



First Lutheran

MARCH 2010

Caller

JESUS

At our staff devotions the other day, Leisha Tays shared “Twenty-Five Questions for Mary” from Max Lucado’s book *God Came Near*. Here are some of the questions Max Lucado asks about Mary’s experience of mothering Jesus.

What was it like watching him pray? How did he respond when he saw other kids giggling during the service at the synagogue? When he saw a rainbow, did he ever mention a flood? When he saw a lamb being led to the slaughter, did he act differently? Did you ever see him with a distant look on his face as if he were listening to someone you couldn’t hear? Did he have any friends by the name of Judas? Did you ever scold him?

You’ll have to buy the book, or borrow it from Leisha (like I did), if you want to read the rest of the 25 questions. But these can help get you started thinking about what it must have been like to live in the same house with Jesus. As we continue in the season of Lent throughout the month of March, we are thinking on Sunday mornings and in our small study groups about the nature of Jesus. Who was Jesus? Really. Not our assumptions about Jesus. Not the things we think we remember about

him from Sunday School. But what does the Bible actually say about Jesus? Together we are discovering who Jesus really was, and what he really can do in our lives today.

These questions are important, of course, because Jesus is at the center of our faith. Those of us who call ourselves Christians have taken our name from him. We are “Christ Ones.” We belong to him.

Lent reminds us of the true nature of Jesus. He was not interested in earning acclaim from the world or gaining fame. He was not interested in pleasing the religious authorities or currying the favor of the ruling Romans. Instead, amazingly, he was solely interested in following the directions of God. And those directions led him directly to the cross. Jesus sacrificed his life for the world.

How well do you know Jesus?

Pastor Tom

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FIRST COMMUNION

Sunday, March 21 & March 28
the pastors will be offering a two-session class for those children who would like to receive

Holy Communion for the first time. Parents are invited to accompany their children for this exciting step in their child's faith journey. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America asserts that all who believe and are baptized are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is up to the parents' discretion as to when they want their children to receive, but we see it as an integral part of the Christian life and so offer it to younger children as well as older. Each evening will run from 5-6:30p.m., including dinner and instruction. The class will conclude with a public recognition of participation on Maundy Thursday, April 1, during the 7:00 p.m. worship service. Please contact Pastor Amy Orstad in the church office if your family would like to attend.



EASTER BREAKFAST

This year's Easter Breakfast will be on Easter Sunday, April 4th from 7:30am-10:30am. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$5 per person, \$25 maximum per family. Please come and support our youth.

Youth...you can earn credits for helping with preparations and/or the breakfast. Sign up on the Youth Board in the Commons.

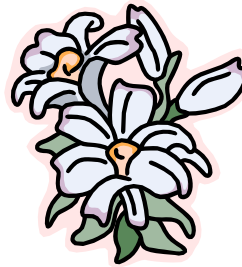
WALKING WITH THE DISCIPLES

Join us in worship each Wednesday evening in Lent as we meet two more of Jesus' disciples. The service, built around the lovely Holden Evening Prayer, begins in our sanctuary every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.

REMEMBER

**Daylight Saving Time
begins March 14th.**

**Set your clocks
ahead one hour !**



EASTER GARDEN

Please contribute to the splendor of a flower-filled sanctuary on Easter Sunday. It has become a tradition to have many types of flowers to add color to our sanctuary not only for this special festival day but for all the Sundays of Easter. Sign up sheet will be available early March.

The price is \$12.00 and the deadline to order is Wednesday, March 24th. Please sign up at the Information desk in the Commons and pay by check.

SCRIP NEWS

The Men's Club would like to remind you that there will be no scrip sales on Sunday, April 4th (Easter Sunday). Please plan your scrip purchases accordingly and thank you for your continued support of the scrip program.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

By Peter Carlson, Director of Music



If you've been coming to worship on Wednesday nights, you've maybe gotten "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" stuck in your head. It's sort of our theme song for Lent, to go with the *Walking with the Disciples* services.

