

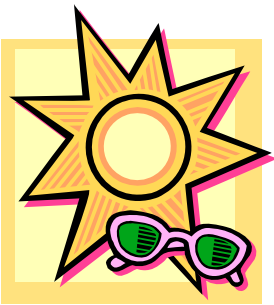
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June 20—July 3, 2010



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BUILDING HOPE!



Back row:
Christopher Carter
Chris Gibson and
Nathan Nassau

Front row:
Lorane McIver
and Colette
Gibson

In addition to helping Lorane McIver build a home for her and son Malik, 4, you have built hope in Greensboro to end homelessness.

Each nail hammered, each paint stroke made, each door installed - everyone's contribution of prayer, time and money literally changed the life of this family.

You showed God's love in action!

Now ... let's celebrate!

WHEN: Saturday, June 26—11 am

WHERE: 414 Bingham St.

(Call office or check website for directions)

Also, Lorane plans to be at the 9 and 10:30 am worship services on June 27.

She also will receive housewarming gifts at 10 am in the parlor.

First Lutheran is a partner in the NC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Summer Worship at First Lutheran

9 am Contemporary Worship

10:30 am Traditional Worship

6:30 pm Shout! Casual Contemporary Worship

Communion at all morning services: 1st and 3rd Sundays

Communion every Sunday at Shout!

Generosity Report

Mission & Ministry Plan

May 2010	Goal	Receipts	%
	\$80,237	\$80,717	100.6%

2009-10 Fiscal YTD

\$901,235	\$869,019	96.4%
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Building Fund Gifts as of May 31: \$1,763,239

Other Dedicated Giving: \$5,436



Worship Ministries

Listening Post—Sunday, June 27 9:45 am

With our new building on the horizon—literally and figuratively—we are looking at challenges and opportunities in our worship lives. Please come and be part of discussions about service schedules, childcare, service music and other pertinent issues. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45.

Contemporary worshipers are asked to grab a cup of coffee and join us as soon as that service ends.

There will be NO Shout! Service on Sunday, July 4.

Administration Ministries

Property Notes

- When your group meets at First Lutheran and food is part of the meeting, please make sure that any food trash gets taken out to the dumpster before you leave. Over the past two weeks, we have had issues with ants in Room 7 and a very daring mouse running rampant in the office area and east wing. The mouse has been caught, but we're not sure about the rest of its family. If you are here on a weekday, our Building Caretaker can remove this trash for you. At night and on weekends, it's up to you to help us keep our facility pest-free!
- Have you ever been on the west side of the building in our beautiful Memorial Garden? This has been a labor of love for Ken and Sylvia Shue. If you have a loved one buried in this space, I know you are grateful for all the work they have done over the past few years. Please remember that decorations of any kind are not permitted on the gravestones. This stipulation is part of our Memorial Garden policies. In bad weather, the decorations get turned over and blown about, creating an area that looks unkempt. Thanks for keeping our Garden free of debris for all to enjoy.



Stewardship

Thanks for your generous response to the "dollar a day" effort to raise additional funds for our mission and ministry for 2010-2011. While some members have literally pledged an extra dollar a day, others have chosen to make a new pledge, raise their current pledge by an amount that works for them, or convert capital campaign giving to mission and ministry. All of these ways are welcome! So far, we have 59 households who have responded with a total of \$43,030. Our goal is to fully fund the requested mission and ministry proposal, which means we need a total of \$78,372, or about \$35,000 more to achieve our ultimate goal. You can respond by calling Janice Eberenz in the church office (292-9125) or emailing her at janice@firstlutheran.com.

Children's Ministry



Have you registered for
this year's VBS: High Seas Expedition?

July 26—30

9 am—Noon

If not, go to www.firstlutheran.com and click on the High Seas Expedition logo on the homepage to register online for your children to attend or to volunteer. Questions? Contact Susan Brodeur, sbrodeur@triad.rr.com, 856-1089

Congregation Council

Report to the Congregation

Thanks to all who attended the Congregational Meeting on June 6. Here are the results of the meeting:

The congregation voted unanimously to accept the following slate of nominees:

Slate of Nominees

Executive Committee

Secretary - 1 year term - Bill Rothermel
(filling the unexpired term for Edgar Jaynes)

Division Chairs

Worship Ministries Division -
2 year term - Pat Bergen

Stewardship Ministries Division -
2 year term - Charlie Ramsburg

Committee Positions

Endowment Committee - 3 year term - Dale Finn
Nominating Committee -
2 year term - Alice Bittinger
2 year term - Sherri Chamberlin
2 year term - Lise McBrayer

The congregation voted unanimously to approve the following change to the Bylaws:

Proposed Changes

Chapter 13 Organizational Structure

C13.01.01 - The Executive Committee:
The Executive Committee of the Congregation Council....

