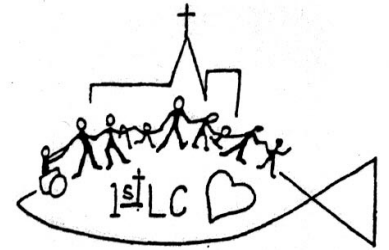


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Reflections...

The overwhelming news from Haiti of the earthquake on January 12, quickly became personal for me as I learned that Ben, who I knew from seminary, was there and missing. As the days progressed, it became certain that Ben had died in the massive quake and was buried in the rubble along with thousands of others.

As I reflected on Ben's life and the depth of grief felt by his family and friends, the question that came to me was "What do you do with grief like this?" A grief that I know for one that is multiplied a thousand times over for all those lost in Haiti.

What do you do with a grief like this?

Bishop Jim Arends, of LaCrosse Area Synod, said this in an interview following Ben's death.

"There are types of Christians who will say, 'Well, he's in heaven, be happy.' That's not our background. If Jesus would weep in the face of death, we acknowledge it's OK to weep in the face of death."

"There are Christians who would say, 'Paul wrote, 'Do not grieve.' That's not what Paul wrote. Paul wrote, 'Do not grieve as those who have no hope.' We still grieve, but we trust that in some spiritual, powerful way, Ben has passed through death into the eternal care of the Lord he was serving."

"I don't know if all things happen for a reason. I do know that when things happen, God is there. I know that God is on top of a high hill in Haiti, weeping in pain. I know that God is on an airplane with a widow, weeping in pain. I know that God is in Duluth with a couple of parents, weeping in pain, and yet promising to hold and keep and give whatever they need."

The reporter, Joe Orso, summed up his interview with the following:

"I pondered some of these things just before writing this column. On my prayer bench I'd sat in silence to be with the people of this story. The sun shone bright even as I held my eyes closed and it reminded me of these people's faith, of the way Lutherans seem to

FEBRUARY 2010



New Wine Pizza Factory

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday Morning Worship:
8:15am & 10:45am
Coffee Hour: 9:15am
Education Hour: 9:30am

Reflections... (cont.)

... speak so well about hope when talking about death, of light when talking about darkness. As if to drive the point home, immediately after getting off the bench, I knocked my head on a dangling prism and rainbows swirled around the room."

"Tears remain, of course, for so many in this region and on this earth. But as these Lutherans, who know the cross so well, teach us, there is more than suffering in life, more than suffering in Ben's death."

"These are the words of people of faith. Not a wimpy faith that gives answers like everything happens for a reason. Not a thoughtless faith that assumes God is up in heaven so all is swell down here on earth. Not a perfect faith, either. But people of a graced faith."

What do we do with a grief like this?

We rest it in God's hands knowing the God grieves with us. We have to leave that grief to God and to live by the hope of the resurrection - that the dead are raised to eternal life and that Haiti and all those touched by this devastating event will find new life.

As Lutherans, we trust the God suffers along with us and that through the grace of God, some day, somehow our mourning will turn into dancing. It is faith that holds me in these days and in other days when I grieve because of those I have lost. It is the faith that will hold you in your grief for what you have lost. It is faith that tells us that no matter what may come, our lives rest in God's arms. We grieve, but we rest our lives in the promise and hope of eternal life, a life that is never separated from God.

At Ben's memorial service we sang these words many times ... it is these words that mark our faith ... a faith filled with a hope and faith in a God who never leaves us to grieve alone.

"If we live, we live to the Lord. If we die, we die to the Lord. So then whether we live, or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

Amen. May it indeed be so.

Pastor Ali Boomerskine ☺



Read the Bible in one year. The Southwest Synod encourages all members of our congregations, from children to adults, to dig deeper into our book of faith, the Bible. The Book of Faith Initiative recommends a new model for our church—a grass-roots approach embracing a common vision in which all are invited to open scripture and join the conversation.