For as popular as this song is, we don't know a whole lot about its origins. No one knows who wrote it. It came to national recognition through conventions of African American churches and was eventually picked up by various recording artists. The first known recording was made by the Selah Jubilee Singers in 1941. Over the years, it has been covered by countless performers as diverse as Patsy Cline, Ella Fitzgerald, Lawrence Welk, Van Morrison, the Canadian Brass...and of

course Elvis Presley! There is obviously something about this song that strikes a chord with so many people; clearly all of us have experienced the need for someone to walk with us through times of trouble.

As we walk with the disciples on Wednesday nights, a variety of FLC musicians are covering this tune as well. Each week we're hearing a different take on this classic hymn. Come hear the variety and give thanks for a God who is with us through life's toils and snares...all the way to the heavenly Kingdom's shore.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY IS MARCH 28!

Join us for worship on Palm Sunday! This moving worship service will be led by our Senior Choir featuring music by J. S. Bach...a perfect way to start the holiest week of the Christian Church.

HOST HOMES NEEDED!

The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra from Gustavus Adolphus College will be performing at First on Friday, Mar. 26. Host families are needed to house the students that Friday night. If you would be willing to help, please contact Peter Carlson.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

This month we will use the following worship liturgies:

- 3/7 Traditional liturgy from the ELW hymnal, with Holy Communion
- 3/14 Contemporary liturgy from the ELW hymnal
- 3/21 Contemporary liturgy from the ELW hymnal, with Holy Communion
- 3/28 Palm/Passion Sunday; service led by Senior Choir, with Holy Communion

MUSIC AT FIRST

Sunday, Mar. 14 at 4:00 pm—Midgard Ensemble
The talented Midgard Ensemble returns with a program celebrating the passionate, heartfelt music of Russia including pieces by Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky.
Tickets: \$7, at the door

Friday, Mar. 26 at 7:30 pm—Gustavus Symphony Orchestra
Fresh from a European tour, the orchestra musicians from Gustavus Adolphus Choir bring their talents to First Lutheran. Whether or not you're a Gustie, you'll want to be in the audience!
Free-will offering

MONDAY MORNING MUSIC

begins again on March 15. If you're available on Monday mornings at 9:30, join us for a brief time of favorite old songs and hymns!

YOUNG AT HEART

June Tuesday, March 2

'Feed My Starving Children' *Think of Haiti!*

FMSC is a Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit. The approach is simple: volunteers hand-pack meals formulated specially for starving children that are shipped to more than 60 countries around the world. FMSC is operating an emergency plan in response to the earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12. No special skills needed. The work involves simple repetitious tasks of measuring dried food. Can be done while sitting, standing, or some of each. FMSC is now located at 401 93rd Av NW, Coon Rapids. Located Northwest of Northtown—a map is posted on the bulletin board. We have committed to fill 30 volunteer spots. If you do not wish to ride the church van, or don't wish to lunch with our bunch, you can drive directly. No charge; lunch on your own (optional).

9: meet and depart church promptly

9:30-11:30 work at FMSC

11:45 lunch at Keys Restaurant,
8299 University Ave., Spring Lake Park

***'Blessed are those who are generous,
because they feed the poor.'* Proverbs 22:9**

Comin' up:

Tuesday, April 20

Minnesota Science Museum
Dead Sea Scrolls & Omni Theater

Fri, Sat, Sun, May 14, 15, & 16

A 3-day/2 night motorcoach trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin, for a Syttende Mai (May 17) festival and other points enroute. Stoughton lies south of Madison and is a town steeped in Norwegian traditions. This event celebrates its ethnic background with art, music, dance, food, crafts and worship. Itinerary posted on the bulletin board. Guests are welcome.

June

A Twin's ballgame in the new stadium. Down by bus; back on the Northstar commuter rail.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

We will not be having our usual Sunday morning classes during Lent. Instead, our members will be participating in a weekly small group Bible study, entitled "Reset," helping us reset our assumptions about Jesus. Sunday morning educational classes will resume on April 11, after Easter.

ECUMENICAL COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

First Lutheran is privileged to host the community service on Good Friday this year. The service will be held on April 2, from 12:00 to 3:00. All the churches in Columbia Heights will be sharing together to present the seven last words of Christ from the cross. Worshippers are invited to come when they are available and leave when they must throughout the three-hour worship time.

"The Passion of the Christ"

Interested in viewing and discussing the film? We will have a viewing in the chapel on Sunday, March 28th from 12:30-3:30pm. This viewing is for those 14 years old and older. Please eat lunch before arriving.

