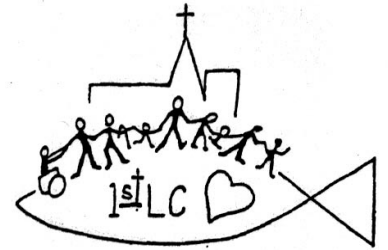


# FIRST Lutheran Church MUSINGS

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## *Ministerial Musings*

Manure! It's been said that Martin Luther was a fairly 'earthy' fellow and one doesn't get much earthier than with manure. From what I've read about Luther, he probably would have used a more common 'street term' for manure. Regardless, with the arrival of October, Lutherans tend to think about and talk about Martin Luther more, since we celebrate the Reformation that Luther started at the end of the month.

Besides calling for reforms of abuses he perceived within the Church, Luther had ideas on how to better strengthen society as well. One thing that Luther advocated for was – the education of girls and women. There were debates in Luther's day as to whether or not women had souls as well as if the feminine gender could handle higher learning. Luther said that public schooling should be available for both sexes. His premise was that having educated parents made for a better society and a better Church. (Educated parents could read the Bible for themselves as well as teaching its' truths to their children.) Another idea Luther had was that there should be 'public' libraries which would enable a common person to explore the world of knowledge.

Luther was a brilliant theologian. He had foresight into areas that we take for granted today but were novel ideas in his time. Sadly, Luther had his 'dark' side as well. He was impatient. He wrote very sharp criticisms about those who had the Gospel presented to them yet, didn't embrace the Gospel or come to faith in Jesus. Today, we Lutherans cringe at some of what Luther wrote out of impatience concerning the Jews and the 'Turks'(Muslims).

This brings me back to manure. In Luke's Gospel, chapter 13, Jesus tells a story about a man who had a fig tree. The tree

## OCTOBER 2011



### **Re-installing the Stain Glass Windows**

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#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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

## *Ministerial Musings...*

was three years old and should have been producing figs. The owner wanted figs! He told the gardener: "Chop it down!" The gardener said, "Let's give it another year. I'll loosen the soil around the tree and work in some manure. Maybe it will produce next year."

We often approach many things in life from the owners' perspective. We want things done now! We erroneously think all results should happen quickly. Like Luther, at times we get impatient.

The gardeners' suggestion about manure is no quick fix! It takes a while for the benefits of manure to become apparent. With our overburdened schedules and hectic life styles, we sometimes forget that some things just take time to see results. Like manure around a tree or in a garden. Or, like the work of a Call Committee. The Call Committee has been working diligently, often out of sight, trying to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit, in their search for a new Pastor. Yes, this process takes time. Yes, sometimes our patience wears thin. But, like the gardener and the manure, the Holy Spirit will bring forth 'fruits' in God's good time. So, in our time of waiting, we continue to be faithful to our calling by – worshipping, learning, having fellowship times, reaching out to others who are in need, and by being conduits for the Holy Spirit to work through. If we have faith, the 'fruits' will come!

Meanwhile, let's enjoy the beauties of the Fall season that God provides us!

*Pastor Ken*



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.

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| October 1  | Zephaniah 1-3  |
| October 2  | Haggai 1-2     |
| October 3  | Zechariah 1-6  |
| October 4  | Zechariah 7-10 |
| October 5  | Malachi 1-4    |
| October 6  | Matthew 1-4    |
| October 7  | Matthew 5-7    |
| October 8  | Matthew 8-9    |
| October 9  | Matthew 10-12  |
| October 10 | Matthew 13-14  |
| October 11 | Matthew 15-17  |
| October 12 | Matthew 18-20  |
| October 13 | Matthew 21-22  |
| October 14 | Matthew 23-24  |
| October 15 | Matthew 25-26  |
| October 16 | Matthew 27-28  |
| October 17 | Mark 1-3       |
| October 18 | Mark 4-6       |
| October 19 | Mark 7-9       |
| October 20 | Mark 10-13     |
| October 21 | Mark 14-16     |
| October 22 | Luke 1         |
| October 23 | Luke 2-3       |
| October 24 | Luke 4-5       |
| October 25 | Luke 6-7       |
| October 26 | Luke 8-9       |
| October 27 | Luke 10-11     |
| October 28 | Luke 12-13     |
| October 29 | Luke 14-16     |
| October 30 | Luke 17-18     |
| October 31 | Luke 19-20     |

Check out the Book of Faith website for the Weekly Reflections at [www.bookoffaith.org](http://www.bookoffaith.org) or pick one up on the table in the Narthex.

Mark your calendars!

# Scandinavian Heritage Dinner and Silent Auction

Wednesday, November 2nd  
serving from 4:00-7:00pm

Featuring lutefisk with butter, meatballs & gravy, potatoes, baked squash, lefse, flat bread & rye bread, rice cream or almond cake, rosettes, spritz and krumkake.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS!

Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Many of the work items will be done in a workshop setting so you can take new skills home to share with family and friends! Call Carole at 589-4124 if you have any questions. The lefse making date has been set for Saturday, October 29th starting at 9:00am!

