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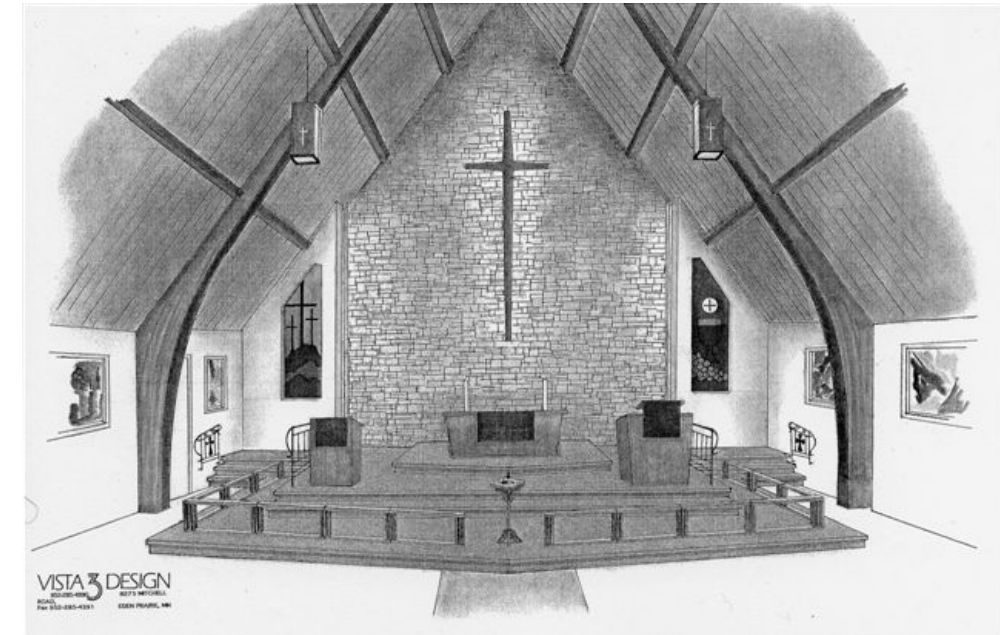
Worship & Church Music

Lori Olson

Youth

Preston Hopkins

## New Sanctuary Design



**On June 21st the proposed changes to the Sanctuary were approved at a congregational meeting.**

**The front of our church will be redesigned to make it more accessible and more accommodating for programs and concerts.**

**The work on the Sanctuary should be completed by the end of July, just in time for VBS. Volunteers will be needed initially for preliminary removal of railings and carpet. As the work progresses we will need painters, and house cleaning.**

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our beautiful gardens and plantings.



Lois Cook & Margaret Forrester for planting the front planter and Bob Eastman for preparing the planter.

Dave Grove for watering all of our young trees every week.



Elaine and Ron Niemann for planting and maintaining the Congregate Gardens.  
 Laurel Lawrence for planting and replanting the area around the flagpole.



David Olson for maintaining Margaret's Garden.



The front planter water crew is June - Paul & Mary Flottum, July - Jerry Severson, August - Betsy & Tim Schmidt, September - Margaret Forrester.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

*Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.  
1 Corinthians 10:11*

In the next several weeks you will see some big changes to the front of our worship space. The proposal to improve the front of the sanctuary passed at the congregational meeting on June 21st, and work will be beginning right away.

The basic motivation for the project was to create a worship space that was fully accessible to all. Currently, we commune at the altar, kneeling at the top level of the chancel, or altar area of the church. However, to get to that level, stairs needed to be negotiated, and that is a hazard for some going both up and down. In the last several months there have been some near falls, and so it was something that needed to be addressed. Also, for those who chose not to try and climb the stairs there has been a place to stand or kneel on the main level. However, those who did so were separated from the rest of the community, making almost a two-tiered system for communion: those who could approach the altar and those who could not.

