

September 2011

First News



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7th and 8th Grade Confirmation

As the summer starts winding down Confirmation activities start to get into full swing at First Lutheran Church. Confirmation will begin with a Family Potluck and Mark Devotion on September 7th, 2011 at 6:00pm. Please see Pastor Brad or Pastor O'Hearn for questions regarding Confirmation. Confirmation will meet every Wednesday night with a meal, worship service and confirmation class.

Festival Days is the weekend of September 16-18. Of course, that means another wacky service at First Lutheran on September 18. Are you ready for the **ANT FARM?????** Now don't get bugged about it!!! It will be a fun service with a message that you may not expect. Come for worship on September 18 and be sure to **BUG** your friends to come along with you!!!!

The MSU-N Community Chorus will be rehearsing on Monday nights again this year in preparation for the Piano and Pipes: Christmas 2011 concert on December 4. Mr. Thomas Baty, the Havre High School choir director has agreed to direct the choir this year. Watch for announcements regarding the first rehearsal and consider joining the fun.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2011

As you brought your children to receive the gift of baptism, you were entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faith people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through the word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. You made that promise each time a child was baptized. Being committed to faithfully supporting and bringing your children to both Sunday school and weekly worship is a part of that promise. As parents it is your responsibility to fulfill that promise for your children and to renew that promise that was made for you, now that you are an adult, to set an example for your children by volunteering to teach Sunday school, serving as a volunteer for Sunday school and youth activities, and by setting a good example for all our children as a mentor in the faith.

See you in Sunday School
Pastor Michael O'Hearn

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 11th AT 9:45AM~~ REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX, CHURCH OFFICE AND DAYCARE OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 265-5881.

No spring nor summer
beauty hath such
grace as I have seen
in one autumnal face



Mission Motto:

In faith sharing

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EXODUS 14:19-31

What do you remember about September 11, 2001? It was an unforgettable, gut-wrenching, world changing day. Exodus 14 reports, "The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel" (vv. 19-20). God was powerfully present with the Israelite army, and in the middle of the Red Sea the Egyptians discovered that God was fighting for the Israelites (v. 25). After passing on dry ground through the sea, "Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians" (v.31).

- Where was God present on 9-11?
- Was God fighting for us, and if so how?
- In the middle of so much loss of innocent life, what work did God do on 9-11?

Phillip Yancy, author of *Where Is God When It Hurts?*, was asked after the terrorist attacks, "Where is God at a time like this?" He answered with a question of his own, "Where is the church when it hurts?" If the church is doing its job----binding wounds, comforting the grieving, offering food to the hungry---I don't think people will wonder so much where God is when it hurts. They'll know where God is: in the presence of his people on earth."

Then he reflected on what our nation was taught by 9-11. "We learned that even in a city known for its crusty cynicism, heroes can emerge....We learned that at a time of crisis, we turn to our spiritual roots: the President quoting Psalm 23, the bagpiper piping 'Amazing Grace,' the sanitation workers stopping by their makeshift chapel, the Salvation Army chaplains dispensing grace, the chaplains comforting the grieving loved ones. Thanks to them, we know where God is when it hurts."

See you in church,
Pastor Michael

Music Musings By Mary Stevens Music Coordinator~ First Lutheran

ATTENTION CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR: Ready to start another year? We are ready to welcome you back! Hope you have had a refreshing summer and are ready to come join in the ministry of Christ's love through music once again.

This summer I had the opportunity to attend a seminar on producing a healthy and relaxed sound when singing. I will be incorporating some of the things I learned into the choir rehearsals this year. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! Please consider singing with us this year.

The rehearsal schedule will be the same as last year: Bell choir at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, followed by Choir at 7:45 p.m. Watch for announcements regarding Faithful Flutes and Praise Team rehearsals. NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ALL OF THE MUSIC GROUPS.

DON'T BE BUGGED—COME TO WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 18

BUG YOUR FRIENDS TO COME TO WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 18

DOES THAT CERTAIN PERSON REALLY BUG YOU? COME TO WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 18 TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! REMEMBER THE GRASSHOPPER AND THE ANT? COME HEAR MORE AT WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 18.



Labor in Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 8:11-20

Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that He might humble thee, and that He might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

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I/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.