## Silent Auction



Congregational Life will also be sponsoring its annual Silent Basket Auction, which will conclude the night of the fall dinner. Put your creative hats on and consider donating a basket or two. Items can include (but are not limited to) crafts, food items, services for hire, gently used items, etc. ***Please have your donated auction items to the church office by October 19th.*** When dropping off your item, we hope you will fill out a bidding sheet with a description of the item and a suggested minimum bid. And of course, once items are in place we will need your bids as well! ***Bidding will open on Sunday, October 23rd and will conclude the night of the Scandinavian Heritage Dinner on Wednesday, November 2nd.***



**A NEW SEASON IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!**

The musical has been chosen.... **"ONCE UPON A PARABLE."** The tour destination determined... **CHICAGO!** and the fall schedule set!

Invite your friends,  
recruit all 9th-12th graders and  
come to the student/parent meeting  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**  
**AT 7:00PM**

Auditions will be on Sunday, November 6th at  
5pm and Sunday, November 13th at 7pm

### **NEW WINE COMMITTEE FORMATION**

Once again we are looking for adults willing to support New Wine by serving on one of the leadership team that will make the 2011-2012 season possible. The committees that make up the teams are: Drama/Music, Tour Planning (Chicago), Finances/Fundraising and Dinner/Dessert Theatre. All who are interested are invited to an organizational meeting on **Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:30pm at First Lutheran Church.**

**NEW WINE 2011** would like to thank the First Lutheran congregation for its generous support this past year. In May, we gave 4 Dessert Theater performances in front of great audiences. We took our show on the road to Colorado in June, and had 7 performances (including New Wine Sunday) over 10 days. We had a great experience, and touched many lives with our message.

Our service project was with a non-profit organization in Aurora, CO, a suburb of Denver, called Colfax Community Network. They operate a day camp for children in the Colfax Avenue area. Our group helped with academic and social activities during the morning, and field trips (swimming and Coors Field) in the afternoon. We also performed at their Family Fun Night. Their staff was very appreciative of the interaction and assistance our young people provided. Our staff was very proud of the way our group pitched in to help and make a difference in the lives of these children. Again, a huge thank you to this congregation (and other area congregations) for making this possible.

We couldn't have done this without the help of our Music/Drama team, the fundraising group, the kitchen crew, and the tour counselors. Thank you for volunteering your time- we appreciate your efforts more than we can say!!!

If you are interested in helping out with New Wine 2012, please attend the Committee Formation Meeting or call Suzanne Smith (589-1906) if you have questions.



# 7th, 8th & 9th Confirmation Schedule

| Date         | Time        | Event                          |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Wed., Oct 5  | 5:30-7:30pm | Confirmation Class             |
| Wed., Oct 12 | 5:30-7:30pm | Confirmation Class             |
| Wed., Oct 19 | 3:30-4:30pm | Acolyte Training               |
| Wed., Oct 26 | 5:30-7:30pm | Confirmation Class             |
| Sun., Oct 30 | 10:45am     | Acolyte Commissioning          |
| Wed., Nov 9  | 5:30-7:30pm | Confirmation Class             |
| Wed., Nov 16 | 5:30-7:30pm | Confirmation Class             |
| Nov 18 & 19  |             | Synod Jr. High Youth Gathering |
| Wed., Nov 30 | 5:30-7:30pm | Confirmation Class             |
| Wed., Dec 7  | 5:30-6:15pm | Confirmation Class             |
| Wed., Dec 14 | 5:30-6:15pm | Confirmation Class             |



## Second Grade Bible Class

On Sunday, October 23rd at the 10:45am worship service, we will presenting our second graders with their first Bible. In preparation for that day, we invite second graders and their parents to join us for an evening class on the Bible. In this class, we learn about how to read the Bible and more! We will meet on Wednesday, October 19th from 6:30-7:30pm.

# BACK DOOR CLUB

for all 7th and 8th Graders!!

**ROMANS + CHRISTIANS**  
and other crazy games!

**Sunday, October 2nd  
at 6:59pm**

*Meet at Kleinwolverink's home*  
Invite your friends—games will be followed by a campfire and s'mores.

**Attention all 9th-12th Graders!!**

*Get That Homework Done!*  
*Get Someone to Work For You!*  
It's...

# ROMANS & CHRISTIANS

**Sunday, October 9th at 7:11pm**  
*place to be determined—watch the bulletin for more info!*

**We will play Romans and Christians—an exciting game of outdoor hide and seek that attempts to reflect what it would be like to be a persecuted Christian in the Roman Empire. Invite your friends for a night of crazy fun!**

# Now Showing in the Church Theatre



## Madame Butterfly

An adaption of Giacomo Puccini's heartrending opera about a beautiful young geisha who sacrifices her family, her religion and, ultimately, her life for her American husband. Cio-Cio-San

(Ying Huang) is the young bride of Lt. Pinkerton (Richard Troxell), who buys her love while stationed in Japan with no intention of ever taking her home to America. Not-rated (1995) 133 minutes

**Friday,  
October 21st  
7:00pm**

As always....  
free admission  
and free popcorn!  
Invite your friends  
for a night  
at the movies!



