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# First Word

The monthly newspaper of First Lutheran Church

## Make it simple

### A story of stewardship from a small tin can

Dear Family Members of First Lutheran Church:

As we prepare our hearts and minds for a renewed commitment in pledging of “time, talent, and treasure”—coming before the Lord’s altar on Consecration Sunday (Oct. 17)—I pray that this simple story will inspire a simple spirit of “love and delight” in your life of Christian stewardship...

In the winter of 1959 I was first introduced to a simple yet profound meaning of “stewardship”—through the defining lives of two great saints. Oscar and Ingrid were an elderly couple who had immigrated from Norway to the Northwoods of Minnesota at the turn of the 20th century. They’d worked hard at making simple ends meet with a farm of rocky soil. And somehow, day by day, God had helped them turn it into daily bread. Now in their autumn, wintry years—with only a few sheep and a dairy cow left for income—they lived in abject poverty.

Oscar and Ingrid belonged to a small country church near Bagley, Minn., where my father served his first, three-point parish. I recall, as a young boy, “assisting” my father in bringing communion to their home—a small log cabin tucked away, deep in the tall stands of pine—as our ol’ Pontiac

punched through deep drifts of freshly fallen snow.

I can still remember the burst of warm air as we entered their cabin. Equally warm was Oscar’s greeting. As I look back on it now, he looked like Hans Olsa in O.E. Rolvaag’s *Giants in the Earth*. For everything about this Minnesota woodsman was of unusual proportion. His massive body made me stop and gawk—if only to see if his XXL overalls could keep that massive swagger contained. He loved to tease, but equally so, Oscar was a man of principle. Right was right, and wrong was wrong; thus it had always been and would remain as long as the earth should stand. But most of all, Oscar—along with his beloved wife, Ingrid—was a man of deep and abiding faith. The seed had taken root in their life together even if it hadn’t in the soil that surrounded them.

As Ingrid and my father were preparing a table in the middle of the



room for communion, I noticed Oscar taking a small tin can from a shelf. Candy perhaps?! “What’s that?” I asked eagerly. “Vel then, Johnny. This here is Ingrid and my first fruits for God.”

Didn’t look much like fruit to me. Then he poured the contents out into my hands. No, not apples or oranges but pennies, some nickels and dimes, and a couple of crumpled-up dollar bills.

“So, how much do you count there then?” he asked.

“Ten dollars,” I replied. “But where’s the fruit?”... Oscar let out a big laugh and explained, “That’s it. That’s our first fruit, the offering we give to the church each month in thanksgiving for all God’s

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## Proposal passed at congregational meeting

Nearly one year after voting to conduct a capital campaign, the congregation acted at a special meeting on Sept. 12 to authorize the Church Council to spend money received as a result of the campaign, “God’s Gifts. Our Responsibility.” After prayer led by Pastor John Christopherson, President Eric Severson praised the work of the campaign steering committee, co-chaired by Brian and Denise Aamlid and Mitch and Shantel Krebs. Campaign pledges to date total \$3,826,659 and are still being received through the continuing efforts of steering committee members.

After a brief summary of the projects that could be funded by the pledges made as they are received over the next several years, President Severson explained the resolution previously passed unanimously by the Church Council. Tim Heinemann moved that the resolution be adopted by the congregation. After a second and discussion, including a proposed amendment, the resolution was approved on a voice vote.

The congregation’s action authorizes the Church Council to spend the pledges as they are received subject to two conditions:

- (1) that no new debt be incurred in

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## Couple connects with student they support through LIZWAN

“It was like watching two different worlds come together. Time is frozen in my mind from when they hugged each other, the tears, the long embrace. It was such a long-ful encounter.”

This is how Pastor Natanael Lizarazo describes the meeting of Colombian Wilson Javier Mora with his sponsors, First Lutheran Church members Bill and Marcia Huffman.

Bill and Marcia committed to sponsoring Wilson’s education in 2002 through Leadership & Development LIZWAN, an organization that among many things contributes to the education and training of Christian leaders in Colombia, South America. Since that time they have been praying for him and getting to know him through letters and emails. Their wish to meet him came true when they travelled to Colombia as part of a mission trip with First Lutheran Church in July.

“The highlight of the trip was to be able to connect with him,” says Marcia, “even if we don’t speak the same language.”

Wilson’s story is one of change. At one point, his family feared for their lives, all thoughts consumed with escaping guerillas and seeking a safer home. Now, while Wilson’s life is still

not free from danger, he is able to focus on more peaceful endeavors after a move from El Cocuy to Bogota: he plays drums in a praise band at San Pablo Lutheran Church and lives with his mother, sister and uncle above his family’s store. His father passed away when he was 15 years old.

“He likes soccer and swimming, but it took a long time to know that much about him because his letters are always filled with gratitude and spirituality,” says Marcia.

To be sponsored through LIZWAN, students must apply to their church. The congregation determines need and then forwards information about the student to LIZWAN. The board of directors then makes the decision.

“The difference in sponsoring someone through LIZWAN is the personal relationships,” says Pastor Nate, a co-founder of LIZWAN.

“Monthly updates are sent to sponsors, who are matched with specific students based on interests. Sponsored students are responsible for a portion of their education. They attend training seminars and participate in the life of the church.”

It costs \$250 a year to sponsor an elementary or secondary student. But LIZWAN does not provide everything

for the students.

“It doesn’t sound like a lot of money by our standards,” says Bill.

“We’re paying for a third of his education, really. He and his family work for the rest.”

Wilson’s family runs a small store that sells fresh fruit and other food items. Though because it is located in a vulnerable neighborhood, customers must receive their purchases through a window with bars. This is a safety measure for the owners of the store commonly seen in Colombia.

Wilson gets up at 5 a.m. and takes the city bus to school, a two-hour trip, goes to class and then makes it home again by 6 p.m.

“He is so remarkable,” says Marcia.

“He wants to be a chemistry teacher and



Marcia Huffman claps her hands with joy upon meeting Wilson Mora, whose education she and her husband, Bill, have sponsored since 2002.

be able to tell people about God.”

Along with Wilson, Bill and Marcia were able to meet other LIZWAN students as well.

