



# The First Word

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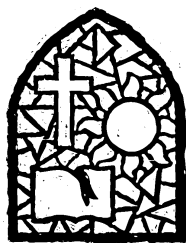
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## **WOW! Worship on Wednesdays**



**Worship  
Schedule  
for the  
Summer**

Join us this summer as we gather outdoors by the campfire for song, prayer, and conversation. WOW will take place at 6:30 PM on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of the month (July 14 and 28, and August 11) and will be held on the west side of the church. Please invite your friends and neighbors to this informal midweek gathering for all ages. The evening will end with the making of s'mores and more conversation.

In case of inclement weather, worship will be held in the Atrium.



### Dates to Remember

**YOUR PLEDGE  
This Summer**

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Magic Waters Family Fun Night..... | July 12      |
| WOW! Worship on Wednesday .....    | July 14 & 28 |
| Pie Auction.....                   | July 18      |
| Rally Day .....                    | September 12 |
| Confirmation Sunday .....          | September 26 |

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Dear Friends in Christ,

*“... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me ...”*  
(Matthew 25:35)

At our June Church Council meeting, three young adults from the community came and talked with us about a project they have initiated called “Feed ‘Em Soup.” In their presentation, they shared with us that there are currently 161 registered homeless people in DeKalb County. 12,865 people (12.1% of the county population) live below the poverty line and 10.5% of the people are unemployed. These were staggering statistics to hear. In an effort to respond to these grim numbers, this group of young adults has joined efforts to form an organization called “Feed ‘Em Soup.” As they explained, the mission statement for “Feed ‘Em Soup” is “to provide meals, offer encouragement and support, and supply opportunities to those in need within our community.”

The council listened to the presentation, asked questions, and then said “yes” to allow this group to open a soup kitchen in our Social Hall twice a month, beginning in early August. As one of the pastors of this congregation, I am very pleased about this decision. We have been blessed with the resources to build a beautiful facility for worship, education and service; now we will have the opportunity to be a blessing to others in a new way as we open our church doors to the community’s poor.

I don’t know many details yet on how this will all work out. What I do know is this is a very highly motivated and committed group of young people who will do all they can to make this a successful endeavor. They already have numerous volunteers assisting them with the project. I’m certain there will be many ways that we as a congregation can also volunteer and support this wonderful ministry. For now, please pray for this ministry and those who are heading it up, that all the details will get worked out and we can soon be about “feeding soup” and “feeding hope” to the many who are struggling to provide the basic necessities of life for themselves and their families. These are hard times for many but perhaps we can lighten the load of some as we minister in Jesus’ name. For as he once said, *“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”*

(Matthew 25:40)

Serving with you,

*Pastor Marilyn*



Congratulations to **John Baccheschi and Mary Burke** who were married at the church on May 1.

Congratulations to **Bailey Sanderson** who graduated from DePaul University with a Master's Degree in Molecular Biology, to **Michelle Scheri** who recently graduated from Kishwaukee College with a degree in Nursing, and to **Lesley Feyerherm** who graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Psychology.

Our sympathy is extended to **Marilyn Bazeli** and her family at the death of her mother on May 29 and to **Marijean Bauling** and her family at the death of her grandmother on June 11. May God comfort those who mourn.

Congratulations to **Rolf and Molly Anderson** on the birth of their daughter, Kathryn "Kate" Fox Anderson, born on June 1. Proud grandparents are **Linda Anderson** and **Dick and Candy Anderson**. We also congratulate **Josh and Andrea Taylor** on the birth of their daughter, Kyla Elise, born on January 9.

Congratulations to **Howard and Lois Jacobson** who celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 18.

