

# First News

First Lutheran Church  
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October 2011

## Fall Harvest Dinners

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9am - 2pm

Mondays - Fridays

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**Saturday, Oct. 1 - Presbyterian Church Bazaar & Dinner**

- Baked Spuds 'n Toppings, relish trays and pie
- \$7 per person
- 11am to 1:30 pm

**Sunday, Oct. 2 - Turner American Lutheran Church**

- Roast Turkey w/ all the trimmings
- Adults - \$8 Children - \$4 Preschool - free
- Noon to 2pm

**Sunday, Oct. 9 - St. Jude's Harvest Dinner**

- Turkey Dinner, coleslaw & pie
- Adults - \$8 Children (3-10) -\$3
- 11:30am - 4pm

**Sunday, Oct. 16 - Van Orsdel Methodist Harvest Dinner**

- Roast Beef w all the trimmings & dessert
- \$10 per person \$25 per family 5 and under free
- Pie & Beverage only \$3
- Noon - 4pm

**Sunday Oct. 30 - First Lutheran Church Harvest Dinner**

- Potluck
- Noon
- Meet & Greet Margie Fiedler, the new FLBC Director

**Our Mission:**

**In Faith  
 Sharing God's Love:  
 In Kindness  
 Serving All.**



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||| **NORTHERN ROCKIES INSTITUTE** |||

||| **OF THEOLOGY** |||

||| **Paul and Mark in a New Key** |||

||| With Dr. Jim Aageson |||

||| Tuesday, October 25, 2011 |||

||| First Lutheran Church |||

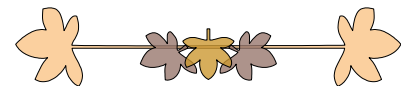
||| 9am to 3pm (lunch 12pm-1pm) |||

||| Cost: \$75 for Clergy |||

||| \$60 for New to Ministry, LPA, & Lay |||

||| Register Online at: www.nrit.org |||

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**Partners  
 In Ministry**

**Welcome  
 Kremlin Lutheran  
 and  
 Goldstone Lutheran**

(see Pastor's Column for  
 more information)



Pastor Brad Ulgenes

# PASTOR'S COLUMN

## A New Mission Partnership & Cheap Grace

I am excited about the possibility of a new mission partnership with the Lutheran Churches in Kremlin and Goldstone. We have an opportunity to help our sister congregation by sharing our Pastors , and these churches in turn will help us with some much needed financial support. But this partnership is not without cost. First Lutheran will be basically sharing one half of our Pastor's time, especially on Sunday mornings, and members of the congregations will have to "step up" to help with ministry duties.

The church has always been called to sacrifice and take up the cross. Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer , Lutheran martyr in Germany, eloquently teaches about this when he talks about the difference between "cheap grace" and "costly grace." Here's what I found on Wikipedia about his views:

*"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline. Communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ."*

*Or, even more clearly, it is to hear the gospel preached as follows: "Of course you have sinned, but now everything is forgiven, so you can stay as you are and enjoy the consolations of forgiveness." The main defect of such a proclamation is that it contains no demand for discipleship. In contrast to this is costly grace:*

*"costly grace confronts us as a gracious call to follow Jesus, it comes as a word of forgiveness to the broken spirit and the contrite heart. It is costly because it compels a man to submit to the yoke of Christ and follow him; it is grace because Jesus says: "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

*Bonhoeffer argues that as Christianity spread, the Church became more "secularised", accommodating the demands of obedience to Jesus to the requirements of society. In this way, "the world was Christianised, and grace became its common property." But the hazard of this was that the gospel was cheapened, and obedience to the living Christ was gradually lost beneath formula and ritual, so that in the end, grace could literally be sold for monetary gain.*

Yes, grace is free, but it comes with a cost. Bonhoeffer's words causes us to reflect on our own discipleship as we pick up our cross and follow Jesus.

In His grace,  
Pastor Brad Ulgenes



### Congregation Votes to Partner with Kremlin & Goldstone

On Sunday, September 25, at a special congregational meeting, the congregation voted to partner with Kremlin Lutheran and Goldstone Lutheran Parishes. This partnership involves sharing our pastors and their services and will also include some secretarial duties. Either Pastor Mike or Pastor Brad will be preaching at Kremlin Lutheran at 8:30am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and at Goldstone Lutheran at 11:00am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We are excited to share in ministry with our hi-line neighbors.



# Music Musings

By Mary Stevens, Music Coordinator

Marsilio Ficino (1433-1499), a Catholic priest, medical doctor, astrologer, and philosopher of the Renaissance era, wrote in a letter to a friend, “Do not be surprised if we mix medicine and the lyre with the study of theology. You must remember that the body and spirit in us are joined to the soul. The body is cured with the remedies of medicine. But the spirit which is airy, ....tempers and heals the vapor of the blood with air, odors, music, and songs.” (Quoted from the book Good Vibrations by Sarajane Williams.)

