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# First Word

The monthly newspaper of First Lutheran Church

## Celebrate God's mission for the sake of the world at the Mission Festival

Take part in a weekend of celebration and recommitment to God's ongoing mission among us at the First Lutheran Church Mission Festival on Saturday, Nov. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 21.

Events include a worship service on Saturday at 5 p.m. followed by a banquet and keynote speaker at 6:15 p.m. Dr. Winston Persaud, a professor at Wartburg Theological Seminary, will speak on "Give us this day our daily bread." The meal includes three types of hearty soup, bread, salad and dessert. The evening will also include music by both the First Lutheran Church and African Ministry choirs.

On Sunday morning, take part in a festive and celebratory worship service. Then head to Reformation Hall anytime from 9:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. for the Ministry Gift Market. Grab a passport and make your way through the many ministry tables to learn more about First Lutheran's local and global mission partners. Breads from different regions of the world will be served at Genesis Café.

This event is sponsored by the Board for Outreach Ministries.



First Lutheran Church  
**MISSION FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, Nov. 20**

**5 p.m. Worship**

**6:15 p.m. Banquet and keynote speaker, Reformation Hall**

RSVP by Sunday, Nov. 14, at the First Lutheran Information Desk or online at [www.flcsf.org/RSVP](http://www.flcsf.org/RSVP).



Dr. Winston Persaud, speaker

**Sunday, Nov. 21**

**8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m.**

**Festive and celebratory worship**

**9:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.**

**Ministry Gift Market–Reformation Hall**

(A sneak peek of the market will take place during the Wednesday Night Meal on Nov. 17.)

**GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD**

## From the president

By Eric Severson

There are two items of concern that I would like to address this month.

First, it has been brought to my attention that several members have expressed their wish that their gifts to First Lutheran through the annual stewardship campaign should not be passed along as part of our mission support to the national ELCA office. This reflects the ongoing dissatisfaction about the actions of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly on the sexuality statement.



Eric Severson

The South Dakota Synod has addressed this concern by adopting a budget with a separate line item toward which congregations may direct gifts for local use and out of which no dollars would be forwarded to the churchwide organization. These gifts would stay entirely here in the synod to fund local partnership ministries and to

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## at home FOR THANKSGIVING

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24

THANKSGIVING EVE MEAL

5–6:15 p.m.

Ham, cheesy hash browns, corn and pumpkin pie  
\$3.50 per person

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

7 p.m.

A festive worship of thanksgiving with brass and vocal choirs, handbells and pipe-organ led hymnody. Meditation on "The Extraordinarily Ordinary" (inspired by Jean-François Millet's *Angelus*)



## FLC Bazaar takes place Nov. 6

Come to "A Prairie Christmas," the First Lutheran Church Bazaar, on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to experience Scandinavian heritage, to do some shopping and to create new memories.

Take part in a Scandinavian buffet. Shop for handmade items, including doilies and linens, baked goods (come early for lefse) and sweets. Bargain hunters will have a great time in the Attic Treasures shop.

Other items for sale include antiques, used books, woodworking items, gardening supplies, knitted crafts, seasonal decorations and more.

Purchase handmade Christmas ornaments, listen to musicians set the Christmas mood and enjoy the live Nativity. Bring a friend and tell your neighbors about the First Lutheran Church Bazaar.



The First Lutheran Church Bazaar is on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come for shopping, food and fun!



Reformation Hall is full of people eating at the Scandinavian Buffet during the 2009 FLC Bazaar.

## 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 December issue is Monday, Nov. 8. Please e-mail articles or questions regarding *First Word* to: [kvilhauer@flcsf.org](mailto:kvilhauer@flcsf.org). *First Word* is also available online ([www.flcsf.org](http://www.flcsf.org)).

## Volunteers needed for Holy Communion services

The fall services of Holy Communion in nursing homes and retirement villages continue in November.

Be a part of the hospitality team that brings a little bit of First Lutheran Church to those who are unable to worship in the sanctuary in person. Call Char Peters at 339-1983, ext. 22, to volunteer. Or, note the schedule to the right and simply show up!

### Holy Communion Service Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 2: Good Samaritan Society-Luther Manor, 2 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 4: Good Samaritan Society-Sioux Falls Village, 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 9: Southridge Healthcare, 2 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 11: Covington Heights, 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 16: Bethany Lutheran Home, 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 23: Waterford at All Saints, 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 30: Prince of Peace, 2 p.m.

### Scripture lessons

**Nov. 7:** Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

**Nov. 14:** Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

**Nov. 21:** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**Nov. 25:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Phillipians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

**Nov. 28:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44.

## Thank you to FLC staff members

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

We want to highlight those celebrating special anniversaries this year: Rob Oswald, facilities manager, celebrates five years in 2010; Pastor Dave Johnson, Pastor Nate Lizarazo and Pastor LeRoy Nevin each celebrate 10 years; Jeff Hartnett, custodian, celebrates 15 years; Pam Sonnichsen, instrumental coordinator, celebrates 20 years; and a very special thank you to John Cerwinske, custodian, who celebrates 30 years this year. Please congratulate them on their years of service to First Lutheran and extend your appreciation to all of the staff for the work they do.

Marilyn McNeill,  
Business Administrator

## Get cooking!



**Help prepare Meals from the Heart on Monday, Nov. 22**  
Start between 5 and 5:30 p.m.  
Reformation Hall Kitchen

Call Volunteer Coordinator Linda Carpenter at 339-1983, ext. 36, or Jean Hoff at 361-7267 to sign up or learn more.

