



The First Word

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Thanksgiving Worship Service

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Each year First Lutheran Church unites with our sisters and brothers of St. Mary Catholic Church and First United Methodist Church for a Thanksgiving Worship. This year's service, sponsored by the Tri-Congregational Association, will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church on Tuesday evening, November 24, at 7:00 PM. Pastor Roy will deliver the sermon and joint choirs will sing.

Pumpkin squares, cookies, cider, and coffee will be served following the worship. Come and join us as we thank God for another year of abundant blessings.

Mission Statement

First Lutheran Church

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

Dates to Remember

All Saint's Sunday	November 1
Book Discussion Group	November 2
Presentation Sunday	November 15
Thanksgiving Dinner	November 22
Thanksgiving Worship	November 24
Love Auction	December 6
Women's Smorgasbord	December 7

Pastor's
Thanksgiving
Message

November 2009



Dear Friends in Christ,

One of my favorite hymns of thanksgiving has always been, ***“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.”*** In the rural parishes that I have served over the years, it has been good to stand with the farmers of my congregations on Thanksgiving Eve and sing with gusto, “All be safely gathered in ...” When we have made it through the harvest season with a bountiful crop and no major injuries, these are great words to sing. I especially like the words to the first verse:

“Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.

God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come, to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.”

(ELW, #693)

It is a wonderful hymn that calls us to be thankful to God who provides for our every “need.” “Need” is my word. I noticed, for the first time ever today, as the familiar melody to this hymn has been running through my head, that the hymn writer says that God provides for our “wants” to be supplied. I’m thinking the word “needs” is more appropriate. After all, we all have wants, perhaps a long list of them. However, not all of our “wants” are really “needs” for daily survival, are they? We may “want” a bigger house, a new car, more clothes, or more electronic gadgets. However, we really don’t “need” them to live. A modest home, an older car, and fewer clothes and gadgets may serve us just as well. A Christian has to constantly evaluate between “needs” and “wants” when making decisions about how to spend the money we earn and when and how to share out of the abundance we have.

This is the time of year when we are bombarded, more than ever, with requests for financial support. Many of the invitations to give come through our daily mail. Many invitations also come to us through our congregational efforts of lifting up needs that we see. This season we are inviting people to help with Operation Christmas Child, with the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, with the Habitat for Humanity Build, and with the Salvation Army’s angel tree. We do not expect everyone to give to every cause. However, I encourage you to choose a cause or two you are especially passionate about and joyfully help us respond to the needs of that cause. Thankful people give generously to others. It may be that we let go some of our personal “wants” to do that or spend a little less on family gifts this holiday season. However, in our efforts to give to those less fortunate than us, we can truly make a difference in their lives. And through our giving, we will discover that God still provides for our most basic “needs.”

A blessed Thanksgiving season to each of you,

Pastor Marilyn

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Bill Stach** who passed away on October 19 and to **Jim and Paula Bryner** and their family at the death of her mother and our member, **Eunice Hartmann**. Eunice passed away six weeks before her 100th birthday. May God comfort those who mourn.

Please remember the following people in your prayers: **Jesse Cole, Jane Fay, Barbara Lindus, Rebecca Looney, Rodney Lothson, Brad Manning, Ken Pumfrey, Al Ritzman, Ruth Smith, Chuck Wrigley** (son of **Bev Wrigley**), **Nancy Abrams** (sister of **Debra Burgin**), **Callen Nahrgang** (grandson of **Mike and Sharon Wadle**), and **Elinor Robbins** (**Kathy Aase's** mother).

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, October 25, we will welcome to our Christian Fellowship, four new members. They are **John Baccheschi, Mary Burke, John Clemetsen,** and **Robert Himan**.

A reception in their honor will be held in the Social Hall following the service.

Special Thanks

Thanks to everyone who prayed for me when I had my shoulder replacement surgery. It sure makes you feel better when you know people are praying for you when you are in the operating room. Thanks to Pastor Marilyn for her visit and prayer at the hospital.

I enjoyed the many 'get well' cards.

God Bless You All,
Don P. Johnson

Love Auction

Our next LOVE AUCTION for Ketumbeine Parish will be held following worship on Sunday, December 6. Christmas baked goods will be auctioned. If you would like to donate an item or items for the auction, please let someone from the Social Ministry Team know.

Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder, the deadline to submit articles and information for The First Word is on the 20th of each and every month. Articles should be brief



As part of our All Saints Service on Sunday, November 1, we will light a candle and have a prayer of remembrance for the following members and friends of First Lutheran Church who passed away during the past year.

**Sue Skoglund
Ina Johnson
Marie Maxwell
Marjorie Carlson
Jim Royalty
Millie Peterson
Larry Weishaar
Mary Stach
Violet Grosklags
J. Robert Corneille
Elaine Lawrence
Christina Setchell
Adolph Klug
Eunice Hartmann
Harriet Walker
Bill Stach**

and may be edited. Newsletter articles for the December issue should be in to the Church Office no later than Friday, November 20. Articles can be e-mailed to: Office@FirstLutheranDeKalb.org Thank you for your cooperation.

Cross Walk Sunday Workshop Updates

Rotation 2 — The Widow's Mite

During this second rotation, the students have experienced new workshops focusing on the story of the Widow's Mite and Stewardship. These workshops are Cornerstone Computer Lab where they view a computerized slide show of the Widow's Mite story and play online computer puzzles and activities that test their knowledge of the story. In Peter's Theater (puppetry), the older students (grades 1-6) prepare puppet skits showing that gifts can be more than money while the younger students watch the skits. During the Living Word, they listen to the story of "The Widow's Offering" while viewing the pictures on a projected slide show, after which they create a collage with examples of people sacrificing for others. This rotation will end with a family event led by Thivent on November 1. Parents are asked to attend this event with their children.

Rotation 3 — The Good Samaritan

On November 8, the "helping others" workshop rotation will begin, focusing on the story of the Good Samaritan. The students will experience Cookin' with Jesus, Apostle's Art Studio, and WWJD Good News Station during this rotation. We are looking for people to lead the TV Station workshop.

Rotation 4 – The Birth Narrative

On December 6, January 3 and 10, Cross Walk students will learn about Jesus' birth through Salvation Stadium (games), Cornerstone Computer Lab, and Cookin' with Jesus. We are looking for people to lead Cornerstone Computer Lab and Cookin' with Jesus.

Please consider leading our little disciples through one of these fun workshops. Sign up in the Atrium or contact **Stephanie Corn** with any questions.

A big thank you to our Rotation 1 and 2 workshop leaders: **Elsa Glover, Caroline Peregrine, Bridget Meier, Tarryn Thaden, Paul Letheby, and Lori Johnson.** The children had experiences in each workshop as you helped teach them God's word.

Tanzania Famine Relief Fund — We are continuing to give our Cross Walk offering to Tanzanian Famine Relief. As of last Sunday, we have raised \$41.50 so far to help feed the hungry families of Tanzania. Way to go Cross Walk!

Cans for Tanzania



We're collecting aluminum cans and the money raised will also go towards famine relief. This is such a simple way to show love and concern for our brothers and sisters in need. Ask your friends and neighbors to save their cans, too. Together we **CAN** make a difference! Thanks to Al Fisher for bringing the cans to DIMCO. As of October 19, \$29.94 has been raised.

More items needed for workshops: tubes of croissant dough, packages of sliced cheese and meats, premade cookie dough that can be cut using cookie cutters, frosting and sprinkles for cookies, and angel cookie cutters. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church. Thank you!

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Greeting Schedule — The Third/Fourth Grade class is scheduled to be greeters before the 9:00 AM worship service on Sunday, November 15.

Cross Walk Wednesday

Cross Walk Wednesday is going strong, with an average of 22 kids participating each week. That is in addition to the Faith Trek (Confirmation) students and high school youth who are also here for faith formation programs on Wednesday evenings.

During the month of October, our youngest Cross Walk kids learned about how God wants us to do what is right (Ten Commandments), that God wants us to work together (building the tabernacle as a place for prayer), and that prayer is very important to God (Daniel in the lions' den). The

second - fourth graders learned that God is with us when bad things happen (Stephen the martyr) and how God works anywhere, anytime (Philip and the Ethiopian man). Our Tween Group has learned about the power of prayer, that God is faithful, and that God thinks they're awesome!

