

# FIRST FOCUS



March 28—April 10, 2010

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## Easter at First Lutheran Sunday, April 4



### Worship Services with Communion

Easter Sunrise	7:00 am
Early Traditional	8:45 am
Contemporary	9:00 am
Late Traditional	11:15 am
Casual Contemporary	6:30 pm

Share Shalom...Invite a Friend!

### April 2010

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## Worship Ministries

Many thanks to all involved in planning and participating in the wonderful celebration of my ten years of service here at First Lutheran. I LOVED the song, the cards, the basketball team that sang while bouncing balls, and I wanted to tell you how very loved I felt. I am still hearing congratulations from those of you who couldn't be with us on the 28<sup>th</sup>; it means so much to work in a church family that cares and that pulls together.

I hope to see most of you on April 2, Good Friday, at 7 pm for the special service; the Chancel Choir has been working very hard and will be accompanied by small orchestra in presenting Duruflé's *Requiem*. The Good Friday narrative will precede the choral work; the service will last an hour.

—Karen Brown

Classical organ lovers, in particular Bach lovers, should be sure to be present at the 11:15 service on April 11 for the first extended prelude in the Bach Bash Series. Featured will be the Dorian Toccata. Additional selections will be played by John Brumbaugh on cello and Billy Summers on organ.



On April 25, both traditional choirs will come together to share some of their favorite anthems during the 11:15 am special music service. The congregation will also be involved in hymn singing and service music. Because of this special service at 11:15, there will be no choir leadership at the 8:45 am service on that one Sunday; there will, however, be the regular 8:45 service with pastor and piano leadership.

From Susan Klaiber:

After much thought and prayer, I have decided to resign my position at First Lutheran Church. I feel that it is a good time for me to step aside to enable the church to hire someone who can lead the 9:00 service and possibly also lead a later service in the new worship space. Hank and I have so many things we want to do together. We also have children all over the world we'd like to visit. Now is the time for us to do this before we get too old to be able to enjoy it. I have worked part-time with a full-time job for almost 20 years, and this has limited travel on the weekends.

I feel that God gave me FLC when I really needed support in my life back in 1997. I was so excited to be on the ground floor of a new service that would meet the needs of those who may not have been a part of a church. I am very proud of what has been accomplished at FLC. And I am extremely blessed with many wonderful friends made through my work. I feel very privileged to have been a part of the mission of FLC. My prayer will always be that this mission and ministry continue.

With Christian love,  
Susan Klaiber

Serving the Lord's table -- WM would like to thank Hilary Bouknight for several years of service arranging communion teams at the 9 am service. We need someone to pick this up now, so if you'd like to help staff the Lord's table and get to know more FLC family at the same time, contact Susan Klaiber (605-1972) or Andy Mitchum (286-5118). The yoke is light, and there's plenty of support.

## Children's Ministry

**Faith-filled summer fun!**

Sign-ups are underway for summer camps! Camp brochures are available on the bulletin board outside Denise Riley's office at the church. Scholarship money is available for these camps, so don't skip camp just because of the cost.

And don't forget Grandcamp on June 16 (more to come!), or Agape Day Camp June 21–25 here at First Lutheran! The cost for Day Camp is \$125 if you register by April 5. After that, the cost is \$140.

## Youth Ministry

**GUM NIGHT for all High School Youth & Families**  
Thursday, April 22 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM

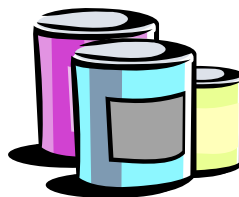
Put it on your calendar and join the serving team! Since we expect to serve close to 150 homeless guests during this very cold season - we are counting on YOU!! Homemade Chicken Tetrazzini was successful last time so we are doing it again. We are requesting that interested FLC members prepare a 9x13 casserole ahead of time. Sign up will be on the youth board. High School Youth & Families will be asked to provide desserts and/or rolls plus the people power to prepare & serve the meal. Shopper family also needed to get the sides & bread - see Carol.

**PANTRY RAID**

**For All Youth - Grades 5-8**

April 10, 9 am - 3 pm

Cost \$13 - includes t-shirt



It's a raid for food!! Spend a few hours helping bring awareness to the issues of famine. Go on a food collection scavenger hunt and enjoy time together as we fight hunger and raid pantries! \$13 includes a t-shirt, supplies and a meal.

