

# First Things First

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*Gather in Faith - Grow thru Grace - Share the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

*“After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” Acts 1:3*

Before I started my seminary studies, I attended a small Bible School in Minnesota called the Lay Ministry Training Center. There, I was taught by many wonderful, godly men and women to love the Lord and love his word. One of those teachers was a retired pastor by the name of Herb Mjorud. He taught us the book of Acts...it soon became apparent why. Pastor Mjorud had, to put it mildly, “*seen the book of Acts*” in his lifetime. He and his wife Thelma had been Lutheran evangelists for several decades, traveling the world preaching and teaching in largely unreached places the story of all stories...the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yes, he witnessed miraculous healings, people receiving their sight or walking again after a lifetime with palsied limbs. My favorite Pastor Mjorud story involved the “raising of Mrs. Ford”. Serving in Alaska at the time, Herb had just finished his sermon when folks starting calling for help. The saintly, yet very elderly Mrs. Ford had collapsed in her pew, and appeared to be unconscious.

They tried to revive her, but to no avail. A doctor was summoned, but after several minutes he announced that Mrs. Ford had died. Pastor Mjorud and his wife stood by for a moment and then planned to say a prayer in memory of her. But the Holy Spirit prompted him to ask for her life, as he described it. Not a flashy man, Herb recalled almost being embarrassed by all this, but prayed as the Spirit led him, that God be glorified, and Mrs. Ford arise. After a minute or so, she did. Opening her eyes, she looked all around at the faces of the congregation gathered, straightened a bit in her pew, and said, matter of factly; “*Oh, is the service over?*” With that, she got up, greeted the folks as was her custom, and made her way to her car. I don't recall whether she drove a Ford or not.

But the larger point in all of this, was the manner in which Herb Mjorud relayed this story, with the same steadiness, wonder and appreciation for the “many convincing proofs” of the resurrected Jesus Christ as all the other works he'd seen. Included in those works were un-named men, women and children who came to faith in Jesus Christ, and lived a simple yet faithful witness to the “kingdom of God”. You could see in Pastor Mjorud's face and hear in his voice that he considered this every bit as much a miracle as the heal-

ings, even the restoration of Mrs. Ford. For several years, until his death, I would receive a quarterly mailing from him about the work of the church in the Asian country of Sri Lanka, where he and Thelma did most of their overseas work. He would report on the struggles of the church in a largely Hindu society, the poverty of the people, and the “convincing proofs” of a few more souls reached for Jesus Christ. It was a modest ministry, mainly supported by contributions from folks Herb and Thelma knew. At the conclusion of his reports, Herb would give a brief financial summary of the ministry, usually stating what contributions had come in, that most funds were immediately relayed to the church in Sri Lanka, that “*all bills were paid*” and a modest balance remained.

Pastor Mjorud's letters taught me to be as thankful for that simple report of a tiny church in a foreign land pressing on and making a go of it as all the other amazing work of the Spirit he'd witnessed. I think he believed that was as much of a convincing proof as any. Dear people, we “press on” too, making our way through another year of ministry, teaching our young the truths of the faith, focusing ourselves on the “Bible's Big Story – Our Story”, seeing some new ministries emerge, receiving some special guests who taught us and challenged us to grow in our faith, gathered as some of our saints were laid to rest, rejoicing that many new members now call First Lutheran their home, emerging from the year “with all bills paid”, and now even dreaming of an expanded facility that if built, to the glory of God and out of his provision of course, could see us reach and raise up new generations in the faith.

Throughout the book of Acts, the convincing proofs of the risen Lord Jesus are recorded. Some are spectacular, such as healings or apostles being delivered from imprisonment to carry on their work. But if you take up and read this story, and I hope you do, you'll discover that the most convincing proof of all is a church that survives many intense challenges to it, and even grows because of it, a group of believers that meet together in homes to remember the resurrection, settle their disputes around that reconciling grace, and dedicate themselves to serving their community as they are led. It's a wonderful story, it's the history of the church, it's our story, and as your pastor, I thank God through Jesus Christ that I can be part of it with you.

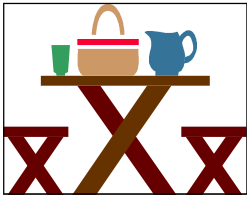
He is Risen Indeed!