† February 1	Leviticus 5-7
† February 2	Leviticus 8-11
† February 3	Leviticus 12-14
† February 4	Leviticus 15-17
† February 5	Leviticus 18-20
† February 6	Leviticus 21-23
† February 7	Leviticus 24-25
† February 8	Leviticus 26-27
† February 9	Numbers 1-2
† February 10	Numbers 3-4
† February 11	Numbers 5-6
† February 12	Numbers 7-8
† February 13	Numbers 9-11
† February 14	Number 12-14
† February 15	Numbers 15-17
† February 16	Numbers 18-20
† February 17	Numbers 21-23
† February 18	Numbers 24-26
† February 19	Numbers 27-30
† February 20	Numbers 31-33
† February 21	Numbers 34-36
† February 22	Deuteronomy 1-2
† February 23	Deuteronomy 3-4
† February 24	Deuteronomy 5-7
† February 25	Deuteronomy 8-11
† February 26	Deuteronomy 12-15
† February 27	Deuteronomy 16-19
† February 28	Deuteronomy 20-23

Check out the Book of Faith website for the Weekly Reflections at www.bookoffaith.org

FAT TUESDAY PRESENTS HELP FOR HAITI



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
6:00-8:00PM**

COME AND JOIN US FOR A SPAGHETTI DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT FROM OUR FRIENDS HERE AT FIRST LUTHERAN, SPONSORED BY THE FIRST LUTHERAN STAFF & THEIR SPOUSES.

COST: \$5 PER PERSON OR \$10 PER FAMILY

100% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TO THE LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF HAITI EARTHQUAKE FUND.

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX!

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL TALENT YOU'D LIKE SHARE?

singing...dancing...juggling...do you play a musical instrument (real or homemade)...how about a stupid human trick...or maybe you can tell a good joke...maybe you can mimic the call of a songbird...or you and your friends have a skit you'd like to share...there's endless possibilities and we love to have you share them with us! sign up in the Narthex!

Lent

Lenten Sundays and Wednesdays offer you two great opportunities to intentionally take a deeper and longer inventory of your walk with God. Make the time. Clear the schedule. Retreat with God this Lenten season, beginning February 17h.

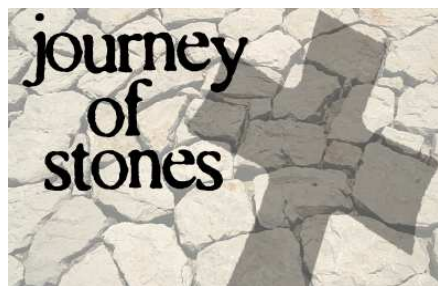


February
17th

Worship Services at
Noon and 7pm
&
Soup Supper at 6pm

This worship service will move us into this season of introspection and reflection with the imposition of ashes as people will be invited forward for the sign of the cross on their forehead. We will also celebrate communion at both services.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT



Join us on a journey this Lenten season—a journey of stones. Drawing on the rich imagery of rocks and stones in Scripture, we will go on a journey of prayerful

and honest repentance as well as of celebration and grace as we make our way to the cross and the empty tomb. Each Wednesday, area ELCA clergy will share a reflection on the themes listed below. Each week you will walk away with a stone remembrance of that week's theme.

Written in Stone
Rejected Stones
Sticks and Stones
Hearts of Stone
Upon This Rock
Crying Stones

Holden Evening Prayer
service at Noon and 7pm each Wednesday.
Soup suppers at 6pm

SUNDAYS IN LENT

Why we
DO the
things
WE do

Sunday, February 21st

The Church: Discerning the call of God or Serta

Sunday, February 28th

Baptism: Insurance or Assurance

Sunday, March 7th

Confession and Forgiveness: What do you think about during that moment of silence?

Sunday, March 14th

Communion: Hardly a Meal

Sunday, March 21st

Rhythm of Worship: And we don't mean drums

Soup Supper Help Wanted

We are in need of people to help out with the Soup Suppers during the Lenten season. Please call the church office. Thank you!

Join Us For
Journey

Join us most Sunday mornings at **9:30am** in the lower level classroom next to the theater. Each week will bring a different topic of conversation.

- February 7 Tony Campollo "Commitment"**
- February 14 "Congestive Heart Failure & Related Conditions"** led by Dr. Greg Abler
- February 21 Prayer 101: Conversations with God**
- February 28 Kris Mattson reports on her trip to Tanzania.**



7th & 8th Grade Retreats
RESCHEDULED



Friday, Feb. 26 - Saturday, Feb. 27

We will leave the church @ 4 p.m. on Friday and will return to the church Saturday by 2 p.m.

This is a **REQUIRED retreat** for all 7th & 8th grade confirmation students.

