

FIRST FORUM Newsletter

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Do you know why is it we have Confession and Forgiveness at the beginning of the worship service? Do you know what the Invocation is? Do you know why it is we stand for the Gospel reading?

There are so many elements of worship that we just automatically do, yet perhaps don't really understand there purpose and goal. As we begin our new contemporary worship service I thought it might be helpful to do some teaching about the basics of worship. Worship is something we, as a church, does week in and week out, year in and year out. Yet again, do we really understand why we do what we do? Since there will be some differences in our contemporary service from our other services it will be helpful to know why and how we do each item the way we do.

As well, studying the basics of worship will help us all understand why Lutherans practice their worship this way and Catholics or Baptists do it their way. I believe there is no right or wrong way to do worship. It is just a matter of tradition, values and focus. Again it would be helpful to understand those traditions, values and focuses.

To begin, there are four basic overall emphases in worship. These probably apply to the majority of denominations and

congregations. These emphases are the Gathering, Proclamation, Response and Sending.

We **gather** together as God's people. And since we are transitioning from one type of activity to another it is helpful to have a few steps that help us focus to this worship activity. Have you ever been fighting with your children or your spouse just before you walk into those church doors? It is not easy to move from that very emotional experience to a different emotional experience. Music, for example, is a great way to re-orientate our mind's focus.

A key piece of worship is listening to God's Word. This is **proclamation**. All Christians would say that God's Word is central to who we are as God's children and disciples. Therefore when we gather together as God's children we need to hear that Word read directly from the Bible and interpreted through the sermon.

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Responding to God's Word is our way of declaring we understand what was proclaimed and how we will now carry out our response. Perhaps you have noticed, that I often try to start off our prayers with a reference to what I have preached, hoping to help guide our thoughts towards how we can live out on what I have preached.

Finally there is **sending**. Again we are transitioning back to our lives, with all their blessings and stresses, responsibilities and pleasures. The hope is that we now prepare for that transition in ways that remind us of what we have experienced and learned and carry it back into our Monday through Saturday lives. Perhaps you have noticed the quote that is above the door as you leave the sanctuary. It says, "*Worship has ended, let the service begin*". It is something of a play on words to, again, reminds us that what we experience and learned needs to be carried into our everyday lives. (Thanks to Jean Davis for that appliqué)

All in all, wouldn't you agree there is much to learn about why we do what we do every Saturday night and Sunday morning? I hope you enjoy as we learn together.

Pastor Marsha

MEET OUR NEW CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP DIRECTOR

Kurt Kissinger has a heart for serving and worshipping God through music. He has spent most of his life serving on contemporary worship teams. He began playing drum set for a worship team as a freshmen in high school at Crossroads Foursquare Gospel Church in Sartell, Minnesota. As a freshmen in college, he served on the worship team at Westwood Evangelical Free Church in St. Cloud, MN. Most recently, Kurt has been the leader for three years of the Fusion Band, a

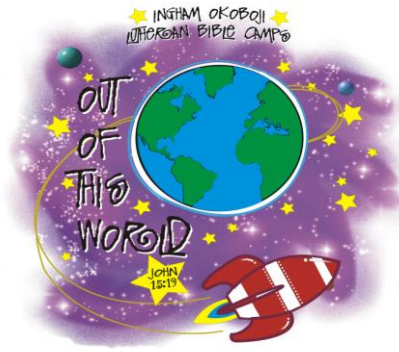
worship band at Crossroads Evangelical Free Church in Albert Lea, MN.

This is Kurt's first year as the band director at Algona High School. Prior to teaching instrumental music in Algona, he spent three years as a band director at Lake Mills Community School. Kurt holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN. He is currently pursuing his Master of Music Education degree through the University of Northern Iowa, with an anticipated graduation in May 2012.

Kurt has been married to his wife, Abby, for nearly five years. They have two sons, David - two years, and Paul - one year. The Kissinger's currently live in Lake Mills and plan to move to Algona once they sell their house. (UPDATE: On the night of the first Contemporary Worship, May 21, Kurt announced that their house sold that day!) Your prayers would be most appreciated for a quick sale of their house so they may be able to make Algona their new home.



Kurt Kissinger



We are teaming up with Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps for Day Camp this summer! At Day Camp, kids will encounter a week packed with Christ-centered activities, games, arts and crafts, songs, skits, and Bible-based lessons.