*Meals from the Heart, a First Lutheran Church ministry, invites members to share Christian caring and compassion by delivering frozen meals to those who could use encouragement.*

## From the president

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support the ongoing synodical work.

If you would like your pledge to be designated for local use and have not yet made a pledge for 2011, please indicate this desire on your pledge card. If you have already made your pledge for 2011, you may still make this known by calling or visiting the church office to make it clear that this is your desire. We will take the necessary steps to ensure that the portion of your gift that will be passed along as part of First Lutheran's mission support to the Synod will be designated specifically for local use only. We recognize the legitimate difference of opinion on this issue, but we still believe that it is vitally important for us as a congregation to support our South Dakota Synod.

### Repayment of debt a priority

Secondly, I would like to restate and reinforce for everyone that repayment of our long-term debt remains of the utmost importance to this congregation. You can be assured that we anticipate that significant progress will be made in this area in the months to come, with the completion of the 2010 portions of the campaign pledge promises. I am confident that we will have excellent

news in the area of debt reduction to report at the annual meeting at the end of January.

The action taken by the congregation at the special meeting on Sunday, Sept. 12, simply approved a process and a very specific set of guidelines under which the Church Council can make decisions over the next few years as dollars are received in fulfillment of "God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." campaign pledges. At our subsequent Church Council meeting on Thursday, Sept. 23, I outlined a two-step, two-month process that will be used to consider further decisions when the time is appropriate. Information about the upcoming council meeting agendas will always be available in advance so that you will be informed as to what is coming up if you wish to participate in the discussion.

If you have questions about the outcome of the Sept. 12 special meeting, or questions about any of the actions of the Church Council, please feel free to call me. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns with any member of the congregation.

## Church Council Highlights: Sept. 23, 2010

The congregational meeting that took place on Sunday, Sept. 12, was discussed. President Severson explained that decisions pertaining to the "God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." campaign will follow a two-month process, with information presented one month and a decision made the following month. The agenda for the meetings will be available on the website so that interested congregation members can plan to attend.

President Severson reported

that a contract from Schoenstein and Company for the repair and completion of the organ had been received. A motion to authorize the signing of the contract after vetting by legal counsel was made and seconded. Discussion brought out that it is a fixed-price contract (\$657,800) and that there will be some additional costs such as shipping. Technicians will be onsite for three weeks, beginning May 3, to ready the console for shipping to San Francisco. The

balcony will be renovated while the console is gone, and all work should be complete by Oct. 1. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion to approve Alex Jensen to fill a vacancy on the Board for Adult Discipleship Ministries was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting was followed by the Budget Congress, during which board members presented their proposals for the 2011 budget.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



## Readers wanted:

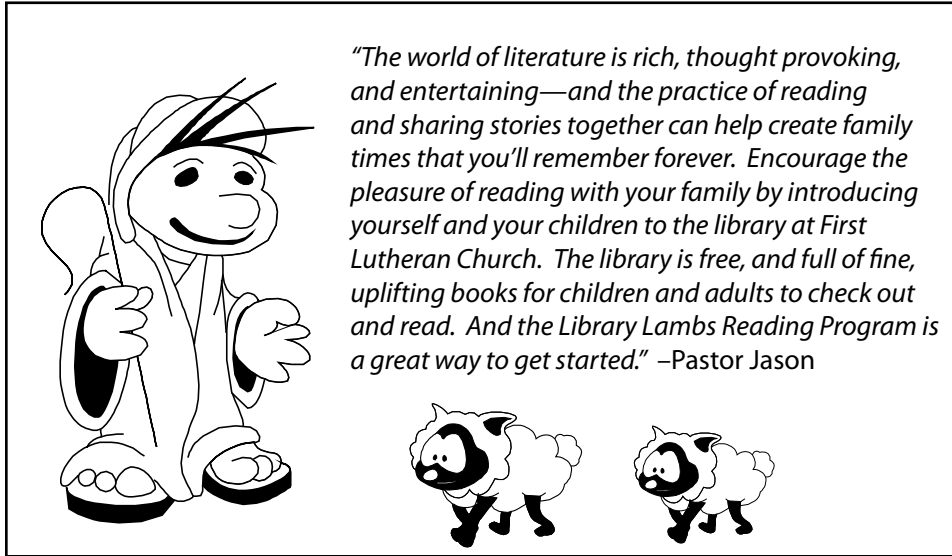
### Library Lambs invites children to use FLC Library

By Barbara Siebelts, Librarian

Children in preschool through fifth grade are invited to take part in the Library Lambs Reading Program, designed to instill a love of reading and invite children (and their parents) to use the First Lutheran Church Library.

A participant from last year says that to her, taking part in the Library Lambs program was “reading for a good cause.” She was able to check out books from the First Lutheran Church Library that teach faith and values. Another participant enjoyed the time he was able to spend reading with his parent saying, “... I don’t just get to go hunting with my dad; I get to read with him, too.”

Participants are invited to pick up a Library Lambs response form available in the library or on the First Lutheran Church website. Check out books from the First Lutheran Church Library, read them and record them on the Library



*“The world of literature is rich, thought provoking, and entertaining—and the practice of reading and sharing stories together can help create family times that you’ll remember forever. Encourage the pleasure of reading with your family by introducing yourself and your children to the library at First Lutheran Church. The library is free, and full of fine, uplifting books for children and adults to check out and read. And the Library Lambs Reading Program is a great way to get started.” –Pastor Jason*

Lambs form. Submit the form to the library signed by a parent or guardian. It’s that easy.

