



The Messenger

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OCTOBER

UPDATE ON THE INTERIM AND CALL PROCESS: At the time of this writing, the Church Council is arranging interviews with two strong interim candidates, and the call process is moving along. The council would also like to say that if there is anyone with particular feelings, concerns, or input on the qualities desired in an interim, to please contact any one of your council members or pastors soon while we are still in the decision-making process.

Also, in the very near future we will need to form a call committee. Your Church Council would like to invite you to begin praying and considering nominating yourself or another individual to be a part of that call committee. After an interim minister has started, sign-up forms will be provided for anyone interested in nominating themselves or others. Thank you for your prayers, patience, and trust as we continue to make our way in this time of transition.

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From Pastor Ryan:

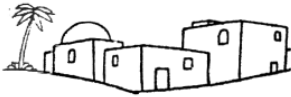
Community in Our Congregation

What holds a community together? One big thing is language: your family has its own stories that get shared every year at holiday meals. Your co-workers can talk shop with each other using shorthand and slang that anyone on the outside has no chance of following. A married couple, a tight-knit group of friends, a fraternity or sorority – they all have their own inside jokes and the like that separate who is on the inside and who is on the outside. What language does a congregation speak?

At American Lutheran we have things like Scandinavian Smorgasbord and BibleLand and Circles. Someone not familiar with ALC would need some background if we just dropped a term like that in conversation. As Lutherans we could talk about grace and liturgy and Reformation and have our own meanings for those words that are different from our brothers and sisters from other denominations. As Christians, we have the people and stories of the Bible, the holy days in our Church year, and things like Baptism and Communion that are completely foreign to non-Christians. Unlike the examples above in the first paragraph, though, we don't want our language to create insiders and outsiders – we want the things that make us unique to be inviting, not confusing. We want people to be curious when they hear our Christian vocabulary, and interested – not excluded or made to feel dumb.

For the strength of the community, we all need to be speaking the same language of faith, and speaking it fluently. But for the growth of the community, we need to be familiar enough with our language to “translate” it to newcomers. And that's why us pastors are always teaching about the Bible, encouraging folks to read their Bibles and learn about their faith, and so on. We want to be bound to one another by the language of faith and the stories of Scripture. And we want to become so handy with the big stories of God – and our place in them – that we can tell others about them in a way that makes them want to hear more.

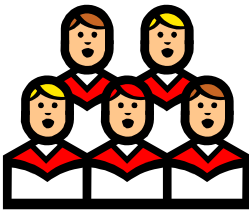
It's tricky to do both and keep it all in balance, but the Church has been going for around two thousand years now, so you know it can be done. The key is story. When it comes to the language of faith, let your first thought be story, rather than code words or pop quizzes. Everyone tells stories. The Bible is our collection of faith family stories, about people like you and me – God's people. As we become familiar with our faith family stories, we see our place in them. As we become familiar with the language of faith, it is easier to see God at work in our own stories and to share that with others. It's easier to say, “I feel like Job today” – or Paul – or Moses – or John the Baptist – or whatever. This month, in addition to BibleLand, Release Time, Confirmation, and all the other things that began in the last few weeks, we are kicking off our adult education offerings. Don't think of them as Bible studies – think of them as story-telling. And find your place in the Story.



Bible Land

Our lesson for **October 3, 10 and 17 is King Saul**. He was an important man in the Old Testament because he was Israel's first King. The Bible tells us that he had a lot of human flaws—the biggest one being his insecurity. He just didn't trust God when it mattered. Our kids will learn just how important it is to trust God in ALL things! Starting **October 24** our lesson will be **The Woman At the Well**. She was one of the first 'evangelists' and couldn't help but tell everyone she met about Jesus. Can we get that excited today?

BLAST—BibleLand Adult Stuff, Too is taking a new form this year! Check the church web site for the link to a short video on the current lesson. It should help you remember some key points and/or learn something from an adult point of view. PLUS, there are conversation starters to use with your kids.



Junior choir has begun rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:45-7:15 PM in the Bible-

Land Large Group Room. Junior choir is for singers in First through Fifth Grades.

Release Time for First through Fourth Graders meets Tuesdays at 8:30 AM. We have 43 students this year. We are in need of teachers for the Fourth graders to teach a month or so at a time. Please see Sylvia for more information.

J.O.Y.

