



# The First Word

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### August is Mission Month



*Mission*  
**Sunday**

Sunday, August 23  
**Mission Sunday**  
**with the Stubbs Family**  
missionaries in Tanzania

9:00 AM - Worship  
10:00 AM - Social Hour  
4:00 PM - Special Concert  
5:00 PM - Light Supper

Sunday, August 30  
**Mission Sunday**  
**with Pastor Diane Dardon**  
Lutheran Campus Ministry

9:00 AM - Worship  
10:00 AM - Social Hour

### Mission Statement

*First Lutheran Church*

...

*Hearing, Living, and  
Sharing God's Word  
Together*

### Dates to Remember

Volunteer Celebration at Walcamp.....August 15  
 Blessing of the Backpacks .....August 22  
 Mission Sunday with the Stubbs Family .....August 23  
 Mission Sunday with Pastor Diane Dardon.....August 30  
 Book Discussion..... September 14

Dear Friends,

The economic reality has hit home with some of us experiencing job losses or income reductions. And all of us are experiencing the fear that economic uncertainty tends to bring. Unfortunately, this fear has had a negative impact on giving to the church. As of the end of June, the gap between our actual ministry expenses and giving is about \$40,600.

At the annual meeting in January, you approved a ministry plan for this year that was about a 10% reduction from the prior years budget, about the same amount actually spent on ministry support during 2008. The Finance Ministry Team has provided information about the current financial situation to you; all the facts, figures, and budget numbers. And while this information is certainly helpful, I don't believe that people are motivated to give to the church on the basis of facts, figures, and budgets. In fact, I believe that when a church concentrates primarily on facts, figures, and budgets, the church develops a scarcity mentality, goes into survival mode, giving decreases, and the financial difficulties it fears become a reality. Generous giving, on the other hand, does not focus on facts, figures and budgets, it comes from the heart and soul! It is an emotional and spiritual response in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. I believe that giving is an act of worship, based on 'faith feelings' of 'joy,' 'gladness,' and 'thankfulness.'

But sadly, when faced with economic uncertainty, we may tend to lose our 'faith feelings' and focus, instead, on facts, figures and budgets. And as 'faith feelings' fade away, giving tapers off, and feelings of scarcity and fear take root and grow —and the church goes into decline. But when a church has 'faith feelings' of 'joy,' 'gladness' and 'thankfulness,' an atmosphere of abundance takes hold, hope grows, and the church thrives!

The difference is, of course, 'faith feelings,' trusting in God's abundance and giving in response to it, even in an uncertain economy! Some of you have focused on 'faith feelings' and continue to give generously to the ministry and mission of the church, and for that I am thankful. But it is becoming increasingly difficult to not be troubled by the growing gap between giving and ministry expenses (especially when one considers that 37% of our families have not given anything this year, and another 18% are giving \$5 or less per week).

So, I am asking every one of you to prayerfully consider increasing your financial support for the ministry and mission of the church. Closing the gap between ministry expenses and giving is not such a daunting task when we all work together. An extra ten dollars a week in every offering envelope for the rest of the year erases our monthly shortfall and closes the existing gap before the end of this year. And next year, if every family starts out giving five dollars more every week for the entire year, there will be no gap to be concerned about!

I thank you for your joyful giving, in whatever amount you feel called, for closing the current gap between ministry expenses and giving. Even in the midst of economic uncertainty, let's *not* be a church fearfully stuck in 'survival mode.' Rather, let's be a church which thrives, by celebrating God's great love for us with joyful, glad and thankful giving!

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Pastor Roy+

Congratulations to **Paul and Sarah VanderBleek** on the birth of their son, Ryder David, born on June 22. Proud grandparents are **Ralph and Susan Chaplin** and **Velma Chamberlain** is the proud great-grandmother.

Our sympathy is extended to **Gerry and Linda Sanderson** and their family at the death of his sister, Elaine Lawrence, who passed away on July 4; to **John and Cheryl Countryman** and their family at the death of John's mother, Helen Whitney, who passed away on July 5; and to **Harriet Royalty** and her family at the death of her daughter-in-law Wilma Arnold, who passed away on July 17. May God comfort those who mourn.