## FIRST-FRUIT'S CARDS MAILING BACK TO YOU

The "First Fruits" commitment cards which were turned in last November have been saved and are now being mailed back to you, as promised. The envelopes were not opened, since this is a personal promise between each of us and the Lord.

The statement of giving through Sept 30 will be mailed out in early October, so you can compare the amount intended with the amount actually given.

We hope even more of you will fill out and turn in the First Fruits cards this year!

First Lutheran Stewardship Committee

**What's Up at First?**  
**All-Committee Night**  
Tuesday, October 4th at 6:45pm  
Worship & Music and  
Theatre Committees at 6:00pm



## A LOOK at the BUDGET

|                             | Actual for<br><b>August 2011</b> | Actual for year     |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Offerings                   | \$16,867.41                      | \$175,361.18        |
| Expenses                    | \$15,317.64                      | \$179,009.06        |
| Offerings minus<br>Expenses | <b>\$1,549.77</b>                | <b>(\$3,647.88)</b> |

# Fibromyalgia

**Fibromyalgia** is a chronic syndrome that produces achy pain, tenderness and stiffness in the muscles and joints where tendons attach to your bones. Pain is usually worse after inactivity and improves with movement.

## Symptoms

Common symptoms that lead to the diagnosis include general aches and pain and stiffness in joints and muscles. The type of pain can vary. It often affects areas where tendons attached muscle to bones. Symptoms frequently include the following:

- widespread aching, lasting more than 3 months
- fatigue and non-restful, non-restorative sleep
- morning stiffness
- tender joints on the body, usually at site of muscle attachment
- associated problems such as headaches, irritable bowel syndrome and pelvic pain

Fibromyalgia is a "diagnosis of exclusion." Currently, there are no laboratory tests that can be used to help make the diagnosis. Your doctor will make the diagnosis after considering other causes for your symptoms.

## Self Care Techniques

- Pace yourself. Reduce your stress and avoid long hours of repetitive activity. Develop a routine that alternates work with rest.
- Develop a regular, low-impact exercise program such as walking, biking, swimming and plenty of strengthening supportive muscles, especially abdominal muscles.
- Improve your sleep naturally with daily physical activity. To avoid undesirable side effects, use sleep medications sparingly, if at all.
- If necessary, use over-the-counter pain medications occasionally.

## Prevention

The best thing you can do to avoid or minimize fibromyalgia is to keep yourself in good physical condition, reduce stress and get adequate sleep.

- Try not to quit your job. Fibromyalgia seems to worsen in people who go on disability and eliminate activity entirely.
- Learn relaxation techniques. Try massage and warm baths.
- Find a support group that emphasizes maintaining health.
- Ask your family and friends for support.

*The above information was obtained from the Mayo Clinic Guide to Selfcare.*

Your's in Christ's healing,  
Vicki Maanum, RN and Kristi Ablor, RN



**BLOOD PRESSURE  
CHECKS WILL BE  
STARTING ON  
Sunday, October 9th  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
BETWEEN WORSHIP SERVICES**



**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS  
WILL BE DONE THE  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EACH MONTH!**

It is best to have your blood pressure taken before drinking coffee, as caffeine can raise your blood pressure.

## Support Missionary For A Day and honor a loved one ~ \$15.00/day

Pastor Dirk, Sarah, Eva and Ellen Stadtlander are ELCA missionaries serving in Senegal. They were called to missionary service in 2005 after Dirk's graduation from Wartburg Seminary. The Stadtlanders moved to Dakar, Senegal where they began work with Lutheran Christians. In the spring of 2007 they were reassigned to Linguere, Senegal where they work with the Fulbe Christians in the area. Through our support they are able to share the Word and support families and friends in West Africa!

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- Sept 2 In memory of Slim Hokanson
- Sept 3 Happy Birthday Verna Hawkinson from Jo Solvie
- Sept 4 In memory of my aunt Willa Mason by Gary Eidsvold
- Sept 5 In memory of Charles on his birthday by Arlis Kloos
- Sept 6 In memory of Mae Matthews Dahl,  
mother of Cheryl Matthews
- Sept 7 In honor of Sylvia Yarger
- Sept 8 In honor of Elliott Andrew Fischer, newborn  
grandson of Allan Saugstad & Cheryl Matthews
- Sept 9 In memory of Slim Hokanson from his family
- Sept 10 Happy Birthday to Sylvia Yarger from Jo Solvie
- Sept 11 In honor of Cheryl Matthews birthday  
from her family
- Sept 12 In honor of Ben and Emily Ehlers' birthday  
from mom and dad
- Sept 13 In memory of Walter Hokanson by Muriel Lindback
- Sept 14 In honor of Sylvia Yarger's 90th birthday
- Sept 15 In memory of Rita's mother from Evelyn Warnes
- Sept 16 In memory of Slim Hokanson
- Sept 17 In memory of Sarge Pochardt on his birthday  
from Eleanor and family
- Sept 18 In honor of Sylvia Yarger
- Sept 19 In memory of Harriet Anderson on her birthday  
by Eleanor Pochardt
- Sept 20 In memory of Rita's mother from Sylvia Yarger
- Sept 21 In memory of Slim Hokanson
- Sept 22 In memory of Don Fellows from his family
- Sept 23 In honor of Sylvia Yarger's 90th birthday
- Sept 24 In memory of Sarge Pochardt from Eleanor & family
- Sept 25 In memory of Jamie on her birthday from Arlis Kloos
- Sept 26 In memory of Slim Hokanson from his family
- Sept 27 In memory of Sarge Pochardt from Eleanor & family
- Sept 28 In memory of my mother from Pearl Johnson  
In memory of Helen Rose Olson
- Sept 29 In loving memory of John Solvie from his family
- Sept 30 In honor of Sylvia Yarger