## **Stroke Detection Plus**

### **First Lutheran Church Hosts Screening to Detect Your Risk for Stroke in Less than Ten Minutes!**

Stroke Detection Plus will be at First Lutheran on Thursday, July 1, from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM. They will provide four life saving screenings: Stroke Screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, and Osteoporosis — all four screenings for the cost of \$105.00 to church members. Individual screenings are also available. Board certified, licensed physicians review all screenings and results will be mailed to participants within 14 days. Appointments are necessary — call toll free 1-877-732-8258 or check out their website at: [www.strokedetectionplus.com](http://www.strokedetectionplus.com)

Please remember the following people in your prayers: **Joyce Davidson, Trevor Engstrom, Cliff Golden, Heidi Hietanen, Don Johnson, Lois Johnson, Barb Lindus, Jessica Long, Lu Lothson, Rod Lothson, Dan and Hazel Metzger, Eldina Oberg, Sharon Retrum, Al Ritzman, and Linda Sanderson**. We also remember friends of the congregation — Dave Medelberg (brother of **Debbie Kish**), and Bill and Dana Dunaway (daughter and son-in-law of **Darrel and Barbara Henson**).

We also pray for **Mike and Sharon Wadle** and their Tanzania Teaching Ministry. Please pray for their seminar success.

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**

July 20<sup>th</sup>

**Please Note:** The deadline for articles to be included in the August First Word is July 20. Your articles may be emailed to [office@FirstLutheranDeKalb.org](mailto:office@FirstLutheranDeKalb.org) Articles should be brief and may be edited. Thank you.

## Sailing the High Seas at VBS

We've been on a High Seas Expedition this week at First Lutheran Church and having an absolutely fabulous time! Check out the pictures we've included and see for yourself the excitement on the children's faces. All week long we've been learning about God's love through God's Word – the Bible. We've learned that God's Word is true, comforting, surprising, life-changing, and for everyone. We've heard about God freeing Peter from prison and God comforting Paul when he was shipwrecked in a storm. We've heard how Paul survived being bit by a poisonous snake.



We've heard how God completely changed the lives of Peter and John and how they were able to perform miracles of healing. We've learned how everyone who believed in Jesus shared everything they had – food, homes – everything.



Each day our students learned a Bible verse to go with the day's lesson. They also received some pretty cool Bible buddies to remember the themes. Bible buddies included Scully the rat, Marina the dolphin, Wink the monkey, Salty the pelican, and Lacey the spider.

In addition to the Bible stories and Bible verses we learned, we sang songs, enjoyed the cinema, did crafts, played games, and ate some pretty awesome snacks!

**A big thank you to Teresa Lange,** our VBS High Seas Expedition Director this year, who coordinated the whole wonderful week. Thanks also to all the marvelous volunteers, too numerous to mention, who helped us safely ride the high seas this week and have a sailing good time!



## Youth News



Meal and a Message will meet on July 7, 14, and 21. We will not meet on July 28.

Our Ollie's Bible Study will meet on July 11, 18, and 25. We will meet from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Bring your own Bible and money if you want custard.

On Friday, July 9, we will go to Feed My Starving Children. We will leave from First Lutheran at 8:30 AM and return around 1:30 PM. Those attending are asked to bring \$10.00 for lunch and a travel permission slip. This event is open to all Jr. and Sr. High Youth including recent graduates. Parent chaperones are needed — talk to Liz ASAP if you are interested. **Sign up is required by June 20.**

## Magic Waters' Lutheran Youth & Family Fun Night



Join others from the Northern Illinois Synod on Monday evening, July 12 for the annual "Lutheran Youth and Family Fun Night" at Magic Waters in Rockford. Swimming starts at 5:15 PM and the event closes at 9:00. Cost is \$7.00 with advanced tickets and \$8.00 at the door. Your admission includes free use of tube (usually \$6.00). You will also need money for dinner and/or snacks, sunblock, and a travel permission slip. To purchase tickets in advance, talk to Liz. All Jr. and Sr. High students and their family members are invited (younger children must be accompanied by a parent). The group will depart from First Lutheran at 4:30 PM and return by 10:00 PM. Parent chaperones are needed — talk to Liz ASAP if you are interested. **Sign up by July 1.**

