

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# PROGRESS

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*A Monthly Newsletter of First Lutheran Church · Janesville, WI*

## Because I Could Not Stop for Death

I've always appreciated the irony of Emily's Dickinson's poetry about death; and most of her poetry was about death. One of her best lines is "Because I could not stop for death, he *kindly* stopped for me." (Italics mine) Most of us think of death's final call for us as anything but kindly. We are more likely to talk about cruel death.

Lest you think that I have fallen into a dark and morbid state of mind, I am bringing up Dickinson's poem not as a reminder that we are all going to die, but as an encouragement to not forget to live. Particularly in the summer, many of us will have our best opportunities to get outside and drink in God's creation. For those with families and small kids it is a time to play together and reconnect after the harried pace of the school year.



The recent Air France disaster can also serve as a reminder of the fragility and fickleness of life. You may have read about Johanna Gathaler from Italy. She was one of the lucky ones. She was supposed to be on that doomed flight but missed her connection. It seemed that death forgot to stop for her – but only temporarily. A week after she returned home to Italy she was killed in a car accident. Death, it seems, will not be denied.

Even this tragic story need not cast a pall over our spirits. As Christians, the message of Jesus Christ's resurrection proclaims God's triumph over death. As Paul writes triumphantly, "Oh death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting." Even when tragedies, whether they be on the international news, next door, or in our own lives, cannot rob us of the joy we receive when we live in Christ Jesus.

So! What are you going to do this summer? My suggestion is LIVE! Live life fully and joyfully. Live life lovingly with all the people whom God has blessed your life. Savor each moment whether at work or at play. Pray constantly and worship regularly. Let all your songs be songs of thanksgiving and praise. Most of all, live without fear of that black carriage that is always circling the block. If I live this life lustily and anticipate eternity with hope, one day death may *kindly* stop for me.

In Christ,  
Pastor Jim Melvin

I don't know about you but I learn quite a bit about myself by reading. I read a wide variety of things, usually having at least two books going at the same time. I always have piles of books ready for my eyes to move across the words and pages waiting for me to finish the current book I am reading. I have been a reader since I was able to check books out of the school library. I love the feel of the weight of the book in my hands. (Yes, I will be one of the hold-outs to purchase a Kindle.) I crave the ways a book can take me someplace I haven't been before. I am in wonder of the creative ways an author is able to use language. I admire how an author's perspective can challenge and influence how I think or feel.

What are you reading these long summer days? I try every summer to have a more focused reading list. So, this summer my reading is tending toward the books which speak to what I will call "the wilderness wanderings" of faith and life. I am reading about individuals who have struggled with their faith because of life's circumstances or for one reason or another have found themselves questioning their faith.

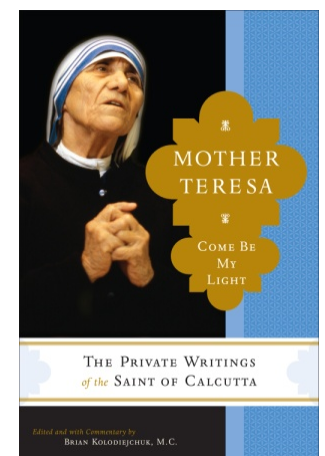
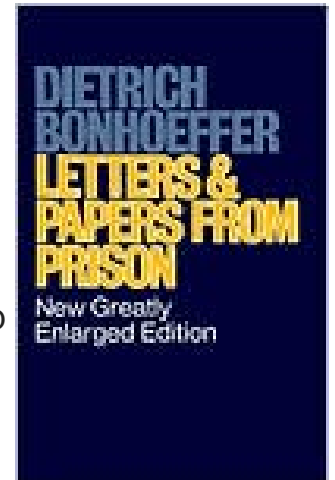
My reading list includes:

