

FIRST FORUM Newsletter

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MAY 2011

God does answer prayer! God has answered our prayers for a Contemporary Worship Director. It is Kurt Kissinger, who just happens to be the Band Director at Algona High School. Kurt began last fall in that position. We are very fortunate when approached he was interested and now willing and excited to be a leader in this ministry.

I say God does answer prayers, because I had just shared with the Worship & Music Committee a week prior that we were going to begin without a director. I was discouraged but I felt like God was saying, *"Just get started and I will take care of the rest."* Within ten days we interviewed and hired Kurt. In addition, Kurt has experience leading Contemporary Worship in the last two congregations of which he has been a part. We couldn't have asked for a better person!

Therefore, Monday May 2 at 5:00 p.m. we will begin practicing. If you have any music ability what-so-ever you are invited to attend. Even if it is just keeping a beat, we have some fun percussion instruments you are welcome to play. We are also looking for singers, pianists, bass guitar players, regular guitar players, violin players, horns, etc.

Our goal is to have our first worship service on Saturday, May 21. Please prayerfully consider sharing your talents with this ministry. Even if you are not sure, come to the first meeting/practice to hear more about the commitment.

Speaking of worship, we are going to implement a new addition to our worship services. We are going to give people the opportunity to offer their own prayer requests to the prayers lifted up in worship. There will be a basket, paper and pencil on the information table, just write down your request, fold it and the basket will be picked up prior to the worship service. If the request is for another individual please be sensitive that they would not mind their name and issue being shared in a public place.

One last thought, I have heard of about a number of people wondering about the bowl of water with the blue pebbles in it. Good question!!! At our Saturday evening Easter Vigil we celebrated a remembrance of our baptism. I placed the sign of the cross with the water on foreheads, telling people to "Remember their baptism", and then gave them a blue pebble as a reminder. We also did a service of the light, which is one of the traditional focuses at Easter Vigil. At the Good Friday service we slowly put out 16 candles to remember that at Christ's crucifixion the light went out the world. The next night we slowly re-light the candles to remember that now the light came back into the world with Christ's resurrection. Many thought it was a meaningful service.



Youth News

BASIC

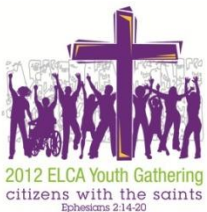
(Brothers & Sisters in Christ)
Grades 9-12

May Meetings

❖ May 18: 6-8:00 p.m.

Chaperone & Snacks: Teeuwe

**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

May deposits of \$60
are now by May 25.

Paintball/Bonfire

Where: Meet @ First Lutheran

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

Cost: \$10



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!



Campaigners Grades 6-8

Geocaching

Where: Meet at First Lutheran

When: Sunday, May 15
4-6:30 p.m.

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. We'll explore Algona and have pizza. Please contact Colleen Teeuwe at 281.207.4202 or youth@netamumail.com by Friday, May 13, if you are attending. Friends are welcome!

**“Success is getting what you want.
Happiness is wanting what you
get.”**
~ Dale Carnegie

May Meetings

❖ May 4: 7-8:00 p.m.

Chaperones & Snacks: Denner

❖ May 18: 6-8:00 p.m.

Chaperones & Snacks: Meyer

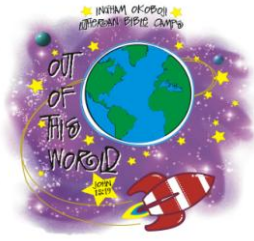
Campaigners/BASIC

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

Saturday, May 7

Mulch and Garden

Friday, June 10 & Saturday, June 11

Garage Sale



Thanks to the Rodney & Jean Davis, Susan & Larry Legore, and Lynn & Dave Jenson for hosting Captive Free members and the Witta's, Braun's, & Nelton families for meals that they provided.

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

Grades K-5

Early Out

May 4: 1:45- 5:00 p.m.



