
The First Word

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Newsletter Deadline

This is just a reminder, the deadline to submit articles for The First Word is on the 20th of each month. Articles should be brief and may be edited. Articles for the October issue should be in to the Church Office by October 20. Thank you.



Congratulations, Confirmands!

Congratulations to nine First Lutheran students who made public affirmation of their faith at the 9:00 service on Sunday, September 25.

**Riley Bauling
Leanza Burrignt
Trevor Freeland
Jace Kitchen
Michael Lange
Jenna Scheri
Ryan Scheri
Evan Taylor
Will Todtz**

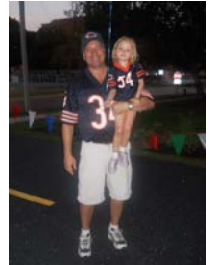


Dates to Remember

Confirmation Sunday.....	September 25
HarvestFest.....	October 2
Diakonia.....	October 3
Youth Outing.....	October 9
Mission Sunday.....	October 23
CROP Walk.....	October 23

Dear Friends in Christ,

We had a wonderful beginning to our fall educational program on “Rally Weekend” in early September. The Tailgate Party held in our church parking lot on Saturday night was so much fun, as people of all ages enjoyed the outdoors, delicious brats and hot dogs, tossing the football around with NIU linebacker Devon Butler, playing bingo, and mingling and talking with friends, old and new. I think all ages in attendance appreciated hearing the inspirational words that Devon shared with us regarding his own personal faith journey following the shooting incident that kept him from playing football with the team this season. The following morning we were again blessed with lots of organized fun, as kids participated in a variety of activities, decorated F.R.O.G. cupcakes, and took a turn at trying to break the piñata. Below are just a few of the pictures from the weekend events.



We are now back into our regular fall routine. Cross Walk Sunday and Wednesday classes have begun for our children and youth. Our Faith Trek Confirmation program is up and running on Wednesday evenings for seventh and eighth graders. Adults are viewing the video series, “When Christians Get it Wrong” on Sunday mornings. Our Adult Choir is back in full swing. And I’ll soon be offering a class for prospective members that will highlight some of the basic teachings of the Lutheran Church. I pray that in all that we offer, the Lord will bless our efforts and help bring spiritual growth to all who participate.

If all of our educational offerings aren’t exciting enough, have you heard also that First Lutheran was chosen by a New York film producer to be the setting for a yet unnamed farm film? A number of our members signed on to be part of the cast and are eagerly waiting to see if they’ll be chosen or not. For those selected to be part of the cast, there will be lunch available in the Social Hall. Donations from the meal will benefit our Vacation Bible School program next summer, as we head back to WalCamp for our activities.

Can you sense the excitement in the air at First Lutheran? I hope you can! We are going to have a fabulous program year and we want you to be part of it! Come, and join us as we seek to grow in our faith so we will be better equipped to serve our neighbors in need.

I invite you to take to heart the words of the psalmist of old: *“Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.”* (Psalm 37:4,5)

God’s blessings,

Pastor Marilyn

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our member, **Corinne Johnson**, who passed away on September 7 and to **Bill and Marilyn Sanders** on the death of their daughter, Jodi Trinkle, who passed away on September 6. May God comfort those who mourn.

We welcomed to our Christian Fellowship **Kolin Riley Bayle**, infant son of Ben and Kristin Bayle, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 28 and **Logan Thomas Hager**, son of Kevin and Amy Hager, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 11.

Congratulations to **Chuck and Karen Hart** on the birth of their first grandchild, Kory Gene Peterson, born on July 25 to their daughter Heidi and her husband John Peterson.

Congratulations to **Jess and Helen Williams** who will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on October 2 and to **Gerry and**

Mission Sunday October 23

Randy and Carol Stubbs and family will be with us for worship and the Education Hour on Sunday, October 23. A special offering for the Stubbs Family mission work at Makumira University in Tanzania, Africa will be taken during the worship service. Please make your checks payable to First Lutheran Church earmarked for the Stubbs Family. Mark the date on your calendars now and plan to join us!



Linda Sanderson who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on October 26.

Please remember the following people in your prayers: **Amy Harris, Pat Dahlberg, Lois Johnson, LaVonne McDowell, Dan and Hazel Metzger, Glenn Moody, Ann Oduber, Mary Shanahan** (mother of **Marijean Bauling**), **Harold Staurland**, and **Debra Johnson** (daughter-in-law of **Bob and Norma Johnson**).