A team of Christ-centered, trained, and energetic staff from Ingham Okoboji will be leading the week's festivities. The theme is **Out of This World!** The theme verse for the entire week is John 15:19b. It's going to be a blast-tacular time!

Day Camp is for youth who will have completed Kindergarten through Fifth Grade in 2010-2011. Day Camp runs Monday-Friday. Day Camp participants will need to bring their own sack meal every day, however, a snack and beverage will be provided.

On Thursday evening we'll have a Day Camp Celebration where Day Campers show all they've experienced as we celebrate Christ! We hope you join us for Day Camp!

Register today!

Dates: June 27 thru July 1

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: FLC

Cost Per Child: Free

Registrations & Health Forms Contact: Colleen 281.70.4202

or youth@netamumail.com

Registrations Due: June 10

Youth News

BASIC **(Brothers & Sisters in Christ)** **Grades 9-12**

Paintball/Bonfire

Where: Meet @ First Lutheran

When: Sunday, June 5
4:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 & a snack to share



Mark your calendars! We'll have an afternoon of paintball, and then food and a bonfire here in Algona. Please contact Colleen Teeuwe at 281.207.4202 or youth@netamumail.com by Friday, June 3 if you are attending. Invite your friends!

2012 ELCA Youth Gathering **Citizens with the Saints** **July 18-22, 2012** **New Orleans, Louisiana**

Registration fees for this gathering are \$315. Application for financial assistance will be available on the Gathering website www.elca.org/gathering, starting May 15, 2011, through 1:00 p.m. EDT July 31, 2011, or until the funds are depleted. This is our Mission Trip for next summer and will be available to all those entering 9th grade thru graduating seniors. Registration for this event starts October 9, 2011. Please contact Colleen if you have any questions @ youth@netamumail.com or 281.701.4202.

Thunder Bay Mission Trip
If you haven't already paid, the May deposit of \$60 is due.



Campaigners **Grades 6-8**

Mystery **Day...June** **19th???**

Where: Church

Cost: Free

Time: 4-6:30 p.m.



24-hr Lock-in

Where: Meet at First Lutheran

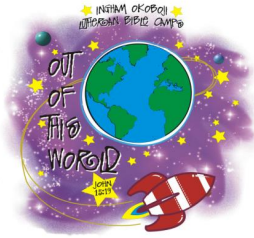
When: July 6, Wednesday

Cost: \$15

We're paintballing, hoonting, drive-inning, sardining, etc. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, change of clothes, and your hoonting accessories! Contact Colleen Teeuwe at 281.207.4202 or youth@netamumail.com by Friday, July 1, if you are attending. Friends are welcome!

Campaigners/BASIC VBS Volunteers

Camp staff from Ingham Okoboji is leading the program. Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of ways. VBS is a full week ministry program from 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. It's a great way to get in service hours and have fun! You can help part-time or full-time. Please contact Colleen if you are interested in helping @ youth@netamumail.com.



FUNDRAISER DATES

Friday, June 10 & Saturday, June 11
Garage Sale

Friday, July 8
Founder's Day Pop Sales

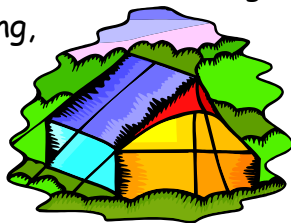
K.I.C.K. (Kids in Christ's Kingdom) Grades K-5

Campout

Where: First Lutheran

When: Friday, June 17
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.

There will be games, food (dinner & breakfast) & FUN!!! You'll need to bring a sleeping bag, or bedding, your pj's, a tent if you have one, toothpaste & toothbrush, a flashlight, and a snack to share. Please contact Colleen Teeuwe at 281.207.4202 or youth@netamumail.com by Wednesday, June 15, if you are attending. Bring a friend or two!