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. Friends are welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendar for June 27 thru July 1. Camp 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

now available on the table in the narthex.

Invite

friends and family to come. Host families, volunteers, supplies, and meals will be needed for this ministry. If you have any questions, contact Colleen at 281.701.4202 or youth@netamumail.com.



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.

New dates! Here is the perfect opportunity to rummage around the basement and de-clutter. Also, be sure to check out the closets, and the attic, as well as the garage. Plan to bring those long forgotten, dust gathering "treasures" to FLC's garage sale that is sponsored by the youth.



The garage sale is a fundraising event for the youth and all proceeds benefit their mission trip this summer. Items can be brought to the church May 24 thru June 10 at any time and stored in the Sunday school room with the sign on the door. If you have any questions or need help with items, please contact Colleen at 281.701.4202 or youth@netamumail.com.

JR/SR HIGH YOUTH MULCH FUNDRAISER

The youth continue to sell three types of mulch to support their mission trips this summer. Mulch will be bought here locally to support a local business here in Algona. Cost is \$5 a bag for natural and red mulch and



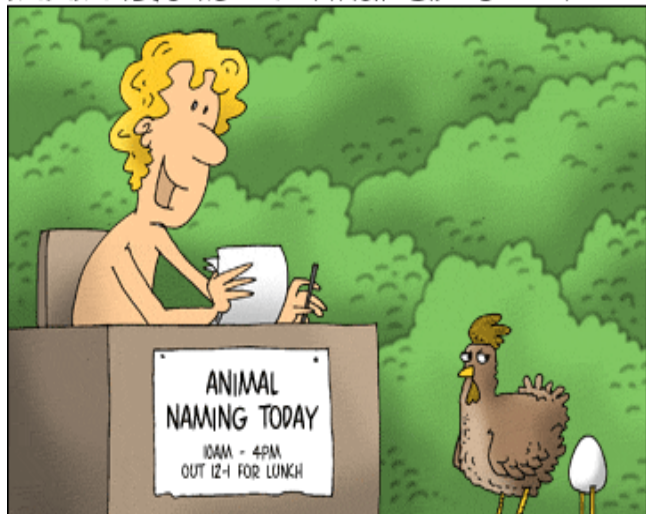
\$5.50 for red cedar mulch. Included in the price of the mulch is delivery and landscaping services. Delivery date is

Saturday, May 7. If you have any questions, contact Colleen at 281.701.4202 or youth@netamumail.com
Please place order by May 1.



Easter Breakfast

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(See Genesis 2:18-25)

03-28-2011

JUST LET ME KNOW WHO WAS HERE FIRST AND
I'LL GET THE PAPERWORK STARTED

Thank you for supporting the youth at the Easter Breakfast. Our youth did a fabulous job preparing the omelets and serving over 135 people while making \$730 toward their summer mission trips.

Thanks to Sarboe Farms for the donation of eggs and cookers for our omelets. Thank you to Pam Schuttler for the cinnamon rolls that were a delicious addition to our meal.

And a big thank you to Rodney Davis for coordinating the breakfast and Kevin Benschoter for picking up the eggs and equipment.

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

May 3: 7:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle will meet with Pam Goetz serving as hostess and Linnea Holmer will lead the Bible Study.

May 5: 7:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA will meet at the church. Pastor Marsha & Pastor Mark Holmer will present a program on their recent trip to Israel. Everyone is invited to attend! Sandi Markla & Jeanine Haack will serve as hostesses.

May 5: 9:00 a.m. Quilt Work Day. Geraldine Peterson is the hostess.

May 7: Delivery of LWR Projects to Fort Dodge, Iowa.

May 11: 9:30 a.m. Rebecca Circle meets at the church. Kathy Jansen will lead the Bible Study.

May 19: 1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle will meet at the church with Charlene Hertzke serving as hostess and Shirley Habeger is the Bible Study leader.

