

JUNE 2011

# FIRST NEWS



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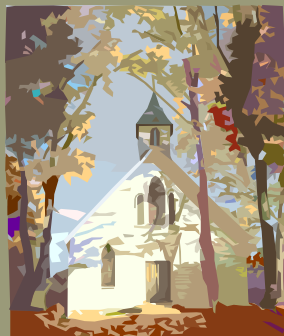
## Mission Motto

*In faith sharing*

*God's love; In*

*Kindness serving*

*All.*



## Vacation Bible School

***Vacation Bible School will take place June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Registration forms can be picked up at the church office Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 1:00pm or you can call the church office at 265-5881.***

## New Worship Service on Wednesday Nights

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm we will start a new Wednesday Night Worship Service. Everyone is welcome to attend. This service will be an upbeat type of service with music, scriptures and a wonderful sermon. This is our "Jeans and Jesus" service (dress casual), bring your singing voices to this wonderful new contemporary worship service. Hope to see you all there. After each Wed. night service, pie and coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

## SYNOD ASSEMBLY~ GREAT FALLS, MT

The Synod Assembly will take place June 3-5, 2011 in Great Falls. Brooke Donovan and Alan Ost will be representing First Lutheran Church at the Assembly. Pastor Brad will be recognized for serving congregations for 25 years. We would like to thank him for his wonderful years of service with us at First Lutheran in Havre. Congratulations to Pastor Brad.

## High School Youth Group

Camp Out @ Fresno Main Beach and Walleye Campground/Pavillion June 24-26, 2011, All High School students, including the recent 8th graders who were confirmed in May are invited to attend. We will need parents to camp out with us. Bring your camper/tents and RSVP to Chamene so we can plan the meals. We will have a boat, bring your water fun toys and we'll see you at Fresno! **RSVP to Chamene Plum 262-4099.**

## Sunday School News

May 15th was our last day of Sunday School this year. We celebrated the Heifer Project and had farm animals brought to Sunday School for the students to enjoy. The students voted on which animals to send our offerings to the Heifer Project. We decided to use up money in savings and this years offering and spent \$624. We purchased 2 Sheep, 1 Water Buffalo, 5 flocks of Chickens, and 1 Colony of Honey Bees. Then the students had root beer floats as a treat. We have had a great year at Sunday School and thank the parents for bringing their children to worship with us this year. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated teaching staff and want to thank them for volunteering all their time and skills for the benefit of your children. We'll see you all again in September.

**Please mark your calendars for July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011.** Paul Oman will be leading our **Wednesday Night Worship service at 6:30pm.** Seeing is Believing! Bringing the word of God to life before your eyes. Experience God's Story become YOUR STORY as Biblical Artist Paul Oman, pastor and teacher, shares his passion for proclaiming the Word through his paintbrush. Prior to the worship service a **potluck dinner will take place at 5:30pm.** Hope to see you all there at this spectacular service.

**Stewardship Challenge Update:**

We want to share a heartfelt thanks to our members for your wonderful response to our Stewardship Challenge. A total **amount of \$10,825** has been received to reduce our debt. This has allowed us to be current on our bills and to begin to pay back the loans we have taken from our savings accounts. Thanks you for your generous response!

**Top Ten Reasons To Go To Worship This Summer**

By Pastor Brad

10. You can start the new week off with a new word from God in a wonderful way!
  9. Because God said, "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy!"
  8. We can worship all together as one big family of God at one service at 9:30 A.M. and see all our friends who usually go to the other service.
  7. Because our 6:29 P.M. Wednesday mid-week "Jeans and Jesus" service is casual, contemporary, and shorter (45 minutes). And pie and coffee will be served!
  6. Worship feeds the hunger for God that is deep in your soul.
  5. It's the only place in town where you can taste forgiveness in the Lord's Supper!
  4. Families that pray together stay together. Studies prove it!
  3. You can set a good example for your kids and grandkids about making holy habits.
  2. Your presence and prayers will help and encourage others in the body of Christ.
  1. Jesus promises to speak to you, inspire you, and be present where "two or three are gathered in my name!" Now that's awesome!
- See you at Worship!

Parents of 2011 High School graduates. If you know what your son or daughter's address and or email address will be please let us know. We would love to stay in touch with them during the school year. Please call the church office at 265-5881.

*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 giving plate on Sunday.*

**FIRST LUTHERAN RADIO SPONSORSHIP**

***/we support the Radio Broadcast of First Lutheran's 11am worship service on 610 KOJM. We are in need of sponsors. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a Sunday. If you have questions please call 265-5881.***



- \$175 for one Sunday
- \$87.50 for 1/2 Sunday
- Other
- This is a monthly commitment

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.