Position Open

First Lutheran Church is seeking to hire an individual to provide primary childcare during the worship and education hours on Sunday mornings, 8:45 – 11:30 AM, beginning immediately. The individual must be at least 18 years of age, reliable, and have experience in providing childcare for newborns to age five. Conduct, language, and dress appropriate for a church environment are essential. To apply, call or stop by the Church Office.

Cross Walk Sunday News



Forever Rely On God!

Workshop Updates —

Rotation 1 – Jonah, September 18 - October 2

During this rotation, students will learn about Jonah and how you can't hide from God. In Scripture Cinema, students will watch the movie *Jonah* and discuss God's power and love in the story and in our lives. Students will discover buoyancy of water and the purpose of blubber and how they tie to the Jonah story in Solomon's Science Lab. During Good News Station WWJD, students will have a chance to interview Jonah.

Rotation 2 – Martin Luther and the Reformation, October 16 - 30

Students will learn about Martin Luther's life, his impact on the Lutheran and protestant churches, and how he started the reformation in the second workshop. During Apostle's Art Studio, students will create Luther's rose. In Living Word, students will discover how Martin Luther studied the Bible and design a Bible/Prayer notebook. Finally, classes will play games associated with the reformation, such as build a church and pin the quill on the 95 thesis.

Class Changes to Note! There will be a change in the class configurations for Cross Walk Sunday this year. Sixth grade will be moving up and joining the Seventh and Eighth graders in the middle school group. Therefore, we will have Fourth and Fifth grade join to make a class and First - Third grade will make up the other elementary group. Tiny Tots and PreK-K will remain the same. Please look on the schedule for these changes.

Offering to Benefit the Fight Against Malaria — To help combat the illness which causes death to millions of people, most of whom are children, this year's Cross Walk offering will be given to the ELCA's foundation to fight Malaria in Africa. Donations will be used to purchase mosquito nets and medicine for those in need. Check out the display in the Atrium to find out more information about this charity.

F.R.O.G Jumps for Thanksgiving

F.R.O.G.'s Fun Fair was a great success and it certainly wouldn't have been possible without the help of some of our wonderful Cross Walk youth and families. Thank you to the Cross Walk confirmation class, FLY, **Paul Letheby**, the **Bauling Family**, and the **Mecklenburg Family** for all the help you provided running the booths and picking up afterwards. Your generosity is truly appreciated!



Elliot Lange at the piñata



Megan Baker, Seth Nelson, and Isaac Hietanen make Frog Cupcakes.

Greeting Schedule — The third Sunday of each month is designated for our Cross Walk children to be greeters before the 9:00 AM worship service. Please note when your child's class is scheduled to greet. The class will meet approximately 20 minutes before the start of the service. Thank you! The Tiny Tots class is scheduled to greet on Sunday, October 16.

Cross Walk
AT FIRST LUTHERAN

WEDNESDAY
5:30 - 7:30 pm

SUNDAY
10:20 - 11:20 am

...where **Faith meets LIFE**

Faith Formation For All Ages
COME & WORSHIP
Sundays 9:00am

You Are Invited to Cross Walk Wednesday

5:30 - 6:00 PM - simple family meal

Suggested donation is \$2 per child, \$3 per adult, \$10 max per family.

6:00 - 7:30 PM - faith formation groups & music time for —

- Cross Walk Juniors: preschool - 1st grade
- Cross Walk Middlers: 2nd - 4th grade
- Cross Walk 'Tweens: 5th & 6th grade

Faith Trek - Seventh and Eighth Grade (aka Confirmation)

Visit Jonamac Apple Orchard Corn Maze

Calling all middle school and high school youth who like to have fun! We are planning a run through the Jonamac Apple Orchard Corn Maze in Malta on Sunday afternoon, October 9. Please meet in the Atrium at 2:00 PM and we'll plan to return by 5:00 PM. Cost for the Corn Maze is \$5.00 per person, but bring extra money in case you get a taste for a Carmel apple or hot apple cider.



If you'd like to go with the group, please sign up on the youth bulletin board (in the hallway across from the Library) **by Wednesday evening, October 5.** **Parents** — if you would like to join the fun, parent volunteers are needed to drive. So, please let **Ann Oduber** or **Trent and Teresa Lange** know if you would like to help out by driving/chaperoning this event.