“They have a wide variety of goals and are eager to talk about them and what they will be able to do,” says Bill. “I would say the majority [of the students] had the opinion that they were doing it for their country and not monetary gain for themselves.”

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## 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 November issue is Friday, Oct. 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 are coming up. Do you play an instrument? Would you like to assist residents and pastors in bringing this ministry to those who cannot come to church? Or perhaps you would just like to be there to offer hospitality? If your answer is yes, please call Char Peters at 339-1983, ext. 22, to volunteer.

### Holy Communion Service Schedule

Tuesday, Oct. 26: Dow Rummel Village, 2 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 28: Good Samaritan Society-Sioux Falls Center, 2 p.m.  
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.

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blessings. The Bible teaches us that it's the right thing to do (cf. Lev. 23:10,17; Num. 18:12; Ex. 23:19; II Chron. 31:5; Neh. 10:35; Prov. 3:9; Rom. 8:23; James 1:17-18). Now give it to your dad to take to the church.

At first, it didn't seem like much—until I later learned from my father that after all the sewing Ingrid took in, along with their simple lumber and livestock produce, Ingrid and Oscar maybe earned a hundred dollars a month at best. O the abundance in scarcity when given with a heart of thankful stewardship. Treasure in a simple tin can.

Even at such a young age I was humbled by their gesture. I somehow wanted to tug at my father's coat as we left: "Hey, they need this money as much as, if not more than, anyone." But now, 50 years later, I realize ... they'd followed

Jesus' teaching that it is more blessed to give than to receive and took seriously the Old Testament guideline of tithing. And I'm sure that the 10 dollars they gave to support God's work through the ministry and mission of their small parish brought Oscar and Ingrid greater joy than the 90 dollars that was left over.

As you read this story can you hear an old Shaker work song being played in the background?

"'Tis a gift to be simple 'tis a gift to be free; 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be; And when we find ourselves in the place just right; It will be in the valley of love and delight."

(Joseph Beckett; 1848)

In the simple spirit of stewardship's "love and delight,"

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order to complete any project; and

(2) that only projects mentioned in the resolution can be funded with campaign dollars.

The resolution authorizes, without further Council action, the project to repair and complete the organ and 10 percent of campaign dollars to be spent on mission and outreach projects. The organ project, at a cost of approximately \$753,000, will be fully funded with designated pledges and will include some renovation of the east choir balcony. The work will be done principally between May and October 2011. The mission and outreach projects will be funded over the course of the campaign and determined by the Council based on recommendations from a task force composed of members of the Board for Outreach Ministries and other boards that expressed interest in serving.

The resolution authorizes the Council to spend undesignated campaign dollars to eliminate First Lutheran's long-term debt, which currently stands at less than \$1.3 million. In addition, the Council may replace the floor covering in the

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sanctuary and church offices, install a dry sprinkler system in the attic above the sanctuary, improve lighting in the sanctuary, and purchase new media equipment necessary to keep First Lutheran's weekly broadcast on the air. When the long-term debt has

been fully retired, the Council may further authorize painting the sanctuary, new outdoor signs, a building security system, improvements to the audio visual equipment in several meeting rooms, and setting aside remaining funds for the balance of the contract for deed through which First Lutheran purchased the former Ideal property. The text of the resolution is available on the church's website at [www.flcsf.org/proposal](http://www.flcsf.org/proposal).

Through the generous gifts made to the campaign, First Lutheran has already paid \$561,356 on the long-term debt. In the next two to three years, the congregation will retire the long-term debt, renovate and complete the Aeolian-Skinner organ, make significant contributions to ministry and mission outside our church walls and fund several other needed capital projects.

Thanks to all of you who sponsored me on the MS 150 bike ride this year. First Lutheran's contribution was over \$4,000, which put me at or near the top as a fundraiser. The unusually large amount was due to one member who wrote out a \$1,000 check. There were about 400 riders.

We rode to Madison and back this year. I chose the 50 instead of the 75 mile route, a concession to 76 years and a granddaughter who was riding for the first time. My son, Peter, and two other granddaughters joined me in the ride. I was asked to speak at the banquet and that gave me a chance to acknowledge the generous support from members of First Lutheran Church.

Thanks again,  
Pastor Dave Johnson

## Church Council Highlights: August 26, 2010

Pastor Barbara Wangness reported that a support program for the families of deployed soldiers and an unofficial support group connecting retired veterans with current soldiers are being developed.

Joe Kolb, a representative of McKinney Olson Insurance, spoke to the Church Council concerning First Lutheran's insurance coverage and fire detection and suppression systems.

President Eric Severson reported that officials at the Washington Pavilion have requested use of our parking lot on April 9, 2011, for a youth science project. A motion was made, seconded and passed to consider separately each request by Washington

Pavilion to use First Lutheran property, with fees assessed for failure to follow the stipulations of the contract.

President Severson introduced a resolution authorizing the Church Council to make all decisions regarding when and in what order any projects funded by the "Gods Gifts. Our Responsibility" campaign will be undertaken. Included were a list of projects (tier one) that may be funded before the long-term debt is completely repaid and a second list of projects (tier two) that may be considered after the long-term loan is retired and the projects listed on tier one are completed or removed. A motion to accept the resolution and refer it to

the congregation for consideration at a meeting on Sept. 12 was made and seconded. Discussion was held on various schedules for debt repayment, the advantages of completing some projects on the tier one list in the near future, the possibility of additional campaign contributions, and estimates provided by Mark Aspaas being the basis of the costs. A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend condition one on the second page, by adding the word "long-term" so that it reads "there will be no net increase to the overall long-term indebtedness of FLC." The council then voted unanimously to recommend passage of the resolution to the congregation.

# Welcome to the following new members



The following people were welcomed as new members on Sunday, Sept. 12. Pictured are (back row, left to right): Robert Bauman, David Dale, Jim Novak (holding Jay Novak), Joel Engel, Jolene Engel, Tonja Beatch, Jon Beatch, Dianne Drew and Daryl Drew. Front row, left to right: Cheryl Dale, Erin Novak, Vincent Curley, Allison Engel, Martha Vollman and Amanda Olinger (holding Olivia Olinger.)

