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# **SALT SHAKER**

## February 2012

### **Worship Schedule**

**8:00 & 10:45**

### **Education Hour**

**9:20**

**February 5~ Soup-er Bowl Sunday**

**February 14~ Meeting night (reminder for new Committee  
& Council members...this is your first night)**

**February 17-19~ Bethlehem Youth group**

**February 18~ 1:00 Adult Information class**

**February 22~ 5:30 Soup & Sandwich suppers begin**

**7:00 Ash Wednesday service**

**\*Please remember that the deadline for Salt Shaker items  
is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Thanks!**

From the Pastor

Even when I read Stephen King at his best, I don't often feel terrified. So imagine my surprise when reading Walter Brueggemann's Like Fire in the Bones I started to feel terror. Let me share with you the frightening passage:

A growing breach exists between the dominant values of American society and the claim of the gospel. It has been held for a long time – and with some truth – that there was a congruity between America and the gospel. It did seem that in important ways American values had been shaped and informed by Christian faith. But no more.

There is now a sickness (or madness, depending on how deep you cut it) in American society that receives no sanction or legitimacy from biblical faith. That madness may go by many names, but I shall call it consumerism – the notion that life consists in having and getting and spending and controlling and using and eating. This value system places stress on accumulation and believes that meaning and security come by “more.”

Such consumerism in which we are enmeshed requires militarism to sustain it. Our consumerism, our excessive standard of living, depends on our having a disproportionate amount of goods and disproportionate access to markets, and on our having while others do not have. Indeed, it is not a great oversimplification to suggest that our militarism exists to support our consumerism, so that we may identify the disease of our society as consumer militarism, which means an endless effort to gather more of the world around us for our benefit.

Why did reading that frighten me? Because in my ear it rings awfully true. And if it is true – if Brueggemann is right – then for us as a nation to avoid a fate similar to that of ancient Israel or Judah will require from us the kind of repentance of which I don't believe we're capable.

When the prophets God sent to Israel and Judah cried, “Repent!” they didn't mean, “Hey! Try to become a little nicer!” When John the Baptist cried, “Repent!” he didn't mean, “Why don't you ramp up your piety and religiosity a notch or two?” Calls for repentance that have their origin in God are in fact demands to “Change your ways! Deeply, profoundly, and radically, change your ways! Turn completely around, and go in the opposite direction!”

If the Christian faith community in our country were to lead the way in issuing that call and responding positively to it, it would be making a tremendous Epiphany witness as well as modeling true Lenten repentance.

Not that I'm holding my breath. The Christian faith community in our country has whole heartedly embraced consumerism. That is to say, arguably we have led the way in the wrong direction!

It stands to reason that excessively consumeristic people are inevitably themselves consumed. In other words, just as there were consequences for Israel and Judah, so will there be consequences for us. And I suspect they're not as far off in the future as some would have us think.

What kind of repenting do you plan to do in the upcoming Lenten season? Might you give up your consumeristic way of life? Give it some thought.

-Pastor Born

Dear friends,

The season of Lent reminds us of our need to repent and turn in a new direction. It is a time to share and confess all our sins and pains to God and then to embrace the gift of forgiveness finding delight in a fresh start. Lent is a good time to reflect on God and what is happening in the world today. Lent is also a time to turn in a new direction to try something new such as:

Reaching out to a neighbor..... Do you like to visit? We have members who are homebound or live in Assisted Living facilities such as Lakeshore Estates, Getty Street, and Fairway Pines. We also have FLC members at St. Michael's, Belgrade and Osaikis Nursing Homes. Your pastors make monthly visits to our members but when we get older we can never have too many visitors. Consider visiting someone you know or someone you haven't met yet. Stop by the office to pick up a list of known homebound members of First Lutheran.

Deepening your prayer life.....

- Take the goldenrod FLIP prayer bookmark home and the names listed in your daily prayers.
- Take time to read the FLIP (First Lutheran in Prayer) page in the back of the Salt Shaker. It includes good ideas about prayer and personal stories on the power of prayer.
- Join the Tuesday Morning Prayer group that meets at 9AM.
- Read the Bible each day. Start with the Gospels. Mark would be an excellent place to begin.
- Read from a devotional book each day. We have devotional books in the library or pick up a little 'Christ in Our Home' book from the Usher's table as you go into the sanctuary.

Starting on Ash Wednesday you will have opportunities to....

- Connect with your brothers and sisters in Christ at the Soup and Sandwich Suppers. This year Jeanette Anderson and Lois Ross are organizing the Lenten suppers. They would love to have you be involved in bringing soup, sandwiches or desserts, serving in the kitchen, or simply coming to enjoy a delicious meal and friendly conversation. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the crippled children in Tanzania who need surgery.
- Do you like to sing old hymns???? We will be singing favorite hymns before our Wednesday Lenten services from 6:45PM-7PM. Experience the grace of God in the new and old melodies.
- Come to worship on Wednesdays evening at 7PM. The services are well attended yet there are many people who haven't made this a Lenten practice. I encourage you to come and see what it is all about. You will find that the liturgy is different and there is a drama instead of a sermon. Come experience the Gospel in a new way.