The film is rated R for graphic violence. If you are under age 18, you must have a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian. Those permission slips can be found on the Youth Board

Congratulations to :

Dave & Marlene Ekberg, married 50 years ago on February 20, 1960.

Sid & Delores Anderson, married 50 years ago on February 27, 1960.



SONSHINE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2010

Looking for a great family weekend away this summer? Join us for the Sonshine Music Festival. This year, the Sonshine Music Festival will be Wednesday, July 14 – Sunday, July 18. Camping onsite (rvs, tents, whatever you want to bring), showers available.

Ticket cost depends on when you turn in your money:

For those over age 11:

\$95 if paid by March 1

\$100 if paid by April 1

\$105 if paid by May 1

\$110 if paid by June 1

\$115 if paying after June 1

For those ages 6-11, the total cost is \$65 from now through June 1. After June 1, the cost is \$70. Those age 5 and under are free, as are pastors.

Some of the headliners this year are Newsboys, Skillet, Casting Crowns, Family Force 5, Thousand Foot Krutch, Superchic[k], Fireflight, Children 18:3 and MANY more!

Check out www.sonshinefestival.com for more information.

CAMP WAPOGASSET

Camp registrations are due Sunday, March 7.

Dates and costs are as follows:

2-3rd graders: SEEDS Weekend, Friday, June 11-Sunday, June 13, \$85 total due March 7

4-9th graders: Youth Camp, Sunday, June 13-Friday, June 18, \$265 total (after \$100 gift from the Youth Board). \$100 non-transferable, non-refundable deposits due March 7. \$165 non-transferable, non-refundable payment due May 16.

7-12th graders: Journey of the Cross, Sunday, June 13-Friday, June 18, \$265 total (after \$100 gift from the Youth Board) \$100 non-transferable, non-refundable deposits due March 7. \$165 non-transferable, non-refundable payment due May 16.

Get your registration packet from the magazine rack in front of the youth board in the Commons.

Contact Leisha with any questions.

FLOWER SALES

Youth flower sales are due Sunday, March 21st!

Youth... You can earn credits by selling flowers. Many youth have paid for entire trips through this fundraiser. Pick up your packet at the Youth Table in the Commons or print off information at <http://www.flcch.org/>

Congregation... You can buy flowers through one of the youth, at the Youth Table in the Commons or by printing a form off online at <http://www.flcch.org/>

Flower pick up dates and times are as follows: Wednesday, May 5: 5pm-8:30pm; Thursday, May 6: 10am-5pm; Friday, May 7: 10am-5pm; Sunday, May 9: 8:30am-12:30pm.

WINDY CITY MISSION

Friday, March 26th, 7-9pm Mixer at Mount Carmel. Meet at First at 6:30pm to catch a ride on the bus. Sunday, March 28, \$150 non-refundable deposits due.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	8:45 AM	11:00 AM		8:45 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes:			Ushers:		
March 7	Sara Miller Thomas Vescio	Laura Super Simone Woods	March 3 7PM	Rock & Sam Hauser Forrest Anderson Doug Aasen	& Jay Craft & Kevin Kaliher & Andrew Arne
March 14	Jessica Kaliher	Brandon Burck	March 7	Clarence Skaaden Don & Carol Wahlstrom Tony Olson Gordon Johnson Sheldon Knutson Marge Jeska	Tom Dillenburg Eugene Erickson Victor Zarich Gary Carlson Tim Traynor Bill Baker Bill Gantz
March 21	Simone Woods Allison Olsen	Laura Rauchwarter Sara Miller	March 10 7PM	Glen & Betty Krahl Mike & Pam Hartel	& Janet & Ben Streed
March 28	Jessica Kaliher Masya Marquis	Laura Super Catie Miller	March 14	Pat Pasiewicz Paul Eddy Vi Makie Dale & Faith White Adlore & Mable Braaten	Len & Jan Casanova Tom & Sonja Super Tom & Bonnie O'Brien Dave LaSota
Readers:			March 17 7PM	Vern Hoium Pam Sigurdson	& John & Mary Kay Miller & Sara Miller
March 7	Matt Palm	Ben Betzold	March 21	Einar & Elinor Berg Roger & Dorothy Anderson Rita Schultz Thomas Vescio Laura Rauchwarter	Fred Edstrom Jonathon Edstrom Dave & Karen Maurer Lauren Maurer Ramona Wold Larry Larson
March 14	Pat Pasiewicz	David Meyer	March 24 7PM	Bob Cabak Donna Novak John & Shirley Kennedy	& Alice Jedinak & Pat Welf & Charles Pierson III
March 21	John Peterson	Jane Murray	March 28	Matt Palm Sid Anderson Maggie Proft Doug & Pat Johnson Helen Skoglund	Randy Dodson Judy Opheim Wendy Ramirez Sara Horishnyk Peter & Edward O'Brien
Communion Servers:					
March 7	Kevin Kaliher Sandy Lewis Pat Pasiewicz Helen Skoglund	Dale White Faith White Gary Berg Elayne Knutson			
Bus Driver:					
March 7	Dale Streed				
March 14	Scott Arne				
March 21	Ron Davidson				
March 28	Vance Husen				