Forms will be taken through March 27, 2011. Participating children will be included in drawings for gift certificates

at local eating establishments. Usually Library Lamb books count towards children’s reading homework. Check with the child’s teacher. Call Librarian Barbara Siebelts at 339-1983, ext. 43, with questions or for more information.

## Adult Forum schedule

Adult Forums continue in November. Forums take place in the Friendship Room at 9:30 and 11 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

**Nov. 7— Coach Don Meyer (11 a.m. only in Reformation Hall)**  
*“Coaching Basketball and Living Life”*

Coach Meyer recently retired as the head basketball coach of the Northern State University Wolves in Aberdeen. His story of incredible success as the coach with the most victories in NCAA basketball history, his automobile accident, and courage in the face of cancer are well known to many. At the NCAA Final Four he received the Coach Wooden “Keys to Life” Award and in July the Jimmy V. Perseverance Award. The new book about Don, *How Lucky You Can Be*, by Buster Olney, will be available at the forum.

**Nov. 14—Lt. Col. Reid Christopherson**  
*“What Does the National Guard Guard?”*

Reid is the executive support officer for the South Dakota National Guard, located in Sioux Falls. He is also an active churchman and has held office in the Crossroads Conference of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA.

**Nov. 21—Pastor Franklin Pudas**  
*“Being Imperfectly Frank ... My Life in Ministry”*

Frank is one of our visitation pastors at First Lutheran. For many years he served as the director of development of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA. Prior to his work with the synod he served parishes in Mitchell (First Lutheran) and Rosholt.

**Nov. 28—John Cerwinski**  
*“My Years at First Lutheran: Vacuums, Drums and Whatever”*

John, the son of a former Chevrolet dealer (Jay-Shon Chevrolet), has grown up in Sioux Falls and at First Lutheran. He has been a familiar face as one of the custodians at First Lutheran. Whether praying in the sacristy before worship or dusting the pews, John is a devoted servant—and he loves to laugh. Come, hear some First Lutheran stories and learn and laugh with him.

**Dec. 5—Dr. LaMoyné Pederson**  
*“Chicken, Eggs, Creation and Cosmology”*



Coach Don Meyer will speak at the Adult Forum on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m. in Reformation hall.

LaMoyné explains his title in this way: “Which came first, the chicken or the egg? Is there a cause or reason or explanation for everything that exists or happens? How old is the world? Did it have a beginning or is it eternal into the past? How should we understand the doctrine of creation? And some thoughts on teachers and teaching.” LaMoyné will get our heads spinning to the point a Sunday afternoon nap might be out of the question. LaMoyné teaches philosophy at Augustana College.

## Senior Ministry Luncheon

Tuesday, Nov. 9  
 Noon  
 Fellowship Hall

Jim Leffler will be speaking on Antarctica in a program called: “Icebergs, Penguins and Big Ships.”

All are invited and reservations are not needed.



## FLCW meeting schedule

The First Lutheran Church Women general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 11, at noon in the Gathering Room. Pastor Jim and Dorothy Christopherson will be speaking on “Visiting Martin Luther again and seeing the passion play.” Katie Circle is hosting.

The FLCW Board meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room.



## CHURCH COUNCIL

### Officers

Eric Severson ..... President  
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## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH DIRECTORY

To reach a staff member directly, dial 339-1983 and the phone extension listed in parentheses.

### Pastoral/Administrative Staff

(12) Rev. Dr. John Christopherson ..... Senior Pastor  
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 (19) Rev. Barbara Wangsness ..... Associate Pastor  
 (1) Rev. James Christopherson\* ..... Associate Pastor  
 (53) Rev. Dave Johnson\* ..... Associate Pastor  
 (11) Rev. LeeRoy Eikanger\* ..... Visitation Pastor  
 (1) Rev. LeRoy Nevin\* ..... Visitation Pastor  
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 (35) Bonnie Lindgren\* ..... Carol Choir Director  
 (35) Mary Pottratz\* ..... Belle Campana/Agape Ringers  
 Director  
 (35) Sue Severson\* ..... Contemporary Music Coordinator  
 (35) Pam Sonnichsen\* ..... Instrumental Coordinator  
 (35) Hazel Wek\* ..... Carol Choir/  
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## WARM WEATHER CLOTHING DRIVE

The First Lutheran Church Women are sponsoring a collection of warm weather clothing to be donated to Lutheran Social Services for distribution to refugees.

### THE FOLLOWING IS NEEDED:

- \* Warm coats for adults and children
- \* Mittens, gloves, scarves
- \* Snow pants
- \* Boots
- \* All types of cold weather gear

Items can be new or used. (Used items must be in good shape.) Bring items to the Welcome Center starting Monday, Nov. 8, through Sunday, Dec. 5. Call Arlene Bich (275-6891) with questions.



## WORSHIP AND MUSIC



### 2010 ADVENT RECITAL SERIES

All performances take place in the First Lutheran Church sanctuary from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. A freewill offering will be received.

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

A program of Advent hymns and readings

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

Instrumental and vocal music for the season presented by First Lutheran musicians and friends

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

Instrumental and vocal music for the season presented by First Lutheran musicians and friends



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



### Keeping families warm



The First Quilters recently sent 15 quilts to the Pine Ridge Retreat Center at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to be used to keep families warm at night. Pictured are Mae Ranschau, Opal Westerdahl and Pastor Natanael Lizarazo.

