

COUNCIL UPDATE



Date: May 21, 2009 Heritage Room

Meeting called to order by President Sharon Lynn at 6:30 pm.

Opening Devotions: led by Sharon Johansen

Staff Report: VBS will be held May 31-June 4 in the evenings. Music for the summer is being worked on. Eight weddings are scheduled to date. Council retreat May 27.

Secretary's Report: Corrected number of youth going on trip from 8 to 7. Approved report.

Treasurer's Report: Positive balance April 30 of \$7235.53. Expenditures for bathroom remodeling to come out of designated and undesignated funds in box 2 account. Approved report.

Correspondence – none

Committee Reports:

Endowment Committee would like a Movable Easel Board to put giving envelopes for: Endowment, ALC Scholarships, Etta Janssen Scholarship, referred to maintenance..

Scholarship Accounts to make recommendations for investment decisions were discussed. Budget & Finance will oversee investments. Some changes to job description of Budget and Finance discussed.

Safety Committee would like to purchase a defibrillator for our church. "Save a Life – It Could be Yours". Have a quote and instructor to teach some to use it. Need appears to be valid. Approved purchase.

New Business:

Synod Assembly vote – Pastor Mike reported resolutions and voting re: the June 12-14 meeting in St. Peter, and the National Church Assembly in August in Minneapolis. The pastors will be leading discussion groups in June on sexuality issues coming up for consideration.

Authorize payments: approved Pastors, Bruce, Luann Flygare or Members of the Executive committee to authorize payments.

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Added The Etta Janssen Scholarship to disbursements from Box 3.

Closing Notes:

Next executive meeting is June 10.

Next Council Meeting is June 18, 9:00 at 6:30.

June devotions and hospital visits: Doug Obermoller.

Closing prayer by Pastor Liz.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Sharon Johansen, Acting Secretary.



A Loving Reminder:

Please notify the church office if you are hospitalized.

Years ago, if a church member was admitted to the hospital, the hospital staff would usually immediately notify the church. In fact, admitted patients even had their names printed in the next day's newspaper!

My how things have changed! Now, hospitals are restricted by law from giving out patient information. The Hospital Admissions Department is no longer allowed to automatically notify the church when a member is admitted. Thus, because of these privacy laws, PLEASE let the church office know when you are hospitalized. Otherwise, your pastors will not know that you are there.

One additional note: The new Sanford Children's Hospital requires all admitted patients to submit a list of "authorized visitors." If a loved one is ever admitted to the Children's Hospital, and you would like a pastor to visit, the pastor's name must appear on the authorized visitor list (or else the pastor will be turned away).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

BECAUSE OF YOU

Hello American Lutheran Church! Because of You, I am celebrating my graduation from Luther Seminary! Yes, after eight long years of study, driving, and more study I have finally completed my Masters of Divinity degree! I am so thankful for the chance to be a part of a community of faith that believed in me when I could hardly carry on. You prayed for me, encouraged me, financially supported me, and every time I felt that I could not go on someone would come up, give me a hug, and tell me how proud they were of what I was doing. I could never repay all the kindness I have received from all of you. I took my first semester and then had the car accident. With your prayers, support, visits, meals, and friendship we fought back, and I was able to continue the studies that would lead to graduation. American Lutheran Church will forever be a part of who I am, and never far from my heart. Currently I am awaiting the call process in Southwestern MN Synod, and continuing to do pulpit supply. AS soon as I receive a call from a congregation I will plan my ordination, and my dream is that it will be held at American Lutheran Church among all of friends, family and especially among my fellow brothers and sister in Christ at 915 Winifred, Worthington, MN. May God continue to bless each and every one of you, and carry on his love through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for the honor of being a member of American Lutheran.

NEW SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR THE CHURCH

The church is enacting new safety procedures for the locking and unlocking of the doors. These new procedures are for the safety of the church, staff and groups using the facilities.



- **During the day all outside doors except the ones to the office will remain locked.** (Unless there is a wedding, funeral, worship service or special arrangements have been made with the church office.)
- **All doors will be locked at 5:00 p.m. or when the last staff person is leaving.** (This means if you have a group meeting at church you need to call the church office to arrange to pick up a key to open the doors. You need to lock the doors when you are done and return the key to the office the next day.)
- **If there is only 1 staff member in the church, then the outside doors by the office will be locked.** In this case please ring the door bell by the outside office doors and a staff person will let you into the building.

