

Missions

First Lutheran Quilters will meet on Tuesday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon. We will spend the morning preparing pieces of fabric for backs and quilt tops, as well as assembling new quilts. This is open to all who are interested. You do not need to be an experienced quilter. Our regular schedule will begin in September on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Please join us!

Global Health Ministries has need of two kinds of kits. To assemble them we need help from our congregation.

AIDS/Hospice Kits: washcloths, regular size towels, 'bath size' of any kind of bath soap, toothpaste (medium or large), wide-tooth 'pick' combs, nail clippers, jars or tubes of petroleum jelly, heavy duty household gloves (kitchen type) size medium, and 2-gallon Ziploc plastic bags. HINT--check with a dentist for tooth brushes; look for gloves, combs, nail clippers, petroleum jelly and soap at "Dollar Stores". We include copies of a devotional booklet to provide comfort and hope; the rest provides cleanliness and comfort. Funds are needed to purchase pain medications and vitamins in the country of destination, so a suggested donation of \$5 for each kit will really help!

Midwife Kits: wash cloths, 'bath size' IVORY soap, receiving blankets and 2-gallon Ziploc bags. Thanks in advance for your generosity and for continuing Christ's ministry of healing. **Please place donations in labeled tubs under the coat rack outside the office. Thanks!**

The Mercy Circle is collecting items for Health Kits and School Kits. Lutheran World Relief is always in need of these, and the need will only grow as they continue their work in Haiti, Chile, and elsewhere. Please consider donating the following items over the summer months.

Health Kits: washcloths and hand towels in dark colors, 4.5 oz. 'bath size' bars of soap in original packaging, adult toothbrushes in original packaging, sturdy combs, fingernail clippers, and 1/2"-3/4" Band-Aids.

School Kits: 70 sheet 8"x10-1/2" notebooks – wide or college ruled, blunt school scissors, 30 cm. rulers, pencil sharpeners. **Please place your donated items in the collection area at the bottom of the staircase near the elevator. Thank you!**

The Faith Circle will be packing Layette Kits for Lutheran World Relief this summer. We are in need of additional items, such as receiving blankets (a bolt of flannel would be great because we can cut the size we need and get quite a large number of diapers), 'bath size' Ivory soap in original wrapper, washcloths, and cloth diapers or large t-shirts (50% to 100% cotton) new or used as we can make diapers.

The Miracle Sale Needs Your Stuff! We will get together each Monday from 9:00 a.m. until noon to prepare for the next sale to price, size, and organize our inventory in this important ministry for missions.

Let's capture First Lutheran in action! Please consider sharing photos and video involving First Lutheran events or mission activity. We'll use them to produce a DVD for our Stewardship program and want to include all aspects of our faith community *reaching out in the name of Jesus Christ.* This DVD may further be used for outreach to future members or individuals unable to attend services on a regular basis.

1. If you have still photos, please leave them in the manila envelopes marked "Photos for Stewardship" by the mail boxes in the Lounge. If you bring them on a Sunday, we assure you they will be gently scanned and returned to you the following Sunday in the same envelope.
2. If you want to forward photos electronically, please e-mail them to Don Hodgins at dsh1008@aol.com.
3. If you have video format, please email Don Hodgins at dsh1008@aol.com or call him at 715-456-5185.

If you have questions regarding how to share your photos/videos please direct them to Don Hodgins.

Friday Facts . . . Best Care Chats: Sponsored by the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eau Claire County and Dove Healthcare – South, this six month series is aimed at connecting older adults and family caregivers with area resources and education on a variety of topics. Sessions are held every other Friday at Dove Healthcare – South, 3656 Mall Drive Eau Claire, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Upcoming sessions include:

July 16	Good Doesn't Have to Taste Bad
July 30	21 st Century Health and Fitness
August 13	Diagnosing and Treating Alzheimer's and Other Brain Diseases
August 27	Options for Paying for Care
September 10	Depression in Older Adults

For more information and additional session topics, call 839-4735 or visit <http://west.dovehealthcare.com/events.phtml>.

Welcome to First!

Welcome Visitors! Please sign the guest book at the Welcome Table in the narthex of the church.
All Worshippers, please sign and pass the black Fellowship Pads in your pew each week.

This Week at First

Sunday, July 4
10:15 a.m.

Community Worship at Owen Park

Monday, July 5

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Prayer Group
Education and Worship Planning
Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 7

1:00 p.m.
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sunday's Worship on TV (Cable Channels 96 & 993)
Student Mission Trip Meeting

Friday, July 9

Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 10

8:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

Sunday, July 11

8:30 a.m.
9:30-11:15 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship
Parish Nurse Office Hours
Called to Serve Introductory Meeting
Contemporary Worship
First's Radio Broadcast on 1150 AM Radio
Chapel Worship Gathering

****Listed Events Are Held at First Lutheran Church****

****Unless Otherwise Noted****



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*We give thanks for the following gifts
which support our ministry and mission:*

ELCA World Hunger: In memory of Audrey Frandsen from Ginny Severson.

First Lutheran Church: In memory of Diane Roberts, Willard Brill, and Roger Skoug from Sonja L. Rathbun.

First Lutheran Foundation: In memory of Dad, Paul Barnes, whose birthday would have been July 1, from Shirley and Sharon Barnes. In memory of Peggy Buckley from Dennis, Betty, and Kyle Reinke. In memory of Roger Skoug from Ginny and George Severson; Rose Tomter.