-- Pastor Ken Nelson

## SUMMER SCHEDULE STARTS

On **May 22**, we start our summer worship schedule with only one Sunday service, our *Cantate service, at 9:30 am*. We will continue to have the Saturday evening services at 5:30 pm as usual.

## POTLUCK PICNIC IN THE PARK



Our annual summer potluck picnic at Roosevelt Park will be held on Wednesday, August 17, at 6:00 pm. Put the date on your calendars! Watch for more information in the Sunday bulletins or on the website later.

## OFFICE CLOSURE & SUMMER HOURS

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Also, we wish to remind you that effective Monday, May 16, we will start our summer office hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Monday—Friday.

As we get busy enjoying the warmer weather and other activities, please remember that the expenses of the church continue. We have pre-addressed envelopes available in the narthex and by the church office for your convenience.

Enjoy the summer!



This will be the **LAST** newsletter for the summer.

We will catch up with you in **September!**

Keep in touch this summer by our Sunday announcements or by going to our website: [www.firstlutheranchurchminot.com](http://www.firstlutheranchurchminot.com)

## First Lutheran Church Women

	<i>Hostess</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Day &amp; Time</i>
#1	Adelaide Johnson	1000 20th Ave NW B3	May 5—9:30 am
#2	Florence Soltis	Trinity Ret.	May 5—1:30 pm
#3	Bernice Larsen	Kildahl Room	May 5—1:00 pm
#4	Bonnie Lillemon	Friendship Room	May 5—1:30 pm
#5	<i>No Hostess</i>	Friendship Room	May 5—5:00 pm
#6	Margie Lee	5124 19th Ave N, Velva	May 5—7:30 pm**
#7	Maxine Leite	Friendship Room	May 10—7:30 pm



\*\* Note time change

### *Dates to Remember:*

May 3	4:00 pm	Bible Study Leaders for May
May 7	11:30 am	Mothers & Others Salad Potluck
May 19	1:30 pm	Exec & General Board Mtg.
May 31	4:00 pm	Bible Study Leaders for June

**"MOTHERS & OTHERS"** salad potluck luncheon—Saturday May 7—Parish Center—11:30 am. Lunch of salads, breads, & dessert will be at noon. We will have entertainment and a program by Geraldeen Rude on *"Aprons"*. All women are invited; bring your favorite salad and bring a friend, daughter, or granddaughter and enjoy an afternoon with *"Aprons"* as the theme.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS**—We need items for the LWR kits or completed kits soon. Please bring them to the church by May 6<sup>th</sup>. For an entire list of kit items, pick one up in the narthex or by the church office.

**FLCW BAZAAR**—Remember the bazaar when cleaning out your house—any clean, usable items for Grandma's Attic.

# ATTENDANCE

<u>Month</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
Mar 19/20.....	313.....	\$ 6,152.56
Mar 26/27.....	345.....	\$ 7,676.39
Apr. 2/3.....	367.....	\$ 6,999.76
Apr. 9/10.....	357.....	\$ 9,620.10

## INCOME/EXPENSES

*as of the end of March 2011*

	<u>Actual</u>
March Monthly Income	\$ 61,128.67
March Monthly Expense	\$ 50,524.92
Year-to-Date Income	\$ 147,541.04
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 139,904.65

## GIFTS/GULLIXSON EVENT

The next GIFTS event will be here at First Lutheran on Saturday, May 7, in the Church Forum Room (basement). Registration is \$10 at 8:30 am, and the presenter is Dr. Rolf Jacobson, Assoc. Prof. of Old Testament, Luther Seminary. Dr. Jacobson will preach here at our services that weekend and will lead the Sunday forum. More information can be found on page 9.

## PHONE #'s & EMAIL ADDRESSES

We have found *many phone numbers and email addresses that are no longer working*. Please contact the church to let us know your updated information (such as new phone #'s, cell #'s, emails). Please be assured that we will only use this information for church related issues.

## PARISH CTR & OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center and Office hours are 9:00—5:00 pm, Monday—Friday through May 13. Starting May 16, we switch to our summer office hours of 9:00 am—4:00 pm. The doors will be unlocked then. *If you need access at other times, you will need a key and will be held responsible for lock-up*. Contact Jerry for more info and a key.