During music time we've learned songs about following Jesus and songs that connect with each group's Bible point for the week. And we've started learning music for the Christmas program.

Wednesday evening is a great time for kids of any age to bring their friends to church. There's a lot of excitement and energy in the building and we are having fun! Come check us out!

Please note: All Cross Walk groups (preschool - high school) will NOT meet on November 11 and 25.



Join the Cross Walk kids and youth as we prepare shoe boxes full of gifts that will be sent to needy children around the world.

Thanks to everyone who is participating in Operation Christmas Child! The response has been great and filled boxes are already piling up in the Music Office.

Our Faith Trek (Confirmation) kids are making this their service project. Preparing a box is a fun way to spend time together as a family.

If you are unable to fill a box, please consider making a donation to Samaritan's Purse (www.samaritanpurse.org/ezgive), or donating small items that others can put in their boxes. Check the gift list guide at the display in the Atrium.

Remember to: mark the gender and age category for your box; enclose \$7.00 to help cover shipping costs; wrap the box cover separately; put a rubber band around your box to secure the cover.

Our goal is to fill 50 boxes and the deadline is Sunday, November 8. This is one way we can work together to be the hands and feet of Jesus. What may seem like a small task to you can bring great joy to a child who otherwise might not receive a gift this year.



Jr. High: The Jr. High Youth Group will go bowling at Mardi Gras Lanes on Sunday, November 15, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Drop off and pick up will be at Mardi Gras. Cost per person will be \$5.00. Friends are always welcome. Sign up is required by Sunday, November 8.

If any Jr. High students are still interested in the LCM lock-in please get your information to Liz immediately. Please note that this is not a First Lutheran event. There will not be a chaperone from First Lutheran present. The chaperones are provided by LCM.

Sr. High: Trick-or-Treating for canned goods: we will be trick-or-treating for canned goods again on Halloween! We will meet at First Lutheran at 5:30 PM and trick-or-treat until 7:00 PM.

The Sr. High Youth Group will go bowling on Sunday, November 22, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Sign up is required by November 14. We will meet at Mardi Gras. Cost will be \$5.00 per person.

The Sr. High Youth Group will volunteer to help the Salvation Army with the Thanksgiving Food Basket collection on Saturday, November 21 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please talk to Liz for more info.

Sunday School will meet every Sunday throughout November. The Sr. High Group will be hosting coffee hour on November 8 as a fundraiser for the Dells Zone. Please bring a treat to share.

Meal and a Message will meet every Wednesday except November 25.



Confirmed in Faith

On Sunday, September 27 ten students made public affirmation of their baptism. This day followed a two-year program of instruction in the Christian faith, led by their pastors and a group of Confirmation guides. Pictured in front (from left) are **Jessica Wellman, Breanna Hanson, Kasey Kitchen, Peyton Marten, Allison Hunter-Rosene, and Timothy Lange**. Pictured in back (from left) are **Jacob Marx, Zachary Riel, Pastor Marilyn, Pastor Roy, Matthew Parenti, and Tyler Peterson**. The confirmands were honored at a reception in the Social Hall following the morning worship service.

Children's Music



Our two children's choirs — **Praise Kids**, for second - fourth graders, and **Joyful Noise**, for fifth - eighth graders, continue to meet on alternating Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:20 PM in the Music

Room. Please note, the November schedule is different due to days off from school:

- November 4 - Praise Kids
- November 11 - NO choir
- November 18 - Joyful Noise
- November 25 - NO choir

It's only November, but we've already been working on music for *The Wonder*, the **Children's Christmas Program**, and speaking parts will soon be assigned. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 20**, at 10:30 AM, then come experience the wonder of Christ's birth.

New singers are always welcome! Come and make a joyful noise with us.

Worship, Music and Fine Arts Ministry Team Highlights

- **Thanksgiving Worship:** St. Mary's Catholic, First United Methodist, and First Lutheran invite you to a Thanksgiving worship service at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 PM. Pastor Roy is the preacher and we hope to have combined choirs.
- **Coming soon** - The Adult Choir will help introduce ELW Setting 6 to the congregation as part of pre-service music. This will give you the opportunity to become familiar with parts of the liturgy. This setting, with its jazzy feel, is designed for piano and fun to sing! We will use it to shape our worship during the Epiphany season. Plans are moving forward with a concert series for the first half of 2010. Watch for more details.




