

FIRST FORUM Newsletter

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AUGUST 2011

Pastor Marsha is on vacation, and I have found this article to use for this month's as a reminder of the upcoming September 11 anniversary.

The LITTLE Things

As you might remember, the head of a company survived 9/11 because his son started kindergarten.

Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts.

One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off in time.

One was late because of being struck on the NJ Turnpike because of an auto accident.

One of them missed his bus.

One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change.

One's car wouldn't start.

One couldn't get a taxi.

The one that struck me was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work, but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive today.

Now when I am stuck in traffic, miss an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing telephone...all the little things that annoy me. I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment.

Next time your morning seems to be going wrong. You can't seem to find the car keys, you hit every traffic light, don't get mad or frustrated; it may be just that God is at work watching over you.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying little things and may you remember their possible purpose.





3rd ANNUAL OUTDOOR EXTRAVAGANZA

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Outdoor Extravaganza!

August 20-21, 2011

North Lawn of FLC

Come When You Can ~ Stay as Long as You Like!!

- † **An evening meal at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday night, August 20. ALL the food for the evening will be provided.**
- † **Breakfast on Sunday morning, August 21 before morning worship**

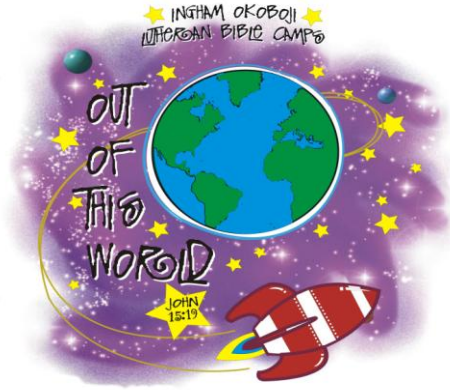
- Do you like spending time outside playing games, sitting around a fire, eating a s'more, catching fireflies, and/or camping? We have a deal for you!
- On Saturday, August 20, there will be activities for *everyone* at First Lutheran. If you want to just come sit by the fire and rest in your own bed, come join us. If you want to spend all night under the stars or in a tent, come join us. If all you want is to do is play some games, come join us.
- There will be a meal after the 5:30 p.m. service on Saturday. All the food is provided! There will be a freewill offering to help defray expenses. After we eat we will head outside and play games and sit around the fire.
- Come join us relax and enjoy each other's company!

Saturday Evening Meal (In Fellowship Hall)

Smoked, Pork Loin
Smoked, Pulled Chicken
Chips
Party Potatoes
Asian Cabbage Salad
Lemonade
Buns
S'Mores (by campfire)

Sunday Morning Breakfast

(served outside as long as it is not raining)
Breakfast Burrito
Fruit Kabobs
Juice/Coffee



Thanks to all those who supported the Ingham Okoboji VBS this summer. We had great bunch of volunteers who cooked, cleaned, taught and supported the Okoboji counselors.

They were:

Jean Davis, Carol Merrill, Maddie Rath
Linda Denner, Kim Knudsen, Kirsten Klepper
Diane Kleineweber, Ally Klepper, Kyle Klepper
Briana Meyerink, Karilyn Claude, Donna Kitzinger
Breanna Johnson, Adam Denner, Christian Davis
Jacob Mechler, Megann Schmidt, Rhiannon Larson
Beth Benschoter, Alyssa Mechler, Rachel Meyer

Thanks also to the Rodney, Jean & Christian Davis for hosting and providing a meal and Dave & Lynn Jenson for hosting a meal for the Okoboji counselors.



Vacation Bible School
Thank You!

**K.I.C.K.
(Kids in Christ's Kingdom)
Grades K-5**

Where: WOW
When: Meet at FLC
Monday, August 15
9:00 am - 5:00 p.m.
Cost: \$12.00

We're heading to Mankato to play laser tag, bowling, miniature golf & eat pizza at WOW. Please contact Colleen Teeuwe at 281.207.4202 or youth@netamumail.com by Sunday, August 14, if you are attending. Bring a friend or two!



COLLEGE ADDRESSES

Parents! We would like to send boxes and notes to keep in touch with your college student. Please email the church office (firstlutheran@netamumail.com) or call (295-3758) with your child's college information as soon as it is available.