Middle School Students Can Make a Difference at Crop Hunger Walk 2011!

Healthy development of youth involves giving them service opportunities that develop caring relationships with peers and adults in the community. Creating a bond between the youth and the community makes them feel less alienated and enhances their self-esteem as a contributing member of society. For this reason, we have decided to make Crop Hunger Walk not just a church event but an activity that our Middle School students can be involved in.

Please support your sixth, seventh, or eighth grader if they want to participate by joining with our group in the walk or providing transportation to and from the church. Our youth will meet at our church at 1:30 and check in together as a group. The students voted unanimously to visit Culvers for ice cream after the event. More information will be given to the students during Cross Walk Sundays in the coming weeks.

Up Coming Events... Nerf Wars!

If you have orange Styrofoam bullets all over your house, gather them up, and mark them with your initials because the Middle School Youth will be hosting a Nerf War this November! Look for more information and get out your camouflage!



Adult Forum – When Christians Get It Wrong

On September 18th we began a six-week series on "When Christians Get It Wrong." In this video/discussion series we hear from young adults who describe their frustrations and questions about Christian faith. This series is being led by First Lutheran's longest running small group. They have already gone through this series and give it "5 stars." Please join us in the Community Room for this thoughtful series that has something for every age.

Financial Peace University Courses Offered

Two separate 13-week Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University courses will be offered at First Lutheran Church. The first two lessons in each course are open and free to anyone to see how much fun and interesting it is to learn about money and finances. Course One will begin on Monday, October 3, and Course Two will begin on Wednesday, October 5. Both classes will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. If you would like to continue after the first two free lessons, the cost will be \$99.51 per person, or per couple, for a life-time membership kit. For more information, please call **David Kuhn** at 815-756-2568.

Diakonia Update

The Northern Illinois Synod will begin offering the diakonia™ program in our area; classes are scheduled to begin this fall, rotating between Salem Lutheran Church in Sycamore, First Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches in DeKalb, and St. John Lutheran Church in Somonauk. Classes will be offered on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 9:00 PM beginning at Salem Lutheran Church in Sycamore. Pr. John Seraphine will be the instructor for the first course.



Diakonia™ is a lay theological education program in Northern Illinois and in seven other ELCA Synods which provides a spiritual journey to those who wish to become more involved in their church or who want to better understand their faith. The program meets once each week for two years during the school year. Individuals are joined by other students and pastors from around the synod to talk about the Bible, Christian Doctrine, Christian Ethics, Lutheran Creeds and Confessions, and other topics. Students are also given the opportunity to discern what spiritual gifts they might have through practical ministry courses.

If you might be interested in attending, please contact Denise Rode, Northern Illinois Synod Diakonia Chairperson, at drودة@niu.edu or call 815-756-8321 (evenings) or 815-751-8256 (cell).

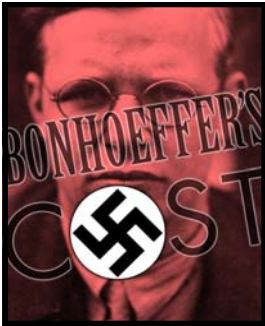
Invitation to Membership

Are you, or someone you know, interested in membership at First Lutheran Church? If so, we invite you to formally become a part of our community of faith on Sunday, October 23 at the 9:00 AM worship service. Membership classes will be held in Classroom A on the following dates: October 2, 9, and 16 during the Sunday morning Education Hour (10:30 – 11:15 AM). The classes will provide prospective members with an introduction to the basic teachings of the Lutheran Church, information on the various ministries and activities of our congregation, a tour of the facility, an opportunity to meet our staff, and time to get acquainted with others who are joining the church.



To express interest or to learn more, please contact Pastor Marilyn by phone (815-758-8023) or e-mail: pastor@firstlutherandekalb.org.

Theater Trip to Chicago



Members of First Lutheran are invited to attend the world premier of “Bonhoeffer’s Cost” at the Provision Theater in Chicago on Sunday, October 23.

What is a moral person to do in a time of savage immorality? That question tormented Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German clergyman, who actively opposed the Nazi party, and twice attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Bonhoeffer was a highly regarded Lutheran minister who could have kept his peace and saved his life on several occasions, but instead paid the ultimate price for his beliefs.