## November is World Hunger Awareness Month

The Board for Outreach Ministries invites members and friends to recognize World Hunger Awareness Month by helping alleviate hunger both in our own backyard and abroad. Here are four ways to help:

- Donate food items each Sunday. (Drop them off at the food cupboard located in the Welcome Center.
- Support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal financially. (Use the special offering envelope or give directly at [www.elca.org/giving](http://www.elca.org/giving).)
- Write a letter to congressional representatives on behalf of hungry people. At the Mission Festival



Ministry Market on Sunday, Nov. 21, a table with resources and materials will be available. Make a difference in just a few minutes. (Read more about the Mission

Festival on page 1.) Go to [www.offeringofletters.org/2010](http://www.offeringofletters.org/2010) to learn more about this year's Offering of Letters.

- Check out the ELCA Good Gifts catalog located at [www.elca.org/goodgifts](http://www.elca.org/goodgifts).

Thank you for your gifts!  
*"If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday"* (Isaiah 58:10).

## YOUTH, FAMILY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



# POTLUCK/BINGO night

Sunday, Nov. 14

5–6 p.m. Potluck and 6–7 p.m. Bingo  
 Reformation Hall

People of all ages are welcome to come for food, fellowship, bingo and prizes. Last names starting with A-M bring a salad and dessert to share and N-Z bring a hot dish and dessert to share. Four bingo cards for \$1. This event is sponsored by the Board for Youth, Family and Young Adult Ministries.

Prize donations needed! To donate, please drop them off in the Youth Office on or before Saturday, Nov. 13.



# Faith photo project

This project has been created by the sophomore youth preparing for their Affirmation of Baptism. The parameters of the project were to submit a photo of themselves somewhere they feel close to God and write a paragraph explaining why. Here are four photo essays. View the rest of the photos in the Atrium through Sunday, Nov. 7. The Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) service is on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary.



God has blessed me with the gift of dancing. I perform to express myself, and I also enjoy being a role model to others. I feel God's presence while I'm dancing, as if he's moving along with me. When I first started to dance, I was very young and I wasn't aware of the different abilities I had to offer. Throughout the years, I've used this gift in many ways. I show my school spirit by participating on the Lincoln High School Dance Team. I will cherish this gift for the rest of my life and share it with others. Dancing reflects my personality and who I am today.

-Jami Fitz



This is a photo of my family and me. When I am with my family I feel close to God because we all go to church together. We spend a lot of time together and play games. Even though we argue and fight we still get along and love each other. We are all children of God, and God is our shepherd.

-Tristan Beck

One of the places I feel close to God is while doing community service with my Scout Troop. I have served as chaplain's aide, assistant senior patrol leader and instructor. I am currently working on my eagle project for the Outdoor Campus. I do service to enable people to experience all that I have experienced, as Jesus commanded us to do when he said, "Like the Son of Man, who did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life to redeem many people." That is why I enjoy helping people, trying to make life better for everyone, even if in only a small way.

-Zachary Bierstedt



The reason I picked my room as the place I feel closest to God is because it is my own space and reflects me. I have pictures up of my family and friends and some of my family that has passed away. Having loved ones pass away has really made my faith stronger, and my mom has helped me realize that they are in a better place now. The reason I have headphones on is that I feel close to God when I listen to my music. God made music, and music is a wonderful thing. My dog Sugar is also a blessing to me. All of my family, friends, and music mean a lot to me, and this is where I feel closest to God.

-Makayla Frye

## Middle Schoolers Mosey-ing to Pizza Ranch

Vittles and Game Night at Pizza Ranch in Brandon  
Friday, Nov. 19, from 6-9 p.m.  
Meet at the church.

Cost is \$10 (includes pizza buffet and \$5 game card) Bring extra money if you would like to play more games.

Call or email Mara at 339-1983, ext. 41, or [mstillson@flcsf.org](mailto:mstillson@flcsf.org) by Nov. 17 to sign up!



## Camp s u n d a y



**Sunday, Nov. 14**

9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Reformation Hall

(Camp Wednesday is Nov. 10)

French toast will be served. Check out the displays highlighting last year's camping adventures!

The 2011 summer camp schedule will be announced. Enter a drawing for 1/2 price camp.

**sign up**

for camp and deposit \$50 before Wednesday, Dec. 1, and get a free T-shirt.!

## 4:12 Reformation Party

Sunday, Nov. 21

5-8 p.m.

Join us for a potluck, prizes and reformation fun!

