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From the Pastor

Where were you when you heard the news? Remember? Ten years ago a far-away event was brought close to us all and from the moment we heard the news and saw it on TV, we were changed. In the tragedy of September 11, 2001 we witnessed history being made. In September we will be reminded again and again of that day and the jolt it caused to our souls and our sense of security.

Often, tragedies like this can form our view of the whole of history; one event becoming the mould for everything after it. While we may say that we are mostly an optimistic people, since that day ten years ago we are less trusting, less open, more suspicious and dour than we used to be. The changes caused by fear are often hidden just behind the surface of a sunny demeanor.

The events of 9/11 are only one of many tragedies from the past that compete in our souls to drive us into a continual state of despair. So far, it's succeeding pretty well. The world lurches from one bit of bad news to the next as it falls farther into fear. We all want it to stop, but we don't know how. Into this mentality I would like to add one more historical event to ponder: the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth.

When it took place, the event of the cross appeared to be one more example of the destruction of hope. The powers of might and wealth had once again driven justice and peace into the grave. But that is where the similarities end. The grieving disciples go the grave to weep and remember 'what might have been' and are greeted by 'angels' who ask them a question most important to us, today: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" In language more appropriate for us today, they might say, "How long will you look back? The hope you're seeking is ahead of you!"

If we take the death of Jesus as the true turning point of human history, then we must take it seriously in times exactly like this one. Hope is forever being threatened by hatred and death, but in the cross of Jesus we can trust that it does not succumb. We can go looking to the past for answers to our questions, but ultimately the answers always lie ahead of us and not behind us. We live for the next thing God is doing.

So this month as you watch the events of a decade ago replayed over and over, I ask that you remember the cross and the empty tomb and ask yourself, "What am I seeking, a past or a future?" The risen Jesus calls to us all, "I'm out here just ahead of you! Come follow me into the future."

Pastor David Folkerts



WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 4

12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship -

with Holy Communion

No Forum today

SEPTEMBER 11

13th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Worship

Parish Nurse here today

10:30 am Adult Forum -

“Pastor’s Corner” - held in the
Community Room

SEPTEMBER 18

14th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Worship - with Holy Com-
munion

9:15 am Worship -

with Holy Communion

10:30 am - No Forum -

Cinnamon Roll Fellowship

SEPTEMBER 25

15th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am Worship

9:15 am Worship

10:30 am - Adult Forum --

The Youth will be talking about
their mission trip and Camp Wapo.

Please note: The Sunday
worship schedule changes
on September 11th
to **8:00am & 9:15am.**

Sunday School classes for our
children begin in the worship
service and then continue in
classrooms following the
children’s message.

Parents may pick up the students
in fellowship hall
following worship.

Dresses For Africa



There is a small group of
ladies here at First Lutheran
who have been busy sewing
dresses for children in Africa.

They have combined their talents and created a wonderful assortment of
colorful dresses in many different sizes to accommodate more of the
children there. Pictured here is Ardis Brandt, a member here at First
Lutheran, who has sewn over 100 dresses.

So far, Nancy Nordstrom, Donna Gass, Ardis Brandt and Karen
Hogenson have completed close to 150 dresses. They will be delivered
to Beaver Dam, Wisconsin in early September to begin their journey to
Africa.

Facilities Update

There were some updates made at FLCC recently.

The Property Team had additional lights put into the Sanctuary to
“brighten it up” which meant that the pews needed to be moved out.
There were over 30 volunteers including local boy scouts here to assist
with moving of the pews after services. They had the entire sanctuary
empty in just a couple of hours.

Beginning on Monday, July 25th, an electrician (using a lift device)
installed the lights and had the entire sanctuary completed by the end of
the week. Before putting the pews back in place, the sanctuary floor was
stripped, re-waxed and left to dry for a few days. The Property Team
also moved the sound board to the balcony. It was very busy for a
couple of weeks around here.

During the project, we were unable to be in the Sanctuary, so we all
gathered in the fellowship hall to worship for two Sundays. On August
8th and 9th, the pews were cleaned by a group of volunteers and put
back in the sanctuary. We were back in the sanctuary for the August
14th worship service.

The next project that the Property Team has coming up is the
refurbishing of the exterior sanctuary doors. They will be a lot easier to
open when the project is completed.

A special thank-you to all the people who volunteered to help us get this
lighting and flooring project
completed in a timely fashion!



BONFIRE MINISTRY UPDATE:

Confirmation!

The unique collaboration of First Lutheran, House of Hope Lutheran, and St. James Lutheran continues to grow and expand our ministry to the surrounding community.

Confirmation classes now join the list of ministries the three churches offer in common.

Class days and times remain the same, Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Classes will begin at the St. James site on Wednesday, September 7th with Pastor Jill Bergman of St. James acting as primary coordinator of the ministry.

Pastors from all three churches will participate in the program in various roles over the course of the fall.

Students from FLC/C will have time with Pastor Folkerts each month.

