

First Things First

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

“The Portrait Being Painted”

Luther hinted at it, though we have not commissioned him...at least not yet...but there IS another portrait being painted.

The bulk of Luther’s work (see pages 2-4) has invited us to look backwards over the last 125 years with awe and admiration. I have been reading the Centennial commemorative book *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*, and I am amazed and challenged and yes, perhaps even a little intimidated at the giants who have occupied this pulpit both living and dead—you don’t get a hall at Luther Seminary named after you for nothing, as our own T. F. Gullixson has, unless you do things like be instrumental in founding Trinity Hospital and such. One doesn’t become known as “the Building Pastor,” as Harold Kildahl was, without the administrative moxy to preside over the construction projects he did here at First Lutheran and throughout the Minot community.

But *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*, our collective memory, also rightly remembers that the leadership of monumental clergy was nothing without the faith, the trust, the cooperation, and the stewardship of the people of God who believed that what they did, they did as the presence of Jesus in this world, not for the glory of First Lutheran Church but for the glory of Him who died that this world may know peace. Neither Trinity Hospital nor this grand edifice get built simply because Rev. Dr. T. F. Gullixson thought they would be good ideas. The parish center that we cram full of people at any given time is not built simply because Pastor Harold Kildahl thought that it would be a good idea. Three hundred people...hear that again...300 people do not commit to attending an intensive 2-year study of the Bible simply because Pastor Wade Davick thought it would be a good idea. The milestones of our past are not built on sheer Norwegian-bullheadedness, though that certainly did not hurt, but rather the present’s commemoration of the past falls far short without some memory and ownership of the faith upon which our community has been built.

There is another series of portraits being painted, and it might include you and me. What will those paintings reveal in the next 25, 50, or 100 years? Whatever the pictures may be, the answer to that question finds its unfolding in another question, and it is the question Jesus asks the disciples and Peter and ultimately, you and me: *Who do YOU say that I am?* It is a question asked to a group, in my home dialect, *Who do Y’ALL say that I am?*, but it is a question answered by an individual. Peter declares, “*You are the Messiah,*” that is to say, Jesus IS who the Scriptures declare Him to be, no less than the full revelation of the heart and mind of God. And that same dynamic has been in place ever since, even through our 125 years, a question asked of a community, *Who do Y’ALL say that I am?*, answered by individuals, “*You are the Messiah,*” and then lived out again by a community building on that cornerstone of Christian faith. Sin is confessed. Lives are changed. Hope and purpose are given. And crosses are taken up. Hospitals and church buildings are constructed and administered. The hungry and homeless are fed and cared for. Individuals learn and retell the story, and live that story out in their daily lives.

Dear friends in Christ, Pastor Nelson echoed last week the refrain of the great theologian Jaroslav Pelikan who once said, “*Tradition is the living faith of the dead; traditionalism is the dead faith of the living.*” Traditionalism paralyzes us and locks us away dead and buried in a tomb of moldering bones that cannot and will not live in a contemporary context. But tradition and especially the best of our tradition grounded in the proclamation of Jesus Christ and him crucified and raised from the dead, gives us roots and wings to proceed boldly into the future, whatever that future holds.

There is another portrait being painted. What will it portray? Who do Y’ALL say that Jesus is?

- Pastor Mike Pancoast

FLC VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

(In appreciation of those who serve us)

We feature FLC’s volunteers here to recognize those who give of their time and ability in service of our congregation. In other words, it’s one way for us to say “Thank You”! You could personally extend a word of thanks to the individuals spotlighted here each month as well. Encouragement is a vital Christian ministry. In I Thessalonians 5 it says, “therefore encourage one another and build one another up”.



This month we would like to thank Rev. Luther Hanson for his paintings depicting “On the Steps of First Lutheran,” which are now displayed at FLC as part of our 125th Anniversary celebration theme of “Building On Our Heritage.” We are sure you will enjoy his artwork, along with his words, that hold a special, deep meaning for us all. Again, thank you Luther for sharing your excellent talents! Here are Luther’s words:

To the Dakota prairies our ancestors came. From the deep watery Fjords, the pine clad mountains, the immigrants came to the prairies.