At times other than office hours, please dial the 852-4853 number leaving a detailed message on the answering service. (It takes about 6 rings before it picks up.) *Your message will be reviewed the next work day*. If an emergency should arise during non-office hours, please call Pastor Ken Nelson (837-8783) or Pastors Mike or Kari Pancoast (838-8111).

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptisms

Carmela Ruby McWilliams  
Joslin Regan Slind  
Sophia Louise Stevens

### Marriages

*none*

### Funerals & Memorials

Helen E. Moe

## PRAYER SHAWLS

The prayer shawl group will meet on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:15 pm, and on Thursday, July 14, at 6:30 pm, in Pastor Kari's office. There's a lot of yarn available. Even if you are taking a break from prayer shawls to work on something else, just come and bring your project. This fall we will begin some classes, so we will be asking for a little help. Thanks everyone!

## FLC ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

**Sunday Forums** - 9:50—10:30 am - Forum Room  
Study of "*The Bible's Big Story—Our Story*"

**Tuesday Book Study**— 7:00—8:30 pm—Kildahl Room  
"*Boys Adrift*" (Apr. 5—May 10)

**Wednesday Adult Ed**— 6:20 –7:15 pm—Kildahl Room  
"*T.R.I.P.*" This group is taking a break for now. Watch for more information when they plan to restart.

**Wednesday Book Study**—7:00—8:30 pm—Kildahl Room—"*Boys Adrift*" (Apr. 6—May 11)

**Men's Breakfast Group** - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays - 7:00 am - Charlie's Café (May 12 & 26)

**Thursday Men's Bible Study** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays - 7:00 am - Conference Room (May 5 & 19) book study "*The Myth of a Christian Nation*" by Dr. Gregory Boyd

**Search Bible Study** - Fridays - 9:30 am - Conf. Room  
(May 6, 13 & 20)

**Saturday Book Study**—7:00—8:30 am—Kildahl Room—"*Boys Adrift*" (Apr. 2—May 7)

## BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER

### DEADLINES

Remember, we will take a break for the summer. The next newsletter will be for September. Normally, the deadline for input and articles in the *First Things First* newsletter is the **10<sup>th</sup> of each month**, unless otherwise noted.

The deadline for bulletin items is **10:00 am on Tuesdays** for that following weekend.

from  
Julie Benson,  
Christian Education Director

# Christian Education



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes are held at 9:45—10:40 am

Regular Scheduled Classes— May 1, 8 & 15

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 1—10:45 am Service

Confirmands meet in the Bride's Room at 9:45

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS:

Daylen Benjamin	Shania Murphy
Madison Bickel	Else-Marie Nelson
Cameron Brevik	Kyler Olson
MacKensie Duncan	Wyatt Rusch
Brandi Eisenzimmer	Madison Rutten
AJ Hoffarth	Alex Schoenborn
Jayne Huntzinger	Jacey Taylor
Taylor Jarmin	Kate Wilson
Cole Jones	Peter Wilson
Mason Morelli	

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 13-17, 2011

Registration—Parish Center  
9:00 am—June 13th

Preschool—Grade 1:

**SonSurf Beach Bash**  
**- Jesus Every Day!**

Led by First Lutheran Staff  
Monday—Friday—9:00 am—noon

Grades 2—6:

Led by Metigoshe Ministry  
Day Camp Staff

Monday—Thursday - 9:00 am—3:00 pm  
Friday—9:00 am—noon

*(please pick up your student at Noon,  
the counselors will leave at noon to go back to  
Metigoshe)*  
**Join Us!**



## WED. SCHOOL / CONFIRMATION

Classes are held at 6:20—7:15 pm

Regular School Classes— May 4 & 11

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation: 6:00—7:15 pm  
May 4 & 11

## FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC

May 18—5:00 pm

Parish Center Courtyard

*(in Parish Center in case of rain)*

**Join us for the end of the year celebration!**

- ♦ FLC will provide hot dogs, burgers, beans & drinks
- ♦ Families attending may bring salads, desserts or chips
- ♦ Playground activities provided by the Congregational Life Committee
- ♦ Special Guest Mike Ewoldsen—world power lifting titles (6 times)
- ♦ Bring your M&M canisters for our CAR partner church

## VBS FAMILY PICNIC & PROGRAM

June 16th

Thursday—6:00 pm—Parish Center

Families whose last names end with . . .

A—N — Please bring a salad

O—Z — Please bring a dessert

First Lutheran will provide hot dogs.