Programming will continue monthly 'First Wednesdays' that include field trips, concerts, and service projects with the students from six area ELCA confirmation programs.

Weekly music ministry will continue as part of the classes.

Parents of students in 6th through 8th grade should call Pastor Dave with any questions.

Weekend Kid's Snack Pack Project!

Bonfire is proud to sponsor a project in cooperation with area schools to supply weekend snacks to area school children who are economically challenged. Please see the brochure in this month's newsletter. We thank Pastor Lechelt from St. James and Melodie Hanson, a Bonfire Council member for spearheading this new ministry.

Parish Nurse

The Bonfire Health and Wellness Team is in the process of establishing a respite program for caregivers and care recipients. The team has established a caregiver support group that, when the respite program is established, will meet the mornings on the respite days. For now, the caregiver support groups will meet the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 10:00am to 12:00pm, until the respite program is established. On August 23rd, the support group reviewed a DVD program called, "The Grit and Grace of the Caregiver". This program has seven parts so one part will be discussed on the next seven meetings. All caregivers are welcome.

In preparation for the respite program, the Bonfire Health and Wellness Team is seeking someone who is willing to assist the parish nurse in the day-to-day operations of the respite program. These duties will include, but are not limited to, assist with the preparation and interviews of all prospective volunteers, coordinate volunteer training, coordinate respite schedules, and coordinate volunteer schedules. This position will receive a small stipend.

The Bonfire Health and Wellness Team is looking for volunteers to help with the Bonfire Respite Program. It will be called, "The Gathering Place". We will need volunteers to assist with lunch planning and preparation, an activities organizer, and volunteers who are willing to assist care recipients in participating in program activities.

Your Bonfire Council Representatives are:

Todd Jackson, John Swartchick, and Pastor Dave.

We encourage you bring your questions and great ideas to them for future Bonfire Council meetings.

The Bonfire Council is made up of one clergy and two lay-members of each of the three collaborating congregations. Bonfire Council meetings take place monthly with meeting sites revolving between the three church sites.

Please check the monthly calendar for the next date and place or call the church office for more details.

September 11th is "Home-coming Sunday"!

It's time to come back to church!

Whether you've been away for the summer or been away for years,
it's time to come back to church.

On Sunday, September 11th members and friends of First Lutheran
will be gathering for worship and education at 8:00 am & 9:15am.

Sunday school children will begin the 9:15 am worship hour with us
before heading off to class after the children's message.

Adult Forums will begin at about 10:30am immediately following the morning worship.

This new schedule promotes community and strength of programming
and enhances the worship experience for all.

We hope you'll come back to church and experience the power
of the message of Jesus among friends new and old.

It's time to come home; time to come back to church.

SENIOR MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS



This month, the Senior Ministry Team will be hosting a potluck.
It will be on Wednesday, September 14th at 11:30 a.m.

in the Fellowship Hall here at First Lutheran.

Please bring your favorite hot dish, salad or dessert to share.

Entertainment by Jim Berner who sings, plays songs
and tells stories of Music Legends.

A free-will offering will be taken.

Next month there will be a potluck hosted by House Of Hope Lutheran Church.

The guest speaker will be Ray Quinn from the American Association of Wartime Veterans.

More information about this event will be in next month's newsletter.

CHOIR NEWS

Choir rehearsals will resume on Monday evenings
beginning on September 12th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

If you would like to join the choir, please come to the
rehearsal and speak with our Choir Director, Jerry Bursch.



**Choir Rehearsals
Resume**

YOUTH NEWS



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study

There will be a weekly Youth Bible Study beginning on Sunday, September 11th following the worship service in the Youth Room. Senior High youth and friends are welcome to attend.

The Youth will be presenters at the Adult Forum on Sunday, September 25th. They will be talking about their recent mission trip to Bayou La Batre, Alabama as well as Camp Wapo.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Back to Sunday School Celebration!

Date: Sunday, **Sept. 11**

Time: Church service at **9:15**

After the children's sermon, we will take the children downstairs for:

Fun! Games! Art! Music! Food!

See your friends and meet your teachers!

The First Sunday School program welcomes all children from

preschool (age 3-4) through grade 5.

We invite your kids to join us each Sunday during the 9:15 service.

Learn about God's love in a caring environment in which each child's unique characteristics are valued as we grow together in our faith.

Questions?

Please contact co-superintendents
Carrie Adams 763-536-0762 or
Jennifer Hernandez 763-504-9375.

STUDY AND BUDDY GET TOGETHER

Study and Buddy,
a men's bible study,
will begin on
Tuesday, September 6,
in the Conference Room,
at 10:00 a.m.

We get together
to discuss the Gospel lessons
and the sermon
from the previous Sunday.
Also, guys bring their
life experiences and
their Christian perspectives
to the discussions.

We hope that men
who have not come to it
previously will join us.
We would enjoy their
company and participation.