Youth Garage Sale - Furniture, Clothes, Toys and Household Items

Friday, June 10 - 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 11 - 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

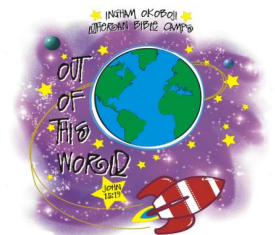
Furniture, Clothes, Toys and Household
Items (no electronics)



You can start bringing items in! Yeah! You may put them in the room next to the kitchen, my office or the Sunday school room next to the Choir Room. The garage sale is a fundraising event for the youth and all proceeds benefit their mission trip this summer. If you have any questions or need help with items, please contact Colleen at 281.701.4202 or youth@netamumail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please sign up on the clip board or contact Colleen at 281.701.4202 or youth@netamumail.com if you can be a host family, donate food for snacks, lunches and art supplies, and dinners for our day camp staff. Ingham Okoboji VBS will run from Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. It is a space themed camp. Special activities are planned to enhance the VBS experience. Registration forms are on the table in the narthex. Invite friends and family to come. This is a great ministry to bring the word of God to young people along with building friendships and having fun!



THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

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

June 2: 9:00 a.m. Quilt Work Day. Beryl Soderberg is the hostess.

June 16: 1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle will meet at the church with Beryl Soderberg serving as hostess and Charlene Hertzke is the Bible Study leader.

June 25: The Western Iowa Synod Women's Organization Convention being held this year at the St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa. The theme for 2011 is "Women of Hope". A Bible Study will be led by Pastor Deb Mechler and Laura Carlentini-
"The Melody of God's Grace."

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Doesn't that just say it all? Today, is one of those "perfect" days: bright SUNSHINE, LOW wind, NO clouds. I did manage to play a little hookey and escape to Smith Lake for a couple hours this afternoon. How can you see all of this beauty, the little animals, and some kids laughing and having a good time, and not see the handiwork of our Lord? It is with times like this that I feel closer to HIM, and in my crazy, overly-busy life, I feel overcome with a sense of calmness and joy. *Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."* (John 20:19) I'm not sure, but I did think I saw him there today!

Many thanks: to Susan Legore for hosting, & presenting at our April meeting, and to our

"pizza" makers, Mary Rahe & Karilyn Claude. From now on, I will always see Ruth in an amazing light. In May we saw Israel through our "family" travelers. We experienced the Holy Land through the new eyes of Pastor Marsha, and through the eyes that have seen this land, many times, Pastor Mark and Linnea Holmer. What a great evening! Thank you for sharing your events that brought you closer to our Lord, and may we be touched, and maybe even feel a little closer to God by the picture, stories, and souvenir you told and showed us. Thank you. Thanks also to our hostesses Jeanine Haack and Sandi Markla for the ever-tasty strawberries and angel food cake. It's like Jell-O, always room for more.

Reminder, there will not be a June meeting. Susan Legore has offered to be our representative to the Western Iowa Synod Meeting in Ft. Dodge on June 25. I will also be going, but, would LOVE to have you join us! Please talk to either of us, or Jeanine if you want to go. It will be well worth your time, I promise you. It is almost impossible to be in a church of Lutheran women and not feel the Holy Spirit move in and through you. *"By the grace of God I am what I am."* (I Corinthians 15:10a)

Enjoy this late Spring that is allowing the flowers to last longer and be simply BEAUTIFUL! Thanks to Bev for sharing her garden for the hospital auxiliary luncheon. I can hardly wait to see the new blooms, and different kinds of flowers at our "bonfire" meeting. I look forward to seeing you ALL, and your spouses at our annual bonfire at Bev & John Nordman's. Check the weekly bulletin as time gets closer for more details. Just talking about this makes me hungry for s'mores. Yes, I can see you licking your lips to. Come hungry, for the

s'mores and fellowship. Karilyn Claude and I will be doing the program. Pam Goetz and Linnea Holmer will be hostesses. Come see what we come up with. *"Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."* (Philippians 1:27)

In Christ's Love,
Dr. Judy Reinking

MISSION: ACTION REPORT

Items delivered to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Dodge on May 7 included:

- 43 Quilts
- 1 Box of soap
- 13 School Kits

As well, the Sarah Circle donated \$100 to help defray costs of shipping and the Women of the ELCA from First Lutheran donated another \$75.