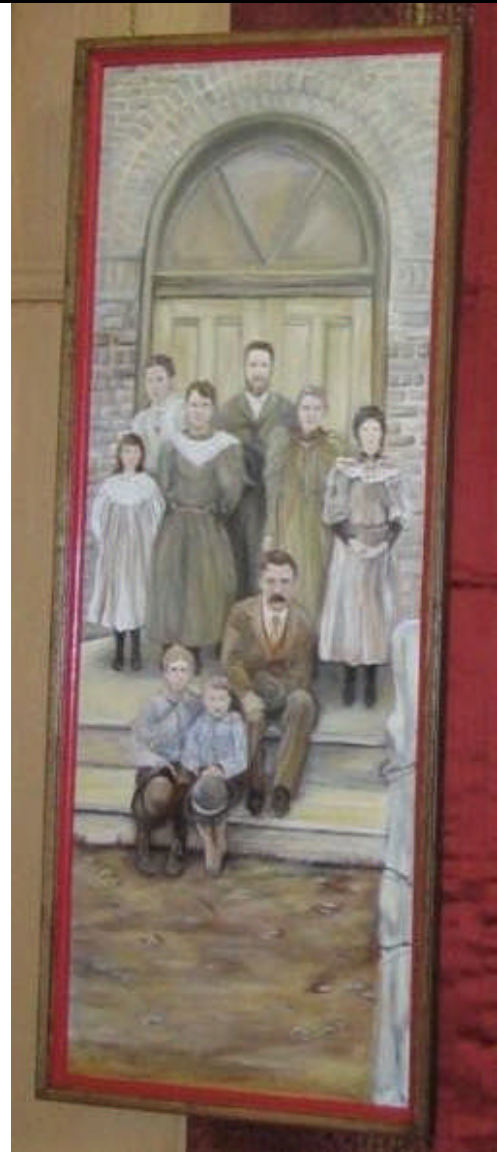
Here the tallest living objects were the native grasses swaying in the wind as far as the eye could see.

A new home, a dream beyond dreams. In all the excitement, these people did not forget who they were. Far from family and friends, their faith in God continued to link them together. Now more than ever, the pioneers depended on God. They broke the sod, planted seeds, and in the fall they gathered together a meager harvest. In awe and thanksgiving they shared with one another, as they prepared for a winter of which they knew of no other. Working on their homestead, they still found one more ounce of strength to raise a house of God in their community.

From the First Lutheran archives, I chose four photographs along with past written stories to become the inspiration for these paintings entitled, “Steps in First Lutheran’s Legacy”. With a bit of imagination, and taking a few artistic liberties in reproducing the pictures, the story of the first 125 years of First Lutheran Church unfolds.

Symbolically the four paintings represent the foundation of the living church. Amidst the prairie grains to be harvested arise two symbols of our church.

- ◆ The Evangelical Lutheran Church Emblem is a graphic representation of the ELCA mission statement “Marked by the cross of Christ forever.”
- ◆ “Music is a servant of the Gospel” - from the harvest of generations of traditions, and worldwide cultures, along with the ever present revelations from God to the artists, the musicians, the poets, the dreamers of dreams. The new book of worship invites to affirm our heritage, as God’s praises continue on the prairie horizon.



The First Picture

In the early 1900’s the “first” red brick church was built. Each family with a wagon was expected to donate a load of bricks.

On the location of the present parsonage, the elements of the open prairies are very much present, as civilization begins to break the virgin sod to anchor its roots into the settlement to be called Minot.

The first church building and the new parsonage are surrounded by a barbed wire fence and only a few spears of grass break through the trodden earth as they grow under the protected ledge of the steps.

With their church built, it was a day of celebration as the members of the congregation stood outside on the steps of their church.

The ladies were dressed in their finest dresses and the men and boys all took off their hats to stand motionless for the photographer.

Two brothers dressed in the traditional Norwegian work shirt sit on the bottom step. It must have been nice weather that day, as the younger of the two, came to church barefooted.



The Second Picture

During the next 25 years the congregation grew; the white brick church was built just south of the red brick church. The barbed wire fence no longer circles the church. On the south side staircase of the church, the confirmation class of 1928 gathered on the steps.

