

First News

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AUGUST 2011

MUSIC MUSINGS

Mary Stevens, Music Coordinator

There are two exciting music events happening at First Lutheran in August. The first, is “**Come and Worship**” **August 5-6**, a synod-wide workshop that I will be presenting on creative worship. The attendees will experience a sample of some of the wild and crazy worship services we have done—you remember the Hawaiian Luau, the Reformation Polkafest, and the CTL Clubhouse meetings? The workshop will ask the participants to try to create their own ideas for creative worship settings. Congregational leaders and members are all invited to participate. It will be fun!

The second event is “**Heavenly Harp**” on **Sunday, August 21**, a sampling of the harp music of Karin Gunderson from Arizona. She will be doing a presentation at the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians in Seattle and will be stopping in Havre enroute to taking her daughter to attend St. Olaf College. Karin is involved in Christian therapeutic music, ministering to hospice patients. You will be inspired by her stories of healing through music and prayer.

Put these dates on your calendars! Then start thinking about fall music ministry at First Lutheran. Watch for announcements for the bell choir and choir rehearsals to resume.

Mission Motto:
In Faith Sharing God’s Love;
In Kindness Serving All.

Ministry of Heavenly Harp **Heavenly Harp Sunday** **August 21 - 9:30 a.m.**

The not-for-profit ministry of Heavenly Harp was founded in 2004 with the mission of making available the unique healing benefits of harp music combined with the power of scripture and prayer to anyone, anytime, anywhere. Heavenly Harp brings peace and relaxation as well as comfort into everyday life. Through the Lord’s leading and the doors he continues to open, Heavenly Harp now has ten recordings, and six ministry websites reaching out to many who may never enter a church. These websites include:

www.HeavenlyHarp.org
www.OvercomeFearofDeath.com
www.HealYourGriefSite.com
www.LowerStressSite.com
www.ChristianHarpMusic.com
www.KaringJourney.com

Through concerts, presentations, retreats, recordings, websites and online forums, the ministry of Heavenly Harp has touched an estimated 50,000 people in the last few years.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays - 9:30 a.m.

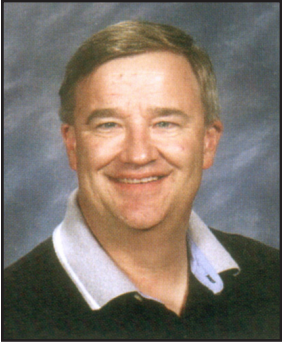
Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.

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Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m.

Pie Social - following

“Jesus is Life!” – Choices & Priorities in Life



Over thirty kids attended Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp July 10-15. That makes Havre and First Lutheran one of the top five congregations in sending kids to camp. We have a great fund-raising machine which helps every kid who wants to go

to camp to attend. Thank you to all the parents who helped with these fundraisers.

The theme for Bible Camp this year was “Jesus is Life!” The daily themes helped campers understand that Jesus is Counselor, Teacher, Healer, Savior and Son of God. My friend, Pastor Steve Van Gilder and I did several comical skits where we played “basketball want-a-be’s.” I was “Jebron Lames” and he was “Allota Dribbling.” We thought that FLBC stood for “Flathead Lutheran Basketball Camp.” To us “basketball was life.” But through the week we discovered that “Jesus Is Life!” Though we we’re playing parts, for many people “sports is life.” Sports can teach us many things in life but it can’t give abundant life. The emphasis, time and money we dedicate to sports can border on idolatry.

One of the issues with Vacation Bible School this year that hurt our attendance was that we were competing with two basketball camps and a 4-H Camp. I understand the pressure that kids are under to excel and improve their skills in a particular sport; but my fear in the Lutheran Church is that we’ve done a better raising athletes than disciples.

Bible Camp offers our kids an environment where discipleship, worship, working together, and sharing, comes before competition, technology, and winning. The competition for the time, minds, and hearts of our kids will increase as more alternatives are offered. Every time we allow our kids to choose another activity over Worship, Sunday School, Confirmation or Youth Group, we are sending a message about where our priorities and hearts are centered. We as parents and adults model by our own lifestyle and decisions the “life” we value and the god we serve.

Jesus said in John 10:10 “The thief comes to kill and steal and kill and destroy. I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.” Today the thief comes to steal time away from activities centering on God, tomorrow he steals the faith and life of souls weakened by the neglect of spiritually transforming habits and practices.

