



First Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements

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September 4 & 5, 2010

Welcome to First Lutheran Church. Please sign the registration pad found in your row.

If you are in need of pastoral care or have questions about First Lutheran Church, please contact the church office at 426-4073 or visit www.firstlutheranblair.org.

Congratulations to Kiley Petersen and Brandon Gaines who were united in marriage this Saturday. May God bless their union.

Copies of the SEPTEMBER Ambassador Newsletter are available for you to pick-up in the Narthex or Gathering area outside of the worship area. Please pick-up your copy today!

Health Kit Update as of Aug. 30:

First Lutheran Church has a goal to collect items for and complete 750 Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief by October 27th! Here is an update of the items NEEDED:

- Hand Towels: 200
- Wide Tooth Combs: 506
- Bar Soap (full size): 309
- Nail Clippers w/file: 163
- Tooth Brushes: 389
- Band-aids (bundles of 6): 39
- Wash Cloths: 0 - we have them all!

All donations may be left at the display in the Narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome and Wanda Blomker will watch for sales and make purchases.

Please check here each week for updates—Thank you!



WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

- †The family & friends of Carole Dickson
 - †The family of Maryann Block
 - †Mike Marsh—loss of his mother
 - †Dale Matson
 - †Joanne Pierce-Dorothy Olson's sister-in-law
 - †Carl Schattauer
 - †Arland Gross-cancer
 - †Susan Riisness-lung cancer
 - †Lisa-another cancer surgery
 - †Irmogene Krogstrand – surgery
 - †Martin Kuhr-healing
 - †Dick Jensen-healing
 - †Ruth Flake-healing
 - †Don Lippincott-healing
 - †Betty Wolsmann-healing
 - †Kevin Kundel-healing
 - †Rick Sederburg-healing
 - †Colleen Johnson-healing
 - †Karleen Brown-Ken Gigstad's sister-healing
 - †Chris Gilmore-healing & comfort
 - †Those in their ministry who are plastic surgeons
 - †Those traveling this Labor Day weekend
 - †James Jensen-military
 - †Michael Jensen-military
 - †Sean Scott-military
 - †Donny Smith-military
 - †Kevin Kersey-military
 - †Jeff Davis-military
- Mission Field*
- †Missionary Pat Bentsen
 - †Pastor Foya and Lekura parish in Tanzania
- ...and all those we name in our hearts.

Giving Year-to-date as of 8/31/2010

Year-to-date Budget: \$399,802
Year-to-date Regular Offering: \$332,223
Year-to-date Special Offering: \$37,971
We have borrowed: \$25,700

Correction to FLC Calendar for September 5th – there will not be a baptism class held that day and Can Sunday will be September 12th.

Johansen Bible Study is studying a series on “Angels”. The study meets Tuesdays at 1:30pm.

Special Note: The parking lot LIGHTS to the North of the Fellowship Hall will be shut off until further notice from Memorial Community Hospital. They have a maintenance problem they are attempting to fix. If you park in that area, please take extra safety precautions when driving and walking in the low lighting.



First Lutheran Church is blessed to be a Stephen Ministry congregation. We have skilled Christian caring friends available to walk with you during a time of crisis or other need. Please contact Rhonda Matney, Pat Gregory or one of the pastors if you are interested in more information about this ministry.

You are invited to attend ABC'S Sunday September 19th 6:00 p.m. Ruth Jensen will share her personal experience concerning Slovakia. A light meal will be served. Please bring a salad.

Vocal Choir & Special Music Information...

First Lutheran Church has been blessed with a rich history of music!

For students: Cherub Choir - for ages Kindergarten through 3rd grade, will meet on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30. **Joyful Singers** - for 4th through 6th graders, will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00. Each of these choirs will sing at worship once a month. Practice begins on September 8th.

For adults: Adult Choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:30 and will sing at worship two or three times a month. Rehearsals begin September 12th.

For all: Share your talents by offering a special music selection at worship. Contact the church office to schedule a date and time.

I look forward to working with you this year! Please contact me at 402-426-9042 with any questions. -Kay Dickinson

Social Concerns...

Remember the WASHINGTON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY with gifts of foodstuffs and paper products **anytime** by bringing your gifts to the grocery cart or the box so marked in the narthex.

Our SUMMER GARDEN MARKET is in full swing! A hearty thank you is extended to all **gardeners** who are sharing the fruits of their labors from the abundance God provides!

Shoppers, stop by the table in the northeast corner of the narthex and see what delicious fresh produce and flowers are available! All generous donations will benefit **ELCA World Hunger**

and will help those in need around the world. Watch the progress toward our \$1,200 goal on the pea pod at the Garden Market table.

FAIR TRADED COFFEE, TEA, AND CHOCOLATE is available today for the donation amounts noted on the sign with the display in the narthex. Your continued support helps small farmers in third world countries feed their families and improve their communities.