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WE WANT TO REMEMBER ALL OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO WILL BE TRAVELING AND THOSE WHO ARE NEW TO COLLEGE LIFE. WE PRAY THAT THEY ALL FIND COMFORT AND PEACE IN THEMSELVES AND THEIR STUDIES. WE PRAY THEY ARE GUIDED TO DO WELL IN ALL THEIR COLLEGE ENDEAVORS. WE AT FIRST LUTHERAN WOULD LOVE TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH YOUR COLLEGE STUDENT. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE SO WE MAY INCLUDE THEIR EMAIL ADDRESS INTO OUR ADDRESS BOOK SO THEY MAY RECEIVE THE FIRST NEWS MAILINGS.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

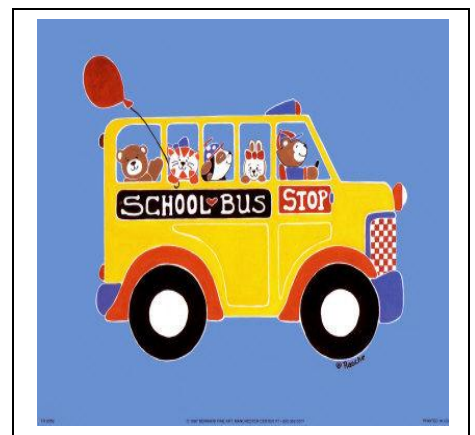
Preschool begins again on Tuesday, September 6th. Our teachers are Katie Motichka, Kami Brady, Emily Korst and Trish Sands. Katie teaches 3 & 4 year olds and the other teachers teach 4 & 5 year olds. We still have a few openings in the afternoon classes for 4 & 5 year olds, so if you, or someone you know is interested, please call the preschool or stop in and get an application. We are looking forward to another great year of preschool.



September 11, 2011 marks the 10th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks on our World Trade Center and all the people who lost their lives. Please keep the families of this horrific tragedy in your prayers.

A Time To Remember

It will take time and energy to be healed from this most tragic community wound. For the families of the victims there will be only grief and despair. For us as a community there can be healing... by helping those who suffer and are in pain.



September 2011

Sept. 5th~~Labor Day~Church Office Closed
 Sept. 7th~~ Confirmation 6:00pm
 Sept. 11th~~ 10th Anniversary of 9-11
 Sunday School 9:45am

*Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted...
 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
 for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for
 they will be shown mercy.... Blessed are the peacemakers,
 For they will be called children of God.*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Men's Bible study 6:30am <i>Women's Bible Study & Lois Circle 1:30pm</i>	2 AA 8pm ALANON 8pm	3
4 Worship 9:30a Coffee Hour 10:30am	5 Pastors Day off ACOA 7pm Labor Day	6 Cluster Text 1:30p Boy Scouts 7pm	7 Staff Meeting 9am Confirmation 6:00pm	8 Men's Bible study 6:30am <i>Women's Bible Study & Lois Circle 1:30pm</i>	9 AA 8pm ALANON 8pm	10 Sat. Sewing 9a-12p
11 Worship 8:30a & 11:00a Coffee Hour 9:45am Sunday School 9:45a	12 Pastors Day off ACOA 7pm	13 Cluster Text 1:30p <i>New Member Class 7pm</i> Boy Scouts 7pm	14 Staff Meeting 9am <i>Care Center 10:30am Eagles 12:00pm</i> <i>Preschool Devotions 11a & 1p</i> Confirmation 6:00pm	15 Men's Bible study 6:30am <i>Women's Bible Study & Lois Circle @ 1:30pm</i> Boards 6:30p Council 7:30pm <i>Caring Friends Meeting 3:00pm</i>	16 AA 8pm ALANON 8pm	17
18 Worship 8:30a & 11:00a Coffee Hour 9:45am Sunday School 9:45a	19 Pastors Day off ACOA 7pm	20 Cluster Text 1:30p Boy Scouts 7pm	21 Staff Meeting 9am Confirmation 6:00pm	22 Men's Bible study 6:30am <i>Women's Bible Study & Lois Circle @ 1:30pm</i>	23 AA 8pm ALANON 8pm	24
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Please note the 9:30am worship services on Sundays will end on Sept. 4th. We will be going back to our regular schedule of 8:30am and 11:00am, with coffee hour at 9:45am.