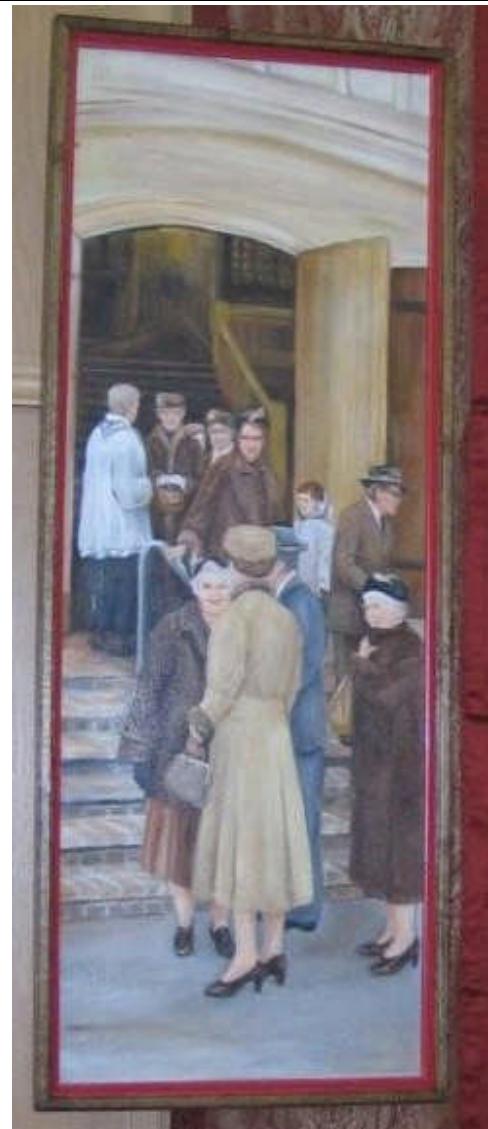
These steps remain to this day, as we now use them to enter the Pioneer Chapel.

The white bricks would later be covered over in red brick. The original bell tower continues to this day to call the worshipers to prayer.

The Norwegian heritage is very present in the welcome sign by the door. The heavy wooden sign is framed at the top and bottom in the traditional Scandinavian style with hand carved "Acanthus Leaves."

Changes, however, are evident in the picture, as you are informed of the worship times now conducted in the English language.

In bold white painted letters, the words "Everyone Welcome" stand out.



The Third Picture

It was a cool spring morning in 1958. The people merely pulled up their collars against the morning breeze, as they continued in fellowship on the outside steps.

Whatever the weather, these steps have been the first gathering place to invite the worshipers to continue to go up yet another set of steps where they will enter the sanctuary.

The sun's rays stream through the art-glass windows in a radiance that transformed the gothic space into a sanctuary of peace.

A silence is present, only to be broken by the announcements from the giant pipes of the organ as the congregation unites in a song of Praise and Thanksgiving.

These same steps that are lined with well wishers to the new bride and groom are also the steps that solemnly brings a child of God to their final resting place as the bell in the tower chimes its announcement to the heavens.

The Fourth Picture

Scriptures invites us, commands us to go forth and teach each new generation the words and the ways of the LORD.

One Sunday in 1978, the steps of First Lutheran once again became a classroom. The steps of First Lutheran have been the stage each decade, where the children sing with exuberance for their first time, the good news of Christmas and Easter.

Our journey in life begins with a single step...

With God's ever present hand we are guided wherever each new step may take us.

Our story is 125 years of age, and yet it is a very new story.

Our story is not complete. The story is still being written.

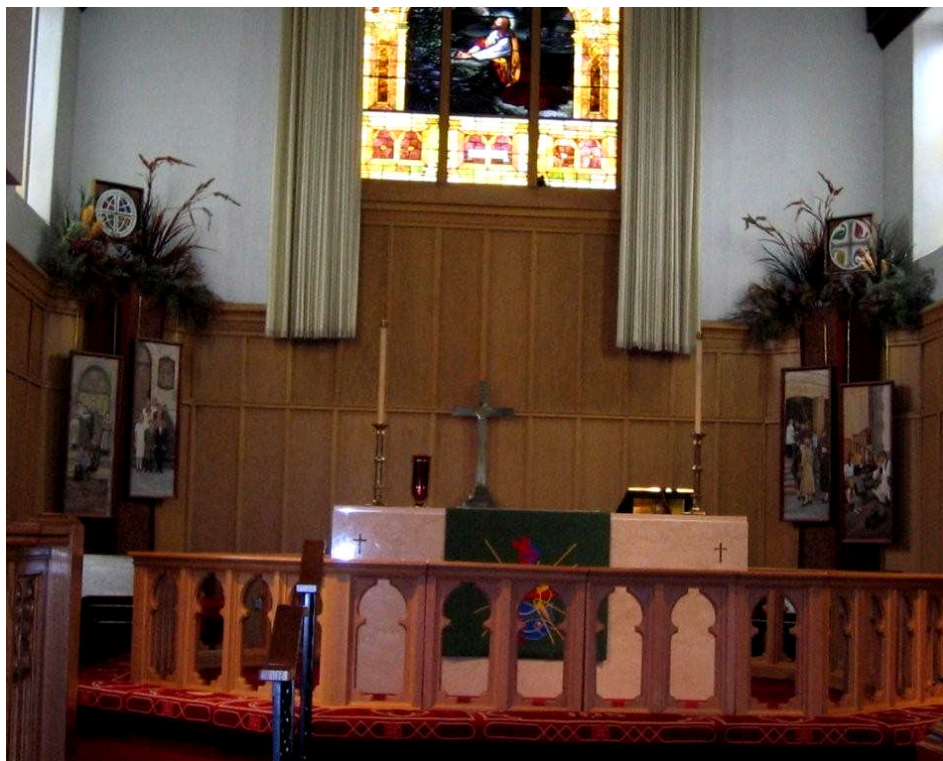
Once again, the autumn harvest is upon us.

