

First Lutheran Church Newsletter

August 2009

Why we are sponsoring the Peder Eide Concert??

A lot of my time from here on in to the Peder Eide Concert on September 26 is concentrating on making this a special event for our town and for the churches of our area. This is our Vision Statement: **To give our community a Gift of the Gospel through the music of Peder Eide**

Our committee is excited about sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this way. This is a major undertaking that will take all of us to help make this possible. So why are we doing it?

First, the mission of the church is to make Christ known. We do that in many ways within the worship and programs of our church. This Spring our Flubber After School Program was a major outreach event. Now this is our next outreach event. Not that after this event our church will be filled with new people, but through this event some kids and families will think twice about Christ in their life because they were there to hear good music and good news.

Second, we are doing it because we can. We have been blessed with willing helpers, people with vision, and the material means to make this happen. There are no obstacles to prevent us from making this witness.

Third, we are doing this because youth and family ministry is a priority for our church. It is about who we are. It is our identity.

As we begin signing people up for working at the Sept. 26th event, I hope you will share our vision and become a part of this event. Take a poster. Share it with someone you know in another town. Invite them. Maybe the fourth reason is that this event gives each of us another chance to be an evangelist in a way that is new and different.

Peace, Pastor Greg

Council Highlights: July 7, 2009

The council met with ten members present along with Pastor Olson and Rosemary Sibley. Cathy Hinrichs gave the devotions. The secretary's report and treasurer's report were approved.

Pastor's Report: The Peder Eide Concert Committee has been meeting. They have covered food, t-shirts for the event,

advertising and posters to share in the community. Pastor discussed the vision for this event. He announced a Bible Study for this Fall offered by the Book of Faith Initiative of the ELCA. He recommended

the 50 days of prayer for the ELCA as they enter into their convention in August. Pastor will be on vacation July 20-28 and Kai Swanson will be here. We have been contacted by Olin Mills to do a pictorial directory for the 130th anniversary of our church. Pictures will be taken in November and December. Pastor will be going with Rosemary and six youth to the Quad Cities for a Youth Works servant trip.

President: Cathy reported on a recommendation from the Peder Eide Committee to use \$5,000 from the Blessing money to underwrite the Concert. This was approved.

Property: The members worked on reinforcing the pews. The parking lot was

resurfaced and in six weeks it will be sealed and then lines redrawn. Plans for doing the triangle in the front entrance was in the works.

Worship: Hymns were chosen.

Christian Education: Discussed a new parenting program. Will look it over and see if we can use it this fall.

Evangelism: Although the constitution states that the treasurer be a member of the Stewardship committee, for the last 20 years, 16 years the treasurer has served on other committees. It was agreed to let Sharon continue on the Evangelism Committee this year. Thoughts of changing the wording of the constitution may be recommended. Welcome packets were set out for visitors. The Heffer International Project will be initiated in November.

Stewardship:

Youth and Family Ministry: Rosemary will be attending the Youth Works with 6 Middle School youth, followed by the National Youth Convention in New Orleans, followed by the VBS in August. The youth will be doing a bake sale on July 12th for their trip.

The Council formally welcomed Ben Sandrock to the Church Council with a vote of acceptance. Reports of the Endowment Committee were shared with the council as recommended by the constitution.

The Council Meeting ended with prayer.

June Financial Report

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Building</u>
Beginning	\$11,458.66	\$14,742.86
Income	13,592.25	1,326.50
Expenses	16,272.19	420.00
Balance	\$8,778.72	\$15,649.36

Next Council & Committee Meetings

Tuesday, August 11th

Committees - 7:00 pm Council – 8:00 pm

Peder Eide Concert Committee: Making Plans for Sept. 26th

The committee has beautiful posters made to share with the community. Bright yellow t-shirts and polo shirts with First Lutheran Church and a cross will be offered to members of the church to set us off for working at the concert. Community groups will be joining FLAG in offering food.

Report from the Youth Works Trip in the Quad Cities

Six youth (Heather Strike, Mary Chapman, Riley Meyer, Annie Sandrock, Meghan Scott and Stephanie Emery) Pastor Greg and Rosemary Sibley attended a Youth Works event on July 12th - 17th. Half of the group worked in a community garden and food pantry. Half of the group worked at the Salvation Army Family Center painting and caring for children. They were mixed with about 40 other youth and adults from Indiana, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Worship and Bible Study were mixed with community service. This is the fourth Youth Works Trip we have taken. The group will report on their trip on August 16th.