Turn in a new direction. Try something new. It just might become a new habit!

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Becky

P.S. On January 19 Pastor Born and I met with Rev. Bill Ney about the LAMP ministry. (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots) Rev. Ney wanted to thank First Lutheran for our continued benevolent support of this important ministry. LAMP's goal is to help take Jesus' light to people in remote areas of northern Canada. The LAMP outreach is the only encounter that many people have with the Gospel and the people of God.

We also talked the many volunteer opportunities we could do such as spending a week teaching summer VBS or possibly plying sports with children while teaching them about God's love. We want to explore the idea of sending a small team to Canada possibly early in August of 2012. If you would like more information ~ check out their website at [www.lampministry.org](http://www.lampministry.org). Talk to a pastor if you are interested. We would love to chat!

## Applying Bible Principles

Male peacocks are interesting creatures. They love to be noticed, so they spread their bright plumage for any and all to see (especially female peacocks!).

Many people are like that, especially when it comes to their financial support of the Lord's work. They want people to notice their act of giving, when they give, how much they give, and the causes to which they give. Some even announce publicly how much they give, supposedly to challenge others to follow their pattern of generosity.

But is that God's way? A simple examination of the sixth chapter of Matthew's gospel reveals the answer. The Lord Jesus said that our giving is to be done secretly. If we take His instruction at face value, then it is apparent that we are not to let others know the extent of our giving. In fact, Jesus went so far as to say (figuratively, of course) that we shouldn't even let one hand know what the other is doing when it comes to our giving.

Sometimes, our giving will be seen by men. Sometimes, that's unavoidable. But Christ's point concerns our motive. We should give to please our Lord, not in order to be seen by other people so that we receive their commendation or accolades. In other words, we are to avoid what one writer described as "advertised piety."

A well-known evangelist said that the world has yet to see what could be accomplished for the sake of the gospel if we would quit being concerned about who gets the credit for what gets done in the kingdom of God. That includes our giving. In fact, one of the greatest tests for us as God's children is whether we are able to give cheerfully of ourselves and our resources without getting the credit.

Unless we give by cash and choose to forgo a tax deduction for our giving (hmm . . . now there's a novel idea!), probably the person who handles the church's financial affairs will be aware of our giving. Otherwise, though, it's a good idea to keep our giving a matter that's between ourselves and the Lord. Actually, it's more than a good idea. It's something Christ said we should do. . . .

## Council Highlights ~ January 10, 2012

- \*The elevator is to be repaired: Door sensors need to be replaced, for safety reasons, at a cost of \$2,200. MN Elevators of Mankato will be contracted to do the repairs and do quarterly inspections at a cost of \$165/yr.
- \*A&B Plumbing of Willmar will be doing the work, at a cost of \$425 or less, to fix a ventilation issue with a gas water heater. Gas fumes were observed within our building earlier this winter.
- \*Kent Tengwall & Brad Baartman will get the church bell working again.

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### ALL MEMBER \* STEWARDSHIP SERVING GROUPS

TO WORSHIP THE LORD, TO GROW IN FAITH AND LOVE,  
AND TO SERVE UNCONDITIONALLY !

NAME LISTS FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

- The chairman will call you to help bake, serve, and/or clean up for the Sunday fellowship between services.
- The first Sunday of the month will be done by the youth group or other special interest groups.
- Check your calendars so you can choose which Sunday would be the best one for your schedule.
- You may also be called to bake or help if funerals or other events occur during your month.
- Your month comes up every 13 months and you will be asked to help on only 1 Sunday of your choice.

Thank you.

#### February 2012

|                 |                          |                 |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Alverson</b> | <b>Gil &amp; Joyce</b>   | <b>351-4083</b> |
| Anderson        | Barb                     | 352-2982        |
| Blondin         | Holly                    | 444-6170        |
| Ehnes           | Barb                     | 352-7862        |
| Halverson       | Bruce & Dianne           | 352-5432        |
| Hujanen         | Rick & Karin             | 351-5703        |
| Kelly           | Diane                    | 352-6397        |
| Korhonen        | Tyler & Kelly            | 732-4318        |
| Messer          | Jason & Koni             | 352-3639        |
| Michaelis       | Bill & Ellory            | 256-7271        |
| Moe             | Michael                  | 352-3135        |
| Neal            | Donna                    | 352-2861        |
| <b>Nelson</b>   | <b>Harold &amp; Barb</b> | <b>352-6893</b> |
| Quade           | Virgil & Frances         | 352-2569        |
| Skorheim        | Paul & Lindy             | 352-2709        |
| Super           | Jim & Pat                | 352-6159        |
| Weyer           | Jeff & Nancy             | 352-6170        |
| Zimmerman       | Larry & Marion           | 285-4393        |