Congratulations to **Ken and Jean Pumfrey** on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 1; to **Arlyn and Biruta Strike** on their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary on August 2; to **Jesse and Karen Schramer** on their 10th anniversary on August 7; to **Jim and Colleen Johnson** on the celebration of their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary on August 24; to **Roger and Nikki Burdick** on their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on August 25; to **Don and Donna Kieso** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 29; and to **Dan and Hazel Metzger** on their 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary also on August 29.

Please remember the following people in your prayers: **Jane Fay, Sue Grafe, Don Johnson, Barbara Lindus, Perry Larsen, Rodney Lothson, Ken Pumfrey, Al Ritzman, Ruth Smith, Pat Tuecke, Emmett & Dorothy Youngren, Nancy Abrams** (sister of **Debra Burgin**), **Curtis Cole** (son of **Jesse and Doris Cole**), **Rosemary Lane**, and **Chris Setchell** (daughter-in-law of **Ron and Jan Setchell**).



## Special Thanks

A BIG thanks to all those who helped to raise awareness about premature birth by donating time, goodies, and cash during our fundraising campaign and the Coffee Hour we hosted to benefit the March for Babies. All the proceeds went to the March of Dimes/March for Babies. Because of your generosity and that of other friends and family the Longeville family raised in excess of \$750.00.

We participated in the March for Babies walk on April 25 and along with 400 other walkers raised in excess of \$51,000 to support our cause. It is never too late to help out, contact any of the Longeville family to find out how.

With Love,  
**John, Lou, JC and Jaden, Longeville**

During the month of August we will be singing a new summer Gospel Acclamation. The tune is new, but the words are familiar — Alleluia!

Take a look inside the back cover of your hymnal and you will find a copy of the Apostle's Creed. Thanks to **Jan Womack** for inserting these so that worshipers can readily find the words.





Do you have the Passion, Skills for Service and Time to be part of our Children's Ministry?? If any of the following ministry opportunities grab your attention, God may be nudging you to share your gifts and time. Call the Church Office to sign up.

**P** Passion  
**S** Skills for  
**S** Service  
**T** Time

### Cross Walk Sundays —

- **Music Leader** - for Tiny Tots through Kindergarten, 15 minutes on Sunday mornings. Enthusiasm and the ability to lead singing are important; keyboard skills are not required and age appropriate music will be provided.
- **Assistant Coordinator** - pick up attendance sheets and offering and help with clerical duties.
- **Shepherds** for Tiny Tots through Sixth Grade - lead Bible lesson during workshop time; all curriculum will be provided.
- **Workshop leaders** for **CINEMA, GAMES** and **ART workshops** - needed from September 13 - October 4, a four week commitment. Teach the same lesson each week with different grade levels.
- **Supplies and skills needed** - located on the angel board in the Atrium. All donations will be greatly appreciated by our children and staff.

### Cross Walk Wednesdays —

- **Meal Coordinator** - keep tabs on kitchen supplies, make sure we have enough helpers and food items each week.
- **Leaders (2) for grades 2-4** - guide kids through instant Bible lessons, without a lot of preparation! All scripts, games, skits and activities are included in a book with stories about the early church: Stephen, Phillip, Saul, Peter, Paul, Silas, Priscilla and Aquilla are the people you'll meet. Add your own enthusiasm and love for kids, and they will have lots of fun while learning.
- **Leaders (2) for grades 5-6—"Be-Tween You and Me."** This is a brand new group for "tweens"/preteens and we'll be using *No-Miss Lessons for Preteen Kids*. Each lesson is Bible based, with active learning that focuses on faith, self, relationships, issues, and service. Everything is laid out for you in the book — just add enthusiasm, patience, flexibility, a good sense of humor, and a caring heart.