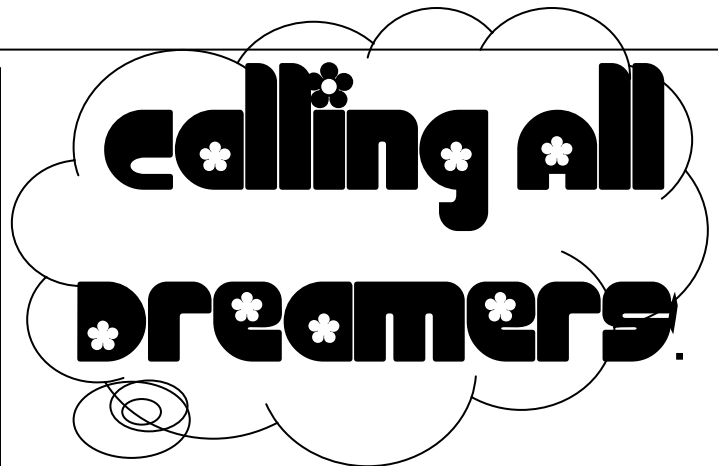
Watch your mailboxes for more details including a packing list and a permission slip.

Mark Your Calendars for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will take place July 18-July 22 from 5:30pm-8pm. We will have supper together and then spend the evening learning and having fun.

Confirmation Schedule

Date	Time	Event
2/3 Wednesday	5:30pm	Confirmation Classes (7th & 8th grade)
2/17 Wednesday	5:30pm	Confirmation Classes (9th grade)
Lenten Season		Meet with Mentors 9th grade papers
2/26-27 Fri-Sat	4pm-2pm	7th & 8th grade retreats
4/7 Wednesday	5:30	Confirmation Classes



WHAT DO THESE THINGS HAVE IN COMMON?

- The Common Cup*
- A new sound system*
- Access to the Courtyard*
- Air conditioning for the Fireside Room*
- Stain glass window repair*
- Morning Bible Study*
- Roof repair and Tuck pointing*
- Contemporary worship*

THESE, AND MORE, ARE ALL REALITIES BECAUSE A GROUP OF DREAMERS GOT TOGETHER 8 YEARS AGO.

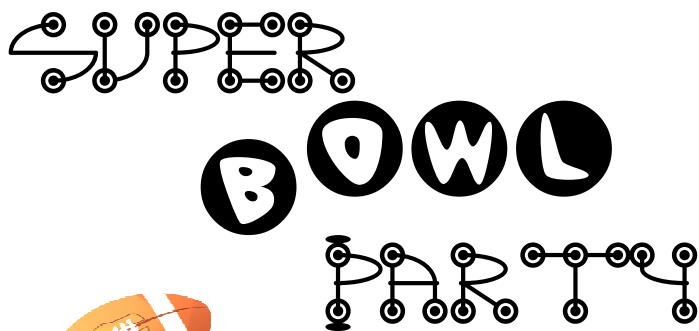
WHAT *REALITIES* will we be GRATEFUL for 8 YEARS FROM NOW?

IT'S TIME TO DREAM AGAIN!!!

WE ARE LOOKING for YOUNG and old, NEWER MEMBERS and LONG TIME MEMBERS. WE ARE LOOKING for MEN and WOMEN, people who SING in the CHOIR and people who fold the NEWSLETTER. WE ARE LOOKING for SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS and PARENTS of YOUNG CHILDREN and RETIREES. WE ARE LOOKING for YOU.

THIS MEETING will only LAST AN HOUR. THE SKIES THE LIMIT AND WE WANT YOUR DREAMS for FIRST LUTHERAN. PLEASE COME.

DREAM TEAM
THURSDAY, FEB 11 * 7PM



GRADES 7-12

Sunday, Feb. 7

**4:30 p.m. 'til the
big game is over**

Meet at the Crystal
Lanes Bowling Alley



Bring \$5 for bowling and food shelf
items to exchange for game tokens.

**PIZZA AND SNACKS!
GAMES & ACTIVITIES!**

Time to start thinking about

Summer Bible Camp!

Luther Crest Flyers have arrived!

Register by May 1 and
receive 1/2 Camp Scholarship
Open to all ages!



**SENIOR HIGH
SKI
TRIP**

**Friday—Saturday
March 12-13
SPIRIT MOUNTAIN
DULUTH, MN!**

We plan to head up to Duluth after school on
Friday, stay overnight at a local church and
ski/snowboard all day Saturday, returning that
night.

