



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 September 20. Thank you.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:
**TURN IN
 YOUR ARTICLES
 EARLY!**
 REMINDER:
**DEADLINE FOR
 NEWSLETTER
 ARTICLES IS
 Sept. 20**

Cross Walk

AT FIRST LUTHERAN



Faith Formation For All Ages

**SUNDAY
10:20 - 11:20 AM**

**WEDNESDAY
5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**COME & WORSHIP
Sundays 9:00 AM**

Dates to Remember

Confirmation Orientation	September 7
Tailgate Party	September 10
Rally Day	September 11
Confirmation Retreat.....	September 11
Confirmation Sunday	September 25

Matthew 25:35 – “... *I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*”

Dear Friends in Christ,

I took my girls and some of their friends to Six Flags Great America the other day. The weather was picture perfect for a day at the amusement park. We arrived before the gates opened and stayed until the place was ready to close down. The six girls I had with me definitely got their money’s worth for all the times they rode the various roller coasters that were there. I, on the other hand, spent most of my day on the bench, keeping track of our personal belongings and watching people. Why? Because I unfortunately don’t find any joy in riding rides that jerk and pull me every which way while traveling at high speeds and turning me upside down. I just can’t get excited about those kinds of rides!

During one of my long bench-sitting stints, I pulled out a magazine that I had brought along to read. It was a publication of the Alban Institute called “Congregations.” The front cover title caught my eye, “**So, You Think You’re FRIENDLY?**” I quickly turned to the article, which focused on ways congregations can create a more welcoming environment for first-time visitors as they enter our church doors. The article, written by Tim Dolan, said the most important thing church members can do is be more intentional when it comes to welcoming visitors and then he offered some ideas for making this happen:

- Find a way to notice who the visitors are and make sure someone greets them when they walk through the front door. A warm greeting at the door goes a long ways toward making someone feel welcome, he claims. So does a friendly usher who hands a worshipper the morning bulletin.
- Create multiple opportunities for church members and visitors to connect before, during, and after the worship service.
- Encourage people to sit up front. Tim says, “I have never fully understood why people covet the front seats at rock concerts and the theater, but settle for the back seats in churches.” He feels that the back seats should be reserved for visitors who may arrive late and not want to be on display as they have to parade up to the front seats. It also creates a much warmer, cozier environment at the service if people gather in and sit closer to the front and closer together.
- Avoid sitting in the aisle seat when there is room further down in the pew so late-arriving visitors don’t have to crawl over two or three people to get to an available seat in the middle of the pew.
- Set aside several parking spaces for visitors near the front entrance to the church building. This communicates in a very tangible way that we expect visitors each Sunday.
- Learn to ask better questions of people you don’t recognize in church. Tim says we should never ask the question, “Are you new here?” to someone we don’t recognize. A better question might be, “I’m afraid I have forgotten your

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A Special Birthday

A special congratulations to **Grace Johnson** who will celebrate her 99th birthday this year on September 1st. Grace

moved in 2000 to Washington state to be closer to her son, Jerry. Cards may be sent to Grace at: 3117B S Fisher Ct, Kennewick, WA 99337.

Congratulations to **Kyla Rader** and Brent Hueber who were married at the church on July 2

Congratulations to **Bob**

and **Pam Snow** on the birth of their first grandchild, Peter Thomas Dranger, born on August 13 to their daughter Kimberly and her husband Thomas and to **Greg and Stefanie Sullivan** on the birth of their son Tyler James, born on May 5.

Congratulations to **Aaron Russell** and **Mark Mackeben** who were both in the Stage Coach Players cast of "Father of the Bride." Great Job!!

Congratulations to **Bob and Norma Johnson** who will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on

September 4; to **Fred and Mary Wehmeyer** on their 51st anniversary on September 11; and to **Bud and Debra Burgin** on the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on September 20.

Please remember the following people in your prayers: **Amy Harris, Corinne Johnson, Lois Johnson**, Mary Shanahan (mother of **Marijean Bauling**), **Harold Staurland**, Jodi Trinkle (daughter of **Bill and Marilyn Sanders**), and Debra Johnson (daughter-in-law of Bob and Norma Johnson).

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name. Could you remind me again?" If a person is indeed a visitor, he or she will most likely reveal that fact when saying his or her name. If the person has attended the church forever, you will make a new acquaintance.