## First Communion

On Sunday, May 31 we welcomed six of our second graders to the Lord's Table to receive their First Communion. Pictured with Pastor Marilyn and Pastor Roy are: **Grace Bauling, Allison Lawler, Tyler Scarbrough, Logan Buhk, Emily Morfoot, and Emilee Schramer.** Welcome to the Lord's Table!



## **Mission Sundays – August 23 & August 30**

**Randy and Carol Stubbs** and their children, Megan, Nathan, and Marissa will be at First Lutheran on Sunday, August 23. Randy will give the sermon at the 9:00 AM worship service and the family will be providing special music. They will also be available during the Social Hour to visit and tell of their

experiences as missionaries in Tanzania, Africa. The Stubbs family has been in Africa for the past three years, serving as missionary teachers at Makumira University under the auspices of ELCA Global Missions. A special musical program at 4:00 PM in the afternoon is also being planned, followed by a light evening meal.

**Pastor Diane Dardon**, campus pastor at Lutheran Campus Ministry at NIU, will be the guest preacher at First Lutheran on Sunday, August 30, at the 9:00 AM worship service. Pastor Diane will also present a forum during the Social Hour and tell about student missionary trips to Guatemala. Students who participate in Lutheran Campus Ministry will be with her that day to talk about the impact of Lutheran Campus Ministry in their lives.

You are invited to

## ***A Musical Offering of Thanksgiving***

for the gift of the restored Hinners Organ

featuring

**Devon Hollingsworth**

**Mark Mackeben**

**Randy Stubbs and  
the Stubbs family**

**Sunday, August 23, 2009**

**4:00 PM**

**A light supper will follow at 5:00 PM**



We are very excited that by the time the First Word goes out, the youth and adults attending the Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans!

Please keep us in your prayers that our hearts will be open to all of the experiences that God is giving us. The following people are going to the Gathering: **Mitch and Zach Aase, Megan and Rachel Barber, Nicole Billips, Danny Engstrom, Nicole Fisher, Katie Heminway, Kate Metzler, Naomi Morphis, Liz Peregrine, Aaron and Bailey Russell, and Hillary Taylor.** Adult chaperones are **Diane Gomez, John Metzler, Sue Russell,** and Youth Director **Liz Botts.**

We would like to invite everyone to join us on August 2 for a forum all about our experiences at the Youth Gathering. The forum will be held at the back of the Social Hall during Coffee Hour. We will have lots of photos and some of the youth who attended will share their highlights and favorite moments.

**Meal and a Message** continues on Wednesday nights in August from 5:30-7:30 PM. We will meet on August 5, 12,

and 19. There will be no Meal and a Message on August 26. Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Our **Ollie's Bible Study** will continue to meet throughout August. We will meet August 2, 16, 23, and 30 from 7:00 -8:00 PM. There will be no Bible study on August 9. Join us as we study the first book of Corinthians. Remember to bring money if you want custard!

It's time to kick-off our school year programming! Can you believe it is that time again already? Our Jr. High program will kick-off on Sunday, August 16 with a campfire at the Lagoon fire pit from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Drop off and pick up will be at the Lagoon. We will roast hot dogs and marshmallows, and then play group games. Sign up by August 10 is required. Please email or call Liz to sign up.

Our Sr. High program will also have a campfire at the Lagoon. The Sr. High campfire will be Friday August 28 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. We will roast hot dogs and marshmallows, have a devotion, and play some games. Sign up by August 20 by calling, texting, or e-mailing Liz ([liz\\_botts@yahoo.com](mailto:liz_botts@yahoo.com)).

**Liz Botts,** Youth Director

## **Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Outdoor Worship  
Saturday August 22, 5:30 PM**



As we prepare to go back to school this fall, we invite all students to bring their backpacks and school supplies to our Saturday, August 22, outdoor worship-service for a special blessing.