There is a big difference between curing and healing. “Curing” is alleviating a physical affliction, usually through medical means. “Healing” is much more broad. It involves alleviating emotional, mental, and spiritual distress caused either by an affliction or by an event. It is possible for healing to occur without experiencing a cure. Whether a cure can be experienced without healing is questionable.

It is theorized that the body stores an experience as vibrational energy in brain and body tissues. When that energy is touched by a matching frequency, the experience is re-lived. This is what happens whenever a sound or that “one certain song” is heard and a potent memory is recalled as if it just happened. The process of healing touches those memories, soothes them, and makes them bearable, producing a state of peace.

If a person’s physical condition is “cured” without being “healed”, that negative vibrational energy remains stored in the body and can be re-triggered with the right stimulation. When that happens, the physical condition may return, creating the need to be “cured” again.

True and complete healing requires treating the entire person—the body, the mind, and the spirit. That’s why we need the Great Physician who can provide our “healing” even as the medical community works toward providing physical “curing”.

If you are in need of healing, consult the medical world, but remember to also seek the healing that the medical profession cannot provide—the healing of the soul and spirit.

“Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.”



## FIRST LUTHERAN RADIO SPONSORSHIP

*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.*

\_\_\_ \$175 for one Sunday  
\_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_ \$87.50 for 1/2 Sunday  
\_\_\_ This is a monthly commitment



Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_/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.

# YOUTH NEWS

High School Youth Group meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the Youth Room. We will plan outside activities and will let the youth know when those will be. All HS Youth are invited to attend our meetings/activities and welcome to bring a friend as well. We just ask for all present to be respectful of each other at all times.

Thank you to all youth for attending the BBQ on Sept. 14th. Thank you for bringing desserts to share. We started the buddy system, where one new youth were paired up with an experienced youth, in order to keep youth informed and involved. We will continue to assign buddies throughout the year.

We have a DVD program we will use for prayer and discussions throughout the year. We are continually planning our year and look forward to input from youth, so please attend the meetings.

The Annual Fall Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 12th -- this is our HS Youth fundraiser to make our group self-funded in the church. We will have a parents meeting to organize the Bazaar on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:15 pm. Please plan to attend. We ask parents and youth to be involved in our fund raising efforts.

Thank you,  
Chamene & Cliff Plum  
Youth Leaders

## Sunday School

**Sunday Mornings**  
**9:45am - 10:45am**  
No Sunday School on October 23  
(MEA weekend)

- **Our Super Trio (Superintendents):**
  - Lee Christianson
  - Julee Christian
  - Brooke Donovan
- **Our Teachers:**
  - Preschool & K - Holly Christianson  
- Sheree Leo
  - 1st & 2nd - Donna Mangold  
- Halley O'Leary
  - 2nd & 3rd - Carla Boucher  
- Jane Warp
  - 5th & 6th - Tammie Barkus
  - 7th & 8th - Helen Hill

*The Sunday School year is off to a great start with a new curriculum from Group. It is never too late to join us!*

### **High School Youth Group Annual Fall 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 also be getting together to make lefse. This is the high school youth group's annual fundraiser to cover expenses for our year and summer activity.

### **First Communion & Bibles**

The 3rd Graders will receive their First Communion & Bibles  
On November 20

#### **Note:**

First Communion Classes will be held on November 6th and 13th from 3pm to 5pm



# HAVE YOU Heard?

From Michele Hockett who is currently serving in the Peace Corps in Kazakhstan:

"...I'm so thankful that people are keeping me in their thoughts and prayers, and following my service here... Things here are going really well. I started teaching about a week ago, and I'm quickly coming up to my 6 month-iversary for my arrival in Kazakhstan. I can't believe I've been here for 6 months already! Time seems like it's going by very quickly, although the thought of 21 months here is still pretty daunting. Hopefully, my family will be coming over to visit next summer, and that will help with my homesickness! I have a wonderful host family here with 3 little sisters (14, 7, and 4 years old), and I'm teaching in grades 4, 5, 6, and 8. I love my little sisters and my students very much, and they always make my days bright. I'll be starting up some leadership and volunteerism clubs in October, and next summer I'm planning to run a young women's leadership/healthy lifestyles camp in the city near my village. I'm finally finding the niches where I can use my gifts and talents in a way that will benefit my students and the people in my community! My language is getting better all the time, because I'm constantly speaking with the teachers at my school, my host family, and my friends in the community and practicing my Kazakh. The only people who speak English in my village are the English teachers at my school., so I only speak English when I'm teaching or lesson planning with them. I haven't started dreaming in Kazakh yet, but when I do I'll take that as a sure sign of successful integration!..."