## Service Group Shakeup

Effective January 1, 2012 we will be implementing some changes in how we meet the service needs at First Lutheran Church. In the past we have used service groups to do a variety of jobs in the church. Starting in January we are separating worship responsibilities from fellowship activities. Our Service Groups will continue to serve coffee hours, funerals, and any potlucks or other fellowship activities. Worship responsibilities such as ushering, communion preparation, nursery, and greeting will be handled the way that lecturing, communion serving, and videotaping currently are scheduled. We will take names off of the Time & Talent sheets and make up a schedule which will be sent out to those who have volunteered.

In order to make this new system work, we need everyone to fill out a time and talent sheet. We hope all will volunteer for at least one or more jobs. We already did a push with the Time & Talent sheets on Rally Sunday. If you were not present that Sunday, the Time & Talent sheet is on page 9 of this newsletter and are also available at the church office.

Our First Lutheran website ([www.firstlutheranmorris.org](http://www.firstlutheranmorris.org)) has all of the volunteer positions listed along with a job description for each. A print copy is available at the church office. You may also call me with any questions you have. If you are new to a position we will pair you up with someone who has done this before. If you prefer not to fill out a sheet but simply want to contact me directly with the tasks you are eager to do, you can call me at 320-808-4500 or 795-2978, email me at [dsehlers@runestone.net](mailto:dsehlers@runestone.net), or leave a note at the church office.

The current service groups will also be mixed up again and set up on a three year rotation for service months. All of this will be effective January 2012. Please take a few minutes to fill out the form or contact me as to how you want to help out this coming year.

Thank you!  
Sharon Ehlers

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred methods of contact (circle two):

1. e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2. cell/text: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

3. post card: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

4. phone call: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the areas where you are willing to serve, and return the completed sheet to the church office

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WORSHIP               | <input type="checkbox"/> LEARNING                 | <input type="checkbox"/> FELLOWSHIP               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun. School teacher      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Dinner              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible reader (lector) | <input type="checkbox"/> Music leader             | <input type="checkbox"/> Soup Suppers             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion prep.       | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas program        | <input type="checkbox"/> Luther's Eatery          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serve communion       | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education          | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Events            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild           | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation Bible School    | <input type="checkbox"/> Parade Floats            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery               | <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation mentor      | <input type="checkbox"/> Co-chair a service group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter               | <input type="checkbox"/> Acolyte training         | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal decorating      |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Conf. small group leader |   |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MISSION/OUTREACH     | <input type="checkbox"/> PROPERTY & OFFICE | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEE WORK        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship videotaper   | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Volunteer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship and Music     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday meals        | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn/Yard Work    | <input type="checkbox"/> Education             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat for Humanity | <input type="checkbox"/> Bldg. Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Management   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone visitors   | <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Cleaning  | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/sound syst. | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow removal      | <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational Life   |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions & Evangelism |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC MINISTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> YOUTH MINISTRY   | <input type="checkbox"/> DELEGATE/REPRESENTATIVE  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Synod Assembly           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary Group            | <input type="checkbox"/> Supportive adult | <input type="checkbox"/> Glacial Ridge Conference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> Lutheran Band | <input type="checkbox"/> New Wine         | <input type="checkbox"/> Luther Crest Bible Camp  |



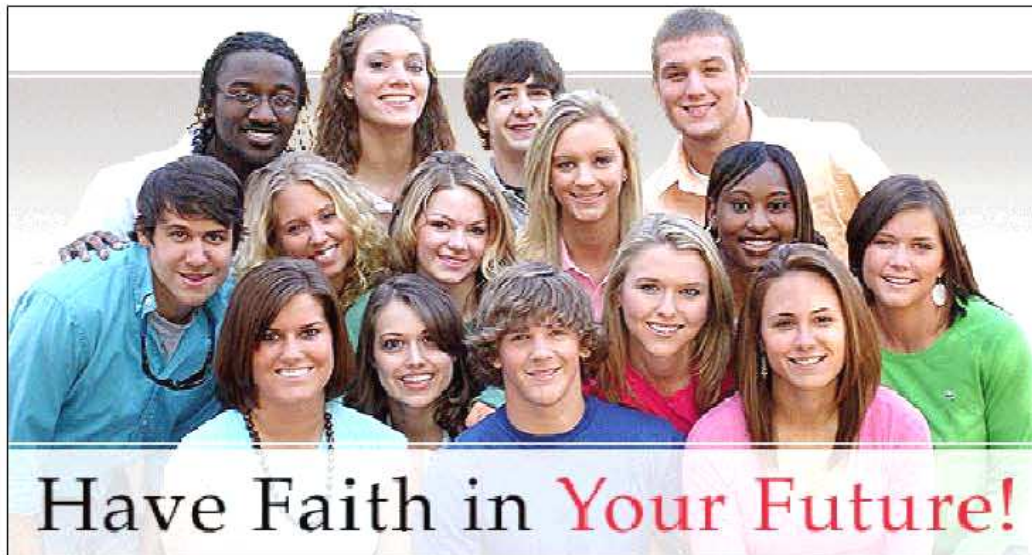
# Mission of the Month!