ATTENTION ALL COFFEE DRINKERS! Let's "perk up the kitchen" by covering the cost of a bag of coffee (\$6.00, or a donation in any amount) so we can continue the great tradition of sharing conversation over a cup of "brew." You may place your donations in the old fashioned coffee pot either at the **Fair Trade Exhibit** in the narthex or by the **coffee** in the Fellowship Hall.

REBUILDING TOGETHER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY on **September 11, beginning at 9:00 A.M.**, is an opportunity to Learn, Laugh, Sweat, and Leave—having made a difference for low-income home owners. By using volunteer labor and donated materials, necessary home repairs will be completed at no cost to the homeowners. If you are interested in volunteering your time for all or a portion of the day, please contact either **Dee Sylvis (533-1681)** or **Tammy Martin (533-1569)**. Materials & food provided, unless you prefer to bring your own tools.

WINTER CLOTHES IN SEPTEMBER? YES! **Lutheran Family Services** is continuing to resettle many refugees—primarily from Burma, Nepal, and Iraq. These folks come to Nebraska ill prepared for the winter months ahead. Therefore, we are having a **SEPTEMBER INGATHERING** of **coats, caps, scarves, and gloves/mittens** for children and small adults. Please see the **Ingathering Receptacle** in the narthex. The clothing can be new or gently used in good condition.

Christian Ed...

Please Help! **Supplies needed:** the 3-year-old Sunday School class is still in need of **shoe boxes from children's shoes**. Please bring them to the church office as soon as possible.

Women's News...

Circle Meetings: **Wednesday, September 8:** **Esther Circle** will meet at noon in the Ark—bring your own lunch. **Lois & Naomi Circle** will meet at 9am at the home of Verna Bull. **Tuesday, September 14,** **Ruth Circle** will meet at 7pm in the fellowship hall of the church.

LADIES OF FLC, you are all invited to the **AUTUMN RENEWAL 2010: Together We Live Love with Tanzania**, which will be at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Wahoo, NE** on **Saturday, September 18, 9:00 A.M.** Brochures with registration information (**due September 8**) are available on the **Women's Table** in the corridor outside the **LIFE Center**. Don't miss this

opportunity to hear stories from Bob Kasworm, operations leader for Alegent Health Tanzania, and Martin Russell, our NE Synod staff person who has done so much to deepen relationships between the NE Synod and the Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. For ride sharing, call Ruth Jensen (426-3811) or Trudy Hutton (426-4358).

A Wednesday Evening Bible Study will be held in the Library from 7-8pm. This Bible study is from the Women of Faith series entitled: *Living above Worry and Stress*. Come join us!

The **Mother-to-Mother weekly Bible study** will begin on Wednesday, September 8th from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the First Lutheran Church library. This is an ecumenical Bible study and is for all mothers with children of all ages no matter their church affiliation. Childcare is provided. Call Susie Pinquoch @ 426-8182 for further details if needed. All moms are welcome!

The FLC Nursery is open and staffed every Sunday Morning from 10:30am-12 noon

Love Day Quilters are in need of people to sew quilt tops together at home. If you would like to help out, call Wanda 427-3522. We can always use fabric also.

Scripture Readings for this week
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Scripture Readings for Sep 11 & 12
Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-10
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Worship Assts. for Sept 4 & 5, 2010

Greeters: 6pm Wes & Esther Gunderson
8:15 & 10:45 Hospitality Team

Lectors: 6pm Verlan Hanson
8:15 Tim Pallesen
10:45 Susie Pinquoch

Comm Assist 6pm Wes & Esther Gunderson
8:15 & 10:45 Hospitality Team

Sacristy: 6pm Walt & Ellen Behrens
8:15 Pat Hansen
10:45 Fran Aman & Judy Hardy

Coffee Hosts: Bob & Kris Coffey

This week at First Lutheran

Sun. Sept. 5 8:15 & 10:45 Worship
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:45 Adult Bible Study

Mon. Sept. 6 **LABOR DAY**
Church Offices Closed

Tues. Sept. 7 9am Staff Meeting
1:30pm Johansen Bible Study
7pm Stephen Ministry

Wed. Sept. 8 **CIRCLE DAY**
7:30am Bible Study at FLC
9:30am Mother-to-Mother Bible Study
5pm Cherub Choir
5:30pm Joyful Singers Choir
LIFE Night
6:15 Worship
7pm Learning Time
7pm Women's Bible Study

Thurs. Sept. 9 6:30pm Council

Fri. Sept. 10 9:30am Women's Bible Study
5th Quarter

Sat. Sept. 11 7am Men's Breakfast
6pm Worship

Sun. Sept. 12 **CAN SUNDAY**
8:15 & 10:45 Worship
9:30 Sunday School
9:45 Adult Bible Study
9:45 Adult Choir
5pm Great Grill Group Gathering