God is again gracious to us, his mercies have abounded anew each and everyday.

From the harvest, the potential new life begins immediately again.

125 years--the long miles of disconnection have evaporated in our technological generation.

We are not an isolated church, but part of a living, evolving fellowship of believers who profess in our words and actions the love of CHRIST, "Welcome Everyone."



The steps of First Lutheran have a story to tell.

The steps of First Lutheran continue to invite revelations yet to be told.

Come forward

Listen and be renewed

Go in Peace

Extend God's Love ... to all.

The artwork shown in place behind the altar of First Lutheran Church, along with the ELCA emblem and the Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship symbol.

The Gift Of . . .

“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” (Psalm 122:1)

In the parable of the Wedding Banquet that Jesus told, the King who prepares the banquet said, *“Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you can find.”* (Matthew 22:9)

And again, in the parable of the Sheep & the Goats Jesus said, *“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in.”* (Matthew 25:35)

“Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John the Baptist had said about Jesus and followed him. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (that is, the Christ). And Andrew brought Simon to Jesus.” (John 1:40-42)

The Gift of Invitation—Being a newcomer again has given me fresh insight into the gift of invitation, that is, the grace of BEING invited. Unsure and uncomfortable with new surroundings, what grace it is to have smiling faces and welcoming hands to guide and direct. “Let me show you where we have coffee.” “Will you and your wife join us and a few other folks for dessert so we can get to know you and you can get to know us?” “We would love to host you and your family.” Each of these invitations opened to us the gift of fellowship in which not only is human relationship built but the very presence of God is experienced. For Jesus promised, *“Where 2 or 3 are gathered in my name, there am I in their presence.”* (Matt. 18:20)

Again and again, scripture reminds us of the possibilities that exist in the risk of invitation, and we can hear from the texts above even the gentle but firm commands of Jesus to invite. Now, I don’t share these thoughts with you in an effort to angle for some invites! As one of your pastors, and specifically as one who has been given oversight for some of the ways that we are formed as disciples, I share these thoughts with you in order to encourage YOU to be aware of the power and presence of Jesus in invitations.

There are lots of hurdles and obstacles we can face as we consider whom and how to invite. I can understand the anxiety many feel with inviting others to worship. I share with you the fear of rejection. Yet I also share with you as one of your pastors, the witness of what happens when one invites. Joy in the Lord’s presence just might be experienced. Relationships just may be built. The very presence of Jesus just may be brought to bear anew in others lives.

And it’s not just worship. Where do YOU find joy and life in serving and being a part of First Lutheran?

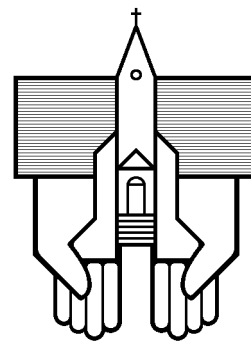
“I’ve noticed what a nice voice you have,” you might say. “Why don’t you sing in the choir with me?” The invitation is one thing, but there is opportunity for the second mile, as well: “Why don’t I pick you up? I’ll show you where to go and what the music is that we’re singing.”

Or, “I meet with a group of men on Thursday mornings for breakfast and conversation and study. They’re a GREAT group of guys, and they’d really welcome you. Can I pick you up?”

They don’t have to be new to the congregation. Maybe they’ll be REnewed in their connection with the congregation. BUT. Studies indicate that part of the reason folks without a connection to Jesus through a congregation remain that way is that NO ONE EVER ASKED.

The possibilities are endless, and so is the fruit. I invite you gently, with a smile on my face: Get over yourself and invite someone.

— Pastor Mike Pancoast



October 4th—9:30 am—Special Worship Service with the Barbary Coast Dixieland Band

The Barbary Coast Dixieland Band has been together since 1967. Elected to the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame in 2001 and rated among the finest entertainers in the Midwest, the band has played everywhere from the Mississippi paddlewheel boats and the Minnesota State Fair, to Nagasaki, Japan.

The band is made up of six talented musicians who play 18 instruments. Led by left-handed banjo/guitar player Dick Petersen, the band includes Tom Andrews on drums, clarinet, and vocals; Jim ten Bensel on trombone, cornet, drums, and vocals; Russ Peterson on trumpet, trombone, sax, clarinet, flute, bass, and vocals; Steve Pikal on bass, trombone, and piano; and, finally,



Dick Ramberg on piano and clarinet. This group of versatile musicians, who occasionally swap instruments on stage without missing a note, will have your feet tappin' from their very first set.

