

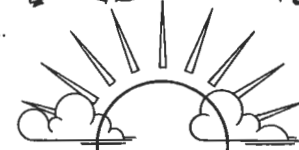
# THE GOOD NEWS

Newsletter From First Lutheran Church, Bottineau, ND

 **Our Pastor**  
will be away  
from: **JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
to: **JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

\*\*\*\*\* JULY -- 2010 \*\*\*\*\*

**REJOICE!**



## *"It's Quiet at the Church"*

Yes, it is a bit more quiet at the church these days. Summer schedules slow down the number of activities that go on here in the typical week. I suppose it is all a part of the natural rhythm of life as summer moves us into different activities. Youth activities have virtually ceased with the summer schedule and also by virtue of the fact that Katie, our Youth and Family Minister is hard at work at Camp Metigoshe. Our Intern, Desiree' has completed her time here as Intern. Many of the normal weekly and monthly meetings are taking a break for at least part of the summer.

Yes, it is a little bit quiet at the church. But then the reality is that that is not just due to summer schedules. Very many churches are experiencing quieter times as more and more people chose to be less involved in the church.

It was interesting to read a newsletter article from a church that I had served long ago in Salem, Oregon. In the article, that pastor talked about the fact that most main line denominations have been losing membership in recent years. The ELCA was formed in the late 1980's with 5.2 million members and recent statistics indicate that we are now a church of 4.5 million members and declining. That is a lot of people who are no longer involved with the church! There are certainly many, many factors that go into the kind of decline that 10 out of the top 12 largest denominations are experiencing. In the article written by the pastor in Salem the suggestion was made that people are just not too concerned about denominations anymore. Denominations are often too big and political in nature to connect with the lives of people. People just aren't as interested in whether or not a person is Lutheran, Baptism or Catholic. They are more interested in whether a person is a Christian / person of faith or a non-believer. So people leave mainline churches for something that it is easier to connect to. It is quiet in many churches these days as many people chose to live out a faith life apart from any particular denomination or congregation.

Another article I read last week talked about the fact that many people have experienced some hurt from the church. And because of how they perceive that they have been hurt, many simply stay away from a structured church organization. The article said that "..... a new study by The Barna Group found millions of "unchurched adults" are actually Christians who say they have been hurt by churches. The study found nearly four out of 10 non-churchgoing Americans – 37 percent – said they avoid churches because of negative past experiences in churches or with church people." It gets quiet in the church some times.

The list of reasons for quiet churches could included things as diverse as the high tech, fast paced culture to lives that have become too full of activities that take people away from home too often. It is good to have a day to sleep in and be at home but it sure gets quiet at the church sometimes. Still it is here that we continue to lift up the life giving Word of God and seek to call people into a caring Christian community. It is still here that God chooses to come in Bread and Wine, through word and song. We do need you in this place and I extend God's invitation to come .... come to the waters of life.

See you in Church!  
Pastor Glenn



### First Lutheran Church

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**Pastor: Glenn A. Berge**

Secretary & Editor\*Barb Persson

Council President\*Paul Berge

Treasurer\*Lisa Herbel

T.R.A.C: Katie Nesdahl

Intern: Desiree Uhrich

Parish Nurse: Lois Fett

Custodians:Jan & Bob Baumann



# FAITH HOPE & LOVE

Deadline each month for the Newsletter is the 3rd Thursday of the month. Office Hours: 9am - 5pm Mon - Thurs. - 9am- 4pm Fridays.

### First Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

**Joyfully growing as God's People for lives of faith, love, and service.**

### FIRST LUTHERAN JULY INFO

**COFFEE DUTIES IN JULY, 2010 WILL SERVED BY VOLUNTEERS**

Many Thanks!!!



### JULY WEDDING:

**Saturday, July 31st at 5pm  
Katie Fraser & Rusty Walton  
Everyone is Welcome!  
CONGRATULATIONS!**



### FIRST LUTHERAN ATTENDANCE

### MAY & JUNE 2010

May 30th	131
June 6th	134
June 13th	131
June 20th	116
June 27th	115



### DEADLINE FOR AUGUST 2010

### NEWSLETTER IS DUE

### JULY 15TH, 2010



Would you like to serve the Lord, our Congregation, our Community and our world right from your own home? Just join the First Lutheran Prayer Chain!! To join, or for more information, please call Diane Myhr (228-2990) or Eunice Ketterling (228-3627). To request Prayers, please call Eunice Ketterling