- Use nametags as it takes the guesswork out of learning and remembering names. However, they need to be used by everyone, not just visitors.
- Invite visitors to brunch. Nothing communicates warmth, welcome, and friendliness better than a shared meal together. Tim said one congregation he knew was able to identify 200 people who joined their congregation because one couple made it their ministry to invite visitors to brunch in their home.
- Make follow-up visits to all newcomers to the church. It communicates that the church noticed the visitors and wants them to return. The visit does not need to be lengthy for it is not the length of the visit that is important but the thought behind it.

As we move into the fall and the start-up of all our programming, I encourage each one of you to make it a priority to welcome any visitors you see at worship. And, I challenge every member of First Lutheran to invite three people to worship during the course of the following year. If we each do this, and only one of the three we invite actually come and stay, it would double our worship attendance! Now, wouldn't that be exciting?

God bless your inviting,

Pastor Marilyn

Meet Our New Christian Education Coordinator



We have a new Christian Education Coordinator to work with children's ministry at our church. Her name is **Ann Oduber** and she began her ministry at First Lutheran on August 22. She will be working in cooperation with **Stephanie Corn** (our Cross Walk Sunday Coordinator) and our volunteer Senior High Youth Directors (**Trent & Teresa Lange**).

Ann was born and raised in Wheaton, IL. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Cross-Cultural Missions from Central Bible College in Springfield, MO and her Master's degree in Teaching from Aurora University. Ann has worked in the airline industry for a number of years. She has also worked as an Ice Skating Instructor for children in Carol Stream, IL; as an ESL teacher in Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and as a volunteer at City Limits Ministries in Chicago, a program specifically for children. Most recently, Ann has done substitute teaching in the area. Ann lives in Sycamore and is mother to Jacob (age 10) and Aaron (age 9).

You will find Ann at the church throughout the day on Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM, on Wednesday evenings (during Cross Walk Wednesday) and on Sunday mornings. She can be reached in the Church Office (815-758-0643) or by e-mail at: aoduber@firstlutherandekalb.org. **Please stop by and give Ann a warm welcome!**

Cross Walk Sunday Rally Day is Coming!

FROG is visiting Cross Walk's 2011 Rally Day to remind us to **Fully Rely On God**. You'll be **jumping** to get to Frog's Rally Day to play games, earn prizes, eat yummy goodies, make crafts, and participate in other family fun activities that introduces this year's Cross Walk Sunday themes and shows us the importance of **Fully Relying On God**. Registration forms and offering envelopes for this Cross Walk's school year will also be available. Rally Day is Sunday, September 11 immediately following worship, until 11:20 AM. If you'd like more information about Rally Day or Cross Walk registration or if you'd be willing to help with Rally Day, please contact the Church Office (815-758-0643) or **Stephanie Corn** (815-748-7409).

Faith Trek "Kickoff"

Faith Trek (Confirmation) Orientation for all seventh and eighth grade students and their parents will be held on Wednesday evening, September 7 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the Social Hall. Pastor Marilyn will introduce the Faith Trek curriculum that will be used, as well as lay out her hopes and expectations for the program. **Ann Oduber**, our new Christian Education Coordinator, will be on hand to talk about Middle School Ministr and this year's Faith Trek guides will also be introduced. Faith Trek instruction will begin the following Wednesday, September 14 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM upstairs in Classroom B. A meal precedes class each week and is served at 5:30 PM. All students are welcome. Cost is \$2.00 per student. If you know of any students who are in seventh or eighth grade and do not have a church home, please invite them to attend First Lutheran's Faith Trek program.



Cross Walk Wednesday begins September 14!

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)

Senior High - TBA



TAILGATE PARTY

(TO KICK-OFF OUR CHILDREN’S MINISTRY)

Who: All congregation members
When: Saturday, September 10, 2011
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Where: First Lutheran Church Parking Lot
(on Pine Street)



Bring lawn chairs, footballs, and your favorite tailgate food to share. Hot dogs, brats, and lemonade will be provided. Be sure to wear your favorite team jersey.

Watch for further information in the church bulletin.

Gearing Up for Fall

As fall fast approaches, we are gearing up for some new activities with First Lutheran Youth (FLY). We are excited to get to know our youth better and team up with parents and other volunteers to plan and run an exciting Youth Group! Look for postcards as reminders of things going on with FLY.



Our next planned event is to discuss the National Youth Gathering in July 2012 in New Orleans. Join us on Sunday, August 28, at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall for pizza and conversation. Please RSVP to **Trent and Teresa Lange**, 815-758-0855, or email, tmlange@comcast.net
Hope to see you there!