In 1984, the band started playing dixieland church services for their own churches and it wasn't long before they were invited to participate in other churches as well.

Over the past 24 years they have regularly provided this musical ministry involving over 40 Sundays each year.

Their mission is to *Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord* and their music provides an uplifting experience for both the musicians and the congregation.

The band is convinced that the fundamental rules for a Jazz Band really apply to living a Christian life:

- The band exists for the good of all its members.
- Everyone listens to each other and plays to compliment what the other members are playing. There are no super stars and mutual respect for the ability of each player is evident.
- What is being stated musically comes from the heart. The instruments are an extension of each musician.

If the music sounds good and seems to "swing" by itself, then there is harmony and no discord. Remember the song, *I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing, In Perfect Harmony?*

***Join us for this wonderful, unique worship service—October 4—9:30 am
The Ministry Fair will follow the service***

ATTENDANCE

<u>Month</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>
August.....	1405.....	\$ 33,623
September 5/6.....	167.....	\$ 4,937
September 12/13.....	371.....	\$ 6,830
September 19/20.....	320.....	\$ 4,667

INCOME/EXPENSES

as of the end of August 2009

	<u>Actual</u>
August Monthly Income	\$ 42,911
August Monthly Expense	\$ 48,212
Year-to-Date Income	\$ 344,928
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ 367,481

SERVICE GROUP #9

Thank you to the people of Service Group #9 for their willing efforts in the service of our Lord and the family of First Lutheran Church.

BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER

DEADLINES

Remember, the deadline for input and articles in the *First Things First* newsletter is the **10th of each month**, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for bulletin items is **10:00 am on Tuesdays** for that following weekend.

PARISH CTR & OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center and Office hours are 9:00—5:00 pm, Monday—Friday. 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).

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Samuel Edward John Wolfe
Jase Elwood Skar
Slade Lee Nordstrom
Tyler Kenton Morey
Londyn DaNiel Lauf

Marriages

Dale & Kristie Weinand (renewal)
Stephanie Billings & Jordan Torgerson

Funerals & Memorials

Katherine Riba

ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?

If you are going someplace warmer for the winter, please let the office know your new address. We'll do a temporary address change and continue to send you the newsletter. If you don't know the address, let us know anyway so we can put a temporary hold on your church mailings.

Even better, get on our email list and you can receive the newsletter by email no matter where or when you go.

Also, remember to call us when you return so we can change it back!



125TH ANNIVERSARY SALE ITEMS

We have items for sale to commemorate our 125th anniversary. They will be available most Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Also, they are available during the week from the church office. Aprons - \$10, Cap - \$10, Pie Server - \$10, Napkins (pkg. of 40) - \$5

First Lutheran Adult Education Opportunities

Starting this fall we have many educational opportunities to offer. There's something for everyone. Join us!



Sunday Forums - 9:45 am - Forum Room (in the basement of the church)

Oct. 4 — *No forum*—Come and enjoy the Barbary Coast Dixieland Jazz Band at the 9:30 am service
(Please note that on this Sunday there will only be one worship service.)

Oct. 11 — Nov. 22 **Family Faith Lab** — led by Pastors Mike and Kari

Martin Luther once wrote about families and faith: *"Most certainly father and mother are apostles, bishops, and priests to their children, for it is they who make them acquainted with the Gospel."*

Indeed, the nature and make-up of families has changed enough through the generations that this role must be shared with a variety of adults of faith who "acquaint with the Gospel" their grandchildren, their godchildren, etc. AND--what we have learned over the last 30 years or so is that an hour or two on Sundays and/or Wednesdays just isn't effective in growing children of faith who become mature adults of faith.

Family Faith Lab will be a forum suitable for young families with infants, for single parents, for grandmas and grandpas, and anyone in between--truly, for anyone who has close, trusted relationships with young people. We will be introducing some basic principles and practices for growing and living faith on a daily basis that anyone can do.

Do you need to bring anything? Bring your Bible, and if you have a copy of the book, that we have been distributing in a variety of forums, *Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear*, that would be helpful too. If you don't have a copy of that book, copies will be made available.

New Member Information Class—9:45 am—Bride's Room

Oct. 11 — Information Class

Oct. 18 — Received at Worship and Reception

Men's Breakfast Group - 2nd & 4th Thursdays - 7:00-8:00 am - Charlie's Café (Oct. 8 & 22)

We invite all men to join us for conversation and fellowship.