Run the Race



“...let us throw off everything that hinders...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us” (Hebrews 12:1),

exhorts the writer to the Hebrews. Perhaps that writer was the Apostle Paul, for running a race is a phrase he often used. In Acts 20:24, he declared that he wanted to “*finish the race and complete the task...the task of testifying to the Gospel of God’s grace.*” That task belongs to us as well as to Paul. We have been chosen by God to run the race for the sake of the Gospel. Like Peter and John, we “*cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard*” (Acts 4:20).

Certainly our words testify to the Gospel of God’s grace, and so do our lives. That’s why we are also involved in the race of holy living. In this race, we put aside the hindrances of sin and self-interest that would keep us from a close relationship with our Savior and that would give ammunition to those who wish to disparage the Christian faith.

Our race is by no means all downhill. Competing in this race requires strict discipline and a focus on the goal. Scripture urges us to keep our eyes on “*Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith*” (Hebrews 12:2). Like the faith heroes of old, we run the race for those who will follow not in our own strength, but by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament.

Perseverance is key in our race. Scripture challenges us to stand firm, knowing that our labor for God is not in vain. We’re commanded to hold fast to our faith and to keep to God’s ways. As we run the race with perseverance, we are filled with “*inexpressible and glorious joy*” (1 Peter 1:8) in our Savior in Whom we believe, even though we haven’t seen Him. Although the race is long and difficult, we have an eternal perspective and consider any suffering or distress but “*light and momentary troubles*” (2 Corinthians 4:17).



Check it out!

Letters from our missionaries are posted on the wall in the narthex. Find out what is happening in their lives!

PASTORIAL SERVICES

Baptisms:

Brayden Kyle Miller, (born March 26, 2009) son of Kyle & Amber Miller, was Baptized at American Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 21, 2009. Sponsors for Brayden were Darrell & Sara Ponto, Matthew Munkel, Chad Miller, and Paul Miller.

Marriages:

Cody Scholten and Samantha Adolph were united in marriage on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at American Lutheran Church.

Michael Marquardt and Debra Heck were united in marriage at Belle Fourche SD on Monday, June 22, 2009.

Jeff Linder and Jen Reiner were united in marriage on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at American Lutheran Church.



Silent Auction and bake sale

The youth of American Lutheran Church are sponsoring a silent auction with gift certificates and merchandise from local businesses. The auction will run from Sunday June 28 to Sunday July 12. All bidding will end at 11:30 a.m. on July 12th. If you are the winning bidder you will be contact after this to Pick up and pay for your item(s) or they may be picked up during the bake sale hours. On Sunday July 12th from 11:30-1:30 p.m. we will be offering a bake sale in the fellowship hall. All proceeds from the auction and bake sale will go towards the New Orleans trip.

DO NOT USE YOUR
FREEDOM
AS A COVER-UP
FOR EVIL; LIVE AS
SERVANTS OF GOD.
1 Peter 2:16, NIV

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY,
AMERICA!

July 4

A composite graphic for Independence Day. On the left, there is an illustration of the American flag on a pole, with the words "Independence Day" written in a large, stylized font below it. At the bottom left, there is a black box containing white text: "DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM AS A COVER-UP FOR EVIL; LIVE AS SERVANTS OF GOD. 1 Peter 2:16, NIV". To the right of this box is a white silhouette of an eagle's head. On the right side of the graphic, there is an illustration of the Statue of Liberty holding a torch, with fireworks exploding in the background. Below this illustration, the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!" are written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the date "July 4" is written in a bold, sans-serif font.

Military Prayer Concerns:

Bradley & Penny Feltman
Rt. 1 Box 245-0
Ludowici GA 31316

Sgt Matthew Johnson
Willmar MN 56201

LCPL Obermoller Nickolus
VMA - 311 det B ordnance
Unit 43017
FPOAP 96610-3017

Austin Getzel

CPL Nick S. Williams
2nd Amphibious Assaults Battalion/
Bravo Company
2nd BLT 3rd Section
Unit 73575
FPO, AE 09509-3575

Master Sgt. Williams Scott A.
PSC 76 Box 2
APO AE 09720

Dale Noerenberg
420 Seminole Rd
Hampton VA 23661

If there are others in the military to be remembered, please let the church office or a member of the Loyalty and Evangelism Committee know.



