

First Things First

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First Lutheran Church, 120 5th Avenue NW, Minot, ND 58703

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

“In the future, when your children ask you “what do these stones mean?” tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.” Joshua 4:6b-7

This passage from Joshua is about remembering. In particular it recalls how the people of Israel, after 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, come to the Eastern border of their long awaited “promised land.” When they come to the bank of the Jordan River, which may have been in spring flood at the time, the waters “parted” for them when the elders of the people placed 12 stones in the river bed. The people entered without so much as getting their toes wet. I chose this passage because it contains five words that were vitally important to the survival of Israel, and are just as vital for us. Those five words are “*when your children ask you*”.

Parents and all members of First Lutheran, please take to heart the implications of those five words. “*When your children ask you*” about your faith, or why you (and they) are Christians and members of a church, what will you say? We are celebrating 125 years of ministry this fall. We are doing it with gratitude to God that we’ve been joined by two new pastors, Mike and Kari Pancoast, whose passion is to equip us all, but particularly parents, in talking about the faith we have in Jesus Christ... “*when your children ask you*”.

Pastor Mike’s ministry will be to instill in all our ministries and our families faithful, simple, but significant ways of celebrating and having faith conversations at the “milestones of life”. If you’d like to know more about the principles of Youth and Family Ministry he will be bringing to our congregation, you could attend the one-day seminar being put on in Minot by the “Youth and Family Institute”, at Bethany Lutheran. It’s called “Partnering Home and Congregation to Pass on Faith”. It would be time well spent for you personally, and give you better insights into the emphasis of ministry Pastor Mike will bring to First Lutheran. There is more information about the seminar later in this newsletter.

Pastor Kari’s emphasis will be to extend the caring ministries of First Lutheran in fresh ways. Often associated with the grief of dying or extended illness, or loneliness, care giving is also about being there as a congregation during other, less noticed (much less celebrated) milestones of life...loss of job...retirement...the last of the kids moving out. At the same time each of these events anticipate their own forms of resurrection...new jobs...new activities to enrich retirement...grandkids “moving in” (at least for the weekend)! Please keep both Mike and Kari, and their kids Olsen, Laura, Anna and Eleanor in your prayers...introduce yourself to them (a couple of times even!) Their ministries will be about helping us all become better prepared to respond, in grace and truth... “*when our children ask us.*” I am glad they’ve come. I know you will be too.

Oh, as long as you asked “what’s going on here this fall” to celebrate our 125th anniversary, well, let me tell you a bit more about it.

September 12 features a day-long symposium from 9:00 – 3:00 PM with Dr. Paul Maier. See page 6 for more details about Dr. Maier and the lecture series. On Sunday morning, **September 13**, he will be leading a short summary presentation of his seminar during the adult Sunday school class at First from 9:45 - 10:30 AM, and will bring greetings during all of our weekend worship services. Tell friends to join you. On the weekend of September 12-13th, we’ll also unveil terrific artwork done by our own Luther Hanson, depicting scenes from “the steps of First Lutheran” through the years. You’ll be amazed at what he’s done.

On October 4th, we will accept the rare opportunity (and take the rare step of altering our normal Sunday schedule) by having a 125th Anniversary joint worship service featuring the sounds of Dixieland Jazz and Gospel music. The “Barbary Coast Dixieland Jazz Band” will lead us in toe tapping, hand clapping Christian gospel songs as part of our worship service.

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They have many 'jazzy' adaptations of favorite Christian hymns for us to sing along to. They will be our featured song leaders...a worship event for all ages. ***This Sunday we will have one worship only at 9:30.*** (We will have our traditional Saturday service that weekend as well). The Barbary Coast Band has been touring the Midwest for over 35 years and have done hundreds of worship services in churches of all traditions. The band comes to us from St. Paul, Minnesota. They have been inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. We'll be blessed by their presence. They, too, will have some of their music available for purchase. Following the service, weather permitting, we'll have some special refreshments and fun in the courtyard.

