

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

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July 13, 2008 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude		
Bell Toll		
Confession and Forgiveness		p. 94
Gathering Song	“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”	ELW 817
Greeting and Kyrie		p. 138
Canticle of Praise	“Glory to God in the Highest”	p. 139
Prayer of the Day		Prayed Together
<p>Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.</p>		
First Lesson		Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm		Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Second Lesson		Romans 8:1-11
Gospel Acclamation		p. 142
Gospel		Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Kids Sermon		Pastor Martinson
Hymn of Preparation	“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”	ELW 818
Sermon		Pastor Martinson
Hymn of the Day	“Praise the Lord! O Heavens”	ELW 823
Apostles’ Creed		p. 105
Prayers of Intercession		p. 143
Sharing the Peace		p. 143
Offering		Praise Band
Offertory Hymn	“Create in Me a Clean Heart”	ELW 186
Lord’s Prayer		p. 145
Blessing		p. 146
Sending Song	“Lead On, O King Eternal”	ELW 805
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 13	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Share & Care #8 Assignment Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, July 14	8:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	1:30 p.m.	WELCA Board
Tuesday, July 15	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Health Ministry
	5:30 p.m.	Building Committee
Wednesday, July 16	3:00 p.m.	Peacemakers at Lions Park
	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Music
Thursday, July 17	8:00 p.m.	“Come to the Lakes” program
Friday, July 18	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
Sunday, July 20	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, July 21	8:30 a.m.	Men’s Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
	2:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School starts

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.

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	Les & Helen Estes Bob & Delores Lind	Delores Lind	Abbi Hull
10:00a	Harriet Lundquist Marge VanderBerg	Dave & Lou Ann Ellingson Rob McNair & Hayley Dennison	Rob McNair	Charlie Schendel

HEALTH REPORT

Shane Severson had successful surgery and is doing well. **Ordella Fjoser** is at the Ottertail Nursing Home. **Pearl Johnson** is at the BL Good Sam. **Delores Lind** will be undergoing surgery on July 15. Please keep these individuals and families in your prayers for healing.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Weekly attendance:** 122 (8:30 a.m.) and 107 (10:00 a.m.)
- Flowers today have been given by **James & Phyllis Tegtmeier** in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.
- 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.
- Students entering into 5th to 10th grade are encouraged to attend **Faith Haven Camp** from August 3 – 6. Total cost is \$70 but the Board of Education will pay \$35 if students sign up by July 18. Contact Deb Lundquist for more information.

- **Vacation Bible School** for students entering 1st grade through 4th grade will be held at First Lutheran the week of July 21. If you did not receive information in the mail please call Deb Lundquist at 864-5226.
- Anyone willing to **host a breakfast or lunch** for the Vacation Bible School team from Luther Crest during the week of July 21 can sign up in the Narthex or call Deb Lundquist to **GET INVOLVED.**
- 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.
- **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.
- 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 Narthex 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

- **Brass-Ability** will be performing at the next **“Come to the Lakes”** event on Thursday, July 17 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.
- Trinity Lutheran Church in Pelican Rapids is hosting a **FREE family outdoor festival entitled “At the River”** that will feature American Idol’s Mandisa and Dove-award nominee Freddie Colloca on Saturday, July 19 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- 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 **7th Annual Luther Crest Golf FUN(d) Raiser** is set for Monday, August 11 at the Geneva Golf Club in Alexandria. Cost is \$55. Call (320) 846-2431 to register.