March 6, 2010
- Harper May Dillon, daughter of Craig & Kristy Dillon, born on March 12, 2010
- Garrett William Kucker, son of Chad & Tina Kucker, born on Feb. 19, 2010
- Tyler Michael Ducommun, son of Jared & Kim Ducommun, born on March 6, 2010
- Roxstin Lee Zahrbock, son of Justin & Eleshia Zahrbock, born on Jan. 12, 2010
- Oliver Ray Pruitt, son of Jennifer Pruitt, born on Nov. 24, 2009
- Isabel Eileen Thorson, daughter of Brian Thorson & Kristi Brock, born on Nov. 23, 2009.
- Harlie Raye Farr, daughter of Ashley Farr, born on Oct. 3, 2009.



Baptisms

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

- Isla Leigh Eidsness, daughter of Eric & Brandy Eidsness
- Reed Nichols Smith, son of Adam & Heather Smith
- Declan Dane Murphy, son of Ryan & Trisha Murphy
- Bryce Matthew Thompson, son of Raymond & Stacey Thompson
- Anna Christine Lynn Kappenman, daughter of Todd & Barbara Kappenman



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)

- Ellen Coffin
- Delilah Petersen
- Arthur Huseboe
- Charles Nelson

31 donors

10th blood drive breaks record

Thank you to those who gave blood in honor of Doreen Pospisil.

It was FLC's **largest drive** with 31 people volunteering to donate!

All together, FLC has given **212** donations with the potential of helping 636 people! What a very caring thing to do!

First Lutheran Church Calendar – May 2010



Saturday, May 1

- 9:00 AM Carol Choir Award Party FH/FHK
- 10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR/S
- 10:15 AM Open Gym RH
- 11:30 AM Wedding Hospitality TR
- 12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C
- 3:00 PM Snyder/King Wedding S
- 5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C

Sunday, May 2

- 8:00 AM Senior Recognition set-up FH/FHK
- 8:15 AM FaithWalkers C/RH/PR/UR
- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
- 8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
- 8:55 AM Bible Study on Psalms D
- 9:00 AM Campaign Meetings LL/TR
- 9:15 AM HyVee/Sunshine Grocery Card Sales W
- 9:15 AM FLCW Salad Supper Ticket Sales WC
- 9:30 AM Adult Forum FR/FRK
- 9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/RH/PR/UR
- 9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
- 10:00 AM Senior Recognition FH/FHK
- 11:00 AM Adult Forum FR/FRK
- 11:15 AM FaithWalkers C/RH/PR/UR
- 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
- 12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
- 12:30 PM ALPHA Potluck FrR/FRK
- 2:00 PM Lutheran CollegeFairSet-up A/W/GR/GRK/S
- 3:00 PM Counseling PR
- 5:00 PM 8 Great Dates NRH
- 6:00 PM Lutheran College Fair A/W/GR/GR/S

Monday, May 3

- 9:00 AM Sewing QSC
 - 10:00 AM Kindermusik MR1
 - 4:15 PM Kindermusik MR1
 - 4:30 PM Piano Class PL
 - 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop UR
 - 6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR
 - 6:45 PM Cub Scouts Pack 153 D
 - 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball- for all RH/RHK
- Tuesday, May 4**
- 9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
 - 9:30 AM FLCW Board Meeting GR/GRK
 - 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR 1
 - 1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
 - 4:30 PM After School African Ministry RH
 - 4:30 PM Piano Class PL
 - 6:30 PM Agape Ringers Rehearsals HR
 - 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR

- 10:00 AM Visitation Pastors Meeting TR
- 12:00 PM Bible Study on Psalms FrR
- 4:30 PM Piano Classes PL
- 6:00 PM Holistic Health TR
- 6:00 PM WELCA General Meeting/ Program RH/
- 6:30 PM Kindermusik MR1
- 7:00 PM Pre-baptism class GR

Friday, May 7

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
- 9:40 AM Senior Ministry Board Meeting TR

Saturday, May 8

- 8:00 AM Singing Boys Rehearsal S WC
- 8:00 AM Plant Sale Parking Lot
- 10:15 AM Open Gym RH
- 12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C
- 5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C

Sunday, May 9

- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
- 8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
- 8:30 AM Discovery Class RH/ RHK
- 8:55 AM Bible Study on Psalms FH
- 9:00 AM Campaign Meetings LL/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 Singing Boys Concert S CR FR
- 3:00 PM Counseling PR

Monday, May 10

- 9:00 AM Sewing QSC
- 10:00 AM Kindermusik MR1
- 4:15 PM Kindermusik MR1
- 4:30 PM Piano Class PL
- 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop UR
- 6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR
- 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball- for all RH/RHK

Tuesday, May 11

- 9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
- 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR 1
- 12:00 PM Senior LuncheonFH/FHK
- 1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
- 4:30 PM After School African Ministry RH
- 4:30 PM Piano Class PL
- 6:30 PM Agape Ringers Rehearsals HR
- 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR
- 7:30 PM Adult Discipleship Board TR

Wednesday, May 12

- 8:45 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR
- 9:00 AM Sewing QSC
- 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR 1
- 9:45 AM Your Whole Life 3D Study PMR
- 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors GR/GRK
- 1:30 PM Pastors Meeting TR
- 4:30 PM Piano Classes PL
- 4:30 PM After School African Ministry D
- 5:15 PM Piano Classes PL
- 5:30 PM Belle Campone Rehearsal HR
- 5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsals CR/S
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Care Book Study PMR
- 6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR
- 6:30 PM Womens Choir Rehearsals S
- 6:30 PM Flyght Rehearsals CR
- 7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/S