Thursday Men's Bible Study - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursdays - 7:00-8:00 am - Conference Room (Oct. 1, 15 & 29)

Men's studies will begin again on Thursdays in September. This fall, we will read and discuss the book *"Quiet Strength,"* by former NFL player and head coach Tony Dungy. Coach Dungy recently retired from his position with the Indianapolis Colts as one of the most respected and successful coaches in professional football. His "quiet strength" comes from his Christian faith...expressed in quiet but unmistakable ways through years in one of the most competitive environments around. Please join us. Coffee...donuts...and great conversation await. Contact Pastor Ken Nelson for more info.

Search Bible Study - Fridays - 9:30 am - Conf. Room - (no meeting on Oct. 2)

Join us in studying different books of the Bible in 8 week sessions. No previous study is necessary and materials are provided. This session, we are studying the book of Genesis.

First Lutheran Church Celebrates 125th Anniversary

“Building On Our Heritage” is our theme as we celebrate our 125th anniversary. December 28, 1884 was the first meeting of a group that grew into our present day congregation. This year we reflect on our theme with an emphasis on church history with many different forums, lectures, activities and special services. Please join us this fall as we continue to celebrate our 125 years!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Activity/Event</u>
October 4	Sunday	9:30 am Worship Service with Barbary Coast Dixieland Jazz Band If you didn't wear your sweater last week wear it this week or wear it again! (<i>see page 3</i>) 10:30 am—Ministry Fair —fun for the kids while you check out all the wonderful ministry opportunities at FLC.
October 25	Sunday	Reformation Sunday with the Minot State University Choir – 8:45 am Congregation is encouraged to wear red – liturgical color for the day and one of our theme colors.
November 1	Sunday	All Saints Sunday with Anniversary Festival Worship Service at 2:00 pm – featuring special music and Bishop Mark Narum presiding/ preaching. Fellowship time after the service with pie, cookies and coffee.
November 7	Saturday	First Lutheran Church Women's Bazaar & Bake Sale
November 25	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Eve Service
December 27	Sunday	Marking the Completion of our 125 th year



ALTAR GUILD

We have openings and are looking for people to serve, approximately one month a year, on the Altar Guild helping to prepare for Communion and other duties relating to worship. We also need people who are willing to substitute. If you would be interested, please contact Vicki Stevens at 839-0562, Diann Hanson at 838-8915, or the church office at 852-4853. The following Altar Guild members will be serving:

October -
Vicki Stevens, Beth Greer,
Sue Erickson, LaNae LaBonte

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawls are knitted or crocheted shawls made to give to people as a symbol of God's embracing and enveloping love for them—in difficult times and in joyful times. Those who knit or crochet pray for the person who will receive the shawl. Sometimes specific prayers are prayed if it is known who the recipient will be, other times general prayers for God's love and mercy are prayed.

There are a number of people who have expressed interest in serving our congregation and community by being a part of this ministry. Anyone interested is invited to talk to Pastor Kari.

from
Julie Benson,
Christian Education Director

Christian Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regular Sunday School Classes: 9:45—10:40 am

October 11 & 18,
November 1

No Classes: Oct. 4—Barbary Coast Dixieland Band
Worship at 9:30 am
Followed by the
Ministry Fair

Oct. 25—Teacher’s Convention
Nov. 8—Special Family Activity for
Parents and Students

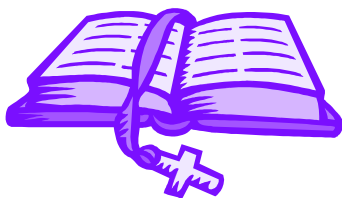
WHAT IS A FAMILY ACTIVITY EVENT?

Marcella Nelson will provide Family Activity Events throughout the parish education year. These events will be for students of all ages. Students **MUST** be accompanied by their parent or guardian. Please meet in the Parish Education Assembly Hall.

3RD GRADE BIBLES

October 18—10:45 am Sunday Service

(the Bibles will be distributed at the
worship service)



We will meet in the Church Choir Room at 10:30 am.

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL

Regular Wednesday School Classes: 6:00—7:00 pm

October 7 & 14
November 4

No Classes: October 21—Teacher’s Convention
October 28—Halloween Carnival

CONFIRMATION

6:00—7:15 pm - Main Church Sanctuary

October 7—Theme Night

October 14—Theme Night

October 21—*No classes*—LYO in Dickinson

October 28—Servant Night—**Halloween Carnival

November 4—Theme Night

November 11—Guides, Sunday School and
Wednesday School Teachers meeting

** All confirmation students will work at the Halloween Carnival on the 28th as a service project. A sign-up sheet will be filled out in early October.