Not pictured: Bryan Bjerke, Melanie Bauman, Ashley Engel, Jami Ford, Quint Ford, Jane Hassenstein, Doris O'Dea, Greg Schultz, Karen Schultz, Diane Van Patten and Jon Van Patten.

To learn more about the next new member class, contact Linda Carpenter at 339-1983, ext. 36, or [lcarpenter@flcsf.org](mailto:lcarpenter@flcsf.org).

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## ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



# You are invited: Study the book of Galatians

By Pastor Jason Burggraff

Come join us as we spend this fall in the book of Galatians. Why study this ancient book Galatians? Could it possibly have anything of value for you, today? Well here's Luther's take on it: "We have taken it upon ourselves in the Lord's name to lecture on this Epistle of Paul to the Galatians once more. This is not because we want to teach something new or unknown, for by the grace of God, Paul is now very



Pastor Jason Burggraff

well known to you. But it is because, as I often warn you, there is a clear and present danger that the devil may take away from us the pure doctrine of faith and may substitute for it the doctrines of works and of human traditions. It is very necessary, therefore, that this doctrine of faith be continually read and heard in public. No matter how well known it may be or how carefully learned, the devil, our adversary, who prowls around and seeks to devour us (1 Peter 5:8) is not dead. Our flesh also goes on living. Besides, temptations of every sort attack and oppress us on every side. Therefore this doctrine can never be discussed and taught enough. If it is lost and perishes, the whole knowledge of truth, life, and salvation is lost and perishes at the same

time. But if it flourishes, everything good flourishes—religion, true worship, the glory of God, and the right knowledge of all things and of all social conditions. To keep from doing nothing, we shall begin again where we broke off, according to the saying (Ecclus. 18:7): "When a man has finished, he is just beginning." (From Luther's Introduction to his 1535 Lectures on Galatians, LW 26.)

If the Gospel is lost, then everything perishes. If the Gospel of Jesus flourishes, then everything good flourishes. Come, hear this beautiful and freeing Word in Galatians. Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room, Thursdays at noon in the Friendship Room and Sundays at 8:55 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

## Adult Forum schedule

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

**Oct. 10—Dorothy Wheeler**  
*"Culture Shock-less: Won't You Be My Neighbor?"*

Dorothy grew up in Sioux Falls and divided her college years between South Dakota State University and University of South Dakota. While at USD, she spent a semester in Mexico working with an artisan making silver jewelry. She earned a Master of Arts in Spanish at the University of Northern Colorado and is working on a doctorate in education from USD. She has been a language teacher at both Lutheran Social Services and Roosevelt High School and regularly plays with Ninepatch at the contemporary worship service.

**Oct. 17—Pastor Jason Burggraff**  
*"What Happened to the Law?"*

Pastor Jason will take us on a tour of Paul's Letter to the Galatians, where Paul develops important insights on the role of law and liberty in the Christian life. The questions are: How free are we? How bound are we?

**Oct. 24—Dr. Wayne Knutson**  
*"The Old Days: Where Did We All Come From?"*

Wayne, an Augustana College graduate, has been on the faculty at University of South Dakota for 35 years,

where he has been director of theater, chair of the English department, dean of fine arts and vice president for academic affairs. He has also chaired both the South Dakota Arts Council and the South Dakota Humanities Council and has directed many plays at the Black Hills Playhouse. His theme covers many aspects of our past, including one-room schoolhouses and the Stavig letters.

**Oct. 31—Dr. Brent Lerseth**  
*"Thoughts about the Upcoming Election"*

Brent is starting his eighth year on the faculty of Augustana College, where he holds the title of professor of government. He is an Augie graduate and a frequent commentator on local television stations.

**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 is 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.

SENIOR MINISTRY  
*Luncheon*

**Tuesday, Oct. 12  
 Noon  
 Fellowship Hall**

Dr. Brent Lerseth of Augustana College will provide insight to the upcoming general election on Nov. 2. All are invited and reservations are not needed.

## FLCW meeting schedule

The First Lutheran Church Women general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 7, at noon in the Gathering Room with Dorcas and Elizabeth Circles hosting.

The program is on the South Dakota Synod's sister synod in Cameroon. Feyet Munshikpu, a student from Cameroon, is speaking.

The FLCW board meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

## Volunteers and donations needed at the Nov. 6 bazaar

Helping hands are needed at the First Lutheran Church Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's theme is A Prairie Christmas.

Use the form to the right to express interest in volunteering and return it to the Information Desk by Monday, Oct. 25. Or sign up online at [www.flcsf.org](http://www.flcsf.org).

Everyone is needed to help make this event a success. If cooking and crafting are not your thing, there is still something that you can do! Wash dishes, bus tables, direct traffic, serve as a host or hostess and more!

All proceeds from the bazaar are donated to mission work in Sioux Falls, across the country and abroad. Please contact Norma Hofer (338-4185), Mary Simko (332-2744) or Mary Thompson (339-2048) with questions.



### Bazaar Volunteer and Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Food

- Pies
- Lefse: Call Barb Halstenson 334-1572
- Scandinavian cookies
- Fattigman
- Flatbread
- Homemade baked goods
- Home-canned items
- Homemade candies\*
- Popcorn balls\*
- Carmel corn\*
- Treats for the Sweet Shop\*

\*Items above with stars indicate sweets for the Sweet Shop and should be brought to the Gathering Room Kitchen on Friday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact DeAnn Clark (359-4754) or Lou Bosch (332-6836) if you have questions or would like to help. Baked goods for the Food Butikk should be brought to the Gathering Room on Friday, Nov. 5, or before 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Baked goods for the Kaffee Stua (Coffee Shop) can be brought to Reformation Hall Kitchen on Friday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lefse must be brought to the church before noon on Nov. 5.

#### Items

- Woodworking
- Scandinavian crafts
- Unfinished crafts/sewing items
- Embroidered dish towels
- Seasonal crafts
- Antique items
- Vintage and collectible items
- Crocheted/knitted items
- Garden items and plants
- Attic Treasure items\*
- Used books (no magazines)\*

\*Attic treasures (no clothing please) and used books should be brought to the church before Thursday, Nov. 4. Contact Sharyl Wolf, 335-3416, with questions.