Youth Gathering News



Youth registration for the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering begins this October. The gathering will be held next July in New Orleans.

New for 2012 is the plan to house synods as closely together as possible. The ELCA wants to help strengthen the bonds between congregations in each synod, and assigning synods to specific hotels is one way to accomplish that.

As in 2009, congregations will rotate through their Gathering days in tracks. One day congregations will **Practice Peacemaking**, one day they will **Practice Justice**, and one day they will **Practice Discipleship**. And every congregation will be given early access to the floor and first bowl of the Superdome on their Practice Discipleship day. A new venue for 2012 is **Champions Square** -- an outdoor entertainment plaza located between the Superdome and the newly rebuilt Hyatt Regency. Not only is this a great place for tailgating each afternoon -- with lots of food vendors and music -- but there will also be plenty of water with indoor restrooms! The Community Life Team is making plans to use this area before and after time in the Superdome each evening. **Want to find out more? Contact Trent or Teresa Lange.**

Adult Forum – When Christians Get It Wrong

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

Ninth Grade Confirmation Retreat



Confirmation Retreat

A retreat for all Ninth Graders who will be confirmed this fall will be held in the Social Hall on Sunday, September 11, from 1:30 – 5:00 PM.

The day will include team building activities, discussion of the promises made at Confirmation, completion of a Spiritual Gifts Inventory, the writing of a faith statement, and the designing of Confirmation stoles. The retreat will be led by Pastor Hanson.

Ninth Graders will make their public affirmation of faith on Sunday, September 25, during the 9:00 AM worship service.

Confirmation Day

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ... and whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”



Colossians 3:16-17

The following First Lutheran students are scheduled to make public affirmation of their faith on Sunday, September 25 during the 9:00 AM worship service: **Riley Bauling, Leanza Burrignt, Trevor Freeland, Jace Kitchen, Michael Lange, Jenna Scheri, Ryan Scheri, Evan Taylor, and Will Todtz.** Please remember these young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this important day in their life of faith.



Save the Dates! Harvest Fest Blessing of the Harvest

**Sunday, October 2
2:00 - 6:30 PM**

Mission Sunday October 23

Randy and Carol Stubbs and family will be with us for worship and the Education Hour. Mark the date on your calendars now and plan to join us!



**Come One, Come All
and Let's SING!!!!**



The Adult Choir will begin its season on Rally Sunday, September 11, at the 9:00 AM Worship Service. Please arrive by 8:10 AM to practice the morning's anthem.

We will begin Thursday night rehearsals on September 15 at 7:30 PM. If you can't join us on Thursday night, you are invited to rehearse with us on Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM in the Music Room.

We look forward to singing with you!

Choir Picnic



The Annual Choir Picnic will be held at the

home of **Dick and Karen Sjolund** on Thursday, September 8, at 6:00 PM. Members of both the Adult Choir and Bell Choir are invited to attend and a special invitation goes out to any member of the congregation who would like to join either ensemble. Please bring a dish to pass and your appetite. Table service and drinks will be provided. The Sjolund home is located in Waterman at 205 N. Elm Street. Please RSVP to **John Feken** at 815-264-9057 or fekenj@gmail.com by September 1.

Do you like to laugh? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you enjoy having a good time with old friends? Then come and join the **Handbell Choir!** Rehearsals will start on Thursday, September 15, at 6:15 PM in the balcony. If you've always wanted to know a little more about the choir, please come and give us a try. It truly is fun and a wonderful way to share your praises through music. Hope to see you in the balcony with us.

On behalf of the Music, Worship, and Fine Arts Committee, we thank all our members who helped with the EverBlest Choir Concert and the LOMC Swing Choir Concert. We were blessed to have many of you provide food for the meals, help with kitchen and food preparations, serve as greeters and ushers, and sponsor students in your homes. The choir members and their directors were extremely grateful for making their stay at First Lutheran a memorable experience.