COST: Lift only: \$50

Lift and ski rental: \$60

Lift and snow board rental: \$75

*Prices include transportation, lodging and
most meals*

\$25 reserves you a seat!

**Order your Butter Braids just
in time for Easter!**

NEW WINE will once again be taking Butter Braid
orders from February 14—March 14. Braids are
\$9.50. Proceeds will go toward helping fund the
upcoming NEW WINE tour to New Orleans.

To place an order, contact one of the NEW WINE
youth. Braids come frozen in a variety of flavors.

Music Scholarships

Music is an important part of Lutheran history, tradition, and ministry.

To help continue cultivating church musicians, a scholarship is being offered through the First Lutheran Church Worship and Music Committee. The Committee looks forward to fostering young organists, pianists, vocalists, instrumentalists, and other musicians who help the congregation with music worship.

Individuals between the ages of 14 and 20 who are members of First Lutheran Church, Morris, MN and who are willing to share their musical talent with the congregation are eligible to apply. Scholarship funds may be used in the following ways: Instrumental or vocal music lessons from a professional musician of your choosing, to offset tuition cost for conferences on worship and music or summer music camp, purchase of an instrument, or purchase of music.

Scholarship applications can be picked up on the information table in the narthex. Applications must be received by March 1st. You may send them to: First Lutheran Church, 200 E. 5th St., Morris, MN 56267; attn: Worship and Music Committee.

What's Up at First?

All-Committee Night

Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:45pm

Worship & Music Committees will meet at 6pm.
Theatre Committee will not meet until March.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

	Actual for December	Actual for year
Offerings	\$54,453.24	\$344,428.88
Expenses	\$31,363.34	\$348,681.38
Offerings minus Expenses	\$23,089.90	(\$4,252.50)

Glacial Ridge Conference Assembly

February 28, 2010

1:30pm Registration, 2:00pm Program & Meeting
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chokio

Vitamins needed!

Pastor Ali will be traveling to Senegal, West Africa for a mission trip in February. She will visit with our missionaries Dirk & Sarah Stadlander, who asked that she bring multi-vitamins for adults and children, as they are unable to get them in their area. These vitamins would be used in the Senegal HIV/AIDS Clinic. Please put all donations in the box located in the Narthex by February 14th. Thank you!



Contemporary Worship Team Needs Musicians!

Interested in joining the Contemporary Worship Team? Musicians are needed....(especially keyboard players). This team meets the second Saturday of each month for rehearsals and performs the 3rd Sunday of the month. For more information, contact one of the pastors or Denise Odello.

Now Showing in the Church Theatre



**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 19TH
7:00PM**

Doubt

Set in the socially transitional time of 1964, the probing story hinges on lurid suspicions about a compassionate, forward-thinking priest fostered by a stern, by-the-book nun at a Bronx school where, as principal, she runs a virtual reign of terror in the name of maintaining old-fashioned order and discipline.

Rated: PG13 Film run time: 104 minutes



**FREE ADMISSION
FREE POPCORN**

**INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS FOR A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!**

ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DIETS: GOOD FOR ARTHRITIS?

Your arthritis is flaring up, and your neighbor told you about an anti-inflammatory diet. Does it work for arthritis?

Chronic inflammation is considered a component of arthritis, so there's reason to think that an anti-inflammatory diet may help. However, the anti-inflammatory diet isn't well-defined. Nor is it scientifically proved as a treatment for arthritis, although studies continue to examine that question.

In the meantime, you can try these diet strategies. They can help improve your overall health and may possibly improve your arthritis.

- * Achieve and maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight can increase inflammation.
- * Eat generous amounts of fruits and vegetables. Plant foods contain natural chemicals that may reduce inflammation.
- * Include whole grains such as brown rice and 100 percent whole-wheat bread. Reduce concentrated sweets, white rice and refined bread.
- * Include omega-3 fatty acids found in fatty fish such as salmon, mackerel and herring.
- * Choose low-fat protein foods such as skinless chicken, fish and skim or 1% percent milk. Reduce red meat and processed meats such as hot dogs and luncheon meats.
- * Include healthy fats, such as walnuts and canola and olive oils, while reducing trans and saturated fats.
- * Spice up your food with curry, ginger and other spices.
- * Use alcohol only in moderation, if at all.