SEVEN THINGS YOU'LL NEVER REGRET

- Feeling reverence for your Maker.
- Showing kindness to an aged person.
- Destroying a letter—or not sending an e-mail—written in anger.
- Offering an apology that saves a friendship.
- Stopping gossip that could wreck a reputation.
- Taking time to show loved ones consideration.
- Accepting the judgment of God on any question.



Begins May 28/29

5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 28

9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 29

10:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour



SIXTY PLUS POTLUCK

The next potluck for those "Sixty Plus" will be Friday, May 13 at 12:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share with the group as well as your own table service. No hosts or program has been planned. If you have a program idea, please contact Jeanine.



Sixty Plus



- Boxes of Puddings (dry)
- Cans of Tuna
- Boxes of Jell-O

FIRST LUTHERAN
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
FOR
2010-2011

Jessi Weber, Danielle Allen
Connie Mechler, Joanne Roepke Bode
Jean Davis, Kirsten Klepper, Kyle Klepper
Margo Adams, Christian Parker, Ally Klepper
Rhiannon Larson, Briana Meyerink
Kim Gilbert, Bruce Knudsen, Clark Conner
Nathan Countryman, Colleen Teeuwe
Marcia Beisch, Howard Omdahl
Pastor Marsha Smith



A BIG 'Thank You' to the Nelton family for their generous donations of paper products and KFC certificates throughout the Sunday School year!

May 2011 Sunday Servers

8:00 a.m.

May 1 Bill & Becky Fjetland
 May 8 Robert & Karen Speich
 May 15 Don & Marcia Beisch
 May 22 Al & Julie Buyck
 May 29

GREETERS

10:30 a.m.

Terry & Reggie Alt
 Don & Beth Egel
 Mark & Robin Meyer
 Mark & Peg Lenz
 (9:00) Paul & Mary Haverkamp

ACOLYTES

May 1 Tatum Meyer
 May 8 Dana Haverkamp
 May 15 **Volunteer Needed!**
 May 22 Ciera Klein
 May 29

Morgan Van Zante
 Max Herbst-Ulmer
 Mikaela Cooper
 Jacob Mechler
 (9:00) Christian Davis

LECTORS

May 1 Don Hansen
 May 8 Lee Gunderson
 May 15 Ray Nielsen
 May 22 Julie Gunderson
 May 29

Jean Davis
 Mary Rahe
 Connie Mechler
 Dianne Dwire
 (9:00) Diane Bensen

USHERS

May 1 Curt & Twyla Schipper
 May 8 Merlin & Marlis Beenken
 May 15 Fred & Tammy Johnson
 May 22 Don & Judy Hansen
 May 29

Month of May
 Dean Cooper
 Justin Davis
 Brian Meyerink
 (10:30) May 1, 8, 15, 22 (9:00) May 29

NURSERY

May 1 No Nursery at 8:00 a.m. Service
 May 8
 May 15
 May 22
 May 29

Becky Gates, Jessica Weber
 Kristy Allison, Deb Hiscocks
 Bette Schenck, Cindy Schmidt
 Kathy Jansen, Alyssa Mechler
 (9:00) Susan Legore, Lila Smith

VIDEO

May 1 No Video at 8:00 a.m. Service
 May 8
 May 15 **Please remember that if you can't serve,**
 May 22 **you are to find your own replacement**
 May 29 **and notify the church office so the change**
may be printed in the bulletin.

Derald Goetz
 Erich Gilbert
 Daniel Haack
 Larry Legore
 (9:00) Mark Lenz

*Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God.
 ~ Romans 15:17*

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Members of First Lutheran Church,

I want to thank you for the support of my 9th Grade Confirmation project. I met and exceeded my goal of \$500 through the sales of my button bracelets. I donated \$500 to Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps. I was able to present this in person last weekend at Recharge. Thanks again!