### MEMORIALS

Bill Williams

Richard Sandness Hilma Nehring

Bertha Kittleson Gladys Rosberg

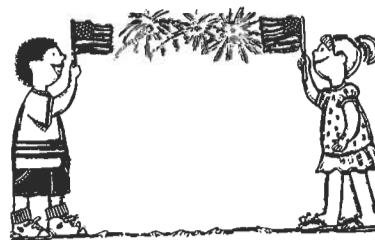
Jerry Williams Alwyn Biberdorf

Warren Foss Mary Svingen

Lester Ketterling Alice Lodoen

Helen Olstad

Harriet Nelson





## First Lutheran Church Council Minutes June 8, 2010



**Present:** Paul Berge, Bruce Bullinger, Linda Liebelt, Don Indvik, Brad Robertson, Mike Foster, Lea Rae Espe, Tami Neubauer, Judy Higgins, and Pastor Glenn Berge

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Berge. The agenda and council minutes were approved. Motion was made by Don Indvik and seconded by Judy Higgins. The treasurer's report was approved. Motion by Lea Rae Espe and seconded by Tami Neubauer.

Decorating committee representatives Peggy Lider and ElRita Nelson joined the meeting to discuss the remodeling of the Library. The first phase of the project would be a new double glass door and shelving for the Library. The committee presented a picture of the door that they thought would be the most inviting. It was decided that the door would need to be put in first to see how much room there would be for shelving. Judy Higgins made a motion to purchase the door, it was seconded by Lea Rea Espe, motion passed.

The decorating committee also presented writings to be placed on the North wall of the North fellowship room and painting ideas for the wall behind the coffee refreshment area. Bruce Bullinger made a motion to approve the fellowship decorating with phase 1 & 2 of the fellowship room. Linda Liebelt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Devotions were lead by Pastor Glenn Berge – based on Jeremiah 29: 10-14 and "What are God's plans for 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran?"

Discussion was held on our church's staffing needs. Bruce Bullinger made a motion to pursue discussion with Desiree Uhrich and the Bishop about a half time pastoral position that would take place in January 2011 after Desiree's graduation from Seminary. Pastor Glenn will visit with the Bishop and Paul Berge will visit with Desiree.

The Technology committee reported they had met and discussed ideas for bringing technology into our Sunday Services – more research and pricing will need to be done.

No other new business. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Higgins  
Council Member



