

FIRST FOCUS

July 4—July 17, 2010



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Coming Soon!

**Vacation Bible School:
High Seas Expedition**
July 26—30
9 am—Noon

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

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
(No SHOUT! Service on July 4)

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

Administration Ministries

FIRST FOCUS GOES GREEN!



In order to conserve budgeted resources, the newsletter you are now reading is the last one that will be sent to all households in printed form. If your household has email, you are already being sent a link every two weeks that connects you to First Focus online. If you are not currently receiving this biweekly email link, please contact Lisa Whisenant in the church office.

Reducing the number of mailed paper newsletters is one way Administration is reducing ministry costs for 2010-2011. If you do not have access to email, you will continue to receive a newsletter in the mail. There will also be a limited number of printed copies available here at the church.

Thanks for your willingness to read First Focus online. Here's an added bonus - it's in color!

AND SPEAKING OF GREEN.....

First Lutheran has several recycling containers throughout our facility, but remember that not everything is recyclable. Here is a list of items that can currently be recycled by the City of Greensboro:

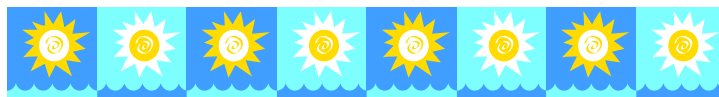


- Plastic bottles and jugs labeled #1 (PETE) or #2 (HDPE)
- Aluminum cans (not foil or pie plates)
- Steel cans without the lid
- Aerosol cans that are completely empty (remove the spray nozzle)
- Newspaper/paper free of residue (food, paint, dirt, etc.)
- Magazines and catalogs
- Cardboard/Chipboard unwaxed and uncoated, free of food residue (brown or gray on the inside)
- Glass food and beverage containers
- Rigid plastics, such as buckets, crates, toys, flower pots

Adult Faith Formation

Join us for Adult Faith Formation during the summer!

Bruce Thorburn class will be meeting from 9:30 to 10:30 am on Sundays during the summer. We invite all members, visitors, etc. to join us. Come early or late from either service. We will have fellowship at the beginning and at the end with a short program in between presented by various individuals on various interesting topics. July Fourth weekend will be on the Ark of the Covenant. We encourage everyone to join us!



Worship Ministries

- July 4th Services at 9 and 10:30 am. (No SHOUT service!) Please wear as much red, white, and blue as possible. How do we celebrate our freedom as citizens of this country? How do we live into our freedom as Christians? Come and hear about the free gifts offered by Christ. Christopher Carter will offer a patriotic handbell solo at the 10:30 service.
- I hope you attended the Listening Post on June 27; we'll be sharing highlights of the discussion in the next newsletter. As of July 1, Pat Bergen becomes the new division chair. She and Karen Brown are looking for your input about your worship experience here at FLC. What touches you most....what do you seek in addition to what is presently being offered in worship services? Karen@firstlutheran.com or patbergen@triad.rr.com.

Memorials and Honorariums

Mission & Ministry Budget

In honor of Pastor Charlie given by Doris Hansen
In honor of Pastors Charlie and Jay given by Ray O'Neal
In memory of Dot Paschal (sister-in-law of David DeVane) given by David and Joyce DeVane

Mclver Fund for Special Artists

In memory of Vera Lentz given by Betty Stubbins

Endowment Fund

In memory of Vera Lentz given by Glenn Grayson, Helen Spencer, Edyth Long and Doris Hansen

Emergency Assistance Fund

In memory of Vera Lentz given by Virginia Witherspoon

Youth Ministry Fund

In honor of Bill and Charlene Fields and Carol McPeeters given by Brian Lindberg

In honor of 2010 graduates Jordan Klein, Kai Limburg, Brian Lindberg, Abbey Brinkey, Kristin Miller, Tara Fleck, Alyssa Triolo and Emily Rothermel given by Bill and Charlene Fields

Pastors' Discretionary Fund

In honor of Brian Lindberg's graduation given by Ray and Joy Lindberg

In memory of Vera Lentz given by her family

Greensboro Urban Ministry Friday Morning Breakfast

In memory of Stephanie Atkins (sister of Marsha Bunt) given by Marlene Barringer, Patti Chapman and Myla Rogers

Community Ministries



Back left to right:
Kimberly Embry,
Lorane McIver,
Christina Alley, Deb
White
Front: Malik Simmons

About 50 people gathered Saturday, June 26 for the dedication of a Habitat Home for Lorane McIver and her son Malik. Lorane thanked First Lutheran members and Habitat for Humanity for helping her dream of owning a home to come true. She recalled her mother, who died when Lorane was 19, and said that she hoped her mother was proud of her.