#### March 2012

|                |                          |                 |
|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Altmann        | Jan                      | 352-6648        |
| Beissel        | Heidi                    | 260-0316        |
| Besse          | John & Linda             | 351-8985        |
| Bielke         | Marion                   | 352-6466        |
| Blank          | Milly                    | 352-6428        |
| Broich         | Todd & Kristin           | 352-0119        |
| Brown          | Angelina                 | 761-8477        |
| <b>Bushard</b> | <b>Mike &amp; Jeanne</b> | <b>352-3565</b> |
| Claussen       | Marty & Beth             | 352-5193        |
| Emblom         | Red & Lois               | 352-2711        |
| Franklin       | Hilary                   | 701-215-0149    |
| Fystrom        | Dennis & Kathy           | 352-3422        |
| Hartmann       | Barb                     | 352-3284        |
| Jenkins        | Sadie                    | 351-9785        |
| Kendle         | Don & Ruth               | 351-8220        |
| Myrom          | Olga (bars only)         | 351-3380        |
| Nelson         | Lee & Linda              | 352-5516        |
| Schneider      | Tom & Kim                | 352-3878        |
| Tengwall       | Kent & Sharon            | 352-3800        |

If you are over 75 and wish to have your name removed from the stewardship serving list please leave a message in the church office.

## Adult Information Class

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM until your questions are answered.

*This session is for any and all who would like to know a bit more about what it means to be a Christian of the Lutheran persuasion.*

**Sign up on the “Rejoice” bulletin board by Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>!**

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Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>!  
Which means Lent begins on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>!

This year for our midweek worship services we will once again be using Lenten Encounters. This is the program we used two years ago, but the characters – and therefore the monologues – will be different this year.

We'll hear from John, the beloved disciple; Mary of Bethany; Annas; Nicodemus; Cleopas; and Thomas.

Come and check it out! Services will be on Wednesdays at 7 PM.

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HERE WE ARE, LATE AGAIN, WITH THE BAPTISMAL FESTIVAL DATES FOR 2012!

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> (Transfiguration of Our Lord); Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday); May 27<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost); July 15<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost 7); Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> (Pentecost 16); and Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> (Christ the King).

If you have a child you want baptized, do you have to pick one of the above dates? No. We simply ask that you give the above dates preferential consideration. Thank you.

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### DECEMBER GIVING

|                       |          |                        |          |
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| General Fund Receipts | \$31,668 | Building Fund Receipts | \$16,326 |
| Guideline Need        | \$27,604 | Monthly Mortgage       | \$11,348 |

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### HAM CARDS!!!

Assuming that Coborn's will be distributing ham cards again this year, FLC will again gratefully receive any partially filled ham cards or Coborn's receipts anyone wants to turn in. The ham cards will be cashed in for hams which will be distributed through the Sauk Centre and Melrose food pantries.

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***Esther Circle will meet at 9:15 at Diane Kelly's home for their Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.***

## March Will Be “Minnesota Food Share” Month.

Last year we set as our goal 2,500 dollars/pounds of food contributed, and fell *just short* (2,466). This year we have again set the goal at 2,500 dollars pounds. Please bring in nonperishable food items, or make contributions during the month of March. Proceeds will be divided between the Sauk Centre and Melrose food pantries. Anticipating your generosity, we’re thanking you in advance.

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## “Caring Evangelism” to be offered again!

Once again we’ll be offering the “Caring Evangelism” program. This time the format will be slightly different – two “retreats” on consecutive weekends, 4/13-14 & 4/20-21 (participants would be expected to attend both). There is no cost. Registration will be limited to 8 (although if we have some really interested folks, we may push our ceiling number to twelve). Registration deadline will be march 18<sup>th</sup> (to give us time to get materials and to give participants time to do the reading required). BE WATCHING THE BULLETIN, THE “REJOICE” BULLETIN BOARD, AND NEXT MONTH’S SALT-SHAKER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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## CHOCOLATE SALES! VALENTINE TREATS!

January 29<sup>th</sup> & February 5<sup>th</sup>

Auxiliary will be selling Fair Trade chocolate between services ~ for those of you who purchased it before Christmas you know how “divine” it is!!

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Thanks to Brady & Todd Welberg, Aaron Duncan, and Kent Tengwall for fixing the ceiling fan in the sanctuary.....it squeaks no more!!

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The person clearing our snow this winter is Tom Pettit ~ thanks, Tom!

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Please remember the Food Shelf!! We have a collection basket at church. Thank you Dorothy Marker for delivering our contributions to the Food Shelf!