"In summer, the song sings itself."

~William Carlos Williams

RALLY DAY!

Mark your calendars for September 11.

We'll have a special service of remembrance and celebration with prayers and balloons during the Sunday School hour. This is an intergenerational event and we invite people of all ages to join us.



Baptisms

July 9, 2011

Hope Esther Severson

Parents:

Drew & Laura Severson

July 9, 2011

Ava Jean Adams

Parent:

Jill Adams Thompson

Grandparents:

Gary & Connie Adams

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

The Rebecca & Priscilla Circles do not meet during the months of June, July, and August.

August 4: 9:00 a.m. Quilt Work Day. Betty Murphy is the hostess.

August 4: 7:00 p.m. Join the Women of the ELCA for their annual Pontoon Party at Oak Lake on Thursday, August 4. Meet at the church at 6:45 p.m. to carpool rides to Oak Lake. A short program will be given and refreshments will be served as the group cruises the lake courtesy of Connie Mechler and Julie Herbst-Ulmer. Linnea Holmer and Karen Evenson are the hostesses for the evening.

August 18 1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle will meet at the church will Betty Johanson serving as the Bible Study leader and hostess.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello! I just received a small book from one of my patients, called: *"Give Thanks for Little Things"*. I so agree, as I'm sure you do. Little things like the "liquid sunshine" the morning of our last meeting, only to stop & become a beautiful evening. The perfect time to share good food & good company, without those little things, we call bugs. If you were not able to make it, we missed you, and yes, I did eat a s'more for you. I also so enjoy the little things from other people, like that special smile, the hug from a child, a thank you note, etc.

May I take this opportunity to challenge you to being someone's special "Little Thing" to give God thanks for, tomorrow. May you also see something new, or see something old in a new way, in its own way a blessing. I'm

sure you will find a smile when you realize what you've found.

Our next meeting, August 4, will be for a pontoon ride at Oak Lake. I have never been able to make this meeting. I am really looking forward to making it this year. I have heard so many, many stories of this outing. I hope that you will be able to join us.

Last year at the synod training meeting, I was surprised how many Women of the ELCA groups did not meet during the summer. I tried to tell them about our group and how we try to celebrate God, especially in the outside with his beautiful gifts of nature that we can experience only during the summer. So I thank God for that opportunity with our group. Maybe, this year, they tried it too.

"How varied are Your works, Lord! In wisdom You have brought them all; the earth is full of Your creatures. Look at the sea, great and wide! It teems with countless beings, living things both large and small. (Psalm 104:24-25)

Here's to your own "Little Things".
In Christ's Love,

Dr. Judy Reinking



- Cookies
- Chili Beans
- Carrots
- Excess Garden Produce!



Items may be placed in the grocery cart in the south hallway or delivered to the Food Pantry.



Our records show that the following members celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in August. We pray for their health and happiness as we share in their celebration. We appreciate being notified of any errors or omissions.

- 8-1 Scott Hoveland, Jackson Gilbert
- 8-3 Brooke Sudol
- 8-4 Ciera Klein
- 8-5 AhLia Moe, Megann Schmidt
- 8-6 Dianne Dwire, Carol Holmes, Adam Lucas
- 8-7 Dave Markla
- 8-8 Eric Doster, Sande Rodemeyer Tana Harms
- 8-9 Kaci VanDeventer, Makayla Erpelding
- 8-10 Annette Stone
- 8-12 Jodie Knoner, Chuck Sheakley, Whitney Harms, Jennifer Sadler, Terry Alt
- 8-13 Linda Denner
- 8-15 Brooke Erickson
- 8-16 Kari Loge, Mara Davis
- 8-18 Zachary Lucas, Bruce Knudsen, Ashley Steburg
- 8-20 Amy Gale
- 8-22 Angela Cook, Brian Rodemeyer, Julie Flickinger, Linnea Holmer. Marlis Beenken, Tekka Torgerson
- 8-23 Darwin Engelbarts
- 8-24 Erik Kloster
- 8-25 Sydney Forgey, Gracie Sports
- 8-26 Dean Cooper, Gary Adams Baylee Arnold
- 8-27 Joanne Roepke Bode