On Sunday, Lorane spoke at the two morning services along with Rob Tomalka and Christopher Carter, who partnered with Lorane to build the home at 414 Bingham St. Rob emphasized how much he and his wife Sue enjoyed working on a project in the community and Christopher said he worked in memory of his father Bobby, a contractor who pushed First Lutheran to build houses beginning in the 1990s.

The congregation also gave Lorane many housewarming gifts to help her as she begins a new chapter in her life. Malik, 4, also received presents, which he really enjoyed opening!

STRETCHING TO SERVE

- FLC member Shannon Diehl, daughter of Rick and Carol Diehl, is going to Honduras Aug. 19-25 as part of the Elon University Medical Brigades. They are collecting basic medical supplies such as Band-aids and over-the-counter medications. Please bring them, clothing or toys, particularly soccer balls, to Frank Moore's office by August 1. For more info about supporting this trip, contact Shannon at sdiehl2@elon.edu or 312-0443.
- New FLC building caretaker Jay Ross and his wife need a variety of furniture for their new home. Please contact him, jay@jayspeaks.com, if you have items they might be able to use.
- The final count for the Soles4Souls collection is 5,549 pairs, or about 10,000 pairs in two years!
- Type 0 negative blood donors needed now by the American Red Cross, call local center or 1-800-733-2767, redcrossblood.org
- Consider donating a car to The Barnabas Network to help overcome a major barrier to employment for many individuals. Contact C.P. Eldred, 370-4002 at Barnabas.
- The Emergency Assistance Fund, which helps people in the community, is nearly empty. Please make checks to FLC, put "EA" on offering envelope.

Did you know?

For news about the NC Synod, please go to www.nclutheran.org and for news about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, www.elca.org.

Thanks from FLC Missionary, Catherine Moore:

¡Muchas Gracias! Many thanks to my First Lutheran family for sharing in my passion and excitement on June 13 as I talked about my upcoming year serving as an ELCA young adult in global mission in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

Many of you have already asked what you can do during my journey. Here are 3 things I can think of:

1. PRAYERS. Pray for me to have an open heart and an open mind, as well as for spiritual growth in my year ahead.
2. FOLLOW MY NEWSLETTER. I will be e-mailing out a monthly newsletter, "Caminando con Catarina" (Walking with Catherine) that will show a snapshot of my daily activities as well as where I'm seeing God on my journey.
3. SPONSOR ME. Pick up a Sponsorship Information sheet located on the table in the narthex or on the Care Card table near Frank Moore's office for more details. The ELCA has asked me to fundraise a minimum of \$4,000 for this approximately \$10,900 journey. I will be doing a Sponsor-a-Day program, at \$10 a day. Consider sponsoring me for a day, several days, a week or a month! Sponsor important dates for you and me, for the church calendar, or special occasions for your family (birthdays, anniversaries). I will write these dates down in my calendar and we will commit to be in prayer for one another during that time. I think this will really help me stay connected to you! You can make checks out to FLC, write "Mexico" on the memo line and give checks to Janice or Frank Moore.

I will be back at First Lutheran on Sunday, August 14, between my trip to Guatemala and before I leave for orientation in Chicago. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have; you can e-mail me at catherinemoree19@gmail.com.

Stewardship

Thanks for your generous response to the "dollar a day" effort to fully fund the Mission and Ministry Profile for 2010-2011. As of Monday, June 28, 73 households have responded with a total of \$47,760, which leaves \$30,612 to reach our goal of \$78,372. This means that ELCA Mission Support is close to being fully restored to \$50,000. Once this is complete, we will begin to restore the transfer to the Capital Replacement Fund, a good thing since we are currently facing challenges with our aging cooling system. Copies of the Mission and Ministry Profile are on the Care Card table across from Frank Moore's office.

Our Church Family

Godspeed...

...to Marsha Vanderwerff, who has transferred her membership to New Covenant Lutheran Church in Scottsdale, Arizona.



...to Jason Aufdemberg on the death of his grandmother, Jean Purdy on June 9.



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Deadline for next newsletter: Wednesday, July 7

July 4—July 17 at First Lutheran

Sunday, July 4

9:00 am Contemporary Worship
 10:30 am Traditional Worship

Monday, July 5—OFFICE CLOSED

4:30 pm Women’s Bible Study
 5:00 pm Grace Reigns Down

Tuesday, July 6

9:30 am Knitting Ministry
 10:00 am Chair Yoga
 1:00 pm Spirituality Group
 7:00 pm Living Stones

Sunday, July 11

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

Monday, July 12

4:30 pm Women’s Bible Study
 5:00 pm Grace Reigns Down

Tuesday, July 13

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

Wednesday, July 14

10:00 am Crocheting Christians
 5:30 pm Website Review
 Committee

Worship Attendance			
	<u>6/20</u>		<u>6/27</u>
9:00	189	9:00	214
10:30	170	10:30	161
6:30	49	6:30	35