*Note: The address for Michelle was incorrect in the September newsletter. It needs to be written using the Cyrillic alphabet. If you would like to send Michele a letter or card, contact her parents regarding the best way to do this.*

Kara Holmquist, a former "hi-liner", has received a call to Monroe, Washington. She is to be ordained at St. John's Lutheran Church in Helena, Montana.

*Stacey Siebrasse is interning at Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church in Hermiston, OR. For more information log onto her blog site listed below.*

*Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp has a new Executive Director! Come and meet Margie Fiedler on October 30. She will be preaching at First Lutheran with our Harvest Dinner to follow.*

## Check out the Blogs...

**Bradn Buerkle** - our missionary in Siberia  
[russiancorrespondent.blogspot.com](http://russiancorrespondent.blogspot.com)

**Stacey Siebrasse** - is interning in Hermiston, OR  
<http://soyluterana.blogspot.com/>

**Michelle Hockett** - in the Peace Corp in Kazakhstan  
[www.landofstan.blogspot.com](http://www.landofstan.blogspot.com)

From Bradn Buerkle, our missionary in Siberia:

I made it here to my new call in Siberia on Sept 2.... today I'm writing congregations to let them know that they can find at least weekly updates about my life in Siberia there (on his blog listed above). I'm afraid that at first my church-related news will be fairly minimal since the congregation is small and it will take some time for them to open up to me. That said, I will have a church-related post later this week. Hopefully with the blog entries I'll at least be able to create an impression of the context in which I am serving. I also thought that congregations might find it useful if I were to gather a few stories together (in edited form) every month or two in a newsletter form, so I'll send you that in early October. As always, feel free to ask any questions or share any ideas you might have.

**October Funeral Committee**  
**Chairperson - Karen Sloan 265-6091**

Jan Mari Anderson & Scott Hanson	265-6224
Wes & Stacey Anderson	265-2341
Matt & Kevann Campbell	265-1075
Gerhard & Joanne Drake	265-8551
Rick & Pam Harada	265-7009
Tim & Tana Hedges	265-1108
Cathy Huston	265-8739
Bob & Edna Kuhn	265-5300
Cheryl Kuka	265-6285
Doug & Lorraine Larson	265-8796
Mike & ShirLee Perrodin	265-7816
Stuart & Georgene Small	265-4075
Judy Solomon	265-7029

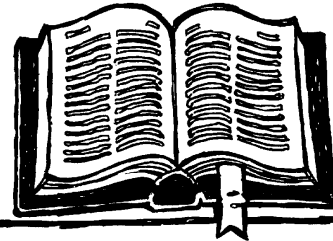


# Bible Study

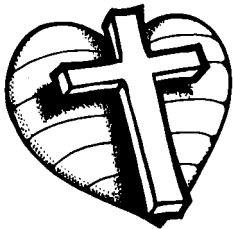
**Men's Bible Study**  
**Thursdays at 6:30am**

**Women's Bible Study and Lois Circle**  
**Thursdays at 1:30pm**

**Come Join Us!**



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. We will be happy to get you on a month that fits your schedule.



**"Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for His answers."** *Philippians 4:6*

## Prayer Chain

**Those who are awaiting surgery, hospitalized or recovering:** *Matt Schnittgen, Dave Filius, John Malley, Eva Ellis, Debbie Dean, Michael Gopher, Kermit Boyum, Kathy Havshault, Jasmine Christianson, Adam Borg, Kasidee Kane, Gwen Keely, Jean Dudley, Landon Doney, Karen Sloan, Jim Barnett*

**Those at home:** *Dee Heltne, Bill Otto, Carolyn Richardson, Delores Johnson, Herb Freier, Evelyn Patera, Ruth Meredith, Roger Phillippi*

**Those who are in living facilities:** *John Buerkle, Jr., Edna Hess, Mary Meland, Muriel Otto, Ilert Hellebust*

**Those who are grieving:** *The families of Eva Nelson, Randy Sekora, Earl Nelson, J.D. Griggs, 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*

**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](mailto:1luthvr@itstriangle.com) and so we can be sure to get it in the bulletin and/ or prayer chain.



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*In faith sharing God's love,  
In kindness serving all.*

**Bible Camp  
Fundraiser Meeting**  
(For Parents)  
Sunday, October 2  
9:45 am  
Fireside Room

We want your ideas  
and input!



**Confirmation Retreat**

At Rocky Boy  
Sunday, October 9  
2:30pm - 7:00pm  
Come for fun, food &  
fellowship