Announcing J.O.Y. (Journey of Youth)

JOY is a new youth group for first through fourth graders. We meet Wednesday evenings from 5:30–6:30 in the BibleLand Large Group Room. We are journeying through "The Lord's Prayer" in a variety of ways. Since we do not meet every Wednesday, these are the planned dates: Sept 15 and 29, Oct 13 and 27, Nov 10 and 17, Dec 1 and 8, Jan 5 and 19, Feb 2 and 16 and Mar 2. **Come join us!**

CHILDREN/FAMILY MINISTRIES NEWS

Sylvia Andersen
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We're heading back to the...
Heartland Country

Corn Maze

On Sunday, October 3rd, American Lutheran Church is heading over to the Heartland Country Corn Maze for an afternoon of fun, frolicking, and a freakishly hard corn maze.

We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:00 pm to carpool over to the maze and we will return around 6:00 pm. The cost for the corn maze is \$5 per person.

If you would like to go to the Corn Maze we would ask that you sign up on Sylvia's or Pastor Liz's door.

Silent Auction Fundraiser for the Youth Summer Trips



Silent Auction

This is a re-minder to all
youth who are going to Confirmation Camp or on the Mission
Trip next summer that we will meet on Saturday, October 16th at
9:00 am to begin work on the silent auction. If you are in Volley-
ball or Boys Soccer then we will meet on Sunday, October
17th at 1:00 pm to continue our work. Remember that if you do
not participate on the 16th or 17th then we can't guarantee that
you'll be able to receive the funds raised from the silent action. If
you have any questions please call or text Pastor Liz.



Bandits for Books

This Year our High School Students will be collecting new and gently used books to donate to Mt. Carmel in Kansas City, KS. We are looking for everything from Board Books to Chapter Books—anything that can be used to help develop young minds. The Books can either be secular or religious. We will be collecting them in the Narthex throughout the month of October and we will also do some Pew to Pew collecting on **Sunday, October 31st**—Reformation Day!

8TH & 9TH GRADERS & MENTORS

WE WILL HAVE OUR MENTOR KICK-OFF ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

AT 6:00 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL—PIZZA PROVIDED!

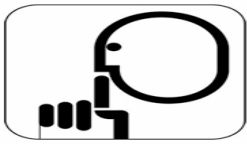
Update on the WELL

The WELL has been a little dry so far this year with not too many folks being able to come. So, we'll be taking a break from WELL for a few weeks while Pastor Liz gets together with the high school youth to figure out when, where, and how we can fill the well again. If you have any input let Pastor Liz know and we look forward to meeting y'all where you're at!



Play & Pray

You are welcome to join us for our Middle School Youth Group (5th-8th grades) every 2nd Sunday after 2nd Service. We'll eat, play, and pray and then we'll go home at 1:30 pm! Come and join us on **October 10th** for Play & Pray!



*Silent
Auction*

American Lutheran Silent

Auction is Back!

During the month of October we will be getting ready for the American Lutheran Silent Auction to benefit the American Lutheran Youth Summer Trips to Confirmation Camp and to North Carolina for a Mission Trip—and we are looking for your talents!

Some of you have talents that we know about and some of you have hidden talents, and we are looking for them all.

If you have items or talents to donate please let us know. If you want to donate but don't know what to do, give us a holler and we'll help you figure it out.

You can contact Pastor Liz or Pastor Ryan for donation possibilities.

Silent Auction will run through the entire month of November and conclude on Sunday, November 28th—right in time for Christmas shopping!

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People of Faith Bible Study

Explore the faith journeys of key people in the Bible and make connections between their stories and yours. Among the folks you'll meet in this study are: Job, Isaiah, Gomer, and Jeremiah. (Learner books will be provided, but free will donations will be accepted to cover the price.)

SoulTypes

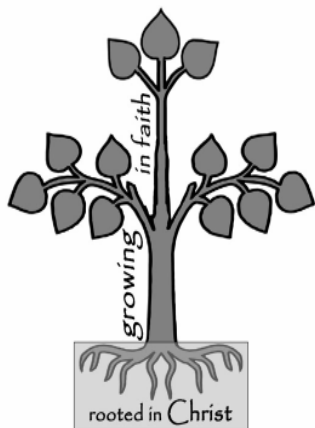
Even if we're all speaking the same language of faith, we each have our own accents and dialects. The *SoulTypes* resource uses a personality profiling tool to help you explore what is the most natural expression of faith for you. Maybe you don't like quiet prayer or meditation – maybe you'd rather sing or build or study. This course is designed to help you find a satisfying way to pray and walk with God.