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*You are cordially invited to the*

*“Sweetheart Dinner”*

*Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM*

*Singles and couples are invited because you are ALL so sweet!*

*Cost: \$10.00 per person*

*This fabulous evening will include a delicious dinner, beautiful music and fun!*

*The FLY Mission youth will be your hosts for the evening. Buy tickets from our youth in the narthex or call the church office. Reservations needed by 8<sup>th</sup>.*

*If you have any questions...ask Pastor Thomas.*

**First Lutheran will be welcoming members on Sunday, March 4. If you are interested in becoming part of the First Lutheran talk to one of the pastors or call the church office.**

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**First Lutheran Church will be celebrating Soup-er Bowl Sunday, February 5.** We invite you to bring an offering of nonperishable food or financial gifts that will be shared with the Melrose and Sauk Centre Food Shelves. Whatever you decide to bring will be appreciated. A big thank you ~ 7<sup>th</sup> graders for making the creative posters and the great collection box. Thanks in advance!

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**Welcome ~ New committee and council members! Your first meeting will be on Tuesday, February 14. We look forward to working together in 2012.**

Committees meet at 6:30PM and the Church Council at 7:45PM

Note change: Parish Education Committee will take place one week earlier ~ February 7.

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**Women's Prayer Lunch  
Thursday, February 23  
at 11:30 AM**

**Watch the Rejoice board for**

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**FLAGGS**

**"First Lutheran Guys & Gals Serving"**

**Thursday, February 9**

**Meet in the CLC**

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*Just a reminder ~ it is good for the earth to recycle. The First Lutheran Youth continue to recycle used inkjet COMPAQ, Apple, LEXMARK, HP, Canon, Hewlett Packard cartridges. The collection box is located by the communication room. Recycling is good for the environment as well as helping the youth raise funds for the 2012 youth mission trip. FLC Youth also continues to collect Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Thanks in advance!*

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**One more reminder!!!**

**Whenever you leave the building ... make sure our doors close completely before you walk away ~ especially when you are the last one in the building. Sometimes the front double doors sticks. If that happens gently push the lock-bar down and try to close again. Thanks in advance!!!**

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The First Lutheran Church Nursery coordinator is Katy Messer. If you have questions or concerns about the nursery feel free to give her a call. 352-2752.

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

February 1 Alex Marthaler  
February 2 Jill Sayovitz  
Jason Proell  
Karen Hoff  
February 3 Marge Kobs  
Carolynn Wiese  
February 4 Troy Nelson  
February 5 Brianna Pagel  
Rachel Gerhartz  
Larry Zimmerman  
February 6 Jessica Rodenbiker  
Jennifer David  
February 7 Ron Carlson  
Chase Hubert  
Gene Carlquist  
February 9 Bruce Wanquist  
Wendy Olson  
Scott Redepenning  
February 10 Barb Wanquist  
Nathan Kohorst  
Ruth Kendle  
Myranda Nelson  
February 12 Dorothy Marker  
LaBeth Holm  
Todd Broich  
February 13 Frances Quade  
Jeff Knutson  
Parker Scott Sorenson  
February 14 Matthew Bushard  
February 15 Kristie Heinze  
February 17 Bryan Olson  
Eugene Anderson  
February 18 Rita Zilka  
Madeline Nelson

February 19 Andrea Stone  
Blake Elliott  
Brady Welberg  
February 20 Gabrielle Dickinson  
Bobbie Cheadle  
February 21 Jeff Hegle  
Rebecca Jarvi  
February 22 Kellie Funk  
JoAnne Thorson  
Alyce Olson  
February 24 Cory Soule  
Nathan Welberg  
February 25 Kayla Hellermann  
Alyce Hintzen  
Wendy Hagl  
Cory Quade  
Alex Arnold  
Megan Marcia Hass  
February 26 Mike Newell  
February 27 Janet Born  
Doris Mobeck  
Kathy Larson  
Jeff Sillerud

## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

February 6 James & Diane Hage  
February 17 Tom & Joyce Sedgeman  
February 18 Reid & Audree Alter

# FLY NEWS!!!

**"Take My Hand" Psalm 40:1-3**

**SWMN Senior High Youth Gathering**

**at the Best Western in Mankato ~ the weekend of March 30**

Cost: \$80.00 but for our members it is only \$40.00 thanks to the  
Auxiliary & Youth Group funds... WOW! Thanks!

Sign up by turning in your permission form and \$40.00

Last chance Deadline: Sunday, February 5

It is going to cool. Hope you can join us!

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**Calling all youth!!! The "Sweetheart Dinner" on  
February 12 and we need your smiling faces to be  
involved. Check out the youth board for  
information and a sign up. It is going to be sweet!**

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Did you see the creative posters the 7<sup>th</sup> graders made to get the word out?  
February 5 ~ First Lutheran Church is celebrating the Soup-er Bowl. We have  
been greatly blessed and there are many families who do not have enough to eat.  
Bring food and cash to help the Melrose & Sauk Centre Food Shelves. COOL!