Later in the month, on **Sunday October 25th**, the Minot State University Choir, under the direction of Dr. Ken Bowles, will be our special musical guests at our 8:45 service. Then on **Sunday November 1st**, in addition to our regular weekend worship schedule, we'll have our 125th Anniversary service of Thanksgiving, featuring many choir and brass pieces composed by our own Wally Ost, working together with daughter Marian Casey. Guest preacher will be Bishop Mark Narum, and we'll re-introduce a choir anthem composed by Gary Walth, son of our late pastor Arthur Walth, which he wrote for our 100th Anniversary. More about these events in our October newsletter. When your children ask, "How did we remember and celebrate our heritage," you'll have lots to tell them!

Because of a Cross . . .

Pastor Ken Nelson

FALL SCHEDULE STARTS

On **September 13**, we start our fall worship schedule with two Sunday services, at 8:45 & 10:45 am. We will continue to have the Saturday evening services at 5:30 pm as usual.

RALLY SUNDAY!

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".



The other reason is to spotlight the work our volunteers do to inform you of what happens in our congregation, and to encourage you to become one of our valuable servants through the many volunteer ministries we have.

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**FAIRSTAND THANK YOU**

This month we will feature all the volunteers it takes to have our food booth at the North Dakota State Fair. There are many "behind the scene" workers involved.

About two weeks before the fair even begins, volunteers are at work. Al Gjerde moves the stand to the fair grounds, then Sev and Bonnie Brekke get a crew there to set up and clean the stand. All the food and supplies are ordered and we are ready for the fair to start. Vicki Rusch and Laurie Jenson supervise the stand, while Bernice Larsen and Sherri Wolla keep the pie crew running, and Becky Ortiz runs the potato salad crew at the church.

And we cannot forget the hundreds of other volunteers it takes to keep the fair stand running! We had a great volunteer response this year. Many called in to volunteer and we greatly appreciate that. People that worked checked for open shift positions and filled in where needed. A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone!

This was a record year for attendance and a fantastic year for FLC's fairstand! We all worked hard and it was worth it. We hope you had fun too!

The fair stand is a great fundraiser for the youth, women of the church, and general fund. If we are to continue to have the church fair stand (with the *best* homemade pies and potato salad made daily), we need all of the above volunteers plus more.

### IT TAKES A LOT TO RUN -- SO JOIN THE FUN

For all who helped serve FLC as a volunteer at the state fair — we sincerely Thank You!

## *Welcome Our New Pastors!*



Pastor Mike Pancoast



Pastor Kari Pancoast



### **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:

*September -*

Loanne Olson, Debra Vangsness,  
Daphne Cassim, Betty Neff, Irene Troxel

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### **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 attend an informational meeting on Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 pm, in the Kildahl Room. If you have any questions you may talk to Pastor Kari. Also, if you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in this ministry, let Pastor Kari know.

# ATTENDANCE

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offerings</u> |
|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| April.....   | 2,118.....        | \$ 39,405.60     |
| May.....     | 1,299.....        | \$ 29,673.98     |
| June.....    | 797.....          | \$ 24,900.43     |
| July.....    | 740.....          | \$ 20,285.06     |

## INCOME/EXPENSES

*as of the end of July 2009*

|                       | <u>Actual</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| July Monthly Income   | \$ 43,646.51  |
| July Monthly Expense  | \$ 57,834.50  |
| Year-to-Date Income   | \$ 302,017.68 |
| Year-to-Date Expenses | \$ 319,269.41 |

## BULLETIN & NEWSLETTER

### DEADLINES

Remember, 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.