BLAST: BibleLand – Adult Stuff, Too!

Parents and BibleLand station leaders – and everyone else, too! Come check out www.alcworthington.org and click on the BLAST link for some (hopefully) humorous and informative information about the current BibleLand rotation. You'll find a home-made video clip that gives background on the lesson as well as a link to some conversation-starters that you can view or print to use with your families and friends after the lesson time at home, in the car, wherever!

New Member Classes

If you are a new member, a well-seasoned member, or someone who's just curious about becoming a member, please come to these three evening times. We'll have refreshments and goodies, fun and fellowship. Over the three weeks we'll talk about being a Christian, being a Lutheran, and being a part of American Lutheran Church. We hope to see you there!



“Growing in Faith”

How is your faith life? Is it growing? Would you like it to be stronger? Do you know where to start?

This fall’s Stewardship emphasis may be just right for you! Beginning in October, we will be talking about ways to grow your faith – with spiritual, service and financial growth. These ways are all

connected, all important parts of our lives as Christians who desire to grow even closer to our Lord and Savior.

Be watching for ways to grow **YOUR** faith!

The Loyalty and Evangelism Committee is planning a Progressive Dinner for Saturday, November 6th, 2010. The Progressive Dinner is a fun fellowship event and a great time to socialize and get to know your fellow American Lutheran Church adult members.

Here’s how it works: The dinner can accommodate 28 pairs or couples – if you are single or have a spouse who won’t be around, don’t hesitate to sign up anyway, or to sign up with a friend. Each couple/pair will sign up to host either an appetizer (Stop #1), a salad (Stop #2), a main course (Stop #3), or a dessert (Stop #4). The first three courses will be hosted in someone’s home, and at each stop you’ll meet three other different couples. The fourth stop brings all the couples back to the Fellowship Hall at Church to finish out the evening.

Everyone ends up hosting a course, but you only have to prepare enough for 8 people, including you and your partner. Each stop will have a set amount of time for eating and conversation, and then there is built-in travel time to get to the next stop. It might sound a little complicated, but trust us – it works!

So, start checking through your recipe boxes for your favorites and be ready to sign up beginning Sunday, October 3 between services. If you have any questions, please see us then. Hope to see you on November 6th!

Steward Builders

A newsletter to help you grow as a steward.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share God's Word so that our members will better understand who we are to be and what we are to do in the light of the Scriptures. It is our hope that this monthly publication will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.

A Definition of Stewardship

"Christian stewardship is the practice of the Christian religion. It is neither a department of life nor a sphere of activity. It is the Christian conception of life as a whole, manifested in attitudes and actions." (W.H.Greever)

Testing your Knowledge of Scripture

Can you identify who the following person may represent in Scripture?

Welcome Home Son

If you said the Prodigal Son, you were right. In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus told the parable of a wealthy farmer who had two sons. The younger of the two sons was not happy living at home so he left home with his share of the estate which was given to him by his father. While he was gone, he "*squandered his wealth in wild living*" (verse 13).

When the son finally came to his senses, he was ready to go home. He confessed his sin to God and to his father. He said, *I have sinned against heaven and against you, I am no longer worthy to be called your son*" (verses 18-19).

The parable ends with his loving father embracing him and celebrating his return. In this parable, Jesus illustrated the love of the father for his son in order to make it abundantly clear that God's love is infinite. God's love toward us sinners is unconditional and eternal.

The love of the Father shown in this parable is our motivation for Christian stewardship. In spite of who we are and what we do, God doesn't stop loving us. We respond out of gratitude in honoring Him with faithful use of our time, talents, and treasures.

On the Lighter Side

A pastor was talking to the church organist. "When I finish my sermon," he said, "I'll ask for all those in the congregation who want to contribute \$500 toward the church's debt to stand up. In the meantime, you can provide appropriate music."

"Any suggestions?" the organist asked.

"You might try the Star Spangled Banner," the pastor replied.

American Lutheran Church
 General Operating Fund ("Box 1")
 Account Activity Month end 8/31/10



Balance Change

Beginning Balance	5,676.24	
Money Taken In	30,564.39	
Expenditures	32,007.51	
Ending Balance	4,233.12	-\$1,443.12

YTD Trend over the last 3 years

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Ending Balance	\$27,757.05	\$12,047.17	\$4,233.12

To make budget we need to bring in \$34,230.00 every month. In August we were **\$3,665.61 short** of making budget.

