

THIS MORNING WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION. All who believe in Christ's forgiving presence with his body and blood in, with and through the bread and wine are invited to join us at His table. Those preferring grape juice should take from the center circle of each serving tray or indicate your preference to your server.

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	Harriett Lundquist	Kim & Deb Biederman With Garrett & Erika	Deb Biederman	Charlie Schendel Abbi Hull
10:00a	Harriett Lundquist	Dallas & Lynda Glick Dean & Jill Damrau	Lynda Glick	Nicole Rilla D.J. Cline

HEALTH REPORT

Elaine Everts had surgery on her shoulder this week and is back at home. **Louise Pederson** is in rehab at Lake Region in Fergus. **Knute Widness** is at the nursing home in Henning. **Bernice Eggert** is hospitalized at MeritCare in Fargo. Please keep these individuals and families in your prayers for healing.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Attendance Last Week:** 111 (8:30 a.m.) and 117 (10:00 a.m.)
- Today we celebrate the baptism of **Shane Terry Severson** and **Owen Ronald Johnson**. Shane is the son of **Jason and Amy Severson** and his sponsors are **Pat and Sherri McFarren**. Owen is the son of **Justin and Kari Johnson** and his sponsors are **Kelli Sprattler** and **Reed Matter**.
- Our prayers and sympathy go out to **Theone Pederson** who lost her sister, **Hazel Erickson** of Pelican Rapids, this week.
- The **Wednesday Afternoon WELCA Circle** will be meeting on Tuesday, August 19 instead of Wednesday, August 13. The group will meet at the new church at 1:15 p.m. in order to carpool to Zion Amor to hear the Rev. Karen Bockelman present the WELCA August Bible study, "Living Water, Walking Wet."
- **Committee reports for the annual meeting** can be e-mailed to bluth@arvig.net or turned in on a computer disk to the church office by Friday, August 15. Please no paper copies.

- **The chairs in the Narthex** are a sample of those available. Please try them out and let anyone on the Building Committee know which one you prefer. Chairs with arms are about \$200 each. We hope to buy 50 to augment our seating in the sanctuary. You are welcome to buy one, two, ten or more!
- 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 is TODAY and Sunday, August 17.
- The words to the hymns are offered in **large print** each week. We are trying to discern how many people use these. Please contact the church office if this service is helpful so we know whether or not to continue offering it. Thank you!
- **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.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Melanie Koltes** will be performing at the next **"Come to the Lakes"** event on Thursday, August 7 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.
- 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.
- The Battle Lake Lions are sponsoring a **pillow cleaning** on Saturday, August 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Lions Park.
- **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 **Fergus Falls Area Diabetes Support Group** will meet on Tuesday, August 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the Mill Street Residence. Guest speaker is Janice Spies, RD LD who will give a historical review of diabetes education. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month.
- Zion Lutheran Church of Amor is hosting **an auction** on Thursday, August 14 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow the auction.

- 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.



CLEANING DAY for our new church is TOMORROW starting at 9:00 a.m. and continuing into the evening. Besides cleaners we also need people to make cookies and bars and serve coffee. Call Karen Engen at 864-8652 to **GET INVOLVED!** 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!



Presenting

Dr. Kathryn Love

*Assistant Director of
Evangelism for the ELCA*

September 13 & 14, 2008

Saturday Evening Service

7:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship Service

9:00 a.m.

Theme: Church Renewal

**First Lutheran Church
Battle Lake**

EVERYONE WELCOME



The "Bike to Work for the Building" campaign continues. In June I biked 17 days and in July 15 days. June sponsors would then contribute \$68 to the Building Fund and July sponsors \$60. Checks can be made out to "First Lutheran Building Fund." There is information and a calendar hanging next to the elevator door in the Narthex. *Please look it over and consider becoming a sponsor for the month of August. It's your last chance!*

As a sponsor you will agree to contribute \$4 (about the price of one gallon of gas) to the Building Fund each time I ride my bike to work during the summer months of June, July, and August. For those that do not know I live across from Balmoral Golf Course and so it is 9 miles from my door to the church (18 miles round trip). You can sponsor me for a week, a month, or the entire summer. If I were to ride every day, that is a maximum donation of \$20 per week. Thanks to all those who support this endeavor! God Bless! Rob McNair



Luther Crest Day Camp 2008

There were 25 day campers this year with 15 from First Lutheran. A big thank you goes out to all the parents that took the time to bring their children to camp. The counselors really enjoyed their week with us. The kids seemed to really look forward to each day of camp as well. They did some great projects, including cards that will be delivered to the Good Sam Center. The main theme this year was about justice and God's grace for everyone one no matter what.

A special thanks goes to Heidi Hull, Jen Knudson, Becky Walvatne, Rachel Ehlert, Karen Young, Amy Drake and the ladies from Zion for their extra time and donations that helped make this week of camp run so smoothly.

Also special thanks go to Rob and Hayley McNair, Jack and Shirley Neese, and Roger and Mary Lundquist for helping provide meals for counselors. Rob, Jack and Shirley deserve an extra thank you for the extra work they did during day camp week.

A final thank you goes out to the Church Council and the Board of Education, without their support this program would not be possible.

God's Blessings,

Deb Lundquist — Day Camp Coordinator



**New
Church
Building**

Dear Friends in Christ at First Lutheran Church,

We all rejoice as we near an important event in our journey together. The building committee wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, suggestions, and financial and labor contributions to this large undertaking.

The road has had some bumps, one of the most serious being that due to accidents, illnesses, and fatigue communications sometimes broke down and some people did not feel a part of the process. We regret any misunderstandings or lack of inclusiveness.

There remains much to be done. The contractors want to be out by July 31. Cleaning is scheduled for August 4. Kitchen pack up August 8 and moving August 10. Hopefully that schedule can be met and all who are able can participate.

Our congregation needs prayers and all our abilities as we move forward in our journey together to make good use of this new tool. May God continue to enable us to build on blessings. Thank you.

Alice Hofstad — Building Committee