### Metigoshe Lock-In

*(For students that finished grades 4-6)*  
Thursday night after the program

**\*\* Every student participating in Vacation Bible School**  
at First Lutheran is asked to bring items for Camp Metigoshe. These items are used to provide services for students who attend camp. More information will be in a letter sent home with the children.

## *Middle School F.L.Y.—6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade Events*

*HERE ARE SOME OF OUR UP-COMING EVENTS (some are tentative) ...*



**MAY: May 6 and/or 7—Clean-up Day**, hosted by the Minot Area Chamber of Commerce.

**Friday, May 6, 3:30 – 5 PM**—Meet at the church after school and we'll concentrate on the area between Broadway and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NE. Pizza will be provided for supper afterwards at Sammy's.

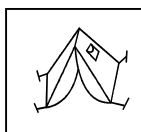
**Saturday, May 7, 10 AM – 12 PM**—Again, meet at the church. This time we'll focus on the area between Broadway and 8<sup>th</sup> Street NW, including the Ramstad neighborhood. Pizza will be provided for lunch afterwards at Sammy's.

**PLEASE NOTE: THESE ARE CROSS-GENERATIONAL EVENTS FOR ALL AGES!!** Wouldn't it be something to have our youth and adults working together on this one?

**Twins' Game participants—IF YOU ARE STILL IN NEED OF “TWO MS F.L.Y. events” IN ORDER TO GO TO THE GAME, THIS IS ONE OF THEM!!**



**JUNE: Minnesota Twins' Game**—Please go to page 8 for more details.



**JULY: Anyone for a campout??**

**Remember to sign up to work at the FLC Fairstand.**

**AUGUST:** No event planned—or maybe we'll have our **campout** then?



**SEPTEMBER: “Welcome To MS F.L.Y. Event” & Scavenger Hunt**—Date TBA. At this event, we'll welcome our new in-coming 6<sup>th</sup> graders (this year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders) with a special (and HARMLESS) initiation, **along with their parents**. Plus, we'll do some planning for the year up-coming!!

**MS F.L.Y.** (Middle School First Lutheran Youth) is an organization whose primary mission is to provide our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth & their parents opportunities to grow in their faith in God, their service to the world, & their connection with each other through fellowship events, service projects, adventure opportunities, & retreats. ALL 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth are considered members of MS F.L.Y., and friends and their parents are ALWAYS welcomed.

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## ***CLOSING CELEBRATION***

Come join us for our Annual Closing Celebration of our education ministries on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

At 5:00 pm, we kick off with a picnic potluck supper. Hot dogs, hamburgers, beans and beverages will be provided, but we ask every household to bring either a salad, dessert, chips or other dish to share.

The congregational life committee will have games for the kids. At 6:00 pm, our special guest, Mike Ewoldsen, who has won 6 world titles and has over 70 power lifting world records to his credit will give a demonstration. Mike will amaze you with his strength, but will also inspire you with his personal Christian faith and testimony. The evening closes with an ingathering of our M & M canisters for our Partner Church in the Central African Republic.

Please join us. All are welcome—families, friends and neighbors. It has been another great year of learning. We've got lots to celebrate at First Lutheran!



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## ***CAMP METIGOSHE***

If you wish to send your children to Camp Metigoshe this summer, now is the time to make your decision.

Please register directly with Metigoshe Ministries and send the \$50 deposit in with your registration. If your child went last year, you should have received their brochure in the mail. If not, you can pick one up by the church office, or go online to:

[www.metigosheministries.com](http://www.metigosheministries.com) to register.

FLC will pay 1/3 of the cost for members who are going to a (one session) camp. However, in order for us to do this, ***you must also call the church office and let us know you have registered your child.*** We need the following information: your child's name, which camp program, and what dates the camp will be held.

*Please note* that Camp Metigoshe does not keep track of which campers are from which church, so they do not report back to the churches. That's why it is important for you to contact us by the following date:

- ◆ If your child is going to camp this summer, you must have ***called the church by May 15<sup>th</sup>.***

***If you do not call the church office by then, FLC will not be able to pay the 1/3 and you will be responsible for the entire camp fee when you drop off your camper.***

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## ***FAMILY CAMP***

**FAMILY CAMP--Sun., June 19 - 21:** How about some meaningful summer time away in the beauty of the Turtle Mountains, honing our skills as parents called to be pastors, apostles, and evangelists to our families? **Pastors Mike and Kari and their family are registered for that half-week family camp opportunity at Metigoshe and would LOVE to share that time with you there!** Registration materials are available by the church office, or you can go to:

[www.metigosheministries.com](http://www.metigosheministries.com) to register.



