

FIRST FOCUS



August 1—August 14, 2010

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Faith Trek Day is August 22...

...when we Kickoff a New Season of Sunday morning classes, groups, interaction and learning.

Also on that day, we will return to our fall schedule of worship.

Here's what the day will include:

- 8:45 am—Traditional Worship in Fellowship Hall
- 9 am—Contemporary Worship in Worship Room
- *10 am—Meet teachers and greet classmates in classrooms
- *10:20-11:10 am—Kickoff Party for all ages in Fellowship Hall (Music, fun, food, door prizes, a surprise or two!!!)
- 11:15 am—Traditional Worship in Worship Room

*See back cover for more details!

August 2010

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TEN FOR TEN

Please bring school supplies for Guilford County Schools through August 22 (Faith Trek Day!) and put in a box at Frank Moore's office. School begins August 25.



Look for sales locally and consider spending \$10 for school supplies or bring in 10 items - Ten for Teachers!

Contributions are needed now more than ever! Teachers at First Lutheran will have an opportunity to get items for their classrooms and any remaining items will be taken to Hunter School.

Thanks for helping to support educators and needy students!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ #2 Pencils ▪ Colored Pencils ▪ Blue or Black Pens ▪ Crayons ▪ Markers ▪ Highlighters ▪ Erasers ▪ Notebook Pap (wide & college ruled) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Copy Paper ▪ 3-Ring Binders (1", 1 1/2" or 2") ▪ Spiral Notebooks ▪ 2 Pocket Folders ▪ Glue sticks ▪ Safety Scissors ▪ Pencil Pouches ▪ Tissues ▪ Backpacks |
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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!

Worship Ministries

People of First Lutheran,

Thank you for the input I've gotten recently regarding Worship life at FLC. I've received notes, e-mails, and phone calls sharing suggestions, accolades, and opinions. A majority of these have been relevant to traditional Worship. I hope to hear from contemporary worshippers in the next few weeks. Some of the issues are Service specific; some could be more general. Please put the following date on your calendars:

- Sunday, August 15, 10 am - Listening Post in the Fellowship Hall (This is the week before Faith Trek Sunday)

Thank you for caring about Worship life at FLC. It is the tap root that nourishes and nurtures our hands as we go about God's work.

Pat Bergen, chair of Worship Ministries

We're looking forward to several special musical offerings in August; specifically:

- **August 1:** VBS song shared by children and solo by Andy Mitchum at BOTH services
- **August 8:** Small vocal ensemble at 10:30 under the direction of Billy Summers
- **August 15:** Karen will be on vacation; Billy playing at 10:30.

We hope you'll plan on being present in worship each week. Remember, please, that we go to Fall Schedule of 8:45 (Now the Feast Liturgy), 9:00 (Contemporary service), and 11:15 (familiar LBW/ELW liturgy) morning services on **Sunday, August 22.**

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.



Administration Ministries

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENVELOPES

What happened to those pink envelopes for the Capital Campaign that used to come with the regular offering envelopes in the mail? Three years ago when we ordered these envelopes, we had not envisioned doing a 4th year Finish Line Campaign and had no idea the economy would take a nosedive halfway through our 3-year campaign period. As a result, there are members still working to complete their building pledge.

If you need some more pink envelopes, don't worry - we have plenty! These can be found on the tables across from Frank Moore's office. Take as many as you need in order to complete your pledge.

If you want to just write one check for mission & ministry AND building pledges, that's fine, too. Just put it in your regular offering envelope and indicate the division of the money on the outside.



Property Committee

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO ENHANCE FLC ENTRANCE

In early August Troy Shoaf, First Lutheran member, will complete his Eagle Scout requirements by building Phase Two of our courtyard landscape design. Troy has designed a conversation area complete with two benches. He has received financial support from some of his suppliers, some FLC members and the Landscape Fund. Troy's labor for this project is free, but the materials cost money, and he is seeking donations to complete the project. If you would like to help Troy, please make a donation to the FLC Landscape Fund in his name.



Memorials and Honorariums

Mclver Fund for Special Artists

In memory of Gene, Marilyn and Tammy Burkart given by Dann Burkart

In honor of Glenn Grayson's birthday given by Betty Stubbins

Endowment Fund

In memory of Vera Lentz given by Albert and Helen Lochra and FACEOUT

Emergency Assistance Fund

In honor of Ginny Gaskin's birthday given by Glenn Grayson

In memory of June McBride (June Witherspoon's mother) given by Betty Masters

Worship & Music Fund

In memory of Bob Mitchum (Andy Mitchum's father) given by the Thorburn Sunday School Class

Greensboro Urban Ministry Friday Morning Breakfast

In memory of Stephanie Atkins (Marsha Bunt's sister) given by Michelle Metzler

Community Ministries

STRETCHING TO SERVE

Thank you!