The cost is \$52.00 and includes ticket and transportation; we will leave at 11:30 AM from Salem Lutheran Church in Sycamore. We will stop for lunch before the show — patrons may choose from various restaurants within walking distance of the theatre. If you are interested in attending, please call **John Feken** at 815-264-9057 to reserve your ticket. This trip is limited in seating and we would like all reservations made by Monday, October 3.

Giving Garden Thanks

It has been a great year for the Giving Garden. Thanks to all who helped in any way. We have delivered between 800 and 900 fresh produce items with five bags of beans to the Food Pantry. It was a great project for our church and through it we were able to provide fresh vegetables for many. Special thanks to **John Countryman** for heading up this wonderful project.

September Church Council Highlights

- Endorsed the Endowment Committee's request to establish a separate checking account for dispersing Endowment funds.
- Discussed the fall stewardship campaign.
- Approved providing partial tuition for **Ann Lindahl** to continue her second year of Diakonia classes in the Northern Illinois Synod.
- Endorsed support of Ronan-Moore-Finch Funeral Home in its request of the City of DeKalb to create a parking lot at 218 Oak and 227 Third Street.
- Approved giving a New York-based production company the use of our church facility for a film-shoot in late September or early October.
- Discussed the type of background check we will conduct for our volunteers who work with children and youth.
- Approved registering **Denise Rode** as a candidate for rostered ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- Gave approval for **David Kuhn** to hold Financial Peace University classes two nights a week at First Lutheran, beginning on October 3.
- Authorized money to hire a music staff person to lead music for our children at our closing event in the sanctuary each Sunday morning.



HARVESTFEST
BLESSING OF THE HARVEST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
2:00 - 6:30 PM
WORSHIP AT 5:30 PM

AT SANDERSON'S CABIN ON MALTA ROAD

MEAL INCLUDES: HOT DOGS, BRATS, CHIPS,
S'MORES, WATER, AND POP

FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, GAMES,
HAYRIDES, AND FISHING

FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED.

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First Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:00 AM Worship with the Rite of Confirmation 10:00 AM Confirmation Reception 10:20 AM Cross Walk Sunday Activities	26 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	27 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM Women's Night Out	28 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 5:00 PM Feed 'Em Soup 5:30 PM Cross Walk Wednesday Activities 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes	29 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	30	1
2 Food Pantry Donations 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Screenings and Flu Shot Clinic 10:20 AM Cross Walk Sunday Activities 10:20 AM Adult Forum	3 6:00 PM GED Classes 6:30 PM FPU Class 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Ministry Team Meetings 8:00 PM Executive Comm. Meeting	5 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 10:45 AM Clergy Text Study 5:30 PM Cross Walk Wednesday Activities 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes 6:30 PM FPU Class	6 2:00 PM Naomi Circle 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	7	8
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16 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Screenings 10:20 AM Cross Walk Sunday Activities 10:20 AM Adult Forum 10:30 AM New Member Class	17 6:00 PM GED Classes 6:30 PM FPU Class 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	18 8:30 AM Project Group 9:30 AM Pastor's Conference Meeting at Bethlehem, DeKalb	19 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:45 AM Clergy Text Study 5:30 PM Cross Walk Wednesday Activities 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes 6:30 PM FPU Class	20 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	21	22
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“Prelude” A Morning Bible Study for Women

Prelude, the ongoing Thursday morning Bible study group for women, will meet next on October 13 and 27 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM in Classroom A. Our study for 2011-2012 is on the Gospel of Mark, with October’s lesson titled, “All in the Family.” From our family of origin to the family of God, who we are and how we see the world depends on where we feel we belong. This theme will shape our discussion for the morning.

Our Bible studies are included in the magazine, *Gather (for Faith and Action)*. This magazine (formerly called *Lutheran Woman Today*) is a publication of the Women of the ELCA and contains many thoughtful, inspiring feature articles that will help to deepen and enrich your faith. If you don’t already subscribe to the magazine but would like to, stop by the Church Office and pick up information on how to do that. Cost is \$12.00 for ten issues. If you don’t subscribe to the magazine and would still like to attend the study, copies of the Bible study will be available to you.

The Prelude Bible Study welcomes newcomers at any time. We begin our day with a good cup of coffee, tasty treat, and lively conversation. Then we wrestle with how God’s Word connects to our everyday life. Pastor Marilyn serves as the facilitator of the group. Please join us next on October 13th.