## Can you help support First Lutheran Church's Track Team?

*First Lutheran has a Track Team? Well, not exactly.*

We DO have a small group who enjoys running for fitness (there really ARE such people!), and who have dedicated their hobby now to raising awareness and money for **Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota** and **Lutheran Disaster Response – Japan**. Those runners are: **Annie Langseth; Michelle Kimball** (a friend of Annie's); **Pastor Kari Pancoast; Pastor Mike Pancoast; Olsen Pancoast; and Mark Westereng**. If anyone is interested in being a part of the team, please contact Pastor Mike.

The group will have completed their first race on **Sat., April 30<sup>th</sup>**, a relay for the **Minot Family Marathon**.

The Pancoasts will be running in the **Fargo Half Marathon** on **Sat., May 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**To learn more about Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, please check out [www.lssnd.org](http://www.lssnd.org).** *Did you know that last year alone, LSSND served over 68,000 people through a variety of their 19 programs, including ones that seek to prevent child abuse and neglect; help troubled youth get back on track; provide addiction and mental health counseling and treatment; and help address the housing shortage, especially here in western North Dakota?*

**To learn more about Lutheran Disaster Response – Japan, please check out:**

<http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/category/japan>.

*Did you know that in the earliest days after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, workers from the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC) headed to the hardest hit areas, taking with them supplies including food, a motorcycle and a couple bicycles (since gasoline is still hard to come by) and that these initial efforts were underwritten in large part by donations through Lutheran Disaster Response?*

**To donate to the First Lutheran Track Team, speak directly to one of the members listed above, or drop your donation in the receptacles throughout the church.** (Bishop Mark Narum is a pledging contributor, by the way!) **THANKS!!**

## *News from one of Our Seminarians*

Dear First Lutheran Church:

Greetings from Bratislava, Slovakia! My fiancée Anna and I have been living and working here since last August as part of ELCA Global Mission. Anna has been serving as the intern pastor of Bratislava International Church and I've been teaching religion at the Lutheran high school here, which was re-opened in 1992 after the fall of communism. In addition to that, I've been continuing my studies at Luther Seminary with online courses. We have also found time to enjoy Slovakia with its many castles as well as neighboring Vienna.

Anna and I just found out that we will be moving to Southwest Minnesota this September for my internship as

I continue my ministry training. I'll be serving at Prairie Star Ministries, a multiple congregation parish north of Worthington, MN. We are looking forward to this new opportunity and the chance to be closer to home.

I hope this letter finds you well. As always, many thanks for your continued support in my ministry!

Peace,  
Peter Speiser



*Take me out to the ball game...*

**Take me out to the ball game...** We have a GREAT group of youth and adults who are making the trek to the Twin Cities to take in a Minnesota Twins' game (vs. the Oakland Athletics): **Pastor Mike and Olsen; Shane & Ethan Block; Anthony Bosch; Josh Kragh; Karter Olson; Dalton Shipley; and Colin Sult.**

Some **THANK YOUs**, first of all:

- To the **First Lutheran Church Women** for supplying the sweet rolls for the **Easter Breakfast**;
- To the **First Lutheran Church Men's Breakfast group** for supplying the juice for the **Easter Breakfast**; and
- To all of **YOU** who came and supported the **Easter Breakfast** with your donations!

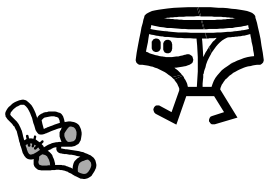
**So when is the trip?** We'll be traveling by train on **Saturday, June 11** to arrive for the game on **Sunday, June 12** and will arrive back on **Monday, June 13.**

**What all will you be doing while you're there?**

**Worship** at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church ([www.stpaulsevlutheran.org](http://www.stpaulsevlutheran.org)), a Lutheran congregation with a vibrant outreach into the Spanish-speaking and Laotian communities in the neighborhood.

The ball game, of course!

