

Our military
Our sponsored
missionary family

All those who are unemployed or underemployed so that they will find a fulfilling vocation and receive just payment for their labor; All caregivers; Our current month's service list.

STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Tithes & Gifts

ATTENDANCE

A Note regarding
Wednesday
Lenten Offerings

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| \$ 4695.00 | Envelope Offerings |
| \$ 1134.50 | Other |
| 105 | 8:45 a.m. Service |
| 120 | 10:45 a.m. Service |

Wednesday Lenten worship offerings will be going toward Haiti Relief through Lutheran World Relief or Lutheran Disaster Response. (FLC offerings designated toward Haiti Relief prior to this have been in excess of \$1,250.)

CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 21-28

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| Sun, Feb 21 First Sunday in Lent | 8:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Fellowship/Education 10:45 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. Youth Night |
| Mon, Feb 22 | 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Forrest Chaffee 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous--closed meeting |
| Tue, Feb 23 | 9:00 a.m. Project Circle |
| Wed, Feb 24 | 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m. Pastor Don @ Preach 'n' Soup, Holy Communion Episcopal 3:00 p.m. WASABIE 5:30 p.m. Soup Plus Supper 6:00 p.m. "Earthbound" DVD Discussion 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship (Pastor Bill Nelsen, Trinity & St. Paul's, Gaylord) 7:45 p.m. Carillon Handbells 8:00 p.m. Youth Night |
| Thu, Feb 25 | 2:00 p.m. Text Study 6:30 p.m. Leadership Development Team |
| Fri, Feb 26 | 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous--closed meeting |
| Sat, Feb 27 | 1:00 p.m. Knutson 50th Anniversary Open House 7:00p.m. Narcotics Anonymous--open meeting |
| Sun, Feb 28 Second Sunday in Lent | 8:45 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Choir 9:45 a.m. Fellowship/Education Hour 10:45 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Minnesota Valley Conference Assembly at Trinity, Gaylord 8:00 p.m. Youth Night |



Second Sunday in Lent + February 28, 2010

FLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Forum

THIS WEEK: *"Martin Luther on the Bible"*—Our presenter is Dr. Darrell Jodock, Drell and Adeline Bernhardson Distinguished Professor in Religion at Gustavus. Dr. Jodock received a B.A. from St. Olaf in 1962, a M.Div. from Luther Theological Seminary in 1966, and his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1969. He teaches in the area of Lutheran studies.
NEXT WEEK: *The Many Meanings of the Bible*— A video presentation with Dr. Mark Alan Powell, New Testament professor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio.

Wednesdays in Lent at
First Lutheran Church

Join us for Soup Plus suppers at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings through March 24. Pastors from around the area will be involved in a round robin preaching cycle. There will also be a weekly discussion series of the DVD "Earthbound" at 6:00 p.m. led by members of the Greens. This Wednesday's preacher for "The Psalms of Lent" is Pastor Jerry Lanes from Scandian Grove, Norseland. He will be preaching on Psalm 27.

"Earthbound" DVD
Discussion,
Wednesday Evenings

Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Pioneer Parlor on Wednesdays during Lent for "Earthbound," video presentation with discussion led by members of the Green Sub-Committee. "Earthbound" is a newly-released program filmed in 2009 challenging God's people to hear the call to care for creation. We live in a web of community in our earthbound calling. Episode 2, "Here/There," will be seen this Wednesday, March 3. Even if you missed the first session, plan to attend between supper and worship.

"Loyalty" Book
Discussion,
March 14 First Forum
with Marie Benson

"Loyalty" is a new biography written by Daniel H. Johnson (a former FLC member) about Dr. Richard Reusch, a most flamboyant character (also a former member). Marie Benson will lead a discussion of the book at the March 14 First Forum. Copies are available in the church office if you wish to borrow, read, buy, or just scan the book. One FLC reader admitted that although she initially agreed to read this book out of *loyalty* (pun intended) to her friend Marie, she exclaims that it is an amazing book she could not put down.

Spiritual Practices Study Group

A Spiritual Practices Study Group will meet at FLC on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. throughout Lent featuring a discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's book *An Altar in the World*, a general review of spiritual practices. The plan is to read the first two chapters prior to the first meeting February 18. Books are available for sale at Barnes & Noble and the Book Mark; and there is also a copy in the office that can be read while at church. For more information, please contact Liz Power Hawkinson, 934-6450, or Pat Freiert, 934-5508.