- 8-28 Rochelle Herbert
- 8-29 Keara Omdahl
- 8-31 Lisa McKenna, Summer Morgan



- 8-1 Todd & Julie Herbst-Ulmer (19 years)
- 8-2 Brian & Sande Rodemeyer (31 years) Chad & Marianne Nielsen (8 years) Mark & Marcia Berhow (3 years)
- 8-4 Eric & Tauni Doster (4 years)
- 8-5 Alan & Michelle Hjelle (22 years) Sandy & Bette Schenck (33 years) Jared & Erica Cecil (11 years)
- 8-7 Tom & Karilyn Claude (35 years)
- 8-8 Clark & Pat Conner (30 years) Don & Beth Egel (40 years) Michael & Shelley Phelps (13 years) Dave & Lois Wieland (41 years)
- 8-9 Gary & Connie Adams (36 years) Bruce & Marcia Sundet (42 years) Bruce & Donna Kitzinger (42 years) Brett & Bethany Runge (4 years)
- 8-10 Alan & Kirsten Klepper (26 years) Eric & Lori Von Muenster (26 years)
- 8-13 Kevin & Sandra Mills (28 years) Scott & Michelle Chally (6 years)
- 8-14 Jerry & Kristie Brown (29 years) Marc & Becky Johnson (29 years) Troy & Lisa Dunkley (7 years) Drew & Melanie Moss (1 year)
- 8-19 Brian & Donna Meyerink (23 years)
- 8-21 John & Bev Nordman (45 years)
- 8-22 Duane & Shirley Habeger (57 years)
- 8-23 Bill & Eunice Hanson (25 years)
- 8-24 Russell & Rita Harder (43 years)
- 8-28 Larry & Susan Legore (46 years)
- 8-31 Erich & Kim Gilbert (15 years)



Thank You! THANK YOU!

A big thank you goes to Don & Marcia Beisch for supporting the youth during the Founder's Day celebration by loaning us their canopy, donating pop and for setup at this fundraiser. Also, thanks to Robert & Missy Nelton for all the ice they donated to keep our pop cold. The youth made \$400 from the pop sale!



Thank you FLC for your support of the Campaigners and BASIC car wash fundraiser to raise funds for the mission trips. We raised \$235.00. Thanks to Kevin Benschoter for his donation of car washing supplies!!



Thanks to Ray and Marilyn Nielson for the donation of the gas grill. The grill will be used for youth and family events throughout the year. Thanks again for the gift.



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Sunday fellowship time continues through September 4 following the 9:00 a.m. worship.

Check out the table in the narthex to sign-up for hosting one or more of the Sunday Fellowship hours. At printing time, there is an opening on August 28 and several others in need of a second set of hosts. Hosts are asked to prepare the coffee and juice and serve the pastries.



I would like to thank my First Lutheran family for the print that Pastor Marsha took from the Holy Land and the earrings (you know how I love jewelry!!). It was very thoughtful of you to remember me.

Mostly, I would like to thank the parents for letting me have your 8th graders for a year. I learned so much from them. We shared, we laughed, we cried, but mostly we learned about our Lord and Savior Jesus. They started the year as eager 8th graders, but ended up being one of my kids!!!! I have attended their confirmations and graduations, danced at their weddings, watched many become awesome parents, and cried at two funerals. I'm truly a better person because of your kids. I'm so blessed!!!!

It is so awesome to have a wonderful church family. I would like to thank you for all your love, support, and prayers for all these years. First Lutheran is a top notch church.

God bless,
Marcia (Beisch)

If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded.

Maya Angelou

**BULLETINS FROM
TRAVELING WORSHIPPERS**

If you have been traveling and would like to share the bulletin from the church of which you visited, please drop it off in the church office at your convenience. Every month in the newsletter we will note all our travelers.

May 29, 2011: Edna Kamper visited the St. Ansgar Evangelical Lutheran Church in Portland, Maine.

June 12, 2011: Merlin & Marlis Beenken attended the Ramsey Reformed Church in rural Titonka as they celebrated their 125 year anniversary.

June 22, 2011: Several members of First Lutheran attended the Church of the Damascus Road in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

July 3, 2011: Rodney & Jean Davis visited the First Reformed Church in Orange City, Iowa.