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| <i>The Spiral Staircase</i>  | Karen Armstrong   |
| <i>Letters and Prayers from Prison</i>   | Dietrich Bonhoeffer   |
| <i>Secrets in the Dark: A Life in Sermons</i>                                  | Frederick Buechner  |
| <i>In Search of Belief</i>   | Joan Chittister   |
| <i>Credo</i>   | William Sloane Coffin                                       |
| <i>Seminary Boy</i>  | John Cornwell   |
| <i>Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust</i>              | Immaculee Ilibagiza   |
| <i>In Our Own Voices: Four Centuries of American Women's Religious Writing</i> | Rosemary Skinner Keller & Rosemary Radford Ruether, Editors |
| <i>Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light</i>   | Brian Kolodiejchuk  |
| <i>Under the Tree of Life</i>  | Gail Ramshaw  |
| <i>Waiting for God</i>   | Simone Weil   |

These titles will be added to the others in the same genre I have already read. And, I am sure I am missing some very good books which would add depth and breadth to my list.

So, what are you reading? Do you have some suggestions for me? Or maybe you would like to read some of these and have a conversation about what you have read. Let's talk.

See you in church,  
Pastor Naomi



## From the Congregational President

### **WITNESS? NOT ME!!!**

When asked to bear witness to Christ, the majority of us lay people run for cover. We immediately picture ourselves knocking on doors or standing on a street corner with a sign quoting a Bible verse or in some manner placing ourselves in an uncomfortable position related to exposing our Christian faith. Reaching out to tell the story of our faith is just not comfortable for most of us. It is tough to hold a conversation with anyone, much less a stranger, regarding our religious beliefs. There are however some people that have no inhibition about sharing their religious faith with others in a most unabashed manner. I readily admit that I am not one of them. But, God bless those who can.

The stereotype witness activity may not resonate with most of us. So, consider the fact that witness takes on many forms. For instance:

- Do you sing in the church choir?
- Do you attend church regularly?
- Do you bring your children to Sunday School?
- Do you teach Sunday School?
- Are you a member of the Church Council?
- Do you serve on the Altar Guild?

If you are active in any of these or other church activities, I have news for you. You are a witness. And witness need not stop at the doors of First Lutheran Church. Reaching out beyond the boundaries of our church and even community you can take your witness to yet another level. For instance:

- Do you volunteer at the hospital?
- Have you worked a Habitat For Humanity project?
- Have you worked at a food pantry?
- Do you work with troubled youth or adults?
- Do you work with the homeless?
- Do you sponsor a child in some third world country?
- Do you wear a cross necklace or lapel button?

Witness activities, all of them. Any of these efforts, and many others, reach out and tell the story of God's love in a most demonstrative fashion. Here at First Lutheran we are blessed to have a large number of people who bear witness to their faith in numerous ways. If you are one of these people you may not have thought of your activities as witness.

Want to try out being a witness now that you know it can be relatively painless? Here is an opportunity. First Lutheran Church in Janesville has an outstanding program for youth. And, it does not take a summer vacation. In fact it rolls in to high gear August 10-13 with the Vacation Bible School, Day Camp and Day Camp Plus. If your children are attending, have them invite some of their friends or neighborhood children to take part with them. If you are a grandparent with grandchildren living outside of Janesville, have them spend a week with grandma and grandpa and attend our summer school. Invite the kids next door to you. Drive them there if necessary. The kids will love it and in turn become a witness themselves. Check it out on our website at [www.flcj.org](http://www.flcj.org).

Frank E. Liston, Executive Board President

# Synod Assembly



*And God said that it was...*  
South-Central Synod of Wisconsin  
Assembly 2009  
June 6-7  
Kalahari Resort & Conference Center  
Wisconsin Dells

The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin meets annually at a Synod Assembly to engage in the business of our church and to learn what ministry and mission we do together with the 149 congregations and 109,000 members.

The Synod Assembly had a welcoming and respectful tone with Bishop Bruce Burnside presiding. The agenda moved along but did feel over-packed. We worship twice, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. There were a number of workshops both Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. A highlight was Saturday's evening's entertainment by the St. Luke's Bottle Band.