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**WANTED & NEEDED!!!!**

**Chair or Co-chair** for the FLY Spaghetti Supper this spring.

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**HEY! 10-12 Graders! Sunday Faith Talk**

**9:30AM - 10:30AM**

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*Denny Smook & youth from Bethlehem Lutheran in Aberdeen, SD  
will hang out at First Lutheran Church February 17-19.*

## **Confirmation Youth & Families serving Coffee Fellowship**

**February 5 ~ Mason Hubert & Brenna & Cory Quade**

**March 4 Gabi Sawyer & Austin & Gavin Nelson**

*The Confirmation Youth serve at the Coffee Fellowship in the Christian Life Center following the 8AM service. You should have received a new schedule and instructions. If not ... talk to Pastor Thomas. Thank you for serving!*

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### **Do you need Service Hours???**

Serve at the Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers beginning Wednesday, February 22 – March 28.

Serve at the Youth sponsored “Sweetheart Dinner” on February 12.

Don't wait ~ sign upon the FLY Board today!

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Like pizza? If you dine in or order take-out or delivery from Pizza Hut during the week of February 19-25 ~ please indicate that you want to support “Food Thanks in advance!

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**Parish Education Committee Tuesday, February 7 at 6:15PM**

**Youth Committee meeting Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30PM**

### **February Parish Education News**

**February 5 Soup-er Bowl Hunger Collection**

**February 12**

**February 19 Stewardship focus**

**February 22 Ash Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> grade communion class begins**

**February 26 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent, 10:45 Primary grades sing**

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### **Attention all families! You are invited! Come & eat!**

Did you know that FLC has soup and sandwich suppers during Lent on Wednesdays before worship? It is nice on those hectic days. The food & dessert is always above average and it is nice to get together. Freewill offering.

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***Hey 5<sup>th</sup> graders!!!***

***The fifth grade Communion class 5 week class will begin on Wednesdays February 22 at 3:15PM. You will be receiving a letter soon with more details. This class will celebrate Holy Communion together on Sunday, April 10 at the 10:45AM service. God bless you.***

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Thank you ~ Aaron Duncan, Rachel Gerhartz, and Jamie Wiese for completing terms on the Youth committee and to Kim Schneider on the Parish Education committee.

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***Recycle your used Ink Cartridges at First Lutheran. Your garbage helps us raise funds for our next mission trip. We are also collecting Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Collection containers are located by the old office.***

**If you signed up to help with Communion Set-up, please keep this schedule as a reminder of your assigned date.....**

**COMMUNION SET-UP  
SCHEDULE 2012**

**FEBRUARY:**

5-- Ruth Kendle & Shirley Sukke  
12- Ruth Kendle & Shirley Sukke  
19- Dorothy Marker & Bette Richters  
22-April Quistorff (Ash Wednesday)  
26- Dorothy Marker & Bette Richters

**MARCH:**

4--April Quistorff  
11-Darlene Rafteseth  
18-April Quistorff  
25-Dianna Nelson

**APRIL:**

1--April Quistorff  
5--Ken & Mary Nelson (Maundy Thursday)  
8--Gail Holm & Janet Born  
15-Jeanne Pettit & Joyce Alverson  
22- Jeanne Pettit & Joyce Alverson  
29-April Quistorff

**MAY:**

6--Dorothy Dyrseth & Mary Lou LaCrosse  
13-Dorothy Dyrseth & Mary Lou LaCrosse  
20-April Quistorff  
27-Deb Sillerud

**JUNE:**

3--April Quistorff  
10-Lois Ross  
17-Salli Brown  
24-April Quistorff

**JULY:**

1--Marna Jensen  
8--April Quistorff  
15-Barb Ehnes & Carol Ladwig  
22-April Quistorff  
29-JoAnn Larson

**AUGUST:**

5--JoAnn Larson  
12-April Quistorff  
19-Marna Jensen  
26-April Quistorff

**SEPTEMBER:**

2--Dave & Joan Kroshus  
9--April Quistorff  
16-Marlon & Janis Leischner  
23-April Quistorff  
30-Deb Sillerud

**OCTOBER:**

7--Lois Ross  
14-April Quistorff  
21-Jeanette Anderson  
28-April Quistorff

**NOVEMBER:**

4--Mary Zilka  
11-April Quistorff  
18-Mary Zilka  
21-Ken & Mary Nelson(Thanksgiving Eve)  
25-April Quistorff

**DECEMBER:**

2--Rodenbikers  
9--April Quistorff  
16-Rodenbikers  
23-April Quistorff  
24, 25-April Quistorff  
(2 services on 24<sup>th</sup>, 1 service on 25<sup>th</sup>)  
30-Gail Holm

**JANUARY 2013:**

6--JoAnne Buchanan & Shawn Hintzen  
13-Shawn Hintzen & JoAnn Buchannan  
20-Jim & Vurnie Wilson  
27-Jim & Vurnie Wilson

**\*\*PLEASE CHECK THE DATE YOU SIGNED UP FOR AND MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR\*\* THANKS!**

# COMMUNION SET-UP

Thank you for your willingness to set up for communion. Here are some guidelines.

