

# First Lutheran Church

*"Bringing the hope we share in Christ to others"*

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August 17, 2008 – Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude		
Bell Toll		
<b>Gathering Song</b>	<b>"Bless This House"</b>	<b>See insert</b>
Confession and Forgiveness		p. 94
Prayer of the Day		Prayed Together
<i>God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.</i>		
First Lesson		Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Second Lesson		Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel Acclamation		p. 142
Gospel		Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28
Kids Sermon		Pastor John Martinson
<b>Hymn of Preparation</b>	<b>"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"</b>	<b>ELW 596</b>
Sermon		Pastor John Martinson
<b>Hymn of the Day</b>	<b>"Jesus Shall Reign"</b>	<b>ELW 434</b>
Nicene Creed		p. 104
Prayers of Intercession		p. 143
Sharing the Peace		p. 143
Offering		
Offertory Hymn	<b>"Come to the Table"</b>	<b>ELW 481</b>
Holy Communion	<b>"Day by Day"</b>	<b>ELW 790</b>
	<b>"Faith of Our Fathers"</b>	<b>ELW 812</b>
Lord's Prayer		p. 145
Prayer after Communion		p. 146
Blessing		p. 146
<b>Sending Song</b>	<b>"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"</b>	<b>ELW 547</b>
Dismissal		p. 146
Postlude		

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 17	<b>Church Directory Sign Up</b>
	9:00 a.m.    Worship Service
Monday, August 18	8:30 a.m.    Men's Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.    Coffee and Conversation
Tuesday, August 19	9:00 a.m.    Staff Meeting
	10:00 a.m.    Health Ministry
	<b>1:15 p.m.    Wednesday Afternoon Circle</b>
	<b>2:30 p.m.    Directory Pictures</b>
	5:30 p.m.    Building Committee
Wednesday, August 20	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
	<b>2:30 p.m.    Directory Pictures</b>
	7:00 p.m.    Contemporary Music
Thursday, August 21	9:00 a.m.    Peacemakers ("Pennies for Peace")
Friday, August 22	9:30 a.m.    Coffee & Conversation
Sunday, August 24	<b>Church Directory Sign Up</b>
	9:00 a.m.    Worship Service

## FIRST LUTHERAN STAFF

Ministers: All Members; Interim Pastor: Rev. John Martinson; Parish Nurse: Lynda Glick; 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.

**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.

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**WORSHIP TEAM**

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<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
Joy Bond Marge VanderBerg	Roger & Mary Jo Kuhn Sam & Lorraine Lykken	Theone Pederson	Nicole Rilla D.J. Cline

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**HEALTH REPORT**

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**Bernice Eggert** is at Eventide Nursing Home (1405 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Heritage Wing, Room 150, Moorhead, MN 56560). She will be there for at least 2 more weeks for treatment and therapy. Please keep her and all those in need of healing in your prayers.

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**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- **Attendance Last Week:** 241
- Flowers today were given in honor of the 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **Willard and Irene Duda** which is tomorrow August 18.
- Mark your calendars! **Our new church will be dedicated** on Sunday, September 14.
- Due to the uncertainty of the availability of internet service at our new church home at this time, the church **website presentation** by Tyler Akerman that was scheduled for after the service today has been rescheduled for after our worship service on Sunday, September 21.
- The **pastoral call committee** has been established with the following individuals: Claire Prody, Les Jimmerson, Ila Osman, Courtney Cline, Wanda Oftedahl, Wes Hull, and Jen Knudson. Please keep this group in your prayers as they begin their work.
- The **Wednesday Afternoon WELCA Circle** will be meeting on Tuesday, August 19 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."
- **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.
- 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.

- 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 NatheX outside the church library.

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**NEW BUILDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Thank you for all your contributions to the new building and providing some furnishings for our new worship facility. There are some items which are still needed and soon a list will be provided with some cost estimates if you are interested in providing a specific item. At the present time buying additional chairs for multiple use is being considered. They cost about \$200 each. Please do not purchase or give an item without finding out if it is needed. The following people will be able to assist you with your questions about this matter: Grace Stoebe, Shirley Kirschman, Ila Osman, and Jane Dixon.

Also, as we celebrate our first worship service in our new church home we wanted to make you aware that while this is an exciting time, it is also a time when we are incurring additional expenses related to the transition. Some of these include:

- ✚ Having three weeks of paying severance to Pastor George as well as salary to Pastor John.
- ✚ Paying utilities, insurance, etc. for both buildings until the closing of the old building sale which is at the end of August.
- ✚ The cost of repairs we had to make to the old building to get it ready to sell.

We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your offering to the General Fund to help us meet these expenses. As always, we are grateful for your offerings and contributions.

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**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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- **The Smith Family** will be performing at the next **"Come to the Lakes"** event on Thursday, August 21 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 **Battle Lake Area Rescue Squad** will be hosting its annual Turkey Feed on Sunday, August 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Lions Park. A free will offering will be taken to support their activities and equipment needs.
- The **annual picnic at the Battle Lake Good Sam** will be Thursday, August 28 at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Sharing of Abundance** is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16 through Friday, September 20. More details will follow.