From Child In Our Hand Committee:

PARENTING FROM A PEW (Faith Formation for Young Children)

Capture an annual snapshot to mark your child's growth. Gather the child and their siblings, pets, etc. near a special landmark (tree, chair, church sign). Each birthday, take a photo in the same location, with each person in the same spot. Compare pictures from year to year to see how the child grows. This is a special occasion in which to thank God for the gifts of the past year.



- 1- Mrs. Gail Dynes
Mr. Travis Burnham
Mr. Jordan Roskamp
Asya Munkel
- 2 - Ms Roxann Rients
Miss Chelsea Schmitz
- 3 - Mr. Bob Beck
Mrs. Lona Smith
Miss Krista Clausen
Katie Eggers
- 4 - Mrs. Jeanne Goettsch
Mrs. Rose Bakker
Mrs. Carol Bryngelson
Mr. Eric Erstad
Kalea Appel
Kiara Appel
- 5 - Mrs. Dorothy Aaser
Mrs. Melissa Elsing
Mr. Scott Rosenberg
Mr. Michael Bennett
- 6 - Mrs. Muriel Kahnk
Mrs. Melissa Jensen
Mr. Tim Bickett
Mr. Jonathan Petersen
Mr. Michael Vorwald
Mr. Andrew Klosterman
- 7 - Ms Mary Voehl
Mrs. Kari Sauerbrei
Mr. Chan Briggs
Coltin Klosterman
- 8 - Mr. Orville Wee
Mrs. Donna Beck

- 9 - Mrs. Carolyn Leopold
Mr. Jason Colby
Aidan Van Der Brink
- 10 - Mrs. Delia Oberloh
Mrs. Shelley Leopold
Mrs. Heidi Ahlers
- 12 - Ian Fleace
- 13 - Mr. John Shepherd
Nicole Prins
- 14 - Mr. Joel Hoekstra
- 15 - Mrs. Marlene Sievers
Mr. Michael Henrichs
- 16 - Mrs. Angela Thiner
Miss Susan Schei
Mr. Cameron Koopman
Mr. Alex LeBrun
- 17 - Mrs. Pat Remme
Mrs. Patricia Mikle
Mrs. Lori Dudley
Mr. Darrel Ponto
Mr. Darren Ponto
Samuel Reiter
- 18 - Mrs. Elaine Hovland
Mr. Dennis Hibma
Mrs. Corrine Mammen
Mr. Richard Knips
Mr. Damon Smith
Miss Ashley Raymo
Tracy Prins
- 19 - Mrs. Amanda Shepherd
Mr. Lowell Hay
Mr. Dale Klosterman
Mr. Doug Brouwer
- 21 - Mrs. Paulette Yates
Mrs. Linda Kluever
Mr. Gordon Heitkamp
Mr. Phil Willardson

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- Mr. Corey Noerenberg
- Miss Elizabeth Erstad
- 22 - Mr. Paul Landberg
- Ms Kathy Yates
- Pastor Liz Radtke
- 23 - Mrs. Pat Ingenthron
- 24 - Mr. Chad Jeffers
- 25 - Mr. Bob Yates
- Mrs. Sandra Dixon
- Mrs. Arlene Danneman
- Mr. Rickey Engler
- Mr. Dennis Weber
- Mrs. Tammy Larson
- Mrs. Sally Darling
- Callen Backer
- 26 - Mrs. Dorothy Grant
- Mr. Andrew Stoll
- Mr. Joseph Dickey
- Rachel Koller
- Alexis Sievers
- 27 - Mrs. Julie Rick
- 28 - Mrs. Jo Haugan
- Mr. Paul Busse
- Sydney Hieronimus
- 29 - Mr. Dennis Weeks
- Mr. Kevin Prins
- Miss Jennifer Colby
- 30 - Mrs. Ruth Hein
- Mrs. Rosie Nerem
- Mr. Nick Harberts
- Mr. Jacob Smith
- 31 - Mr. Herb Rockne
- Savannah Shermo

REMINDER:

**“QUIET OFFERING”
TO BENEFIT
ENDOWMENT FUND**

What is a Quiet Offering? It is one in which no sound is made when depositing money in the offering basket.

The 2nd Sunday of every month for the balance of 2009, the Endowment Committee asks that ALC members contribute money in a “Quiet Offering” that will follow the regular offering.

You will remember that last year, the Endowment Committee set a policy of donating 4.5% of the balance of the Endowment Fund each year in 4 categories: Local Mission; Foreign Mission; Youth; and Capital Improvements.