## PARISH CTR & OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center and Office hours are 9:00—4:00 pm, Monday—Friday until September 7. After September 7, office hours will be 9:00 am—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

Abigail Renae Jensen  
 Tyler Jerome Foss  
 Robert Alan Spraags  
 Lila Autumn Hartje  
 Eliese Lynn McCann  
 Rylee Lynn Halvorson  
 Morgan Anna Clark  
 Tausha Bechtold

### Marriages

Josh Heilman & Kelly Mosher  
 John Leddon & Ashley Fox  
 Christopher Vigness & Kelly Torgerson

### Funerals & Memorials

Gary Stenehjerm  
 Robert Stauffer  
 Beryl Miller  
 Constance Miller  
 Donald Berdahl  
 Gordon Olson  
 Duane Haakenstad  
 Lorraine Smith

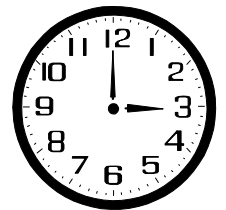
## SERVICE GROUPS #6-8

Thank you to the people of Service Groups #6-8 for their willing efforts in the service of our Lord and the family of First Lutheran Church.

## OFFICE CLOSURE & HOURS

The church office will be closed on  
 Monday, September 7,  
 in observance of Labor Day

Also, we wish to remind you that effective Monday, September 8, we will go back to our regular office hours of 9:00 am—5:00 pm, Monday—Friday.



## 125TH ANNIVERSARY SALE ITEMS

We have items for sale to commemorate our 125<sup>th</sup> 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)

Sept. 13 — Open forum with Dr. Paul L. Maier - "*The CRESCENT and the CROSS*" (see next page)

Sept. 20 — Mission Report with Katie Langemo

Sept. 27 — Update on FLC Building Proposals

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.)

## ***Sunday Adult Education Class***—9:45 am

Watch in October's newsletter for the next session of adult education classes to be offered on Sundays.

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

Oct. 11 — Information Class

Oct. 18 — Received at Worship and Reception

## ***Wednesdays*** - 6:00—7:00 pm - Kildahl Room

Watch in October's newsletter for the next session of adult education classes to be offered on Wednesdays.

## ***Men's Breakfast Group*** - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays - 7:00-8:00 am - Charlie's Café (Sept. 10 & 24)

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

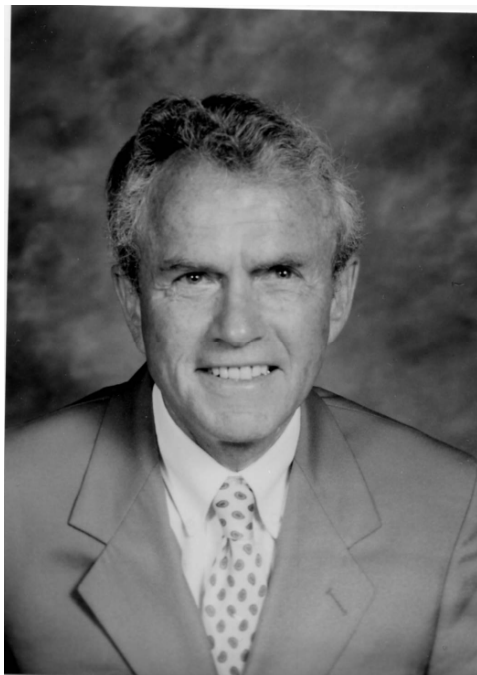
## ***Thursday Men's Bible Study*** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays - 7:00-7:55 am - Conference Room (starts Sept. 17)

We invite all men to come for coffee, juice, & rolls while we study & discuss the news from a Biblical perspective.

## ***Search Bible Study*** - Fridays - 9:30 am - Conf. Room - (starts Sept. 11)

Join us in studying different books of the Bible in 8 week sessions.

No previous study is necessary and materials are provided.



## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

*T.F. Gullixson Lecture Series Presents:*

**Dr. Paul Maier**

***“The CRESCENT and the CROSS”***

*Seminar on Islam and Christianity*

Saturday, September 12, 2009

8:30 am—Registration & Coffee

First Lutheran Church’s Parish Assembly Hall

120 5th Ave NW

Minot, ND 58703

(701) 852-4853

*(RSVP’s preferred by Tuesday, Sept. 8  
for planning purposes - please call 852-4853)*

First Lutheran Church of Minot is celebrating its 125th Anniversary throughout the fall of this year. Our special events will commence on Saturday, September 12th, with a presentation by Dr. Paul Maier. Dr. Maier is the Russell H. Seibert Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University. He is a much-published author of both scholarly and popular works. His novels include *"Pontius Pilate and the Flames of Rome"*, and a #1 bestseller in the category of religious fiction, *"A Skeleton in God's Closet"*. A sequel to this, *"More Than a Skeleton"* was published in 2003.

His scholarly, non-fiction works include *"In the Fullness of Time"*, a book that correlates secular evidence from the ancient world impinging on Jesus and early Christianity. He has also translated and published a book about the writings of 1st century Jewish historian Flavius Josephus entitled *"Josephus - The Essential Works"* and another by 1st century Christian history Eusebius entitled *"Eusebius - The Church History"*. Dr. Maier lectures widely, appears frequently on national radio, television and newspaper interviews. He has also penned six children's books, including ones on Martin Luther, the First Christmas, and the First Easter. Dr. Maier will have several of his books available to examine and purchase during his appearance.

First Lutheran Church is delighted to welcome Dr. Maier to Western North Dakota. We welcome the general public on Saturday, September 12, 2009, for Dr. Maier's talk on the origins of Christianity and Islam, a topic of interest given the historic and competing claims of these two world religions, as well as given the current climate in places like the Middle East. In Dr. Maier's words, *"For almost 14 centuries, the Crescent has opposed the Cross. In this seminar, the world's two largest religions are contrasted in terms of founders, history, scriptures, beliefs, and practices."*

*Dr. Maier's seminar will be approximately as follows:*

- 8:30 - 9:00 am - Gathering (registration) and coffee
- 9:00 - 10:15 am - First presentation
- 10:15 - 10:30 am - Break with refreshments provided
- 10:30 - 11:30 am - Second presentation
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Lunch (on your own...a listing of nearby food establishments will be provided)
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm - Third presentation
- 2:00 - 2:15 pm - Break
- 2:15 - 3:15 pm - Final presentation

Dr. Maier will be available after the seminar for further conversation, and always welcomes that opportunity. This seminar is open to all, and is free of charge. First Lutheran welcomes you and Dr. Maier as part of our annual T.F. Gullixson Lecture Series. Child care will be provided for the duration of the event.

# "Partnering Home and Congregation To Pass On Faith" Workshop



**September 19, 2009**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Bismarck 9am-4pm**

**OR**

**September 20, 2009**  
**Bethany Lutheran Church**  
**Minot 2pm-8pm**

Where have all our young adults gone? Where are our children? Where are our youth? Where will our congregations be if we do not learn how to more effectively pass on faith by partnering home and congregation? Here is your opportunity to explore the answers to these questions, learning from Biblical perspectives, from current research, and from exemplary congregations. Join other congregational and youth leaders to learn how to:

- Get families worshipping together
- Make faith formation a lifelong process in both home and congregation
- Bring all generations together to share their gifts of faith
- Equip households to braid faith into all of life
- Engage families in simple, powerful, daily faith practices
- Raise up Christians who pass on faith, wherever they are

**Marilyn Sharpe, Director of Cross+Generational Ministries at The Youth & Family Institute, is the presenter. Cost: \$15.00, which includes meal. Registration due: September 14, 2009. Sponsored by the Discipleship Team of the WND Synod.**

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Please send to: WND Synod, P.O. Box 370, Bismarck, ND 58501  
Checks payable to: WND Synod "For" line: Discipleship Event