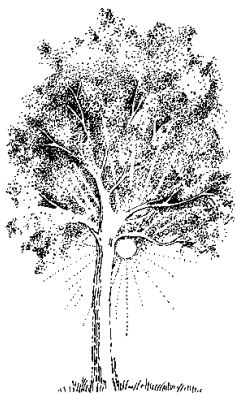
## Cross Walk Sunday

**Just Announced:** The Bible stories and dates have been decided for next year's Cross Walk Sunday rotations!

- September 12 — Rally Day
- September 19 - October 3 — Zaccheaus
- October 17 - 31— The Man Through the Roof
- November 7 - 21 — The Beatitudes
- December 5, January 2 - 9 — Advent, the Prince of Peace
- January 16 - 30 — Philip and the Ethiopian
- February 6 - 13, 27 — Transfiguration
- March 6 - 13, 27 — Adam and Eve
- April 3 - 17 — Resurrection
- May 1 — Resurrection Walk

You can register your children for or volunteer to help at Cross Walk Sunday 2010-11 anytime this summer using the registration forms online at [http://www.firstlutherandekalb.org/Cross\\_Walk](http://www.firstlutherandekalb.org/Cross_Walk) at First Lutheran C45.cfm

## 1 for the Money; 2 for the Show; “Tree” to get Ready; 4 to “GROW!”



These are the words on the bulletin board in the Social Hall above the pictures of all those who recently came out to help plant the new maple tree on the west side of the church. The tree was purchased with undesignated memorial money. Special thanks to our Property Ministry Team (**Jan Womack** and **Keith Setchell**, co-chairs), to **Gerry Sanderson** who engineered the project, and to all who came to help plant the tree — **Doug Dashner**, **Trent Lange** and his son **Elliot**, **Paul Letheby**, **Stan Lindahl**, **Scott Meier** and his brother **Paul**, **Ron Setchell**, and confirmation students **Alayna Gersic** and **Isaac Hietanen**.

### A Note of Thanks

Dear First Lutheran Church:

We are writing to express our deepest thanks for your kind and generous support of the ministry and mission of Journeys of Hope. Your gift of prayerful and financial support will be used to continue working on The School of the Saints, which is slated to be dedicated on January 11, 2011. While we still have a lot of work to do before the school opens, your gift makes it possible for us to complete the many tasks necessary to open the doors. As those doors swing open and welcome in the children and families of Retalhuleu, Guatemala, many dreams and many hopes for a brighter tomorrow will begin to unfold for our sisters and brothers. Thank you so much for helping make these dreams come true ... for supporting the journeys of hope for so many!

We want to invite you to visit our website. While the website is still under construction, we want to invite you to visit our site: [www.journeysofhope.weebly.com](http://www.journeysofhope.weebly.com) You can also join the Journeys of Hope facebook group where you will receive regular updates and invitations.

The 2011 schedule for short-term mission trips to Retalhuleu, Guatemala has been established and those dates and information on each trip are posted on our website. We would love to share lovely Guatemala with you and the members of your congregation. And more importantly, we would be so blessed by your presence on any of our mission trips. It is through the generous gifts of time, talents, and money that Journeys of Hope and The School of the Saints was birthed. Now we rely on those same gifts to help us continue on the journey.

Again, we offer our deepest thanks to you for all of your support.

Faithfully and thankfully,  
Estuardo and Rev. Diane Dardon

## The Giving Garden

### *Sharing God's love by growing fresh produce for the hungry*

Wow! The vegetables in our garden have grown by leaps and bounds, thanks to recent rains and the warm weather. **Susan Callahan** delivered lettuce to the Salvation Army twice already, and a large bucket of rhubarb was also taken there. The pepper plants are beginning to bear fruit, the tomato plants are starting to blossom, the cucumber vines are climbing, and the zucchini plants are enormous! Members of the garden team - **Susan Callahan, Lynn Cook, Elsa Glover, Stan Lindahl, Dawn Marx, Jean Nelson and Jan Womack** - continue to take turns weeding and watering.