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# WORSHIP SERVANTS

## **Attention Grace Service Group!**

October 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:  
*Julie & Al Monroe at 589-4137*  
to see if there are any areas that need to be filled in.  
*Thank you! Your help is very much appreciated!*

### **Sunday, October 2**

*Lectors:* 8:15am—Al Harris  
10:45am—Steve Just  
*Ushers:* 8:15am—Al & Brenna Monroe  
10:45am—  
*Communion Servers:* 8:15am—Jolene Hanson, Steve Hammond & Mark Mattheis  
*Communion Preparer:* 8:15am—Vicki Dalager  
*Acolytes:* 8:15am—Tahni Jungst & Wade Ehlers  
10:45am—Max Jerke & Cody Beyer  
*Worship Taper:* 10:45am—Todd Staples & Brenna Monroe  
*Nursery Attendant:* 10:45am—Bobbi Siegel  
*Coffee Hour:* 9:15am—Julie Monroe & Jeanne Richards

### **Sunday, October 9**

*Lectors:* 8:15am—Marilyn Smith  
10:45am—Marty Ohren  
*Ushers:* 8:15am—Jim & Jacqui Hills family  
10:45am—Michael & Nancy Sparby family,  
Allan Saugstad  
*Communion Servers:* 10:45am—Dennis & Carole Johnson  
*Communion Preparer:* 10:45am—Lauren Carlson  
*Acolytes:* 8:15am—Becca Holland & Andrew Ulrich  
10:45am—Blake Amundson & Gabriel Sparby  
*Worship Taper:* 10:45am—Steve Hokanson  
*Nursery Attendant:* 10:45am—  
*Coffee Hour:* 9:15am—Jeanne Richards

### **Sunday, October 16**

*Lectors:* 8:15am—Nina Overland  
10:45am—Nancy Sparby  
*Ushers:* 8:15am—Al Monroe  
10:45am—Jacqui Hills  
*Communion Servers:* 8:15am—Bob & Nadine Heck  
*Communion Preparer:* 8:15am—Natasha Mortenson  
*Acolytes:* 8:15am—Cole Watzke & Noah Grove  
10:45am—Austin & Blaine Hills  
*Worship Taper:* 10:45am—Mike & Gabriel Sparby  
*Nursery Attendant:* 10:45am—Bobbi Siegel  
*Coffee Hour:* 9:15am—Alan & Julie Monroe family

### **Sunday, October 23**

*Lectors:* 8:15am—Randee Hokanson  
10:45am—Allan Saugstad  
*Ushers:* 8:15am—Michael & Nancy Sparby family  
10:45am—Allan Saugstad  
*Communion Servers:* 10:45am—Kyle Kepner, Mick Rose  
*Communion Preparer:* 10:45am—Vicki Dalager  
*Acolytes:* 8:15am—Jackson Boever & Thomas Wulff  
10:45am—Becca & Beth Holland  
*Worship Taper:* 10:45am—Skip Maanum  
*Nursery Attendant:* 10:45am—  
*Coffee Hour:* 9:15am—7th, 8th & 9th grade confirmation class

### **Sunday, October 30**

*Lectors:* 8:15am—Ward Voorhees  
10:45am—Cathy Anderson  
*Ushers:* 8:15am—  
10:45am—Del & Carlene Sarlette  
*Communion Servers:* 8:15am—Skip & Vicki Maanum  
10:45am—Suzanne Smith, Mike Sparby  
*Communion Preparer:* 8:15am—  
10:45am—Vicki Dalager  
*Acolytes:* 8:15am—Sean Brustuen & Krista Matthews-Saugstad  
10:45am—Thomas Holland & Matt Ohren  
*Worship Taper:* 10:45am—Bruce McCormack  
*Nursery Attendant:* 10:45am—