Altar Guild News

The members of Altar Guild held their first meeting of the 2011 – 2012 church year on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. We discussed

using the blue pottery plate for the gluten free wafers to keep them separated from our regular wafers and when to use the consecrated wine. We will be purchasing new chalice palls for intinction.

The month of October will be covered by **Debbie Fisher, Carole Johnson, and Evelyn Worrell.**

Altar Guild is always looking for new members. If you would like to serve the church, have a great time, and learn about our Church seasons, please join us. You can contact **Kayla Kittleson** or **Mary Letheby** (co-chairs), **Lynn Schmidt** in the Church Office, or just come to our next meeting on November 15, at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.



Women’s Night Out!



Are you one of those women who love to go out to eat and let others do the cooking for you?

Are you one of those women who enjoy just getting together with other women to talk about anything and everything? If so, you really ought to come to “Women’s Night Out” on the fourth Tuesday night of each month. There is no set agenda; the evening is purely social. Our next night out will be Tuesday, October 25, at 6:00 PM (place to be determined). Please call the Church Office by noon on the 25th to let us know you’ll be attending. We’ll call the restaurant and get the table reserved!

Women’s Fellowship

Getting to Know Our Members

Dorothy Thorsen is a member of the “First Family” that you should get to know. Dorothy was born in Leland and lived in the Leland area for 50 years. She was raised in a Lutheran family that was actively involved with church, school, and community. Dorothy previously worked in farming and banking and is now retired.



Dorothy Thorsen

Dorothy has been a member of First Lutheran since April 1984. Her reasons for joining this

congregation included her love of the choir, the pipe organ, the sermons, and the liturgy. She also appreciated the fact that the people she met were friendly but not intrusive. Her special interests with the church include the Wednesday morning Red-Eye Bible Study and the Tanzania connection.

In her leisure time Dorothy enjoys reading, traveling, playing golf, and attending the opera, symphony, the movies, and live theater. She is also a volunteer with Safe Passage, Court Watch, and Friends of the Library. She is actively involved with the Northern Illinois University Lifelong Learning Institute.

Dorothy’s “First Family” includes daughter Jill Olson and son-in-law Gary Skinner. She also has a son, Brent Olson, daughter-in-law Terri Olson, and grandchildren Samantha, Andrew, and Tyler Olson.

“Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the ages” (Matthew 28.20b) was Dorothy’s confirmation verse and continues to be a favorite. Her favorite hymns are *Behold the Host Arrayed in White* and *Children of the Heavenly Father*.

Volunteers Needed

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

October 23 CROP Walk: Ending Hunger One Step at a Time!



CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 23

On October 23, The First Lutheran Hunger Stompers will join people from across DeKalb at 2:00 PM at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 615 North First Street to participate in the annual CROP Hunger Walk. Can you walk a mile or four miles to help stop hunger? See **Susan Callahan** in the Atrium to sign up and receive a pledge envelope. Can't walk on the 23rd? Support a

Hunger Stomper with a contribution. Remember that 25% of the money raised will be returned to local agencies here in DeKalb. What does CWS/CROP money do? Here are some examples:

- \$25.00 can be combined with other donations to provide safe drinking water for an entire village.
- \$50.00 can provide 400 pounds of much-needed food for local food pantries. Some food pantries in DeKalb are currently serving over 200 families each month.
- \$100.00 can provide 250 baby chicks that will grow up to be egg-producing chickens for a family in Africa.



The First Lutheran middle schoolers are also planning to walk as a group this year. Please help support their efforts.

Help Feed the NIU Students

Lutheran Campus Ministry holds weekly Wednesday evening worship services for NIU students. Prior to worship, students meet for fellowship and to share a meal at 8:00 PM. First Lutheran Church is scheduled to serve on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We are looking for individuals willing to make the meal. Ideas would include sloppy joes, chips, fruit, and dessert; a cheese and cracker tray and veggies and dip; or a \$30 donation to order pizza, etc.



Please contact **Teresa Lange**, 815-758-0855 if you can serve our students with food donations. Our next scheduled date is October 27. A chart may be found on the bulletin board outside the Library. Sign up today! Thank you in advance.

What's New at Love INC?