July 3, 2011: Evelyn Warmbier and Merle Schipull attended the Bethany Lutheran Church in Emmetsburg, Iowa as they celebrated their 125th anniversary.

July 3, 2011: The Al Klepper family attended the First Lutheran Church of Duluth, Minnesota.

July 11, 2011: Chuck & Chloe Sheakley attended worship services at the Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

June 26 & July 3 & 24, 2011: Paul & Neva Johnson attended the Zion-Lost Island Parish at Ruthven, Iowa.

SIXTY PLUS POTLUCK

The "Sixty Plus" group is taking a vacation in August. The next gathering will be Friday, September 9 at 12:00 p.m. Bill & Betty Holtz will be the hosts and provide a program.



F U N E R A L

*Services were held on
July 19, 2011 for:*

*Faye E. Knudsen
February 25, 1929 ~ July 15, 2011*



**CHURCH
directory
update**

NEW CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Be sure and pick up your copy of the new church directory from the table in the narthex!

LUTHERAN SERVICES OF IOWA

Back to School

Education is an important part of every child's life, and here in Iowa we pride ourselves on the quality education we provide. However, as the new school year approaches, Lutheran Services in Iowa reminds you there are still many children who do not excel in the classroom and those who never graduate from our high schools. Often times these children come from homes where poverty, abuse, neglect and other situations cause an unstable and sometimes unsafe environment.

LSI's services such as our early childhood programs, family-centered services and residential treatment for children work to create positive environments and build stable permanency for infants, young children and teens across the state. By giving children and families the tools they need to succeed, LSI can plant the seeds of success that grow into bright futures through education.

For information on Lutheran Services in Iowa, visit www.LSIowa.org. Visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Young parents building a strong foundation

It's stressful enough to be a college student. You're away from home, juggling tests and papers and possibly even a part-time job. But what if you're also a first-time parent?

When Natasha, an ISU elementary education major, and Riley, an ISU engineering student, first learned they were going to be parents, having support was a major concern.

"Both our families are several hours away," Natasha said. "We're kind of an island."

Luckily, People Place helped fill the gap. As they prepared for the arrival of their daughter Grace, born last November in Ames, People Place staff directed them toward community resources and helped them prepare for what to expect with a new baby.

"I'd be a wreck without them," Natasha said. "With our families away from us, I was scared about becoming a mom. We've been so welcomed. They're like family away from my family for me."

The couple now attends a parent support group on Monday nights at People Place. Though hesitant at first, they now rely regularly on the group for friendship, support, advice, parenting tips and stress relief. And as full-time students, the evening meal is great, too, Natasha joked.

"I think we're more confident now in what we're doing as parents," Natasha said.

Riley said it's been especially important to have a local resource for questions and concerns.

That's the heart of the People Place philosophy - a simple belief that all parents share similar needs and concerns and can thrive with support in their day-to-day lives.

As Grace grows and takes her first steps, Natasha and Riley look forward to celebrating that growth with People Place.

"We've definitely made friends," Natasha said. "I want to keep coming back. It's a fun kind of learning."

Read more stories and see video at www.LSIowa.org.



4 IMPORTANT LESSONS

Lesson 1: Cleaning Lady

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "hello."

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

Lesson 2: Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 p.m., an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rain storm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car.

A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict filled 1960's. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxi. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read:

"Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my

spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away...God bless you for helping me by unselfishly serving others." Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole

Lesson 3: Always Remember Those Who Serve

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked.

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired. By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient.

"Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied.

The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels' and five pennies. You see he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

Lesson 4: Giving When It Counts

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her five-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and

had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?" Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.



LET GO!

Much attention is being paid to the heavy backpacks kids now lug to school. My fifth-grader's backpack weighs nearly 20 pounds—more than one-quarter of her body weight!

This year I bought my kids backpacks with wheels to ease the muscle strain. Problem solved? Wrong. They continue lugging the packs on their backs, and I keep reminding them to put the packs down and roll them.

I don't understand it—or do I? We adults carry heavy burdens, too. They pile up and weigh us down. The cumulative weight can be crushing. But we don't have to carry our troubles. Jesus tells us to let him shoulder the load (see Matthew 11:28). Jesus already took away our biggest burden by dying on the cross. So we can truly "Let go...and let God."