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



# First Lutheran Church Calendar—November 2010



## Monday, November 1

7:00 AM Rosette Making FH/ FHK  
 9:00 AM Sewing QSC  
 10:30 AM Organ Practice S  
 1:15 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
**Tuesday, November 2**  
 12:00 AM Linen Set up for Bazaar WC  
 12:01 AM Rosette Storage PMR  
 9:00 AM Worship Planning PMR  
 1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR  
 3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:30 PM Piano Class. PL  
 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR  
 6:30 PM Agape Ringers Rehearsal HR/S  
 7:00 PM Stephen Ministries Off Site  
**Wednesday, November 3**  
 9:00 AM Sewing QSC  
 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1  
 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors  
 10:00 AM Organ Practice S  
 4:30 PM Good Vibrations Rehearsal HR  
 4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
 5:15 PM Piano Class PL  
 5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsal CR/S  
 5:30 PM Belle Campana Rehearsal HR  
 5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR  
 6:30 PM FLYGHT Rehearsal CR  
 6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal S  
 6:30 PM 8th Gr Service Nite Off-Site  
 6:30 PM 4th Graders & Parents Meeting C  
 6:30 PM 6th Grade Confirmation Mdc  
 6:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation FH  
 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR  
 7:30 PM High School Bible Study SSR 9 & 10  
 8:00 PM High School Youth Group Mdc  
**Thursday, November 4**  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study FH/FHK  
 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1  
 10:00 AM Visitation Pastors Meeting PMR  
 10:00 AM Piano Class PL  
 4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
 5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 6:00 PM Holistic Health PMR  
**Friday, November 5**  
 8:00 AM Meatball Preparation FH/ FHK  
 8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC  
**Saturday, November 6**  
 8:00 AM Bazaar Prayer Service C  
 9:00 AM Bazaar  
 10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR  
 12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C  
 5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C  
**Sunday, November 7**  
 8:00 AM Confirmation Faith Photo Project  
 8:15 AM Traditional Worship S  
 8:30 AM Genesis Cafe RH  
 8:55 AM Study on Galatians FH  
 9:15 AM HyVee Grocery Card Sales W  
 9:45 AM Traditional Worship S  
 9:45 AM Preschool FaithWalkers C/UR  
 11:00 AM Adult Forum RH  
 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S  
 11:15 AM Preschool FaithWalkers C/UR  
 12:00 PM Affirmation of Baptism set-up GR/GRK  
 12:16 PM Worship in African Context C  
 2:00 PM Affirmation of BaptismS/GR/GRK  
 3:00 PM Counseling PR  
**Monday, November 8**  
 9:00 AM Sewing QSC  
 10:30 AM Organ Practice S  
 1:00 PM After Bazaar Sale L  
 1:15 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR  
 6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR  
 6:45 PM Cub Scouts Pack 153 D/FrR  
**Tuesday, November 9**  
 9:00 AM Worship Planning TR  
 9:30 AM FLCW Board Meeting GR/GRK  
 10:30 AM Women of the Bible Study L  
 12:00 PM Senior LuncheonFH/FHK  
 1:00 PM After Bazaar Sale L  
 1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR  
 3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:00 PM Basketball RH  
 4:30 PM Piano Class. PL  
 5:30 PM Basketball Practice RH  
 5:30 PM Deciphering DepressionLL  
 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR

6:30 PM Agape Ringers Rehearsal HR/S  
 7:30 PM Adult Discipleship Board TR  
**Wednesday, November 10**  
 8:45 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR  
 9:00 AM Sewing QSC  
 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1  
 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors GR/GRK  
 10:00 AM Organ Practice S  
 11:00 AM Wednesday Night Meal Set-up RH/RHK  
 1:00 PM After Bazaar Sale L  
 1:30 PM Pastor's Meeting TR  
 4:30 PM Good Vibrations Rehearsal HR  
 4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal RH/RHK  
 5:15 PM Piano Class PL  
 5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsal CR/S  
 5:30 PM Belle Campana Rehearsal HR  
 5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR  
 6:30 PM FLYGHT Rehearsal CR  
 6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal S  
 6:30 PM 6th Grade PULSE GR/GRK/LFT/LL  
 6:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation FH  
 6:30 PM 8th Gr Confirmation D  
 6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR  
 6:30 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
 6:30 PM Jesus the One and Only Beth Moore Md  
 7:20 PM Wed Night Worship RH  
 7:30 PM High School Bible Study D  
 7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/FrR/S  
 8:00 PM High School Youth Group Mdc/D/RH  
**Thursday, November 11**  
 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR/GRK  
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR  
 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1  
 10:00 AM Piano Class PL  
 11:00 AM Stephen Ministries Off Site  
 12:00 PM WELCA General Meeting /Lunch GR/GRK  
 12:00 PM Project Car Steering CommTR  
 12:00 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
 12:30 PM Peer Ministry Training Mdc/RH/RHK  
 1:00 PM After Bazaar Sale L  
 5:30 PM Media Board FrR  
 5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 6:00 PM Holistic Health Cabinet PMR  
 7:00 PM Pre-baptism class GR  
**Friday, November 12**  
 8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC  
 1:00 PM After Bazaar Sale L  
 4:00 PM Basketball RH  
**Saturday, November 13**  
 10:15 AM Open Gym RH  
 10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR S FrR  
 11:00 AM Johnsrud Family Lunch GR GRK  
 11:30 AM Carol Choir Pizza Party FH FHK  
 12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C  
 12:00 PM Camp Sunday Set-up RH/RHK  
 2:00 PM NAMI Connections Support GroupPMR  
 2:00 PM Selmer Johnsrud 90th Birthday GR GRK  
 5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C  
**Sunday, November 14**  
 8:00 AM Camp Sunday Display. AD  
 8:15 AM Traditional Worship S  
 8:30 AM Camp Sunday French Toast Breakfast RH/  
 Study on Galatians FH  
 9:15 AM Equal Exchange Coffee WCD  
 9:15 AM HyVee Grocery Card Sales W  
 9:30 AM Adult Forum FrR  
 9:45 AM Traditional Worship S  
 9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/PR/UR  
 11:00 AM Adult Forum FrR  
 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S  
 11:15 AM FaithWalkers C/PR/UR  
 12:16 PM Worship in African Context C  
 1:00 PM Basketball Practice RH  
 3:00 PM Counseling PR  
 3:30 PM Pre-Holiday Grief Service of Prayers C/  
 Bingo/Potluck RH/RHK  
**Monday, November 15**  
 9:00 AM Sewing QSC  
 10:30 AM Organ Practice S  
 1:15 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:00 PM Basketball Practice RH  
 4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop UR  
 6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR  
 6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR  
 6:45 PM Cub Scouts Pack 153 D/FrR  
**Tuesday, November 16**  
 9:00 AM Worship Planning TR  
 10:30 AM Women of the Bible Study L  
 12:00 PM Stephen Ministers TR  
 12:00 PM Faith.net Book Study LL  
 1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR

