



# First Lutheran Church

*We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.*

## July Parish Visitor

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name (Psalm 68:4)**

I never know how to respond to the question: **What's your favorite (fill in the blank: book, movie, music, meal...)?** How can you compare a novel like Charles Dickens' David Copperfield with Stephen King's The Stand, the movie Gladiator with Mary Poppins, Bach with the Beatles, crab legs with leg of lamb? Yet I would include all of them on some kind of all-time-favorite list.



So I usually begin my answer by asking for some clarification: *Are we talking historical fiction or science fiction? Action or musical? Classical or Rock? Surf or Turf?*

So for all of you who are like me, I apologize in advance for asking the following question: **What are your top-ten favorite hymns/worship songs?** We're going to spend the next few months coming up with First Lutheran's favorite songs for worship to use as a tool for helping make worship even better for the heart and the soul.

We have done a few things to help this project flow smoothly. First of all, everyone gets to select **10 songs** for each of **four different categories**: general hymns, Christmas hymns, Easter hymns and praise songs – that way no one has to choose between:

- **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**                      - **Joy to the World**
- **This Joyful Eastertide**                      and                      - **Oh Happy Day!**

Secondly, to help the selection process we've included in this newsletter a list of **hymns** that others consider popular (go online and check out "Lutherans favorite hymns" or page through the hymnal when you're here at church). Next month we will publish a list of **Christmas** and **Easter** hymns, as well as all the **praise songs** our First Lutheran praise teams use in worship.

Finally, *email, send in or drop off* your lists by September so that we can plan our worship music accordingly. Then the only thing left to do is come to worship and see how many of your favorites make the list!

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Scott

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## For Sale: First Lutheran Water Bottles!

For only \$6 you can get a nice water bottle. What a great gift to keep your loved ones & YOU hydrated this summer!

Hurry, these will go fast!

They will be available in the Narthex before and after worship on Sunday mornings and in the church office during the week.

## New Members were welcomed the weekend of June 28-29!

### Kenneth & Mary Fischer

302 A Elaine Avenue– Marshall, MN 507-401-3015

Kenneth & Mary Fischer are transfers from Albright Methodist in Marshall. Kenneth is employed at Carr Properties in Marshall and does maintenance for Hill Street Place, Boulder Estates, and Boulder Creek. Mary is employed at US Bank in Customer Service.

Kenneth & Mary have 2 grown children Travis Fischer & Tamara Dahl as well as 5 grandchildren: Katline, Trista, Tatum, Adyson, & Callen. The Fischer's sponsors are their daughter & son-in-law Tamara & Brian Dahl.

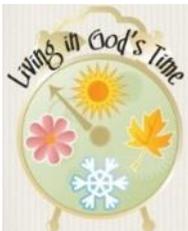


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Theme for 2014: "Living in God's Time"

July 21- July 24 – 9am – 2:30pm

For kindergarten (going into) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (completing)



### **WHY DAY CAMP???**

1. We believe in providing MANY awesome opportunities and options to grow in our faith!
2. We want to give you a "taste of camp" right here at First Lutheran Church!
3. We believe that it's important for us to tell HOW to "Live in God's time" in this world!
4. We are committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ!
5. It will be an incredible week of the energetic Shetek Staff, Bible study, games, crafts, worship, camp songs, snacks, skits, and GROWING IN YOUR FAITH!!

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July 21- July 24 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

(sack lunch needed each day....beverages will be provided)

For kindergarten (going into) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (completing)

**COST: \$ 35 per person (maximum of \$85 cap for families)**

Cost includes an incredible week of the energetic Shetek Staff, Bible study, games, crafts, worship, camp songs, snacks, skits, and GROWING IN YOUR FAITH!!

**No one will be turned away! Scholarships are provided.**

Name of Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering in Sept 2014 \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

List any restrictions for normal activities \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies? (If so, what and how do they react)/ Diet Restrictions?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current Medication \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give permission for my child(ren) to participate in activities/field trips planned by the Day Camp Staff. Shetek Lutheran Ministries or First Lutheran may use any pictures or videos that my child appears in for promotional purposes. I also authorize delivery of necessary emergency care by available medical staff.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
\$amount paid

## FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN NEWS

### Important Dates

- June 30/July 1 – Quilting, 1-4pm in the Fellowship Hall
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – Women’s Board Meeting, 5:15 pm
- July 10<sup>th</sup> – Bingo Bash, AVERA Nursing Home
- July 24-27 – Women of ELCA 9th Triennial Gathering, Charlotte, North Carolina  
\*\*Attended by Kim Christianson, Board Past President

### Wednesday, July 30, 2014 Women’s Retreat – Garden Getaway...

*Are you looking for time away from the busyness of life-time to “stop and smell the roses,” as you relax with friends, share laughter and stories, and spend time with God?*

Join us at our Garden Getaway Retreat to experience all this and more!