## Voting members

128 Clergy  
106 Lay Male  
134 Lay Female  
368 Voting Members  
59 Guests

1 Lay Female and 1 Clergy from First Lutheran

## Resolutions

Resolution #1 Memorial for further action regarding ELCA Board of Pensions and Domestic Partners

pertains to staff who receive benefits from ELCA Board of Pensions to be able to "unbundle" health insurance from other benefits when covered by a domestic partner's health insurance  
resolution is to memorialize the Churchwide Assembly  
resolution passed

Resolution #2 was sent in error, was the background information for Resolution #1

Resolution #3 Growing in the Use of the Means of Grace at our Lord's Supper primarily regarding the Use of the Means of Grace to encourage congregations to have weekly communion and welcome all ages to the table  
resolution passed

Resolution #4 Memorial concerning human sexuality from the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly  
resolution was divided into two parts  
part one was to adopt the Social Statement on Human Sexuality  
part one passed

## Synod Assembly

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part two was to adopt the four parts of the proposed Recommendation on Ministry Policies  
part two passed

Resolution #5 Grace Matters-It really does! A memorial to 2009 Churchwide Assembly asking for a one year extension for Grace Matters (formerly known as Lutheran Vespers) radio program  
resolution passed

Resolution #6 Memorial concerning requirements for a super-majority to change ministry policies regarding the Rules of Procedure for the 2009 Churchwide Assembly to adopt a two-thirds majority for changes in ministry practices rather than the simple majority adopted by the ELCA Church Council  
resolution failed

Resolution #7 "God Says It Is Good Sunday"

each congregation of the synod would have a "God Says It Is Good Sunday" (perhaps Reformation Sunday) designated solely for mission of ELCA Churchwide office with a goal of \$1 per baptized member  
resolution passed

### **Budget 2009-2010**

The proposed budget is \$122,450 lower than 2008-2009 with campus ministry budget being lowered by \$18,000 and Lutheran Planned Giving of WI being eliminated (\$5000). The Congregational Mission Support is anticipated to be \$161,000 lower thus lowering the amount sent on to ELCA Churchwide ministries by \$143,050 (this amount based on a percentage of the total income 55% versus 58%).

Budget passed as proposed.

### **Elections**

Elected two Clergy to Synod Council

Elected one Lay Female to Synod Council

Elected two Lay Males to Synod Council

Elected representatives to the Consultation Committee and Discipline Committee

### **Other things**

There was a collection of health and mid-wife kits for Lutheran World Federation (brought over fifteen from First Lutheran).

The 2010 Synod Assembly will be at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center on June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. The number of voting members from each congregation is based upon the congregational membership. First Lutheran is allocated five voting members (2 male, 2 female, 1 either male or female) in addition to the pastoral staff.

Prayerfully consider how you will engage in the mission and ministry we do together as the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin.

# GOD'S HEALING TOUCH

On the 5<sup>th</sup> weekend of each month (with 5 weekends) not only will we be having Holy Communion, but we will receive another sign of God's gracious love- HEALING. In order to prepare for such a gift, I thought it would be good for me to write to you about Christian Healing.

Christian healing involves the totality of our being- body, mind, emotion, spirit and our social context- all directing us toward becoming the person God is calling us to be at every moment of our living and our dying. Whenever we are truly open to God, some kind of healing takes place, because God yearns to bring us from death to life, from brokenness to wholeness. Through prayer and the laying on of hands, through confession, anointing, communion and other means of grace, Jesus meets us in our pain and loneliness, and there loves, transforms, forgives, redeems, resurrects, and heals us. Jesus does this in God's way, in God's time, and according to God's loving purpose for each of us.

Because the Holy Spirit is continually at work in each of us, pushing us toward wholeness, the process is like removing sticks and leaves from a stream until the water runs clear. If we simply get out of the way of the Lord's work in us, we can trust that we are being led to the wholeness that God wills **for us**.

Very often the results of our healing are increased faith, a deepening of our trust in God, and a new empowerment to love and serve others. Frequently, we find that the very thing that caused our great brokenness becomes transformed into our own unique giftedness.