Seventh and eighth grade Faith Trek kids and their guides show off the shoeboxes they wrapped and filled for operation Christmas Child. Part of their faith formation program is participation in service projects that benefit our brothers and sisters in need.

November



First Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:20 AM Cross Walk Sunday Activities, Adult Hunger Forum 11:20 AM Rotation 3 Cross Walk Staff Orientation	2 9:00 AM Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) 12:00 NOON Book Discussion Group 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	3 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Ministry Team Meetings 8:00 PM Executive Committee	4 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 4:30 PM Praise Kids Choir 5:30 PM Meal & A Message 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes	5 2:00 PM Naomi Circle 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	6 8:00 PM Jr. High Lock-in at Lutheran Campus Ministry Center	7
8 Food Pantry Donations 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:20 AM Cross Walk Sunday Activities	9 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	10 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Congregation Council	11 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 6:00 PM GED Classes No Cross Walk Activities	12 9:00 AM Prelude - Women's Bible Study 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	13	14
15 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:20 AM Cross Walk Sunday Activities 3:00 - 5:00 PM Jr High Bowling at Mardi Gras Lanes	16 9:00 AM Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	17 8:30 AM Project Group 9:30 AM Northeast Conference Pastor's Meeting	18 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 4:30 PM Joyful Noise Choir 5:30 PM Cross Walk Wednesday 5:30 PM Meal & A Message 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes	19 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	20	21 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sr. Highers assist with Salvation Army Food Baskets
22 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:20 AM Cross Walk Sunday Activities 3:00 - 5:00 PM Sr. High Bowling at Mardi Gras Lanes 5:30 PM Thanksgiving Dinner and Hymn Sing	23 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	24 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Tri-Congregational Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary Catholic Church	25 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study No Cross Walk Activities	26 Happy Thanksgiving 	27 Church Offices closed for Holiday	28
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Highlights of the October Council Meeting

- Heard a presentation by members of the Capital Campaign Committee (**Jim & Jan Womack, John & Cheryl Countryman, and Loren & Cathy Foelske**), giving us an update on where we are with our building debt. Our current loan balance is \$473,140.77. Our current interest rate is 5.676% and our loan payoff date is scheduled for June 15, 2019.



- The council authorized the committee to explore options for restructuring the loan or negotiating with other lenders.
- Affirmed that First Lutheran would begin to collect linens (bedding and towels) as a gap ministry for Love, In the Name of Christ.
 - Authorized a special offering for Sunday, December 13 for the General Fund. We are currently operating on a deficit budget of about \$55,000 and we are seeking to turn that around.
 - Reviewed progress of our 2009 mission goals and the goals set through the Bridgebuilding process.
 - Accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Karen Schramer** from the Church Council and Evangelism Ministry Team. Since her council term concludes in January of 2010, we will not fill that spot until the next Annual Meeting of the congregation.
 - Approved the purchase of one computer for the office shared by the church organist and choir directors. The purchase will be made using Undesignated Memorial money.

Enjoy a First Lutheran Thanksgiving

Each fall, on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving, members and friends of First Lutheran gather for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner in the Social Hall. It is a wonderful evening of good food, fine fellowship, and thanksgiving to God for our many blessings. This year's dinner will be held on Sunday, November 22, beginning at 5:30 PM. Turkey and ham will be provided. Those attending the dinner are asked to sign up to bring one or two other food dishes (depending on family size) to make the meal complete.



We'll need lots of willing volunteers – those who will coordinate the meal, those who will help with turkey preparation, those who will help set up, those who will assist with the serving, and a clean-up crew that will stay until the last dish is put away. Please call the Church Office (815.758.0643) if you are willing to help — even with the tiniest of details.

Women's Smorgasbord

The Women's Christmas Smorgasbord will be held on Monday, December 7, at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall. This is a wonderful time of the year to join other women from First Lutheran as we prepare for the holiday season. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish or two to share with the group — sign up on the chart in the Atrium. The program for the evening, "The Meaning of Christmas Symbols," will be given by Jean Callary.

If you are interested in decorating a table for the dinner, please contact the Church Office.