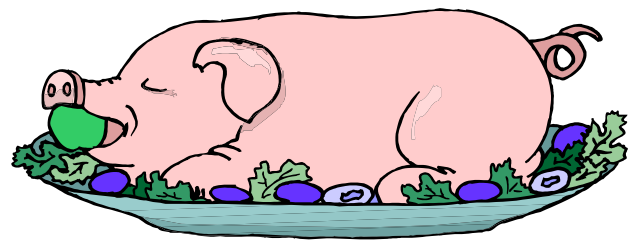
Many thanks to Karilyn Claude and Sandy Peterson for packaging these items and to Tom Claude for delivering them to Fort Dodge.



- Cans of peas
- Cans of beans
- Cans of corn
- Boxes of crackers



Items may be placed in the grocery cart in the south hallway.



Ingham's 60th Anniversary Hog Roast and Ice Cream Social Sunday, June 5th

Join us for a staff alumni reunion, a Sunday morning worship service, a great Hog roast lunch and a wonderful ice cream social as we celebrate 60 years of ministry at Ingham Lake Bible Camp. Please plan to join us for worship, good food and fun!

SIXTY PLUS POTLUCK

The next potluck for those "Sixty Plus" will be Friday, June 10 at 12:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share with the group as well as your own table service. Kay Kinseth will present a program on the 2011 Relay for Life event scheduled for June 11. No hosts have been assigned.



Sixty Plus

BLOOPERS FROM THE CHURCH

- A new loudspeaker has been installed in the church. It was given by an anonymous man in honor of his wife.
- Ladies, remember the upcoming rummage sale, It is a chance for you to get rid of those things you are tired of keeping. Don't forget to bring your husbands to the sale.

Note: These are not my bloopers! ☺



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

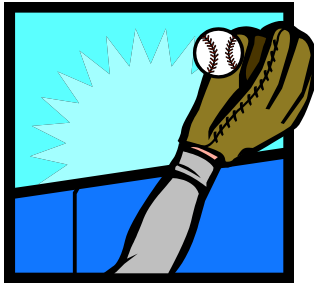
- 6-1 Fred Schmidt
- 6-3 Kelli Penning, Jackson Harris
Morgan VanZante, Caden Weber
- 6-6 Joselin Bonnstetter
- 6-7 Iris Erdmann, Bennita Geving
- 6-8 Darlene Claude, Kevin Mills
September Gustafson, Toby Nelton
- 6-9 Jeremy Kissner
- 6-10 Karissa Thacker, Dave Fenchel
Danielle Fenchel, Lisa Markla
- 6-12 Deb Hiscocks, Mae Long
- 6-13 Lynn Jenson, Thorsan Kloster
- 6-15 Alex Lenz, Pat Bernau
- 6-16 Tayler Davis
- 6-17 Logan Thompson
- 6-20 Kyle Klepper, Declan Braun,
Josalyn Wiita
- 6-21 Robert Speich, Jacob Herrick
Beth Benschoter
- 6-23 Bill Cook, Jennifer Weaver
- 6-24 Shala Cotner, Kathy Jansen
Marilyn Nielsen, John Wiemann
- 6-27 Harry Haack, Bill Holtz, Brooks
Morgan
- 6-28 Bob Tran, Brian Meyerink
- 6-29 Larry Blumer, Gary Kinseth
Eric VonMuenster



Happy Anniversary to..

- 6-1 Ray & Marilyn Nielsen (53 years)
- 6-4 Keith & Dianne Dwire (44 years)
Bill & Robin Parker (23 years)
Jim & Sharol Hefti (51 years)
- 6-5 Gary & Pat Bernau (52 years)
Dave & Diane Fenchel (35 years)
- 6-6 Don & Sandy Christensen (13 years)
- 6-7 Don & Judy Hansen (47 years)
- 6-8 Dan & Sandy Peterson (43 years)
Anna Johnson & Georg Albrecht (8
years)
- 6-9 Scott & Emily Horrell (4 years)
- 6-10 Keenan & Kelly Schipper (5 years)
- 6-11 Paul & Neva Johnson (50 years)
Gerald & Laura Zwiefel (28 years)
- 6-12 Charles & Chloe Sheakley (59 years)
Lee & Julie Gunderson (35 years)
Andrew & Jessica Denner (1 year)
- 6-13 Richard & Judy Schiek (47 years)
- 6-14 Jim & Marilyn Gale (25 years)
- 6-15 Brian & Summer Morgan (6 years)
- 6-17 Dave & Chris VanDeventer (39 years)
- 6-19 Dale & Linda Denner (29 years)
Jack & Nancy Bowen (29 years)
Howard & Sharon Omdahl (40 years)
Michael & Megan Sabin (1 year)
- 6-23 Duane & Ann Brincks (21 years)
Curt & Twyla Schipper (38 years)
Andrew & Holly Nixt (4 years)
Marvin & Laurene Gunder (50 years)
- 6-24 Justin & Angela Davis (5 years)
- 6-25 Dave & Lynn Jenson (28 years)
Jerry & Janet Handsaker (35 years)
- 6-26 Daryl & Leah Speich (29 years)
David & Ann Holtz (1 year)
- 6-27 Rodney & Jean Davis (24 years)
Jeremy & Shannon Herrick (13 years)
Daniel & Whitney Luepke (3 years)