Yours in Christ's healing,
Vicki Maanum, RN
& Kristi Abler, RN

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES January 19, 2010

Members present: Lauren Carlson, Greg Fynboh, Mark Mattheis, Mick Rose, Allan Saugstad. Staff present: Ali Boomershine, Todd Mattson. Members absent: Paul Grove (excused), Joleen Hanson (excused), Kyle Kepner (excused), Ray Bowman, Jim Hills.

Devotions were offered by Mark Mattheis, with invitation to "use gifts in service to others for the common good." In the absence of a quorum, no official business was conducted. The following items were discussed: The council meeting on January 5, 2010 was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. December 15, 2009 minutes appear to be accurate. The treasurer noted a financial shortfall for the first half of January. The executive council met on January 13 and determined that November and December 2009 benevolences will not be sent, resulting in a shortfall of \$10,153 of our 2009 commitment to the SW MN Synod. The 2010 budget was amended to add \$200 to the Luther Crest Bible Camp support.

The 2010 budget proposes 14.33% to the SW MN Synod of the ELCA and total budgeted benevolence giving of 15%. However the council's letter of intent to the SW MN Synod will commit 10% in case there is a shortfall again in 2010. It is expected that these offerings to the synod will be sent monthly; any decision to hold benevolence checks is to be made by the entire council, or the executive council. There was brief discussion of the council's previously adopted policy of sending synod benevolence checks first as an example to the congregation.

Pastor Todd's report included plans for a 7-8th grade confirmation retreat at Luther Crest, in conjunction with Faith Lutheran; New Wine Sunday on January 31; Glacial Ridge Conference Assembly on February 28 at Our

Savior in Chokio with six delegates needed from First, and Bob Dalager serving as conference chairperson; Seyward Mattson finishing seminary this spring, and two new seminarians likely to begin next fall, Christine Grotjohn and Eric Rundquist. Kris Mattson has been on a mission trip to Tanzania, and was able to present a check for \$500 from First Lutheran to repair the hospital generator in Oringa.

Pastor Ali's report included a submarine sandwich fundraiser; Fat Tuesday event planning; Parents, Kids and Money Matters workshop held for Sunday school students and parents on January 10; plans for a 10-day mission trip to Africa February 18-28; and the tragic death of a personal friend in Haiti, seminarian Ben Larson. Endowment committee meets this Thursday at 6:00.

Continuing items: Council members are asked to attend Journey on Sunday January 24 so that congregation members can address issues and questions in advance of the annual meeting. A quorum of 52 is needed for the annual meeting. New Orleans trip for adults needs additional participants in order to take place.

New Business: A candidate has been found to fill the unexpired term of Ken Johnson, whose resignation from the council is accepted with regret. The executive committee will act upon this matter, and then it will be brought before the next council meeting. Nominations are still in process, and going smoothly. A few individuals will be asked to assist Ward Voorhees with offering tabulation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Saugstad, acting secretary

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Attention Kindness Service Group!

February is your service group month to help out as ushers, communion preparers, greeters, nursery attendants and coffee hour servers.

Please check with your service group chairpersons (Leon & Marilyn Smith at 246-3241 or Kent & Erica Swenson at 589-0067) to see if there are any areas that need to be filled in.

Your help is very much appreciated!

February 7

Lectors: 8:15am—Mariyln Allen 10:45am—Ward Voorhees

Ushers: 8:15am—Scott Staples, Glen & Kahla Gillespie, and Leon Smith

10:45am—Jay & Jolene Hanson family

Communion Servers:

8:15am—Dennis & Carole Johnson

Communion Preparer: 8:15am—Kahla Gillespie

Acolytes: 8:15am—Wade Ehlers & Steve Jungst

10:45am—Kendra Buro & Tristan Michealson

Worship Taper: 10:45am—Steve Wagner

Nursery Attendant: 10:45am—Kristin Grove

Coffee Hour: 9:15am—Mary Ann Scharf & Rochelle Anderson

February 14

Lectors: 8:15am—Nina Overland 10:45am—Lauren Carlson

Ushers: 8:15am—Scott Staples, Glen & Kahla Gillespie, and Leon Smith

10:45am—Marty & Kristin Ohren, Rich & Judy Buro

Communion Servers:

10:45am—Barry & Nancy Erdahl

Communion Preparer: 10:45am—Judy Buro

Acolytes: 8:15am—Austin Hills & Justine Huebner

10:45am—Brittany Harrison & Matthew Ohren

Worship Taper: 10:45am—Tom Grotjohm

Nursery Attendant: 10:45am—Kristin Grove

Coffee Hour: 9:15am—JELLO Youth Group

February 17—Ash Wednesday

Ushers: 7:00pm—Ward & Carol Voorhees

Acolytes: 7:00pm—Katelynn Okeson & Haley Rohloff

Communion Preparer: 7:00pm—Mary Ann Scharf

Nursery Attendant: 7:00pm

February 21

Lectors: 8:15am—Roger Boleman 10:45am—Nancy Sparby

Ushers: 8:15am—David & Yvonne Evenson, Scott Staples, and Leon Smith

10:45am—Dale & Lois Peterson, Lavonne Watson, Jerry Siebel

Communion Servers:

8:15am—Dave & Yvonne Evenson

Communion Preparer: 8:15am—Marilyn Smith

Acolytes: 8:15am—Beth Holland & Brenna Monroe

10:45am—Dani Schultz & Andrew Hutchings

Worship Taper: 10:45am—Marty Ohren

Nursery Attendant: 10:45am—

Coffee Hour: 9:15am—Dale & Lois Peterson, Ruth Bentson

February 24—Lenten Service

Ushers: 7:00pm—Lavonne Watson, Priscilla Wood, Jerry Seibel

Nursery Attendant: 7:00pm

February 28

Lectors: 8:15am—Marilyn Smith 10:45am—Jane Johnson

Ushers: 8:15am—Scott Staples, Leon & Marilyn Smith, and Karen Bolling

10:45am—Ward Voorhees, Lavonne Watson, Rich & Judy Buro

Communion Servers: 10:45am—Doug & Sharon Ehlers

Communion Preparer: 10:45am—Judy Buro

Acolytes: 8:15am—John Huebner & Blake Okeson

10:45am—Noah Grove & Sean Brustuen

Worship Taper: 10:45am—Michael Sparby

Nursery Attendant: 10:45am—

Coffee Hour: 9:15am—Mary Ann Scharf, Ward & Carol Voorhees

Thanks to the Peace Service Group

for their upcoming help during the month of March as coffee hour servers, nursery attendants, greeters, ushers and communion preparers.

Greg & Kristi Abler

J. Allen & Marvel Anderson

Lori & Justin Anderson

Jim & Jill Beauregard

Katherine Benson

Gary & Deb Brunko

Gordon Dalseide

Kyle & Amy Dougherty

Steve & Sue Dudding

John & Marie Eblen

Doug & Sharon Ehlers

Allan & Liz Harris

Bob & Nadine Heck

Steve & Randee Hokanson

Dennis & Carole Johnson

Dave Jungst & Lindy Ekola

Gary & Corrine Knochenmus

Paul & Christine Mahoney

Todd & Kris Mattson

Bruce & Laura McCormack

Dale & Liz Michaelson

David & Dorothy Minners

Troy & Beth Minners

Virene Nagl

Diane Nelson

Wayde & Laura Peterson

Tammy Roth

Ron & Deanna Rosen

Shelly Schneider

John & Jean Schultz

Robert & Jeri Staples

Robert & Joanne Thompson

Ryan & Lynn Watzke

Twig Webster

Charles & Helen Yerigan

Your help is much appreciated. Please take a moment to sign up on the board in the narthex. Others are always welcome to serve if they wish. Please extend an invitation to your friends and family!



Mission of the Month!



God's work. Our hands.