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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WORKSHOP: BISMARCK \_\_\_\_\_ MINOT \_\_\_\_\_

# *First Lutheran Church Celebrates 125th Anniversary*

***“Building On Our Heritage”*** is our theme as we celebrate our 125<sup>th</sup> 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>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| September 12 | Saturday   | <b><i>Dr. Paul L. Maier Lecture Series</i></b> - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm<br>(see page 6)                                                                                                                                         |
| September 13 | Sunday     | <b><i>Rally Sunday - Dr. Paul L. Maier – Forum</i></b><br>Register children for Sunday School                                                                                                                              |
| September 27 | Sunday     | <b><i>Scandinavian Heritage Sunday</i></b> – wear your sweaters!<br>This is the start of the week of Hostfest – Scandinavian Festival                                                                                      |
| October 4    | Sunday     | <b><i>9:30 am Worship Service with Barbary Coast Dixieland Jazz Band</i></b><br>If you didn't wear your sweater last week wear it this week or wear it again!                                                              |
| October 25   | Sunday     | <b><i>Reformation Sunday with the Minot State University Choir</i></b> –<br>Congregation is encouraged to wear red – liturgical color for the day and one of our theme colors.                                             |
| November 1   | Sunday     | <b><i>All Saints Sunday with Anniversary Festival Worship Service</i></b> 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   | <b><i>First Lutheran Church Women's Bazaar &amp; Bake Sale</i></b>                                                                                                                                                         |
| November 25  | Wednesday  | <b><i>Thanksgiving Eve Service</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| December 27  | Sunday     | Marking the Completion of our 125 <sup>th</sup> year                                                                                                                                                                       |

from  
Julie Benson,  
Christian Education Director

## Christian Education




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### RALLY SUNDAY

September 13, 2009

Registration—9:45 am—Assembly Hall

Sunday School class times this year will be from 9:45—10:40 am. Parents will receive a yearly calendar at registration.

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### IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION PARENT & STUDENT MEETING

September 9, 2009—7:00 pm

Parish Center Assembly Hall

We are requesting that all parents and students of grades 7-9 attend this confirmation meeting.

Information will be shared about the confirmation curriculum and expectations.

This is a very important meeting, so please mark this date on your calendars.

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### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

When you are out shopping for school supplies, please consider buying extra to donate to the Lutheran World Relief for the School Kits. Following is a list of items needed. Please bring your items to the church office or to the classrooms on Rally Sunday / Rally Wednesday.

Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper approx. 8" x 10 ½" totaling 150-200 sheets (if using 70-sheet notebooks, please include three) Do not include loose-leaf paper

- 1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- 1 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 6 new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser approx. 2½" long
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors (if necessary, fold in half to fit into the school kit bag)
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 sturdy, cloth bag approx. 12" x 14" with cloth handles or drawstring enclosure




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### RALLY WEDNESDAY

September 16, 2009

Registration—6:00 pm—Assembly Hall

Wednesday School class times this year will be from 6:00—7:00 pm. Parents will receive a yearly calendar at registration.

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### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation begins . . .

September 16, 2009—6:00—7:15 pm

All students will be given an overview of their student journals and training for their servant requirements.

All confirmation students will meet in the main church sanctuary.

*September 16—first Theme night*

The class schedule will be:

- 6:00—6:15 pm—Large group music and worship
- 6:15—6:40 pm—Large group presentation of topic
- 6:40—7:05 pm—Small group discussion of topic  
(small groups will meet in various locations within the church and parish center)
- 7:05—7:15 pm—Large group quiet reflection

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### WELCOME BACK WEDNESDAY

We would like to welcome back ALL families!

*Wednesday, September 16*

Supper—5:00—6:00 pm—Parish Center

Registration, Classes & Confirmation

6:00—7:00 pm—Parish Center

All families are invited!!!