Aug. 16th - Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year at Eclipse Square

The ministerial association will again offer prayers for the beginning of the school year at Eclipse Square on August 16th at 6:00 p.m. A hot dog and chip supper will start things off. Music will be offered. Important announcements about ministry opportunities will be made. And a prayer exercise for the whole family will be offered to pray for the beginning of the school year. All are invited.

Vacation Bible School

United Methodist Church 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 2nd - Thursday, Aug. 6th

An exciting week for all community children from Pre School - 4th grade at the Methodist Church will start Sunday, August 2nd at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for this adventure, *Rome - Paul and the Underground Church*. Registration forms are available on the narthex table. Please fill out one form per family and put in Rosemary's mailbox. If you can help with VBS please contact Rosemary as soon as possible. The area churches have been working on this program for many months; all the hard work is done, but we still need helpers to take the children from one project to another.

Birthday Party for Margie Carlson

Margie Carlson will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Sunday, August 9th following worship until 12:00 p.m. All friends, relatives and former students are invited to join in the celebration. The omission of gifts has been requested. Margie was born August 7, 1919. She taught school in the area for many years. Cards may be sent to her at 5431 Blue Goose Road, Prophetstown.

Your Address Updates

Please inform us of any address, phone, email changes you may have for yourself or family members.

Please give us your college student's information. The congregation wants to continue to care for and minister to them by sending important information about our life together at FLC. Please give us their school name, college address, phone number and e-mail address. Please give this info to the office by August 30th. We look forward to

seeing our students when they get back for a "break".

FLY members, including incoming freshmen, will meet for pizza on Wednesday, **August 26th at 6:00 p.m.** This is a very important planning meeting everyone needs to attend. Please don't let others decide for you, come and give us your insights and wisdom.

FLY & Jr. League Family Night

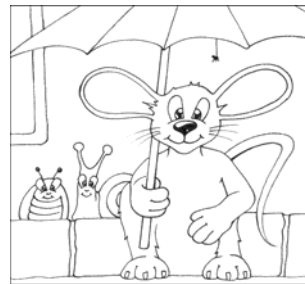
All FLY and Jr. League families are invited to Family Night on Sunday, August 30th at 5:00 p.m. We will be welcoming new Jr. League and Fly members. Parents will receive a calendar and important dates for the 2009-2010 year.

August Birthday Celebrations

We wish to send a "Birthday Greeting" to all of our members celebrating this month. A special greeting is extended to our members who are 80 or over.

Margie Carlson - 7th

Please refer to your church directory for the entire birthday list of our members.



The Church Mouse

Thank you
to all of you who
helped celebrate
Marge Gardner's

birthday party. There was such a big crowd I did not get any cake. We thank Gwen and Garth and his family for decorating and all.

Thank you to Steve Kuelper, Gary Hinrichs, Mark Melton, Jason Robshaw, and Dave Strike (and Merle Strike's "digger") for getting the "triangle" in front of the church

ready for concrete. This is part of a memorial for Nell & Clarence Janssen. There will be a bench and flower pot added for decoration. I just love to sit and watch flowers grow.

Thanks to all who have contributed to our fellowship this summer: Jan Carlson, Glenda Sampson, Joan Johnson, Char Ackerman, Jeanne Frank, Illene Howlett, Nancy Plautz, Marilyn Melton, Carole Minssen, Darla Rangel, Heather Rangel, and Connie Johnson. I even smelled cheese one Sunday.

If you know of others who need to be thanked, slip a note in my box. And always remember to say thank you. Especially to God. Amen.

Assisting in August

Ushers: Darryl Gibson, Arlyn & Char Ackerman, Jason Robshaw

Greeters: Darrel & Glenda Sampson, Diane Jones, Jan Carlson

Altar Committee: Glenda Sampson, Jan Carlson, Pam Strike

Assisting Minister: 16 – Randy Roland

Communion Bread: 2 - Jean Blair

Cantor: Carol Proeger

Readers

2 – Rita Olson
9 – Ellen Pannier
16 – Margaret Lundberg
23 – Cathy Matthews
30 – Peggy Kuelper

Acolytes

2 – Riley Meyer
9 – Jake Plautz
16 – Daniel Proeger
23 – Annie Sandrock
30 – Patrick Kelly

Nursery

2 – Stephanie Skromme
9 – Heather Vahle
16 – Lory Wirth
23 – Sharon Anderson
30 – Judi Breitbach, Erin, Tara

Blood Pressure

23 – Karen Buck



Pastor & Staff

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Sunday Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.

Parish Secretary's Hours

Monday - Friday . . . 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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