Confirmation will begin at 6:00pm on Sept. 7th
 Sunday School will begin at 9:45am on Sept. 11th

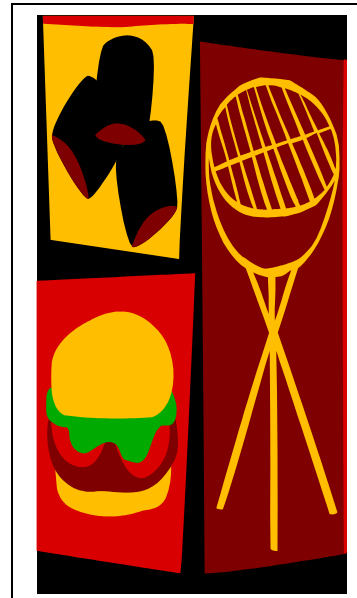
High School Youth Group

We would like to invite all High School Youth and parents to a BBQ to kick off our 2011 Youth Group year, Wednesday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. at Pepin Park. Please join us with open hearts and minds as we gather ideas from youth and parents to make this the youth group you want it to be.

Our regular meeting nights will begin on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the youth room, off the fellowship hall of the church.

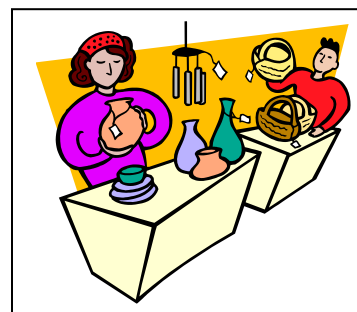
Hope you can join us for the BBQ, Wednesday, August 31st, 6:00 p.m. at Pepin Park.

See you soon,
Chamene & Cliff Plum



High School Youth Group Annual Bazaar November 12, 2011 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church

We will be looking for craft sale items and bake sale items to sell at our Annual Bazaar on November 12. We will be getting together to make lefse too. This is the high school youth group's annual fundraiser to cover expenses for our year and summer activity.



High School Annual Bazaar

Did you have flooding in your home earlier this spring? Many home owners in the Havre area did have some sort of flooding and some had major damage. If you did, there is Disaster Assistance for homeowners, renters and business owners affected by the flooding during the spring of 2011. Apply by phone at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov You will need the following information available when you call:

1. Current contact information
2. Social Security number
3. Current mailing address
4. Address of the damaged property
5. Brief description of damages
6. Insurance information



Michele Hockett would love to hear from members of her home congregation. Her mailing address is **Michele Hockett CKO**
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If you are not on a month for the funeral committee and would like to be on one or you thought you were on one but have not seen your name please call the church office at 265-5881 and we will be happy to get you on a month that fits your schedule.



Prayer Chain Update

Those who are awaiting surgery, hospitalized or recovering: Jasmine Christianson, Adam Borg, Gregg Carlson, Randy Sekora, Kasidee Kane, Gwen Keely, Jean Dudley, Landon Doney, Debbie Dean, Judy Solomon, Karen Sloan, Kristian Honadel, Jim Barnett, Roger Phillip, Nate Christianson

Prayers of thanks and joy: the marriage of Katie Leeds and Nick Scollard on August 6th

Those at home: Dee Heltne, Bill Otto, Carolyn Richardson, Ilert Hellebust, Delores Johnson, Herb Freier, Evelyn Patera, Ruth Meredith

Those who are in living facilities: John Buerkle, Jr., Edna Hess, Mary Meland, Eva Nelson, Muriel Otto

Those who are grieving: The families of Gary Porter, Errol Shulund Dagny Carlson, Ellis Merrifield, Alan Haines

Those Serving In The Military: Chris Shields, U. S. Army-Iraq, Aaron Nolan~AirForce-California, Kohl Bebee U.S. Army-Germany, John Joseph Kane, U.S. Marine Corp-Okinawa, Japan, Teresa Buerkle Army ROTC, Bozeman

Prayers for military unit: 1-163 Infantry Battalion stationed in Iraq

Those Serving In The Peace Corp: Michelle Hockett~ Peace Corp~ Serving in Kazakhstan

If your address has changed or phone number please call the church office so we can update your information. Also, if you would like to start receiving the First News Letters by email please let us know by providing us with your email address. Please call the church office at 265-5881 with your new information.

Please note if you have someone that you would like put on the Prayer Chain to be listed in the bulletin and or First News please call the Church Office at 265-5881 or email 1luthvr@itstriangle.com and so we can be sure to get it in the bulletin and/ or prayer chain.

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**REMEMBER DON'T BE BUGGED COME TO WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 18TH!!!!!!**

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