1. Directions for setting up for communion are posted in the sacristy. Please read these directions even if you have set up for communion before as procedures change.
2. Water the flowers and take the flowers (and the liners) out of the brass vases and **put the liners with the flowers in them in the refrigerator**. The brass vases need to be wiped and put in the long counter cabinet in the sacristy. The brass vases do NOT go in the refrigerator.
3. If you cannot be there on the date for which you signed up, please call and exchange with someone.
4. Altar paraments will be changed for you.
5. Taking the towels home to wash them would be helpful.
6. You do not need to put out the flowers. New ones are brought in every two Sundays or so depending upon the season, color of the altar paraments, and Sunday in the church year. These are ordered ahead of time.

If you have any questions, call: Alyce Hintzen 352-2355 or Anita Hellie 352-2160

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## Individuals who will help with communion set up but did not get on the schedule:

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Scott & Rachel Dymoke  | 256-7727 |
| Red & Lois Emblom      | 352-2711 |
| Candy Freeman          | 256-3684 |
| Carrie Harris          | 224-5031 |
| Sadie Jenkins          | 351-9785 |
| Carol Prijatel         | 256-3971 |
| Vicki & Sam Proell     | 351-3454 |
| Bruce & Dianne Rindahl | 352-6161 |
| Sharon Tengwall        | 352-3800 |

We pray for:

*Ash Wednesday, February 22  
Prayer Luncheon, February 23  
Weekly Lenten Service,  
February 29  
Sunday Coffee Fellowship*

*Those listed on the gold-colored  
Prayer Bookmark included in the  
bulletin each Sunday*

*L.I.F.E. groups  
Bible Study groups  
Sunday School  
Confirmation  
Adult Education  
Women's Circles  
FLC Auxiliary  
WELCA Board  
Young Couples group  
FLAGGS  
Stewardship serving groups  
Funeral Ministry  
Moms group  
Retirees  
Book discussion group  
Quilters  
Church Council  
Trustees and Committee  
members*

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### **Prayer Time**

*Every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in  
Church Library*

*(Every member is being  
prayed for throughout the  
year.)*

*If you would like the prayer  
group to pray for you or if  
you have a special prayer  
request, join us on Tuesday  
morning or contact Barb  
Wanquist to schedule a time  
for prayer.*

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## **Growing in Jesus Christ...**

Remember... God as our Jehovah Makkeh? He is the one who wants to mold, shape and transform us to be a better and more holy person. He does it by sanctifying and renewing our minds—by putting right thinking into our thought process.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit this sanctification and renewal happens. Renewal cannot take place if we have a passive, sit-back-and-think-it-will-just-happen attitude. We must be a willing participant in the process of renewal. We need to open our mind and heart, be willing to work with the Holy Spirit, to study God's Word and be in prayer, in order to find out exactly what it is God wants to change about us. Change means putting into our personality those godly qualities God wants and taking away those qualities he does not desire for us to have.

"Fruit of the Spirit" is a biblical term that sums up the 9 visible attributes of a true Christian life. We learn from scripture that these are not individual "fruits" from which we pick and choose, but rather, the fruit of the Spirit is one nine-fold "fruit" that characterizes all who truly walk in the Holy Spirit. Collectively, these are the fruits that all Christians find in their lives as they grow in Jesus Christ.

Over the next few months, we will look at these 9 attributes or qualities that God has purposely isolated and spelled out for us. These 9 qualities, or fruits of the Spirit, come directly from God Himself, through the Holy Spirit, and every Christian should do their best to work all 9 of them into their personality.

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23*

### **Children's Prayer Time**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for all of the people on the earth.*

*Help me to love other people as you love me.*

*Amen.*

--- Author Unknown

## Fruits of the Spirit

The fruit of the Spirit is meant to be a list of qualities we strive to have. Take a moment to look at your character. What do you find is lacking? Don't be discouraged, take heart. We are all human and not one of us is perfect. However, God calls us all to strive for perfection, but he knows it will not be easy and it will take work on our part. That was why Paul listed the fruits in Galatians 5. These are the qualities that we should strive to have in our character. So what does the work and empowerment of the Spirit mean to you? The Fruit of the Spirit is described as a fruit, because it is made up of more than one substance; it has juice, pulp, peel, core, segments, and seeds, all held together by a skin or rind, and attached to the tree by a stem through which its nutrients flow. If you just eat of the pulp or juice and throw out the rest, how can the seeds be used to grow more? If you take the fruit off the vine, it will wither and rot and if the vine is not cared for, the tree will die. So it is with the Fruit of the Spirit. God makes it and it requires our growth of faith through prayer, Bible reading, understanding and effort to bring that fruit to maturity and to bear that fruit to others.

