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*Vacation Bible School
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THE FLARE



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From Our Pastor . . .

Ah, June is here and summer is arriving. I think we all enjoy the warmer weather, the long days and seeing flowers in bloom. I look forward to hiking in the mountains. Baseball players (and parents) are glad to not have to wear 3 layers of clothing to the games anymore. Children are looking forward to summer vacation. Gardeners are busy growing beautiful flowers and delicious veggies.

In my own yard I'm always tempted to take more credit than I should for the plants that are growing there. Sure, I water and fertilize and pull a few weeds, but I can't "make" anything grow. Only God the Almighty Creator can truly cause something to grow. "Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so." Genesis 1:11

In the church year the month of June starts the long season of "Sundays after Pentecost." Green for growth is the color on the altar and we stay green, for the most part, clear through November. The green color reminds us to keep growing in our faith relationship with God. (Please don't take a 3 month vacation from prayer, worship, God's Word and the Lord's Supper—that won't help you grow.) The green color reminds us that God is the one who gives the growth.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building."

Certainly God does call each of us to help plant the seeds of faith in other people by telling them about Jesus. Certainly God does call each of us to water and nurture faith in others by inviting them to worship or Bible study or Vacation Bible School or youth events or any number of things. Certainly God does call each of us to pray for one another and to reach out to our neighbors in need through loving deeds. But we can't make faith grow in another person. We have to let the Holy Spirit work and trust that God will give the growth.

Sunday School takes a break during the summer, but Sunday worship continues at 10 am. If you are away from home on a number of summer weekends, another worship service takes place every Wednesday morning at 7:00. This is a half-hour informal service of songs, prayers, Bible readings, a brief message and the Lord's Supper. It's followed by coffee, of course. Another opportunity for spiritual feeding takes place Thursday mornings at 9:00. A faithful group of folks meet in the fellowship hall to pray and study the Sunday scripture readings. Everyone is welcome.

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Dude Van Tassel, Rikka Stewart, Paul Dittmer (Tim's Dad Lymphoma), Greg Otis, Ken Kramlich (broken arm), Jerry Nelson (Diane Nelson's husband), Bill Schmidt (cancer surgery), Anna Richmond, June Farrel, Grace Meyer, Sandy (Berry) Barnett, Tom Alford (Ackerman's son-in-law: melanoma), Grace Meyer, Gladys Wahle, Evelyn Carter (Carol Thovsen's mom), Dillon Duncan (Ian & Bonnie Smith's grandson), Mary Ann Hardenbergh (Tim Dittmer's aunt), Pr. Rick Evenson, the people

in the countries of the Middle East, for safety for all U.S. Service Men and Women and their families, especially Jana (Blazek) Kitelinger, Marcus Nelson, leaders of all nations, and for peace in our world and in our families.

We pray also for our Companion Synod, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Bread for the World and FISH Food Bank.

~Please update Pastor Dennis about people on the prayer list~

Upcoming FISH Summer Lunch Program (July)

Kiwanis Park. July 15–19. 11:30–1:00 p.m. Some of you may have taken part in the FISH Summer Lunch Program over the last two years. If you did, then you had an amazing week (or day) of playing games with and serving our community's kids. The FISH Summer Lunch Program is geared at distributing quality food to many kids who may not otherwise eat well through the summer months. If you (any one from First Lutheran) can be a part of helping this summer, please let Joe know. We are scheduled to join with Chestnut Street Baptist's Youth group during the week of July 15–July 19.

The program involves meeting at Kiwanis Park (11:30–1:00), playing frisbee or kickball or just visiting with kids in the community, and helping to serve a FISH-prepared meal.

This is an amazing opportunity for churches in our community to share the love of Christ in a personal and tangible way. This year, we're hoping to get more Youth involved, so watch for more information and get signed up—even if you only have one afternoon available.

Youth Mariners Trip (July)

Seattle. July 24. 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Watch for a signup sheet, because we'll have a limited number of tickets to see Seattle play Cleveland. We'll need three adult drivers, plus one more adult chaperone. We should have seats for 14 Youth at \$15 per seat. More details to come.

Let me encourage you to stay “green” this summer by allowing God to grow faith, hope and love in you through prayer, worship, Bible study, Christian community and deeds of charitable kindness. And let God work through you to water and nurture seeds of faith in other people.