Garden Getaway is a relaxing garden-themed retreat the women of our church are doing together. It includes worship, Bible study, and time for laughter as well as time for quiet reflection. This is a time to walk with God, the Master Gardener. We’ll leave First Lutheran at 3:15pm on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Our retreat will be held at Lake Shetek Retreat Center. The cost will be \$15.00 and includes a delicious meal, fun and refreshing activities. We should return home about 9pm.

Stop by the table in the back of the church to learn more and sign up. Sign-up by Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please ask Shirley Anderson-Porisch, Corlys Knudson, or Dawn Planting.



Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship, and to draw closer to God. We hope you’ll join us at the Garden Getaway.



## Consider Becoming a First Lutheran Caring Friend

**Caring Friends** is the name of a group of First Lutheran people who used to visit folks in the congregation who were mostly homebound. They would call on their special friend(s) at least once a month, and then gather as a group to pray for and support those they visited and each other. It was a vital ministry and they did a very good job of helping everyone feel more connected to one another.

We are going to restart this ministry and invite you to consider becoming a Caring Friend. Come to an interest meeting at 12:00 p.m. (noon!) on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. You can choose to visit as many (or as few) people as you like. We will also offer a brief training for those who would like to make sharing the Lord's Supper as part of their monthly visit.

We hope that you consider becoming a member of this team of Caring Friends. On Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, bring a sack lunch and your questions/ideas for how First Lutheran can best serve those who have to stay close to home. If you can't make that meeting, simply call the Church Office and we will make sure you get the information you need. A few minutes of your time each month will bring a great sense of blessing to those you visit – as well as a boost to your own heart and soul as well.



**WANTED:** Would you like to make a difference in a child's life? Are you 55 years of age or older? Do you have 15 hours a week to volunteer at a local school? Would you like to earn a tax-free stipend plus transportation allowance? If you answered yes to these questions become a Foster Grandparent Volunteer, mentoring and tutoring children one-on-one in the classroom. Join a program that makes a positive difference in the lives of youth in your community. For more information contact Gail Sumerfelt at 507-337-0382 or 507-530-2295 or email [gail.sumerfelt@lssmn.org](mailto:gail.sumerfelt@lssmn.org).



Beginning  
Experience

**Beginning Experience of Southwest Minnesota**, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering its Level II "Rebuilding" series for ten weeks beginning July 21, 2014 through Sept. 29.

The Monday night sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. at the First Lutheran Church on Church and "A" Street in Marshall, MN. Registration is held the first two Monday nights starting at 6:30 P.M. Registration is then closed for that session. The support group is open to people of all denominations. There is a fee of \$75 to cover the cost of materials. This series is designed for those who are past the initial pain of losing a partner and are working to put their lives back together. All dialogue is confidential and facilitators are individuals who have suffered a similar loss.

If you wish to pre-register or have other questions concerning level participation, contact Kevin A. 507-227-1116 or [aanenson@msn.com](mailto:aanenson@msn.com) Tammy B. 507-227-1625 [tbhappiernow@hotmail.com](mailto:tbhappiernow@hotmail.com) at Anna H. at 507-530-2639 or [hawk33@charter.net](mailto:hawk33@charter.net)



**Esther's Kitchen – FREE Meals**

Served at Christ United Presbyterian Church – Marshall  
400 W. Lyon Street  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm  
(Social Time at 5:00pm)  
Wednesdays – Noon – 1:00pm

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH 2014 STATISTICS

DATE	GENERAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	ATTENDANCE
6/ 1	\$13,446.85	\$1,025.00	250
6/ 8	\$7,118.00	\$ 150.00	219
6/15	\$11,657.95	\$ 208.75	174
6/22	\$2,898.14	\$ 503.00	153

### WEEKLY General Fund Giving Needed to Sustain 2014 Financial Plan:

**\$10,897**

Needed Year-to-Date (Jan - June 22): \$272,417.31  
 Received Year-to-Date (Jan - June 22): \$248,210.19  
 Difference Year-to-Date (Jan - June 22): (\$ 24,207.12 )

At the end of May our checking account had a negative balance of (\$12,712). Since that date, insufficient monies have been received to bring it back "in the black" and the balance is now (\$ 9,567). Therefore, I've had to make the uncomfortable decision to hold checks, and will need to continue to do so, until sufficient dollars are available to cover them.

If we do not get caught up on our General Fund obligations very soon, we will not be able to pay additional bills and/or payroll.

Pamela Russell, Treasurer