C13.02.01 - Ministry Divisions: The mission and ministry of the Congregation shall be governed by the following Ministry Divisions:

Worship Ministries

The Worship Ministries Division is devoted to...

Congregation Lifelong Faith Formation Ministries

The Congregation Lifelong Faith Formation Ministries is devoted to the spiritual education of disciples at First Lutheran Church and to the development of the First Lutheran Church membership as a supportive, Christ-centered spiritual family. Congregation Lifelong Faith Formation Ministries is composed of two main areas: (1) Lifelong Learning, and (2) Small Group formation.

Congregation Wellness Ministries

Congregation Wellness Ministries is devoted to extending Christ's pastoral care, compassion, and healing presence to members and participants during times of concern and celebration, and to fostering Christian fellowship, fun and a sense of connection while being openly inviting and welcoming to all members and guests. Congregation Wellness Ministries is composed of two main areas: (1) Congregation Care, and (2) Congregation Fellowship.

Community Ministries

Stewardship Ministries

Administration Ministries

The Congregation was given a copy of the updated council structure and the Congregation Wellness Division description.

The Congregation voted unanimously to accept the 2010-11 budget as proposed.

The major budget changes were:

- Restored all salaries and pensions for staff
- Restored \$23,573.00 to Mission Support
- Removed \$10,000.00 from the Capital Replacement Budget

The congregation also approved adding money back into the budget as it is received in the following order:

- Mission Support up to \$50,000.
- Capital replacement Fund up to \$10,000.00
- Other Budget cuts as determined by the Council

Reports were given by the Endowment Committee, Building Construction Committee, and Natural Church Development Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Annual Congregational Meeting



Community Ministries

Mark your calendar!

The Habitat Home is scheduled to be dedicated at 11 am, Saturday, June 26. It is at 414 Bingham St.



Lorane McIver, the Habitat homeowner, is planning to be here on Sunday, June 27, and a housewarming will be held at 10 a.m. in the parlor. Please bring items such as cleaning supplies or gift certificates (Walmart, Target, for example) to help Lorane and son Malik, 4, have a great start in their new home. Contacts: Ruth Zeemer, Kimberly Embry.

Stretching to serve

- **YOU ARE NEEDED** to help the hungry by serving dinner at Greensboro Urban Ministry, 6-8 p.m., Thursday, June 24. This is a great opportunity for new members and families! We also need casserole bakers; see recipe on Youth bulletin board. If you can help, please contact Louise Lampron-Welker, 856-1532, lblampron@earthlink.net.
- **FANS NEEDED:** The Interactive Resource Center, which helps homeless people, needs 5-7 fans this summer to cool the building. Please call Skip MacMillan, 379-8801.
- **HAITI HELP:** Join the Greensboro Pack-A-Thon July 22-24 at Westover Church, 550 Muirs Chapel Road. Info, call Frank Moore, 292-9125.
- **SHOES:** About 4,500 pairs have been given to Urban Ministry and Soles4Souls. Thanks to Doug and Susan Braun and Ginny and Bob Waldron for coordinating this collection. First Lutheran and other faith communities, organizations and individuals have sent at least 10,000 pairs in two years! →
- **TO DO JUSTICE GROUP FORMING:** A local group of clergy and lay leaders hopes to work with the Industrial Areas Foundation, which has offices in Charlotte, Durham and Winston-Salem. A training session is from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, June 24, location to be announced. If you are interested, contact Dr. Ernie Dishner, 294-3222, dishner@psu.edu.
- **THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND**, which helps people in the community, is nearly empty. Please make checks to FLC, put "EA" on offering envelope.
- **The Barnabas Network**, which offers furniture to needy families, will collect items in the FLC parking lot, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on August 24 and September 11 (not July 14 as noted earlier). Other churches will host sites, too. For info or to donate at other times, 370-4002. FLC was a collection site on June 12.