## **Thanks to the Charity Service Group**

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

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Rocky & Marilyn Allen            | Tom & Nancy Grotjohn          |
| John & Tabitha Amundson          | Scott & Kelly Hentges         |
| <b>Doyle &amp; Jone Anderson</b> | Matt & Adrienne Hilbrands     |
| Eugene & Cathy Anderson          | Kris Hutchings                |
| Jeff & Ali Anderson              | Kirby & Jenni Johnson         |
| Jerry & Ardell Anderson          | Deb Kolden                    |
| Ryan & Laura Anderson            | Mary Alyce Krattenmaker       |
| Roger & Joan Boleman             | Allan & Diane Mithun          |
| Emilie Brustuen                  | Heidi & Bill Schuelke         |
| Wanda Dagen & Doug Moe           | Denise & Mike Odello          |
| Dave & Lisa Dybdal               | Kathy O'Keefe                 |
| Muriel Lindback                  | <b>Don &amp; Karen Ritter</b> |
| Dennis & Sandy Fuhrman           | Kevin & Amy Stallman          |
| Ken & Noreen Grunig              | Heidi Suess                   |
| John & Jenni Hintz               | Greg & Julie Thymian          |
| Chad & Stephanie Hoberg          | Steve & Jill VanKempen        |
| Arlene Fellows                   | Jim & Peg Wellendorf          |

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

# COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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## First Lutheran Church Council Minutes

September 13, 2011

**Members Present:** Kyle Kepner, Rhonda Lair, Deb Brunko, Dave Jungst, Jim Wellendorf, Mark Mattheis, Tom Grotjohn, Bob Heck. **Members Absent:** Nicole Bakker, Ray Bowman, Linda Holland. **Staff Present:** Pastor Ken.

The meeting was called to order by Kyle at 6:30 pm. The mission statement was read in unison. Devotions were given by Pastor Ken.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion made by Jim, seconded by Bob and carried to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

**Treasurers' Report:** Treasurer's report was reviewed. Current balance is \$715.43. Unallocated balance is \$22,115.44, Stained Glass Window fund is \$14,700.92, Piano fund is -0-, and Front steps fund is \$19,752.64.

**Staff Report:** Pastor Ken reported that his meeting with the confirmation parents went well. Changing to 3 weeks per month was well received. Supper will be served each Wednesday as in previous years. A Jr. High synod retreat is coming up in November.

### Committee Reports:

**Property:** The 2 windows in the large upper classroom are being replaced. The cost will be \$1938.00. The money has been donated by Mary Ann Scharf. Thank you Mary Ann. We have received a proposal for the courtyard fence from Steve Rudney for \$2460.00. A quote from Buttweiler's Roofing in the amount of \$6320.00 for repairs to the roof has also been received.

A motion was made by Tom and seconded by Dave to pay for the roof repairs and fence from the Koch estate money, motion carried.

**Education:** Met with Sunday school teachers and introduced the Spark curriculum and the new Spark bibles to them.

**Stewardship:** Time and Talent sheets were finalized. Mission and Vision statements were finalized. "First Fruits" commitment cards will be mailed out the week of Sept. 19. We will be using the same format for this fall. Kyle will give a temple talk at both services on Sept. 25. Financial statements will be printed after Sept. 25 and assembled Oct. 4 and mailed shortly after that.

**Worship & Music:** Discussed a combined Thanksgiving service with Faith Lutheran and Federated. Pastor Ken will talk to the other pastors. It was felt that the summer service schedule went well. Discussed Christ the King Sunday which is Nov. 20, Reformation Sunday which is Oct. 30 and Advent which starts Nov. 27. During coffee hour on October 30 Worship and Music Committee will be serving an egg muffin breakfast.

**Youth:** No report

**Congregational Life:** No report

**Mission & Evangelism:** No committee

**Call Committee update:** They have a candidate but are waiting news from the synod.

Interim candidate Bill Russell will be interviewed on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 pm.

Women of First requested a \$1000.00 loan from the Koch estate for the balance of the chairs for the fellowship hall. Motion made by Mark, seconded by Tom and carried to grant the loan.

Motion made by Mark and seconded by Dave to give the \$333.57 from Luther's Eatery to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade bible fund.

Recently the church council was approached by a member of the local PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) to make a brochure available through the church. Much discussion was held and a motion was made by Jim and seconded by Mark to decline the request to distribute the brochure due to the fact that PFLAG is not a faith based organization. Motion carried.

The Lord's Prayer was recited in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Brunko,  
Council Secretary

**Zipporah Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, October 18th at 7pm at the home Evelyn Warnes.

**Neil Leroux on "Martin Luther"** at First Lutheran! Professor Neil Leroux from UMM will make two presentations during the Education Hour at 9:30am on Sunday, Oct 23rd and Oct 30th. *Martin Luther--His Life, His Writings and His Relevance for Today* will be the topic. Professor Leroux recently retired after spending much of his career researching the writings of Martin Luther. Don't miss this unique opportunity for adult education!

**A Caring Bridge** website has been established for those that wish to keep up-to-date and/or send messages to Sherman Waage and his family. To visit his website, please go to [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org) and type in: shermanwaage (no spaces or capital letters) under the "visit website."

### **Soap Drive—Lutheran World Relief**

Bath size commercially wrapped soap needed! This soap is used over-seas for schools, hospitals, clinics, households and refugee camps. This is an ongoing drive, so please continue to donate. A collection basket is located on the table in the Narthex. Please, no hotel soaps or soaps not in their original packages.