~ Alyssa Mechler

Members of First Lutheran,

My family would like to thank you for all the words of encouragement, thoughts, and prayers during my mother's surgery and recovery and upon Harry's father entering Hospice. With God's help, my mom is now once again at Van Buren Terrace.

Thank you to Pastor Marsha for allowing me all the extra time out of the office. It was very much appreciated. Also, for her visits to both our parents during the past few weeks.

~ Harry & Jeanine Haack



Hope Esther Severson

Born: April 6, 2011

Parents:

Drew & Laura Severson



We will honor our Senior High graduates Abbie Atkinson, Ally Klepper, & Jennifer Weaver with a blessing on Sunday, May 15, at the 10:30 a.m. service and a reception to follow with cake and punch.

Our AHS Graduates for 2011:

Ally Klepper, daughter of Al & Kirsten Klepper. Ally will be attending Luther College located in Decorah, IA to pursue a major in Education.

Abbie Atkinson, daughter of Teri Curry & Rick Atkinson. Abbie will be attending Morningside College in Sioux City in the fall to study Psychology. She plans to become involved in the Women's Choir at Morningside.

Jennifer Weaver, daughter of Steve & Kim Weaver. Jenni's plans for college in the fall are undecided at this time.

BLOOD DRIVE CANTEEN

First Lutheran is responsible for the canteen at the blood drive be held at First United Methodist Church on Monday, May 9. Two time slots are available. If you are able to help serve cookies and juice, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. *Thank you!*

BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES



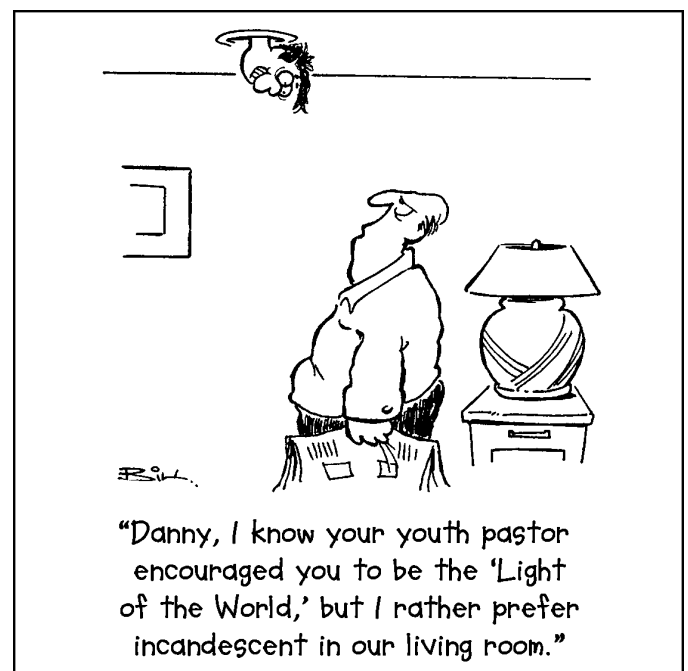
Our records show that the following members celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in May. We pray for their health and happiness as we share in their celebration. We appreciate being notified of any errors or omissions.

- 5-1 Tatum Phelps
- 5-2 Becky Fjetland
- 5-3 Melissa McKean
- 5-4 Judy Schiek
- 5-6 Ryan Gunderson
- 5-7 Keenan Schipper, Danielle Allen, Maddison Rath
- 5-8 Hannah Harris
- 5-10 Bill Hanson, Judy Reinking
- 5-11 Rebekka Voss, Tori McCurry
- 5-12 Travis Lenz, Kristy Allison, Hayden Dunkley, Ava Esser
- 5-13 Neva Johnson
- 5-14 Kevin Benschoter, Rick Murphy, Cael Thacker
- 5-15 Rodney Davis, Drew Severson
- 5-16 Gerald Soderberg, Cathy Johnson
- 5-17 Keith Dwire
- 5-18 Don Beisch, Brooke Benschoter
- 5-19 Brian Mosher, Crystal Wiseman Michael Phelps
- 5-20 Susan Doster, Clayton Collison, Sadie Klein
- 5-21 Erin Parker, Kristina Cuplin
- 5-22 Jim Gates
- 5-23 Gary Hiscocks, Levi Thompson, Jerry Simpson
- 5-24 Kirsten Klepper, Malyn Davis Kim Gilbert, Breanna Johnson

