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Remember in Prayer

The family of Walt Larson at his passing, Marie Raymond, Cathy Hickman (foot surgery), Grace Meyer, Al Johnson recovering from pneumonia, For all firefighters and for all victims of fires, Jane Rising (Mary Weeks sister), Gladys Wahle, Tim Dittmer, Carol Cheff, Linda Busch (cancer), Evelyn Carter (Carol Thovsen's mom), Dillon Duncan (Ian & Bonnie Smith's grandson), Mary Ann Hardenbergh (Tim Dittmer's aunt), Pr. Rick Even-

son, the people in the countries of the Middle East, for safety for all U.S. Service Men and Women and their families, especially Mark Blazek, Jana (Blazek) Kitelinger, Marcus Nelson, Blair Scheib, Troy Roberts 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~

Building God's Kingdom

On Reformation Sunday, as we think about Martin Luther, the 16th century reformer of the church, we rejoice that God raises men and women in every era to lead movements which serve the kingdom of God. According to Luther, "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

It was faith that helped Luther become such a daring and courageous leader. Columnist Walter Lippmann once wrote: "The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him, in other men, the conviction and the will to carry on."

Of course, that applies to both men and women — and it certainly applied to Luther.

God calls men and women out of the world to learn the meaning of commitment, love and service. God then sends those men and women back into the world to put their commitment, love and service to work. That's how the kingdom of God is spread and how God's church remains alive and healthy.

From Our Pastor . . .

"Faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing."—Martin Luther
As I write this on September 19th, the sky is clearer. After many days of thick smoke, a light breeze seems to have cleared our air, at least momentarily. We give thanks for the firefighters who continue to work busily and mightily to contain the fires. We continue to pray for their safety and for all homeowners who are affected by the flames. And we pray for a good, soaking rain soon!

Today is also the first day of classes at Central WA University so the town seems much more busy and active. "Faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing." This Luther saying was on over 30,000 orange T-shirts at the ELCA national youth gathering in New Orleans this summer. Our young people wore them as they did many service projects in the New Orleans area.

On the last Sunday of October, 10/28, we celebrate Reformation Sunday. We give thanks for the faithful witness of Martin Luther and other reformers of the church. Luther rediscovered the Bible truth that our salvation is a free gift of God's grace, which we receive through faith. Luther emphasized the Bible truth that we do not somehow earn the forgiveness of our sins and eternal life. Rather, these are freely given to us through the precious blood of Jesus, who died on the cross and rose again to save us. Our lives are a "thank you!" to God as we share the love and good news of Jesus with other people. We work not to be saved. We work because we are saved through Jesus. So our faith is not an idle thing. Faith is a matter of the head (intellectual belief), but also of the heart and the hands. As Martin Luther said, "Faith is a living, busy, active, mighty, thing."

Here at First Lutheran, October 28th will also be Confirmation Sunday. This year there are 7 young people who are ready to be confirmed in the Christian faith. Claire Luvera, Rachel Gruber, Maya Swan, Julia Wickerath, Marcus Michel, Taylor Smith and Patrick Lease are ready to affirm their baptisms. They are ready to say "Yes" to the promises God first made to them in Holy Baptism. So, come celebrate with these young people and hear their faith statements and have a piece of cake with them after worship. This prayer will be said for Claire, Rachel, Maya, Julia, Marcus, Taylor and Patrick as they affirm their baptisms.

"Father in heaven, for Jesus sake, stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their lives, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life." Amen.

Faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing,
Pastor Dennis

FROM THE BISHOP. . .

God's Beloved People,

Weren't the readings from Ephesians powerful during August!? Here's a blessing to start your fall schedule:
"I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:16-19

I share this blessing in order to set the standard by which our lives are ordered in these complicated days. As the demands of the fall pile up on you—political choices; economic stresses; wisdom about health care; unemployment—might we dare pray to be filled with "the fullness of God" available to us in the love of Christ? Can we believe that this is real power grounding us in love that is tall and wide and as deep as anything in life?

In truth everything else is a false God, that is, any power or fear or offering that is not part of this fullness of God is thin and fleeting and insubstantial. It is not true. Christ dwells in you as you trust his Spirited love; he is the "fullness" of life that people search for, looking in so many blind alleys. God bless you and keep you as you enter the busy, busy fall! You are God-blessed!

--By the time you receive this Mark Nelson will have begun his new position at Region 1, ELCA. The Synod Council, meeting in early September, had a rich opportunity to thank Mark for his 21 years of service to the synod and to offer him both a Godspeed and a Sending. As you have opportunity please offer your own thanks to Mark! We hope to host an Installation service for him in the next 8 weeks which will give us another opportunity to share our thanks.

