

FIRST FOCUS

July 18—July 31, 2010



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A special "Thank You" from Susan Klaiber:

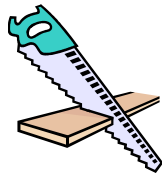
Dear Friends,
 Thank you for the honor and trust you bestowed on me to lead music for worship at 9 am these past 13 years! Thank you for the music! Thank you for using the song in my heart to praise God! Hank and I thoroughly enjoyed the reception on May 30 and are still in awe of the picture. Continue the mission and ministry.



God's work. Our hands.

High School Mission Trip 2010 Copperhill, TN

(see page 3 for more information)



July 2010

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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!

Worship Ministries

Worship in the Summer

We're having great experiences in worship this summer with our 9 am service under the leadership of Luke Bump and Brian Russell; energy is high and faith is being shared! We will invite our Vacation Bible School staff and students to share a special song at the 9 am service on August 1. The increased attendance in the one traditional service at 10:30 is filling the room with not only more people... but with more energy, also, and better congregational singing is encouraging! Please be aware that we return to the 'winter schedule' of three morning services on August 22, which will be our (earlier-than-last year) Faith Trek celebration.

December Worship

We are already planning for Advent and Christmas! Billy Summers is combining our two adult traditional choirs for Lessons and Carols on December 12. I can not officially invite the Market Street Brass to play in December until we have sufficient funds in the Mclver Fund; please be aware that our restricted budget does not provide money for this special opportunity; if you appreciate this special brass contribution in Advent and Christmas, we will need your financial gifts (marked specifically for Mclver Fund) soon in order to get on their schedule.

Do you have any opinions, concerns, and/or suggestions regarding our Worship life at FLC?

30 people shared theirs at a 6/27 Listening Post. Discussion included topics such as liturgy, music, Service times, possibility of one Traditional Service once we move in to the new facility, whether Service times might change then and what the implications for Sunday School might be. Listening Posts are a time for us to listen to each other and come away trying to discern God's Will for us. There will be another one in August. Watch for the announcement and join the discussion.

If you would like to be "listened to" before the next Post, please feel free to call, e-mail, or drop a note in the Worship Ministries box in the office.

Pat Bergen, Chair [patbergen@triad.rr.com]



Generosity Report

<u>Mission & Ministry Plan</u>	<u>Income Goal</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>%</u>
June 2010	\$76,605	\$73,509	96%
2009-10 Fiscal Year	\$977,840	\$942,528	96.4%

Building Fund Gifts as of June 30th: \$1,771,801

Other Dedicated Giving in June: \$7,353



As of July 12, 87 households have responded to the "\$1 a day" campaign to help bolster our mission and ministry efforts for fiscal year 2010-2011, which begins this month. Total amount raised is \$53,315. This now brings our ELCA mission support commitment to \$49,688.

Money that was given in May or June for the 2010-2011 budget has been set aside to be used beginning this month.

Children's Ministry



*It's not too late!
Register now!*

July 26-30, 9 am - Noon
4 yrs old to rising 5th Graders.

Registration for Volunteers and Participants is located on www.firstlutheran.com. For more information and how you can volunteer - contact Susan Brodeur at 856-1089 or sbrodeur@triad.rr.com.

Our Church Family



...to Mildred Wells on the death of her sister, Faye Clontz on June 30.

...to Carol Puryear, teacher in the School for Young Children on the death of her mother, Adelyne Hancock on July 5.

NEEDED: Casserole makers and servers for a Night Shelter meal on July 22. For details, contact Louise Lampron-Welker ASAP, 856-1532, lblampron@earthlink.net. The casserole recipe can be found on the Mission and Ministry page of the FLC website, www.firstlutheran.com.

*Happy birthday to
Esther Christiansen...*

...FLC's oldest member, who turned 101
on June 30!



Youth Ministry

A Week Without 'Real' Scaffolding Allows Our Youth To 'Be' Scaffolding For Another!