The Committee has set a goal to have an endowment principal of \$30,000.00 by the end of 2009. The more in the Endowment Fund, the more that will be given back to ALC and beyond. We will keep you apprised of our progress as we work toward Endowment Sunday this fall.

Please help us to meet our goal and
REMEMBER: QUIET PLEASE!



July Worship Helpers

ACOLYTES

- 5 - (8:00 a.m.) Katie Eggers, Tori Elsing
(10:00 a.m.) Andrew Johnson, Jordan Steinle
12 - (8:00 a.m.) Rachel Koller, Kendall Schmitz
(10:00 a.m.) Brenden Pham, Marissa Pham
Communion Servers: Kara Honius, Todd Peterson
19 - (8:00 a.m.) Myah Holinka, Allison Vote
(10:00 a.m.) Kody Honius, Logan Wajer
26 - (8:00 a.m.) Morgan Metz, Nicole Prins
(10:00 a.m.) Theron Miller, Coltin Klosterman
Communion Servers: Morgan Jensen & Tim Skog

GREETERS

- 5 - (8:00 a.m.) Bob & Sandra Demuth
(10:00 a.m.) Linden Olson, Mary Voehl
12 - (8:00 a.m.) Murial Kahnk, Sandy Beckering
(10:00 a.m.) David & Jan Egeland
19 - (8:00 a.m.) Vern & Jean Bastian
(10:00 a.m.) Dennis & Gloria Hibma
26 - (8:00 a.m.) Don & Carol Fleming
(10:00 a.m.) Brad & Sheryl Hoekstra

READERS

- 5 - (8:00 a.m.) Tim Bickett (10:00 a.m.) Steve Dudley
12 - (8:00 a.m.) Duane H Anderson (10:00 a.m.) Martin Aaser
19 - (8:00 a.m.) Sandra Demuth (10:00 a.m.)
26 - (8:00 a.m.) Donna Getzel (10:00 a.m.) Nancy Hambleton

ALTAR COMMITTEE: Jo Haugan, Sheryl Kucker, Marj Olson, Shirly Wieme

COMMUNION HELPERS:

- 5 - (8:00 a.m.) Harold & Diane Chapa, Dale & Joanne Carlson
(10:00 a.m.) Cammie Dorn, Jacob Dorn, Kendra Dorn, Judi Hoebet
19 - (8:00 a.m.) Dave & Jackie Cole, Chuck Barkuloo, Lori Glawe
(10:00 a.m.) Brad & Sheryl Hoekstra, Kara Honius, Kody Honius

LUTHERAN WOMEN HOSPITAL VISITATION – Kathy Harberts (July 6-12); Gloria Hibma (July 13-19); Nancy Junker (July 20-26); Shirley Kass (July 27-August 2);

COUNCIL HOSPITAL VISITATION - Mike Christensen

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BIRTHDAY CALLERS

Heather Kleve (July 1-15), Sandy Beckering (July 16-31)

FINANCIAL COUNTERS - (Team 2) Dennis Weeks, Marie Weeks, Scott Langerud, Heidi Langerud, Maynard Townswick, Jeanene Townswick

BUSY BAGS - Stacy Bickett

COMMUNION PREPARATION HELPERS

- 1 - Fill (& if possible, clean-up) Cindy Anderson
- 5- Saturday Fill: Clasine & Roger Lester
Refill: Carolyn & Jesse Leopold
Clean-Up: Lola Lindquist, Corrine Mammen
- 8- Fill (& if possible, clean-up) Jean Bastian
- 12- Fill: Delia Oberloh, Clean-up: Karen Pfeifer
- 15- Fill (& if possible, clean-up) Barb Karsten
- 19- Saturday Fill: Ann & Russell Obermoller
Refill: Darlene & Gerould Iverson
Clean-Up: Jan & Larry Petersen
- 22- Fill (& if possible, clean-up): Joyce Soderholm
- 26- Fill: Megan Prins Clean-up: Heidi Langerud
- 29- Fill (& if possible, clean-up): Beve Vajgt

SOUND SYSTEM

- 5 - Nick Steinle
- 12 - Craig Pfeifer
- 19 - Doug Obermoller
- 26 - Bob Wieme

CAMCORDER

- 5 - Greg Kvilhaug
- 12 - Bob Demuth
- 19 - Sandy Demuth
- 26 - Jeff McNickle

USHERS

Team 1 (8 a.m.): Ray Henning, Glad Henning, Jason Behrens, Stephanie Behrens, Paul Landberg, Martha Naab, Troy Aljets