**Service work** at Central Lutheran Church's Restoration Center ([www.centralmpls.org/serve/restoration.php](http://www.centralmpls.org/serve/restoration.php)), which is an outreach/community center serving people experiencing homelessness and poverty in Minneapolis. We'll be sorting clothes in their Clothing Closet and helping with meal prep for their Monday soup kitchen.



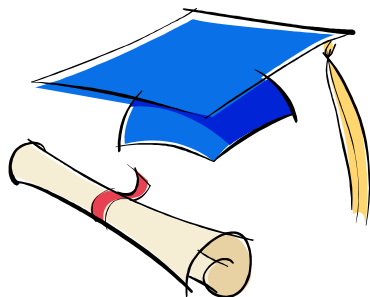
**HERE'S WHERE YOU CAN HELP, FIRST LUTHERAN!!** The Restoration Center usually has PLENTY of second-hand clothing donations from all over the Twin Cities' metro area. What they are often in need of are **disposables, AND THAT MEANS MEN'S SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR.** *If you are willing to make such a donation (BRAND NEW), please place them in the box that will be outside Pastor Mike's office, and we'll make sure they make it there!*

Questions? Contact Pastor Mike.

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## ***FLC'S GRADUATING SENIORS***

We wish to convey our heartiest congratulations to all our graduating seniors. We will be recognizing them at a reception in the Parish Center, at 9:30 am; and Baccalaureate Service, at 10:45 am, on May 8.




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Weston Abrahamson	Lauren Hankla
Kaitlyn Bailey	Kyle Helgeson
Brooke Beechie	Phillip Loree
Brooklyn Bender	Jerrica Luck
Breanna Benson	Marissa Martin
Jessica Bosch	Taylor Meland
Morgynn Braaten	Kylie Melgaard
Karissa Bullinger	Sierra Murphy
Joshua Bussard	Johanna Nelson
Katie Byfuglin	Jarrett Peskey
Luke Elgie	Mitchell Pratt
Drew Groves	Erica Schmidt
Kendra Gunderson	Ethan Stein
Brandon Hamel	



## Luther Seminary Professor to Preach & Teach - Saturday, May 7 & Sunday, May 8

Western North Dakota Synod G.I.F.T.S. (*Growing In Faith To Serve*) Ministry  
And  
The First Lutheran Church T. F. Gullixson Lecture Series  
Present

**Dr. Rolf Jacobson**

### ***“The Greatest Story Never Told”***

#### **Saturday, May 7**

**WND Synod GIFTS Forum:** 9 AM – 4 PM, First Lutheran Church--**Forum Room.**

*In these sessions, Dr. Jacobson will focus on preaching and worship as the time when the faithful gathered in order to be equipped to live as Christians in an increasingly secular culture. He will teach about how preaching and worship needs to change in order to equip Christians with the faith, practices and understandings they need in order to live faithfully in daily life. Dr. Jacobson will teach about the Psalms (which embody the essential spiritual practices of the life of faith) and about the biblical story (which gives the narrative that shapes the Christian life).*

**Registration Fee:** \$10 Please register with the Synod by mailing the fee to:

WND SYNOD GIFTS, c/o Jan Zook, PO BOX 101, Bowbells, ND 58721

**Saturday Evening Worship:** 5:30 PM, First Lutheran Church--**Pioneer Chapel**

Dr. Jacobson will be the guest preacher at First Lutheran’s regular Saturday evening worship service.

#### **Sunday, May 8**

**Sunday Morning Worship:** 8:45 & 10:45 AM, First Lutheran Church

Dr. Jacobson will again be our guest preacher at First Lutheran’s regular Sunday morning worship services.

**Sunday Morning Adult Forum:** 9:45 AM, First Lutheran Church—**Forum Room**

*“The Greatest Story Never Told, Part 1”—In this session, Dr. Jacobson will continue to invite us to think about how we read, study, and learn the Bible, especially with respect to how it molds and shapes our lives.*

**Sunday Evening Adult Forum:** 5:30 – 7:30 PM, First Lutheran Church—**Fellowship Hall**

*“The Greatest Story Never Told, Part 2”—A continuation of Sunday morning’s session.*

5:30 – 6:00 PM Pot-luck Supper

6 – 7:30 PM Dr. Rolf Jacobson

Dr. Jacobson joined the Luther Seminary faculty as assistant professor of Old Testament in July 2003. Prior to that, he taught at Augsburg College, Minneapolis as an assistant professor of religion. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of St Thomas, St Paul, MN in 1987. He holds a masters’ of divinity degree from Luther Seminary (1991) and a doctor of philosophy degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. (2000).