BAPTISMS:

Frank Hanbury received the sacrament of Adult Baptism on Friday, September 3, 2010 at American Lutheran Church.

Aleigha Payton Gruis, (born July 7, 2010), daughter of Andrew and Angele Gruis was baptized at American Lutheran Church at the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, September 26, 2010. Sponsors for Aleigha were Joshua and Kristi Wasmund.

Marriage

Kyle Dean Compart and Ahnna Lisa Olson were united in marriage on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at American Lutheran Church.

James Weingartz and Evie Luitjens were united in marriage on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at American Lutheran Church.

Scandinavian Smorgasbord

25th Anniversary

American Lutheran Church

Date: Sunday, October 10, 2010

Time: 4:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Tickets: \$9:00 - Adults

\$4.00 - Children (6 to 12 years)

Free - Children 5 and under

~~ Free Babysitting for children 4 years and under ~~

~ Enjoy wonderful Entertainment~

Supplemental funds provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

We will be serving a wonderful variety of Scandinavian food, including:

Turkey	Salads	Krumkake
Meatballs	Deviled Eggs	Fruit Soup
Mashed Potatoes	Lefse	Sandbakkels
Gravy	Rice Pudding	Rosettes
Green beans	Pickled Herring	and much more!

Invite a friend and enjoy the Festivities!

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AGAIN THIS YEAR...AGAIN THIS YEAR

LEFSE SALES

- Available at Smorgasbord, October 10th
- Sales begin at 4:00 until gone
- Tables at both entrances to Fellowship Hall
- Cost \$6.00 per package
- Made by the famous “House of Jacobs” in Spicer MN

Plan ahead for the holidays and buy your Lefse October 10th

TICKET SALES, ENTERTAINMENT AND PARKING: Tickets will again be sold in the narthex. Parking for guests will be across the street in the 11th Ave. and Winifred parking lot. The elevator will be available. Workers are asked to use the parking lot near the church and enter through the doors near the alley. A variety of wonderful entertainment will be performed in the sanctuary beginning at 3:30. You won't want to miss it!

All ALC members who plan to eat, need to buy tickets. Whether you are helping in the kitchen, selling tickets, or helping in some other capacity, you are asked to buy a Aworker@ ticket as early as possible. The entitles you and your family to eat when your shift allows. Reduced tickets are available for waiters and waitresses.

Kitchen space is needed: Please check the refrigerator, freezer or shelf space above the hallway coat-rack for any food or pans that could be removed.

Thanks for supporting Lutheran Women's SCANDINAVIAN SMORGASBORD!

STATISTICS

ATTENDANCE

August 29 -269 (8:00-129; 10:00-140)
 September 5 - 241 (8:00-126; 10:15-115)
 September 12 - ? (8:00-156; 10:15-?)
 September 19 - 303 (8:00-156; 10:15-147)
 September 26 - 333(8:00-172; 10:15-161)

The Joy of Giving Report

Total Receipts: \$23,746.04
(through September 26, 2010)

Current = \$18,635.89
 Current Non - Synod = \$650
 Expansion = \$1,671.50
 Special = \$1,467.50
 Reimbursables = \$211.00
 Undesignated Memorials = \$15.00

Designated Memorial = \$75.00
 E.J. Scholarship = \$160.00
 Rental House = \$500.00
 Altar Flowers = \$126.15
 Endowment Fund = \$159.00
 Church Use = \$75.00

Simply Giving = \$8,678.68
(as of September 27, 2010)
 Current = \$7,162.26
 Expansion = \$446.59
 Special = \$819.83
 ALC Scholarship Fund = \$250

Noisy Offering for August - \$132.50
 Noisy Offering for Sept. - \$221.27



The second Sunday of each month we receive a QUIET OFFERING to benefit The Endowment Fund . This is in addition to our regular offering. A percentage of the Endowment Fund is dispersed at the end of each year so your contributions are important.

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!!

NOTES from the Church Office

THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE OF ALC MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30 PM in the Heritage Room. We invite congregation members to bring concerns, ideas and other topics of discussion to the committee meeting. Staff members have been asked to encourage members to use this avenue as their time is valuable in other areas. Please consider using this as a communication tool. Also, please contact the church office ahead of time to be placed on the agenda.

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

KEEP YOUR E-MAIL CONTACT INFO UP-TO-DATE—To help us save on postage, please inform the church office of your email address or if you have changed your address. Thank you!