Thursday, May 13

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR/GRK
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR
- 12:00 PM Project Car Steering CommTR
- 4:30 PM Piano Classes PL
- 5:30 PM Media Board TR
- 6:00 PM Holistic Health Cabinet PMR
- 6:30 PM Kindermusik MR1

Friday, May 14

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
- 5:30 PM Schley/Krueger Rehearsal S

Saturday, May 15

- 10:15 AM Open Gym RH
- 11:30 AM Wedding Hospitality TR
- 12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C
- 2:00 PM Elysha O'Brien Graduation Party GR GRK
- 2:00 PM Piano Recital CR
- 2:45 PM Piano Recital Lunch FrR FRK
- 3:00 PM Schley/Krueger Wedding S
- 5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C

Sunday, May 16



Jesus is risen! The family of First Lutheran Church worships on Easter Sunday. PHOTOS BY GENE SMITH

- 8:00 AM Offering of Letters AD
 - 8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
 - 8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
 - 9:00 AM Campaign Meetings LL/TR
 - 9:15 AM HyVee/Sunshine Grocery Card Sales W
 - 9:45 AM Traditional Worship S
 - 11:00 AM Service of Prayers for Healing C
 - 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S
 - 12:16 PM Worship in African Context C
 - 3:00 PM Counseling PR
 - 5:00 PM 4:12 Events Off- site
- Monday, May 17**
- 9:00 AM Sewing QSC
 - 4:30 PM Piano Class PL
 - 5:00 PM Nordland Fest Reception GR
 - 6:00 PM Nordland Fest RH
 - 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop UR
 - 6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR
- Tuesday, May 18**
- 9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
 - 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR 1
 - 1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
 - 2:00 PM Special Singles - Men FrR
 - 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 Agape Ringers Rehearsals HR
 - 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR
 - 7:00 PM Theology on Tap OFF SITE
- Wednesday, May 19**
- 8:45 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR
 - 9:00 AM Sewing QSC
 - 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR 1
 - 9:45 AM Your Whole Life 3D Study PMR
 - 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors GR/GRK
 - 1:30 PM Pastors Meeting TR
 - 5:30 PM Belle Campone Rehearsal HR
 - 6:30 PM Pastoral Care Book Study PMR
 - 6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR
 - 6:30 PM Womens Choir Rehearsals S
 - 6:30 PM Flyght Rehearsals CR
 - 7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/S
- Thursday, May 20**
- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR/GRK
 - 9:00 AM Rachel Circle GR/GRK
 - 9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR
 - 9:30 AM Lydia Circle TR
 - 1:00 PM Martha Circle GR/ GRK
 - 5:00 PM Financial Services Bd PMR
 - 5:15 PM Behrends Grace Group LL
 - 5:30 PM Board of Worship & Music TR
 - 7:00 PM Hannah Circle GR/GRK
 - 7:00 PM Ruth Circle TR
- Friday, May 21**
- 8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
 - 2:00 PM Sarah Nelson Graduation Setup GR GRK
- Saturday, May 22**
- 9:00 AM Sarah Nelson Graduation Party Gr GRK
- Sunday, May 23**
- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
 - 8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
 - 9:00 AM Campaign Meetings LL/TR
 - 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, May 24**
- 9:00 AM Sewing QSC
 - 5:00 PM Property Board TR
 - 6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR
 - 6:45 PM Adult Volleyball- for all RH/RHK
- Tuesday, May 25**
- 9:00 AM Worship Planning TR
 - 1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR
 - 5:00 PM Stewardship Board Meeting TR
 - 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR
- Wednesday, May 26**
- 7:30 AM MS/HS to Valleyfair Offsite
 - 8:45 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR
 - 9:00 AM Sewing QSC
 - 9:45 AM Your Whole Life 3D Study PMR
 - 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors GR/GRK
 - 1:30 PM Pastors Meeting TR
 - 6:30 PM Pastoral Care Book Study PMR
 - 6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR
 - 6:30 PM Womens Choir Rehearsals S
 - 6:30 PM Flyght Rehearsals CR
 - 7:30 PM Family Movie Night FH/FHKRH/RHK GR/GR
- Thursday, May 27**
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR
 - 2:00 PM Single Seniors- Women FrR
 - 5:00 PM Church Council FH
 - 5:30 PM Poetry Reading GR/GRK/L
- Friday, May 28**
- 8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC
- Saturday, May 29**
- 10:15 AM Open Gym RH
 - 12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C
 - 5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C
- Sunday, May 30**
- 8:15 AM Traditional Worship S
 - 8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK
 - 9:00 AM Campaign Meetings LL/TR
 - 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, May 31**
- Holiday (Office Closed)
 - 6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR

Final Wednesday Night Meal
 5–6:15 p.m. • \$3.50/person
May 5: Broasted chicken & cheesy hashbrowns

Wednesday, May 5

- 8:45 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR
- 9:00 AM Sewing QSC
- 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR 1
- 9:45 AM Your Whole Life 3D Study PMR
- 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 Piano Classes PL
- 4:30 PM After School African Ministry D
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal RH/RHK
- 5:15 PM Piano Classes PL
- 5:30 PM Belle Campone Rehearsal HR
- 5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsals CR/S
- 6:00 PM FLCW Food Preparation GR/GRK
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Care Book Study PMR
- 6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR
- 6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR
- 6:30 PM Womens Choir Rehearsals S
- 6:30 PM Flyght Rehearsals CR
- 6:30 PM Bible Study on Psalms. FrR
- 7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/S
- 7:45 PM Youth Group McD/RH/2/4/5/9/10/D

Thursday, May 6

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR/GRK
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR



Carol Choir presented the 35th anniversary of From the Children at the 11:15 a.m. service on April 25. To order DVDs of the service, contact Heather Kuecker at 339-1983, ext. 20. PHOTOS BY JACINDA CERWINSKE

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