Help Needed: We are still in need of help with the recording and running the sound board for Sunday morning services. It is not difficult to learn and would help with our mission of "Hearing God's Word." **Please contact John Feken or the Church Office if you would be willing to help. Thanks.**

August Church Council Highlights

- Agreed to make a donation of \$600.00 to St. Mary Catholic Church to help with the expense of maintaining their parking lot and in appreciation for the use of their lot by the various groups that meet at our church.
- Heard a brief report from **John Countryman** on the library expansion project. Received an update on the interviews that are being conducted for the Christian Education Coordinator.
- Decided not to fill the council seat vacanted upon the death of Stan Lindahl in July. His term was to be completed in January of 2012; an election for a new council member will take place at our next Annual Meeting.
- Referred discussion on the possibility of creating a council position for a high school youth to the Youth Ministry team.
- Approved taking a special offering for the Stubbs family on Sunday, October 23, when they are with us for worship.
- Decided to seek volunteers to assist with Children’s Music this fall rather than hiring a new staff member to take on this role.

Special Thanks

A very special “thank you” to the following members who worked at the recent Property Workday: **Jean Callary, Bill Colvin, Paul Letheby, Judy Neumann, Dave Olsen, Keith Setchell, Ron Setchell, and Jim & Jan Womack.**

First Lutheran Endowment Committee, I really appreciate your generous scholarship money. It will really help me for college this coming school year.

Jacob Jouris

Dear FLC Endowment Fund —

Thank you for the generous scholarship. It was matched by Luther College (EPIC match) and is really a big help to my tuition. I really appreciate your kindness.

God bless you always,
Nicole Billips



Nursery Attendant 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 Sunday, September 11. 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 to pick up an application form. **Application deadline: September 2, 2011.**



SEPTEMBER

First Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:00 AM Worship with Sacrament of Holy Baptism 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 6:00 PM FLY meets for Pizza	29 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	30 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	31 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 6:00 PM GED Classes	1 2:00 PM Naomi Circle	2	3
4 Food Pantry Donations 9:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Screenings	5  Church Offices Closed for National Holiday	6 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Ministry Team Meetings 8:00 PM Executive Comm. Meeting	7 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 6:00 PM GED Classes 6:30 - 7:30 PM Faith Trek Orientation	8 9:00 AM Prelude - Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir Picnic at the Sjolund's	9	10 5:00 - 7:00 PM Tailgate Party (in church parking lot)
11 8:00 AM Choir Rehearsal 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee Fellowship 10:20 AM Cross Walk Rally Day 1:30 PM Ninth Grade Confirmation Retreat	12 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	13 8:30 AM Project Group 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Congregation Council	14 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 5:00 - 7:00 PM Feed 'Em Soup 5:30 PM Cross Walk Wednesday Activities 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes	15 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 7:30 PM Adult Choir	16 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal	17 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast and Service Project 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Women of the NIS Annual Convention at St. Paul Church, Orion IL 3:00 PM Wedding of Jennifer Clark & Christopher Bigall
18 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	19 6:00 PM GED Classes 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	20 8:30 AM Project Group 9:30 AM Pastor's Conference Meeting at Living Waters, Crystal Lake 7:00 PM Altar Guild Meeting	21 6:45 AM Red-Eye Bible Study 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 5:30 PM Cross Walk Wednesday Activities 6:00 PM Faith Trek 6:00 PM GED Classes	22 9:00 AM Prelude - Women's Bible Study 6:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Personnel Committee (tentative) 7:30 PM Adult Choir	23	24
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 11:00 AM Clergy Text Study 5:00 - 7:00 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
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Professional Leaders Conference at Bishop Lane in Rockford</div>						

“Prelude” Bible Study
a morning Bible study for women

Prelude, the ongoing Thursday morning Bible study group for women, will meet next on September 8 and 22 from 9:00-10:30 AM in Classroom A. Our new study for 2011-2012 is *“To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark.”* Our September sessions will serve as an introduction to Mark’s Gospel and in each subsequent month, the lessons will be built around questions that are asked in Mark’s text, as well as questions that those participating in the study bring with them. This study was written by Patricia Lull, an ELCA pastor who currently serves as the Executive Director of the St. Paul Area Council of Churches.

Our Bible studies are included in the magazine, *Gather (for faith & 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 group welcomes newcomers at any time. We begin our day with a good cup of coffee, tasty treat and a 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 on September 8.

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, September 27, at 6:00 PM (place to be determined). Please call the Church Office by noon on the 27th to let us know you’ll be coming. We’ll call the restaurant and get the table reserved!

Altar Guild News

Summer is over, school has started, and we are getting ready for another busy church year. Our first meeting of the 2011 – 2012 church year will be held on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Mark your calendars and bring them along with you as we begin our scheduling. Also, remember to bring your \$5.00 dues (cash or check payable to Altar Guild) and give to our treasurer, **Susan Chaplin**.