Beginning Experience of Southwest Minnesota, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering a Weekend Retreat—"A Path to Healing" The retreat will be held at Shetek Lutheran Ministries on October 15-17, 2010. Early registrations are encouraged. Please contact Karen (507-532-0922); Shirley (507-829-3106); Gene (507-215-1362) or Kathy (507-215-2361).

Beginning Experience of Southwest Minnesota is offering its Level I Series for eight weeks beginning November 1, 2010 and its Level II "Rebuilding" series for ten weeks beginning January 24, 2011. The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. at the First Lutheran 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. If you wish to pre-register or have other questions concerning level participation, contact the people mentioned above.



In case you didn't know, your pastors pray for all members of the congregation individually on a weekly basis. If there is something specific that you would like them to hold up in prayer for you or your family, please let them know.

COUNCIL OFFICERS SERVING IN 2010:

Council President - Doug Obermoller
 Vice-President - Cindy Frederickson
 Treasurer - Mike Christensen
 Secretary - Sharon Johansen



Committee Chairs

Budget/Finance - Greg Raymo	Personnel - Sharon Lynn
Endowment - Don Basche	Safety - Jim Williams
Library - Diane Levine & Shirly Wieme	ALC Scholarship - Dale Carlson
Long-Range-	E.J. Scholarship - Greg Kvilhaug
Loyalty & Evangelism - Judy Knuth	Stewardship - Kieth Olson
Maintenance - Dave Nerem	Wills, Gifts, Memorials - Lori Voss
Parish Ed - Lori Rosenberg	Worship & Music - Diane Chapa
	Youth Council - Shelley Leopold

Miscellaneous Information

October Scripture Lessons

October 3rd - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

October 10th - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 17th- Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

October 24th- Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 31st - Reformation Day

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

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October Worship Helpers

ACOLYTES

- 3 - (8:00 a.m.) Evan Eggers, Owen Hohensee
(10:15 a.m.) Easton Sauerbrei, Jed Jewett
10 - (8:00 a.m.) Allie Bruns, Kendall Schmitz
(10:15 a.m.) Kasey Solma, Austin Thier *
Communion Servers: Mackensie Carstensen, Clara Solma
17 - (8:00 a.m.) Marissa Pham, Brenden Pham
(10:15 a.m.) Eli Gaul, Kurtis Obermoller
24 - (8:00 a.m.) Rachel Koller, Gage Langerud
(10:15 a.m.) Summer Kruse, Samantha Obermoller *
Communion Servers: Allison Vote, Tracy Prins
31 - (8:00 a.m.) Nicole Prins, Morgan Metz
(10:15 a.m.) Haley Carstensen, Morgan Carstensen

COFFEE SERVERS

- 3 - Greg & Barb Raymo, Gene & Donna Cargin
10 - Larry & Pat Boots, John & Gail Dynes
17 - Doug & Susan Obermoller, Brad & Sheryl Hoekstra
24 - Library Board
31 - Megan & Nicole Prins, Darwin & Sharon Johansen

SENIOR CHARIOT DRIVERS

- October 3 - Gary & Mary Brandt (376-9259)
October 10 - Dave & Janelle Saufley (376-5657)
October 17 - Dave & Jo Haugan (376-3471)
October 24 - Burt & Diane Levine (376-6909)
October 31 - Vern & Jean Bastian (372-2529)

GREETERS

- 3 - (8:00 a.m.) Curt & Shirley Pietz
(10:15 a.m.) Darren & Rachel Ponto
10 - (8:00 a.m.) Larry & Jan Petersen
(10:15 a.m.) Kevin & Megan Prins
17 - (8:00 a.m.) Al & Roxann Polzine
(10:15 a.m.) Mark & Kay Prunty
24 - (8:00 a.m.) John & Pat Remme
(10:15 a.m.) Greg & Barb Raymo
31 - (8:00 a.m.) Stacy & Kari Sauerbrei
(10:15 a.m.) Larry & Joan Reker

READERS

- 3 - (8:00 a.m.) Shauna Petersen/Pham
(10:15 a.m.) Susan Obermoller
10 - (8:00 a.m.) Donna Getzel (10:15 a.m.) Kieth Olson
17 - (8:00 a.m.) Linden Olson (10:15 a.m.) Jean Schwarz
24 - (8:00 a.m.) Grant Sorensen (10:15 a.m.) Ginger Sellberg
31 - (8:00 a.m.) Nancy Marco (10:15 a.m.) Kern Schwarz

ALTAR COMMITTEE:

Judi Hoebet, Joyce Soderholm, Carole Wiese, Susan Obermoller

BUSY BAGS - Stacy Bickett

SOUND SYSTEM

- 3 - Rich Besel
10 - Doug Obermoller
17 - Bob Wieme
24 - Nick Steinle
31 - Craig Pfeifer

CAMCORDER

- 3 - Greg Kvilhaug
10 - Sandy Demuth
17 - Tim Bickett
24 - Mark Demuth
31 - Bob Wieme

COMMUNION HELPERS:

- 3 - (8:00 a.m.) Cammie Dorn, Jesse & Carolyn Leopold, Scott Langerud
(10:15 a.m.) Martin & Dorothy Aaser, Mike & Deb Stoll
17 - (8:00 a.m.) Steve & Vernietta Hansberger, Roger & Clasine Lester
(10:15 a.m.) Randy Thompson, Mary Voehl, John & Julie Nystrom
31 - (8:00 a.m.) Larry & Le Lucht, Larry & Jan Petersen
(10:15 a.m.) Linden Olson, Erlin Weness, Mike & Lisa Peterson

COUNCIL HOSPITAL VISITATION - Heidi Heckenlaible

LUTHERAN WOMEN HOSPITAL VISITATION –

Kathy Harberts (October 4-10); Anne LeBrun (11-17);
Connie Voss (18-24); Carole Wiese (25-31)

COMMUNION PREPARATION HELPERS

- 3 - Saturday Fill: Marj & Kieth Olson
Refill: Connie Wienrank
Clean-up: Susan Obermoller
6 - Fill / Clean-up: Lola Lindquist
10 - Fill: Sue Rose, Marcia Shepherd
Clean-Up: Jan & Larry Petersen
13 - Fill / Clean-up: Jayne Johnson
17 - Saturday Fill: Shirly Wieme, Carol Fleming
Refill: Barb Williams, Karen Pfeifer
Clean-up: Lori Heitkamp
20 - Fill / Clean-up: Megan Prins
24 - Fill: Jean & Vern Bastian; Clean-up: Judy Benson
27 - Fill / Clean-up: Joyce Soderholm
31 - Saturday Fill: Jill Williams, Meredith Schaubert
Refill / Cleanup: Jason Behrens' Family

OCT. HOMEBOUND COMMUNION VISITS:

Joanne Carlson-Leora Enninga, Lowell & Dorothy Hay
Dee Hale-Phyllis Almberg, Rhonda Hibma
Glad Henning-Mike Harberts
Anne LeBrun-Katherine Vosberg, Pete Duinkerken
Lola Lindquist-Flory Muller, Grace Stoeber
Kieth Olson-Ken & Ruth Hein, Alice Krueger
Janelle Saufley-Bev Scharlepp
Barb Williams-Bernard & Amanda Shepherd, Sally Konold
Pastors Radtke-Catherine Scurr, South Shore Care Center
(Alice Held, Lacinda Reck)

USHERS

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

Team 2 (10:15 a.m.): Lyle Gadda, Larry Petersen, Jan Petersen,
Ron Vorwald, Marlin Clausen, Ron Prins, Gary Brandt

NURSERY

- 3 - (8:00) Lori Glawe (10:15) Kari Suby
10 - (8:00) Shauna Petersen/Pham (10:15) Kerrona Petersen
17 - (8:00) Dee Hale (10:15)
24 - (8:00) Kris Obermoller (10:15) Tara, Amy, & Betsy Thompson
31 - (8:00) Meredith Schaubert (10:15) Mark & Kay Prunty

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

BIRTHDAY CALLERS

Mary Engler (October 1-15), Sandy Weber (October 16-31)