All craft items should be brought to the church between Monday, Nov. 1, and Friday, Nov. 5. Please price your items when you bring them to the church.

Bring antiques, collectibles or vintage items to the church or call the church office at 336-3734.

#### Volunteer the week of the bazaar

- Make rosettes: Monday, Nov. 1
- Movers and haulers: Nov. 3-5.
- Set up Christmas trees: Wednesday, Nov. 3.
- Set-up helpers: Nov. 3-5

#### Volunteer the day of the bazaar: Saturday, Nov. 6

- Waitresses, waiters and bussers: 9-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1-3 p.m.
  - Traffic directors in parking lots
  - Dishwashers
  - Clean-up workers after 3 p.m.
  - Greeters and guides
  - Workers for shops
- Shifts the day of bazaar are two hours.
- Musicians (voice, instrument, piano) Contact Marcia Kittelson at 332-3196.

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC



### Involvement in church music makes an impact

By Christopher Windle, Associate Music Director

Music at First Lutheran is a tradition, one that goes beyond people and generations. It is an experience that changes with each director, each class, and each person, but in essence it stays the same. Choirs here provide an opportunity for children, youth and adults to gather and experience community and God together in song.

I believe that choir has an especially great impact on the youth of a community, whether it is as small as First Lutheran or as large as the world. Choirs play an important role in teaching us about our faith, the world, and one another through music and the relationships it creates.

However, as someone with a degree in music and who is a director of youth choirs, I often wonder what the singers themselves think. I can tell you what I learned at school, my opinions and philosophies on the importance of music, but I think the best advocates for music in the church and our community are the musicians themselves.

Nick Christopherson, a seventh-grader in Jubilant Singers, says his favorite part of choir is singing. "The music isn't like most choir music ... When Christmas comes and we sing at that service, it's like nothing else!"

He goes on to say, "Choir helps me ... in church, when instead of just listening you are actually a part of it."

When asked why he thinks people should sing in choir he asserts, "Because it's fun! Choir isn't that big of a time thing. Just show up at 5:30 and the time flies!"

Mya Baca is an eighth-grader in Jubilant Singers. Her favorite part of choir is being able to socialize and



Christopher Windle directs members of Jubilant Singers in warm-up exercises at a recent practice.

sing at the same time. She says, "I love how casual and comfortable it is. I'm always excited when I get to perform in church. I think [choir] has made me realize that there are many ways to worship God and that the most fun way is through song."

She thinks people should join choir because it's a chance to get to know people and have fun. She adds, "You also get to praise God while doing it."

Madison Snelling, a freshmen in FLYGHT, acknowledges that singing and seeing friends are her favorite parts of choir. When asked what her favorite type of music is, she says, "The kind where I can sing high notes!"

When I asked her how choir impacts her faith, she said, "[Choir] makes coming to church more enjoyable and I always look forward [to] Wednesday nights!" She believes people should join choir because it's fun and you can help spread God's message.

Finally, Sadie Klemme, a senior in FLYGHT, says "My favorite part of choir is the new people I get to meet, and singing music! [I especially like] some of the faster gospel-like music we

get to sing."

She says choir impacts her faith and how she thinks about church saying, "[We are] able to voice the message at church in a song. Sometimes a song the choir sings can help people understand the message in a new way."

She thinks people should sing in choir to meet new people in the church and learn more about music.

Choir is an important part of church life that continues through each new generation. It is a great way to be involved, to learn and to meet new people. It is my hope that every young member of First Lutheran has the chance to experience this camaraderie and growth of faith. Choir is a special part of the lives of each singer; all are welcome, young and old, to First Lutheran's Music Program.

Choirs have begun, but it is not too late to join. Please contact me at 339-1983, ext. 49, or [cwindle@flcsf.org](mailto:cwindle@flcsf.org) to join, or simply stop by choir on Wednesday nights (fifth through eighth grade from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and ninth through 12th grade from 6:30-7:30 p.m.) and give it a try.



### Adult piano class starting soon

Adults are invited to take part in the fall session of the Piano Laboratory at First Lutheran Church taught by Karen Schultz. Applications are available online and at the First Lutheran Church Information Desk.

**Dates:** Thursdays starting Oct. 14 through Dec. 9 (No class Nov. 25)

**Times:** Beginners at 10 a.m.; Returning beginners at 11 a.m.; Advanced students to be determined

**Questions:** An open house is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 3, from 9-11:15 a.m. in the Piano Lab (lower level of Parish Hall) Or, contact Director of Music Ministry Michael Elsbernd at 339-1983, ext. 14.



### FALL ORGAN SERIES

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

12:15-12:45

James Moore,  
Member of FLC



## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



# Food to You provides food and household items to those in need

By Kate Ekstrum,  
Member of the Outreach Board

The new school year has begun, and as a parent of two children, I realize the importance of making sure they have clothing, school supplies and weekly lunch treats. What many of us don't realize is that the small budget pinch we run into at this time of year to obtain the supplies for the start of school adds up to a much bigger struggle for many of our friends in the community. While there are school supply and clothing assistance programs that are heavily accessed, the issue of food and household pantry items remains an area of need that is growing and is an area where limited resources



Kate Ekstrum

are available.

Since 2009, the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry has been a community resource with a mission to help those in need by stocking groceries and household items. Charis Ministry Partners, started by 13 ELCA congregations, sponsors Food to You, which works with the South Dakota Food Bank and other area organizations to decrease hunger and increase caring in our community. The mobile unit distributes groceries and household items in the neighborhoods after daytime work hours. The purpose of the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry is to provide a supplement to the existing food assistance in the Sioux Falls area in order to decrease hunger and poverty through greater availability of food and household items. Neighbor to neighbor relationships are strengthened through the act of giving care and concern. Our Christian values of providing assistance to others and working in partnership with

all in the community are reinforced and encourage the "pay it forward" feeling in all of us, whether you are serving others or being served.