First Lutheran Memorial Fund: In memory of Audrey Frandsen from Robert Esse.

Multi-Media Fund - Radio Broadcast: In memory of Audrey Frandsen from Janet Andrews,

Those Known To Have Been Hospitalized This Week:

Luther Hospital –Edward Barber, Susan Pinkert

Sacred Heart Hospital –Robert Erickson

St. Joseph's (Marshfield) – Anita Hildebrandt

There Will Be No Refreshments Served Today due to our ecumenical worship service today at Owen Park with other downtown churches.

Coffee servers are needed for July and August. Please consider signing up to help. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar for Important Congregation Council Upcoming Events:

As you recall, at our last Congregational Meeting we voted to change our fiscal year from January 1 through December 31 to July 1 through June 30. We are also changing the dates of our Annual Meetings to coincide with the fiscal year. So mark your calendars and relish the idea of coming out for our Annual Meeting on a warm July evening instead of a cold January Sunday!

- Sunday, July 18 – Annual Meeting Agenda Available Outside the Church Office
- Wednesday, July 21 – 6:00 p.m. – Budget Information Meeting
- Wednesday, July 28 – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting of the Congregation with an Evening Meal (If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling the church office or by signing up on the bulletin board by the office. Please include the number in your party to help us with food planning.)

Looking Ahead

This Week's Scripture:

Isaiah 66: 10-14

Psalms 66:1-9

Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Next Week's Scripture:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalms 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

Summer Office Hours: First Lutheran's Church Office will be closed on Fridays this summer through August 20th. Regular office hours will be kept Monday thru Thursday, 9am to 11:30am and 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm

First Lutheran Church Women Circles: If you would like "Leader Guides" and or "Companion Bibles" for 2010-11, please sign up and pay for them in the church office by Friday, August 13, 2010. Shipping costs are included.

Leader Guide: \$7.25

Companion Bible: \$4.25

Events

Churches in the Chippewa Valley are coming together to pack the park on July 28, and you can get in free! There are two ways you can get free tickets: OK?

1. Donate any of the following items to participating churches (below): New or used baseball equipment, other sports equipment, hand tools, power tools, miscellaneous fasteners, sewing machines, miscellaneous sewing items, material, cash donations. These items will be sent to Escuela san Miguel in Nicaragua, a trade school founded and built by former Regis graduate Dean White and his brothers. Go to www.projectforpeople.org for more information.
2. Bring non-perishable food items to the game to benefit the B-Side Community, helping the less fortunate in downtown Eau Claire.

Join us on July 28 to cheer on the Express and make a difference by helping families in Central America and downtown Eau Claire!

Participating Churches: Peace, Bethesda, Valleybrook, Calvary Baptist, Good Shepherd, St. John's, Grace.

11th Annual Water Street Mile: On July 10, the L.E. Phillips Senior Center, Dove Healthcare, and Orchard Hill Assisted Living will be hosting this event. All proceeds of this all-comers run/walk go to benefit the L.E. Phillips Senior Center. The race kicks off at 9:00 a.m. For more information, e-mail marypanderson@charter.net or call 839-4909.

More Events

You are Invited to Family Fun at the Living Room Coffee House, 2006 Cameron Street on Friday, July 9 Starting at 7:30. Grab a cup of coffee or a smoothie and join us for the **Backyard Block Party.** Matt and Suzie will be performing.

Travel to Beautiful Trempealeau County on July 14: We will drive through beautiful Trempealeau County. Highlights include stops at Arcadia's Soldier's Walk, watching a Border Collie sheep herding demonstration, and an opportunity to go inside an Amish home and store. The cost of \$39.00 includes bus, guides, entrance fees, as well as a delicious noon meal at a church and an end of trip snack. The cost is nonrefundable unless the trip is cancelled. There are 46 seats available. All are welcome to attend this Keenager sponsored activity. You may now invite friends. We will leave the church at 8:00 and the Meadows at 8:30. Deadline to sign up is July 4.

Join us Saturday, July 17th and cheer on the Eau Claire Express.

Come early for a potluck. Hot dogs, brats and beverages will be provided. Just bring a dish to pass. The dinner begins at 5:00pm and the game starts at 7:30pm. Please sign up on the sheet outside the church office and you can pay the ticket price of \$4.00 per person at that time.

Picnic Lunch: On August 5th a picnic lunch will be served in the church assembly at noon. Menu includes pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, salad, and ice cream sundaes. Entertainment will be provided by pianist Kathy Johns. Her music includes ragtime and a sing-a-long. Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends and family to this Keenager sponsored activity. Watch future bulletins for ticket information.

Outdoor Summer Concert Series: The Fireside Bistro at Dove Healthcare – South, 3656 Mall Drive, invites you to attend an Outdoor Summer Concert Series in the courtyard. Rain or shine, the series will run every Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. beginning June 23 – August 25 (bring your lawn chair). Local jazz, folk, guitar, acoustic and piano musicians will perform. Bring a food donation for Bob's House for Dogs or the St. Francis Food Pantry and receive a free beverage at the Fireside Bistro. Call 552-1035 for more information.

First Lutheran Preschool Is Now Accepting Registrations for the 2010-2011 School Year! We are offering classes for 2 1/2 year olds, 3 year olds, and 4 & 5 year olds. To set up a tour or to receive information, please contact the church office at 715-832-8321.