Team 2 (10:00 a.m.): Lyle Gadda, Larry Petersen, Jan Petersen, Ron Vorwald, Gary Brandt, Marlin Clausen, Ron Prins

NURSERY

- 5- (8:00) Karen Pfeifer (10:00) Mark & Kay Prunty
- 12 -(8:00) Kari Sauerbrei (10:00) Keri Murphy
- 19 -(8:00) Shauna Pham & children (10:00) Genny Turner
- 26 -(8:00) Lori Glawe (10:00) Kolleen Stubbe

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ATTENDANCE

May 31 - 327 (8:00-159; 10:15-168)

June 7 - 384 (8:00-257; 10:00-127)

June 14 - ? (8:00-128; 10:00 -?)

June 21 - 263 (8:00-148; 10:00-115)

June 28 - not available



The Joy of Giving Report

May 31 - Total = \$3991.76

Current = \$3711.26

Expansion = \$158.50

Special = \$122

June 7 -Total = \$8606.71

Current = \$7387.21

Expansion = \$372

Special = \$347.50

Rental House = \$500

June 14 -Total = \$6103.03

Current = \$5553.50

Expansion = \$190

Special = \$174.50

World Hunger = \$100

Library Fund = \$10

E.J. Scholarship Fund = \$50

Altar Flowers = \$25.03

June 14 - Total = \$408.29

Endowment Fund = \$408.29

June 21 -Total = \$4973.03

Current = \$4479.50

Expansion = \$245

Special = \$163.50

E.J. Scholarship = \$60

Altar Flowers = \$25.03

Altar Flowers = \$76.06

June 28 - Total = not available

Simply Giving = \$9191.18

(as of June 26, 2009)

Current = \$7562.26

Expansion = \$531.09

Special = \$847.83

ALC Scholarship Fund=\$250

Noisy Offering for

May, 2009- \$188.06

June, 2009 - not available



The last Sunday of each month we will be receiving a NOISY OFFERING to benefit World Hunger. This will be in addition to our regular offering. We invite you to share your loose change in the cans our kids pass and know that the clinking and clanging we'll hear will ultimately bring hope to someone in need. Let's make a difference together!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Juanita Harberts who graduated from Luther Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree on May 24, 2009. As you follow His leading, we, your church family, wish you God's blessings.

Beginning Experience of Southwest Minnesota, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering its Level II “Rebuilding” series for ten weeks beginning July 13-September 21, 2009. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. at the First Lutheran Church on Church, Marshall, MN. Registration is held the first two Monday nights starting at 6:30 P.M. Registration is then closed for that session. The support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a fee to cover the cost of materials. This series is designed for those who are past the initial pain of losing a partner and are working to put their lives back together. All dialogue is confidential and facilitators are individuals who have suffered a similar loss. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions concerning level participation, contact Pat at 507-829-3148 / email pjwm@iw.net or Diana at 507-274-6551 / email gосnow27@yahoo.com or Shirley at 507-828-8369.

Beginning Experience is also offering a Weekend Retreat - "A Path to Healing" - A weekend providing an individual with the opportunity to encounter self and to grow with a purpose to achieve inner peace. The experience is to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. The weekend retreat will be held at Shetek Lutheran Ministries and is scheduled for September 25-27, 2009. Early registrations are encouraged. Please contact Diana at 507-274-6551, Jean at 507-763-1594 or Pat at 507-829-3148.



RSVP –Nobles County has received a request to provide short-term (2-3 hours) temporary Respite care for a family within our congregation. Respite care is a service that helps family members take time away from the daily care of an elderly loved one. The caregiver uses this time to get groceries, go to the doctor, enjoy a visit with a friend or any other activity that will help them “recharge” their caregiving batteries. RSVP builds teams of volunteers to serve Respite clients so that the volunteers have flexibility to serve when their schedules allow. We are looking for more volunteers (men & women) to join our caregiving team to serve our client. For more information, please contact Joanne Bartosh at 507-295-5262 or rsvpnobles@yahoo.com or stop in at the Nobles Co Government Center, Room 202A.

Children/Family Ministries News

July
2009

Coming up in July:

**All-church, all-ages fun at Olson Park
Sunday, July 19
Watch for more details!**

Another successful VBS



- 97 kids attended VBS
- 55 staff—middle school and up
- About 650 meals served

Lessons were about Moses and his relationship to God, including the burning bush, the plagues, the Passover, crossing the Red Sea. In addition, we learned the connection of Passover and Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Bible Points for the week were:

- God is with us.
- God is powerful.
- God does what he says he'll do.
- God gives us life.
- God care for us.