YMCA CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

The Church Softball League is a co-ed (ages 14 & up), slow-pitch league that emphasizes fun and affiliation with other church members in a positive atmosphere.

When:

Sundays from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Starting June 5

Tournament Dates: To Be Announced

Contact Captain Brian Meyerink (295-3575)

if you would like to be part of First Lutheran's **winning** team!



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Sunday fellowship time will begin on May 30 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, all weekend for the summer are open. Hosts are asked to prepare the coffee and juice and serve the pastries.



Thank you to the work group leaders, those that furnished food and those that worked at the Wayne Warmbier funeral. We so appreciate your help during a busy Confirmation and Mother's Day weekend.

WELCA Mission Service

Thank you to the Davis family for the donation of two 100 cup coffee urns for the kitchen given in loving memory of their mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Rita Davis. A special thank you to Rodney and Jean Davis who ordered, unpacked and installed the new urns, and disposed of the old ones. Thank you on behalf of the First Lutheran Congregation and our guests who enjoy the fellowship in our church.

First Lutheran,

Thanks for the cross and book. I will sure use it!

~ Eynn Preuschl

Pastor Marsha & Congregation,

Thank you for the gifts and the recognition during and after the service. I have a lot of great memories from First Lutheran Church! I plan on staying active in my church life while I'm at Luther College. Thanks again!

~ Ally Klepper

**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.

April 17, 2011: Roger & Mae Long attended Palm Sunday worship at the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

April 17, 2011: Sandy & Bette Schenck attended worship at the Chapelwood United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas.

April 24, 2011: Dennis & Iris Erdmann attended the Faith United Methodist Church in Humboldt, Iowa.

April 24, 2011: Kathy Jansen attended Easter worship at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Loomis, California.

April 24, 2011: Roger & Mae Long visited the Faith Lutheran Church in Junction City, Kansas for Easter worship.

April 24, 2011: John & Beverly Nordman attended Easter worship at the East Union Mennonite Church in Kalona, Iowa.

April 24, 2011: The Dennis Schuttler family attended the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Pocahontas, Iowa.

April 24, 2011: An unknown member attended the Easter worship at the Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines, Iowa.

May 1, 2011: Geraldine Peterson and Dan & Sandy Peterson attended the 50th anniversary service of the Peace Church in Eagan, Minnesota. Giving the message that day was Pastor Steve Peterson, Geraldine's son and Dan's brother.

May 1, 2011: The Kevin Benschoter family attended the Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City, Iowa.

May 8, 2011: Ray & Marilyn Nielsen attended worship services at the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Greene, Iowa.

May 15, 2011: Pastor Mark & Linnea Holmer attended the Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan.



CHURCH OF THE DAMASCUS ROAD

Ray Nielsen has scheduled a visit to the Church of the Damascus Road for Wednesday, June 22. There are currently ten openings for this visit. A sign-up is available in the narthex for those interested in attending this service. Please sign-up before Friday, June 17.



“I have mixed emotions when I receive Father’s Day gifts. I’m glad my children remember me, but I’m disappointed that they actually think I dress that way.”

~ Mike Dugan

LUTHERAN SERVICES OF IOWA

The Love of a Family: Forever, For Always.