**All 5th & 6th Graders**

**Sign up Now for Summer Camp!**


We encourage all 5-6 graders to look into Camp Agape, Lutheridge or Lutherock camp opportunities for this summer. Find a friend or two from FLC and head off to an incredible faith-filled week! See the Camp board outside Denise's office for details.



**All Youth Volunteers (Gr 5- 12) -- make sure that you have VBS dates on your calendar - July 26-30.**

## School for Young Children

### SFYC Spaghetti Dinner & Fundraising Concert



Are you ready for a night of music, laughter and delicious food? Join us on Monday, April 19 from 5-7 pm for a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit SFYC. Tickets are just \$5 and children 2 and under are free! And as a special treat Big Bang Boom will perform from 5:30-6:15! The dinner includes spaghetti with or without meatballs, bread, dessert and a drink. Dine-in or carry out is available. Tickets can be purchased in the school office or by calling Christine Byrd at 686-0655. Please come support our wonderful school. The classrooms will be open from 6-7 pm so if you know anyone looking for a preschool invite them too!

### Pastor Charlie leads Easter chapel

Due to Spring recess, Pastor Charlie led the Easter chapels the week of March 22. The children love to hear God's message and visit with Pastor Charlie!

### Family Music Night for 2's and 3's

On the evening of March 16 the Fellowship Hall was filled with the beautiful voices of our 2's and 3's classes. Music teacher Carmen Eby led the children, their families and teachers through a typical music class. The music was wonderful and SFYC is truly blessed to have such an incredible music program.

## NC Synod Assembly

The Congregation Council is in the process of appointing delegates to represent our congregation at this year's NC Synod Assembly, June 3-5.

FLC is permitted to have delegates who fit the following categories: 2 males, 2 females, and 1 person whose primary language is other than English or is a person of color. In appreciation for representing the congregation, we cover room and board.

While an agenda has not been published or issues defined, it is likely that there will be debate about and resolutions regarding the Churchwide Assembly decision last August. If you would like to be considered as a delegate, please let the church office know by April 4



## Endowment Committee

The First Lutheran Endowment Fund allows the heritage of First Lutheran Church to live far into the future – the gifts keep on giving. The Endowment Fund is used for the ministries of First Lutheran: our facilities and program; outreach to the community; and support of the ministries of the NC Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contributions are maintained in perpetuity—only the income from those funds is used to make annual grants.

Within the Fund are several specific funds. We encourage you to consider these when you contribute to the Endowment Fund.

- **The Milli Link Endowment Fund** provides a scholarship to a full-time student at either UNCG or Lenoir Rhyne College who is majoring in Organ or in Music with concentration in Organ. Milli Link was a former member and organist at First Lutheran Church.
- **The Organ Fund** provides for the maintenance and repair of the organ.
- **The Taylor Moser Fund** enhances the youth program of the church.

Consider a gift to one of these funds to continue fulfilling their purpose.

Endowment Committee  
*Marion Bunge, chair*

## Women of the ELCA—Circles



### **Annie Ray Moore Circle**

**Sunday, April 18, 7 pm**

UNCG Student Meal, plus discussion of either The 5 Love Languages of Children or The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers (both by Gary Chapman).

### **Mary Martha Circle**

**Wednesday, April 7, 10 am**

Hostess: Ellenor Shpeherd  
3808 W. Friendly Ave.

Program: Skip MacMillan

### **Powlas Deal Circle**

**Wednesday, April 7, 7 PM**

Hostess and Presenter:  
Debbie Mitchum,  
7 Pall Mall Drive, GSO.

### **Sullivan Huddle Circle**

**Monday, April 5 (Easter Monday), 7:30 pm**

Church parlor

Program: Kathy Schabinger

# Community Ministries

## Habitat Build



It's time to start building hope for another family beginning Saturday, April 10 with a new Habitat Home! The two-story town-home is at 422 Bingham St., near the last house that was built. See map, directions on bulletin board around corner from Frank Moore's office.