- 5-26 Rick Schiek
- 5-27 Nancy Bowen, Dennis Schuttler, Lori Von Muenster, Wendy Anderson, Levi Pattison
- 5-28 Robert Benck, Shaun Von Muenster
- 5-30 Josh Loge, Bo Hjelle, Craig Eckhart, Kylie Allen



- 5-3 Bob & Carrie Snider (8 years)
- 5-7 Yaqub & McKenzie Talib (6 years)
- 5-8 Noel & Amy McLaughlin (7 years)
- 5-10 Cal & Jamie Christensen (3 years)
- 5-13 Jon & Jennifer Forgey (16 years)
- 5-15 Paul & Susan Doster (35 years)
- 5-19 Mark & Amy Nelson (34years)
- 5-20 Derald & Pam Goetz (44 years)
- 5-21 Steve & LeAnn Boyken (3 years)
- 5-25 Mike & Diane Kleineweber (26 years)
- 5-28 Gerald & Beryl Soderberg (61 years) Robert & Karen Speich (54 years)
- 5-29 Chris & Kristy Allison (1 year)
- 5-31 Gary & Deb Hiscocks (25 years) Tony & Sue Seebecker (14 years)



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.

December 24, 2010: Jean Sabin attended the Lutheran Church of the Cross in Altoona, Iowa.

During her winter vacation, Jean Sabin attended the Grace Baptist Church in Greenville, South Carolina.

March 27, 2011: Dave & Sandi Markla attended the confirmation of their grandniece at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ledyard, Iowa.

March 27, 2011: Pastor Marsha, Pat Bernau, Karen Boyken, & Pastor Mark & Linnea Holmer attended the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem, Israel.

April 10, 2011: Bob & Karen Speich attended Sunday Worship services at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center in Renfro Valley, Kentucky.

April 21, 2011: Frank & Carol Merrill attended the Bethany Lutheran Church in Emmetsburg, Iowa for the First Communion of their granddaughter, Allison Merrill.

April 17, 2011: Betty Murphy attended Palm Sunday worship at the First United Methodist Church in Creston, Iowa.

CONFIRMATION ~ MAY 8

On Sunday, May 8 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service the following young people will affirm the promises and statements of faith made for them at their baptisms in the Affirmation of Baptism Service that we use for Confirmation:

*Jordan Marie Allen
Beth Marie Benschoter
Alyssa June Mechler
Tatum Louise Meyer
Erynn Judith Preuschl
Scott Eric Von Muenster*

Pray for these young people as they celebrate this milestone in their faith development.

INSIGHT ON CONFIRMATION

In May, many churches celebrate confirmation, a practice with biblical roots. For example, Peter and John are sent to "[lay] their hands on" new believers and "[pray] for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit" (Acts 8:15, 17, NRSV).

In the early church, new Christians, most of whom were adult converts, received baptism and confirmation in one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, the practice became for pastors and priests to baptize, but for only bishops to "confirm" a baptism, or make it official, granting the baptized full membership in the church.

Later, confirmation became a rite by which adolescents, often following intensive Christian education, profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Some denominations prefer the term "Affirmation of Baptism."

Confirmation serves as a milestone of faith, when young adults begin embracing a life of discipleship with a sense of purpose.