“Jesus is Life!” He comes to bring abundant life. But like a relationship, life and love in Christ must be nurtured or it dies. This is the crisis we face in the Lutheran Church. Will our faith and life in Christ be front and center, or is it simply another hobby we choose when we have “time for it” or “feel like it.” Will the Lutheran Church be a vital and energizing Church in the coming years? It depends on our choices and priorities we make today. There are times when we must say “no” to the good, so we can say “yes” to the very best, Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life.

When Joshua was old and nearing death, he summoned the tribes of Israel, to give them his final words. He said to them in Joshua 24:14, “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Who do you and your household choose to serve? The choice is not made once. It’s made over and over again in the daily decisions we make to keep Christ at the center of our lives. Choose life! Jesus is Life! Real Life! Abundant life!

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Brad

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

August 7 - New Member Sunday

August 14 - Gideons Sunday

August 21 - Heavenly Harp Sunday

Services at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour - 10:30 a.m.

COME AND WORSHIP

Imaginative worship resources for a small congregation are sometimes hard to find. Perhaps a solution is to use music styles and tunes that are already familiar to a congregation, folk tunes for example, but adapting the tunes with different words, words that will tell the gospel message, words that are custom designed for the people who will sing them.

“Come and Worship” is the theme of a renewing worship workshop that will be presented August 5-6 at First Lutheran Church in Havre, Montana. Participants at the workshop will experience several worship settings that were custom designed for First Lutheran by Mary Stevens, music coordinator for the church. These services run through a whole spectrum of styles—from country hoe-down to Hawaiian to science fiction and all contain the gospel message presented in different ways.

“The key to reaching people is to use the language of the people.” Workshop attendees will be asked to create worship settings using materials at hand—tunes that are known to the people—and adapting the tunes to match the lectionary text for a particular Sunday or theme. Ways to make the Psalm readings singable will also be addressed.

Before and after the main workshop, Stevens will host a piano-keyboard lab for musicians, where she will demonstrate various accompaniment skills—how to simplify hymns for easier playing, how to improvise (improvising can be easier than playing the written notes), how to play from a lead sheet, and other keyboard skills. All skill levels are invited to participate in the keyboard lab.

“Come and Worship”—and hands-on worship workshop will be an adventure in creative worship, stimulating your own creative juices to create worship experiences that are true to a liturgical heritage, specially designed for the people you serve, fun, fresh, and uplifting. Cost for the workshop will be \$20, which includes lunch on Saturday. Early registration is appreciated.

For more information, please contact:
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Greg Bailey, Lee Christianson,
Darvin Nessland, Michael Tilleman.

KARIN GUNDERSON

From an early age, Karin’s life has been filled with music and faith. A graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, she is an accomplished vocalist, harpist, pianist and flutist. Her musical career has included work as a public school music teacher, a private music instructor, a church musician, and a performer. Singing songs of faith is her passion, and she has performed as a vocal soloist in concert halls and churches alike.

Karin serves as a Harp Practitioner in hospice facilities, and is fondly known as the “singing harpist.” Her ministry brings peace and comfort to patients and their families in times of sorrow and pain. She is often privileged to share in the amazing experiences of these patients as they cross over into heaven.

Karin specializes in integrative therapies that bring greater levels of wholeness and wellness to body mind and spirit. Her non-profit organization is called Karing (caring) Journey and her dream is to have a small retreat center where people can come for refreshment, renewal and Christ-centered integrative therapies training for personal wellness. The retreat center will have beautiful music and worship as well. Karin is a chaplain with the International Ministerial Fellowship.

JOY GUNDERSON

Joy is 20 years old, and loves music. She sings, and plays the harp, piano, organ and flute. From age 8 thru high school, Joy studied harp with Dr. Suzanne Balderston, a widely known and well-respected harpist, composer and teacher. Joy has performed in concerts, and concert tours, weddings, fund raisers, and for various formal and informal gatherings. She was a member of the Phoenix Youth Symphony Organization for seven years, and has been a finalist in Youth Symphony Concerto Competitions and the Desert Musicfest Competition. Joy also sang in All State Choir and Jazz Choir, and the ACDA Western States Honors Choir.

At St. Olaf College Joy earned the highest academic and music scholarships. She had the honor of being chosen to be the St. Olaf Orchestra harpist and has played with them two years. Now she will be joining the St. Olaf Choir for her last two years. She plays in the harp ensemble, studies harp with Kathy Kienzel, MN Orchestra harpist. She studies harp, organ, voice and piano as part of her Church Music Major.