- Volunteers are needed to help with interior painting in Hope Haven's new expansion. Painting groups are being organized right now. Please call Gary Chapman at Hope Haven (815-758-5765) to schedule.
- Do you have an unused coffee pot or toaster? Extra dishes? September's gap ministry focus is on the kitchen ministry. Please donate dishes, pots and pans, and small kitchen appliances now! You can drop them off at Hillcrest Covenant Church, the Love INC office, or our Church Office. Remember that garage sales are good sources of gently used contributions to Love INC.
- Greatly needed are additional intake volunteers. If you would like to serve those in need by answering their phone calls to the Love INC office, call 815-217-0082 and find out more about the training.
- In the first seven months of 2011 we have serviced 901 people, with volunteers giving 4,062 hours to our community in various tasks. What a blessing that is to do for Christ! Please give your financial support as well to enable us to connect the church to those in need.



Please visit our **website** at www.loveincdeksyc.org. You can find our updated prayer calendar, needs, and happenings along with information on the ministry here.

FLC Hosts Flu Shot Clinic

First Lutheran will host a Flu Shot Clinic on Sunday, October 2, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 NOON sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association of Fox Valley. The 2011 flu vaccine will protect against H1N1 and two other influenza viruses. Vaccine experts agree that everyone six months and older should get a flu shot this season. A yearly vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against the flu viruses. Medicare Part B cards will be accepted. Call the Church Office, 815-758-0643, to schedule your appointment.

Men's Moving Ministry Delivers!

Men, come and help deliver furniture to people in need for Love INC on the third Saturday of each month. We meet at the Lincoln Inn for breakfast at 8:00 AM and then deliver furniture from 9:00 AM – NOON. All men of the congregation are invited to join the group next on Saturday, October 15. More help is always welcome — especially some of you younger guys! This is a great service opportunity right in our own immediate area. Please join us! Contact **Jim Womack** with questions or to volunteer.

Double Thanks !! Rather Triple Thanks!!!

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) was the recipient of many gifts from First Lutherans this past month!

- First: Thanks to **Denise Rode** who took seven boxes to the LWR Warehouse in Minneapolis on August 31. She carried: 34 School Kits and nine Personal Care Kits. She also took a huge bag with 15 bath towels to Global Health Ministry.
- Second: Thanks to the generous donators of school items, utilizing the 'Back to School Sales!' Special appreciation to **Marissa Stubbs** who removed items from their packaging and counted construction paper. THEN, to the Social Hall Assembly Crew of various ages, male and female, who put together 106 School Kits on September 4. Hopefully I have included here all the avid workers: **Joyce Davidson, Anna Diab, Carolyn Dienst, Alayna Gersic, Meghan Hanson, Darrel and Barbara Henson, Isaac Hietanen, Jim Johnson, Sadie Lunn, Robert Morphis, Donna Peterson, Biruta Strike, Mike Wadle, and Jan Womack.** Add to that the backpack/bag fabric cutter, **Jean Callary,** and seamstresses **Jan Womack** and **Sharon Wadle.**
- Last, but not least, thanks to the donor at the end of the Social Hall Assembly Line who gave additional funds to purchase the remaining items needed to fill another 26 bags. Mike and Sharon took 132 School Kits to the Elgin Warehouse on September 9. SO doing the math: $34 + 106 + 26 = 166$ School Kits donated!! An additional \$62.90 was collected to support the cost of overseas shipping for some of the School Kits.

Please look at the display map on the SW wall of the Social Hall to see where LWR donations are given around the world!!! Thanks be to God for First Lutheran Church Activists for the Poor and Needy.

Sharon Wadle

Special Thanks

WITH
Gratitude 

We will always remember the outpouring of love and kindness from our church family at First Lutheran during our daughter, Jodi Trinkle's journey. We felt your prayers throughout. Thank you and God Bless You.

Bill and Marilyn Sanders

Dear FLC Endowment Committee —
Thank you so much for giving me a scholarship. It really meant a lot for me to receive this. I know this money will help me reach my goals in college. Thanks again.

Haley Salazar

Endowment Committee,

Thank you for the generous scholarship. It is a big help to my college tuition this year. Thanks again.