First Lutheran Church  
**2009 Budget**  
 May, 2010

Good News July 2010

	Jan - Dec 10	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
011 Envelopes	95,910.00			
012 Loose	1,681.50			
013 Parish Ed	277.87			
014 Interest - General	10.84			
015 Lent	2,297.00			
016 Easter	2,611.00			
017 Christmas	150.00			
Earned Income	2,215.62			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>105,153.83</b>			
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>100 World Missions</b>				
101 Synod -ELCA	5,416.65	13,000.00	-7,583.35	41.7%
102 Lutheran SS	750.00	1,800.00	-1,050.00	41.7%
103 Westhope Home	750.00	1,800.00	-1,050.00	41.7%
104 Metigoshe Camp	979.15	2,350.00	-1,370.85	41.7%
105 Good Sam	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%
106 Food Pantry	875.00	2,100.00	-1,225.00	41.7%
107 Missionaries	916.65	2,200.00	-1,283.35	41.7%
108 St. Andrews	300.00	300.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total 100 World Missions</b>	<b>10,287.45</b>	<b>23,850.00</b>	<b>-13,562.55</b>	<b>43.1%</b>
<b>200 Program Expenses</b>				
201 Parish Ed	844.96	3,000.00	-2,155.04	28.2%
202 Worship	1,751.88	4,500.00	-2,748.12	38.9%
203 Stewardship	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
204 Youth	226.64	500.00	-273.36	45.3%
206 Parish Nurse	30.00	250.00	-220.00	12.0%
207 Y & F Program Exp	104.15	250.00	-145.85	41.7%
208 Internship Exp	825.00	825.00	0.00	100.0%
209 Evangelism	34.76	500.00	-465.24	7.0%
<b>Total 200 Program Expenses</b>	<b>3,817.39</b>	<b>11,325.00</b>	<b>-7,507.61</b>	<b>33.7%</b>
<b>300 Employee Wages</b>				
301 Pastor	18,154.60	43,571.00	-25,416.40	41.7%
302 Secretary	9,149.20	21,958.00	-12,808.80	41.7%
303 Treasurer	2,881.65	6,916.00	-4,034.35	41.7%
304 Custodian	5,638.25	13,532.00	-7,893.75	41.7%
306 Musicians	1,280.00	3,300.00	-2,020.00	38.8%
307 Youth & Family Min.	7,504.60	18,011.00	-10,506.40	41.7%
308 Internship	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total 300 Employee Wages</b>	<b>47,108.30</b>	<b>109,788.00</b>	<b>-62,679.70</b>	<b>42.9%</b>
<b>400 Employee Benefits</b>				
401 Workers Comp	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
402 Custodian Ben.	743.75	1,785.00	-1,041.25	41.7%
403 Sec Benefits	1,487.50	3,570.00	-2,082.50	41.7%
404 Housing Allowance	3,250.00	7,800.00	-4,550.00	41.7%
405 Housing Equity	2,083.30	5,000.00	-2,916.70	41.7%
406 Employers Taxes	3,799.60	8,601.00	-4,801.40	44.2%
407 Youth & Family SS	574.10	1,378.00	-803.90	41.7%
408 Pastor Pen/Health	9,068.19	21,968.00	-12,899.81	41.3%
409 Y & F Health Ins.	1,479.10	3,592.00	-2,112.90	41.2%
<b>Total 400 Employee Benefits</b>	<b>22,485.54</b>	<b>54,444.00</b>	<b>-31,958.46</b>	<b>41.3%</b>
<b>500 Building Expenses</b>				
501 Building Exp	3,116.27	10,000.00	-6,883.73	31.2%
502 Utilities	9,464.87	14,500.00	-5,035.13	65.3%
503 Insurance	3,274.00	3,900.00	-626.00	83.9%
<b>Total 500 Building Expenses</b>	<b>15,855.14</b>	<b>28,400.00</b>	<b>-12,544.86</b>	<b>55.8%</b>
<b>600 Travel/Training</b>				
601 Travel/Auto	1,916.70	4,600.00	-2,683.30	41.7%
602 Pastor C.E.	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
603 Staff Development	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
604 Convention	250.00	1,000.00	-750.00	25.0%
605 Van Expenses	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
<b>Total 600 Travel/Training</b>	<b>2,166.70</b>	<b>7,850.00</b>	<b>-5,683.30</b>	<b>27.6%</b>
<b>700 Office Expenses</b>				
701 Office Supplies	920.52	2,500.00	-1,579.48	36.8%
702 Office Equip/Rep	1,938.85	4,000.00	-2,061.15	48.5%
703 Postage	791.57	1,700.00	-908.43	46.6%
704 Miscellaneous	600.00	500.00	100.00	120.0%
705 Technology	183.81	1,000.00	-816.19	18.4%
<b>Total 700 Office Expenses</b>	<b>4,434.75</b>	<b>9,700.00</b>	<b>-5,265.25</b>	<b>45.7%</b>
<b>800 Payroll Taxes</b>				
801 Fica	0.03			
802 Federal	0.00			
803 State	-104.00			
<b>Total 800 Payroll Taxes</b>	<b>-103.97</b>			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>106,051.30</b>	<b>245,357.00</b>	<b>-139,305.70</b>	<b>43.2%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-897.47</b>	<b>-245,357.00</b>	<b>244,459.53</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-897.47</b>	<b>-245,357.00</b>	<b>244,459.53</b>	<b>0.4%</b>



**GO** and Make Disciples





**+FUNERALS+**

*June 12th, 2010*

**Harriet Nelson**

**Pastor Glenn A. Berge**



**Blessed be Her Memory!**

**BAPTISMS:**

HOLY BAPTISM



**DATE: June 6th, 2010**

**CHILD: KEEGAN GUY OLSON**

**PARENTS: Angela & Matthew Olson**

**SPONSORS: Tyler Lee and Kandis Kittleson**

**PASTOR Glenn A Berge**

**DATE: June 6th, 2010**

**CHILD: GRAYSEN CASEY OLSON**

**PARENTS: Angela & Matthew Olson**

**SPONSORS: Christopher Lee and Sandy Olson**

**JULY USHERS 2010**

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE WITH 1 SERVICE  
AT 9AM - COFFEE AT 10AM**

**9:00am - Jim Borkowski & Rodney Schmidt**

Thanks for your Service!

THANKS TO DEB WILLIAMS FOR BEING IN CHARGE OF OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED HER FROM JUNE 1ST TO JUNE 4TH. WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR WORK!!



**W/ELCA JULY UPDATE**

The W/ELCA Group has been busy with the annual Church Fair Stand at the Bottineau Co. Fair. It is a big project and we thank those who are working on the Committee - Marlene Marquardt, Donna Feland, Diane Pearson, Lynne Boettcher, Lynnette Gilje and any one else who has been helping them. Also, thank you to the many ladies who brought food, worked at Fair Stand and in the basement preparing food. It is also a huge mission service to our community as we offer our great food {pies, hamburgers, ham meal}. **WHAT WOULD THE FAIR BE WITHOUT THE FIRST LUTHERAN FOOD STAND?????**

Thanks to the July Service Group for serving the Harriet Nelson funeral.