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 6:30 McPrayer	2 9:00 HR Reserved 9:00 Kitchen Cleaning
3 8:00 & 10:15 Worship/Comm. 10:15 Children's Church 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland / S. S. / Adult Ed begins 9:15 Youth Council 1:00 Corn Maze	4 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off 2:00 Leah Circle (Shirley Barkuloo's home) 6:00 Kitchen & FH Reserved 7:00 Safety Committee	5 8:45 Elem. RT 9:30 Mary Circle (Marcia Basche's home) 10:00 S. Shore Care Center 6:30 New Member Class 7:00 Esther Circle 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	6 6:30 Men's Fellowship 9:00 Quilting 5:30 T. T. Wor./ Bell Choir 6:30 Confirmation 6:45 Jr. Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir	7 9:00 Kitchen Reserved 10:30 Bulletin Deadline 3:00-8:30 Kitchen Reserved	8 6:30 McPrayer	9
10 "Quiet Offering" Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 Worship 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland / S. S. / Adult Ed 11:30 Play & Pray (MS Youth) 4-6:30 Smorgasbord	11 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off 11:30 Sr. Saints 6:30 LW Board Meeting	12 8:45 Elem. RT 4:30 Executive Cmt Mtg 5:00 Stewardship (HR) 6:30 New Member Class 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	13 6:30 Men's Fellowship 9:00 Quilting/Martha Circle 5:30 T. T. Worship / Bell Choir / JOY 6:30 Parish Ed 6:30 Confirmation 6:45 Jr. Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir	14 8:30 WACMA 10:30 Bulletin Deadline	15 6:30 McPrayer	16 7:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: Silent Auction set-up (FH)
17 8:00 Worship /Comm. 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland / S.S. / Adult Ed 10:15 Alternative Worship with Children's Church 1-3:00 Silent Auction set-up (FH) 6:00 Mentor Kick-off (FH)	18 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off 5:30 p.m. Personnel Mtg. 7:00 FH Reserved	19 8:45 Elem. RT 5:30 Endowment Cmte Mtg 6:30 New Member Class 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	20 6:30 Men's Fellowship 9:00 Quilt Tying 5:30 T.T. Wor./ Bell Choir / Budget & Finance 6:30 No Confir 6:45 Jr. Choir 7:15 Chancel Messenger Articles Due	21 9:00 Shetek Pastors' Mtg 10:30 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 Wills, Gifts, Memorials 6:30 Church Council	22 6:30 McPrayer	23
24 8:00 & 10:15 Worship 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland / S. S. / Adult Ed	25 Pastor Radtkes' Day Off 6:45 Worship & Music	26 8:45 Elem. RT 5:00 Stewardship (HR) 8:00 AA Big Book/Al-Anon	27 6:30 Men's Fellowship 9:00 Quilt Tying 5:30 T.T. Wor./Bell Choir / JOY 6:30 Confirmation 6:45 Jr. Choir 7:15 Chancel Choir	28 10:30 Bulletin Deadline	29 6:30 McPrayer	30
31 Reformation Day 8:00 & 10:15 Worship 8 & 10:15 Bandits for Books 9:00 Coffee Fellowship 9:15 Bibleland / S. S. / Adult Ed Noisy Offering Sunday						

LUTHERAN WOMEN

October 2010

Thankoffering Sunday

Plan to worship on Sunday, October 3rd at our annual **Thankoffering Service** at both the 8:00 and 10:15 services. Bring your thankoffering in the special envelope found in last month's newsletter. (Extra envelopes will be in the narthex.) This year's speaker will be Dr. Laurie Jungling, Professor of Religion at Augustana College. She will preach on the Gospel lesson (Luke 17:5-10), helping us focus on our varied callings. Come to worship to offer thanks for the many blessings God has given us and to celebrate the many ways the women's organization has used those gifts. **Plan to attend!**



Scandinavian Smorgasbord

Sunday, October 10
4:00 – 6:30

- \$9.00 Adults
- \$4.00 Children (6-12 years)
- Free - Children 5 and under
- Great entertainment in the sanctuary!
- Delicious food for **ALL** to enjoy.
- **THANKS** to all who are working, donating food and providing entertainment.
- Workers are asked to purchase tickets if they plan to eat. Thanks for supporting our annual fundraiser.
- LEFSE SALES – Lefse will again be for sale from 4:00 until gone at both entrances. Don't miss it!



Next Lutheran Women's Board Meeting
Monday, November 8, 6:30

Smorgasbord Celebrates 25 Years

Did you know that ALC's first Scandinavian Smorgasbord was launched 25 years ago in 1986? Prior to that date, our women's money-making events varied every year: sometimes soup and pie suppers and some years a bazaar and meal.

- In 1985, the women served a ham dinner which created \$1,600 for our projects.
- Look at the comparison between the first smorgasbord and last year's meal: in 1986, the first smorgasbord netted \$2,570. In 2009, the net profit was \$4,936.
- During those 25 years, the meal has generated over **\$90,000** for projects of our women's organization.
- Over the years, Lutheran Brotherhood, Aid Association for Lutherans and now Thrivent Financial for Lutherans have provided additional "matching funds" which has varied year to year. That amount has totaled approximately **\$25,000** in 25 years.
- **\$90,000 + \$25,000 = \$115,000** total earnings for the ministry of our Lutheran Women.
- Way to go women, men and youth of American Lutheran!