**Food To You Program facts:**

- 12 to 15,000 residents of Minnehaha County live at or below the poverty level .
- 40 to 50% of those living at or below poverty level are children.
- Anyone is eligible to benefit from the Food to You program.
- First Lutheran is a founding congregation of the Charis Ministry Partners. We gather goods for distribution; our most recent drive was the tuna/tuna helper display you may have seen in the atrium in late August
- Anyone who is 12 years of age or older may volunteer.

To learn more about the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry and their distribution dates, check out their website at: [www.mobilefoodpantry.org](http://www.mobilefoodpantry.org).



Volunteers prepare fresh produce for distribution. First Lutheran sponsored the Sept. 9 distribution of the Food to You Mobile Food Pantry.

## Huffmans meet student they've sponsored for eight years

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Through this experience, Marcia says she has learned humility, "[In the U.S.] we are always working longer and making more money. They say, 'What can I do with my life to serve God and have gratefulness and joy.'"

Marcia says she is impressed by the letters Wilson writes. He often gives thanks and praise to God and to his sponsors.

In a recent letter he wrote, "I want to finish my professional career because it is a goal of mine and because it is a way to show you the gratitude I have for all the support you are giving me ... We have to make efforts, we have to be committed, and we have to be patient and tolerant. There will always be difficulties but those are opportunities, 'God changes our crying into joy.'"

Right now, 47 students are sponsored through LIZWAN, though

they are seeking to increase the number of students sponsored to 100 by 2012.

"It's nice to have Wilson as part of our lives," says Bill. "It's not just a one-year thing. It's a commitment. Stick with it. The kids need it. LIZWAN doesn't just go down the street and say, 'There's a boy who needs an education.' They check these people and make sure the money is used properly."

Marcia agrees with Bill saying, "For us it's sacrificing one meal out a month. And with that you can touch somebody in a tangible way. A small sacrifice here is huge for them. It's life changing. And therefore it's life changing for you."

For Marcia and Bill, their sponsorship of Wilson will be over in two years when he finishes college.



Bill and Marcia Huffman (outside) pose for a picture with Wilson Mora (center) and his mother, Rosita, and sister, Alexandra.

"I'm sure when he's done we'll say, 'Who's next?'" smiles Marcia.

To learn more about sponsoring a student through LIZWAN, contact Pastor Natanael Lizarazo at 339-1983, ext. 21, or go to [www.emmausroadfoundation.org](http://www.emmausroadfoundation.org).

### First Lutheran Church MISSION FESTIVAL

Let's celebrate God's ongoing mission among us!

**Saturday, Nov. 20**

Meal and keynote speaker Dr. Winston Persaud, professor of Systematic Theology at Wartburg Theological Seminary • More information to come.

**Sunday, Nov. 21**

Festive and celebratory worship • Ministry Gift Market • Confections from all over the world served at Genesis Cafe

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD

## Outreach notes

**Visit by Pastor Rift**

The Rev. Daniel Rift, director of the ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal, will be visiting First Lutheran Church on Oct. 9 and 10.

During his visit, First Lutheran will be recognized for its generous support for the World Hunger Appeal. Pastor Rift will be speaking at all four services.

**Ministry of the Month**

St. Francis House, an ecumenical emergency shelter for the homeless offering hospitality, fellowship and support, is the ministry of the month.

They provide people a warm bed, showers, laundry, food and more. They also offer services to help people reach long-term goals such as employment, independent housing, and addiction recovery.

Former First Lutheran pastor David Holm, through a fund established by FLC, provided the original operating money for the ministry, and the Catholic Diocese, headed by Bishop Paul Dudley, provided the building. Donate to the ministry by using the special offering envelope.

## YOUTH, FAMILY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES



### Middle School Corn Maze Night

Tuesday, Oct 12  
5:45-8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$10

Sign up with Mara by calling 339-1983, ext. 41.

### 4:12 Progressive Dinner Night

Saturday, Oct. 23, at 5 p.m.

Keep your eyes open for more details.

## How do you talk about faith?

By Pastor Jason Burggraff

Confirmation students have forever been receiving confirmation homework, at least since the days of the early church this has been so.

And it is no different here at First Lutheran Church—though most of the homework we as pastors assign involves a conversation about faith in the family.

If you're a student, let me invite you to use this homework as a way to ask your parents or grandparents tough questions about faith, and let them know what you like or don't like about confirmation.

If you're a parent of a confirmation

student, let me invite you to see these weekly homework assignments as a chance to hear what's happening in

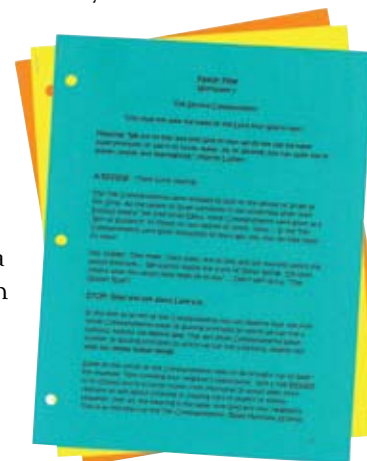
confirmation classes and

to be able to share your faith with your child.

Though this may sound a little scary, whether student or parent—we're with you—working together to nurture each other in the faith of Jesus Christ.

**Confirmation starts soon**

The first night of confirmation for sixth- through eighth-graders is Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 6:30–7:40. Ninth-graders start on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 6:30–8 p.m. in the Friendship Room.