~ Kari Myers



August 6 & 7, 2011
August 20 & 21, 2011

Bake Bread

Betty Holtz

Preparation

Betty Holtz

Clean-up

Sandy Peterson

Communion Assistants for August

August 6 (5:30 pm): Dan Peterson
August 7 (9:00 am): Kevin Benschoter
August 20 (5:30 pm): Marilyn Nielsen
August 21 (9:00 am): Jean Davis

Communion Assistants for September

Sept. 3 (5:30 pm): Marcia Beisch
September 4 (9:00 am): Chris VanDeventer
September 17 (5:30 pm): Bill Lenz
September 18 (8:00 am): April Braun
September 18 (10:30): Susan McLaughlin



LEFT BEHIND

A Father was reading Bible stories to his young son. "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city," he said, "but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

The boy asked, "What happened to the flea?"



**NEW
BEGINNING
BELLS
BEGIN!**

Wondering if you could be a bell or chime ringer?

This fall is a great time to join the New Beginning Bell Choir. It is geared toward those people who want to learn the basics of bell and chime ringing, but may still need to learn how to read music and play in a group.

Any age person is welcome. We have males and females, young and mature, readers and nonreaders of music. The only requirement is being tall enough to reach and swing the bells above the table.

All will learn new skills as we have fun making music! Middle school athletes are welcome to be bell choir members even if they arrive a little late due to their athletic practice schedule. High school ringers are invited as well -- we can work around your schedule.

The New Beginnings Bell Choir rehearsals start Wednesday, August 24. Rehearsals will be weekly from 4:45-5:15 p.m. Come the first week to find out if you might want to join this fun musical group and get a schedule for the upcoming year.

If you have questions, contact Chris VanDeventer at 295-3255 or email her at dcvandeven@hughes.net.

INTERMEDIATE BELL RINGERS

Able to handle more difficult bell ringing and techniques, but not ready for the Senior Bell group? The Intermediate Bell Ringers would be the group for you!

The Intermediate Bell Choir rehearsals start Wednesday, August 24. Rehearsals will be weekly from 5:15-5:45 p.m. Come the

first week to find out if you might want to join this fun musical group and get a schedule for the upcoming year. Middle school and high school athletes are invited -- we can work around your schedule.

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CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON
December 6-9, 2011

Lutheran Lakeside Camp is traveling to Branson! Travel will be by deluxe motorcoach with departures from Spirit Lake, Storm Lake, Fort Dodge, and Des Moines.



Among the shows you will enjoy on this trip are:

- Andy Williams
- Yakov Smirnoff
- Showboat Belle
- Twelve Irish Tenors
- Spirit of Christmas

Contact Z or Becky at 712-336-2109 or email becky@lutheranlakeside.com for further information. Please register by August 15.

**“God has given us two hands:
one to receive with and the
other to give with. We are not
cisterns made for hoarding; we
are channels made for sharing.”**

~Billy Graham

ANNUAL LETTER FROM OUR INDIAN FOSTER CHILD

Below is the letter sent to us from our Indian foster child K. Guru Swami. He lives in the Pfeiffer Memorial Boarding Home for Boys in South India. The letter is unedited and transcribed as written. Offerings received in Sunday School during the second Sunday of the month are used to sponsor this child.

Dear Foster Parents,

Your child K. Guru Swami is writing I am fine and happy in our home, very much happy to write you my Annual letter. I am always remembering you in my daily prayers my new year greetings to you. I wrote my IX std Annual examinations and went to my native place for summer holidays from our home. I taught songs and stories helped to my family members in side and out side works. I enjoyed with my friends by playing football. There are some cultures and custom in our village. There are some cultures and men wear dhothies, women wake up early morning they put different drawings in front of the houses. Hindus celebrate diwali, bhogi, sankranthi very grandly They dressed well and worship the god's conduct comptetion between animals. Khabadi is villagers game on diwali festival people worship the trees and snakes. I spent my holidays well. I cam to our home on June 12th. I am having very good fecilities in our cccy officers and home staff are providing every need in time. I also thankfull to them. I am in X std learing my lessons well, we have public exam this year. This year also our home got 100% results from I std to PG courses we are well enjoing all we got new books and two pairs of dress school feeses. Home staff arranged tutaious for us. Thank you very much. Our cccyc chief excative sents project officers Mr. J. Sunder singh sir, and Mr. Anil Kuwav II