Here are three ways you can support our efforts:

1. Pray for favorable weather and a good harvest.
2. Sign up for a week to weed and water the garden.
3. Grow a "Row to Share" in your own garden at home.

In addition to the Salvation Army Food Pantry, produce from the garden will be donated to Safe Passage and Hope Haven.



## Pie Auction for Neighbors 'Near and Far'

On Sunday, July 18, during the Social Hour at 10:30 AM we will have a Pie Auction to help our neighbors at Hope Haven with their "Night by Night" campaign and also to help our neighbors in the Ketumbeine Parish in Tanzania. The Endowment Team has agreed to match our funds up to \$1,500. The proceeds will be evenly divided between the two areas. Both concerns are well deserving of our attention and our gifts. Hope Haven provides short term care for those in our community who have been displaced from their housing. Like other social service agencies they have not received the normal funds from the state. Their "Night by Night" campaign seeks to help fill that gap. And, we are well aware of the need to provide funds for ministry and materials at the various preaching points in the Ketumbeine Parish.



We may not normally think of a pie auction in the summer but fresh fruits will be available for good homemade pies. So bring your willing hearts and gifts to help both of these concerns. Our auctions are always fun events that help raise money for good causes.



# July 2010

# First Lutheran Church

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Monday                                                                                                                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                          | Thursday                                                                                                     | Friday                                                                                                                           | Saturday                                                               |
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| <b>27</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship<br><b>6:30 - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Group Bible Study at Ollie's                                                                                  | <b>28</b><br><b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts                                                                                                                 | <b>29</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting                                                                              | <b>30</b><br><b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study<br><b>5:30 PM</b> Meal & A Message<br><b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes                                              | <b>1</b><br><b>8:00 AM - 3:30 PM</b> Stroke Detection Screenings in the Social Hall                          | <b>2</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>3</b>                                                               |
| <b>4</b><br><b>Food Pantry Donations</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship                                                                                           | <b>5</b><br><b>Church Offices closed for July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday</b><br><b>12:00 NOON</b> Linen Ministry Team Meeting<br><b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts | <b>6</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting<br><b>6:30 PM</b> Ministry Team Meeting<br><b>8:00 PM</b> Executive Committee | <b>7</b><br><b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study<br><b>5:30 PM</b> Meal & A Message<br><b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes                                               | <b>8</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Prelude - Women's Bible Study<br><b>7:00 - 8:15 PM</b> Sunset - Adult Bible Study | <b>9</b><br><b>8:30 AM - 1:30 PM</b> Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group to Feed My Starving Children<br><b>6:00 PM</b> Wedding Rehearsal | <b>10</b><br><b>3:30 PM</b> Wedding of Marc Schmidt and Carolyn Gorski |
| <b>11</b><br><b>Aluminum Can Collection</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Baptism<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship hosted by Thrivent Financial<br><b>6:30 - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Group Bible Study at Ollie's | <b>12</b><br><b>4:30 PM</b> Lutheran Youth and Family Fun Night Trip to Magic Waters<br><b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts                                      | <b>13</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting<br><b>NOTE: NO Church Council Meeting</b>                                    | <b>14</b><br><b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study<br><b>5:30 PM</b> Meal & A Message<br><b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes<br><b>6:30 PM</b> WOW — Worship on Wednesday | <b>15</b><br><b>3:00 - 7:00 PM</b> Blood Drive at First United Methodist Church, DeKalb                      | <b>16</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>17</b>                                                              |
| <b>18</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Pie Auction<br><b>6:30 - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Group Bible Study at Ollie's                                                                    | <b>19</b><br><b>12:00 NOON</b> Linen Ministry Team Meeting<br><b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts                                                                | <b>20</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting                                                                              | <b>21</b><br><b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study<br><b>5:30 PM</b> Meal & A Message<br><b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes                                              | <b>22</b>                                                                                                    | <b>23</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>24</b>                                                              |
| <b>25</b><br><b>9:00 AM</b> Worship<br><b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Fellowship<br><b>6:30 - 7:30 PM</b> Youth Group Bible Study at Ollie's                                                                                  | <b>26</b><br><b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes<br><b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts                                                                                                                 | <b>27</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b> Project Group<br><b>9:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting                                                                              | <b>28</b><br><b>6:45 AM</b> Red-Eye Bible Study<br><b>11:00 AM</b> Clergy Text Study<br><b>6:00 PM</b> GED Classes<br><b>6:30 PM</b> WOW — Worship on Wednesday                                    | <b>29</b><br><b>6:30 PM</b> Needlework Group                                                                 | <b>30</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>31</b>                                                              |