Kids enjoyed crafts, Bible time, games, Chadder theater and opening and closing worship times.

Thank you to the entire congregation for your support of VBS through your prayers and donations of time and money.

CHILDREN / FAMIL Y MINISTRIES CO ORDINATOR

Sylvia Andersen

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Just for **KIDS**

TRAVEL BY DAY OR NIGHT

The way people travel has changed over time, but one thing has not changed — God was with people in biblical times just as He is with you and your family as you travel during your summer vacations.

Count the number of letters for each name, and then write the name in the spaces next to the verse that matches. (Hint: Besides counting the number of letters in the name, also pay attention to whether the person is from the Old Testament or New Testament.)

NAMES

Paul Moses Joseph The Israelites Abram crowds
Samaritan Jesus Naaman Angel of God

VERSES

"The _____ had been traveling in front of Israel's army" Exodus 14:19

"And _____ went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt." Genesis 41:46

"Go in peace," said Elisha. After _____ had traveled some distance" 2 Kings 5:19

"_____ traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem." Genesis 12:6

"_____ traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece." Acts 20:2

"_____ traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God." Luke 8:1

"Large _____ were traveling with Jesus." Luke 14:25

"_____ traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho." Numbers 22:1

"_____ led Israel from the Red Sea For three days they traveled in the desert" Exodus 15:22

"But a _____, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him." Luke 10:33

Answers: Angel of God; Joseph; Naaman; Abram; Paul; Jesus; crowds; The Israelites; Moses; Samaritan

July 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30 Men's Fellowship 1:30 Staff 5:00-6:15 Shetek Conf. Lasagna Supper 6:00 Youth Council 6:15 T.T. Worship 8:30 The Way	2 10:30 Bulletin Deadline	3 Pastor Mike's Day Off Jeff's Day Off	4 Independence Day
5 8 & 10:00 Worship/Comm 9:00 Coffee Fellowship	6 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off 7:00 Safety Mtg (HR)	7 10:00 S. Shore Care Center Communion 3:00 CIOH (HR) 6:30 LW Board Meeting 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	8 6:30 Men's Fellowship 12:30 Executive Meeting 1:30 Staff 6:15 T.T. Worship	9 8:30 WACMA 10:30 Bulletin Deadline	10 Pastor Mike's Day Off Jeff's Day Off Wedding Rehearsal	11 The Banquet 4:00 Harberts/Flynn Wedding
12 8:00 & 10:00 Worship "Quiet Offering- Endowment Fund" Sunday 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 CIOH Year III (Bibleland Large Drama Room)	13 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off	14 9:00 WAYMA Meeting 5:45 Stewardship Mtg. 6:30 EJMF Scholarship Mtg. 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	15 6:30 Men's Fellowship 1:30 Staff Meeting No Parish Ed Mtg. 6:15 T.T. Worship	16 10:30 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Church Council 6:30 Wills, Gifts & Memorial Mtg.	17 Pastor Mike's Day Off Jeff's Day Off	18 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast
19 8:00 & 10:00 Worship/Comm. 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 1:00-3:00 Olson Park Cook-Out	20 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off No Personnel Committee Mtg MESSENGER DEADLINE	21 Pastor Liz & Jeff will be gone to Nat'l Youth Gathering July 21st-27th 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	22 6:30 Men's Fellowship 1:30 Staff Mtg.. 6:15 T.T. Worship	23 10:30 Bulletin Deadline	24 Pastor Mike's Day Off Jeff's Day Off	25
26 8:00 & 10:00 Worship 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 2:00-5:00 - FH Reserved Noisy Offering Sunday	27 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off	28 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	29 6:30 Men's Fellowship 1:30 Staff Mtg.. 6:15 T.T. Worship	30 10:30 Bulletin Deadline	31 Pastor Mike's Day Off Jeff's Day Off	



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E.L.C.A.

June 19, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

The Bible says that to whom much is given, much is expected. Who among us can't say that we have been given much?