2:00 PM Senior Singles - Men FrR  
 3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:00 PM Basketball RH  
 4:30 PM Piano Class. PL  
 5:00 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting PMR  
 5:00 PM Financial Services Bd Mtg SS 212  
 5:30 PM Basketball Practice RH  
 5:30 PM Deciphering DepressionLL  
 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 Agape Ringers Rehearsal HR/S  
 7:00 PM Theology on Tap Off site  
 7:00 PM Stephen Ministries Off Site  
**Wednesday, November 17**  
 8:45 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR  
 9:00 AM Sewing QSC  
 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1  
 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors GR/GRK  
 10:00 AM Organ Practice S  
 11:00 AM Wednesday Night Meal Set-up RH/RHK  
 1:30 PM Pastor's Meeting TR  
 4:30 PM Good Vibrations Rehearsal HR  
 4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal RH/RHK  
 5:15 PM Piano Class PL  
 5:30 PM Jubilant Singers Rehearsal CR/S  
 5:30 PM Belle Campana Rehearsal HR  
 5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR  
 6:30 PM FLYGHT Rehearsal CR  
 6:30 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal S  
 6:30 PM 6th Grade Pulse GR/GRK/D/Loft/SSR9&1  
 6:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation FH  
 6:30 PM 8th Gr Confirmation D  
 6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR  
 6:30 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
 6:30 PM Jesus the One and Only Beth Moore Md  
 7:20 PM Wed Night Worship RH  
 7:30 PM High School Bible Study D  
 7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/FrR/S  
 8:00 PM High School Youth Group Mdc/D/RH/  
 RHK  
**Thursday, November 18**  
 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  
 9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1  
 10:00 AM Piano Class PL  
 12:00 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
 1:00 PM Martha Circle GR/ GRK  
 4:00 PM Basketball Practice RH  
 4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
 5:00 PM Church Council FH  
 5:30 PM Board of Worship & Music TR  
 5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 7:00 PM Hannah Circle GR/GRK  
 7:00 PM Ruth Circle FR/FRK  
**Friday, November 19**  
 8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC  
 5:30 PM Nord/Johnson Rehearsal S  
 6:00 PM Middle School - Pizza Ranch GR/RH- Offs  
 6:00 PM 4th/5th Grade Activity Night GR/GRK/  
 RH/  
**Saturday, November 20**  
 10:15 AM Open Gym RH  
 10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR FrR S  
 11:30 AM Wedding Hospitality TR  
 12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C  
 2:00 PM NAMI Connections Support GroupPMR  
 3:00 PM Nord/Johnson Wedding S  
 4:30 PM Care Package Assembly GR/GRK  
 5:00 PM Vespers with Communion S  
 6:00 PM Mission Event RH  
**Sunday, November 21**  
 8:15 AM Traditional Worship S  
 8:30 AM Genesis Cafe RH  
 8:45 AM Mentor Breakfast FH/FHK  
 8:55 AM Study on Galatians TR  
 9:00 AM Mission Event RH  
 9:15 AM HyVee Grocery Card Sales W  
 9:30 AM Adult Forum FrR  
 9:45 AM Traditional Worship S  
 9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/PR/UR  
 11:00 AM Adult Forum FrR  
 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S  
 11:15 AM FaithWalkers C/PR/UR  
 12:16 PM Worship in African Context C  
 3:00 PM Counseling PR  
 5:00 PM 4:12 Reformation Party D/N/RH/LFT  
**Monday, November 22**  
 10:30 AM Organ Practice S  
 3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:00 PM Basketball Practice RH  
 4:00 PM Meals from the Heart RHK

## Wednesday

### Night Meal Menu

5–6:15 p.m. • \$3.50/person

**Nov. 3:** No meal  
**Nov. 10:** Lasagna and tossed salad  
**Nov. 17:** Roast beef and baby red potatoes  
**Nov. 24:** Ham and cheesy hash browns

4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
 4:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR  
 6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR  
 6:45 PM Cub Scouts Pack 153 D/FrR  
**Tuesday, November 23**  
 8:30 AM Foot Clinic PMR  
 9:00 AM Worship Planning TR  
 10:30 AM Women of the Bible Study L  
 12:00 PM Faith.net Book Study LL  
 4:00 PM Basketball RH  
 4:30 PM Serve the Banquet Offsite  
 5:00 PM Stewardship Board Meeting TR  
 5:30 PM Basketball Practice RH  
 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR  
 6:30 PM Agape Ringers Rehearsal HR/S  
 7:00 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal CR  
**Wednesday, November 24**  
 8:45 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR  
 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastors GR/GRK  
 10:00 AM Organ Practice S  
 11:00 AM Wednesday Night Meal Set-up RH/RHK  
 1:30 PM Pastor's Meeting TR  
 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Meal RH/RHK  
 6:00 PM Massed Choir Rehearsal- Tksvngv FH  
 6:30 PM Ninepatch Rehearsals CMR  
 6:30 PM Jesus the One and Only Beth Moore Md  
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service S  
 8:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal S  
**Thursday, November 25**  
 Holiday (Office Closed)  
**Friday, November 26**  
 8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC  
**Saturday, November 27**  
 10:15 AM Open Gym RH  
 12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C  
 2:00 PM NAMI Connections Support GroupPMR  
 5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C  
**Sunday, November 28**  
 8:00 AM Advent Display AD  
 8:15 AM Traditional Worship S  
 8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK  
 9:15 AM HyVee Grocery Card Sales W  
 9:30 AM Adult Forum FrR  
 9:45 AM Traditional Worship S  
 9:45 AM FaithWalkers C/RH/PR/UR  
 11:00 AM Adult Forum FrR  
 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship S  
 11:15 AM FaithWalkers C/RH/PR/UR  
 12:16 PM Worship in African Context C  
 3:00 PM Counseling PR  
**Monday, November 29**  
 9:00 AM Sewing QSC  
 10:30 AM Organ Practice S  
 1:15 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 4:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
 5:00 PM Property Board TR  
 6:00 PM Girl Scout Troop UR  
 6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting GR  
 6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR  
 6:45 PM Cub Scouts Pack 153 D/ RH  
**Tuesday, November 30**  
 9:00 AM Worship Planning TR  
 10:30 AM Women of the Bible Study L  
 12:00 PM Faith.net Book Study LL  
 1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR  
 3:31 PM Christmas Giving Storage PMR  
 4:00 PM Basketball RH  
 4:30 PM Care Package Assembly GR/GRK  
 5:30 PM Basketball Practice RH  
 6:00 PM Poetry Group GR/GRK/L  
 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR  
 6:30 PM Agape Ringers Rehearsal HR/S