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 2010 BUDGET - INCOME Through January 31, 2010						
			Total Annual 2010 Plan	To Date Budget	To Date 2010 Actual	
Envelope			\$ 473,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,647	
Electronic Fund Transfer Memo				\$ 9,000	\$ 9,885	
Cash			\$ 12,600	\$ 1,100	\$ 612	
Children's Globe			\$ 500	\$ 40	\$ 49	
Initial Offering			\$ 900	\$ 500	\$ 720	
Special Gifts			\$ 37,000	\$ 700	\$ 5,786	
Debt Savings			\$ 50,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 5,090	
Total			\$ 574,000	\$ 34,940	\$ 40,789	
ADMINISTRATION			\$ 11,700	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,425	
Rentals, Weddings, Interest						
EDUCATION			\$ 5,350	\$ 150	\$ 109	
EVANGELISM & OUTREACH			\$ 6,900	\$ 550	\$ 841	
Supper Income						
MUSIC			\$ 8,500	\$ 100	\$ 355	
MINISTRY			\$ 11,000	\$ 50	\$ 15	
Lent, Easter, Christmas Thanksgiving						
YOUTH MINISTRY			\$ 15,500	\$ 700	\$ 804	
			\$ 632,950	\$ 37,590	\$ 44,338	
Other Income						
Lutefisk Dinner			\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 18,879	
Bazaar			\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Other: Fundraising, Funerals, etc.			\$ 4,600	\$ -	\$ 801	
GRAND TOTAL INCOME			\$ 668,550	\$ 54,590	\$ 64,018	
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 2010 BUDGET - EXPENSES Through January 31, 2010						
			Total Annual 2010 Plan	To Date Budget	To Date 2009 Actual	
PAYROLL			\$ 410,830	\$ 34,000	\$ 33,274	
ADMINISTRATION						
Office Supplies, Insurance, Postage			\$ 57,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,553	
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE			\$ 85,560	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,390	
EDUCATION EXPENSES			\$ 7,600	\$ 200	\$ 142	
EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH EXPENSE			\$ 9,500	\$ 500	\$ 343	
Advertising, Suppers, Stewardship						
MUSIC EXPENSE			\$ 14,400	\$ 1,000	\$ 283	
MINISTRY EXPENSE			\$ 4,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 34	
YOUTH EXPENSE			\$ 17,750	\$ 400	\$ (633)	
BENEVOLENCES			\$ 58,545	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,945	
			\$ 665,685	\$ 57,900	\$ 53,331	
Lutefisk Expenses			\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ 7,659	
Bazaar Expenses			\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	
Kitchen Supplies			\$ 1,400	\$ 100	\$ 211	
WELCA Expenses			\$ 4,200	\$ 300	\$ -	
Men's Club Expenses			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49	
(Future cuts TBD)			\$ (12,250)			
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 668,535	\$ 66,800	\$ 61,249	

HOLY WEEK PRAYER VIGIL

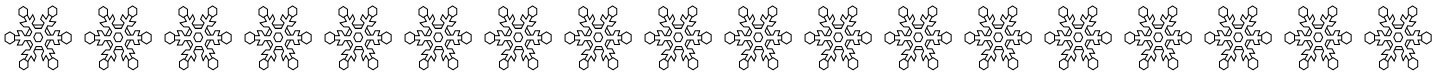
The tradition of 24 hours of continuous prayer is once again scheduled during Holy Week. The Prayer Vigil is a time to come closer to God and to become more aware of Christ's suffering for all of us. It is also a time for personal reflection. In the past, many individuals and families who have participated have been spiritually touched by their experience of prayer.