Now let me try and explain in this short time what **Christian healing is NOT-**

- 1) Christian healing is not magic. It is not manipulating God to do what WE want; rather it is surrendering our will to God's healing work in us.
- 2) Christian faith for healing is NOT a prediction of what God will do; it is simple trust in that God loves us and is at work in us already- bringing us forward to be healed.
- 3) Christian healing is not to be sought as a spiritual thrill for the healer or for the person healed, but is a way to grow as a follower of Christ.
- 4) Christian healing is not proof that we are faithful or holy, but it is a sign of God's forever love of us.

I know that you have many questions about what will happen during the healing time of our worship. Bring those questions to me or one of the other pastors, and then pray that the Holy Spirit might bring you to the Healing Service. Our first Healing Services are on Saturday, August 29 and Sunday August 30.

I will be writing again next month in response to your questions as you prepare for this beautiful gift of God's grace and love.

Pastor George Bauman

## BOOK/Cinema Group

The First Lutheran Book/Cinema group meets at the Grimsrud home, 1841 N. Hawthorne Park Dr. (752-9907). The book for July is *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch with Jeffrey Zaslow. Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, had been diagnosed with terminal cancer before giving a lecture called "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams." His humor, inspiration and intelligence helped make the lecture a You-Tube phenomenon. We'll talk about it on Wednesday, July 15.

## FLC Fair Pies

Attention all members, pie makers are needed to help with fair pies! No experience necessary!

Crust will be made on July 16 at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Call Nancy Guse at 752-8046.

Fair Pie baking will be the week of July 27–August 1st at 5:30pm

Call Kathy Dorschied if you can help at 757-0034.

Donations of flour, sugar, minute tapioca, wax paper, and canola oil (4 gallons), would be greatly appreciated! Please bring donations to Fellowship Hall or the church office.



## What's up at W.O.W.?

Come to W.O.W.! Bring a friend!  
For anyone going into 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade.



**Wed., July 1**

**Capture the Flag at WOW**

6-7:30pm @ FLC Youth Room and Field.

**Wed., July 8**

**Movie Nite at WOW**

8:30-10:30 pm Movie shown on the lawn.  
Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If it rains we'll be in the gym.  
Movie to be announced.

**Wed., July 22**

**Just Chillin' at WOW**

6-7:30 pm @ FLC Youth Room and Field

**Wed., August 5**

**Great America Trip**

Sign up on the Youth Room Door by July 1.

**Wed., August 12**

**Swim Party**

6-8:00 pm @ Location TBA.  
Call Eric for a ride.

**Wed., Sept. 2**

**Summer's End Bash and Flour War**

6-7:30pm @ FLC Youth Room and Field.  
Dress for a mess.

**Wed., Sept. 16**

**SLAM Kick off**

Meet @ 6-8pm @ FLC Youth Room  
6-6:45 Hang Time  
6:45-8 Group  
Gather for games, a meal, and a message.

For More information  
call Eric Engen,  
Youth Minister, 752-  
7434 x 19 or 290-7083  
First Lutheran Church,  
612 N Randall Ave.,  
Janesville, WI 53545



# Rock County 4-H Fair July 28 – August 2



**Adults** and **youth** needed for all shifts in the Food Booth and Parking Lot.

Youth **Grades 5-12** can sign up and earn **Youth Points** to put towards upcoming youth activities.

Sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Stairwell by the Sanctuary.

Youth can earn:

Food Booth  
**\$4.00** per hour  
in Youth Points

Parking Lot  
**\$5.00** per hour  
in Youth Points



Youth Points earned will go into an account where they stay until requested for certain youth ministry activities.

Sign up for a shift in the Food Booth or Parking Lot and earn a free pass to the fair after your shift.

Confirmation service project:

Confirmation students fulfilling their service projects at the fair must sign up for two shifts. You will not receive youth points for these two shifts, but you may earn youth points by working additional shifts.