--On September 4, along with Corporation members from our synod, I had the opportunity to attend the installation of Tom Krise as the new President of Pacific Lutheran University. One of the most important developments in the life of the University has been its embrace of Luther's notion of Vocation through the "Wild Hope" project. In the installation service each part of the PLU community was invited to make promises based on the calling of their work. Most poignant were the promises of the faculty to pursue their vocations as scholars and teachers. Finally the students were asked to promise to fulfill their callings as students. It was a powerful moment of clear promise-making and I invite our prayers for all the teachers and students who begin a new school year!

--On September 7 and 8 the Synod Council met for a meeting

Come One, Come All

FLC is holding its "Fall Ball" on Friday, October 26th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for kids 5th grade and under.



This year's theme will feature a Halloween Kids' Carnival. So step right up in your favorite costume. Enjoy fun games, candy, prizes, and yummy food. Don't forget to bring a friend!

If you can help with the event please contact Danielle Koss 933-1666.

Corn Maze

Time for the annual trek to Schell's Corn Maze in Union Gap. More information will be coming soon, but if you are interested in volunteering or being a driver please, contact Joe Johnson.



Can You Lead ONE Event?

Perhaps you're interested in helping out with — or leading — a Youth event, but are terrified that saying, "yes," will lead to a lifetime commitment and a permanent place on the Youth request list. Not so. As we attempt to plan Youth events and programs for the year, we're looking for volunteers who will take one — and one only — event. So far, we have adult volunteer leaders for the Corn Maze, Fish-Bowling, and maybe a couple other programs. Perhaps you're comfortable organizing a Parents' Night Out or Christmas Cookie Baking. If so, please let Joe know. Thanks.

FLC Youth & Family News

Lutherhaven Nights at FLC

Starting Tues. Oct 9th

Something new and exciting for our youth will be happening this year. Starting on Oct 9th and continuing every 2nd Tuesday of the month through May, two camp counselors from Camp Lutherhaven will be with us for an afternoon and evening of fun and music, Christian learning and games. This is for all kids kindergarten through high school. The approximate schedule for the day is 4:30 -5:45 elementary (K-5), 5:45-6:30 dinner for everyone (kids and adults), 6:30-? Middle school and high school.

We are excited to welcome Lauren Bender and Eric Czirr to be with us on Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12, March 12, April 9 and May 14. We do need people to cook dinner for those nights and provide Bed & Breakfast for Lauren and Erik. Please let Pastor Dennis or the church office (925-2844) know if you can help. We think we'll take a free-will donation to help with the costs of the dinners.

It would be helpful if you could RSVP to the church with the number of people from your family who would be eating dinner, so that we prepare enough food. Come join the fun!

Youth(+) Sunday School

Want to know the Bible better? There's a Sunday School year dedicated to just that. Together, we'll develop a greater understanding of one of God's greatest gifts: that collection of 66 books we call the "Bible." Using Larry Richards' Smart Guide to the Bible—and Bibles, of course!—we'll read stories, talk theology, and share thoughts about this amazing text. And, if you have your own Bible, take it off the shelf or nightstand and bring it to church. Mark it up. Highlight passages. Make notes in the margins. (And if you don't have a Bible, we'll help get you one).

Everyone sixth grade and above is invited. We start at 9:00 a.m. and end by 9:45 (so acolytes can be on time).

packed with substantial questions and planning. Many, many thanks to the members of the Council and their leader, Gary Gemar!
Here we go!

Pr. Martin Wells, Bishop

Adult Education

Sundays 8:45 AM in the chapel
started Sept 16th

"The Didache" (Greek for "Teaching"): the Faith and Practice of the Earliest Christians" is a 6 part DVD and book class led by Pastor Dennis. Author and theologian Tony Jones will be with us on DVD and each participant will receive a book entitled "The Teaching of the 12" (suggested donation \$10).

The Didache was probably written about the same time as the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. It is a practical teaching about how to live in Christian community and to show the love of Jesus to others. We will explore together the faith and Christian practices of our earliest brothers and sisters in Christ. I think it will be fun and interesting. Everyone is welcome!

FLC Cooks Dinner at F.I.S.H. Food Bank

Saturday, October 20th

It's First Lutheran's turn to cook and serve dinner at our FISH Food Bank. We start cooking and setting up at 3:30p and aim to serve our hungry neighbors at 5p. If you can help with all or part of the cooking, serving and clean up please let Pastor Dennis know at either the church at 925-2844 or home 933-2605. We will need a crew to serve about 25-30 people.