The prayer vigil is sponsored by the Board of Worship. The sign up schedule will be in the Commons area. Each participant may sign up for as many 15 minute segments as desired. Participants who are unable to pray at the church may also sign up for time slots to pray at home (or wherever they may be during their time slot). The Vigil will be held from 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31 through 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1.

Before the Vigil, you will receive a letter reminding you of the time you signed up for and some suggestions for Scripture readings and prayer and any other special instructions. There will be a "night watchman" on duty near the main doors to provide security during the late night and early morning hours.

WELCOME PACKET WORKERS NEEDED

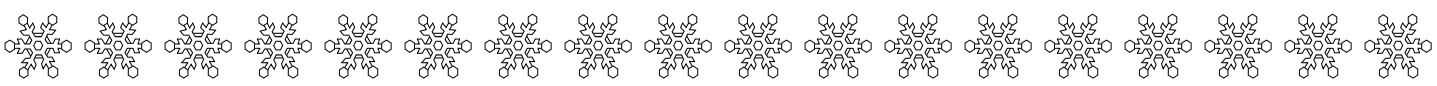
Since we began in early 2007, our Welcome Packet Team has distributed over 1000 Welcome Packets to new home owners in our area. The packets contain information about First Lutheran and its programs, materials from the Chamber of Commerce, and an envelope of introductory coupons from local businesses. These packets, with a "Welcome to the Neighborhood!" label, are delivered to folks who have recently closed on a home in Columbia Heights and in nearby areas. Team members are called on once per month or less to deliver a handful of packets to our new neighbors along with an invitation to visit First Lutheran. But we could use some more help. If this sounds interesting to you, come to a meeting at 10:00 am on Sunday, March 21, in Martin Luther Hall and we'll talk about how it works and how we can improve it. It's a great way to reach out to our neighbors!



SNOW, SNOW, ICE, SNOW, ICE, SNOW, ICE, SNOW, SNOW

This winter's snow has been one for the records!!! But First Lutheran's parking lot and sidewalks have been well taken care of by Greg Rauchwarter and Roger Johnson. Did you know that Greg comes in the middle of the night to plow our parking lot? Did you know Greg does this out of the generosity of his heart--not billing the church for any of his time? Did you know that Roger and Greg are very concerned about ice and make sure there is sand to cover the ice when they can't scrape or brush the ice away? Did you know that Roger shovels the sidewalks while it's snowing to keep ahead of it so our front door is always open and the sidewalks and paths all around the church are accessible? Please say thank you to Greg and Roger for going above and beyond for First Lutheran and the thousands of dollars Greg saves us in snowplowing costs. And special thanks to Greg's helpers - Jackson Rauchwarter, Rock Hauser, Jesse Dittbenner, John Miller, Dan Fishbeck, Tom Super and Nick Super for the time they donate to plow, sand and brush the parking lot.

Please give all of these guys a pat on the back for their hard work.



THE ENDOWMENT FUND - "DOLLARS FOREVER"

The Memorial & Endowment Committee welcomed Brenda Moore as a guest at their February 9th meeting to share information about our investments in the ELCA Foundation and how we can grow the Endowment Fund. Brenda was highlighted in our September 2009 Caller as our Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Endowment Foundation. (Past Callers are available on the web site or in the office). She presented extremely interesting information to the Committee and we pass some of that on to you:

How Does Lutheran Planned Giving Benefit Me?

We all have been blessed with worldly possessions which serve us in our lifetimes and have the ability to become gifts that will benefit loved ones as well as favorite ministries after our earthly days. With a bit of planning, our estate's ability to provide a valuable legacy can be greatly enhanced. You can make ministry happen by leaving a legacy.

Wills/bequest planning - (Do you want a Christian preamble?)