## First Lutheran Church Women

|    | <u>Hostess</u>    | <u>Place</u>       | <u>Day &amp; Time</u> |
|----|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| #1 | Martha Nygard     | Trinity Ret.       | 1st Thurs - 1:30 pm   |
| #2 | Ardyth Kenner     | 1308 10th St SW    | 1st Thurs - 9:30 am   |
| #3 | Marvel Helgeson   | 2601 Bel Air Drive | 1st Thurs - 9:30 am   |
| #4 | Jeanne Wolla      | Kildahl Room       | 1st Thurs - 1:30 pm   |
| #5 | Wilma Pierson     | Friendship Room    | 1st Thurs - 1:30 pm   |
| #6 | <i>No Hostess</i> | Conference Room    | 1st Thurs - 5:00 pm   |
| #7 | Liz Wolsky        | 1561 Cook Drive    | 1st Thurs - 7:30 pm   |
| #8 | Wanda Olson       | 815 1st Ave SW     | 1st Thurs - 8:00 pm   |
| #9 | Audrey Hugelen    | Friendship Room    | 2nd Tues - 7:30 pm    |



**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:*

|          |         |                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept. 1  | 4:00 pm | Bible Study Leaders                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sept. 12 | 9:00 am | ELCA Six Church " <b>Friendship Gathering</b> " at Bethany Lutheran<br>Registration is at 9:00 am—Come for . . .<br>Devotions, brunch, music, program & lots of fellowship! |
| Sept. 24 | 1:30 pm | Exec & General Board Mtg.                                                                                                                                                   |

## Worship Committee

The Worship and Music Committee met through the summer to address many issues such as the organist position, the cranberry hymnal, the sound system and planning for the fall. The following committee charge was created to help the committee be true to its call as an intentional and faithful ministry of First Lutheran Church.

*The Worship Committee of First Lutheran Church exists to give encouragement to and seek resources for worship and music, so as a congregation we reflect in our worship its evangelistic, discipling, and pastoral care elements in addition to its chief element, giving thanks and praise to God in Jesus Christ. We will strive as a committee to see our congregation worship in fresh ways, "making a joyful noise to the Lord," while remaining centered in and intentional about the historic Lutheran tradition of Word and Sacrament.*

Important updates are:

*Sound System* – the committee has recommended to the Church Council, the possibility of hiring a sound consultant to help us take a good hard look at a system that will best suit First Lutheran's needs. The Council has taken the Worship and Music Committee's recommendation under advisement.

*Cranberry Hymnals* – the fundraising effort for new hymnals was successful. We have reached our initial goal of \$12,000 and they have been ordered. Plans are to use them for the first time later this fall.

*Fall Schedule* – Julie Benson has joined the committee as liaison for the Education Committee. Julie will act as a liaison between the Worship and Music and Education committees to assist in coordination and planning of worship and education events.

As always, contact any one of the committee members to share your input.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Julie Benson                 | 852-6251 |
| Clint & Jylann Hanson        | 725-4904 |
| Joan Holum                   | 839-7136 |
| Joann Linrud (Chair)         | 838-2414 |
| Jan Melland                  | 839-7853 |
| Jon 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 |

September 2009

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                     | Wednesday                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Friday                                                                                                     | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                            |                 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |                      |                       |                         |                        |                      |                        |
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Saturday service at 5:30 pm—Sunday services at 9:30 am  
 Sunday Radio Broadcast on KRRZ 1390 AM at 9:30 am

### FALL WORSHIP & EDUCATION SCHEDULE — Starts September 13

**Wednesday:** Wednesday School &  
 Confirmation . . . (Sept. 16) . . 6:00 PM  
**Saturday:** Worship . . . . . 5:30 PM

**Sunday:** Worship . . . (Sept. 13) . . . . . 8:45 AM  
 Sunday School & Adult Forum  
 . . . . . (Sept. 13) . . . . . 9:45 AM  
 Worship . . . (Sept. 13) . . . . . 10:45 AM

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