Serving Jesus with you,

Pastor Dennis

Be a Good Financial Steward this Summer

This is just a reminder to practice good financial stewardship this summer. You may be away from home for a while during the summer months, but the operational costs of the church don't go away. Bills and salaries and benevolence still have to be paid. You can mail in your offering from wherever you are. You can give your offering to a friend and have him/her put it in the offering plate for you. You can give a whole month's worth ahead of time before you leave town or you can give it all when you get back. You can also give your offering through electronic transfer (“Simply Giving” forms are available next to the sanctuary doors, or see Jim Stolte.) Remember, “God loves a cheerful giver.”

High School Senior Blessing Sunday, June 2nd 10 AM

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates!

On Sunday June 2nd we will recognize our graduates. This year they are Engaisi Peter, Robert Barnhart, Ethan Johnson, Megan Burfeind, Carly Quirk and Sam Young. During worship we will present them with quilts that have been lovingly made by our quilting ladies. We'll hear a brief word about each of the graduates' future plans. After worship, join the grads for cake in their honor. God bless you class of 2013!

FROM THE BISHOP. . .

God's Beloved People,

The Synod Assembly is now behind us for another year and the Committee will meet on the 28th of May to review the evaluations. Many, many thanks to this superb committee for all their work!

I can assure you that the Sunday Morning session with the Synod Shorts will rank very high in the memory and evaluations of those who attended! 28 ministries (congregations, campus, agencies, camps) reported to the Assembly about their vital initiatives. The receptivity of the Assembly was evident! We like hearing about one another's successes and we like new ideas to share with our home congregations! We heard invitations to Cross-Cultural training; kudos for campus ministry; about a small congregation in a small town raising BIG money for hunger and Lugala Hospital in Tanzania. We were invited to the Book Parlor; to Trinity's cookies on campus at WSU; to consider Parish Nurses; and to a film festival in Lewiston/Clarkston. There are "Circles of Care" in Jackson; a Mark Allan Powell event in Moscow...and...and...and so much more!

The heart of such moments is the personal excitement that our members bring to the microphone. We are starved to know what to care about and member after member renewed our sense of call by confirming the amazing work our congregations are doing. Thank you Congregations! Thank you Members! Thanks to all who so unselfishly share themselves and their treasure with those who lack hope in life! These are the moments when we confirm for one another that our work is not in vain and that the power of the Holy Spirit is behind us in concrete and generous ways.

I heard the heart of this appeal again this week at a different moment in another conference as we talked about ministry "bridges" that help move us from one place to another. One of those bridges is the notion of "curiosity" in life and the wonders that such curiosity can uncover. It made me remember again that we often know so little about those with whom we share a pew on Sunday. It made me yearn for an adult study series that considered nothing more than the joy members were finding in life, life lived curiously and open to wonder. In such moments members share with one another their sense of God's calling in their lives. Talk about changing the conversation

Youth End of Year Bar-B-Q

Irene Rinehart Park. June 20. 6:00–8:00 p.m. We'll fire up the grill at Carey Lake for our annual BBQ. This is our chance to welcome new Youth and say goodbye to those graduating and moving on. Pray that it won't rain on us. "Youth" includes incoming sixth-graders, outgoing seniors, and everyone between (and we won't kick adults out).

Youth-Parent Book Group

FLC homes. Sunday evenings. June 30, July 28, and August 25. 6:30–8:00 p.m. Another opportunity to get Youth in FLC homes—and read great Christian books. We'll select three books for the summer and spend 90 minutes talking about them. All Youth and parents are welcome to participate (and if you're neither Youth nor parent, we won't kick you out). If you can host, we need homes: Our first book is the short, entertaining, and thought-provoking C.S. Lewis classic, *The Great Divorce* (a very interesting look at Heaven and Hell). Group members will nominate and select the two other summer books during our June 30 meeting.

Winegar's Wednesdays

University Way Winegars. Wednesdays. June 19 (and beyond). 2:00–3:00 p.m. This is a little time for Youth to talk, pray, read together . . . and have ice cream.