FUNERAL COMMITTEE

August ~ Chairperson Needed

Dwane Armor	808-1838
Terry & Nicole Knowlton	265-8098
Lois Barsanti	265-2786
Kevin & Darcey Buerkle	262-2263
Leonard & Margie Deppmeier	265-7721
Sally Porter	265-2055
Sherm Ekness	265-5632
Bob & Joni Schubert	265-9578
Paula Hanson	262-7925
Margaret Swick	265-2383
Gary Hillson	265-6915
Pr. Brad & Elaine Ulgenes	265-4873
Larry & Marge Jappe	265-6236
Clint & Loretta Widdekind	265-4519

Youth Board News

The Youth Board is looking for new members, and ask you to prayerfully consider joining the board for the youth of our church. The Youth Board is charged with keeping youth active in our congregation, through bible camp, high school youth group and other activities. We meet once a month on council nights for planning and we work together to make sure the youth are represented well.

Please contact Cliff Plum 262-3234 or the church office with questions or interest.

High School Youth Group

As August is here, it is time to start planning High School Youth Group. We are planning a BBQ for parents and youth and will send out a postcard with details. Please make sure your mailing addresses are updated with the church office so those get to you.

Our Church Bazaar will be November 12th and planning will need to begin in September. Please mark your calendars to help with our primary fundraiser for high school youth activities.

A fun event for the entire family to attend is the **Downpour Festival in Great Falls, August 12-13**. The David Crowder Band among other great Christian bands will be playing throughout the weekend. This is a FREE festival for all to attend. For more info:

www.downpourfestival.com

Blessings,

Chamene and Cliff Plum

Downpour Music Festival

August 12-14, 2011
Great Falls, Montana

A FREE Event at Centene Stadium

Go to www.downpourfestival.com
for more info.

FIRST LUTHERAN RADIO SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor our Sunday Worship Service on KOJM please fill out the slip and turn into the church office or place in the offering plate on Sunday. We are in need of sponsors, please prayerfully consider sponsoring a Sunday. If you have questions please call 265-5881.

I / We support the Radio Broadcast of First Lutheran's 11am worship service on 610 KOJM.

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_____ Other

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ I/We give permission to have my/our name(s) printed in the bulletin and/or in the worship announcements as sponsors of that Sunday's radio broadcast.

Church Calendar

August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Staff Meeting 9:00am Worship @ 6:30pm Pie & Coffee @ 7:15pm	4 Men's Bible Study @ 6:30am Women's Bible Study @ 1:30pm	5 AA & Alanon 8:00pm Synod Assembly	6
7 Worship 9:30am Coffee hr. 10:30am	8 Pastors' Day Off ACOA@ 7:00PM	9 Cluster Text @1:30pm Boy Scouts @ 7:00pm	10 Staff Meeting 9:00am Worship @ 6:30pm Pie & Coffee @ 7:15pm	11 Men's Bible Study @ 6:30am <i>Women's Bible Study @ 1:30pm</i> Boards 6:30pm & Council 7:30pm	12 AA & Alanon 8:00pm	13 Saturday Sewing 9:00am- 12:00pm
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A Note from Darcey of the Christian Ed Board

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Sunday School Year. We pray for a wonderful year filled with excitement and learning about Jesus and the bible. This will be taught through two new curriculums this year.

The Buzz

Curriculum preschool - 6th grade

Buzz makes Sunday school fun for kids because they experience Bible truths in ways they enjoy and understand. Buzz is more than a written lesson-it's an interactive experience! Kids will learn in whatever way fits their style-whether that's reading, acting, drawing, listening, singing, playing a game, and more. And kids can't wait to get started because they make choices throughout the lesson. As kids dig into the Bible with creative activities, they'll soak up life-changing lessons that'll really stick. Plus, they'll build relationships with one another, watch for God with God Sightings, apply Bible truths to their daily lives, and even pray for each other!

The Grapple

Curriculum 7th & 8th grade

Grapple Junior High tackles the tough questions your junior highers are asking about their own relationships with God, others, and themselves. Dig into the real-life issues they are dealing with every day...and what the Bible says about these issues. Engage their participation through attention-grabbing lessons, thought-provoking videos, fun games, and deep, life-changing Bible lessons.

The Christian Ed Board and First Lutheran Church pray you join us for an exciting new year filled with fun and two new curriculums that will bring you closer in relationship with God.