

FIRST FOCUS

April 25—May 8, 2010



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Reception for Susan Klaiber Sunday, May 30 at 10 am

There will be a special reception for Susan Klaiber, our contemporary worship coordinator, who will lead worship at 9 am for her last time on May 30. Please put this on your calendars and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10 am on the 30th. Susan has led this service for its entire history to date of 13 years!



HOMERUN FOR HOMELESSNESS

Sunday, May 16
at the Grasshopper's Stadium

Help support the initiative to end homelessness with \$2 from every ticket going towards this cause.

FLC has seats reserved in section 101 (near the third base line).

The event will kick-off at 3:00 pm with the Thriving at Three kids' carnival on Natty's Hill and children can enjoy playing Sunday Catch on the field from

3 until 3:30 pm and running the bases after the game.

The Gates will open at 3 pm and the game will begin at 4 pm.

Reserve your seats: pre-pay at a table set up in the café Sundays, April 25 and May 2.

Tickets to be handed out on Sunday, May 9.

If you have any questions please contact Debbie Sivret at 908-0933 or mdkmjsivret@earthlink.net.

See page 4 for more ways to "stretch to serve"!

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God's work. Our hands.



Worship at First Lutheran

8:45 am Traditional Worship
9 am Contemporary Worship
11:15 am Traditional Worship
6:30 pm Shout! Casual Contemporary Worship

Communion at all morning services: 1st and 3rd Sundays
Communion every Sunday at Shout!

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:

- Faith-to-Go boxes (coming soon!)
- Grandcamp—June 16 (more to come!)
- Agape Day Camp June—21—25 here at First Lutheran! Cost is \$140.
- High Seas Adventure VBS—July 26—30

Youth Ministry

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-OUT/IN

Saturday evening April 24 - Sunday morning, April 25

It's time to spend time - together! All youth Grades 9-12 are invited to 'play tag,' go bowling, watch a movie and eat an early morning breakfast together. Sign up on the youth board. Details are being worked out for start time and cost - keep a watch on your e-mail!



Mission & High Adventure Trip Openings

- There are still 2 spots open for High School Youth (current 9- 12 graders) to join our Mission trip from June 27 - July 3.
- There are 2 spots open for the 7th * & 8th Grade Youth Mission & High Adventure trip, July 18-24.

If you are interested in either trip, please see Carol McPeeters (Carol@firstlutheran.com) as soon as possible. Cost is estimated at \$350. Financial Assistance is available.

5th & 6th Graders with Parents

Created By God Celebration

Date and time to be announced—Stay tuned!

This is a full group follow-up to the 6-week 'Created By God' series that will be completed on this Sunday. Please join us of for this very important family gathering. We will observe this milestone together during this time. (Note: Younger siblings should not attend.)

7th & 8th Graders and Parents

Welcome Confirmation Class of 2012!

It is time to 'prepare!'

On Sunday, May 2, please plan to meet together, parents with youth, in room 110/112 at 10AM for an informational meeting exploring their Affirmation of Baptism. Timelines and important information will be shared at this gathering.

Worship Ministries

Worship Notes:

- On Sunday, April 25 at 11:15 am, we feature both traditional choirs in a service of hymns and anthems. Come and worship through music; the congregation will be involved in singing some of the special hymn arrangements.
- The BACH BASH continues on May 2 with Dr. Billy Summers on the organ bench for the prelude at 11:15 am. Come hear the famous "St. Anne" by J. S. Bach!

Mclver Fund for Special Musicians

Due to the costs of the recent instrumental needs for the Good Friday presentation of the Requiem, and in order to pay the trumpet player for Easter Sunday, our Mclver Fund for special musicians is just about completely gone.

If you have interest in supporting the scheduling of Market Street Brass for December and facilitating future large scale music programs, we encourage you to make a donation to this fund. All checks can be given to Janice Eberenz in the main office with Mclver Fund or Special Musicians in the memo section of the check or on your offering envelope. We are appreciative of your continued support.

Interim Contemporary Worship Coordinator Position



FLC is conducting an "in-house" search for a person to serve as our interim Contemporary Worship Coordinator. This 10 hour/week position would begin June 1. The primary function is to provide professional leadership for song selection and coordination of the instrumentalists and voices

for contemporary worship at our 9:00 am service. A job description is available in the office. Applications should include an up-to-date resume and a letter describing why you are interested in the position and what skill sets you bring. Applications are due by April 30.

Natural Church Development

The News is OUT! The Results are IN!



The survey results are back from Natural Church Development and our greatest opportunity area has been identified! Please come to our NCD Forum on May 2 at 10 am or 11 am for survey results! Then, please participate in Focus Groups to diagnose the results on May 16 at 10 am or 11 am.