## **High School Youth Group Wraps Up**

As the High School Youth Group wraps up the 2010-2011 school year we would like to thank you all for your support of our youth.

Our High School Youth Group is self-funded through our annual fundraiser, the Fall Bazaar, in November each year. This fundraiser make it possible for the high school youth to hold events at our church, such as our Lock-In and Wednesday night meetings. We would Like to share with you how our year wrapped up.

- Sponsored the Radio Broadcast for two separate Sundays this school year.
- Purchased animals for World Vision and donated to US Aide at Christmastime through World Vision.
- Purchased Christmas gifts for Prison Fellowship Angel Tree.
- Purchased "Take Faith Home" as a bulletin insert, and we used this as our resources on Wednesday nights.
- We decorated the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary and offered a pizza party for those who helped. And when we took down the tree in January we had another pizza party.
- Christmas Party at the bowling alley.
- We went Sledding and had hot chocolate.
- In the spring we sponsored lunch and shipping costs for the Support our Troops packages the confirmation youth put together.
- We purchased a water cooler for the church to use at events.
- Helped set up for the Seder Meal, and helped purchase groceries needed.
- At our lock-in, we made a list of new toys for the FLC nursery and purchased new toys.
- We helped Four HS youth attend bible camp this summer.
- Our end of the school year gathering at the bowling alley had 12 youth participate.

We will continue to meet once a month this summer for a Wednesday night Movie Night in our youth room, to utilize our big screen TV gift, that Jeff and Tammie Dibblee gave the youth. Our summer campout will be at Fresno June 24-26. We ask you to mark your calendars for Saturday, November 12, 2011 for our Annual Fall Bazaar. We appreciate your support.

Thank you.

Chamene and Cliff Plum

## **\$26,000 Legacy Left to First Lutheran**

First Lutheran Endowment Fund is the recipient of a \$26,000 gift given by David Overland, in memory of his grandfather, Gordon Thompson of Camano Island, Washington. The Thompson family lived on a farm 5 miles west of Havre. Gordon's mother was very active in the Ladies Aide of First Lutheran Church. Gordon was confirmed at First Lutheran in 1939. There were three children in the family including Gordon, a sister Alice Thompson Beem and Irma Thompson Navin. Gordon Thompson grew up on a farm west of have in the 1930's and graduated from Havre High School in 1942. He was active in dramatics, band, golf, annual staff, ad salesmen for the school newspaper, the Stampede. He was also the editor of the Round-Up Staff. He received an all-state scholarship to Bozeman upon graduation. He served in the service during World War II and settled in Washington after the war. He married Lea Gibson, a 1944 Havre High School Graduate. Gordon and Lea spent their lives in Washington raising their family. He was in the construction business. According to Grandson David Overland, his grandfather wanted to leave a portion of his estate to his first church, a great legacy to his life, having not attended First Lutheran for nearly 70 years.



# PASTOR BRAD ULGENES COLUMN

I received a letter from the Synod Office that I would be recognized at the Synod Assembly in Great Falls this year since its been 25 years since I've been ordained. My certificate of ordination reads: "This certifies that Bradley D. Ulgenes a candidate for the ministry of the Gospel having received a call to serve in the ministry of the American Lutheran church; and having acknowledge that he accepts the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God and adheres to the Confessions of the Lutheran Church, has been ordained a Minister of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, by the laying on of hands in Billings, Montana on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty six by Eugene Nielsen, ordinator, and has been received as a member of the Clergy roster by the American Lutheran Church." It was signed by President David Preus and District President Norman Wick. My ordination was definitely one of the high points of my life! Pastor Nielsen was the associate to President Wick and a former pastor at the church I was ordained at, the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. A good friend of the family, Lois Dalthorp, was the first President of the congregation and presented me for ordination. Elaine presented me my stole, the sign of ordination, representing the "yoke of ministry." She has been a faithful and loving partner with me all these years. Several members of the church where I received my first call as Associate Pastor at Pella Lutheran in Sidney drove down for the service. The highlight was the laying on of hands on me by many pastors from the area, all in white robes and red stoles. I remember being surrounded by them and the weight of their hands resting on my head and shoulders as they prayed for me. I wish everyone could experience this! Since that time I've served *three* churches, Pella in Sidney, First in Dillon, and First here in Havre, and have raised *three* great kids with my wonderful wife (three for the Trinity seems to be a theme!) The time has flown by with the ministry having its ups and downs, its sorrow and joys. It has been a humbling, challenging, and inspiring vocation. I have been deeply blessed by God and members of the body of Christ. Here are some of my favorite verses that have sustained and inspired me during these past 25 years that may be helpful for your ministry in daily life: Romans 8:28 "We know that in everything God works for good, for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Psalm 46 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." II Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything is a new creation." Genesis 22:8 "The Lord will provide!" Zechariah 6:15 "And this shall come to pass" or "This too shall pass" (BU version) Ephesians 4:26 "Be angry but do not sin, do not let the sin go down on your anger." Matthew 11:28 "Come to me all you who are weary, and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest." Philippians 4:6-7 "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." I Corinthians 3:6 "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." John 15:16 "You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." John 12:12 "This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you." Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. I Corinthians 1:18 "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." II Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Thank you for calling me to be your pastor here at First Lutheran and the honor of serving as one of your pastors these past 10 years! The best is yet to come! Philippians 1:3 "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with you in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."

