

First Lutheran Church
"Bringing the hope we share in Christ to others"

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July 20, 2008 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude		
Bell Toll		
Gathering Song	"For the Fruit of All Creation"	ELW 679
Confession and Forgiveness		
Prayer of the Day		Prayed Together
<i>Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.</i>		
First Lesson		Isaiah 44:6-8
Second Lesson		Romans 8:12-25
Gospel Acclamation		p. 142
Gospel		Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Kids Sermon		Pastor John Martinson
Hymn of Preparation	"You Are the Way"	ELW 758
Sermon		Pastor John Martinson
Hymn of the Day	"O Bread of Life from Heaven"	ELW 480
Nicene Creed		p. 104
Prayers of Intercession		p. 143
Sharing the Peace		
Offering		
Offertory Hymn	"Come to the Table"	ELW 481
Holy Communion		p. 144
Lord's Prayer		p. 145
Prayer after Communion		p. 146
Blessing		p. 146
Sending Song	"Great is Thy Faithfulness"	ELW 733
Dismissal		p. 146
Postlude		

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 20	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, July 21	Newsletter Deadline	
	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	2:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, July 22	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Health Ministry
	2:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
	5:30 p.m.	Building Committee
Wednesday, July 23	9:30 a.m.	BL Good Sam Share & Care #7
	2:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Music
Thursday, July 24	2:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
	8:00 p.m.	"Come to the Lakes" program
Friday, July 25	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
Saturday, July 26	Wenonga Days	
Sunday, July 27	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Church Directory Sign Up Begins
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

FIRST LUTHERAN STAFF

Ministers: All Members; Interim Pastor: Rev. John Martinson; Parish Nurse: Lynda Glick; Christian Education: Jan Smith; Parish/Financial Secretary: Rob McNair; Stephen Ministry Leaders: Myron Dahle and Joan Fegert; Peoples Church Mission, Bemidji; Head Organist: Harriet Lundquist; Custodians: Jack and Shirley Neese.

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION. All who believe in Christ's forgiving presence with his body and blood in, with and through the bread and wine are invited to join us at His table. Those preferring grape juice should take from the center circle of each serving tray or indicate your preference to your server.

Those worshipping at First Lutheran are asked to **please sign the registration pads found in each pew** and pass it to the end of your row. When all have signed, please return the pad to the center aisle.

WORSHIP TEAM

	Organist/Pianist	Ushers	Lector	Acolytes
8:30a	Harriet Lundquist Mary Ann Romberg	Bob & Jane Duerr Dave & Lou Ann Ellingson	Evie Hanson	Ryan Olson Cara Scott
10:00a	Harriet Lundquist Marge VanderBerg	Tim & Beth Schendel with Charlie and Harley	Jane Duerr	McKenzie Nelson- Buehler Abbi Hull

HEALTH REPORT

Phyllis Knudson was hospitalized in Fergus this week. **Micah Rieken** (son of **Erik and Kristi Eklund**) was hospitalized at Children's Hospital. **Delores Lind** is recovering from surgery in Fergus. Please keep these individuals and families in your prayers for healing.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Weekly attendance:** 119 (8:30 a.m.) and 93 (10:00 a.m.)
- The Rev. Karen Bockelman will be at Zion Amor on Tuesday, August 19 to present the **WELCA August Bible study, "Living Water, Walking Wet."** Karen is the author of the summer Bible study found in the Lutheran Woman Today magazine and is an assistant to the Bishop of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod. The Zion Amor WELCA has invited us to join them for this exciting afternoon with Karen. The Bible study will start at 2:00 p.m. in the Zion Amor sanctuary with coffee and fellowship to follow. *Please RSVP by July 31 to Karen Engen or Jane Dixon if your circle members would like to attend.*
- The **WELCA No Bake Sale** continues and we appreciate any donation you might wish to make. Your donation may be left at the church office, given to your Circle Chairperson, or mailed to Lorraine Underhill, WELCA Treasurer, 23182 State Highway 78, Battle Lake, MN 56515. Thank you for your continued support.
- Dates for the **new pictorial directory** have been set: Tuesday and Wednesday, August 19-20 from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday, September 2 through Friday, September 5 from 2:30

p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday, September 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The hope is the August dates will be used by college students and/or snowbirds that leave town before September. Sign up will begin on Sunday, July 27.