Here's how you can help:

1. **Want to build?** Check to see if there is a signup table on a Sunday near the library OR contact Colette Gibson, 856-7481, [hornung107@triad.rr.com](mailto:hornung107@triad.rr.com) or Kimberly Embry, 332-3359, [embryk@vfc.com](mailto:embryk@vfc.com). Also, see information on bulletin board, which also has instructions on signing up online through Habitat. There are about a dozen Saturdays to work; dedication is planned for June 26.
2. **Want to prepare food?** Again, go to bulletin board for details or contact Ruth Zeemer, 454-5229, [rzeemer@northstate.net](mailto:rzeemer@northstate.net) or Jim Rhodes, 288-6851, [jr102404@bellsouth.net](mailto:jr102404@bellsouth.net). We will need help with breakfasts and lunches. Groups or individuals can do those separately or together.
3. **Meet our partner family!** Lorane McIver, a nurse's aide at Moses Cone, has a 4-year-old son, Tyvon "Malik" Simmons. She has been working on her "sweat equity" hours and at Habitat Re-Store. We need a family liaison. See bulletin board for list of responsibilities.
4. **Site hosts are also needed.** See board for list of tasks such as check-in, bringing coffee, light refreshments for FLC group only.  
Good news! We have passed \$22,000 on our way to the \$25,000 goal. Please make donations by April 1; make check to First Lutheran and put "Habitat" on the memo line.

## Chicks for Change

We are closer to our goal of 1,000 chicks for our Lenten program called "Chicks for Change!" Each \$10 contribution buys 10 chicks; our goal is 1,000 chicks by Easter, April 4. We have 75 (or 750) chicks! Please make checks to FLC or the ELCA World Hunger Appeal; put "chicks" on your envelope. Also, World Hunger Appeal envelopes are in the pews. After you donate, sign your name on a chick on a bulletin board near the library. Details, Amy Schenck (540-8395, [aschenck73@gmail.com](mailto:aschenck73@gmail.com)).



## GUM Food Drive

FLC Volunteers collected 3,505 pounds of food for the spring grocery store food drive March 19-20 at the Harris Teeter behind Chick-Fil-A off Friendly Avenue. Thanks to Bob Meacham and Christina Weaver for coordinating. Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for a \$1,000 gift.

## Agents of Grace



The AOG board has decided not to hold an August 2010 day of service to take some time to discern the direction and purpose of AOG. In the past eight years, about 13,400 volunteers from more than 70 churches have contributed 60,000 hours of service to more than 70 community agencies and schools! AOG is healthy in terms of community connections and finances. Thanks to FLC member Jan Swanson, who has coordinated the FLC response for this event.

## Soles4Souls

Bring ANY kind of shoe to FLC from **April 11-May 31**. Put in box outside of Frank Moore's office. Encourage friends and neighbors to



donate shoes. **IMPORTANT:** Put rubber bands around shoes. If you have lots of shoes, please put in a box, not weighing more than 20 pounds, and write the number of pairs of shoes on the box.

## Stewardship

Come be a part of **The Great American Cleanup**, sponsored by Greensboro Beautiful, Saturday, April 10, 9 am - noon. Litter pick-up 9-11 am. Groups will clean up in selected areas in a one-day, citywide effort - similar to The Big Sweep.

FLC member Libby Fortin has selected a location in Starmount (near FLC) between Market Street and Holden Road near the Greensboro Arboretum. A stream runs parallel to a walking path and ducks have been spotted swimming among trash in a small pond!

Contact Libby, [isabellalane@hotmail.com](mailto:isabellalane@hotmail.com), 317-2645, so she will have enough gloves, trash bags and other information to keep participants updated. **IMPORTANT NEED:** A pickup truck to haul the trash to a dropoff site. Invite others to join you! Volunteers are treated to pizza and refreshments following the event in War Memorial Parking Lot.

Also, Flo Gullickson oversees cleaning of the Oak Hollow retention pond in High Point for Big Sweep and the Great American Cleanup. Meet at the retention pond, 9:30 am, Johnson Street. Pizza served after cleaning at High Point Bank at mall, [gullicf@gcsnc.com](mailto:gullicf@gcsnc.com), 852-8885.

In addition, a fun Earth Day celebration is at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Library the same day, <http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Library/branches/KCEFB/earthday041409.htm>

**THANK YOU!** Contributions totaling \$1,277 for Haiti and \$360 for Chile have been sent through First Lutheran to ELCA Disaster Response, which works with agencies in both countries. These totals do not reflect checks made out or sent directly to the ELCA or Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Please contact Janice Eberenz, 292-9125, if you would like to have an automatic bank draft for contributions to First Lutheran. Also, you can give online at our website, [www.firstlutheran.com](http://www.firstlutheran.com).

## Our Church Family



...to Jean Wagner on the death of her husband, Dick on March 18.