LUTHERAN SERVICES OF IOWA

This May join Lutheran Services in Iowa, a partner of Iowa KidsNet, in making a difference in the lives of children in foster care. May is National Foster Care Month, a chance to come together on behalf of the over 463,000 American children in foster care. Established in 1988, National Foster Care Month highlights the needs of youth in foster care and celebrates the families, social workers, advocates, mentors and volunteers who make a difference in their lives.

It only takes one person to make an extraordinary and lifelong impact in a child's life, whether it is a foster parent or a caring mentor in the community. Youth in foster care need safe and loving homes with adults who will support them until they can safely reunite with their birth families, live with relatives or find a permanent home through adoption.

LSI is a lead agency in Iowa KidsNet, a statewide collaboration of agencies that recruits, trains, licenses and supports families to foster and adopt Iowa children. With support, these children can reach their potential for greatness and make successful transitions to adulthood.

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

"I Did It" Reasons From Real Iowa Foster Families

1. "Because these children are our futures and if we can make a difference in even one child's life then maybe we can make the future better."
2. "Because all children should believe that they are important and have a special place in this world."
3. "Because they needed a home and we fell in love."
4. "Because the kids have taught us more in one stay than we would have learned in a life time anywhere else."
5. "Because I felt called to do so."
6. "Because it is not their fault that sometimes there are bumps in the road."
7. "Because every child should be able to experience a loving, safe family free from violence, drugs, or abuse of any kind."
8. "Because I love my home being full of noise, laughter, toys...KIDS! Full house = FULL HEARTS!"
9. "Because these children can be the brightest bit of sunshine if the love is there!"
10. "Because there is always room for one more person at your table."



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Sunday fellowship time will begin on May 30 following the 9:00 a.m. worship.

Watch for host sign-up opportunities on the table in the narthex for all weekends this summer. Hosts are asked to prepare the coffee and juice and serve the pastries.



April 30/May 1, 2011
May 14/15, 2011

Bake Bread
Lyle & Diane Bensen

Preparation & Clean-up
Fred & Tammy Johnson

Communion Assistants for May
April 30 (5:30 pm): Bill Lenz
May 1 (8:00 am): April Braun
May 1 (10:30 am): Julie Murphy
May 14 (5:30 pm): Al Buyck
May 15 (8:00 am): Ray Nielsen
May 15 (10:30 am): Susan Legore

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

SUMMER CAMP SIGN- UP BEGINS!

For both Lutheran Lakeside and Ingham Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camp summer camp registration has begun. 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

or

www.okobojo.org.

ELDERVERSITY ~ JUNE 6 & 7

Senior Adult Camp at Okobojo is a great chance for those 55 and older to be young at heart and enjoy camp. This two day event provides opportunities to listen to an engaging speaker, get together with new and old friends, and meet our summer staff during their training time.

We are pleased to announce Rev. Jack Aamot as the speaker for this event. He has travelled to preach extensively in the United States, Brazil and other countries, spending eight years as the Executive Director of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement.

Registration cost includes food, lodging and program. Cost is \$99.00 per person.

Call (1-800-OKOBOJO) for more information or to register.



In memory of ~

- **Rose Wilson** ~ From family & friends...\$275
- **Ray Johnson** ~ From family & friends...\$235
- **Alice Benck** ~ From family & friends... \$110
- **Richard 'Dick' Plum** ~ From friends...\$10
- **Alan Squier** ~ From Sharon Squier...\$75
- **Ivy Yoder** (granddaughter of John & Beverly Nordman) ~ From the Senior Handbell Choir & friends...\$75

SATURDAY SERVERS

GREETERS

May 7	Bill & Betty Holtz
May 14	Dave & Sandi Markla
May 21	Jim & Sharol Hefti
May 28	Julie Collison, Jen Sadler

GREETERS

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

ACOLYTES

May 7	Volunteer Needed!
May 14	Alexis Bryant
May 21	Rebekka Voss
May 28	Levi Penning

ACOLYTES

June 4	James Voss
June 11	Hunter Urban
June 18	Ciera Klein
June 25	Morgan Van Zante