Family is often thought of as the most precious gift given to us by God. However, the thought of family is not always one that brings feelings of joy, fulfillment or even love. June is recognized as National Family Month to bring families together. This recognition was created to raise awareness and emphasize the importance of family - kids, mothers, fathers, relatives and caregivers - and to encourage supporting one another.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) seeks to build and expand healthy relationships to Iowa's families through our family services. LSI understands that all families experience crises, and our programs help families work through these times and use the experiences to learn and grow. Through education and crisis management, our staff help build stronger families across Iowa. The help of congregations like yours plays a pivotal role in the success of these family-centered programs. Your support allows LSI to continue fostering one of God's greatest blessings - family.

For more information on ways LSI provides hope to Iowa's most vulnerable populations, visit www.lsiowa.org.

A mother finds support at LSI

A single mother with two children, Dena just needed someone else in her corner.

Five years ago she felt overwhelmed as her son Cody struggled with behavioral issues at school. When a community resource

organization told her about LSI, she signed up for remedial services, an in-home program that teaches children skills such as anger management and decision-making.

"You feel so helpless and don't know what to do without support," Dena recalled. "You need another person to come in and say 'I know what you're going through. Let's try this and if it doesn't work, we'll try something else and figure it out.'"

Dena's family was eventually able to leave the program and manage issues independently. But she never forgot her LSI caseworker Peggy's support.

Dena called LSI again several years later when her daughter Hannah, now 10, also began experiencing problems at school with social issues and respect.

Again, Peggy helped empower Hannah through skill building and enrolling her in an after school group of girls.

"Watching Hannah and Peggy discuss issues, you could see the light going off in Hannah's head, saying 'Okay, maybe it's just not Mom nagging me. Maybe this really is something that's not good for me.'"

Things are going better now, Dena said, with the occasional reminder to her children about all the skills and tools they've learned.

"Peggy taught them everything she could. Now they just have to do it for themselves."





June 4 & 5, 2011
June 18 & 19, 2011

Bake Bread
Carol Merrill

Preparation & Clean-up
Sharol Hefti, Connie Mechler

Communion Assistants for June
June 4 (5:30 pm): Marcia Beisch
June 5 (9:00 am): Derald Goetz
June 18 (5:30 pm): Tony Wiita
June 19 (9:00 am): Nathan Countryman

Communion Assistants for July
July 2 (5:30 pm): Dan Peterson
July 3 (9:00 am): Don Hansen
July 16 (5:30 pm): Jim Hefti
July 17 (9:00 am): Mark Meyer

SUMMER CAMP SIGN- UP CONTINUES!

For both Lutheran Lakeside and Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp summer camp registration continues. If you have a child that will be attending camp, please pick up a registration form (or for IOLBC you can register online!) For more information on either camp, check out their webpages:

www.lutheranlakeside.com

www.okoboji.org.



Everyone is invited to a Come and Go Bridal Brunch for Kara Nelson, daughter of Conley & Kim Nelson on Saturday, June 4 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Kara will be married to Dan Garman on July 16.

Kara is registered at Target, Younkers, Wiltgen's and Bed Bath & Beyond.

The Kossuth County Relay for Life is Saturday, June 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on the Carnegie Library Lawn. There will be Opening Ceremonies at noon, Survivorship Ceremonies at 7:00 p.m. and the Luminary Ceremonies at 9:30 p.m.



TIME

Time is
Too slow for those who Wait,
Too swift for those who Fear,
Too long for those who Grieve,
Too short for those who Rejoice,
But for those who Love,
Time is Eternity.

Henry Van Dyke

SATURDAY

SERVERS

GREETERS

June 4	Connie Farnham, Shirley Johnson
June 11	Jerry & Nancy Kissner
June 18	Richard & Judy Schiek
June 25	Duane & Ann Brincks

July 3
July 10
July 17
July 24
July 31

GREETERS

Larry & Gen Blumer
Clark & Pat Conner
Don & Beth Egel
Betty Murphy, Jodie Knoner
Brian & Sande Rodemeyer

ACOLYTES

June 4	Volunteer Needed
June 11	Hunter Urban
June 18	Ciera Klein
June 25	Morgan Van Zante

July 3
July 10
July 17
July 24
July 31

ACOLYTES

Dayne Meyerink
Alexis Bryant
Rebekka Voss
Levi Penning
Christian Davis

LECTORS

June 4	Dan Peterson
June 11	Bruce Knudsen
June 18	Jodie Knoner
June 25	Bruce Sundet