- A helpful reminder from Pastor Pete Petrea ... When someone needs furniture, please go to Craigslist, look at the For Sale category, and "free" in the listing. People are giving away fridges, sofas, chairs, bedding, desks, end tables, and lots of other stuff! Free!



Synod Assembly

A summary of Assembly news will be posted soon at www.nclutheran.org or ask Pastor Charlie, Pastor Jay, Pat Bergen, Abbey Brinkey, Ron Swanson or Frank Moore, who attended last week. Remember, Mission Support is the financial offering that First Lutheran shares THROUGH the NC Synod with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Details, www.elca.org or www.thelutheran.org.

OOPS! Mission Support contributions help to fund 27 colleges and universities, such as Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory, the only Lutheran college in North Carolina. It also assists camping and conference centers like Agape+Kure Beach Ministries and Lutheridge+Lutherock Ministries, but they are not one of the Lutheran colleges and universities as mentioned in the last newsletter.



Team of "helpers" getting shoes loaded for transport.

Teaching job available!

The First Lutheran School for Young Children will soon begin interviewing for a lead teacher in a four-year-old preschool class for the 2010-11 school year. Hours: 8:30 am-1:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. Required: A degree in Education or Early Childhood Development. Please contact the School, 294-0676, school@firstluthern.com.



Our Church Family



...to the family of Vera Lentz on her death on June 1
 ...to Andy Mitchum on the death of his father, Bob Mitchum on June 7
 ...to June Witherspoon and Carol McPeeters on the death of their mother and grandmother, June McBride on June 7
 ...to Dawn Barry on the death of her uncle, Jack-Sharer on June 7

The summer dates for FACEOUT are the 2nd Tuesday of each month:

- July 13
- August 10



Godspeed...

...to Bradford Roland, who has transferred his membership to Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh, NC.



...from Lane and Kim Harms, who write, "Dear Friends at First Lutheran, Lane and I would like to thank all of you for the many prayers, cards and concerns sent our way during Lane's recent heart attack and bypass surgery. The meal we received from Martha's Meals really came in handy the day Lane came home from the hospital. We want you all to know how grateful we are."

...from Edyth Long. "Thanks for all the prayers, cards, visits and food during my recent surgery and recovery."

Agape Day Camp starts Monday, June 21!

Please bring donations of:

- Empty 2-liter soda bottles
- Newspapers
- Baby wipes
- Goldfish crackers
- Pretzels
- Cookies
- Fruit
- ...or other small, kid-friendly snacks



To Denise Riley's office by Sunday, June 20.

Thanks for helping make our Day Camp week a success!

June 20—July 3 at First Lutheran

Sunday, June 20

9:00 am Contemporary Worship
 10:30 am Traditional Worship
 6:30 pm SHOUT! Service

Monday, June 21

9:00 am Agape Day Camp
 9:00 am Sullivan Huddle
 Chrismon group
 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 5:00 pm Grace Reigns Down

Tuesday, June 22

9:00 am Agape Day Camp
 10:00 am Chair Yoga
 1:00 pm Spirituality Group
 7:00 pm Living Stones

Wednesday, June 23

9:00 am Agape Day Camp
 7:00 pm Worship Ministries

Thursday, June 24

9:00 am Agape Day Camp

Friday, June 25

9:00 am Agape Day Camp

Saturday, June 26

11:00 am Habitat House
 Dedication (see cover)

Sunday, June 27

9:00 am Contemporary Worship
 10:00 am Housewarming for
 Habitat Family—Parlor
 10:30 am Traditional Worship
 6:30 pm SHOUT! Service

Monday, June 28

4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 5:00 pm Grace Reigns Down
 7:00 pm Building Utilization Team

Tuesday, June 29

10:00 am Chair Yoga
 1:00 pm Spirituality Group
 7:00 pm Church Health Team
 7:00 pm Living Stones

Wednesday, June 30

5:30 pm Website Review
 Committee

Thursday, July 1

10:00 am Quilters

Worship Attendance				
	6/6		6/13	
10:30	388	9:00	197	
6:30	52	10:30	174	
		6:30	43	



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