LECTORS

May 7	Betty Holtz
May 14	Tom Lipps
May 21	Kathy Nelson
May 28	Clark Conner

LECTORS

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

USHERS

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May 14	Brian & Sande Rodemeyer
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May 28	Harry & Daniel Haack

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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 April 12, 2011 for a Congregation Council meeting. Present: Kevin Benschoter, Jean Davis, Mark Meyer, Donna Meyerink, Jim Hefti, Brian Meyerink, April Braun, Al Buyck, Bill Lenz, Tony Wiita, Nathan Countryman, Keith Dwire, Pastor Marsha Smith and Colleen Teeuwe.

Old Business

- **Inactives:** Discussion of how to continue to approach inactive members after the mailing of the initial letter in January was held. Reference of the Synod guidelines was reviewed. Motion was made by Keith Dwire that the Council makes a recommendation at the annual meeting to change our by-laws to reflect the same framework of the National ELCA by-laws when dropping inactive members.
- **Synod Assembly Voting Delegates:** The Council decided to open up the opportunity to serve as a delegate to the congregation .

New Business

- **Church-wide Assembly Support for Church-Wide Ministries:** A letter from Chris VanDeventer was shared with information of ways to support the church-wide ministries at the National Conference in which Chris will be attending this summer in Orlando, Florida. The suggestion is to have Chris do temple talks and then have a collection plate in the narthex.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Worship and Music

Seven members present. A monetary gift was presented to the Memorial Fund and request was made to have a prayer said during Easter worship in remembrance of Rose Wilson. Contemporary service will begin rehearsals on May 2. Contemporary service will be held twice a month starting May 21. Work continues on the description of the Worship/Music Committee.

Property Committee

The committee did not meet.

Christian Education

Three members present. VBS is in the planning stages. It will run five days from 8:00 am- 5:00 p.m. Jean will be meeting with Colleen to determine support level from the Christian Education committee. Discussion was held on recruiting new members. Committee is going to try and finish renovation of the Sunday School rooms this summer.

Youth Ministry

Five members present. Easter Egg Hunt-rain date will be between services on Easter Sunday. Easter Breakfast is being organized by Rodney Davis & Kevin Benschoter. Mulch orders are due the last weekend in April. Nursery needs updating this summer. Discussion was held of a Youth Community Garden and possible picnic area. In search of new members for the committee. Male chaperones for mission trips are still open.

Stewardship Finance

Three members present. Discussion of giving being down along with member attendance. Capital campaign was discussed. Paul Johnson and Bruce Knudsen will bring information from Cargill.

Evangelism/Social Ministry

Three members present. Ditch cleanup will be May 14 at 10:00 a.m. Discussion of the Church of the Damascus Road regarding the next visit. Discussion of Band Day parade and as to whether to have an entry or not.



Attendance and Offering Report

APRIL 2011

ATTENDANCE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
4-3	32	77	109
4-10	38	89	127
4-17	50	136	186
4-24	64	257	321

WORLD HUNGER QUARTERS



4-3	\$13.75
4-10	\$6.00
4-17	\$18.25
4-24	\$22.00

TOTAL GIVEN IN 2011: \$281.50
TOTAL GIVEN SINCE AUGUST 2001:
\$8,488.25!!

2011 OFFERINGS

4-3	\$3,288.25
4-10	\$4,221.00
4-17	\$5,575.25
4-24	\$9,542.30
Received in 2011	\$84,140.05
Pledged in 2011	\$94,792.01

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE FOR SALE

A new shipment of Equal Exchange coffee has arrived! Products in this shipment include: French Vanilla coffee (\$7.00) and Chai Tea (\$4.00/20 packets).



LENTEN WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Ash Wednesday	113	\$465.25
March 17	25	\$34.00
March 24	30	\$46.00
March 31	22	\$41.00
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