## Highlights of the June Council Meeting

- Discussed the chapter on “Portrait of a Biblical Giver” from the book Ask, Thank, Tell.
- Approved the minutes from the May council meeting and the April and May financial reports.
- Heard a presentation from representatives of “Feed ‘Em Soup” and approved their request to use our facility twice a month, beginning in July, to feed the poor of our community.
- Accepted the bid from Standard Roofing of DeKalb to repair the roof above the north bell tower using monies from the Special Fund.
- Approved a special offering to support Hope Haven and our partner congregation, the Ketumbeine parish in Tanzania, Africa on July 18, with matching funds up to \$1,500 available from the Endowment Fund.
- Discussed progress made on our 2010 mission goals.
- Received a first draft of the final Bridgebuilding report from Paul Letheby, general chair of the Bridgebuilding process.
- Approved making a special gift to GPS (God’s People Serving) Faith Community of Machesney Park as they formally organize as a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with \$300 from the Endowment Fund and \$200 from Undesignated Memorial Monies.
- Authorized the Executive Committee to make a final decision regarding liability insurance for the church.
- Set Sunday, June 27, at 10:00 AM as the date of our semi-annual meeting of the congregation. This will be an informational meeting only.



## Feed ‘em Soup!

The first night of the Feed ‘Em Soup meal program at First Lutheran is targeted for Wednesday, August 11. Service opportunities include helping with greeting, serving, set-up, and clean-up. As with all things new, we’ll know more about how we can help as the Feed ‘Em Soup project ramps up and gets



started. Lutheran Campus Ministry is excited about helping out, as are our high school and middle school youth! Come on! Get involved in helping with this exciting opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to feed the hungry ... right here in DeKalb! For more information check out [www.feedemsoup.org](http://www.feedemsoup.org) and/or [www.facebook.com/feedemsoup](http://www.facebook.com/feedemsoup).

## Prelude ... A Morning Bible Study for Women



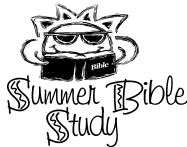
**BIBLE**  
Study for Women

**Prelude**, the Thursday morning Bible study group for women, will meet next on Thursday, July 8 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM in Classroom A. We'll continue our study on

prayer as we focus on the theme "Waiting with Patience and Hope", using the study in the July/August issue of the *Lutheran Woman* Today magazine. (If you don't have the magazine, copies of the study will be provided). Pastor Marilyn serves as the facilitator of this Bible study. Newcomers are always welcome. A good cup of coffee, a tasty treat and lively conversation are guaranteed. Please join us!

## Sunset ... An Evening Bible Study

**Sunset**, the Thursday evening Bible Study for men & women that started this summer, provides a great way to wind down after a busy



day and yet be challenged and inspired by God's engaging word. Like the morning "Prelude" Bible study group, those meeting near "sunset" will have the opportunity to reflect and ponder on the gift of prayer and how it can add power to one's spiritual life. This month's study will be held on Thursday, July 8 from 7:00 - 8:15 PM in the Community Room at church, with Pastor Marilyn serving as the facilitator for the study. Please bring along your favorite translation of the Bible; copies of the study will be provided.