### Your hands are needed to do God's work!



Earthquake victims in Haiti and Chile need quilts, and the First Lutheran Quilting Group has fabric, thread and three sewing machines, but not enough hands for the work to be done.

YOU can make a difference in a suffering person's life, perhaps learn a new skill and meet new friends! We meet at 10 am. on the first Thursday of each month in Rooms 6 and 9. OR you can stitch tops and bottoms at home and we can assemble at the church.

The quilts show that someone cares enough to make a beautiful gift to shield people from the elements and are very important for people going through the anxiety of these catastrophes. Please contact Doris Hansen, 545-7568, for more information.

## Building News

### WE'RE UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

On Monday, March 29 a temporary wall will be constructed at the back of the Fellowship Hall. It will shorten the room by about 5 feet. This is necessary in order to begin renovating the rooms currently at the back of the Fellowship Hall (Rooms 29, 30 and 31). The space they currently occupy will become an entrance into the new building as well as storage rooms on either side of that entrance.

Because the room will be reduced in size, we recommend coming early to Easter Sunday service if you plan to attend at 8:45. This reduction will cut down seating capacity in the Fellowship Hall from 175 to approximately 155.

Here's an idea! Join one of our traditional choirs, and your seat at worship is guaranteed! The choir arrives early to practice and gets the pick of seats on the piano side in the Fellowship Hall. In the Worship Room, the choir has its own reserved seats in the loft! Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30, and Fellowship Choir practices on Thursday evenings at the same time. The two choirs alternate between the 8:45 and 11:15 services each week. Both choirs need singers in all voice parts.

## Silent Servants

our Silent Servants this month are Linda Cline and Barbara Gundersen. These Silent Servants are always available to arrange for a meal or reception for the families of members who have lost a loved one. Sympathy at times like this can be expressed in many ways, a card, a hug, a visit...and what better way than providing a meal for out-of-town visitors?

## Congregational Retreat



### FLC Congregational Retreat

### 2010 sounds like a good year to have another Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge.

Please mark your calendars for Oct 8-10, 2010. Our first planning meeting will be April 11 at the church at 4 pm. Let's have a big group come together with excitement to help make this weekend special. Please call Donalyn Johnson at 288-5106 with questions and don't forget to mark your calendars.

## Invite Someone to Easter!



Extend our message of grace by inviting a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker to one of four Easter services on April 4. Easter is Friend and Family Day, and everyone is encouraged to invite someone. Easter is one of the best times to invite someone to church! Also, FLC invitation note cards are in narthex and at Care Card table near library for you.



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Deadline for next newsletter: Wednesday, March 31

*March 28—April 10 at First Lutheran*

**Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday**

- 8:45 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Faith Formation
- 10:00 am VBS Leaders Meeting
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship
- 6:30 pm SHOUT! Service
- 7:30 pm Luther Brass
- 7:30 pm Bible Study

**Monday, March 29**

- 1:00 pm Chrismon Class
- 1:30 pm Spirituality Group
- 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Grace Reigns Down

**Tuesday, March 30**

- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 11:00 am FACEOUT—Maundy Tuesday
- 1:00 pm Spirituality Group
- 7:00 pm Living Stones

**Wednesday, March 31**

- 6:00 pm Handbells
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, April 1—Maundy Thursday**

- 10:00 am Quilters
- 6:15 pm Fellowship Choir
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, April 2—Good Friday**

- 7:00 pm Good Friday Service:  
 Worship though  
 Passion Narrative and  
 Duruflé *Requiem*

**Saturday, April 3—Easter Eve**

- 8:00 pm Easter Eve Service

**Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday**

- 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Worship
- 8:45 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship
- 6:30 pm SHOUT! Service

**Monday, April 5**

- 1:00 pm Chrismon Class
- 1:30 pm Spirituality Group
- 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Grace Reigns Down
- 7:00 pm Sullivan Huddle Circle

**Tuesday, April 6**

- 9:30 am Knitting Ministry
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 11:00 am FACEOUT—Lenten Svc.
- 1:00 pm Spirituality Group
- 7:00 pm Living Stones

**Wednesday, April 7**

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 6:15 pm Handbells
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday, April 8**

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Handbell Quartet
- 7:30 pm Fellowship Choir

**Saturday, April 10**

- 9:00 am Youth Hunger Awareness  
 Event (see page 2)



Worship Attendance			
	3/14		3/21
8:45	82	8:45	90
9:00	165	9:00	283
11:15	164	11:15	134
6:30	51	6:30	63