Mark the date on your calendars now and plan to attend and bring a friend! We hope to see many of you for an evening of fun, fellowship, and great food.

Naomi Circle to Meet



Naomi Circle will meet next on Thursday afternoon, November 5, at 2:00 PM. **Lynn Schmidt** will present the program on "Stamping Cards." **Mary Bradtmueller and Jo Hall** will serve as hostesses for the afternoon and **Sue Grafe** will give the devotions. All women are welcome to attend.

Chrismon Workers Needed!

If you are interested in working on the Chrismons, please contact **Anna Marie Diab** at 815.758.5096.

Calling All Women — Prelude Bible Study

Looking for a Bible study to nurture and strengthen your faith? If so, consider checking out "Prelude", a Bible study geared especially for women. This fall we are studying the book of Romans on the second Thursday of the month, using the Bible study in the Lutheran Woman Today magazine. The Bible study is held in Classroom A, coffee and goodies are always served, Please and newcomers are always welcome. , come and join us. You'll be glad you did!

Book Discussion Group to Meet

The Book Discussion Group will meet next on Monday, November 2, at 12:00 NOON in the Community Room to discuss Population 485



by Michael Perry. "When Perry returned to his tiny childhood town, New Auburn, Wisconsin, after 12 years away, he joined the village's volunteer fire and rescue department. Six years later, he'd begun to understand at last that to truly live in a place, you must give your life to that place. These charming, discursive essays are loosely structured around the calls Perry responds to as a volunteer EMT. Perry's insights into the small-town mentality come from apparent contemplation, and he writes about them with good humor."

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

World Hunger Month

During the month of November, the congregation focuses on people who suffer from hunger locally and globally. Throughout the month, special offerings are received each Sunday for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

In addition, November is our month to deliver Meals on Wheels to the area shut-ins and the congregation is again participating in the Salvation Army's drive to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families. You are encouraged to share your time and wealth to support these programs.

Meals on Wheels

Drivers are needed for the month of November when members of First Lutheran Church assume the responsibility for delivering Meals on Wheels to shut-ins in and around DeKalb. The meals need to be picked up at 11:00 AM. A chart for drivers to

sign-up is in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. You may also call the Church Office to volunteer. Thank you in advance for helping with this very worthwhile community project.

Love INC. News

If you've been wondering what you can do through First Lutheran Church to help serve with Love INC., here's a very specific answer! You can start donating gently used or new bath and kitchen towels, sheets, pillowcases and blankets for clients identified by Love INC. with those needs.

This focus on a specific need is called a "gap ministry." Some churches have food pantries, some collect clothes, and one even does diapers! Many individuals are donating furniture, but linens are in short supply. When the women of the Prelude Bible Study discussed First Lutheran's role, the idea of a linens ministry was born.

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Thanksgiving Baskets

Please help the high school youth and Sunday School children feed the needy. We are once again gathering items to make Thanksgiving baskets for the Salvation Army to distribute to needy families in the DeKalb Community. Sunday School classes will be assigned an item for donation.

In order to meet our goal of providing at least 20 baskets this year, we are also asking the congregation to help supply items for the baskets. Items needed are:

- \$10 meat certificates
- pancake syrup
- plastic laundry baskets
- 5-lb. bag of potatoes
- bags of apples or oranges
- Bisquick mix
- canned yams
- flour
- stuffing mix
- canned cranberry sauce
- canned vegetables
- powdered milk
- sugar
- pumpkin pie or dessert mix



Items for donation should be brought to church by Sunday, November 15. Please contact **Liz Botts** with questions. Thank you for sharing your abundance and for helping our youth and children help feed the needy in our community.

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LWR School Bags

Would you like to help with this new endeavor? We need people to head the effort, to donate, to sort donations, to help get the word out, and probably other tasks we haven't thought of yet! Please let the pastors, **Jean Nelson**, or **Lynn Schmidt** in the Church Office know if you can help launch our new linens ministry. Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

On Monday, October 5, MOPS assembled 155 School Bags from our donations! After Dollar Store shopping for more rulers, pencils, and sharpeners to complete the final 13, the total became 168. Wadles took them to the Office of the Church of the Brethren in Elgin. They will then truck them to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis for distribution! A special thanks to all who donated.