Upcoming Activities:

Six Flags (Wednesday, August 5, 2009)

Mission trip (Annually)

Snoball Winter Retreat (January 22-24, 2010)

For more information please call Eric at 752-7434 x 19 or 290-7083.

# Summer Fun at First

Activities for children of all ages

**Vacation Bible School, Day Camp, and Day Camp Plus**  
First Lutheran Church in Janesville  
**August 10-August 13**

## Vacation Bible School

**Grades:** Preschool aged children who have finished 1 year at the Journey of Faith  
**Times:** 9am-11:30am  
**Cost:** Free!



Join other 3, 4, & 5 year olds for crafts, songs, and adventures in God's Word.

**For more information please call Laurie at 752-7434 x 24.**



## Day Camp

**Grades:** Completing Kindergarten through completing Fifth Grade  
**Times:** 9am-2:30pm  
**Cost:** \$10 per family

This year's Day Camp, Crocodile Dock, is bursting with fun, friendships, and unforgettable learning! Friends and neighbors welcome!

**For more information please call Eric at 752-7434 x 19.**

## Day Camp Plus

**Grades:** For youth completing Sixth and Seventh Grade  
**Times:** 9am-2:30pm  
**Cost:** \$10 per family

Day Camp Plus for grades 6 and 7 is new this year. We have all sorts of activities planned— service projects, snacks, daily lesson and worship, outdoor activities, and much more. Friends are welcome and **REGISTRATION BY JULY 20 IS REQUIRED.**

**For more information please call Renee at 752-7434 x 16.**

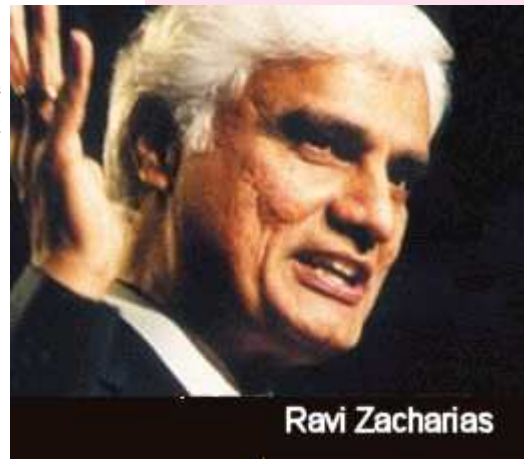
Registration forms available at:

First Lutheran Church, 612 N Randall Ave., Janesville, WI 53545  
Forms also available online at flcj.org

“Letter to a Christian Nation” by Sam Harris &  
“The End of Reason” by Ravi Zacharias

I have chosen to review “Letter to a Christian Nation” and “The End of the Reason” together because they represent a point and counterpoint between a leading advocate of atheist thought and a leading Christian apologist. Sam Harris’s bestselling “letter” attacks Christianity not only as a crutch but as an impediment to human progress and civilization. Zacharias wrote his book to counter Harris’s accusations.

Much of Harris’s argument revolves around the alleged manner in which Christianity deals with suffering and morality. He says of Christians, “Your principal concern appears to be that the creator of the universe will take offense at something people will do while naked. This prudery of yours contributes daily to the surplus of human misery.” He believes our time would be better spent pledging to stamp out poverty rather than forcing teens to take “virginity pledges.” Harris even attacks the woman viewed as a saint even by many people with no religious affiliation, Mother Theresa. He quotes Christopher Hitchens, another popular atheist writer, who says, “Mother Theresa was not a friend of the poor. She said that suffering was gift from God. She spent her life opposing the only known cure for poverty, which is the empowerment of women and the emancipation of them from a livestock version of compulsory reproduction.”



Zacharias’s criticism of Harris is unsparing. His primary complaint with atheism is that it inevitably leads to moral bankruptcy. He writes, “Not only does atheism’s worldview lead to the death of meaning; it also leads to the death of moral reasoning.” He argues that God is necessary in order for any moral order to exist. “When you assume a moral law,” he says, “you assume a moral lawgiver – the source of the moral law.” Man cannot play that role without morality devolving to a simple matter of personal preference. From Zacharias’s standpoint, we cannot function without a source of absolute truth. Not only does this absolute truth imply God; Jesus Christ is the sole and ultimate source of this truth for humanity.