*Classrooms and labs! Assemblies and programs!  
Athlete and band! Scholar and choir!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!*

*(adapted from 'Earth and All Stars,' Evangelical Lutheran Worship,  
© 1968 Augsburg Publishing House)*



**book of faith**  
Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

**Coming  
in September!**

**“Making Sense of Scripture —  
Big Questions about the Book of Faith”**

Please join us for the Sunday Adult Forum on Sundays, **September 13 - October 25**. This seven session study is hosted (via DVD) by Professor David Lose, from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Topics include: What is the Bible?; Is the Bible True?; How is the Bible the Word of God?; Where Did the Bible Come From?; How Can I Read the Bible with Greater Understanding?; Is There a ‘Center’ to Scripture?; What Kind of Authority Does the Bible Hold?

**Bridgebuilders Update**

I am writing this brief update as to the current status of where we are with the Bridgebuilder Process. We have just completed the third Focus Group meeting this past Sunday morning and have one more scheduled meeting left on July 26. While we have had good turnouts to date, we wish for all to participate in this process. Therefore anyone who has not had the opportunity to attend one of these meetings, the last one is this Sunday, July 26 after the worship service. The event will take place in the Social Hall at 10:20 AM. Please plan to attend.



The finished Action Plan will be presented to Sarah Wilson and Paul Wolfe on Saturday August 1, by the Action Planning Group, and will then be presented to the Church Council on Tuesday, August 11. The Action Planning Group will then present the finished Action Plan to the congregation on Sunday, August 16 after the worship service. Please mark your calendars to attend this important meeting.

I wish to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to attend any of these functions. I encourage you all to continue your participation, as we need everyone’s help and cooperation so that we may continue as a successful and vibrant congregation.

God bless us all and guide us in peace.

**Paul M. Letheby**  
General Coordinator Bridgebuilder Process

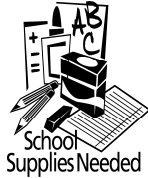


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <b>Food Pantry Donations</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>10:20 AM</b> Forum on the ELCA Youth Gathering <b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Youth Group Bible Study at Ollie's	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Ministry Team Meetings	<b>5</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Meal & A Message	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> MOPS Steering Team Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> Bridgebuilder Action Planning Team Meeting <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Sr. High Can Collection</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> MOPS Play Date At Huntley Park, DeKalb <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Congregation Council	<b>12</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Meal & A Message	<b>13</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Prelude - Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>11:30 AM - 5:00 PM</b> Volunteer Celebration at Walcamp
<b>16</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Quarterly Meeting with Bridgebuilder Report <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>5:00 - 7:00 PM</b> Jr. High Campfire at the NIU Lagoon <b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Youth Group Bible Study at Ollie's	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Meal & A Message	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Outdoor Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks
<b>23</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Mission Sunday Worship with the Stubbs Family <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>4:00 PM</b> A Musical Offering of Thanksgiving <b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Youth Group Bible Study at Ollie's	<b>24</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study <b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes	<b>27</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Prelude - Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Needlework Group <b>6:30 PM</b> Personnel Committee Meeting	<b>28</b> <b>5:00 - 7:00 PM</b> Sr. High Campfire at the NIU Lagoon	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Mission Sunday Worship with Pastor Diane Dardon <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship <b>7:00 - 8:00 PM</b> Youth Group Bible Study at Ollie's	<b>31</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>1</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group <b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> <b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study <b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Meal & A Message <b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

**Time for School!!**

NO!!! But it is time for the Lutheran World Relief School Bag Collection as school supplies are now on sale. One hundred twenty (120) school



bags are made and hopefully will be filled. These are the supplies needed in each school bag with the number on hand in parenthesis: **notebooks (19)** 150 - 200 sheets of lined paper (WalMart has 70 sheet spiral notebooks for 15 cents); **crayons (19)** 16 or 24 crayons per box; **blunt scissors (20)**; **rulers (39)**; **pencils (35)** with erasers, six in each bag; **erasers (56)** about 2 1/2" long; **pencil sharpeners (60)**; 12 sheets of assorted **colored construction paper (10)**.