Parent and Student Bible Meetings:

Sunday Students & Parents will meet
in the Northwest Confirmation Room
October 11 & 18—9:45 am

Wednesday Students & Parents will meet
in the Parish Center Assembly Hall
October 7 & 14—6:00 pm

Parents- please bring your own special Bible to these meetings.

If you did not receive a letter about these meetings,
please talk to Julie.

First Lutheran Church Women

	<u>Hostess</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Day & Time</u>
#1	Carol Schultz	Trinity Ret.	Oct. 8 - 1:30 pm*
#2	Adelaide Borstad	813 24th Ave SW	Oct. 8 - 9:30 am*
#3	No Hostess	Kildahl Room	Oct. 8 - 9:30 am*
#4	Bonnie Brekke	Kildahl Room	Oct. 8 - 1:30 pm*
#5	Joylea Knutson	Friendship Room	Oct. 8 - 1:30 pm*
#6	No Hostess	Conference Room	Oct. 8 - 5:00 pm*
#7	Lorraine Smith	2208 21st Ave SW	Oct. 6 - 7:30 pm*
#8	Bonnie Martin	1331 1st St SW	Oct. 8 - 8:00 pm*
#9	Jalene Nordstrom	Friendship Room	Oct. 13 - 7:30 pm

* Please note date changes above



Act boldly.

FLCW Bazaar—November 7

Please remember, when you are cleaning, that we will be needing things for Grandma's Attic. We can use anything that is clean and in working condition. However, please no clothing. Also needed are craft items, pickles, jellies, and other canned items.

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 10 9:00 am—3:00 pm - Women's Turtle Mountain Cluster (here at FLC)
 Oct. 22 1:30 pm General Assembly — Theme: *FLC Library*, Circle #5 serves
 Oct. 29 1:30 pm Exec & General Board Mtg.
 Nov. 3 4:00 pm Bible Study Leaders

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Wednesday, October 28—5:30—7:30 pm
Parish Center Assembly Hall

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

Games, snack walk, bingo,
 food, and fun!



Tickets: 25 cents per booth

All students are asked to bring to their classrooms by
 October 14th the following:

Preschool—Grade 5: a large bag of Halloween candy

Grades 6-8: 1 large bag of chips or munchies (Doritos,
 Cheese Puffs, etc)

Grade 9: Two 2-liter bottles of pop

Confirmation students will work at the carnival
 as a service project.

Don't Miss the Upcoming
 Special Sunday Service

Featuring

The Barbary Coast Dixieland Band

October 4

at

9:30 am

Followed by

FLC Ministry Fair

Fun, games & prizes for the kids
 while you check out all
 the wonderful
 ministry
 opportunities at FLC!

Worship Committee

At its September meeting, the Worship and Music Committee was informed by Pastor Ken that FLC had met its fund-raising goal for purchasing the new ELW hymnals. Consequently, new hymnals were ordered. Implementation will occur in conjunction with plans identified by the 125th FLC Anniversary Committee for the anniversary celebration. The Worship and Music Committee recommended, based on congregation survey results, the continued use of the traditional wording of the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed for worship services. Sample labels to recognize hymnal contributions (in honor of, in memory of, etc.) were provided for committee input.



The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the FLC Council filling a new position for a Worship Coordinator, whose responsibilities would include hymn selection and coordination of special music for worship services and worship events. The process for filling the position, pending FLC Council approval, would consist of convening a selection committee, interviewing candidates, and making a recommendation to the Council.

Continuing discussion of the enhancement of worship at FLC resulted in the addition of several items to the "wish list," as follows: electronic keyboard (likely to replace a clavinova on the list), sound system/speakers, and microphones. Pastor Mike raised the question of a projection system and screen for worship, leading to discussion of possibilities for FLC in which a projection system might be feasible. Other discussion included an update on the sound system.

With the resignations of Sarah Walker and Jan Melland, two at-large positions are available on the Worship and Music Committee. Interest will be solicited in the weekend bulletins. The committee will consider and/or recommend candidates at its October meeting.

The committee discussed several topics related to special music, including recognition for special music performances by the radio announcers and an invitation for all former FLC choir members to participate in the 125th anniversary service choir. Former members whose names are known will be sent invitations to sing. Others who would like to join the choir's anthems for that special service should contact Jeannie Sovak.