Estate Preservation

Life Income Agreements

Memorials and Endowments

Brenda can help you with any of the above in a confidential manner. There is no fee for her services. Give her a call with any questions you may have at 507-934-4614 or email brenda.moore@elca.org. If you would like any other information, call Julie in the church office, 763-788-9653.

We are very excited that Brenda will be our guest presenter to the congregation during Adult Education on November 21st. Plan to attend, you will benefit from her expertise.

SPECIAL GIFTS

In the last few months, First Lutheran members have contributed to several different causes. We thank you for your generosity for those who are in need. Donations received:

Phares Kakulima \$ 900.00

•This money will be used to build a fence at his family's home in Tanzania following a burglary.

Haiti \$2,885.83

•(To date) For the earthquake victims

Mission Jamaica \$1945.00

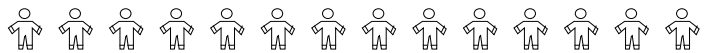
•Mission Jamaica uses the donations to support Westhaven Children's Orphanage, Free medical clinic in Montego Bay, funding of building projects for poor people in Montego Bay, and Riverside community school.

A note of thanks from Phares:

On behalf of my family I am writing to extend a word of appreciation for your support. Please send our heartfelt thanks to all brothers and sisters who contributed in cash, in kind and by prayers.

Thanks again and God Bless you,

Rev. Phares M. Kakulima



KINSHIP MENTORING PROGRAM



We are off to a good start locating persons from our congregation who are willing to serve as mentors to students at Highland Elementary School. Kinship is assisting us in the process. They have worked with the school to identify children who could benefit from the program. They are working with our mentors, training them and preparing them for their student.

We still need more mentors. You commit yourself to meeting with a student once a month for a year. Singles, couples, or families are all welcome. If you are interested please speak with one of the pastors.

Please consider giving the gift that changes lives - become a friend for a child in need of support!



March 2010

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	1 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Daisy Troop - Elizabeth 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Monte Horeb Rehearsal - Sanctuary 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 11817 - Elizabeth 6:30 PM Hope Circle - Peace	2 9:30 AM Joy Circle - Peace 9:30 AM Staff Meeting - Faith 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Teddybear Preschool - Matthew 10:30 AM LaLeche League - Noah's Ark 11:00 AM Columbia Heights GA - Gabriel 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Gathering - MLH 6:30 PM Chorus Polaris - Bach 7:00 PM Monte Horeb Worship - Sanctuary 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry - Peace	3 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study Breakfast - Bobby & Steves Auto 10:00 AM Rebekah Circle - MLH 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Lenten F.L.A.M.E. Schedule 5:30 PM - 6:50 PM Kid's Place - Gym 7:00 PM Worship - Sanctuary 7:45 PM Baptism Orientation - Faith 8:00 PM Rachel Circle - Peace	4 9:00 AM Intercessory Prayer - Chapel 9:30 AM Wiggles, Giggles & Tickers - Elijah 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Teddybear Preschool - Matthew 10:15 AM Wiggles, Giggles & Tickers - Elijah 6:00 PM Monte Horeb Prayer Time - Micah 6:00 PM Music Classes - Daniel & Elijah 6:15 PM Campanile Rehearsal - Bach 7:30 PM AA Meeting - Gab... 7:30 PM SpiritWind Rehear...	5 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM Tim Practice Time - Sanctuary 9:00 PM Monte Horeb Worship Team - Gabriel	6 5:00 PM Monte Horeb Prayer Time - Elijah 7:00 PM Monte Horeb Worship - Sanctuary		
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PANCAKE BREAKFAST Fundraiser and Cards N' Cutlery Sales for Haiti Relief Sunday, March 28th

The Men's Club will hold a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, March 28th to benefit the relief efforts in Haiti. The Haitian people continue to struggle in the aftermath of the earthquake that hit their country on January 12th. Supplemental funding for this fundraiser has been requested from the Anoka County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Please mark your calendars and come to support this important event!

Thank You

Thank you so very much for the lovely reception for the 25th anniversary of my ordination. It really meant a lot of me. Thank you for the gift of the beautiful picture. Please come and visit me in my office and see how great it looks on my wall.