Catherine Moore appreciates your contributions of \$5,567 for her journey to Mexico, beginning in late August. Her goal set by the ELCA was \$4,000; the surplus will be shared with other 2010-2011 young adults in global mission. She will be commissioned at FLC on Sunday, August 15.

You can help!

- 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.
- 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.



Did you know?

Lutheran Disaster Response was named the 2010 "Member Organization of the Year" by National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, a coalition of nonprofits that respond to disasters and/or develop preparedness and recovery programs.

"This award is in recognition of all Lutherans who love and serve their neighbors affected by disaster," said Kevin Massey, director of LDR and ELCA Domestic Disaster Response. LDR has been active for more than 20 years.

Silent Servants

Our Silent Servant this month is **Alexandra Preheim**, who has been our Sunday Morning Luther Café Coordinator for approximately two years. Alex and her husband, Dave, and daughters, Gretchen and Annika, have been members of FLC since 2007. Many Sundays, when there are no volunteers, Alex prepares the coffee herself. She loves to make and pour the coffee and serve us. She has also added other refreshments like milk and juice for children and has encouraged members to make goodies for the Sunday morning café. Alex could easily wear a crown as our "Coffee Queen." But even a queen bee needs helpers, so if you would like to assist the queen, just sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Café. Alex is also much more than just a coffee queen. Alex has been a soloist in our morning worship services and is a helper in her daughter's 4th grade Sunday School class.

Our Church Family



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

...to Al Lochra on the death of his sister-in-law, Sarah D. Lochra on July 13

...to Nicole Apple on the death of her grandmother, Charlie Sells on July 16



...from **Anne McClamroch**, who writes, "First Lutheran Friends, Thank you so much for the care and concern shown me during my recent surgery and recovery. The cards, visits and telephone calls are all appreciated, but I am

especially thankful for your prayers and the beautiful prayer shawl which brings me great comfort."

...from the **youth and advisors from Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Fuquay Varina, NC**. "We are so grateful for you letting us stay in your church and experience this amazing memory. Also, we thank you for letting us come into your lives and meet new youth. We will be eternally grateful. Bless you!"

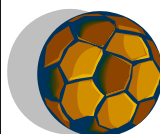
Mission Trip: FLC College Student Shannon Diehl Heads for Honduras

Shannon writes: "I will be leaving on August 19 with a group of about 20 Elon students and recruited medical professionals as a part of Elon Global Medical Brigades. We will fly into the capital city and travel about an hour into a rural area where we will set up temporary medical clinics each day. The students will serve as liaisons between families and doctors as well as taking vitals of the patients before the doctors provide basic medical care that is typically not available to this community. We expect to serve over 1,500 people during the week. We have also been told that there is an orphanage just down the hill from where we will be staying, so we will have the opportunity to play with the children and donate toys and clothes to them as well as the patients. We are trying to collect as many medications as we can to provide the patients and allow them to have basic medical supplies that most of us have in first aid kits at home. The trip costs approximately \$1250 per student, and we also have a fund for purchasing medicines and supplies in addition to those donated."

Go with our prayers and blessings, Shannon, and we look forward to hearing from you when you return!

Bring medical items, clothing or toys (especially soccer balls) and place them in the box outside Frank Moore's office. If you want to find out more or donate, you can visit: www.globalbrigades.org and look for

information on "Elon University GMB August 2010 Club." You can also contact Shannon at sdieh12@elon.edu or 312-0443



August 1—August 14 at First Lutheran

Sunday, August 1

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

Monday, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 3

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

Wednesday, August 4

5:30 pm Website Review Committee

Thursday, August 5

10:00 am Quilting Group

Sunday, August 8

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

Monday, August 9

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

Tuesday, August 10

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

Wednesday, August 11

10:00 am Crocheting Christians

Only 5 more months 'til Christmas!

Don't panic! This is only a reminder for those who would like to learn how to make Chrismons and those experienced ones who would like to make some new patterns. If you are interested, call Dawn Barry at 852-8476 or email, dbarry5@bellsouth.net. Space is limited. so don't delay!



Classes are Mondays at 6:30 pm
 September 13—October 25.
 Hope you will join us!

FAITH TREK SUNDAY : AUGUST 22

Special Guest: Magic Christopher



Children are to meet in Sunday school classrooms from 10-10:20 am to meet teachers with entertainment from Magic Christopher at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Adults are to meet in Fellowship Hall at 10 am for food/fellowship and Faith Trek options. Adult Sunday school to follow at 10:25 am. Please pick up/meet children in Fellowship Hall by 11:15 am. **Food donations needed:** casseroles, fruit, baked goods. Please contact Debbie Sivret at 644-6330 or mdkmjsivret@earthlink.net.

Worship Attendance			
7/18		7/25	
9:00	194	9:00	174
10:30	171	10:30	172
6:30	38	6:30	43

Deadline for next newsletter: Wednesday, August 4



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