## What's New with Love INC?

Love INC reached a milestone in April — our one-year anniversary! That represents



12 months of churches partnering together, mobilizing their members to help those in need and, in the process, strengthening our community. The number of churches has grown to 31. Our mission is being accomplished!

Looking for a way to become more actively involved with Love INC? Call the clearinghouse at (815) 217-0082 for some ideas. If your congregation hasn't started a gap ministry yet, consider how your congregation might show the love of Christ through Love INC.

### Wants and Needs

- Beds in good condition (various sizes)
- Lightly used mattresses
- Gas vouchers to be distributed by several churches
- Kitchen tables and chairs
- Dressers
- Sofas
- Living room tables
- Bikes
- Paper products, including towels, napkins, toilet paper

For the clearinghouse, paper and office supplies are needed. Please call the clearinghouse for specific needs, 815-217-0082.

## **Getting to Know Our Members**

**Do you know Howard and Lois Jacobson?** If you don't, you must be a new member or a visitor, because Howard and Lois have been around the church for many years. Lois served as hospitality coordinator from 1983 - 2003. Howard joined the staff in 1999 providing security for the church — made easier by the fact that they live in the Pine Street house.



Howard was born in Racine County, Wisconsin. He grew up on a dairy farm and had three brothers and two sisters. He was baptized and confirmed at Norway Lutheran Church, one of the oldest Norwegian-organized congregations in America, dating from 1843. Howard's father died when he was 13 years old, and he continued to run the family farm along with his mother and two older brothers. After graduating from high school, Howard spent four years in the Air Force, including two years in Korea. He was in the trucking business for several years before he attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Lois was born in Rugby, North Dakota. Her family moved to Seattle when she was a teenager. She attended Pacific Lutheran University and graduated from the Lutheran Bible Institute both in Washington state.

While he was doing his internship at Denny Park Lutheran in Seattle, Howard met Lois. They were married July 18, 1965 (45 years this summer), after Howard was ordained in his home congregation in June and before he was installed in his first parish in North Dakota in August.

Howard and Lois have four children and four grandchildren. Together they have served congregations in North Dakota, Colorado, northern Illinois, and, after retirement, they served three congregations in an interim capacity. Howard retired from Trinity Lutheran Church in DeKalb in December 1994. They have lived in the DeKalb area for 28 years.

Both Howard and Lois feel that First Lutheran Church has been very good to them. They offered these words, taken from the chorus of a hymn, to describe their relationship with the church: "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God. I've been washed at the fountain...cleansed by His blood. Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God."

## Join Me in the Fight against Breast Cancer



You can help make a difference!

Please support me as I take an amazing journey in the fight to end breast cancer! I'll be walking in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure, August 6-8 in Chicago. The walk is 60 miles over the course of three days, and I am part of a team called "Strong Girls Rule." We'll be sleeping in tents and showering on a semi truck.

As many of you know, I am a breast cancer survivor, diagnosed in August 2007 after discovering a lump in my breast. The walk begins on August 6 and it was three years ago on August 6 when the surgeon told me that the four tumors in my breast meant having a mastectomy. Three weeks after that surgery I had a second surgery to remove the rest of the lymph nodes under my arm. Two days after celebrating my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, I began eight rounds of chemotherapy. Last year I went through the long process of breast reconstruction. Having cancer is not a path I would have chosen, but

the journey has been full of blessings.

Since I have benefitted from breast cancer research and advances in treatment, I feel it is my turn now to support efforts in fighting this disease that affects one in eight women. Each walker is expected to raise \$2,300. That seems like a huge amount, but small donations from many people really do make a difference. On-line donations are the easiest way to contribute, and the quickest way to process your donation. Simply log on to [www.3day.org](http://www.3day.org) and click on the donation button, then follow the prompts. If you would prefer to write a check, please make it out to "Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure."