# First Lutheran Church Calendar—October 2010



## Friday, October 1

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC  
4:00 PM Basketball Practice RH  
5:30 PM Thomas /Brun's Rehearsal S

## Saturday, October 2

9:00 AM Higher Hoops RH  
10:15 AM Open Gym RH  
10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR S FrR  
11:30 AM Wedding Hospitality TR  
12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C  
3:00 PM Thomas/Brun's Wedding S  
3:30 PM Basketball Practice RH  
5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C

## Sunday, October 3

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S  
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK  
8:30 AM Blood Mobile A/ADesk  
8:45 AM Boy Scouts Popcorn Sales WC  
8:55 AM Study on Galatians FH  
9:00 AM Open House PL  
9:15 AM HyVee Grocery Card Sales W  
9:30 AM Adult Forum FrR  
9:30 AM Stephen Ministries Open House TR  
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  
4:45 PM 9th Gr Shepherd OrientationFH/D/FrR  
6:00 PM Pre-NAMI Walk Worship Service C  
6:30 PM NAMI Candlelight Walk RH/RHK  
6:30 PM 9th Gr Confirmation OrientationFrR/FH/D

## Monday, October 4

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  
5:00 PM Bazaar Planning GR  
5:30 PM Adult Leader's Mtg. MdC  
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, October 5

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR  
9:30 AM FLCW Board Meeting GR/GRK  
10:30 AM Women of the Bible Study L  
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, October 6

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  
11:30 AM Screening for Life PMR  
12:15 PM Organ Recital S  
1:30 PM Pastor's Meeting TR  
4:30 PM Good Vibrations Rehearsal HR  
4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
4:30 PM Screening for Life WC  
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 Campane 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 Gr. Confirmation GR/GRK  
6:30 PM 8th Gr. Confirmation D  
6:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation FH  
6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR  
6:30 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
6:30 PM Jesus the One and Only Md  
7:20 PM Wed Night Worship RH  
7:30 PM High School Bible Study CR 4 & 5  
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/FrR/S  
8:00 PM High School Youth Group MdC/D/RH

## Thursday, October 7

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR/GRK  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR  
9:00 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR  
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1  
10:00 AM Visitation Pastors Meeting TR  
11:00 AM Stephen Ministries Off Site

12:00 PM WELCA General Meeting /Lunch GR/GRK  
12:00 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
6:00 PM Holistic Health TR  
6:30 PM Higher Nets RH  
7:00 PM Pre-baptism class GR

## Friday, October 8

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC  
9:00 AM Augie Honor Guard RH RHK  
9:40 AM Senior Ministry Board Meeting TR

## Saturday, October 9

9:00 AM Higher Hoops RH  
10:15 AM Open Gym RH  
10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR S FrR  
11:00 AM Violin Lessons UR  
12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C  
2:00 PM NAMI Connections PMR  
5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C

## Sunday, October 10

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S  
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK  
8:45 AM Boy Scouts Popcorn Sales WC  
8:55 AM 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  
9:30 AM Stephen Ministries TR  
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  
12:16 PM 10th Gr Banquet set-up RH/RHK  
3:00 PM Counseling PR  
6:30 PM 10th Gr Banquet & Mini-Ret RH/RHK/S/C

## Monday, October 11

Holiday (Office Closed)  
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR  
6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR

## Tuesday, October 12

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR  
10:00 AM Peer Ministry Day Retreat MdC/RH/RHK  
10:30 AM Women of the Bible Study L  
12:00 PM Senior Ministry Luncheon FH/FHK  
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR  
5:30 PM Deciphering DepressionTR  
5:45 PM MS Corn Maze Off-Site/ GR/GRK  
6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR  
6:30 PM Agape Ringers Rehearsal HR/S  
7:30 PM Adult Discipleship Board TR

## Wednesday, October 13

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 Campane 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 Gr. Confirmation GR/GRK  
6:30 PM 8th Gr. Confirmation D  
6:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation FH  
6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR  
6:30 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
6:30 PM Jesus the One and Only Md  
7:20 PM Wed Night Worship RH  
7:30 PM High School Bible Study CR 4 & 5  
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/FrR/S  
8:00 PM High School Youth Group MdC/D/RH

## Thursday, October 14

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR/GRK  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR  
9:00 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR  
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1  
10:00 AM Piano Class PL  
12:00 PM Project Car Steering CommTR  
12:00 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
4:30 PM Basketball Practice RH  
4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
5:30 PM Media Board TR  
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
6:00 PM Holistic Health Cabinet PMR

## Friday, October 15

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

## Saturday, October 16

9:00 AM Altar Guild Brunch GR/GRK C  
10:15 AM Open Gym RH  
10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR S FrR  
11:30 AM Wedding Hospitality TR  
12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C  
2:00 PM Ben Pringle Eagle Scout Crt of HonorGR  
2:00 PM NAMI Connections PMR  
3:00 PM Halvorsen/Cosand Wedding S  
5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C  
5:00 PM Lincoln Girl's Basketball Team GR GRK

## Sunday, October 17

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S  
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK  
8:45 AM Boy Scouts Popcorn Sales WC  
8:55 AM Study on Galatians FH  
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  
6:00 PM 9th Gr. Shepherd Meeting D  
6:30 PM 9th Gr ConfirmationFrR/RH/RHK/D/2/4/5/7

## Monday, October 18

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  
5:00 PM Bazaar Organizational Meeting GR  
6:00 PM Girl Scouts Field Trip Stoney Brook  
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, October 19

9:00 AM Worship Planning TR  
10:30 AM Women of the Bible Study L  
12:00 PM Stephen Ministers TR  
1:30 PM Youth & Family Staff Meeting PMR  
2:00 PM Senior Singles - Men FrR  
3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
4:30 PM Piano Class. PL  
5:00 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting PMR  
5:30 PM Deciphering DepressionTR  
6:00 PM Board of Pastoral Care L  
6:00 PM Board of Outreach TR  
6:00 PM Basketball RH  
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, October 20

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  
4:00 PM Foundation Mtg 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 Campane 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 Gr. Confirmation GR/GRK  
6:30 PM 8th Gr. Confirmation D  
6:30 PM 7th Grade Confirmation FH  
6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR  
6:30 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
6:30 PM Jesus the One and Only Md  
7:20 PM Wed Night Worship RH  
7:30 PM High School Bible Study CR 4 & 5  
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/FrR/S  
8:00 PM High School Youth Group MdC/D/RH

## Thursday, October 21

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR/GRK  
9:00 AM Rachel Circle GR/GRK  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR  
9:00 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR  
9:30 AM Lydia Circle. TR  
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1  
10:00 AM Piano Class PL  
11:00 AM Stephen Ministries Off Site  
12:00 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
1:00 PM Martha Circle GR/ GRK  
1:30 PM Board Meeting Flandreau Ind.SchPR  
4:30 PM Basketball Practice RH  
4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
5:00 PM Financial Services Bd PMR  
5:30 PM Board of Worship & Music TR  
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1  
6:00 PM Financial Workshop for ages 40-50 FrR  
7:00 PM Hannah Circle GR/GRK  
7:00 PM Ruth Circle TR