Dr. Jacobson has said that the Scriptures are to be used for personal growth and for the shaping of Christian mission and theology. In addition, it can also function as a catalyst for change and growth within a congregation. Jacobson emphasizes that he teaches people, not texts: “I love bringing the Bible to the men and women in my classes and helping them learn to break open the word”.

He is an in-demand speaker and author, who produces theological and biblical scholarship for both the church and the academic guild. He recently served as editor of both *Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Theological Terms* and *Crazy Book: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Biblical Terms*, whose authors included three recent Luther Seminary graduates.

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																		
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Pastor Ken</p> <p><b>BAPTISM ENROLLMENT</b></p> <p>8:45 AM Worship            9:45 AM Adult Forum            9:45 AM New Member Class - Brides Rm            9:45 AM Sunday School            10:45 AM Worship            10:45 AM Confirmation            1:00 PM Nelson - Kildahl Room            7:00 PM Campaign Kick Off Celebration</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Staff            1:00 PM Pastor's Mtg.            4:00 PM Bible Study            Leaders            6:30 PM Worship &amp; Music            7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Boys            Adrift" Book Study</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Wednesday Schedule            Confirmation - Theme Night            9:00 AM REM            6:20 PM New Member            Class - Brides Rm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study            5:00 PM Finance            5:45 PM Exec Council</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Search            11:30 AM Luther's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Dr. Rolf Jacobson</p> <p>8:30 AM - 4:00 PM GIFTS Event            10:30 AM FLCW Mothers &amp; Others            5:30 PM Worship</p>																		
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Dr. Rolf Jacobson</p> <p><b>MOTHER'S DAY</b></p> <p>8:45 AM Worship            9:45 AM Adult Forum            9:45 AM Graduating Senior Reception            9:45 AM Sunday School            10:45 AM Worship            10:45 AM Worship &amp; Senior Baccalaureate            Service            5:30 PM Potluck Supper &amp; Adult Forum</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Staff            1:00 PM Pastor's Mtg.            5:00 PM Council            7:00 PM - 8:30 PM "Boys            Adrift" Book Study</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Wednesday Schedule            6:15 PM Prayer Shawl Mtg.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Breakfast            4:00 PM - 10:00 PM NDC -            Parish Center            6:00 PM Congregational Life</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Search            11:30 AM Luther's Kitchen</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>CAMP SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED</b></p> <p>Pastor Mike</p> <p>5:30 PM Worship</p>																		
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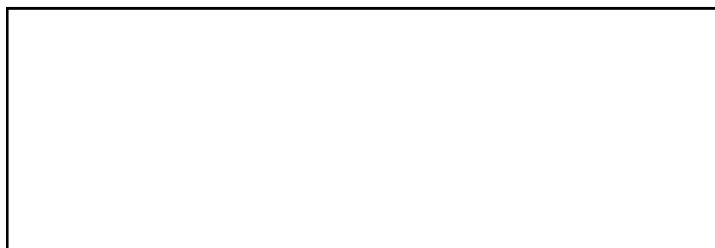
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## First Lutheran Staff

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Parish Secretary:	Karen Wing
Parish Education:	Julie Benson
Organist:	Rita Sundahl
Custodians:	Jerry & Sharon Heizelman

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Missionaries:	Katie Narum-Miyamoto Rev. Dr. Mark & Linda Nygard

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION SCHEDULE

<b>Wednesday:</b> <i>Worship</i> . . (thru 5-11) . . . . 5:45 PM <i>Wednesday School, Adult Ed &amp; Confirmation</i> . (thru 5-11) . . 6:20 PM	<b>Sunday:</b> <i>Worship</i> . . (thru 5-15) . . . . . 8:45 AM <i>Sunday School &amp; Adult Forum</i> . . (thru 5-15) . . 9:45 AM <i>Worship</i> . . (thru 5-15) . . . . . 10:45 AM
<b>Saturday:</b> <i>Worship</i> . . . . . 5:30 PM	

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE—STARTS MAY 22 (with the following changes)

Saturday service at 5:30 pm—Sunday service at 9:30 am  
Sunday Radio Broadcast on KRRZ 1390 AM at 9:30 am

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