**Pastor Roy says that if I raise \$2,000 by July 4, he'll put pink highlights in his hair!** This walk is not about me. It is about helping support efforts to stamp out breast cancer. It's about giving hope, including the hope that someday breast cancer will be a thing of the past. Net proceeds from the walk are invested in breast cancer research and community programs.

I am grateful for the many ways you supported me and my family while I was going through treatment. Now I thank you for supporting me in this challenging endeavor.

**Jean Nelson**

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Yvonne Johnson       | Miranda Simek         | 18. Michael Bauling       |
| Michael Pumfrey         | Bryan Taylor          | Logan Buhk                |
| 2. Rachel Hunter-Rosene | 10. Bil Johnson       | Amy Wallin Hager          |
| 4. Thomas Riel          | 11. Jason Hardenbergh | 19. Judy Williams         |
| 5. Richard Cress        | Gretchen Looney       | 20. Anna Diab             |
| Peyton Marten           | 12. Jonathan Colvin   | Amy Harris                |
| Daniel Olsen            | Jennifer Franzene     | 21. Merlin Anderson       |
| David Olsen             | Caden Johnson         | Bryson Buhk               |
| 6. Ellen Cress          | 13. Tina Lange        | Darla Massier             |
| Barbara Rauman          | Richard Sjolund       | 22. Jill Olson Skinner    |
| 7. Virgene Christensen  | 14. Jason Buhk        | 23. Sarah Stiely          |
| Pamela Corneille        | Ann Hart Pearcy       | 24. Deborah Pardridge     |
| Charles Hart            | Patricia Smith        | 25. Steven Wiltberger     |
| Michael Lange           | David Wallin          | 26. Larry Anderson        |
| Doug Massier            | 15. Kara Clanton      | John Bross                |
| Ashlee Mecklenburg      | Timothy Lange         | 27. Samuel Jaros          |
| Rudy Salazar            | 16. Doris Cole        | 28. Kelsey Salazar        |
| Emmett Youngren         | Matthew Hoyle         | 29. Allison Hunter-Rosene |
| 8. Victoria Kothrade    | Aidan Lange           | 30. Andrew Benson         |
| Marilyn Sanders         | 17. Megan Corneille   | 31. Doug Black            |
| 9. Florence Johnson     | Kerstin Henke         | Lisa Schmidt              |
| Steve Schmidt           |                       | JoAnn Skabo               |

**Comptroller Report for May 2010**

|                     | May Actual | Year-to-Date Actual | Remaining Budget |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Income              | 27,351.36  | 169,154.50          |                  |
| Expenses            | 34,319.73  | 191,643.34          | 308,866.66       |
| Income Less Expense | -6,968.37  | -22,488.84          |                  |

**Capital Building Fund Loan Balance - \$367,560.15**

One day's interest on mortgage - \$66.17

**Attendance Figures for May 2010****9:00 Sunday**

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| May 2  | 228 |
| May 9  | 207 |
| May 16 | 279 |
| May 23 | 202 |
| May 30 | 161 |

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### Cross Walk Wednesday Coordinator

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#### Shared Ministry Coordinator

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### Bell Choir Director

Judy Neumann

### Nursery Attendant

Cindy Hammil

### Custodian

Bill Colvin

### Security

Howard Jacobson

## Congregation Council

Paul Letheby, President  
Bob Snow, Vice-President  
Cathy Foelske, Secretary  
Bill Sanders, Treasurer

Randall Baker  
Joyce Davidson  
Barbara Henson  
Keith Kish  
Trent Lange  
Stan Lindahl  
Barbara Schrader  
Tarryn Thaden

## Ministry Team Chairpersons

### Endowment

Arlyn Strike

### Evangelism

Mary Colvin & Sue Grafe

### Finance

Dorothy Thorsen

### Faith Formation

### Personnel

Jim Womack

### Property

Keith Setchell & Jan Womack

### Social Ministry

Jack Cress & Harold Grafe

### Stewardship

John Longeville

### Worship/Music/Fine Arts

Jean Nelson, Music Coordinator

### Youth Ministry