**"The Preacher and the Teacher"** Comedy Duo share humor through story telling as it relates to growing up in Minnesota and funny things that happen in families and at work. The stories are true and the laughter is real. This entertaining program will take place at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, Oct 9th at 6:30pm. The event is sponsored by the Stevens County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The evening will also include an update on allocating Thrivent Choice dollars and light refreshments. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome to attend!

**Fall Dinner Donations** The First Lutheran Fall Dinner has been set for November 2, 2011. We are in need of your help to make this a success. If you are able to help out, please sign up in the Narthex! Questions? please call Carole or Dennis Johnson at 589-4124.

**Candle lighting for Mental Illness** October is mental illness awareness month. On Sunday, October 9th at First Lutheran a candle will be lit and prayers said for persons with mental illnesses and their families. For further information on mental illnesses, phone National Alliance on Mental Illness, 1-888-999-NAMI.

**Nothing But Nets** Malaria is a disease caused by a parasite from infected mosquitoes. This disease claims lives, fuels poverty and causes needless suffering. Through the Lutheran Malaria Initiative, you can help the world's poorest people protect themselves from this devastating disease. A \$10.00 donation covers the cost of one insecticide treated mosquito net and malaria prevention education for a small family in Africa. One net will cover 4 people. Donations to this cause can be placed in the donation box located on the lower level.

**Fall Bazaar** at the Minnewaska Lutheran Home in Starbuck will be held on Saturday, October 8th from 9:00am-1:00pm. Come and enjoy lunch, baked goods, grab bags, crafts, white elephant sale, and raffles!

**57th Annual Smorgasbord** at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson on Wednesday, October 26th serving from 4:30-7:30pm. On the menu: roast pork, mashed potatoes & gravy, meatballs, coleslaw, deviled eggs, roomegrot, sotsuppe, potet & blod klub, rullepølse, lefse, flatbread and assorted cookies. Adults \$12.00, ages 12 & under \$5.00.

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**Meatball Supper** at Glenwood Lutheran Church on Wednesday, October 12th serving from 4:30-7:30pm. On the menu: meatballs & gravy, real mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, coleslaw, homemade bread and home baked pies. Adults \$8.50, ages 4-12 \$4.00, 3 and under free.





*New Wine of First Lutheran:*

*Thank you so much for your sincere generosity in supporting the work of Colfax Community Network with your donation of \$1,339.00. What a tremendous donation! Thank you for including us in your 2011 Tour. Without gifts and donations from kind people like you, CCN would not be able to do the work it does with children and families in debilitating poverty without a place to call home.*

—Jennifer Herrera

Colfax Community Network, Executive Director

*I would like to thank Pastor Ken for his visits and prayers while I was a patient in the hospital.*

—Betty Kolden

*The Feed My Starving Children packing event held in Morris the end of August was a tremendous success! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way! The numbers were awesome...over \$44,000 raised...1106 volunteers....231,552 meals packed...634 kids fed daily for a whole year! Every single person who helped in any way was all part of a miracle!!*

*Thank you for your cards, visits and flowers.*

—Lillian Ehlers

*On behalf of all the campers, parents, staff, volunteers and board members, we thank you for supporting Luther Crest!*

—Kelli Risnes

*A sincere thank you for all the prayers and cards of sympathy after the death of my mother.*

—Rita Bye


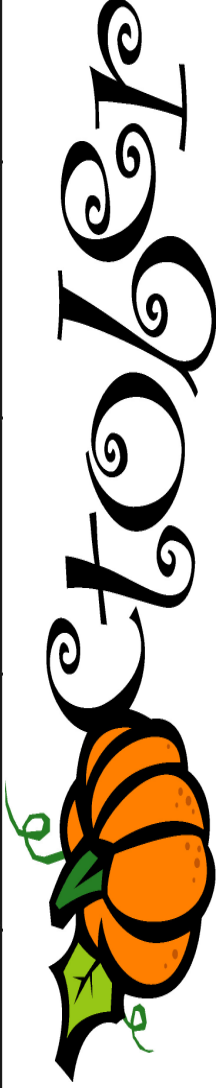
*Thank you for your recent donation of \$65.00 to ELCA Disaster Response.*

—Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger & Disaster Appeal



- 2) Lindy Ekola, Michael Sparby
- 3) Irene Fuhrman, Jackie Thymian
- 4) Bobbi Siegel
- 5) Judy Bluth, Bella Brustuen, Nina Overland
- 6) Ella Pedersen, Peter Sarlette
- 7) Lane Hoberg
- 8) Arlene Fellows, Aidan Lebrija, Eleanor Pochardt
- 9) Jennifer Bockoven, Robert Hoffart, Kathy O'Keefe
- 10) Laurie Feuchtenberger, Mark McCormack
- 11) Bonnie Ask, Jo Solvie, Steven Sterud
- 12) Alycia Abler, Chris Brustuen, Shirley Tomlin, Tom Tomlin
- 13) Randee Hokanson
- 14) Michael Hammond, Barbara Stevenson
- 15) Maddox Hendrickson, Natasha Mortenson, Mary Anne Peterson
- 17) Joyce Huebner, Lowell Rasmussen, Harlan Van Horn
- 18) J. Allan Anderson, Nicole Knochenmus, Eleanor Moses
- 19) Kellie Hentges
- 20) Irene Monroe, Grace Sherod, Sally Utech
- 21) Corrie Erdahl, Josh Fossum, Noah Grove
- 23) Patti Rach, Joe Holland
- 24) Eugene Anderson, Scott Pedersen
- 25) Jordan Bjernebo
- 26) Payton Sterud, Anne Webster
- 27) Shirley Tullos
- 28) Scott Hentges, Ashlyn Hintz, Mark Smith, Jill Van Kempen
- 29) Ryan Anderson
- 30) Trevor Mace, Arora Nemmers
- 31) Gary Lagred, Sibley Mattson

| Sunday  | Monday                           | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| <p>25<br/>8:15 AM Worship<br/>9:15 AM Coffee Hour<br/>9:30 AM Education Hour<br/>10:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion</p>   | <p>26<br/>7:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> | <p>27<br/>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br/>9:30 AM Staff Mtg</p>   | <p>28<br/>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM<br/>Confirmation<br/>6:00 PM Choir</p>  |  |   |  |
| <p>2<br/>8:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion<br/>9:15 AM Coffee Hour<br/>9:30 AM Education Hour<br/>10:45 AM Worship<br/>6:59 PM 7th &amp; 8th Grade Youth Event at Kleinwolterink's</p>                                    | <p>3</p>                         | <p>4<br/>7:00 AM Common Cup<br/>Board Meeting<br/>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br/>9:30 AM Staff Mtg<br/>6:00 PM Worship &amp; Music<br/>6:45 PM All Committee<br/>Night</p> | <p>5<br/>12:00 PM Care Core<br/>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM<br/>Confirmation<br/>6:00 PM Choir</p>  | <p>6<br/>6:00 PM Boy Scouts</p>   | <p>7</p>  | <p>8<br/>9:00 AM Contemporary<br/>Worship Team</p> |
| <p>9<br/>8:15 AM Worship<br/>9:15 AM Coffee Hour<br/>9:30 AM Education Hour<br/>10:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion<br/>7:11 PM 9th-12th Grade Youth Event</p>   | <p>10</p>                        | <p>11<br/>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br/>9:30 AM Staff Mtg<br/>5:15 PM Audit<br/>6:30 PM Council Meeting</p>   | <p>12<br/>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM<br/>Confirmation<br/>6:00 PM Choir<br/>7:30 PM New Wine<br/>Committee Formation<br/>Meeting</p>                   | <p>13<br/>8:30 AM Share &amp; Care</p>  | <p>14</p>   | <p>15</p>  |
| <p>16<br/>8:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion<br/>9:15 AM Coffee Hour<br/>9:30 AM Education Hour<br/>10:45 AM Worship<br/>6:00 PM Boys Scouts</p>   | <p>17</p>                        | <p>18<br/>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br/>9:30 AM Staff Mtg<br/>7:00 PM Zipporah Bible<br/>Study at Evelyn Warnes'</p>  | <p>19<br/>12:00 PM Care Core<br/>3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Acolyte<br/>Training<br/>6:00 PM Choir<br/>6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 2nd<br/>Grade Bible Class</p> | <p>20<br/>2:00 PM West Central<br/>Christian Homes Bible<br/>Study</p>            | <p>21<br/>7:00 PM Movie: Madame<br/>Butterfly</p> | <p>22</p>  |
| <p>23<br/>8:15 AM Worship<br/>9:15 AM Coffee Hour<br/>9:30 AM Education Hour<br/>10:45 AM Presentation of 2nd Grade<br/>Bibles<br/>10:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion<br/>7:00 PM New Wine Student/Parent<br/>Meeting</p> | <p>24</p>                        | <p>25<br/>7:30 AM Men's Bible Study<br/>9:30 AM Staff Mtg<br/>2:00 PM Pastor Ken at<br/>West Central Christian<br/>Homes</p>  | <p>26<br/>5:30 PM - 7:30 PM<br/>Confirmation<br/>6:00 PM Choir</p>  | <p>27<br/>8:30 AM Share &amp; Care</p>  | <p>28</p>   | <p>29<br/>9:00am<br/>Lefse making</p>              |
| <p>30<br/>Acolyte Commissioning<br/>8:15 AM Worship with Holy Communion<br/>9:15 AM Egg Muffin Breakfast<br/>9:30 AM Education Hour<br/>10:45 AM Worship with Holy Communion<br/>6:00 PM Boys Scouts</p>                    | <p>31</p>                        |   |   |   |   |  |

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### **Worship Services:**

Sundays at 8:15am & 10:45am

Holy Communion served each Sunday at one of the services. Please see our calendar.

**Televised Services:** 3:00pm

on Monday and Thursday on Channel 6 or 8

*Chosen by Christ; Empowered to Serve*

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