Vacation Bible School

FLC. Sunday–Thursday. June 23–June 27. 6:00–8:00 p.m. Very soon, FLC will be crawling with kids, and we'll need help. If you can assist, please let Joe or Carla know.

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FLC Youth & Family News

Facebook, FLC Web Site and Event Updates

Throughout the summer, we'll use three main tools to inform FLC folks about Youth activities: Facebook, email, and the FLC web site. Facebook has been a little dormant lately, but it will be active again with news and event information: www.facebook.com/flcyouth. Also, the FLC web site includes a special Youth summer page including an overview of upcoming activities and a downloadable calendar: www.flc-eburg.org/ministry/youth-summer. Finally, be sure to signup for email updates. We'll send one out every week or so with highlights, news, and upcoming event information. You can send your address to flcyouth.eburg@gmail.com or signup on the "Signup for Email Notification" page on the church's web site.

Summer Youth Program

The Youth Summer Schedule is now available at FLC's web site (www.flc-eburg.org/ministry/youth-summer). Here's a partial list of what you'll find: Boulder Cave Hike, Mariner's game, FISH Summer Lunch Program, Winegar's Wednesdays, and Moses Lake Water Park trip. For more information, please contact Joe Johnson at flcyouth.eburg@gmail.com.

June Activities High School Home Study

FLC homes. Sunday evenings, June 9, 16, July 7, 21, August 11, and 18. 7:00–8:00 p.m. We're spending some time in our Bibles . . . and FLC homes. All upcoming, current, and recently-graduated high school students are invited to an hour in Bible study. And, we're asking Youth parents to host. If you're a HS Youth, bring your Bible. If you're a HS Youth parent, consider hosting. If you can host, please visit the "Youth Summer Schedule 2013" page on the FLC web site to signup.

You can also signup to host or let Joe you'll be coming via email: flcyouth.eburg@gmail.com

over coffee after church! What if we were more deeply drawn into one another's lives by the things we love and get excited about? Now that would be a church worth joining!

Summer blessings,
Bishop Martin Wells



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 23 to Thursday, June 27

June 23rd begins five nights of fun at FLC! We'll start with dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by stories, crafts, games, and singing. Activities will end by 8:15 p.m.

Children age 4 to those entering 6th grade are invited to participate, older youth are invited to help with the program in various ways.

Registration forms have been sent to FLC families with children. If you didn't receive forms, please find them on the table in the fellowship hall.

Please sign up ASAP so we can plan appropriately!

Can you help by making dinner for one night or telling the story one evening, or by leading a group of kids to the stations, or by providing cookies or food?

There are lots of easy ways to lend a helping hand. You don't need to have a child attending to participate. All are welcome!

Look for the sign-up on the easel in the fellowship hall or contact Carla Bergman if you can join in the fun!

Kids ~ invite a friend!!!

The Bulletin Board

Photo Directory

HELP US GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER

The photos displayed in the fellowship hall are from our 2008 pictorial directory. Many changes within our church family have taken place since then. If we don't have your smiling face in this directory, or in our newer member's book, or on the new member's board by the front door, we would like to have a photo of you. We hope to produce our own photo directory soon. (There's no reason to pay someone to do it with today's technology.)

In the mean time, please submit a photo in the envelope by the display, or email a photo to ficeburg@yahoo.com or, Doug Fessler or Mike Kreckling can snap a quick photo of you before or after worship. Thank you!

F.I.S.H. NEWS

FISH (food bank) will again be providing lunches starting June 17th at Kittitas plus Mountain View and Kiwanis Parks. In April, FLC contributed 24 pounds of food. Food needed: commercial jams and jellies, macaroni and cheese, tuna, chicken or hamburger "helpers," apple, grape or cranberry juice, ranch, bleu or thousand island salad dressings. Wellspring Christian Church had a Food Drive recently and got 2,456 pounds of food. Mercer Creek is holding a "FISH" service where food will be accepted.

Our church has significantly reduced the amount of food brought for the food bank. Do we need to regularly hear statistics about how many pounds of food are given away by FISH - each month . . . each year? Or can we trust that the food bank is doing "our job" of feeding the poor - only it needs cans and packages of food to give them. (canned fruits and vegetables; "helpers"; soup; produce, for example) The need never goes away!