As you know, NCD is a process First Lutheran is going through to enable us to become a healthy, thriving spiritual environment that is conducive to growth in faith as well as in numbers. As you will remember, NCD measures 8 quality characteristics that are conducive to church growth. By identifying the weakest characteristic or minimum factor we can determine our greatest opportunity.

So, come join us as we continue this exciting journey!

- NCD Survey Results—May 2 at 10 and 11 am
- NCD Focus Groups—May 16 at 10 and 11 am

Both meetings will be in the Fellowship Hall

Women of the ELCA—Circles

Annie Ray Moore Circle

May 16

Cookout at Debbie Bohl's home

Mary Martha Circle

Wednesday, May 5, 10 am

Church Parlor/Worship Room

Hostess: Barbara Willard

Program: Karen Brown "The Sound of Music... The Heart of Worship"

Powlas Deal Circle (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Wednesday, May 12, 7 pm

Place: FLC Café

Program: Ruth Zeemer, Habitat for Humanity meals

Refreshments: Genie Surbey

We will be making dishes for Martha's Meals

Sullivan Huddle Circle

Monday, May 3, 7:30 pm

Hostess: Peggy Cox

1304 Hobbs Rd.

Program: Frank Moore

April 25—May 8 at First Lutheran

Sunday, April 25

- 8:45 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Faith Formation
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship
- 3:30 pm Mission and Ministry Profile Meeting
- 6:30 pm SHOUT! Service
- 7:30 pm Luther Brass
- 7:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, April 26

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

Tuesday, April 27

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

Wednesday, April 28

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

Thursday, April 29

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

Saturday, May 1

- 9:00 am Faith Formation Visioning Team

Sunday, May 2

- 8:45 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Faith Formation
- 10:00 am NCD Survey Results
- 11:00 am NCD Survey Results
- 11:15 am Traditional Worship
- 4:30 pm Youth Choir
- 6:30 pm SHOUT! Service
- 7:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, May 3

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



Tuesday, May 4

- 9:30 am Knitting Ministry
- 10:00 am Chair Yoga
- 11:00 am NO FACEOUT—Primary Voting
- 1:00 pm Spirituality Group
- 7:00 pm Living Stones

Wednesday, May 5

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

Thursday, May 6

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

Friday, May 7

STAFF ON RETREAT OFF-SITE

Worship Attendance			
	<u>4/11</u>		<u>4/18</u>
8:45	105	8:45	91
9:00	235	9:00	238
11:15	128	11:15	118
6:30	57	6:30	54

Community Ministries

Work on the Habitat Home continues!



If you would like to help, contact Colette Gibson, 856-7481, hornung107@triad.rr.com or Kimberly Embry, 332-3359, embryk@vfc.com. To help with food, contact Ruth Zeemer, 454-5229, rzeemer@northstate.net or Jim Rhodes, 288-6851, jr102404@bellsouth.net. We

will need help with breakfasts and lunches. Dedication is scheduled for June 26.

Thank you

...Marie Bledsoe, Pat Bergen, Jane Schlobohm, Leslie Pipan, Kacy Newton, Marion Bunge, Kim Harms, Genie Surbey, Jean Young and Louise Jaynes for helping prepare lunch for 90 Habitat workers on Saturday, March 27. Their help was most appreciated. Our church prepares lunches several times a year; please call Jean Reitzel if you are willing to help, 294-6503.

Chicks for Change



You have given at least \$2,066.14 at the time of publication, which passes our goal of 1,000 chicks for our Lenten program! Each \$10 contribution buys 10 chicks through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.



Soles4Souls

We'll collect ANY shoes through May 31 at Frank Moore's office. Please put rubber band around pairs of shoes or tie them together. If you're bringing a lot of shoes, please put in boxes (20-pound limit) and write number of pairs on box. S4S distributes shoes around the world. Thanks to Susan Braun, Bob and Ginny Waldron for coordinating. Also, other faith communities will bring shoes here.

More ways you can "stretch to serve"

- Fight hunger through Serving Greensboro Together on May 4, when area restaurants will donate a percentage of that day's sales to Greensboro Urban Ministry. A list of restaurants is at www.diningoutforhunger.org, or www.greensborourbanministry.org. For details, contact Christine Byrd at byrd@guministry.org or 271.5959 ext. 339. Encourage family, friends, co-workers to organize a group lunch or dinner!
- If you would like to explore joining First Lutheran, please come to the parlor 10-11 am, Sunday, May 23. Pastor Charlie will discuss discipleship through a Lutheran lens and give an overview of ministries done at and through the church. Child care is available. Please tell Frank Moore if you are coming, 292-9125, so adequate supplies will be available.
- **COMING SOON:** Homerun for Homelessness, 4 pm. Sunday, May 16. Thanks to Debbie Sivret for coordinating. (see front cover for details)

Emergency Resources

FLC member John Partilla has provided resources to help with disaster planning, which is timely given the recent tornadoes. Various brochures are on a table across from Frank Moore's office.