manager visited our home appreciated all our activities and our Improvements, especially in education, spiritual nature and computer learning. We are very much thank full to the donars and chief executive for the useful computers. We celebrated our home Christmas decorted our home very beautifully. Our correspondent Rev. Victor Jayakumar presided over the programme started with opening prayer. Miss UTE-PENGLE. ELM Germany was our chief guest. Given nice Christmas message them "FEAR NOT" God's words to all the people. She appreciated us very much. Church offivers also joined and felt happy. Distributed family Christmas gift r.s 300/- we used for our house needs. I and my family members are sending our hearty greetings to you. We had very delicious food. I thank you very much. We also celebrated our national. Festivals very grandly Mr. FRANKLIN from U.S.A. [E.L.C.A.] visited our home. We are doing all the programmes in our home we are enjoying well my heart felt greetings to you. I am remembering you in my daily prayers for your good health and strength. Please pray for me and my family and our home. We are having public examinations from March 24th 2011 please pray for us.

Your foster child

K. Guru Swami



SATURDAY SERVERS

GREETERS

August 6	Dan & Sandy Peterson
August 13	Gerald & Laura Zwiefel
August 20	Bruce & Marcia Sundet
August 27	Merlin & Marlis Beenken

Sept. 3
Sept. 10
Sept. 17
Sept. 24

GREETERS

Tom & Jayne Lipps
Duane & Ann Brincks
Jen Sadler, Connie Farnham
Don & Beth Egel

ACOLYTES

August 6	Ciera Klein
August 13	James Voss
August 20	Morgan VanZante
August 27	Dayne Meyerink

Sept. 3
Sept. 10
Sept. 17
Sept. 24

ACOLYTES

Alexis Bryant
Rebekka Voss
Hunter Urban
James Voss

LECTORS

August 6	Betty Holtz
August 13	Ray Nielsen
August 20	Reggie Alt
August 27	Volunteer Needed!

Sept. 3
Sept. 10
Sept. 17
Sept. 24

LECTORS

Clark Conner
Marilyn Nielsen
Betty Holtz
Laura Zwiefel

USHERS

August 6	Don & Marcia Beisch
August 13	Al & Julie Buyck
August 20	Dave & Sandi Markla
August 27	Vern & Kathy Nelson

Sept. 3
Sept. 10
Sept. 17
Sept. 24

USHERS

Curt & Twyla Schipper
Bruce & Kim Knudsen
Harry & Daniel Haack
Jim & Sharol Hefti

Please remember that if you can't serve, you are to find your own replacement
and notify the Church Office so the change may be printed in the bulletin.

Thank you!

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE NOTES

There was no Congregational Council meeting or committee meetings held in July.

ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

The 2011 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be streamed on computer at the following site: www.elca.org/assembly. The plenary (business) sessions as well as the worship services will be streamed. As one of the Western Iowa Synod voting members to the Assembly, I invite anyone who is interested to visit the website during the week of August 15 - August 19. It should be an interesting assembly as one of the social statements on the agenda has direct impact on farmers of rural communities like ours - Genetics.

-Chris VanDeventer



WORLD HUNGER QUARTERS

6-26	\$11.75
7-3	\$10.00
7-10	\$20.25
7-17	\$21.50
7-24	\$15.25
7-31	NA

TOTAL GIVEN IN 2011: \$505.75
TOTAL GIVEN SINCE AUGUST 2001:
\$8,712.50!!



Attendance and Offering Report

JULY 2011

ATTENDANCE			
<u>DATE</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
7-3	52 (CW)	49	101
7-10	81	81	162
7-17	48 (CW)	59	107
7-24	30	68	98
7-31	NA	NA	NA

2011 OFFERINGS

6-26	\$7,757.75
7-3	\$4,703.95
7-10	\$14,452.28
7-17	\$4,108.50
7-24	\$1,628.25
7-31	NA
Received in 2011	\$145,569.28
Pledged in 2011	\$167,226.70



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