I know a man who only has a grill to cook on and has no way of refrigerating food and a mother of five who frequently has no money to buy milk for her children. You and I go to the grocery store whenever we want something to eat. Can we share some of our food with others who are not so lucky?

For FISH,
Jean Cutlip, Board Member



Dinner at F.I.S.H. Food Bank June 22nd

It is First Lutheran's turn to cook and serve dinner at our FISH Food Bank on Saturday, June 22nd. We start setting up, prepping and cooking at 3:00 and serve dinner at 5:00. Clean-up takes about an hour. Come for all or part of it as your schedule allows. And plan to stay and eat with our guests if you are able.



Outreach Ministry Compassion 2013

Thank you to the following people for sponsoring children through Compassion: Dude Van Tassel, Helen Waddle, Warren & Libby Street, Art & Joan Neslund, Scott & Judene Neustel, Charlie & Laura Gorman, Don & Geraldine Childress, David & Laurae Lygre.

Thank you for another successful year!

Church Potluck Supper Thursday, June 27

Everyone in the congregation is invited to attend the **POTLUCK SUPPER** on the last night of VBS Thursday, June 27th at the West Ellensburg Park covered area. You don't have to be involved with VBS, just come and eat with us!

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.—bring a dish to share and enjoy good food and fellowship.

It's always an enjoyable evening for all. Please join us!

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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

June 2, 2013

1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43
Ps. 96:1-9
Gal. 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

June 16, 2013

2 Sam. 11:26-12:10, 13-15
Ps. 32
Gal. 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

June 9, 2013

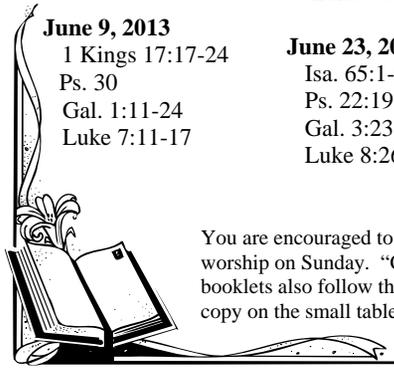
1 Kings 17:17-24
Ps. 30
Gal. 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 23, 2013

Isa. 65:1-9
Ps. 22:19-28
Gal. 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 30, 2013

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Ps. 16
Gal. 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62



You are encouraged to read these in preparation for worship on Sunday. "Christ in our Home" devotional booklets also follow these Bible readings. Pick up your copy on the small table by the front doors.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Worship with Holy Communion.....June 2, 9, 16, 30
Worship on Wednesday.....June 5, 12, 19, 26
Bible Study, Fellowship, Prayer Group.....June 6,3, 20, 27
Church Council Meeting.....June 10
Men's Lunch.....June 11, 25
All Ministry Meeting.....June 9
Senior Blessing.....June 2
Vacation Bible School.....June 23-27
July/August Flare Deadline.....June 15



Happy Father's Day
Sunday, June 16th

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2 Estelle Johnson	10 Sue Ayers	24 Kristin Zollars
3 Dick Borrud	10 Don Morris	25 Eryn Akers
3 Dee Linder	16 Necia Knudson	26 Steven Hickman
3 Karen Schock	16 Claire Luvera	26 Whitney Stacy
5 Andrea Hurson	18 Rachel Gruber	26 Elena Swan
5 Carie McNamee	22 Doreen Day	27 Cynthia Borrud
5 Andrew Schock	22 Glen McLean	27 Sarah Firman
5 Carol Thovson	22 Jan Stambaugh	30 Esther Everett
7 Roger Fouts	23 Nick Widner	30 Cathy Idler
7 Nate Widner		
9 Ryan Johnson		



6/8/1956 - Joe & Jan Riggs
6/8/1959 - Roger & Rita Sparks
6/9/1957 - Glenn & Edna Madsen
6/11/1989 - James & Lauren Wickerath
6/16/2001 - Matt & Joell Boast
6/16/1979 - Dan & Ann Kivi
6/17/1989 - David & Heather Burfeind
6/17/1969 - Robert & Gayle Fogle
6/18/1966 - Robert & Ida Malde
6/23/1957 - Fred & Jean Cutlip
6/24/1957 - James & Joyce Ackerman
6/25/1988 - Dan & Cheryl Barnhart



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