I suggest that you read these two books in succession. From my point of view, the arguments presented in both are flawed. In reading the two in contrast, however, you will be able to discern the depth of the competition which is underway for the possession of humanity’s soul. Harris’s attacks on Christianity are sometimes exaggerated and unnecessarily spiteful. On top of that, he seems utterly blind to the spiritual dimension of life, not just the religious. Zacharias, on the other hand, presents a narrow view of Christian faith and its exclusive possession of the truth. For example, with regards to one of the world’s great religious traditions he writes, “Islam is a religion that is academically bankrupt, for it fails to meet the ordinary tests of truth.” This of the religion that rescued civilization from the dark ages.



Read Harris and Zacharias and join the conversation.

# FLC Work Day - May 30, 2009



FLC Work Day, many hands make light work and that is what happened, boy scouts of troop 405 put together a new picnic table for the patio. The kitchen by the chapel got a good scrubbing.



Thank you to Nate Fuelleman for the use of his heavy duty equipment, his knowledge, and the donation of some of the landscape stone!



Everyone enjoyed a lunch and fellowship after the work was done!



Pavers were placed behind the chiller on the north end of the building.

Congratulations to John Schulta for earning his Eagle Scout Badge with this project for FLC!



A tree in memory of Bill Jorgensen Sr. was planted.



After a lot of work and some power washing, FLC has a beautifully landscaped front entrance.



Thank you to Evelyn Cash for keeping our flower garden blooming!



# Financials

## RST LUTHERAN CHURCH INCOME / EXPENSE SUMMARY May 31, 2009

	CUR- RENT	YEAR TO	2008 YEAR	MONT HLY	BUDGET	ANNUAL	ANNUAL	2009 YTD %
	MONTH	DATE	TO DATE	BUDG ET	YR TO DATE	BUDGET	REMAIN- ING	OF ANNUAL BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>								
Pledges	44,570	219,780	232,142	52,000	243,000	625,738	405,958	35%
Special Funds/Env.	344	10,331	8,932	0	9,900	28,400	18,069	36%
Other Receipts	3,926	14,139	14,357	3,434	14,943	68,119	53,980	21%
Interest Income	0	49	1,333	0	792	3,170	3,121	2%
Loan Interest Income	7	36	27	0	8	30	(6)	122%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>48,846</b>	<b>244,335</b>	<b>256,791</b>	<b>55,434</b>	<b>268,642</b>	<b>725,457</b>	<b>481,122</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Building & Grounds Brd	5,907	58,038	64,614	8,448	67,516	134,192	76,154	43%
Commitment Board	3,333	17,854	18,839	3,758	18,792	45,100	27,246	40%
Executive Board	38,408	195,528	179,092	41,428	211,481	502,978	307,450	39%
Life Together	411	344	424	129	671	1,575	1,231	22%
Witness Board	(192)	(272)	327	133	533	1,600	1,872	-17%
Worship Board	172	5,035	5,783	572	4,111	9,737	4,702	52%
Youth, Family, & Ed. Brd	1,420	4,975	9,617	1,667	7,492	30,275	25,300	16%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>49,459</b>	<b>281,502</b>	<b>278,696</b>	<b>56,136</b>	<b>310,596</b>	<b>725,457</b>	<b>443,955</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>Net (Loss)/Gain</b>	<b>(613)</b>	<b>(37,166)</b>	<b>(21,906)</b>	<b>(703)</b>	<b>(41,954)</b>	<b>0</b>		