Jordan Wellman

Please join us in supporting the 33rd Annual Ron Santo Walk to Cure Diabetes

On Sunday, October 2, we will once again walk at the Community Park in Lisle to raise money for the cure for Juvenile Diabetes. This year we are known as Team Emma. Emma wears an insulin pump and measures her blood sugar every few hours throughout the day and night. We have established an online site that allows you to donate directly and contribute with a tax deductible contribution. If you would rather mail a check payable to JDRF, we will make sure it goes to Emma's Team credit. Just mail it to us at 571 Brant Circle, DeKalb IL 60115. We appreciate any amount you give no matter the size, as we know how many times you are asked to donate for other good causes. Your support means a great deal to us, but more, to that beautiful seven year old in the center of the picture and all the others who suffer like her.



Wouldn't it be great to see a cure? Join us in praying that a cure can be found soon. We thank you for your donation. The direct website is: http://www2.jdrf.org/site/TR/Walk-IL/Chapter-Illinois4160?px=1537252&pg=personal&fr_id=1409

Sincerely,
John & Cheryl Countryman

Asante Sana!!



"May God Bless His First Lutheran Angels!" Those were the words spoken by Simon Panga, Moringe Sokoine Lutheran High School's Assistant Headmaster, when receiving First Lutheran's **8 Bean Dinner** donations from Mike Wadle on June 12. Although the current drought in Tanzania is not as devastating as the extreme circumstances in other East Africa countries, many of their crops have also failed. That includes beans, making the availability low and the price climbing. Since beans are the main source of protein for Tanzanian high school students, Moringe is again struggling

with providing students the food they need. However, Mr. Panga is confident that you "angels" at First Lutheran have again given the students of Moringe the opportunity to receive healthy and nutritious food -- beans and rice -- this time for their school's second term, July - December, 2011. **Asante Sana !!** (Did you notice that \$1,680.00 became 2,545,200 TZ shillings?)

MORINGE SOKOINE SECONDARY SCHOOL Date: 19 June 2011
P. O. BOX 60, TEL 38 Serial No. 13922
MORINGE

Received from: FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
the sum of shillings (in words) TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED ONLY
Being payment in respect of: BUYING STUDENTS' FOOD

2545200/-
#1680/-

WITH THANKS
Signature: _____
Date: _____

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| 1. Travis deOliveira
Brent Dienst
Judy O'Connor | 11. Jesse Wiemer-Hastings
Kathi Wood | 22. Meghan Hanson
Colleen Johnson |
| 2. Janice Averill
Elijah Botts
Taylor Hallgren
Taylor Wallin | 12. Rodney Lothson
Barbara Schrader | Kaiylee Mecklenburg
Arlyn Strike |
| 3. Kathy Hott
Sharon Williams | 13. Ralph Neumann | 23. J.C. Longeville
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| 4. Bradley Larson
Aaron Russell | 14. Bill Colvin | 24. Tammy Carson
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| 6. Cathy Foelske | 15. Faith Anderson
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Trudy Wesemann |
| 7. Debe Fullington | 16. Bridget Meier | 26. John Engstrom
Nathan Lawler
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| 8. Debbi Bockhold
Annie Stern | 17. Debby Black
Lon Dienst
Adrien Fell
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| 10. Andrea Taylor | 19. Owen Botts
Melody Himan
Ryan Kothrade
Jacob Wadle
James Womack | 29. Michael Billips
31. Susan Callahan
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| 11. Beverly Cress
Carrie Engstrom
Alan Fisher
Megan Stubbs | 20. Rachel Carson
Matthew Hamel
Paul Letheby
Christine Myroth
Jacob Young | |

Comptroller Report for August 2011

	August Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Remaining Budget
Income	\$23,748.58	\$243,164.73	\$235,235.27
Expenses	\$23,014.88	\$242,088.35	\$238,613.65
Ahead/(Behind)	\$733.70	\$1,076.38	

Capital Building Fund Loan Balance - \$291,086.79

One day's interest on mortgage - \$46.42

Attendance Figures for August 2011

	9:00 AM
August 7	147
August 14	140
August 21	170
August 28	189

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Ministry Teams

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Endowment

Evangelism

Finance

Personnel

Property

Social Ministry

Stewardship

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*First Lutheran Church ...
... hearing, living, and
sharing God's Word
together.*



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Worship Schedule
Sunday Worship

9:00 AM

Cross Walk Sunday Activities

10:20 - 11:20 AM

Cross Walk Wednesday Activities

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Church Office Hours

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM - Mon. - Thurs.

9:00 AM - NOON - Friday

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