Did you know?

First Lutheran volunteers collected the third-highest amount of food among churches in the recent spring food drive with 3,505 pounds for Greensboro Urban Ministry. The overall amount collected was about 86,600 pounds - much more than the previous drive.

The Great American Clean Up was a success!

We had 7 adults and one child (a two year old) helping pick up trash along the walking path on Starmount Drive between Market Street and Holden Road. Volunteers worked hard for a couple of hours and we were able to reach our goal of cleaning the entire site we were responsible for. Yea! The area included a stream, a soccer field and a pond. We filled up the back of a truck with the litter we found. This area is utilized by the Starmount neighborhood and families using the soccer field and it's clean up will be greatly appreciated! We'd love to have more families and youth come help for future clean ups. There's usually one in the spring and one in the fall and it's a quick and easy way to give back to your community and make a difference. Just ask those FLC members who volunteered Saturday. . . Louise Welker, Paul Reitzel, Kay Zimmerman, Joe and Libby Fortin. Other volunteers are friends of Libby Fortin that she recruited (Suzanne Benson, Louise and Cotes Courts). Gods work - Our hands!



Stewardship

Up to date?

Statements were mailed recently to keep you informed about your contributions to First Lutheran. If you have questions, please contact Janice Eberenz, 292-9125, Janice@firstlutheran.com. Please contact Janice if you would like to have an automatic bank draft. Also, you can give online at our website, www.firstlutheran.com.

Our Church Family



...to Todd Miller on the death of his mother, Virginia Miller on March 25

...to Linda Cline on the death of her step-mother, Letty Kelly on March 24

...to Todd Roseman on the death of his mother, Gwenn Roseman on April 4

...to Denise Riley on the death of her grandmother, Rita Oliva on April 4

Graduation Information Needed!

We want to celebrate Graduation with your family. If your High School senior or college student is graduating, please send Barbara@firstlutheran.com the following details:

- Formal Name
- School they are graduating from
- if college include degree(s)
- Future plans (college attending, vocation exploring, etc.)

We will recognize all graduates at the 9 am and 11:15 am services on May 16 and have a special presentation to our High School grads.



...from Libby Fortin, who writes, "I would like to thank Kay Zimmerman, Louise Welker, Paul Reitzel and Joe Fortin for spending a beautiful Saturday working together to pick up trash in our community

for The Great American Clean Up. We got muddy, dodged some briars and poison ivy, got some good exercise and had some fun laughs. Thanks for your help. Our world is 13 trash bags cleaner thanks to you."

Silent Servants

Our Silent Servant this month is **Bob Meacham** who has been a faithful member of FLC for 56 years. In his quiet, unassuming, friendly manner, he has been treasurer of the Faceout group for over 10 years, has volunteered to collect food at Harris Teeter stores for the food drive for over 20 years. He has spent many hours and probably the most faithful volunteer painter in our church----painting (along with others) the fellowship hall, kitchen, Sunday school rooms, hallways and even all the brown trim in our Sanctuary. He has also used his painting and carpenter skills working on the Habitat houses. In addition to all of the above, he and his wife, Gat, have faithfully visited homebound FLC members (in their homes, care centers and hospitals) during the many years they have been members of FLC.

"Well done, good and faithful servant!"
Matthew 25:21, NIV



From the Green Team

EARTH DAY

The Green Team is excited about introducing the coffee mug washing system at FLC on April 25. We will be helping the environment by keeping Styrofoam cups out of our landfills. On Sunday the 25th, Green Team members will be in the cafe at the coffee hour to direct and assist.



The biggest change will be to remember to bring the used mugs back to the kitchen and leave on the steel counter next to the dishwasher. This will be a learning process and flow and traffic changes will be made as needed. The evening Shout service participants have committed to washing the trays every Sunday evening. Please continue to bring unwanted 8-9 oz mugs for us to use; they make great conversation starters!

Also, if you are a coffee drinker, please remember that coffee costs approximately 25 cents per cup and there is no budget for it! Please consider signing up to make coffee once a quarter as well. We need some new volunteers to keep the coffee hour going. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board against the back wall.

THANK YOU for your important role in being good stewards of God's beautiful creation.



Lutheran Family Services



Lutheran Family Services will close its Immigration Legal Services program effective September 30. This is exclusively a financial decision. Over the years, the agency has funded the immigration services deficit that

is intrinsic to offering professional legal services to people who cannot pay what private attorneys typically charge.

Unfortunately, LFS can no longer shoulder the gap between the federal contract and modest client fee income collected and the actual cost. LFS is the only non-profit provider of immigration legal services in Greensboro with the capacity to serve refugees. LFS will try to identify new resources to address this need so that these services can continue in the Triad.

FACEOUT Programs

- April 27 Glenn Grayson, Educator
- May 4 No FACEOUT—Primary Elections
- May 11 Senior Singing Ambassadors



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