## Friday, October 22

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC  
4:00 PM Basketball Practice RH

## Saturday, October 23

9:00 AM NCLA/SVLC A GR/GRKL  
10:15 AM Open Gym RH  
10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR S FrR  
12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C  
2:00 PM NAMI Connections PMR  
5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C  
5:00 PM 4:12 Progressive Dinner RH/RHK/Loft/Nur

## Sunday, October 24

8:15 AM Traditional Worship S  
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK  
8:45 AM Boy Scouts Popcorn Sales WC  
8:55 AM Study on Galatians FH  
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  
1:00 PM Basketball Practice RH  
3:00 PM Counseling PR  
6:00 PM 9th Gr. Shepherd Meeting D  
6:30 PM 9th Gr ConfirmationFrR/RH/RHK/D/2/4/5/7

## Monday, October 25

9:00 AM Sewing QSC

## Scripture lessons

**Oct. 3:** Isaiah 6:1–2; Psalm 111:1–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–13; John 13:31–35

**Oct. 10:** Deuteronomy 8:1–18; Psalm 24:1–3; Philippians 4:8–13; Matthew 6:16–21

**Oct. 17:** Genesis 1:26–31; Psalm 8:1–9; 1 Corinthians 3:18–4:2; Matthew 25:14–19

**Oct. 24:** Jeremiah 14:7–10, 19–22; Psalms 84:1–7; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–14

**Oct. 31: (Reformation Sunday)** Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19–28; John 8:31–36

10:30 AM Organ Practice S  
1:15 PM Kindermusik MR1  
3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
5:00 PM Property Board TR  
5:00 PM Bazaar Organizational Meeting GR  
6:00 PM TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting PMR  
6:30 PM Family to Family NAMI PR

## Tuesday, October 26

8:30 AM Foot Clinic PMR  
9:00 AM Worship Planning TR  
10:30 AM Women of the Bible Study L  
3:45 PM Piano Class PL  
4:30 PM Piano Class. PL  
5:00 PM Stewardship Board Meeting TR  
5:30 PM Deciphering DepressionTR  
6:00 PM Poetry Group GR/GRK/L  
6:00 PM Basketball RH  
6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsals CMR  
6:30 PM Agape Ringers Rehearsal HR/S

## Wednesday, October 27

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  
12:01 PM 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 Campane Rehearsal HR  
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6:30 PM FaithWalkers C/UR/PR  
6:30 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
6:30 PM Jesus the One and Only Md  
7:20 PM Wed Night Worship RH  
7:30 PM High School Bible Study CR 4 & 5  
7:35 PM Adult Choir Rehearsals CR/FrR/S  
8:00 PM High School Youth Group MdC/D/RH

## Thursday, October 28

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study GR/GRK  
8:00 AM Soup SandwichSweets FundraiserRH/RHK  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting FR  
9:00 AM Faithfully Fit Forever PR  
9:30 AM Kindermusik MR1  
10:00 AM Piano Class PL  
12:00 PM Study on Galatians FrR  
2:00 PM Single Seniors- Women FrR  
4:30 PM Piano Class PL  
5:00 PM Church Council FH  
5:30 PM Kindermusik MR1

## Friday, October 29

8:00 AM Bulletin Volunteers QSC  
6:30 PM Family Fun Night RH/RHK/LFT

## Saturday, Oct. 30

10:15 AM Carol Choir Rehearsal CR S FrR  
11:30 AM Zomer 50th Wedding Anniv RH RHK  
12:00 PM African Ministry Choir Practice C  
2:00 PM NAMI Connections PMR  
5:00 PM Vespers with Communion C

## Sunday, Oct. 31

8:00 AM Carol Choir D  
8:15 AM Traditional Worship S  
8:30 AM Genesis Cafe GR/GRK  
8:45 AM Boy Scouts Popcorn Sales WC  
8:55 AM Study on Galatians TR  
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  
12:30 PM Set up for Rosette Making FH/ FHK  
1:00 PM Basketball Practice RH  
3:00 PM Counseling PR  
6:00 PM 9th Gr. Shepherd Meeting D  
6:30 PM 9th Gr Confirmation FrR/RH/RHK/D/2/4/5

## Wednesday Night Meal Menu

5–6:15 p.m. • \$3.50/person

**Oct. 6:** Chicken and cheesy hash browns

**Oct. 13:** Roast beef and baby red potatoes

**Oct. 20:** Turkey and mashed potatoes

**Oct. 27:** Meatloaf and baked potatoes

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# Gifts and memorials from August 2010

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**Muriel Ekeland:** Kristi Oskar; Betty Pfeifle

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## Financial update August 2010

<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
August 2010.....	3,980
<b>Total Revenues</b> <span style="float:right">YTD</span>	
2010 Actual .....	\$1,218,075
2009 Actual .....	\$1,211,427
<b>Total Expenses</b>	
2010 Actual .....	\$1,224,058
2009 Actual .....	\$1,224,829
<b>Notes Payable</b>	
Bank Loan - Capital .....	\$1,304,839
<b>Contract For Deed</b>	
Ideal .....	\$623,707
<b>"God's Gifts. Our Responsibility." Income</b>	
Through August 2010.....	\$1,089,455

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## MEDIA MINISTRIES



# September 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.

### 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.

### Closed captioning sponsored:

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

### Gifts and memorials

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

### Sponsorships available

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

**Television sponsorships:** A full sponsorship is \$1,300, a partial is \$675.

**Radio sponsorships:** \$115

**Television closed captioning sponsorships:** \$140

## FINANCE CLASS for 40–50 year olds

Thursday, Oct. 21  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Friendship Room

Facilitated by Janette Ellis, a credit counselor at Lutheran Social Services. Sponsored by the Board for Pastoral Care Ministries.

## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES



### Parish Nursing program offers blood drive, foot clinic, and more

By Paula Bartels, Parish Nurse

The parish nurse ministry has some treats for you!

#### Give blood on Sunday, Oct. 3

The Community Blood Bank is coming to First Lutheran on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call Howard Bich at 275-6891. Drop-ins are welcome. Donors must be 17 years old (or, 16 years with signed parent consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds.

#### Screening for Life Wednesday, Oct. 6

The Second Annual Screening for Life will take place at First Lutheran Church on Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Talk with a pharmacist, get nutritional information from a dietitian, learn about smoking cessation, take part in a blood pressure

screening and more

Mobile mammography will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. To schedule a mammogram at this event call Sanford Breast Health Institute at 1-800-843-2638 or 328-4592. Please mention this is for the Screening for Life event at First Lutheran. Mammogram fees are subject to Medicare, insurance and All Women Count, a program that pays for mammograms for women unable to afford the fee. Contact me at 339-1983, ext. 24, for more information on All Women Count.

#### Monthly foot clinic

Treat yourself to foot care at the monthly clinic located at First Lutheran. The next clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 26. Cost \$25. Call the church at 336-3734 to set up an appointment.

#### Free kidney screening

The National Kidney Foundation is hosting a free kidney screening on Thursday, Oct. 28, from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn City Centre. Call 800-596-7943 to make an appointment.

#### Faithfully Fit Forever continues

Faithfully Fit Forever, a chair exercise class for men and women of all ages, takes place on Thursdays from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Pentecost Room. Howard Bich and Betty Pfeifle are the facilitators.

#### Free eyeglasses

Did you know that Sears Optical in The Empire Mall offers free glasses to those that can't afford to purchase a pair? There is also a free eye clinic offered at Community Health. Call 367-8793 to set up an appointment.

#### Take a break

Perhaps you need to treat yourself to some quiet time, a break from the ordinary or some special time with family or friends. It has been said that we spend the first half of our life working hard to make money, and the last half of our life spending our money to take care of our health!

If you are able, treat yourself to a great fall walk, and thank God that he has given you the health to do it! It's a great way to "take care of your temple."



Paula Bartels

### School supply drive a success; First aid kits now needed

Five hundred and fifty colored pencils, 35 bottles of glue, 618 pencils, 78 notebooks, 832 crayons, seven books, 384 flash cards, 15 rulers, two backpacks and 10 folders are just a sampling of the school supplies donated by First Lutheran Church members to Operation Outreach Afghanistan (OOA) in August.

Nine boxes full of school supplies were sent to children in Afghanistan through a project sponsored by the Board for Pastoral Care. Becky Linder, a member of the 196th MEB and a member of First Lutheran Church, volunteers with OOA and has been a part of the humanitarian aid drops.

The most recent drop took place at an orphanage in Kabul. About 245 boys and girls live in five different buildings at the orphanage and are without a home due to loss of parents from the war, insufficient living conditions or simply because their parents cannot support them. OOA donations have benefited more than 15,000 people this year.

The Parish Nursing program is now sponsoring a drive for first aid kits for the same organization through Sunday, Nov. 7. To participate, leave donations in the designated container at the Information Desk.



Capt. Michael Webb, company commander of the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Dakota Army National Guard, gives a toy to a young Afghan girl.

### Support groups offer comfort

By Pastor Barbara Wangness

From the cries of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 40:1-2) to the reminder of St. Paul's words in our latest Lutheran hymnal (2 Corinthians 1:3-4), the need for comfort and the purpose of comfort are a foremost expression of God's love, mercy and compassionate understanding. As such, it is also the goal of our Pastoral Care Ministry offerings here at First Lutheran Church.

#### Deciphering Depression starts Oct. 12

This October brings the return of our session called Deciphering Depression: A Holistic Approach of Mind, Body and Soul. It will include both educational and support opportunities to deal with this common medical condition.

Offered at no charge, it will be led by Sela Nagelhout, a certified counselor associated with Dr. Mark Britzman. This program meets on Tuesdays beginning Oct. 12, and will go through Nov. 16, (no group on Nov. 2) from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Trinity Room. Register by calling Sela at 351-3090 or Char Peters at 339-1983, ext. 22. If space allows, previous attendees are invited to return and participate again.

#### NAMI Connections support group

New this fall, we are partnering with the National Alliance on Mental Illness—South Dakota (NAMI-SD), to be one of several locations hosting their weekly program called NAMI Connections. This support group offers

adults, regardless of their specific brain disorder diagnosis (including clinical depression), an opportunity to come together for 90 minutes of support; it is, in fact, offered at various locations throughout the city with the goal of developing daily meeting opportunities. It is led by an individual who has gone through NAMI's leadership program and has the ability to personally relate to the unique challenges of these biological illnesses.

Come to the Parish Meeting Room on Saturdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. (Not meeting on Nov. 6) It is not necessary to register for these meetings. Call Char Nedved at 271-1656 or myself at 339-1983, ext. 19, with questions.

### Life Transitions through August

#### Births

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

- Carter Jean Olinger, son of Kevin & Lacey Olinger, born July 31, 2010
- Evelyn O'Neill Glover, twin daughter of Patrick & Jill Glover, born Aug. 11, 2010
- Gretchen Vera Glover, twin daughter of Patrick & Jill Glover, born Aug. 11, 2010
- Ian Matthew Glau, son of Michael & Penny Glau, born June 16, 2010
- Joshua Robert Thibodeau, son of Travis Thibodeau & Andrea Cass, born June 17, 2010

#### Baptisms

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

- Kaytlin Rai Chau, daughter of Jeffery Chau & Bobi McBride
- Max David Reilly, son of Brian & Katie Reilly
- Kennedy Lydia Nolz, daughter of Kevin & Brenda Nolz

#### Weddings

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

- Derek Christensen & Emilee Keleher
- Peter Karajanis & Laura Buss
- Samuel Halverson & Joely Bauman
- Prince Gayetaye & Suzana Appleton

#### 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)

- George Farmer
- Lester Scherschligt
- Lyle McLeod
- Deborah Taylor
- Clayton Scott
- Morris Magnuson

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