Supplies needed for Senior High Youth Gathering LWR Health Kits

Donations of the following items are needed for the Senior High Youth Gathering as they assemble health kits for Lutheran World Relief:
 Hand towels, wash cloths, bath-size bars of soap, adult-size toothbrushes, sturdy combs, metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached. Watch for a collection box to be located in the narthex in the near future for these items; or leave them in the church office. Thank you for your help!

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY...AND MENTORS, TOO!

Baptismal Birthdays



The Christian's life begins in the water and word of baptism. What an important date to remember and to celebrate! Each week we list name(s) of children (ages 3 through 8th grade) who celebrate baptismal birthdays in the coming week. This week's birthdays are: Randi Anderson (3.1), Josie Carlson (3.1), Kaylee Neubauer (3.2), Cole Engelhardt (3.4) and Katelyn Erickson (3.4). Wish them a happy baptismal birthday!

Sunday School Schedule/Events

- Sunday School Memory Verse - Grace Theme
 John 1:16 "From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."
- Today the 1st Graders and their parents will be Together in Faith for "The Ten Commandments." They will meet in Room 4/5/6 at 9:45 a.m. These sessions are led by Cindy Nadeau.
- Next Sunday 4th Graders will assist at 10:45 a.m. worship.
- March 7 & 14:
 - ◊ 2nd Graders & parents Together in Faith "What's Fair" will meet in Rooms 4/5/6.
 - ◊ 3rd Graders & parents "My Bible" will meet in Rooms 1&2
 - ◊ 5th Graders & parents "Livin' Forgiveness" will meet in Room 7
 - ◊ Kindergarten class will move to room 8 (March 7, 14 & 21)
- A note to parents: Since our youth SS guides/helpers have their own sessions to attend during Lent, please see if you can help out in your child's Sunday School classroom.

WASABIE

- WASABIE will meet in regular session (3:00-5:00 p.m.) in the Youth Room this Wednesday.

Confirmation

- 7th & 8th Graders meet in the Pioneer Parlor at 9:45 a.m. for "The Ten Commandments" video during the Sundays of Lent.
- 9th-12th Graders meet in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. for "Mudhouse Sabbath" video series and discussion during the Sundays of Lent.
- Confirmation students are to attend mid-week worship service (7:00 p.m.) during the season of lent. Following the services are chances for conversations with mentors.

Youth Event: Snow Tubing Party at Mt. Kato

First Lutheran Youth grades 7-12 (younger kids may attend with parents**) are invited to a Snow Tubing Party at Mt. Kato on Sunday, March 7 from 2:00 -5:00 pm. Friends are welcome to attend also! The cost is \$14 per person. To sign up, submit your name, phone number, payment and whether or not you need a ride to Mt. Kato to the church office by Thursday, March 4. If you have questions about the event, contact Dana Lamb at 507-327-4758. (** According to Mt. Kato's web page, there is a height requirement of at least 42".)

Students Organ Recital

The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to a recital featuring students of chapter members at 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2010. These college-aged performers will play the 24 rank Dobson organ in Trinity Chapel on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Admission is free; a reception will follow. Contact Chad Winterfeldt at 934-3060.

Kiwanis Club and Kids Against Hunger

The Kiwanis Club of St. Peter invites the caring people of St. Peter (children, teens, and adults) on behalf of hungry children around the world to join them on April 10th as the Kiwanis Club of St. Peter package food for 'Kids Against Hunger.' If you would like to participate by donating and/or volunteering with the packaging please contact the Kiwanis at 550-4096 for details. If you wish to make a donation to support the Kids Against Hunger packaging effort please send donations to Kiwanis Club of St. Peter, PO Box 372, St. Peter, MN 56082. Make checks payable to **Kids Against Hunger**, all donations are tax deductible.

"Home Tweet Home" Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity ReStore of South Central Minnesota presents "Home Tweet Home", a wine-tasting and One-of-a-Kind Birdhouse Auction on Saturday, March 20 from 7-9 pm at the AmericInn Hotel & Conference Center in Mankato, 1751 Basset Dr. For more information, call 507-388-6682.

WE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Immediate concern

On-going Concern

Those who mourn