Lutheran Social Service

History

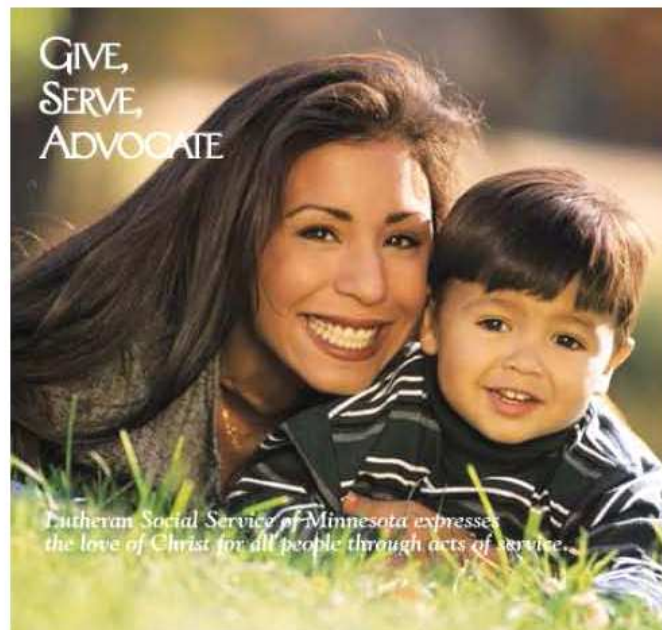
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota traces its history to 1865 when a young Swedish pastor named Eric Norelius and his congregation took in four orphaned immigrant children and later opened Vasa Lutheran Home for Children.

Today

LSS is the largest, statewide non-profit social service organization in Minnesota with over 2,200 employees who serve in 300 communities. It is owned by the six Minnesota synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Services include:

- Services for Children and Families
- Services for Seniors
- Services for People with Disabilities

Primary funding sources include ELCA and other church support, contracts for service, client fees, local United Way support, private grants, individual contributions and bequests.



Volunteers

More than ever volunteers are needed in the many programs of LSS throughout the state. From visiting with a vulnerable person to assisting communities after disaster, LSS volunteers are there... *changing lives*.

In Minnesota, LSS coordinates volunteers, contributions and resources from Lutheran congregations, and other Minnesotans who wish to help minister and care for the needs of children, families and elderly who have been affected by natural or human-caused disasters.

To find a volunteer opportunity that matches your interest, check out the listings in your community. You can directly contact the Volunteer Coordinator of the specific program for more information and an application. Other inquiries can be directed to volunteers@ssmn.org

Brought to you by the First Lutheran Stewardship Committee

FIRST EXTRA'S

Join a Bible Study Group!

- * Men's Bible Study meets at the Common Cup every Wednesday at 12:30pm. **PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME!** Topics vary and are decided on by the group.
- * Grandview Bible Study meets at Grandview Apartments on the third Thursday of each month at 2:00pm. All are welcome.
- * Zipporah Bible Study meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at various people's homes.

Upcoming Luther Crest Bible Camp Events For more information on any of these events or for a complete list of events, please visit their website at www.luthercrest.org

- * Sweetheart Event, February 13, 2010—A special meal for adult couples served by the fireplace, lit paths in the woods for walks or cross-country skiing, and uplifting devotions and more.
- * Winter Youth Retreat (7-9 grade), February 19-20—Experience the fun at Luther Crest in the winter time! Inspiring worship, crazy games and fun in the snow.

SW MN Synod Men in Mission will be held March 5-6 at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, MN. This year's theme is "The Hands of Real Men Pray." Jeff Seimon, former Viking linebacker, will be speaking both days and there will be worship, singing and small group sessions. For more information, please contact Lowell Krogstad at 507-794-2448 or pick up a brochure in the Narthex.

Women of First will hold it's monthly meeting on Thursday, February 11th at 1:30am.

Zipporah Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00pm at the home of Sharen Aker.

Soap Drive—Lutheran World Relief NEED—COMMERCIALY WRAPPED BARS OF SOAP. This soap is used overseas for schools, hospitals, clinics, households and refugee camps. This is an ongoing drive, so please continue to donate. Collection basket is located on the table in the Narthex.

Office Closed The church office will be closed Monday, February 15th in observance of President's Day.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend This weekend includes two nights in a comfortable hotel and five delicious meals from Friday at 7:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm. Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room. Upcoming Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are February 12-14 & March 19-21 in Brooklyn Center; April 16-18 in Duluth or April 30 – May 2 in Alexandria. Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org

Thank you for your recent donations of \$801.00 and \$1,000.00. We appreciate your help very much!

—Stevens County Food Shelf

A big thank you to the following people for their help in decorating for Advent and the help in removing the decorations afterwards—Bob & Nadine Heck, Delores Crow, Cheryl Higgins, LaVonne Watson, Mark Gunderson, Marlene Seip, Yvonne Evenson, Mary Alyce Krattenmarker, Rocky & Marilyn Allen.

Thank you to Deb Mahoney for delivering the poinsettias to our home-bound members.