You can contact
Dave Larsen
at 763-537-4110
or the church office
for more information.



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Crystal provides an
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Interpreter upon request.
For more information, please
contact the church office.

FLCW NEWS

Grace and peace to you all.

It is hard to believe it is time to write for September! The rummage sale is past and was a huge success, for us and for you who were able to take advantage of the opportunity. We are still open to donations of money to supplement what we made on the sale for the Wapo Scholarship Fund and for the FLCW Fund.



Now we move on to the Women's Fall Kick-Off. It will be on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m. with a video and dessert. There will be no ticket sales and no guest speaker, just us. Come and have fun. We will take a free-will offering for bed nets for malaria control.

It is time to purchase supplies for school kits. The list is in the narthex (the entrance hall to the church) near the elevator in the tract rack. We have two plastic, wheeled, drawer units to collect our donations in the Community Room. They were in the corner by the NEAR Foodshelf collection bin but we moved them to the Community Room to reduce the amount of clutter near the elevator.

Speaking of NEAR, Jan Monroe told us that they have received a donation of an exhaust fan for the food shelf warehouse. It is very hot in the warehouse and they plan to purchase more fans at a reduced rate to make it more bearable.

NEAR is in the "school supply collection mode" and doing very well. Jan goes out after school starts and makes deals on backpacks for the kids. If you would like to make a monetary donation for the backpacks, please send your checks to NEAR by the first week of September and mark "school bags" in the memo line.

Saturday, September 17th is the Women's Annual Gathering at Nativity Lutheran, 3312 Silver Lake Road NE. It is from 8:00am – 4:30pm. The cost is \$40 if you register before Sept. 15th. The theme is "We RENEW our call to inclusivity".

Let me know if you are interested in going. I can be reached at 763-535-2797.

In His service,

Jackie Mortenson

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Summer Worship Time

Sunday 9:30 am
Fellowship time..... 10:45 am

Our Mission Statement

We are called to awaken the Spirit of Christ...

In ourselves,
through a commitment to a life of learning, worship, and prayer.

In our community,
by dedication to the renewal of our family, our neighbors, and the disenfranchised, by the practice of our faith through acts of justice, mercy, and kindness.

In our world,
by nurture of compassionate partnership with diverse cultures to strengthen our common faith, for the enrichment of all people in Christ Jesus.

September Birthdays

Grace Harr	9/1	Jason Whelan	9/14
Corrine Robbins	9/1	Andrew Swartchick	9/14
Dylan Seifert	9/1	Othello Somwarbi Jr	9/14
Cathy Beltz	9/3	Yasseh Harris	9/15
Angela Stanton	9/4	Sylvia Fredenburg	9/16
Joseph Harris	9/5	Helen Engelstad	9/16
Robert Larson	9/6	Susan Paulson	9/17
Bryce Adams	9/6	Sizi Goyah	9/18
Charlene Taitt	9/7	Mildred Brown	9/20
Julie Heineman	9/7	Wanda Sanvik	9/21
Alexander Sanderson	9/7	Nicholas Fridgen	9/21
Kenneth Howe	9/8	Joe Harris	9/22
Claude Anderson	9/9	Michael Sullivan	9/24
Andrea Dohanick	9/9	Patricia Beltz	9/25
Samantha Gildemeister	9/9	Darrel Bjorge	9/25
Wendy Schissel	9/10	Marjorie Olson	9/26
Lois Burfeind	9/11	Luverne Gareis	9/27
Jessica Alexander	9/12	Russel Potter	9/28
Dorothy Mensch	9/13	Veronica Christensen	9/29
Todd Jackson	9/13	Stanley Sowl	9/30
Tootie Anderson	9/14	Adam Swartwood	9/30

September, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Worship	29 5:30 PM Executive Team 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM S. O. S. 7:00 PM A. A. 7:00 PM Space Planning Meeting	30 9:00 AM Parish Nurse 6:30 PM Bonfire Council Meeting	31 9:30 AM Senior Ministry Steering Committee 1:00 PM O. A. 6:30 PM Confirmation Orientation	1	2 4:30 PM Private Baptisms 5:00 PM SDA	3 9:00 AM SDA
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11 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Worship 9:30 AM Parish Nurse Here 10:30 AM Adult Forum - "Pastor's Corner" 5:00 PM Pastor Brian Mungandi Meeting	12 1:00 PM Esther Circle 1:00 PM MBS with Linda Ras-mussen 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM S. O. S. 7:00 PM A. A. 7:00 PM Choir Practice	13 9:00 AM Parish Nurse 10:00 AM Study Buddy 1:00 PM Rebecca Circle 7:00 PM Faith First Men's Ensemble	14 11:30 AM Senior Ministry Potluck Luncheon 1:00 PM O. A. 6:00 PM Council Meeting	15 9:30 AM THUMBS	16 5:00 PM SDA 5:30 PM Bible Study	17 8:00 AM Women's Annual Gathering 9:00 AM SDA
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