Please keep working on the Mission Action Kits during the summer so they are ready to ship this fall. Cash donations may also be given so the Committee can purchase needed items.

Our Ladies continue to Quilt every Monday afternoon at 1pm and could use the help of some extra hands SO if you like to quilt and have some time to spare drop in downstairs on Mondays. These are shipped with the Lutheran World Relief shipment and are also given out in our community to people with needs.

Welcome to our New Members and we hope that these ladies will join in with our W/ELCA events and meetings.

We meet for a General Meeting on Wednesday, September 8th at 7:30pm with the November Service Group serving the coffee/goodies.

**PLEASE CHECK WEEKLY BULLETINS FOR UPDATES AND NEWS!!**



**JULY**

**PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

***We would like to thank everyone for the support and encouragement we received as we held Bible School in June with our "Hero Headquarters" Theme - where kids team up with God! It was the first time in several years that we chose to try our own program and with only a few minor problems , we feel it went well. In all, 28 kids were registered and all seemed to really enjoy it. In questioning them, we found the only real complaint was the lessons were too long! They had crafts, games, music, lessons and theme based snacks they made themselves and were quite busy for four days. Our greatest appreciation to all the Volunteer helpers and especially Pastor Deb and Shelly Berge and to the parents for letting us show your kids how to be God's Heros and spread their faith and love to others. We look forward to watching them grow in their "Hero" roles in the years ahead.***

**PARISH EDUCATION COMMITTEE**



*"She wants you to have the kitties."*

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**NOTE FROM TREASURER:**

I am in the process of updating our envelope listing for 2011. If there are any changes, spelling corrections, additions or deletions to your envelopes, or if you would like to only receive 12 monthly envelopes, (plus special offering envelopes), please drop this off at the office with the changes by the end of July, 2011.

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Name

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Address

Weekly envelopes \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly envelopes \_\_\_\_\_

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.  
Thank you.

Lisa Herbel, Treasurer



# JULY ----- 2010



4. 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HAPPY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

5.

FIRST LUTHERAN  
OFFICES ARE CLOSED!  
NO QUILTING TODAY!!

6.

10:30am - St. Andrew's HC  
4pm - Good Samaritan HC

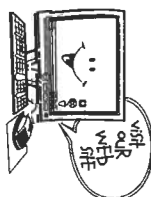
7. 9am - Lectionary Study

8.

1. 9:30am - Turtle Mt. Pastor's Conference Meeting

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10.



11. 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

12.

1pm - Quilting Ladies

13.

10am - Bible Briefing - Mission Aid meets afterwards  
7pm - Committee Meetings  
8pm - Council Meeting

14. 9am - Lectionary Study  
10:30am - Ministerial Mtg.

15.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS TODAY

16.



17.

18. 8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

19.

9:30am - Deborah Circle  
1pm - Quilting Ladies

20.

9:30am - Hannah Circle

21.

9am - Lectionary Study  
9am - Eve Circle meets @Church for POT LUCK LUNCH at Jan Henderson's at the Lake  
2pm - Rebecca at church

22.

23.

July 2010  
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25. 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

26.

1pm - Quilting Ladies

27.

28.

9am - Lectionary Study

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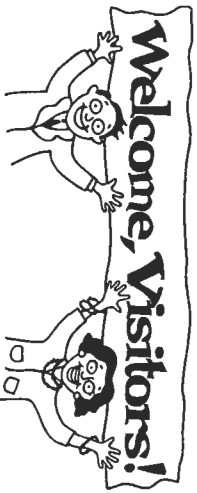
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5pm - Wedding Rehearsal for Katie Fraser & Rusty Walton

31.

5pm - Wedding of Katie Fraser & Rusty Walton -

CONGRATULATIONS!



**First Lutheran Good News**

**SUMMER Sunday Worship**

9:00am - 1 Worship Service

10:00am - Coffee Fellowship

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**Church Hours:**

Monday - Thursday - 9am - 5pm

Friday - 9am - 4pm

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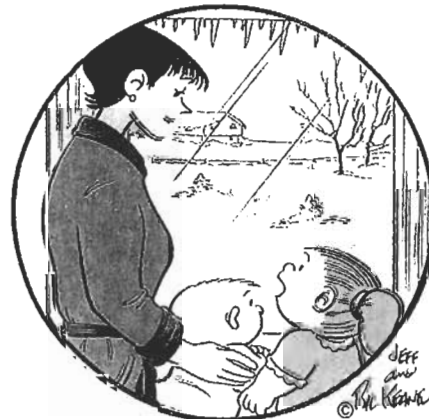
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For Lives of Faith, Love and Service



**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Jeff & Bill Keane



"Remember last summer when we prayed for cooler weather, Mommy? I think we overdid it."

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