*"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4:22-24*

## Why Worry? Be Happy...

We all spend time worrying about things in life—about grades in school, job interviews, approaching deadlines and shrinking budgets, all the bills and expenses, rising gas prices, insurance costs, health issues and endless taxes. Maybe you have even worried about having your home in perfect condition for "company," and within seconds of their arrival, the house was turned upside down and no one even noticed. What about worries over first impressions, political correctness, identity theft and contagious infections. In spite of all the worrying, things seem to work out in the end. It is like a merry-go-round—an endless cycle, over and over again. Although it keeps you occupied, it doesn't get you anywhere—that is, unless you can put your worries in perspective. Over the span of a lifetime, worrying accounts for hours and hours of invaluable time that one will never get back. Worries are the distractions that take our focus away from God and why we have been placed on this earth. Let's rather spend our time more wisely and enjoyably.

- Remember what and who are really important in your life.
- Notice those who could use your smile, time to listen, good advice, or anything else that is needed. Then, take the time to give it to them.
- Look for good in everything; focus on it, and be thankful for it. Teach others to do the same.

*Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. Peter 5:7*

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### *Want to be part of an important ministry?*

Sign up on the Rejoice board to be a prayer partner for SWMN Sr. High Youth Gathering, March 30-31.

## PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY

*Dear Lord, We thank you for bringing to First Lutheran leaders to help us implement programs and activities that address the needs of our church members and the community around us. We are so thankful for the perseverance and commitment of those individuals who have completed their leadership terms on council and the various committees. Guide and direct all in leadership positions. Bless and lead our pastors as they continue another year of ministry among us. Stir up in all of us the desire to participate and support the programs and activities within the church.*

- Help me to put you first in my life. May my priorities in life bring glory and honor to you.
- Help me to meet my financial obligations to the church in 2012.
- Help me slow down my life during this season of Lent, and help me to draw closer to you.
- Help me strengthen my faith through daily prayer and Bible reading, by participating in Bible studies, and living out my faith each day.
- Help me meet the needs of my "brothers and sisters" by focusing more on others than on myself.

*Be with us always and keep us safe and in your loving care. In your precious name we pray. AMEN*

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| Sun                                                                                                         | Mon                                                 | Tue                                                                                             | Wed                                                                                                       | Thu                                                          | Fri                                             | Sat                                                          |
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| 5<br>8:00/10:45 Worship<br>9:20 Education Hour<br>Soup-er Bowl<br>6:30 LIFE Group                           | 6<br>9:00 Mission Quilting                          | 7<br>9:00 Prayer Time<br>10:30 Retirees<br>6:15 Parish Ed.                                      | 8<br>6:45 Confirmation<br>7:00 Choir                                                                      | 9<br>6:30 Scouts (x2)                                        | 10<br>10:00 Pericope<br><br>—7:00 pm Girl Scout | 11<br>1:00-4:00 Baby Shower in CLC<br><br>Lock-in—9:00 am    |
| 12 8/10:45 Worship<br>9:20 Education Hour<br>1:00-8:00 Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall<br>5:00 Sweetheart CLC | 13<br>9:00 Mission Quilting<br>7:00 Auxiliary Board | 14<br>9:00 Prayer Time<br>10:30 Retirees<br>6:30 Committees<br>7:45 Council                     | 15<br>8:30 Gradatim<br>6:45 Confirmation<br>7:00 Choir                                                    | 16<br>9:00 FLAGGS<br>9:15 Esther Circle<br>1:15 Naomi Circle | 17<br>10:00 Pericope<br><br>—Bethlehem Lutheran | 18<br>1:00 Adult Information Class<br><br>Youth/Adults here— |
| 19 8/10:45 Worship<br>9:20 Education Hour<br>6:00 Scouts<br>6:30 LIFE Group<br>—leave 10:30 am—<br>-----    | 20<br>9:00 Mission Quilting<br><br>-----Pizza-----  | 21 9:00 Prayer Time<br>10:30 Retirees<br>6:00 Scouts<br>7:00 Rachel Circle<br><br>-----Hut----- | 22 3:15 Comm. Class<br>5:30 Soup/Sandwich<br>7:00 Ash Wednesday<br>8:00 Choir<br><br>-----fundraiser----- | 23<br>8:30 Foster Grandparents<br>11:30 Prayer Lunch         | 24<br>10:00 Pericope                            | 25                                                           |
| 26<br>8:00/10:45 Worship<br>9:20 Education Hour                                                             | 2<br>79:00 Mission Quilting                         | 28<br>9:00 Prayer Time<br>10:30 Retirees                                                        | 29 3:15 5th grade<br>Communion Class<br>5:30 Soup/Sandwich<br>7:00 Lenten Service<br>8:00 Choir           |                                                              |                                                 |                                                              |