**SOOOO** - fill a bag, give a single item, give several items, or give several of one item. WalMart, Walgreens, and the \$ Stores have some good prices now. Place the items in the basket in the Narthex. MOPS will be assembling the school bags in September.

**Hope Haven Needs Volunteers**

The Hope Haven chart for volunteers is now posted on the bulletin board outside the Library. There are still several openings for volunteers to sign up. Volunteers are asked to help provide a portion of the meal (main dish; vegetable or salad; or dessert and milk). First Lutheran is responsible for the second Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in helping, contact **Carrie Engstrom** at 758-2588 or sign up today!

**Volunteer Celebration  
Helping Our Community Thrive**



The congregation is invited to a fun-filled family "Volunteer Celebration" to be held at Walcamp in Kingston on Saturday, August 15, from 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM. This event is co-sponsored by Thrivent, Habitat for Humanity, and Walcamp for volunteers of all kinds.

To kick-off the afternoon, a picnic style lunch with music will be held at noon. The lunch will include hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, veggies, chips, desserts, drinks, treats, and more.

Activities for the kids include: swimming, fishing, canoeing, hiking, archery, games for kids with prizes, face painting, clowns, prizes, etc. Lots of fun and it's all free! Adults can join in the activities or simply relax and enjoy conversation with others attending.

Please RSVP to Jim Johnson (jajwriter@hotmail.com) or 815-758-1022 by August 1.

**Newsletter Deadline**

Just a reminder, the deadline to submit articles and information for The First Word is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each and every month. Articles should be brief and may be edited. Articles for the September issue should be in to the Church Office by Thursday, August 20. Articles may be e-mailed to: [Office@FirstLutheranDeKalb.org](mailto:Office@FirstLutheranDeKalb.org) Thank you for your cooperation.



## Calling All Women ...

Each month I lead a Bible study for women, which I've named "Prelude." A "prelude" is an introductory event preceding another event. The "Prelude" Bible study is meant to be an enriching event to get our day off to a great start and inspire us for service in Christ's name. "Prelude" meets on the second and fourth Thursday mornings of each month, beginning at 9:00 AM and concluding no later than 10:30 AM. It is open to women of all ages.

During the month of August, I will be using the Bible study on Mary, the mother of Jesus, taken from the *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine. On August 13, the study will focus on "Kinships, Friendships and Holy Encounters" and the August 27 study is titled "Mary among the Disciples."

Mary is one of the few females in the Bible whom we get to see over a period of decades. Through our study, we will take a closer look at her life through several seasons of her life. I will download the lessons for those participating in the August studies.

Beginning on September 10, and each succeeding second Thursday of the month, we will also be using the *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine's Bible Study, this time focusing on the book of Romans. The author of the study is Sarah Henrichs, associate professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. Martin Luther has said the letter to the Romans is the most important piece in the New Testament. He even said it would be worth memorizing! I hope you'll consider getting together with your sisters in Christ to study and reflect on this amazing letter from scripture.

The cost of a 10-issue subscription to *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine is \$12.00. The magazine not only contains the monthly Bible study but is filled with numerous inspiring articles written by and for women. If you would like to join the study, please give me a call and we'll get your subscription to the magazine started. Checks for the subscription can be made payable to First Lutheran Church. Please submit your payment for the magazine to the Church Office **no later than August 10.**

The fourth Thursday of each month we will be discussing alternate topics, such as care of the creation or spiritual disciplines like prayer, fasting, etc. The group participating in the study will help in determining the topics for the fourth Thursday studies.

Pastor Marilyn

## Book Discussion Group Meets in July



The Book Discussion Group will meet next on Monday, September 14, at 12:00 NOON in the Community Room to discuss Father and Son: Finding Freedom by Walt Wangarin and his son Matthew.

"Each tells the history of their difficult, often ruptured, relationship. The elder Wangerin's distinctive and masterly voice comes first; then the son's, displaying its own refreshing and compelling style."

All those attending are invited to bring a sack lunch and join in the discussion.