- **Joy Bond**, Activities Director at the BL Good Sam, is looking for a couple of volunteers to **take two residents fishing** across the street at the Battle Lake Public Dock. Please contact Joy if you are willing to help.
- **Blood pressures** will be taken on the first and third Sundays of the month starting at 9:30 a.m. Please contact Parish Nurse Lynda Glick with questions or concerns.
- **Committee reports for the annual meeting** can be e-mailed to the church office at bluth@arvig.net or turned in on a computer disk no later than Friday, August 15. Please no paper copies.
- We continue to collect **empty ink jet cartridges** to benefit our youth programs. We receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge recycled. Cartridges can be deposited in our collection box located on the windowsill in the Nathex outside the church library.
- If you would like to donate **altar flowers** to brighten our Sunday worship, please sign up on the sheet located on the kiosk by the elevator door in the Narthex.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Men's Barbershop** will be performing at the next **"Come to the Lakes"** event on Thursday, July 24 at 8:00 p.m. Come early for the popcorn. Stay late for conversation, cookies, and lemonade! The Lakes Area Community Center is hosting events every Thursday night throughout the summer in their future home here at First Lutheran.
- **Pastor Carol Olson** will speak about her trip to the Holy Land at Grue Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.
- Bethel Lutheran Church in Fergus is hosting the **worship / Bible study event "Living Proof Live"** featuring Bible teacher Beth Moore and worship leader Travis Cottrell on Friday, August 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at Bethel or the Promise Shop in downtown Fergus.
- The **Open Door Youth Center** is having two work days on Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9 to paint and clean up the place. Arrive at 9:00 a.m. with gloves, paint scrapers, rags, etc. They need your help so please plan to attend! Call Rich at 864-5004 for more information.



MOVING DAY is Sunday, August 10

At the July council meeting the building committee representatives and your church council announced **Sunday, August 10** as the date to move our church family worship center from where we are now to our super-exciting new building sight.

There are three major areas of information that outline this announcement.

CLEANING: Cleanliness is next to Godliness, or so some of our mothers told us. We need to polish our new home before we move

in. We need everyone with the cleaning skills of Mr. Clean and the energy to dust, wash, vacuum, sweep, and scrub on board. If we can put together a small crew for each room/area, the job may be perfectly completed in a day or two. We feel 50 volunteers would be adequate, but 150 would be magnificent. **WE WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4 AT THE NEW CHURCH AND CONTINUE INTO THE EVENING. SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TODAY AND YOU CAN INDICATE WHAT TIME YOU PREFER TO HELP: MORNING, AFTERNOON, EVENING, OR ALL THE ABOVE!** Those that have already helped in any way have discovered the rewarding experience of working with and getting to know other church family members of our congregation, and the fulfillment of gaining ownership by having participated in the "building" of our future faith center. Please call Rob at 864-5686 and add your name to the list of cleaning volunteers. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for most of us and a great way to feel the warmth of God's love.

MOVING: August 10— Now it's clean and we're ready to move. On Sunday morning, August 10, we will change to one Sunday morning service that will begin at 9:00 a.m. We want everyone to wear those comfortable work clothes, because, after the single service, we will move as a family. We want everyone to carry something from the old church to the new church. It might be as simple as a hymnal, or as much as a pew. Please bring pickups and trailers if you have them. There will be many photo opportunities and memories available for the taking, so don't forget your camera. We will hold a brief congregational closing ceremony as we leave the old building and a brief prayer of thanksgiving as we complete unloading items into the new building.

AFTER THE MOVE: On Sunday mornings, beginning on August 17, we will settle into our new church home with one Sunday morning service each week, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Our official worship center dedication will be at a later date, with memorable events being planned for that occasion. WOW!!!! Don't miss a thing — mark your calendars and join in this total experience of praise and thanksgiving to our magnificent God and Father! Praise be to Him!



Presenting Dr. Kathryn Love

Assistant Director of Evangelism
for the ELCA

September 13 & 14, 2008

Saturday Evening Service 7:00 PM

Sunday Worship Service 9:00 AM

Theme: *Church Renewal*

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EVERYONE WELCOME