## Life Transitions through September

### Births

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

- Chance Lee Groskreutz, son of Jason & Sheila Groskreutz, born on Sept. 7, 2010
- Elin Quinn Kyte, daughter of Patrick & Lindsay Kyte, born on Sept. 21, 2010

### Baptisms

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

- Anders Howard Paulson, son of Michael & Veronica Paulson
- James Charles Entenman, son of James & Amy Entenman
- Isabelle Ann Kraft, daughter of Jonathan & Holly Kraft

### Weddings

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

- Jordan Sogn & Margaret Lee
- Chad Fincher & Amanda Koester

### 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)

- Rosalie Axtell
- Julie Munson
- Olga Arnett
- Jorgen Skals
- Ila Peterson

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# Gifts and memorials from September 2010

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**Jake & Norma Hofer's 50th**

**Anniversary:** Michael & Gloria Simpson

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**Lyle McLeod:** John & Marcia Kittelson

## Financial update September 2010

<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
September 2010.....	3,504
<b>Total Revenues</b>	
2010 Actual .....	\$1,349,417
2009 Actual .....	\$1,384,541
<b>Total Expenses</b>	
2010 Actual .....	\$1,372,795
2009 Actual .....	\$1,385,972
<b>Notes Payable</b>	
Bank Loan - Capital .....	\$1,280,069
<b>Contract For Deed</b>	
Ideal .....	\$621,254
<b>"God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." Income</b>	
Through September 2010.....	\$1,127,040

### Gifts to Parish Nurse in memory of

**Delores Kreiter:** Jim & Sandy Fink

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# September and October 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:

**Sept. 5:** In memory of Bertha Reitz by family and friends.

**Sept. 12:** In loving memory of Del Gerlach by his family—Jolaine, Andy, Dan and Carol.

**Sept. 19:** By Don and Florence Toft in celebration of their church, family and friends.

**Sept. 26:** In memory of Bertha Reitz by family and friends.

**Oct. 3:** In honor of First Lutheran Church pastors in celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month, with gratitude for their ministry by the First Lutheran Church staff.

**Oct. 31:** In loving memory of Albert Berdahl, whose birthday would have been Nov. 2, by his family.

### KSFY telecast sponsored:

**Sept. 5:** By Jake and Norma Hofer in

celebration and thankfulness for 50 years of happy marriage on Sept. 4.

**Sept. 12:** In loving memory of Del Gerlach by his family—Jolaine, Andy, Dan and Carol.

**Sept. 19:** In loving memory of Lloyd Osthus by his wife, Jean, and family.

**Sept. 26:** In memory of former First Lutheran choir members Howard Hagen, LaVonne McElroy, Julia Simons, Wally Steele and Alicemae Steele through the memorial gifts of family and friends.

**Oct. 3:** In memory of the pioneer ancestors of Marvin and Joyce Hasvold, who established Bellview Lutheran Church in Miner County and Clare Lutheran Church in Moody County.

**Oct. 10:** With gratitude for the continued relationship between First Lutheran Church and Augustana College.

**Oct. 17:** In memory of Terry Graves by his family.

**Oct. 24:** In loving memory of Julie Johnson by her husband, Stephen, through memorials from family & friends.

**Oct. 31:** By David and Judy Van Veldhuizen and family—Dan, Angela, Sam, Ella, Isaac, Paul, Heidi, Jack, Winter, Gabrielle and Sasha.

### Closed captioning sponsored:

**Sept. 12:** In loving memory of Del Gerlach by his family—Jolaine, Andy, Dan and Carol.

### Gifts and memorials

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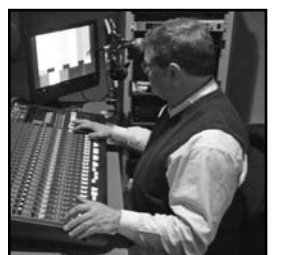
## Soundboard volunteers needed

By Heather Kuecker

Sanctuary Soundboard and Media Audio Board volunteers are needed

for the 8:15 and 9:45 a.m. services. There are lots of buttons, but it's an easy task.

If you might be interested, please join us on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 6 p.m. in the Friendship Room. We will serve pizza and see a demonstration on the two boards. No volunteer commitment is required by attending the meeting, but we hope that you find this Media Ministry opportunity of interest. Please RSVP to me at 339-1983, ext. 20, or hkuecker@flcsf.org for a food count.



Todd Smith operates the Audio Board.

## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES



### Healthy Feet Community Foot Care Clinic



Fourth Tuesday of each month.  
Next clinic Nov. 23.  
8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Parish Meeting Room  
Cost is \$25  
Appointments are necessary.  
Call 336-3734 to schedule.

### Faithfully Fit Forever

Chair exercises for men and women of all ages!

Wednesdays from 8:45 to 9:20 a.m. in the Pentecost room.



## Prayer service and book study series among Pastoral Care events

By Pastor Barbara Wangsness

As we enter this month of Thanksgiving many of us began the worthy goal of reviewing and evaluating the past calendar year in terms of our perceived blessings and challenges. The Thanksgiving holiday can be an exciting time with beloved family and/or friends, but this idyllic scene is never true for everyone and also brings additional stress, even for those looking forward to it. For some, this year may also bring the addition of fresh grief or other painful challenges. Such realities often lead us to ponder our understanding of God, and the human condition, and to re-evaluate our own faith; if this is your reality, know that you are not alone!

### Pre-holiday grief service of prayers for healing

For those of you dealing with concerns of facing the holiday season, due to the death of a loved one, we invite you to our pre-holiday grief service of prayers for healing, on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This Pastoral Care event offers helpful information, as well as fellowship with others facing a similar situation. We hope you'll join us and bring other family and friends, as well.

### Faith.Net book study series

Another event, new this fall, is a three-week Faith.Net Book Study Series focusing on three books related to God's presence with us in the midst of dealing with depression and other challenging, biological brain

disorders; all are written by clergy who themselves have faced this reality and have raised faithful and faith-filled questions of God's relationship with them in the midst of their challenging times. We'll gather in the Luther Lounge at noon to discuss the following books:

- Tuesday, Nov. 16—*In the Shadow of God's Wing: Grace in the Midst of Depression*
- Tuesday, Nov. 23—*Darkness is My Only Companion: A Christian Response to Mental Illness*
- Tuesday, Nov. 30—*Souls in the Hands of a Tender God: Stories of Search for Home and Healing on the Streets.*

You need not buy the books to be part of this discussion group but, if you are interested in doing so, please call

Char Peters (336-3734) by Nov. 3. It is also not required to attend each book study as each stands alone, but we hope you'll consider attending all of them.

For it is this God of comforting presence who continues to say to each of us—even now: "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you!"

(John 14:18) And that's what is truly worth celebrating—in holiday season and the whole year long!

Wishing you a very blessed Thanksgiving.



Pastor Barbara Wangsness

## It takes a heap o' lovin' to make a house a home

By Paula Bartels, Parish Nurse

November is the beginning of the holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, when we often think of families and home. This isn't a new thought, as I was reminded when reading a September 1927 *Successful Farming Magazine*. "It takes a heap o' lovin' in a house to make it a home," said Edgar Guest in one of his



Paula Bartels

poems. And to quote another noted author, "To be happy at home is the ultimate aim of all ambition, the end to which every enterprise and labor tends."

Besides a heap o' lovin' it also takes a heap o' lovin' to make a house a home. *Love Life for Every Married Couple* by Ed Wheat, M.D., is a great read for couples of all ages. It can be found on the health shelf in the library.

A weekend away can be a great thing for couples, whether newly engaged or married more than 50 years. A Weekend to Remember is not a large counseling session, and you will not

be asked to participate in small groups. Rather you will receive marriage changing principles that you can take home and apply to your daily lives that will strengthen your marriage. I'd highly recommend the conference! The next conference in Sioux Falls is Nov. 12-14. Go to FamilyLife.com to register or learn more.

Family situations and dealing with the loss of family members both can be even more difficult at holidays, causing worry and anxiety. "Through prayer, we can overcome worry and anxiety. The biblical word for anxiety means to be pulled in different directions, to be

confused. Worry is increased anxiety. God's word advises, "Don't worry over anything whatever; whenever you pray tell God every detail of your needs in thankful prayer, and the peace of God, which surpasses human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 4:6-7, Phillips)" Ross Rhoads, Chaplin.

Walking with family members is a great way to connect with each other. It's also a great stress reliever. If you don't have family to walk with, look around. There are others who may be alone and need a friend!

## POINTS TO PONDER



### A time of melancholy

Bright yellow leaves reflect the golden moments of our lives. The crisp autumn breeze that swirls them to the ground grants us the gift of brief euphoria.

Like tear-stained cheeks, red leaves remind us of a season in the sun now past. We think of the people and the times that, like so many leaves, have fallen. Try as we might to rake them up, back into our lives, the winds of reality soon overwhelm our efforts. We sense our finitude and our fallenness.

Autumn is a time of melancholy—of fallenness and fullness.

Trees stand still amid the fallen leaves. They offer us hope of another season in the sun. And life goes on.

Children shriek with joy as they splash about in piles of leaves. We cheer at football games and celebrate homecomings, carve jack-o'-lanterns and sip hot apple cider. We add yet another log to the fire and plan for family

gatherings at Thanksgiving. No early frost can chill these days of autumn fullness.

Autumn is a time of melancholy—of pensiveness and pondering.

Like a good Lutheran theologian, nature now proclaims both the law and gospel of life. The bright leaves of our glories and accomplishments fade and fall as we, too, move past yet another season in the sun. We need to look again to the trees, no, to one particular tree—the tree of Calvary.

In all our melancholy, this tree stands for hope. It stands to remind us that we are people who live all seasons "in the Son."

Listen now to the autumn winds that scatter the leaves and blow through the bare branches. They speak anew of the character of life itself—and more, of our life in Christ.

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