### Balance Sheet – May 31, 2009

<b>ASSETS</b>	Checking - General	12,876	<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	
	Checking - Memorial & Gifts	43,349	Liabili- ties	
	CD Investment-M&G	34,250	State Tax Payable	986
	Investment-Mission Invest Fund	43,401	Construction Note - (3 yr)	<u>393,075</u>
	Investment-Thrivent Annuity	82,429	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>394,061</u></b>
	Investment-Thrivent Mutual Fund	6,151	<b>Fund Balance</b>	
	Note Receivable	<u>2,212</u>	General Fund Balance	2,579,565
	<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b><u>269,605</u></b>	Memorials & Gifts Fund Balance	284,012
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			Capital Campaign Fund Balance	1,671,351
	Church Edifice	4,369,832	ECHO Fund Balance	472
	Land	38,000	Building Fund Balance	<u>17,995</u>
	Parsonage	95,500	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>4,553,396</u></b>
	Equipment	90,043	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b><u>4,947,457</u></b>
	Furniture & Fixtures	<u>84,477</u>		
	<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b><u>4,677,852</u></b>		
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>4,947,457</u></b>		

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Sunday Worship	
Drive In.....	7:45 a.m.
Sanctuary.....	9:00 a.m.
Saturday Night Worship .....	5:00 p.m.

Church Council, third Tuesday.....	7:00 p.m.
Buildings & Grounds Board, second Thursday.....	5:30 p.m.
Executive Board, third Tuesday.....	6:00 p.m.
Life Together Board, second Thursday.....	6:00 p.m.
Stewardship Board, second Wednesday.....	6:00 p.m.
Worship Board, second Tuesday.....	6:30 p.m.
Witness Board, first Tuesday.....	6:00 p.m.
Youth Board, third Tuesday.....	6:00 p.m.

## church staff

Pastor Jim Melvin (Senior Pastor)  
 Pastor Naomi Garber (Associate Pastor)  
 Pastor George Bauman (Associate Pastor)  
 Eric Engen (Youth Minister)  
 Lisa Larson (Business Administrator)  
 Laurie Sheldon (Sunday School Director)  
 Jeanie Pomplun (Administrative Assistant)  
 Dennis Wahrle (Organist)  
 Cora Rund (Chancel Choir Director)  
 Jan Knutson (Music Director/Grace Notes Director)  
 Renee Engen (Special Needs Coordinator)  
 Jim Multon (Custodian)  
 Joelle Multon (Custodian)  
 Brett Larson (Interim Sunday Morning Coordinator)

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WEB PAGE**  
**[www.flcj.org](http://www.flcj.org)**

### May Attendance

	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	30/31	Total
<b>5:00</b>	64	72	86	36	73	331
<b>8:15</b>	98	143	110			351
<b>10:15</b>	485	236	194			915
<b>Drive-In</b>				150	184	334
<b>9:00</b>				83	107	190
<b>SS</b>	83	110	103			296
<b>Totals</b>	730	561	493	269	364	2417

THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE  
MINISTRY OF  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**AUGUST PROGRESS DEADLINE:**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009**

### May 2009 Memorials



## Memorial Gifts

#### **Delphine Godfrey Memorial**

Foundation: Ms. Maxine Nobienky, Ms. Elaine Goodger.

#### **Gordon Jones Memorial**

Capital Campaign: Ms. LaVerne Le Clair.

#### **Robert Stuhr and Dean C. Henschel Memorial**

Foundation: Ms. Doris Stuhr.

#### **Gifts Received**

TV Broadcast: Mr. Ron Dooman, Ms. Janice Wathke.

Furniture: Mr. Ron Dooman, Mr. & Mrs. W. Oliver, Ms. Sally King, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Ginny Davis, Ms. Marilyn Kidder.