The Committee invites questions and concerns about these and other topics. Committee members include:

Julie Benson	852-6251
Clint & Jylann Hanson	725-4904
Joan Holum	839-7136
Joann Linrud (Chair)	838-2414
John Mercer (Council Liaison)	839-9232
Beth Murphy	839-1011
Pastor Ken Nelson	837-8783
Pastor Mike Pancoast	838-8111
Wayne Schempp	837-9662
Jeannie Sovak	839-3706
Rick Stevens	839-0562

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5:00 pm 5:15 pm 6:00-7:00 pm</p> <p>Supper Campana Ringers Wednesday Classes Pre-School - 6th Grade</p> <p>REGULAR WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE</p>				<p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>2 11:30 AM Luther's Kitchen 5:30 PM Hodgson/Smith Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 3:30 PM Hodgson/Smith Wedding 5:30 PM Worship</p> <p>Pastor Ken</p>
<p>4 9:30 AM Worship - Barbary Coast Dixieland Jazz Band 10:30 AM Ministry Fair</p> <p>Pastor Ken</p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>6 11:00 AM Staff 1:00 PM Pastor's Mtg. 2:00 PM Property 6:30 PM Worship & Music 7:30 PM Circle #9 7:30 PM Circle #7</p>	<p>7 Wednesday Schedule 9:00 AM REM 6:00 PM 3rd Grade Bible Class (Parent & Student) 6:00 PM Confirmation - Theme 7:45 PM Youth Group</p>	<p>8 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:30 AM Circles #2 & 3 11:00 AM Finance 12:00 PM Exec Council 1:30 PM Circles #1, 4 & 5 5:00 PM Circle #6 8:00 PM Circle #8</p>	<p>9 9:30 AM Search 11:30 AM Luther's Kitchen</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Women's Turtle Mtn. Cluster (here at FLC) 5:30 PM Worship 5:30 PM Larson Baptism</p>
<p>11 8:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM 3rd Grade Bible Class (Parent & Student) 9:45 AM Adult Forum 9:45 AM New Member Class 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>13 11:00 AM Staff 1:00 PM Pastor's Mtg. 7:00 PM Council</p>	<p>14 Wednesday Schedule 6:00 PM 3rd Grade Bible Class (Parent & Student) 6:00 PM Confirmation - Theme</p>	<p>15 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>16 9:30 AM Search 11:30 AM Luther's Kitchen 5:30 PM Mikkelsen/Simonsen Rehearsal 10:00 PM Youth After Game Party</p>	<p>17 5:30 PM Worship 7:30 PM Mikkelsen/Simonsen Wedding</p>
<p>18 8:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM 3rd Grade Bible Class (Parent & Student) 9:45 AM Adult Forum 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>20 11:00 AM Staff 1:00 PM Pastor's Mtg.</p>	<p>21 No Supper- No Classes, however, Choir & Bells will meet</p>	<p>22 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 1:30 PM FLCW General Assembly 5:00 PM Michaltenko/Lason Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 9:30 AM Search 11:30 AM Luther's Kitchen 5:00 PM Michaltenko/Lason Wedding</p>	<p>24 5:30 PM Worship</p>
<p>25 Reformation Sunday Minot State University Choir at 8:45 Worship 8:45 AM Worship 9:45 AM Adult Forum 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship</p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Quilters</p>	<p>27 11:00 AM Staff 1:00 PM Pastor's Mtg.</p>	<p>28 No Supper- No Classes, however, Choir & Bells will meet 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Halloween Carnival</p>	<p>29 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 1:30 PM FLCW Board Mtg.</p>	<p>30 9:30 AM Search 11:30 AM Luther's Kitchen</p>	<p>31 5:30 PM Worship</p>

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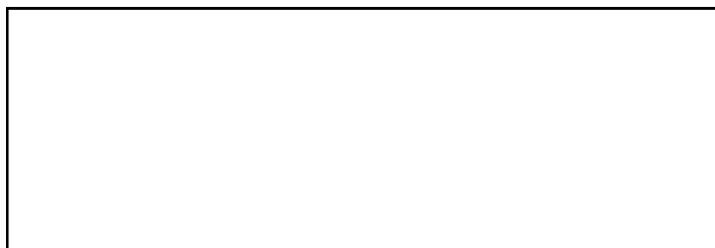
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OUR WEBSITE: firstlutheranchurchminot.com

SPECIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - OCTOBER 4 (only)
at 9:30 am—Barbary Coast Dixieland Jazz Band
Sunday Radio Broadcast on KRRZ 1390 AM at 9:30 am

REGULAR FALL WORSHIP & EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: *Wednesday School & Confirmation.* 6:00 PM
Saturday: *Worship* 5:30 PM

Sunday: *Worship* 8:45 AM
Sunday School & Adult Forum
 9:45 AM
Worship 10:45 AM

Nursery provided at Sunday Services

Sunday Radio Broadcast - KRRZ 1390 AM - 8:45 am