The month of September will be covered by Altar Guild members; **Tarryn Thaden, Mary Bradtmueller,** and **Jackie Winfield**.

Ever thought you would like to serve the church in an exciting and fun way? Please join us on September 20 in the Social Hall. We would love to have you.

Getting to Know Our Members

First Lutheran Family ... you should get to know Marilyn and Frank Bazeli. Frank and Marilyn have lived in the DeKalb/Sycamore area for 44 years. Marilyn was born in Peoria and Frank was born in Detroit.



Marilyn and Frank Bazeli

Both Frank and Marilyn state that the roots of their spiritual foundation grew out of their childhood experiences with church-related activities. Those early years established the sustaining value of church connections for them and their families. Marilyn shared that she particularly appreciates the spiritual life her mother, who lived to be 100 years old, modeled for her.

Marilyn and Frank enjoy active participation in the Kishwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Marilyn is the secretary/treasurer of Kishwaukee Symphony Associates and Frank is on the KSO Board of Directors. They have participated in choral groups and instrumental performances over the years.

Along with music, education plays an important role in Marilyn and Frank's life. Marilyn retired after 24 years as a Sycamore elementary school teacher. She was also a professor in the NIU College of Education. Frank retired after 29 years with the NIU College of Education.

The Bazeli's have four children: Sara (deceased as a child), Susan, Carolyn, and Peter. They have also been blessed with four grandchildren whom they enjoy visiting in Wilmette and Colorado.

Marilyn became a member of First Lutheran in 1970 and is presently serving on the personnel committee. Marilyn and Frank named *Morning Has Broken*, *Beautiful Savior*, *Holy God We Praise Thy Name*, and *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* as their favorite hymns. Both Marilyn and Frank are examples of Christians living their faith. Marilyn said that she strives to live a life centered around giving to and serving others. Frank cites the Biblical story of the Good Samaritan as his inspiration for a God-pleasing and happy life.

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, September 17. 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.

Join the First Lutheran Hunger Stompers



CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, October 23

Every day about 16,000 children around the world die from hunger-related causes. Every week the drought and famine news from the Horn of Africa becomes more horrific. Every month, the number of DeKalb residents turning to Salvation Army and other support agencies for basic necessities increases. The First Lutheran Hunger Stompers invite you to join the fight against hunger by participating in our local CROP Walk on October 23. One fourth of the money raised will return to our community to help support Meals on Wheels, Hope Haven, Safe Passage, and area food pantries. The rest will be used by Church World Service for international relief, development, and refugee resettlement. If you are unable to walk on October 23, you can become a “spirit walker” and raise funds in person or on line. All walkers also can use the on-line option. See **Susan Callahan** (815-748-4013) after services in the Atrium for more details and for donation envelopes. Help us help the hungry by becoming a First Lutheran Hunger Stomper.

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.

What’s New at Love INC?

A special need being highlighted this month is once again for **diapers**, which are collected by the First Church of the Nazarene as one of their gap ministries. Can you pick up a package on your next shopping trip? Or do you have a leftover, no-longer-used box at home? Put them to good use by donating them to Love INC. The need is great!



September’s gap ministry focus will be on the kitchen ministry. Start saving those dishes, pots and pans, and small kitchen appliances now! Remember that garage sales are good sources of gently used contributions to Love INC.

Manila file folders for the office and additional volunteers to help pick up and deliver furniture are special needs this month. Other needs this month are for **fans** to help folks cool off in the summer heat, and **beds** for them to sleep in. **Dressers** are needed, too. And of course, volunteers to pick up and deliver these items are essential.

Shukrani, nyingi, nyingi !! **(Many, Many Thanks)**

Thursday evening, June 30, as we prepared for the last day of our third teachers' seminar during our two months at Mwangaza Teachers' Center in Tanzania, there was both a sense of accomplishment and the feeling that much remained to be done. This year marked Sharon's fifth trip and Mike's eighth, which helps you understand how strongly we identify with Mwangaza's mission to lead and support high school teachers who face the challenge of teaching subject area content in English, their students' third language. We knew Friday's activities would help us clarify and measure the teachers' progress during this week. Five teachers were to be selected by lottery from this week's participants, then each would present a lesson to his/her 26 colleagues and us, the facilitators. The goal for each teacher and lesson was to demonstrate what she/he had learned about developing a student-centered classroom and applying the new methodology from our seminars. As you may have guessed, some of Friday's presentations made us smile like proud parents and others made us think we will read again John Prabhaker's Bible Study *"Finding and Following God's Message in your Golden Years."*



