

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

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 Battle Lake, Minnesota - (218) 864-5686

July 27, 2008 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

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Bell Toll		
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Prayer of the Day		Prayed Together
Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.		
First Lesson		1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm		Psalm 119:129-136
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Kids Sermon		Pastor Martinson
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Sermon		Pastor Martinson
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	<b>"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"</b>	<b>ELW 691</b>
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**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday, July 27	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Church Directory Sign Up Begins</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday, July 28	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
Tuesday, July 29	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Health Ministry
	5:30 p.m.	Building Committee
Wednesday, July 30	7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Music
	7:00 p.m.	Practice for Play (Jan Smith)
Thursday, July 31	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>"Come to the Lakes" program</b>
Friday, August 1	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Conversation
Saturday, August 2	<b>Sesquicentennial Celebration</b>	
Sunday, August 3	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Church Directory Sign Up</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Baptisms)
Monday, August 4	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>CLEANING DAY at Our New Church</b>

**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	Joy Bond	Dick & Shirley Peterson Jim & Carol Sagerhorn	Warren Bessler	McKenzie Nelson- Buehler
10:00a	Joy Bond	Tim & Beth Schendel with Charlie and Harley	Rob McNair	Charlie Schendel

HEALTH REPORT

Louise Pederson, Knute Widness, and Bernice Eggert were all hospitalized this week in Fergus. Phyllis Knudson is out of the hospital and back at the BL Good Sam. Delores Lind is back home recovering from surgery. Please keep these individuals and families in your prayers for healing.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Attendance Last Week:** 118 (8:30 a.m.) and 105 (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.*
- 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 begins TODAY.
- **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.
- **Committee reports for the annual meeting** can be e-mailed to [bluth@arvig.net](mailto:bluth@arvig.net) or turned in on a computer disk to the church office by Friday, August 15. Please no paper copies.

**CLEANING DAY** for our new church is Monday, August 4 starting at 9:00 a.m. and continuing into the evening. Call Karen Engen at 864-8652 to **GET INVOLVED!** Besides cleaners we also need people to make cookies and bars and serve coffee. A sign up sheet is posted on the church office door. Please plan to bring your own lunch. Thank you!

**MOVING DAY** to our new church is Sunday, August 10 with a single worship service starting at 9:00 a.m. Wear clothing suitable for moving! Bring your truck, trailer, moving dolly / hand truck, etc. It's time to **MOVE THAT CHURCH!** Everyone is expected to be apart of this historic event!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- The Battle Lake Lions are hosting a **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** TODAY from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lions Shelter. Adults \$5, Kids \$2, Under 6 are free! Rain or Shine!
- **Pastor Carol Olson** will speak about her trip to the Holy Land at Grue Lutheran Church tonight at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.
- **Erin Anderson** (a.k.a. assistant to the Bishop and lead singer of Eyewitness) will be performing at the next **"Come to the Lakes"** event on Thursday, July 31 at 8:00 p.m. Erin will be joined by other musicians including our own **Brenda Mathiesen!** 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.
- 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.
- **Henning/Battle Lake Area Christian Women's Club** brunch on Monday, August 11, 2008 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Thumper Pond Resort. Reservations required for brunch & nursery on or before Thursday August 7th. Call Sharon at (218) 367-3826 or Mary at (218) 495-3237.

- The **7<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **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.