Ministry Night

Announcing Ministry Night, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. This is an invitation for anyone interested in the ministries of First Lutheran, to attend a joint meeting of all ministries on one night! The Ministries consist of Worship and Music, Property Management, Outreach, Congregational Life, Education, Youth, and Stewardship. We'll begin the evening collectively with prayer and announcements, divide into separate ministry meetings and regroup at the end to wrap it up. It will be an opportunity to develop ideas, address concerns and work together, prayerfully, with God's guidance. Give it a try! You might like it!

OUR ELCA RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN SYRIA

Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson, in letters to Christian church leaders in Syria, offered support of the churches' collective call for an end to violence and his prayers for the people in the region. We stand in solidarity with our companions in Syria and seek ways to encourage their role in the promotion of peace and reconciliation.

We are operating through our local partners to help meet the needs of the Syrian people. Our partners are working to provide food and items such as hygiene kits, household items, bedding sets and clothing. They are also addressing healthcare awareness through psycho-social care and training in nutritional support for mothers. Additionally rental subsidies, tuition fees and classes will be available to help alleviate some of the economic burdens faced by displaced families.

6th Annual Turkey Dinner

Please mark you calendar for Saturday, October 20th at 5:30p for the annual Turkey Dinner. All profits go to Veteran's programs here in Kittitas County.



If you have any questions, please call Don Morris at 929-1032 or 962-9026.

Fall Yard Cleanup

Saturday, October 27th
8:00 a.m. to noon



Please join us to help get our front garden ready for winter. If you have the following items, please bring to the clean-up: rake, shovel, lopper/clippers, gloves and pickup trucks. Hope to see lots of people there to help out. Thank you!

Join the Choir

Thursday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.



It's time to start singing so get those pipes warmed up for choir rehearsals which will be Thursday, October 4th in the Sanctuary. Of course, we at First Lutheran sing in church every Sunday, (and sing very well, too) but we love to have our choir sing anthems to help celebrate what God has done for us.

Please consider joining the choir this fall!

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SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS

October 7, 2012

Gen. 2:18-24
Ps. 8
Heb. 1:1-4;2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

October 21, 2012

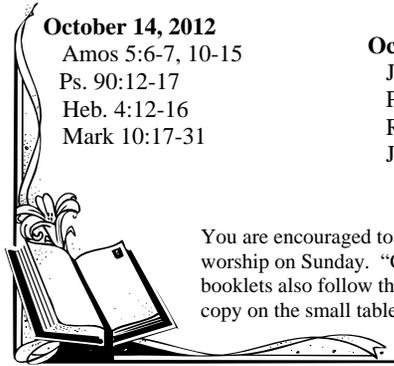
Isa. 53:4-12
Ps. 91:9-16
Heb. 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

October 14, 2012

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
Ps. 90:12-17
Heb. 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

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Jer. 31:31-34
Ps. 46
Rom. 3:19-28
John 8:31-36



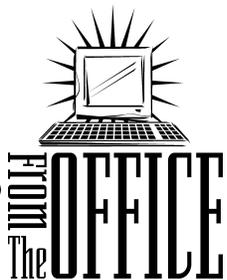
You are encouraged to read these in preparation for worship on Sunday. "Christ in our Home" devotional booklets also follow these Bible readings. Pick up your copy on the small table by the front doors.

WHATS HAPPENING?

Worship with Holy Communion.....Oct. 7, 14, 21
Worship on Wednesday.....Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Bible Study, Fellowship, Prayer Group.....Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
Church Council Meeting.....October 8
Confirmation.....Oct. 3, 17, 24
Men's Lunch.....Oct. 2, 16, 30
November Flare Deadline.....October 15

Change of Address

If anyone is going to be away for the winter please, let the office know so we can either hold your Flare for you or mail it to your temporary address. Thank you!



3 Kristen Fisher	14 Terry Firman	23 Patty Akers
5 Frank Swanson	14 Thomas Jones	28 Hannah Hugo
6 Heather Burfeind	17 Wayne Fairburn	28 Erik Lillquist
6 Diana Lien	20 Joyce Ackerman	28 Janet Thomas
8 Dawn Hugo	20 Fred Cutlip	29 Cookie Ringe
8 Laurae Lygre	20 Dorothea Storlie	
9 Lovelia Case	21 Richard Widner	
9 Leroy Day	22 Jean Cutlip	
9 Gladys Wahle	22 Robert Malde	
10 Meghan Doughty	22 Andrea Ringe	
10 Della Elfers		
10 Peggy Gries		
12 Andrew Ponchene		
13 Joan Green		



Kevin & Patti Johnson
10/1/94

Howard & Patricia Swearingen
10/17/39

Victor & Linda Strand
10/11/86

Don & Donna Morris
10/29/52

George & Dawn Hugo
10/17/81



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