Blessings,  
Pastor Brad

## SEDER THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the Seder Meal on April 21 in the Fellowship Hall. With a group effort everything went smoothly. I'd like to thank my kitchen help: Cliff Plum, Doris Halverson, Stella Wilson, Donnabelle Warp and Ann McKnight. We had 50 guests attend the Seder Meal.

Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring a dish and/or a bottle of wine. We had plenty of food and couldn't have fed 50 without your help. Also thank you to everyone who stayed to clean up and get the fellowship hall back to normal. Thank you!

Thank you to all for making the Seder Dinner a rewarding experience.

God Bless,  
Chamene Plum

## Thank You

Thank you to Jeff and Tammie Dibblee for gifting the Youth Group a flat screen TV for the youth room. It will definitely get used by the youth! We love it! Thank you so much for everything you have done for our First Lutheran Youth.



# Music Musings By Mary Stevens Music Coordinator

With summer upon us, the music program at First Lutheran makes a shift. The choir and bell choir will not be meeting again until the fall. No more lovely choir anthems or bell choir preludes. The members of the choirs will take advantage of the time to pursue other interests, rest their musical souls, and then come back together in the fall with renewed energy and enthusiasm as we make music to reflect praise to our God and assist the congregation in worship.

One group that will be continuing to offer music through the summer is the newly formed Praise Team. They will be assisting in leading the worship of the Wednesday evening 6:30 worship services. Anyone who would like to sing with the Praise Team is invited to rehearse with them Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. before the worship service at 6:30. You will learn several exciting songs from the world of contemporary Christian worship.

Two exciting events will be happening at First Lutheran Church in August. The first is "Come and Worship", August 5-6, a workshop sponsored by the Montana Synod ELCA, exploring creativity in worship. Participants in the workshop will experience several of the creative worship services that we have used at First Lutheran—Hawaiian, Hallelujah Hoedown, CTL Clubhouse, polka, and others, and learn ideas of how to create similar worship experiences in their own congregations.

The second event is August 21 when Karin Gunderson, a therapeutic harpist, will bless us during Sunday morning worship with wonderful harp music! Ms. Gunderson plays Christian therapeutic harp music in Arizona and has several recordings available. Check out her website at <http://www.christianharpmusic.com>.

## **DID YOU KNOW**

*If you're a Thrivent member, you can allocate where your Thrivent Choice dollars go. They can be sent to First Lutheran Church but they can also be designated to First Lutheran Preschool/Daycare. A total of \$3372 has been donated by these Thrivent Choice donors. Thank you! Log into your Thrivent account and allocate your dollars today. Questions? Email: [mail@thrivent.com](mailto:mail@thrivent.com)*

Thank you to everyone who donated a red geranium in memory or honor of your loved one. This is a nice beautification to our flower garden by our church sign. Thank you to all who helped plant the geraniums and helps water them all summer. Also thank you to Lyle who keeps our grounds looking green all summer long. Thank you all for the hard work and dedication it takes to keep it all up. It is greatly appreciated!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **FUNERAL COMMITTEE~ JUNE~ CHAIR Maureen Dolan 265-7179**

|                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
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# Church Calendar

June 2011

Wednesday Night Worship 6:30pm~ Pie & Coffee after the Service  
June 9<sup>th</sup>~ Caring Friends Meeting at 3:30pm in Fireside Room  
June 9<sup>th</sup>~ Boards at 6:30pm and Council at 7:15pm  
 VBS~June 20-24~Registration forms at church office