Also, correction of the wording in Oct. First Word — the canvas was donated by Johnson Canvas in Cortland.

Getting to Know Our Members

Don Johnson has been a member of First Lutheran Church since he was baptized here on September 7, 1930. Pat was a member of Federated Church in Sycamore before she married Don in 1953. They have raised seven children and have 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



Don and Pat Johnson

Don farmed for 43 years, retiring in 2003. Pat described herself as a farm wife, with "Mom" responsibilities of 'being a referee, gopher, chauffeur, cook, etc. — even a tractor driver when Don was desperate.

Don's hobbies include collecting toy farm machinery, restoring old tractors, going to auctions, and playing free-cell. He is a Packers and Cardinals fan and enjoys fishing, golfing, and watching most sports on TV. Pat's interest list starts with family first, then playing piano for her own enjoyment, golfing, and reading. Pat is a member of a Friday morning prayer group. She loves family gatherings and line dancing. Pat added that "we both loved to go dancing on Saturday night until about five years ago."

Don's favorite Bible verse is John 3:16 and favorite hymns are *Beautiful Savior* and *Amazing Grace*. Pat's favorite Bible verse is the 23rd Psalm. Her favorite hymns are *In My Fathers House Are Many Mansions*, *On Eagles Wings, I was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*, *Here I Am Lord*, *This is My Fathers World*, *Just As I Am*, and *Onward Christian Soldiers*. Together, Don and Pat serve the church as Sunday morning greeters and reading the lessons; they also serve on the Evangelism Ministry Team and Pat serves on the Funeral Service Committee.

Don and Pat's Faith Story — Don says that "being a farmer, I have great faith as I plant seeds and watch them grow - plus mountains more." Pat reflected that "we have a large family and are working on 58 years of marriage - the Lord has carried us through many a trial and tribulation. We could not have made it this far alone and hope we still have a distance to go. Now we are reaping rewards from having children whose phone calls always end with 'I love you!'"



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| 2. Peggy Carroll
Damien Hart | 10. Dale Benson
Eric Dienst | 19. Barbara Baie
Anna Baker |
| 5. John Countryman
Jackson Sullivan | 11. Edythe Larsen | Debra Hopkins |
| 6. Carolyn Dienst
Shelby Smith | 12. Joseph Carroll
Harriet Royalty | 21. Judith Bryant
Debra Burgin |
| 7. Isaac Hietanen
Randy Stubbs | 13. Bailey Sanderson
Chad Wiltberger | 22. Roberta Anderson
Dean Burgemeister |
| 8. Michele deOliveira
Trevor Engstrom | 14. Mitchell Aase
Jacqueline Hansen | 23. Christine Gommel
Haley Salazar |
| 9. John Tuecke | 15. Allyn Ritzman
Nathan Stubbs | 24. Susan Chaplin
Heather Hart Tuestad |
| | 16. Jacob Jouris
Janet Kohn | 27. Tavis Parker
Tyler Scarbrough |
| | 17. Barbara Lindus
Nicole Baker | 28. Janice Womack |
| | 18. Nicole Baker
Elijah Holder | 29. Trevor Freeland
Calla Nelson |
| | 18. Madeline Jouris
Audrey Kothrade | 30. Lesley Feyerherm
Justin Letheby
Gerry Sanderson |

Comptroller Report for September 2009

	September Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	September Budget
Income	\$28,907.42	\$300,047.80	
Expenses	\$33,505.20	\$355,356.91	\$41,942.75
Ahead/(Behind)	(-\$4,597.78)	(-\$55,309.11)	

Capital Building Fund Loan Balance - \$473,140.77

One day's interest on mortgage - \$75.69

Attendance Figures for September 2009

	9:00 Sunday	
September 6	182	
September 13	212	
September 20	197	Harvest Fest 95
September 27	276	

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Bill Sanders

Barbara Henson

Kayla Kittleson

Trent Lange

Paul Letheby

Stan Lindahl

Caroline Peregrine

Karen Schramer

Tarryn Thaden

Ministry Team Chairpersons

Endowment

Arlyn Strike

Evangelism

Mary Colvin & Sue Grafe

Finance

Dorothy Thorsen

Learning/Growth

Personnel

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Jack Cress & Harold Grafe

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