Sincerely,
Pastor Jan

GARAGE SALE Get Ready for the Garage Sale! April 15th-17th

The Men's Club will be sponsoring the annual FLC garage sale April 15th-17th to raise money towards new floor tile for our sanctuary. Mark your calendars now for this exciting event! Many volunteers are needed to make this sale successful. If you would like to help, you will find a sign up sheet in the Commons.

We also need your donations to make this sale a success! Please scour your garages/basements/attics for those items that you no longer use, but others may still find useful. Donations can be dropped off at the church anytime the doors are open. In addition, we have set aside Sunday, April 11th to pick up items for the sale which are too large for congregation members to transport to church on their own. If you have larger items that need to be picked up, please leave a message with the church office and they will forward your request to the Men's Club board to include in the schedule for that day.

Please note - Due to the high cost of disposing of these items, we will **not** be accepting donations of TV's, computers or similar electronic items. Also, we will not have clothing at the sale this year. Feel free to direct your clothing donations to other worthy organizations.

Thank you so much for the overwhelming donations of supplies such as: towels, sheets, soaps, toothbrushes and MANY other items we brought to Jamaica. The children at the orphanage appreciated the fluffy towels to dry with after bathing, along with new toothbrushes, paste, deodorant, baby powder and other items.

The orphanage has just received all new beds and mattresses, so the donations of linens was very helpful. They enjoyed the embroidered pillowcases to sleep on.

We were able to provide 47 health care kits to give out at the free clinic at St John's Methodist Church. The FLC kits contained your donations of a bar of soap, washcloth, toothbrushes, paste, and a New Testament Bible. All donated by our church!

A special thank you for the monetary donations that were given to us. The money will be forwarded to Mission Jamaica to keep God's work growing in Jamaica.

We all hope to share our experiences soon with you!

As they say in Jamaica, "and all God's people say YA MON!"

Thank You,
Your FLC Missionaries,
Larry, Jane, Gary, Elayne, Jocelyn, and Brian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who donated gently used toys and books to our Nursery. A mystery donor (s) even left a brand new play set in the Nursery at Christmastime.....thank you! The children have really been enjoying the toys and books. Thank you for all your generous donations. They are all greatly appreciated.

Your Sister in Christ,
Jennifer Shull

Many thanks to my church family for all the cards, well wishes, and prayers after my recent neck/spine surgery. Thanks also to Mona Wold for the beautiful prayer shawl - what a wonderful comforting ministry that is!

Love, Deb Johnson

Dear Friends In Christ,

We want to express our thanks for welcoming our family into your church and praying for our daughter Vanessa Grace. We are still in awe of how everyone worked so hard to put together such a beautiful benefit for Vanessa. You truly have a special community within your church. The day was amazing. Not only did we raise money to help Vanessa with her needs, but it was a celebration of her and faith. The entire day was so much more than we could have imagined. We noticed all the special details from buttons to balloons, many photos and so much more. We are touched by the prayers of so many. We have been told by doctors that she is a miracle. Vanessa is a blessing and we are so grateful she is with us today. She is now home and continuing to get well. The road will be long and there is still a lot to figure out with her. We can do it with faith. We look forward to spring when we can bring Vanessa out to meet you all. Thank you again for such an amazing experience that will forever be in our hearts.

God Bless,
Debra & Patrick Miller & Family

FROM OUR RECORDS

February Baptisms

Livia Grace Mastro

daughter of Jeffrey & Erin Mastro

Cherice Marie Vescio

daughter of Christina Vescio

We thank all who prayed for us after our accident. We are grateful to be part of a congregation who show so much compassion. We know that God had his hand on us. Lloyd and Lyla Jackson

I want to thank each of you for your beautiful cards, hugs, phone calls and most of all your prayers. My mom was very special to me and I miss her so much. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Anita Dillenburg

FLC BOOK CLUB

March 17, 2010

10:00—11:00 am

Meet in Peace

“3 Cups of Tea”

By Greg Mortenson

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings

8:45 & 11:00 AM Worship
9:55 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Adult Education

Wednesday Evenings

FLAME Activities 5:00—8:30 PM
Lenten Worship Service 7:00 PM



CALLER DEADLINES:

Please have any information for the Caller into the church office by the end of the business day on the **12th** of each month.

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