### Get connected ... with MOPS!

Registration for our MOPS group (Mothers of Preschoolers) has begun for the fall semester. MOPS is designed to nurture EVERY mother with children from infancy through kindergarten to the glory of God. Members come from all walks of life, but share one desire: to be great moms!

Do you need ...

- ... a place to come just as you are and unwind, while your children are cared for in Moppets?
- ... someone to talk to, confide in, and who understands your daily struggles?
- ... encouragement and inspiration during this crazy, yet critical stage of mothering?
- ... information that is practical and relevant to the life of a mother?

... then join our MOPS!

Our group meets every other Monday from September through May. Drop off for childcare is at 8:45 AM and our meetings are from 9:00 - 11:00 AM. Each meeting is a variation of speakers, discussion topics, crafts (that we get to start and finish without any interruptions and with no mess to clean up!), service projects, games,

time to get to know one another and of course, a warm breakfast.

We have also planned some "Moms Night Out" events as well as family outings and summer play dates at the park.

The theme this year is "Together on Planet Mom." Some of the topics we are planning for the coming



year include: Getting to Know You, Teaching Our Children about Stranger Danger, Taking Photos of Their World, Giving Your Kids Some Culture, Cooking, Having Patience with your Kids, Energizing Fun and Getting a Few Things Done!, Annual Pampering Day, New Years Resolutions, Marriage Popcorn Questions, What Not to Wear, Annual MOP Swap and Babysitting Tips, Men's Panel, How to Protect Your Skin, Car Seat Safety and Clean Out, Easy DIY Home Repairs, Tea and Testimony, and Mommy & Me Picnic at the Park.

**Registration is required and is now open, with fees of \$40 per semester for Mom and a small \$10 Moppets fee per mom per semester for moms who bring their children.**

If you are interested in joining our group, or if you know of a mother of preschoolers who would like to connect with other moms, contact Sara Moorman at [MOPSoFDeKalb@yahoo.com](mailto:MOPSoFDeKalb@yahoo.com) or call the Church Office at 815-758-0643.

## Caregivers Support Group

Do you care for a family member or friend? Do you need support and ideas to help you? Do you have ideas to share that work for you? If you do, then please join us on Wednesday, September 23, from 6:15 - 7:30 PM for our initial meeting. Limited respite services will be available for this meeting so you can attend. A short program will be presented with the remaining time open for sharing.



Possible topics for future meetings include: Traveling with a Senior, Visiting the Doctor, Do You Have an Emergency Kit?, and What to Do in Bad Weather.

Mark the date on your calendars and call the Church Office, 815-758-0643, if you are interested. All are welcome.

## Needlework Group

Join us on the last Thursday of each month to get your projects completed (or started!). Come share your needlework — counted cross-stitch, knitting, crocheting, and quilting. Lessons are given to help you get started, too. We're a social group of all ages and dessert is always served. Please join us; mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

## Chrismons

A *chrismon* is a Christmas tree decoration designed to represent some feature of Christ's life. Chrismon supplies have been ordered and a group is forming to work on ornaments for our Christmas tree. If you are interested in joining the group, please call the Church Office. Dates will be set soon for members to work together on this special project.



## Did You Know ...

... that the Jenny Lind Chapel in Andover, Illinois was given this name in 1948? It honors the memory of Jenny Lind, the great Swedish soprano who, on her American Concert Tour, contributed \$1,500.00 to Pastor Lars Paul Esbjörn to build what later became known as the Mother Church of the Augustana Synod.

... that Pastor Esbjörn himself was the first Swedish Lutheran pastor to arrive in America? He founded this church on March 18, 1850 with ten charter members who had followed him from Sweden.

... that tragically Pastor Esbjörn lost both his wife and one son to a raging cholera epidemic while construction was underway? Another son had died earlier on the voyage. Before the new church was finished, its ground floor became an emergency hospital.

