

First Lutheran Church

"Bringing the hope we share in Christ to others"

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September 7, 2008 –Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Gathering Song "Earth and All Stars!" **ELW 731**

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Prayer of the Day Prayed Together

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Lesson Ezekiel 33:7-11

Second Lesson Romans 13:8-14

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Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Kids Sermon Pastor John Martinson

Hymn of Preparation "Where Charity and Love Prevail" **ELW 359**

Sermon Pastor John Martinson

Hymn of the Day "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" **ELW 865**

Nicene Creed p. 104

Prayers of Intercession p. 143

Sharing the Peace p. 143

Installation of Kids & Youth Ministry Teachers See Bulletin Insert

Offering

Offertory Hymn "Come to the Table" **ELW 481**

Holy Communion "As We Gather at Your Table" **ELW 522**

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" **ELW 494**

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Sending Song "Blessed Be the Name" **ELW 797**

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Postlude

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 7 9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Kids and Youth Ministry

Monday, Sept. 8 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

1:00 p.m. WELCA Board

5:30 p.m. Board of Education

Tuesday, Sept. 9 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

10:00 a.m. Health Ministry

5:30 p.m. Building Committee

6:30 p.m. Committee Meetings

7:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, Sept. 10 **3:00 p.m. Communion at Summit Village**

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Music

Thursday, Sept. 11 **1:00 p.m. WELCA General Meeting**

Friday, Sept. 12 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, Sept. 13 **7:00 p.m. Dr. Kathryn Love**

Sunday, Sept. 14 **Dedication Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Share & Care Assignment Meeting #10

9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Dr. Love and Synod Staff

10:00 a.m. Kids and Youth Ministry

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.

WORSHIP TEAM

Organist/Pianist	Ushers	Lector	Acolytes
Harriet Lundquist	Keith & Marty Fletcher	Marty Fletcher	Abbi Hull
Marge VanderBerg	Rich Hawkinson Wes Hull		Nicole Rilla

HEALTH REPORT

Doris Janecky was hospitalized this week in Fergus. **Cindy Heald** and **Warren Swanson** are back at home. **Sam Lykken** was transferred to the Good Sam. **Rita Balm** is back at home in Rochester and will not be returning to Battle Lake. **Bernice Eggert** was transferred to the Broen Home in Fergus. **Don Freeman** has left the Good Sam and is back at home. Please keep all these individuals and their families in your prayers.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Attendance Last Week:** 233
- Our prayers and sympathy go out to **Lois Goebel** and her family. Funeral services were held on Friday for her husband **Earl Goebel** who had been residing at the Veterans Home in Fergus.
- The **E-Word Bible Study** group will meet on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. at church.
- **Building Sale Update** – At the request of the Lakes Area Community Center, the closing date for the sale of our former building was extended from 8/31 to 10/31. The Community Center has assumed responsibility for utility and insurance costs effective 9/1. Earnest money held in trust has been increased to \$20,000 in consideration for the closing date extension. The Community Center's fund raising efforts are going well and we are pleased to accommodate their request for this additional timeframe.

- Mark your calendars! **Our new church will be dedicated next 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.
- A reminder that WELCA will host their **Fall Festival** on October 11. **We are looking for antiques and collectibles.** Antiques wanted are dishes, glass items, linens, small furniture, etc. Collectibles needed are **unique** platters, plates, dishes, vases, etc. Please contact Lois Goebel or Jan Smith.
- **All singers** are being summoned! The choir group will practice on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in preparation for Dedication Sunday, September 14. The group will sing an anthem and a benediction. ALL are welcome to be a part of this group.
- The monthly **Share & Care at the BL Good Sam** Nursing Home has been put back to 9:30 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.
- **Blood pressures** will be taken on the first and third Sundays of the month 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 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 dropped off at the church office.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- The **Henning/Battle Lake Area Christian Women's Club** brunch is on Monday, September 8 from 10:30a to 12p at Thumper Pond Resort. Reservations required for brunch & nursery on or before Thursday September 4, 2008. Call Sharon at (218)367-3826 or Mary at (218) 495-3237.