To you who have supported our work with these teachers and their students by your prayers, encouragement and contributions, we send our Many, Many Thanks through these two pictures. Some of your contributions provided for 15 computer stations at Mwangaza which can be shared by two teachers each. These newly refurbished computers and monitors gave 72 teachers their first opportunities to explore internet sources for their lessons. Focused on finding PowerPoint lessons in math, physics, English, geography, etc., they learned how to access the internet, Google the topic, select and review PowerPoints, edit if needed, download to a flash drive, and later load it on a computer (if available) and show to students at their schools.

Other contributions will give support to teachers, and their students, by providing the government syllabus, a teacher's guide for the subject (some stacked on the table). The syllabi contain important guides to developing lesson plans and offer helpful suggestions for teaching the students how to apply the information and skills. Almost every teacher in our country would expect and receive a teacher's edition for each course. Almost NO teachers in Tanzania have this book. In most cases, there may be only ONE copy at their school.



God's Peace,
Mike and Sharon Wadle

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 running from late September through May.



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 drode@niu.edu or call 815-756-8321 (evenings) or 815-751-8256 (cell).

Library Expansion Update

On Monday, August 22, John Countryman and I met with Dee Coover, Executive Director of the DeKalb Public Library, to discuss preliminary plans for the expansion of the library. The library has not purchased the land. They have that option for a few months. In our discussion, Dee made it very clear that they seek the support by both First Lutheran Church and First United Methodist Church.

The preliminary plan up for consideration at this time would close off Third Street as a through street, but could be accessed from Pine Street and a parking lot around the addition that would include the area where the old house was just torn down. The plan would increase the number of parking spots available to us directly across the street on Sunday mornings by approximately 25. When asked about the possibility of a separate facility with a skywalk across Third Street, Dee said this would not be feasible, in part due to the high cost of staffing a detached facility.

Dee Coover will be meeting with representatives from the First United Methodist Church as a next step. There will be a public hearing (probably in mid-September) for discussing the expansion proposal. The city needs to give their approval to many aspects of the plan to move the project forward. If the preliminary plan is approved, the land can then be purchased. The actual expansion could not take place until adequate funds are raised. This would most likely take a number of years according to Dee.

Pastor Marilyn

Dear First Lutheran:

Greetings from Bweranyangi Girls Senior Secondary School. I am and will be teaching biology and computers for the next two years to students in senior one to senior six. (This is equivalent to our eighth grade to freshman year in college.) Bweranyangi is a beautiful large public boarding school affiliated with the Anglican church set back in the hills of Bushenyi in the southwest region of Uganda. There are 150,000 girls that attend this school. Our school runs on 3 terms, starting in February. There are month long holidays between each term and we end in the beginning of December. The girls have a long day filled with prayers, prep, and school. They start their day at 6:00 AM and end night prep at 10:00 PM. They are allowed to study/read all night if they want to (and most girls do!).



Bailey and a few of the girls from Bweranyangi Girls Senior Secondary School in Uganda

The girls are very energetic and excited to learn about anything. Traditional to Ugandan culture, they love to sing and dance. We are rounding out the second term with music and dance competitions which are held between dorms and with other schools. I believe this is one of their favorite ties because they put a lot of heart and soul into their practice to show off their culture (and it is a time to relax from school and just be themselves).

It has been a true blessing to be placed at this school. Interacting with the girls from coaching volleyball and soccer to lounging around with the girls on weekends on the quad or watching their favorite soap (Touched By an Angel) to attending evening prayers, I get to see the beauty inside each girl and the honest gifts they have to offer! It is life changing.

God Bless from Africa!

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Shelly Peterson | 24. Velma Chamberlain
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Comptroller Report for July 2011

	July Actual	Year-to-Date Actual	Remaining Budget
Income	\$30,971.87	\$219,416.15	\$258,983.85
Expenses	\$27,897.50	\$219,073.47	\$261,628.53
Ahead/(Behind)	\$3,074.37	\$342.68	

Capital Building Fund Loan Balance - \$294.694.50

One day's interest on mortgage - \$46.99

Attendance Figures for July 2011

	9:00 AM
July 3	147
July 10	142
July 17	139
July 24	119
July 31	143

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