Mindful of that Bible teaching, **each member of the American Lutheran Church Endowment Committee has committed/pledged to bequeath a percentage of their estates or make a current donation to the ALC Endowment Fund.**

We do this to perpetuate the mission and future of American Lutheran Church. Dedicated individuals before us have provided us and our families with a peaceful place to worship and praise God. We feel it is our generation's obligation to continue that legacy by solidifying the financial foundation of our congregation by making this commitment. The Endowment Fund, or Perpetual Fund as it is sometimes called, is intended as a vehicle to provide stability and income for the support of our church in the future. In 2008 the interest income from this fund was used for foreign and local mission work as well as youth support and capital expenditures within our congregation.

We ask you to please join us in this endeavor. We urge you to commit a percentage (be it 1%, 5% or 10%) of your wealth or estate to the ALC Endowment Fund. Our goal is to significantly increase the ALC Endowment Fund. Ask your attorney to include a provision in your will or trust designating a percentage of what God has generously given you to the ALC Endowment Fund and help us accomplish our goal.

Of course, if you feel uncomfortable waiting until your death to help the Fund, consider making annual contributions as you are able. Just write Endowment Fund on an envelope and drop it in the offering plate to make a donation or use the envelope provided in your offering box. For the remainder of 2009, you have another opportunity to support the Endowment Fund through our "quiet" offerings on the second Sunday of each month.

Please refer to the enclosed brochure for more information.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Endowment Committee:

Brenda Baerenwald
Don Basche
Judy Fischer
Doug Jensen

Susan Obermoller
Mark Shepherd
Erlin Weness

Pastors: Mike Zaske, Liz Radtke, Ryan Radtke
Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator: Jeff McNickle
Children & Family Ministry Coordinator: Sylvia Andersen

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Youth and Family Ministries

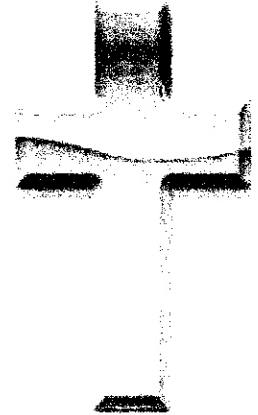
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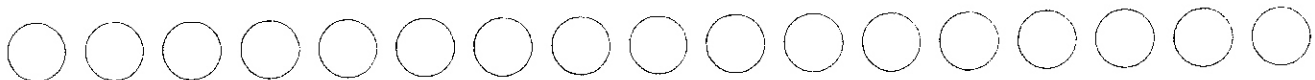
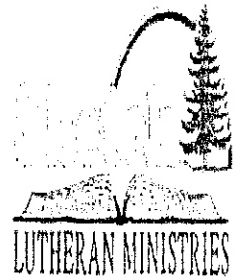
Fall Programming

Watch the August Newsletter for information on the upcoming fall programs we will be offering, from weekly or bi-weekly groups to movie nights, lock-ins and more.

Enjoy a week in the woods with friends, playing games, learning about God, signing songs, having camp fires, eating some great food and meeting new friends.

Although the early bird deadline has passed, you can still sign up for a week of camp.

Registration forms are on the Shetek wall by the kitchen. Please pick one of those up and let Jeff know what camp and week you are attending.



2009 National Youth Gathering Update



Details are starting to come in for the gathering. We know our service work day will be on Thursday, and we believe it will be some type of project in the Health and Wellness area, but this will not be confirmed until later in June or early July.

Our transportation details are looking good, we are joining with a few others churches to take a charter bus from Reading Bus Company.

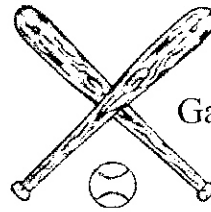
High School Activities



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Family Event

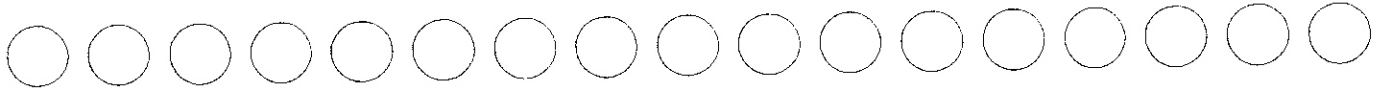
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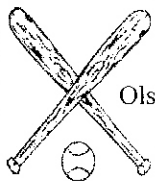
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1:00-3:00 p.m.

FREE

Bring a lawn chair and stay for the fun.



Middle School Activities



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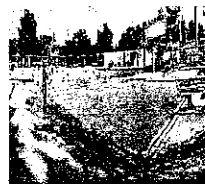
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