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
|   |   |  | 1<br>Staff Meeting<br>9:00am<br>Worship @<br>6:30pm<br>Pie & Coffee<br>@ 7:15pm                          | 2<br>Men's Bible<br>Study @<br>6:30am<br>Women's Bible<br>Study @<br>1:30pm                                      | 3<br>AA & Alanon<br>8:00pm<br><br>Synod<br>Assembly  | 4<br><br><br>Synod<br>Assembly                             |
| 5<br>Worship<br>9:30am<br>Coffee hr.<br>10:30am<br>Eagle's Scout<br>Of Honor<br>1:00pm<br>Synod<br>Assembly | 6<br>Pastors' Day Off<br>ACOA@<br>7:00PM                      | 7<br>Cluster Text<br>@ 1:30pm<br>Boy Scouts<br>@ 7:00pm  | 8<br>Staff Meeting<br>9:00am<br>Worship @<br>6:30pm<br>Pie & Coffee<br>@ 7:15pm                          | 9<br>Men's Bible Study<br>@ 6:30am<br>Women's Bible<br>Study @<br>1:30pm<br>Boards 6:30pm<br>& Council<br>7:30pm | 10<br>AA & Alanon<br>8:00pm  | 11<br>Saturday<br>Sewing<br>9:00am-<br>12:00pm             |
| 12<br>Worship<br>9:30am<br>Coffee hr.<br>10:30am  | 13<br>Pastors' Day Off<br>ACOA@<br>7:00PM                     | 14<br>Cluster Text<br>@ 1:30pm<br>Boy Scouts<br>@ 7:00pm<br><br>Memorial<br>Committee<br>Meeting @<br>5:00pm | 15<br>Staff Meeting<br>9:00am<br><br>Worship @<br>6:30pm<br>Pie & Coffee<br>@ 7:15pm                     | 16 Men's<br>Bible Study @<br>6:30am<br><br>Women's Bible<br>Study @<br>1:30pm                                    | 17<br>AA & Alanon<br>8:00pm<br><br>VanDyke<br>Wedding<br>Rehearsal @<br>6:00pm                               | 18<br>VanDyke<br>Wedding<br>@ 4:00pm                       |
| 19<br>Worship<br>9:30am<br>Coffee hr.<br>10:30am  | 20<br>Pastors' Day Off<br>ACOA@<br>7:00PM<br><br>VBS 9am-12pm | 21<br>Cluster Text<br>@ 1:30pm<br><br>Boy Scouts<br>@ 7:00pm<br><br>VBS 9am-<br>12pm                         | 22<br>Staff Meeting<br>9:00am<br><br>Worship @<br>6:30pm<br>Pie & Coffee<br>@ 7:15pm<br>VBS 9am-<br>12pm | 23 Men's<br>Bible Study @<br>6:30am<br><br>Women's Bible<br>Study @<br>1:30pm<br><br>VBS 9am-12pm                | 24<br>AA & Alanon<br>8:00pm<br><br>High School<br>Youth Group<br>Campout @<br>Fresno<br><br>VBS 9am-<br>12pm | 25<br>High School<br>Youth<br>Group<br>Campout @<br>Fresno |
| 26<br>Worship<br>9:30am<br>Coffee hr.<br>10:30am  | 27<br>Pastors' Day Off<br>ACOA@<br>7:00PM                     | 28<br>Cluster Text<br>@ 1:30pm<br>Boy Scouts<br>@ 7:00pm   | 29<br>Staff Meeting<br>9:00am<br>Worship @<br>6:30pm<br>Pie & Coffee<br>@ 7:15pm                         | 30 Men's<br>Bible Study @<br>6:30am<br>Women's Bible<br>Study @<br>1:30pm  | 31<br>AA & Alanon<br>8:00pm  |  |

# First Lutheran Birthdays

If you would like to add someone to the Birthday list or if you would like your name removed please call Darcey at the Church Office at 265-5881.



June 2011

| Sun                                 | Mon   | Tue                    | Wed                 | Thu   | Fri                               | Sat                     |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                     |   |                        | 1                   | 2<br>Janet Dryden<br>Sherm Ekness                   | 3<br>Gary Golie<br>Taylor George  | 4<br>Kaleb Harkins      |
| 5<br>David Carlson<br>Cory Kueffler | 6   | 7                      | 8<br>Kjehl Campbell | 9<br>Christian Golie                                | 10                                | 11                      |
| 12                                  | 13<br>Kelsey Bakke  | 14<br>Nicholas Mangold | 15<br>Roger Freier  | 16<br>Edna Hess<br>Brenda Majeres<br>Debbie Paulsen | 17<br>Edna Kuhn<br>Danielle Pepin | 18<br>Norm Gorder       |
| 19<br>Kaden Larson                  | 20<br>Haley Buettner  | 21                     | 22<br>Chelsea Small | 23  | 24<br>Tom Daughenbaugh            | 25<br>Duane Schlotfeldt |
| 26<br>Ela Shields<br>Logan Twombly  | 27<br>Scott Durward<br>Delores Johnson<br>Jodi Kueffler<br>Ann McKnight | 28<br>Keevan Campbell  | 29                  | 30  | 31                                |                         |