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—Sharen Aker

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- 1) Michael Bjorklund, Vince Dalager, Sawyer Fynboh, Justin Hanson, Katie O'Keefe, Christie Olhoft
- 2) Cathy Solvie
- 3) Kevin Haugen, Johnnie Lembcke
- 4) Sheila Fahje, Cameron Kettner
- 5) Dean Danter
- 6) Matthew Haugen
- 7) Kristin Grove, Steve Van Kempen
- 8) Bruce McCormack, Chloe Mogard, Herb Nelson
- 10) Christine Grotjohn
- 12) Deb Mattheis, Genevieve Morrissey,
- 13) Nancy Grotjohn
- 14) Olivia Kettner
- 15) John Barry, Jase Minners
- 16) Lonnie Anderson, Joanne Thompson, Neil Weise
- 18) Erica Swenson
- 19) Makenna Kepner, Jeremy Kolden, Kevin Stallman
- 20) Marvel Anderson, Nancy Erdahl, Rhiana Fischer, Solomon Johnson, Wayde Peterson, Kyle Schultz, Shaune Wunder
- 21) Lillian Halbakken, Matthew Hilbrands, John Hintz, Samuel Just, Sofia Sparby
- 22) Alice Bjerk, Angi Buchanan, Malinda Meyer, Tyrone Molden
- 23) Matthew Carlson
- 24) Matt Ask, Megan Grunig
- 25) Katie Ohren, Garner Swenson, Gage Wevely
- 27) Jean Ekern, Kris Hutchings
- 28) Parker Hendrickson, Al Monroe, Corey Van Horn

happy birthday !!



LAST THINGS

Unscramble the Books of the Bible

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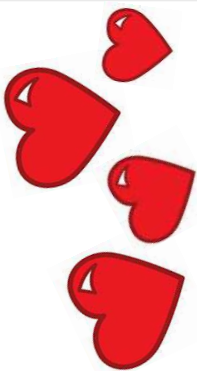


Happy Valentine's Day

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 lastagain - Galatians
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 asheepsin - Ephesians
 onmars - Romans

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Answers:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	2 7:00 AM Common Cup Board Meeting 2:00 PM Pastor Ali at West Central Christian Homes 6:00 PM Worship & Music Committee 6:45 PM All Committee Night	3 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Care Core 12:30 PM Men's Bible Study at Common Cup 2:00 PM Pastor Ali at Skyview 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Choir	4	5 7:11 AM Breakfast Club	6 9:00 AM Sub Sandwich Making
7 8:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 AM Coffee Hour 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Worship 4:30 PM LYF & Back Door Club (7th-12th grade) Super Bowl Party	8	9 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:15 PM Executive Meeting	10 12:30 PM Men's Bible Study at Common Cup 2:00 PM Pastor Todd at Skyview 6:00 PM Choir	11 8:30 AM Share & Care 1:30 PM Women of First 7:00 PM Dream Team	12 7:11 AM Breakfast Club	13 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Rehearsal
14 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Coffee Hour 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 PM New Wine	15 Office Closed - President Day 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Decorating for Fat Tuesday 6:00 PM Cub Scouts	16 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Fat Tuesday "Help for Haiti" 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	17 Ash Wednesday 11:00 AM Care Core 12:00 PM Lenten Worship 12:30 PM Men's Bible Study at Common Cup 5:45 PM Choir 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Worship	18 2:00 PM Grandview Bible Study	19 7:11 AM Breakfast Club 7:00 PM Movie: Doubt	20
21 8:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion 9:15 AM Coffee Hour 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Worship 7:00 PM New Wine	22 7:00 PM Boys Scouts	23 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Council Meeting 7:00 PM Zipporah Bible Study at Sharen Aker's	24 12:00 PM Lenten Worship 12:30 PM Men's Bible Study at Common Cup 5:45 PM Choir 6:00 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Worship	25 8:30 AM Share & Care 3:00 PM Pastor Todd at West Wind Village	26 7:11 AM Breakfast Club 4:00 PM 7th & 8th Grade Retreat	27 2:00 PM Retreat returns
28 8:15 AM Worship 9:15 AM Coffee Hour 9:30 AM Education Hour 10:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion 1:30 PM Glacial Ridge Conference Assembly at Our Saviors in Chokio 7:00 PM New Wine	29	30	1	2	3	4



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