... that on March 18, 1975 a year-long celebration commemorated the 125th anniversary of Pastor Esbjörn and our Mother Church? It was newly renovated and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

... that today the Chapel is owned by the Northern Illinois Synod, with ties to Augustana College? Pastor Esbjörn himself later served as its first president. The Chapel is open 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily from May through October. In the summer, weekly Sunday evening services are held at 7:00 PM. The final summer service will be held on August 9. Occasional special services, including Christmas, are also held.

For further information, on the Jenny Lind Chapel see: [www.JennyLindChapel.org](http://www.JennyLindChapel.org)

**Corinne Johnson**

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|---|---|---|
| 1. Frank Burdick<br>Robert Carlson<br>Elizabeth Wesemann                          | 12. David Kothrade<br>LaVonne McDowell                    | Donald Burdick<br>Jason Galyardt                                    |
| 2. Kathryn Speckhart  | 13. Kyle Wallin   | 24. Nicole Henke  |
| 3. Tom Stach<br>Tim Stach<br>Bill Stach   | 14. Christopher Bradt<br>Richard Johannesen<br>Lee Todtz  | Bertil Larson<br>Chelsey Sanderson<br>Mary Tolf                     |
| 4. George Yochem  | 15. John Corneille<br>Arlene Lothson<br>Richard Retrum    | 25. Andy Freeland<br>Mary Ellen Ikeler<br>Carla Neumann             |
| 5. Diane Gomez<br>Connor Hoyle<br>Amy Roberts-Clark                               | 16. James Bryner<br>Jean Pumfrey                          | Sarah Newby   |
| 6. Jim Peterson<br>Sam Votaw  | 17. Mary Wehmeyer   | 26. Ross Brennan  |
| 7. Harold Grafe<br>Breanna Hanson<br>Joseph Jones<br>Jim Luebke                   | 18. Megan Hopkins<br>Hwacha Kosobud                       | 27. Gerry Jensen<br>Rebecca Looney<br>Sadie Lunn<br>Lindsey Salazar |
| 8. Howard Jacobson  | 19. Elizabeth Anderson<br>Ryan Foelske<br>Florence Miller | 29. Bob Botts<br>Liz Botts<br>Ron Setchell<br>Keenan Stach          |
| 9. Terry Pardridge  | 20. Dawn Gersic<br>Lisa Sanderson                         | 30. Laura Ellis<br>John Feken<br>Thomas Schramer                    |
| 10. Nita Challgren<br>Kristina Henson Oland<br>Susan Sokolowski<br>Brittany Todtz | 21. Sara Smith<br>Helen Williams                          | 31. Cheryl Countryman<br>Scott Hart                                 |
|   | 22. Tyler Jensen  |   |
|   | 23. Roger Astling<br>Robert Bowman                        |   |

**Comptroller Report for June 2009**

	<b>June Actual</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Actual</b>	<b>June Budget</b>
Income	\$37,669.25	\$202,201.60	
Expenses	\$40,569.62	\$242,788.13	\$41,942.75
Ahead/(Behind)	(-\$2,900.37)	(-\$40,586.53)	

Capital Building Fund Loan Balance - \$493,978.46

One days interest on mortgage - \$78.95

**Attendance Figures for June 2009**

	<b>9:00 Sunday</b>
June 7	209
June 14	169
June 21	183
June 28	175

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Bell Choir Director

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Nursery Attendant

Cindy Hammil

Custodian

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Paul Letheby

Stan Lindahl

Caroline Peregrine

Karen Schramer

Tarryn Thaden

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Endowment Committee

Arlyn Strike

Evangelism Committee

Mary Colvin & Sue Grafe

Finance Committee

Dorothy Thorsen

Learning/Growth Committee

Personnel Committee

Jill Olson

Property Committee

Keith Setchell & Jan Womack

Social Ministry Committee

Jeanette Gommel

Stewardship Committee

Gerry Sanderson

Worship/Music/Fine Arts Committee

Youth Ministry Committee

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**Sunday Worship**  
9:00 AM

**Christian Education Hour**  
10:20 - 11:20 AM

**Church Office Hours**  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 AM - NOON - Friday

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