Kitchen Cleaning

Saturday, October 2nd at 9:00 is the date for our semi-annual kitchen cleaning. Come for a few hours and help Martha Circle make the kitchen shine. You won't want to miss the delicious rolls! See you there.



Dates for Your Calendar



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| • October 2 | Kitchen Cleaning |
| • October 3 | Thankoffering Service |
| • October 10 | Scandinavian Smorgasbord |
| • December 7 | Christmas Salad Buffet |

Sheets for Shetek

As part of our offering for the Shetek Conference Fall Officer's Workshop on Saturday, September 25th, we contributed one set of full sheets with pillow cases for use at Shetek Bible Camp. They will be used in the Lakota Retreat Center where congregations, groups and families gather for meetings and reunions. The sheets are needed!! Our women's organization also sent a \$50 offering for the meeting which offered training and idea sharing for local officers.

The meeting was chaired by co-president, Karen Pfeifer, who began with devotions entitled "An Incredible Gift" based on Proverbs 18:21. The July 12th minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed an unallocated balance of \$2,000. (That amount reflects revenue beyond the budgeted \$2,874 in expenses.) A thank you note was read from Diana Kvilhaug for the doorprize received at the Summer Salad Buffet.

Committee Reports:

Mission Action: Marie reported that quilts and health kits for Lutheran World Relief will continue to be the priority projects. Publicity will continue about the needed health kit items.

Mary Circle plans to buy bath towels, cut them and serge the edges to make washcloths. A diaper sewing date was been set for Monday, September 20th. Over \$4,000 of Fair Trade coffee has been ordered and sold to members of ALC in the last two years. Lutheran Women does not make a profit by selling the coffee, instead does so to help the coffee farmers of poorer nations make a better living.

Mission Community: Please give information for the women's newsletter to either Clasine Lester or Karen Pfeifer.

Mission Growth: The Summer Salad Buffet on July 15 was discussed. 110 women attended, somewhat less than past years. Perhaps June is a more desirable month for the buffet. The food, speaker and setting were well received and enjoyed by those present. A few suggestions were detailed: reinforce which Circle is responsible for unlocking the front door, make the freewill donation container more visible and set up an additional table for breads. Circles were commended for their participation in this successful event.

Old Business: Kitchen cleaning on Sat., October 2nd is being organized by Martha Circle. The congregation will be invited to help. Dr. Laurie Jungling, religion professor at Augustana, will speak at the Thankoffering Service on October 3rd.

Thankoffering envelopes were included in the September Messenger. The Women of the ELCA's Triennial Gathering in Spokane in July of 2011 will be attended by Marie Weeks as one of the delegates from SWMN Synod and by Lora Lee Timm-Knuth as a visitor.

New Business: A few changes were made to the women's blue time and talent sheet in preparation for the fall stewardship emphasis. Officers were encouraged to attend the Shetek Conference Officers Fall Workshop held at Shetek Ministries on Sat., Sept. 25th at 8:30. Our \$50 offering will be sent in advance, and Karen Pfeifer will use our \$25 budgeted love offering to purchase kitchen towels, bath towels or sheets for the camp. Duties for the December 7th Christmas Salad Buffet were reviewed. The Nominating Committee will begin recruiting committee chair people this fall. Karen and Julie Nystrom, as co-chairs, will begin recruiting Board officers this fall, as well. They also are planning to hold a Saturday morning coffee in October for women who are new to the congregation during recent years.

The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 8th at 6:30. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Pfeifer, Secretary pro tem



Health Kit Project Needs Your Help

The need is great around the world for Lutheran World Relief health kits to help displaced families take care of basic hygiene. Let's respond with enthusiasm and help assemble as many kits as we can! Please remember to look for the following items when you are at the store:

- Hand towels (dark colors)
- Washcloths (dark colors)
- Soap (bath size)
- Toothbrushes (adult, soft bristle)
- Combs (wide-tooth)
- Band-Aids (1/2" to 3/4")

Thank to everyone for helping with this very important project!

Please Remember

- The Nominating Committee of the women's organization is beginning its work of finding chair people for our 24 committees. Please say "YES" when asked.
- Circles are reminded to elect officers this fall and get the names to the church office by December 1st. Please elect your co-chairs, treasurer, Mission Action, Mission community, and Nominating Committee representatives.

Thanks!