July 3
July 10
July 17
July 24
July 31

LECTORS

Kathy Nelson
Kathy Jansen
Reggie Alt
Bruce Sundet
Carol Merrill

USHERS

June 4	Merlin & Marlis Beenken
June 11	Dave & Sandi Markla
June 18	Brian & Sande Rodemeyer
June 25	Curt & Twyla Schipper

July 3
July 10
July 17
July 24
July 31

USHERS

Bruce & Kim Knudsen
Tom & Jayne Lipps
Jim & Sharol Hefti
Volunteers Needed!
Merlin & Marlis Beenken

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

The Congregation Council met on May 10, 2011 for a Congregation Council meeting. Present: Jean Davis, Mark Meyer, Donna Meyerink, Al Buyck, Bill Lenz, Tony Wiita, Nathan Countryman, Colleen Teeuwe. Absent: Pastor Marsha Smith, Kevin Benschoter, Jim Hefti, Brian Meyerink, Keith Dwire, April Braun.

Old Business

- **Synod Assembly Voting Delegates:** Rodney & Jean Davis will attend the Synod Assembly representing First Lutheran in June. Motion by Bill Lenz and second by Mark Meyer.

New Business

- **Endowment Fund:** Paul Johnson presented a letter concerning the distribution of funds from the Endowment Fund. The distribution is as follows: \$1,000 to the Kossuth County Food Pantry, \$500 to the Dormitory Replacement at the Lutheran Girls School in Tanzania and \$500 to the ELCA Malaria Fund.
- **YMCA 'Partners with Youth' Banner:** A motion was made by Jean Davis to continue the support of the 'Partners with Youth' at the YMCA. The cost is \$500 for the year. Some discussion was held on the possibility of adding or changing the banner that is displayed. The motion was seconded by Mark Meyer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship and Music

Four members present. Continued discussion of the Contemporary Worship description for the time/talent book. Discussion of music for weddings and funerals was held. On the weekends of Memorial Day and Independence Day there will be flags outside along the drive. Some discussion of not being comfortable without the order of service visible.

Property Committee

Six members present. All vent filters will be changed. The door handle on the choir doors has been replaced. Replaced communion cards and pencils. The damaged hymnal holder has been repaired. The water heater for the kitchen was replaced after developing a leak. A report on the storage shed will be given at the next meeting.

Christian Education

Four members present. VBS was the focus of discussion. "Space" is the theme for the week. Christian Education will help with the preschool curriculum and organizing the meals and snacks for the week.

Youth Ministry

Four members present. Easter Egg Hunt was a success with 25 kids in attendance. Easter Breakfast raised \$730, attendance was 135. Mulch fundraiser may be opened to the public next year. There were 15 deliveries this year. Rummage Sale will be June 10-11. Pop will be sold at Founder's Day. Geocaching event will be on May 15 with a BBQ on May 18 for Campaigners and BASIC. June 5 will be paintball and bonfire for BASIC. Middle School and Senior High youth will be helping with VBS.

Stewardship/Finance

Five members were present. Committee is seeking new members. Reviewed the giving for the year. Finalized the Stewardship/Finance Committee job description for the booklet.

Evangelism/Social Ministry

Two members were present. Ditch clean up is May 14. Checking into the summer Sunday coffee and who is responsible for carrying through with the project. A Church of the Damascus Road visit will be planned.

**WORLD HUNGER
QUARTERS**



5-1	\$15.25
5-8	\$17.00
5-15	\$16.25
5-22	\$24.50
5-29	NA

TOTAL GIVEN IN 2011: \$354.50
TOTAL GIVEN SINCE AUGUST 2001:
\$8,561.25!!

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE FOR SALE

Check out the Equal Exchange coffee that is located in the Fellowship Hall. Products in this shipment include: French Vanilla coffee (\$7.00) and Chai Tea (\$4.00/20 packets).



Attendance and Offering Report

MAY 2011

ATTENDANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
5-1	53	100	153
5-8	21	210	231
5-15	42	93	135
5-22	62 (CW)	97	159
5-29	NA	NA	NA

2011 OFFERINGS

5-1	\$2,205.25
5-8	\$4,028.00
5-15	\$1,704.25
5-22	\$3,378.50
5-29	NA
Received in 2011	\$95,456.05
Pledged in 2011	\$117,066.93



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