| <u>Feb. 5, 2012</u> | <u>8:00</u>                                 | <u>10:45</u>                                |
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| <b>Acolytes</b>     | Shaun Wiese<br>Logan Hinnenkamp             | Jessica Rodenbiker<br>Paige Weber           |
| <b>Comm. Setup</b>  | Ruth Kendle & Shirley Sukke                 |                                             |
| <b>Comm. Assts.</b> | Jim & Mary Zilka<br>John & Boots Juelke     | Rodenbikers ~ 4                             |
| <b>Greeters</b>     | Jim & Pat Super                             | Aaron & Diane Duncan                        |
| <b>Ushers</b>       | Gil Alverson<br>Alicia Bertram<br>Bob Bjork | Linda Besse<br>Richard Betlach<br>Mike Bolz |
|                     | Bruce Jarvi                                 | Jeff Griep                                  |
| <b>Readers</b>      | Lindy Skorheim                              | Pat Scherf                                  |

| <u>Feb. 12, 2012</u> | <u>8:00</u>                                 | <u>10:45</u>                                |
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| <b>Acolytes</b>      | Gavin Nelson<br>Austin Nelson               | Grant Struss<br>Tyler Hagl                  |
| <b>Comm. Setup</b>   | Ruth Kendle & Shirley Sukke                 |                                             |
| <b>Comm. Assts.</b>  | Gail Holm<br>Beth Beste                     | Roger & Jeanne<br>Paschke                   |
| <b>Greeters</b>      | Marlon & Janis Leischner                    | Paul & Lindy Skorheim                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Gil Alverson<br>Alicia Bertram<br>Bob Bjork | Linda Besse<br>Richard Betlach<br>Mike Bolz |
|                      | Bruce Jarvi                                 | Jeff Griep                                  |
| <b>Readers</b>       | Dave Sillerud                               | Carissa Rodenbiker                          |

| <u>Feb. 19, 2012</u> | <u>8:00</u>                                 | <u>10:45</u>                                |
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| <b>Acolytes</b>      | Erik Ekola<br>Derek Wiechmann               | Stephanie Nelson                            |
| <b>Crossbearer</b>   | Joseph Gerhartz                             | Gabi Sawyer                                 |
| <b>Comm. Setup</b>   | Bette Richters & Dorothy Marker             |                                             |
| <b>Comm. Assts.</b>  | Ryan & Meghan<br>Stadsvold                  | Bushards                                    |
| <b>Greeters</b>      | Gil & Joyce Alverson                        | Corinne Lundstrom                           |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Gil Alverson<br>Alicia Bertram<br>Bob Bjork | Linda Besse<br>Richard Betlach<br>Mike Bolz |
|                      | Bruce Jarvi                                 | Jeff Griep                                  |
| <b>Readers</b>       | Carol Prijatel                              | Roger Paschke                               |

| <u>Feb. 26, 2012</u> | <u>8:00</u>                                 | <u>10:45</u>                                |
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| <b>Acolytes</b>      | Marshall Hujanen<br>Sam Proell              | Cory Quade<br>Jamie Jennissen               |
| <b>Comm. Setup</b>   | Bette Richters & Dorothy Marker             |                                             |
| <b>Comm. Assts.</b>  | Bruce Jarvi<br>Doug Johnson                 | Leraas family                               |
| <b>Greeters</b>      | Dorothy Marker                              | Jeff & Nancy Weyer                          |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Gil Alverson<br>Alicia Bertram<br>Bob Bjork | Linda Besse<br>Richard Betlach<br>Mike Bolz |
|                      | Bruce Jarvi                                 | Jeff Griep                                  |
| <b>Readers</b>       | Gail Holm                                   | Mary Lou LaCrosse                           |

| <u>Ash Wednesday and Lenten service 7:00 p.m.</u>        |                                                            |                                                           |
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| <b>Acolytes:</b>                                         |                                                            |                                                           |
| Feb. 22 ~ Makayla Leraas & Leah Larson                   |                                                            |                                                           |
| Feb. 29 ~ Abby Welberg & Brianna Pagel                   |                                                            |                                                           |
| <b>Comm. Assts. &amp; Setup:</b>                         |                                                            |                                                           |
| Ash Wed. ~ Dorothy Marker & Dorothy Dyrseth ~ Assistants |                                                            |                                                           |
| ~ April Quistorff ~ Set up                               |                                                            |                                                           |
| <b>Ushers:</b>                                           | Gil Alverson<br>Alicia Bertram<br>Bob Bjork<br>Bruce Jarvi | Linda Besse<br>Richard Betlach<br>Mike Bolz<br>Jeff Griep |

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