# First Lutheran Church Monthly Calendar

## July 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Room Key:</b> SR = Senior Housing GS = Gathering Space CR = Choir Room FHL = Fellowship Hall Lounge YR = Youth Room  #301 & #302 = 3rd Floor FH = Fellowship Hall CH = Chapel HG = Home Group SA = Sanctuary			<b>1</b> 8:30 50+ Aerobics/#302 8:30 Mission Sew/FH 10:00 Bible Study/office 11:00 FLCW Meeting/ FH 6:00 WOW/YR	<b>2</b> 4:30 Weight Watchers/ CR	<b>3</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <b>Office Closed</b> </div>	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day</b> 5:00 Worship/SA <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<b>5</b> 7:45 Drive-In Worship 9:00 Worship/SA/ Communion	<b>6</b> 9:00 Quilters/FH 1:00 Daylilies/CR 5:30 Masterpiece/YR 6:45 Boy Scouts/FH	<b>7</b> 8:30 50+ Aerobics/#302 8:30 Weight Watchers/CR 5:30 Masterpiece/YR 6:00 Witness Board/#302 6:00 Caregiver Group/ #310	<b>8</b> 8:30 50+ Aerobics/#302 10:00 Bible Study/office 5:30 Masterpiece/YR 6:00 Stewardship Board/ Office 8:30 WOW/Movie Night/Lawn or Gym	<b>9</b> 8:00 AARP/FH 4:30 Weight Watchers/ CR 5:30 Masterpiece/YR 5:30 Buildings & Grounds Bd/FHL 6:00 Life Together Board/#302 6:00 Badger 4H/FH	<b>10</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <b>Progress Deadline</b> </div>	<b>11</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study/FHL 5:00 Worship/SA/ Communion
<b>12</b> 7:45 Drive-In Worship/ Communion 9:00 Worship/SA	<b>13</b> 9:00 Quilters/FH 1:00 Daylilies/CR 6:45 Boy Scouts/FH	<b>14</b> 8:30 50+ Aerobics/#302 8:30 Weight Watchers/CR 12:00 Dorcas Circle/FHL 6:30 Worship Board/#302	<b>15</b> 8:30 50+ Aerobics/#302 8:30 Mission Sew/FH 10:00 Bible Study/office	<b>16</b> 4:30 Weight Watchers/ CR	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study/FHL 5:00 Worship/SA
<b>19</b> 7:45 Drive-In Worship 9:00 Worship/SA/ Communion	<b>20</b> 9:00 Quilters/FH 1:00 Daylilies/CR 6:45 Boy Scouts/FH	<b>21</b> 8:30 50+ Aerobics/#302 8:30 Weight Watchers/CR 6:00 Youth Board/FHL 6:00 Executive Bd/#301 7:00 Church Council/301	<b>22</b> 8:30 50+ Aerobics/#302 10:00 Bible Study/office 6:00 WOW/YR 7:30 Senior Housing Board/#302	<b>23</b> 4:30 Weight Watchers/ CR	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00 Men's Bible Study/FHL 3:00 Wedding/SA 5:00 Worship/SA/ Communion
<b>26</b> 7:45 Drive-In Worship 9:00 Worship/SA	<b>27</b> 9:00 Quilters/FH 1:00 Daylilies/CR 6:45 Boy Scouts/FH	<b>28</b> <b>4H-Fair</b> 8:30 50+ Aerobics/#302 8:30 Weight Watchers/CR <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<b>29</b> <b>4H-Fair</b> 8:30 50+ Aerobics/#302 <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<b>30</b> <b>4H-Fair</b> 4:30 Weight Watchers/ CR <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<b>31</b> <b>4H-Fair</b> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	Aug. 1 <b>4H-Fair</b> No 5:00 Worship <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>



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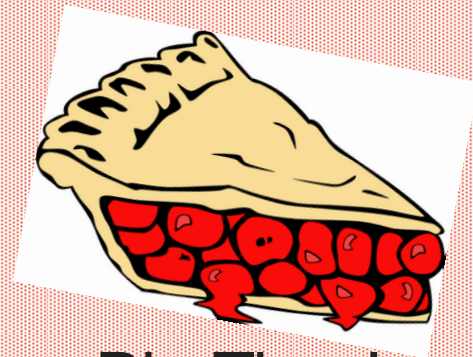
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and Empower people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

JULY 2009



**Come Visit the  
FLC Food  
Booth at the  
Fair**



**Pie Time!**  
Looking for donations of  
pie making supplies.  
See page 7.  
**Pie Makers Needed!**  
\*No experience needed!