Thirteen High School Youth and three adults were sent out for a week from FLC on Sunday, June 27 to help rebuild someone's life near Copperhill, TN. As we travelled to the far western point of NC and just barely over the border into TN, we did not really know what was in store for us. The devotional theme from TeamEffort, our coordinating service organization, was "Scaffolding - a temporary structure put up around a building in disrepair to allow workers to complete the needed renovations." Now I will not give away all the highlights to our mission trip, (this group and the one heading to Seymour, TN, plan to share with everyone on FaithTrek day, Sunday, August 22), but needless to say on the first day at our mission site near Morganton, GA., we found out that REAL scaffolding would have helped make our assignment go much smoother. Our task was to help erect a roof over a trailer and finish painting for Ms. Rachel. Other youth groups had already spent the previous 3 weeks helping clean up her yard, siding and painting her trailer. Check out the photo slide show on the Youth page of the website, www.firstlutheran.com to see more of what our group was able to do in less than 4 full days!

I would like to thank this incredible group of young adults and adults who were truly scaffolding for Ms. Rachel and for each other. They were all dependable, flexible, encouraging to each other, talented beyond their own understanding and truly recognized God's presence at every moment. Though our mission assignment was short, and we know that others will come after us to finish the work, the 'scaffolding' we left not only helped renovate Ms Rachel's life, but our own.

---- *God's Work, Our Hands & Hearts* --- Carol McPeeters

Please pray for the following youth & adults who will be 'scaffolding' to someone in the Gatlinburg, TN area from July 18 - 24: Chandler, Elise and Julia Baer, Noah Berkelhammer, Alex Bohl, Jordan Brown, Jessi Cowan, Wade Cranford, Andrew Dixon, Shane Herman, Amber Johnson, Alan Miller, Gretchen Preheim, Thomas Shealy, Kaitin and Madison Sivret, Miles Turner, William Young, Heidi Baer, Todd Miller, Deb Shealy and Carol McPeeters.

Community Ministries

STRETCHING TO SERVE

THANK YOU! Catherine Moore has exceeded the ELCA's goal of raising \$4,000 for her journey to Mexico! Contributions received beyond \$4,000 will be shared with other 2010-2011 young adults in global mission. If you would like to help, make checks to First Lutheran and put Mexico on the memo line by July 25. Catherine left Sunday, July 11, for four weeks of language immersion in Antigua, Guatemala. She will be commissioned at FLC on Sunday, Aug. 15, before her year of service.

- 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.
- 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.
- The FLC breakfast teams need peanut butter and jelly, which are used to make lunch sandwiches for participants. Please bring jars to Frank Moore's office.
- School supplies collection begins soon!
- Greensboro Urban Ministry appreciates your donations of canned food. Specific items needed are dry cereal and milk, canned fruit or meat, mixed vegetables and spaghetti sauce. Please put in wooden bin between Rooms 1 and 2 in the East Wing or bring to Frank Moore's office.
- 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!

Did you know?

FLC gave \$44,256 for Mission Support in fiscal year 2009-2010, which funds ministries through the NC Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the largest amount given for mission beyond the community. In addition, First Lutheran contributed to organizations such as the ELCA Disaster Response with \$1,272 for Chile and Haiti and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal with \$4,707 through non-budgeted member donations.

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.



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Deadline for next newsletter: Wednesday, July 21

July 18—July 31 at First Lutheran

Sunday, July 18

9:00 am Contemporary Worship
 10:30 am Traditional Worship
 6:30 pm Shout! Casual Worship

Monday, July 19

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

Tuesday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 25

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

Monday, July 26

VACATION BIBLE SCCHOOL
 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
 5:00 pm Grace Reigns Down

Tuesday, July 27

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 10:00 am Chair Yoga
 1:00 pm Spirituality Group
 7:00 pm Living Stones

Wednesday, July 28

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 5:30 pm Website Review
 Committee

Thursday, July 29

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday, July 30

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Worship Attendance

	<u>7/4</u>	<u>7/11</u>	
9:00	158	9:00	184
10:30	149	10:30	178
		6:30	57

CHARLIE'S GARDEN

We're Picking and Grinning!



What are we picking? Vegetables of course! Why are we grinning? As of July 6, 103 lbs. of summer veggies were picked and shared with the community! Charlie's Garden is really producing and it's great to see the results and the happy faces when we share the harvest. On Saturday, June 26, we teamed up with Starmount Presbyterian and St. James Presbyterian to have a vegetable distribution day at Peck School. Families identified by the principal came by and loaded up with fresh-picked items from our combined gardens. It was a great morning!