One of our basic beliefs about the gift of Holy Communion is that it not only allows us to commune (be in community) with Christ, but it also brings us into community with one another. "St. Paul writes in First Corinthians: "because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." When we commune we are the one body of Christ together. Communion unites us with one another in Christian worship, fellowship and service. And communing together in one space, where we are not separated from one another based on physical ability, witnesses to our conviction that we truly are one body in Christ.

There is an ancient Latin saying in the church that goes like this, "lex orandi, lex credendi" which translated means, "the rule of worship is the rule of belief." In other words, the way in which we worship says a great deal about what we believe. Making our sanctuary accessible to all for communion allows us to bring how we worship closer in line to what we believe, and that is that we are all one body of believers in Christ Jesus.

Now with any project there will be a lot of work that needs to be done, and some time in which to complete it. There will be a few short weeks when the sanctuary will not be available for our worship. In that time we will be worshipping in the fellowship hall, or if weather permits on a Thursday night, perhaps outside. I would encourage everyone to support this project that we are undertaking together however you are able. And while the work is being done, continue to worship together regularly. Our worship in the fellowship hall can be very meaningful, and even more intimate than it is in the sanctuary. Our Wednesday evening services in Lent are an example of that. My hope is that in the limited time we are in the fellowship hall, our services will be full and lively.

I look forward to seeing this project progress and realizing the goal of having a more accessible worship space. The new design will also be more flexible and will allow us more room for youth and Sunday School services, and will also allow us to be better hosts for concerts and other events.

Thank you for your support as a congregation and we look forward to seeing you in worship this summer.

God's peace,

Pastor Tim

**NOTE:** Summer Adult Studies will resume in August. Several conflicts have arisen in July - Come back and join us in August.



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## July

01	Adam Delfosse	26	Kevin Elmberg
02	Brandon Whitman	27	Bill Carsley
04	Kerri Holmes	28	Barry Rose
05	Donald Peterson	29	Brian Knutson
	Frank Cifaldi		Callie Benson
	Kevin Thompson	30	James Iverson
	Jeanne Brekhus	31	Kelly Cady
06	Dave Olson		
	David Clay		
	Dawn Scheff		
	Christopher Olson		
07	Dave Grove		
08	David Frye		
09	Richard Nyhus		
	Ryan Johnson		
	Sarah Wohlk	07	Paul & Mary Flottum
	Jazmine Johnson	09	Dan & Lori Hopkins
	Jennah Johnson	11	Wayne & Heidi Mathison
11	Kari Samlaska		Lawrence & Charlene Samlaska
12	Jolene Thompson	19	Ron & Flo Sandve
14	Teri Massie	20	Andy & Cassandra Flottum
	Bryce Hopkins		Michael & Lori Nyhus
15	Andrea Herzan	22	Terry & Bobbi Momchilovich
	Travis Odden	24	Dale & Ardis Amundson
16	Ruth Pederson		Ryan & Stacey Whitman
17	Delores Dickman	29	Alden & Patti Nelson
	Tim Schmidt		George & Ruth Pederson
18	Erick Hassel		
19	Cheryl Lehmann		
	Clancy Broker		
	Molly Corwin		
20	Ann Sorensen		
	Chris Flottum		
22	Laurel Lawrence		
	Kailee Sommerfeld		
23	Jean Odden		
24	Nancy Newhouse		
26	Norm Torkelson		
	Roger Hilde		



## July



07	Paul & Mary Flottum
09	Dan & Lori Hopkins
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	Lawrence & Charlene Samlaska
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	Ryan & Stacey Whitman
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	George & Ruth Pederson

If we have your birthday/anniversary wrong, or, if we don't have it, please call the church office and let us know!



# Youth News!



On July 22 our Youth will be leaving for New Orleans and an adventure of a lifetime. The participants are Melinda Broker, Nick Herzan, Eric Turcott, Emma Cifaldi, Preston Hopkins, Carissa Mathison, Tisha Whitman, Jessica Fillion, Brea Williamson, Erika Hadlich, Diane Tripp, and Brinn Williamson. The adult leaders are Shelia Whitman, Mona Cifaldi and Pastor Tim.

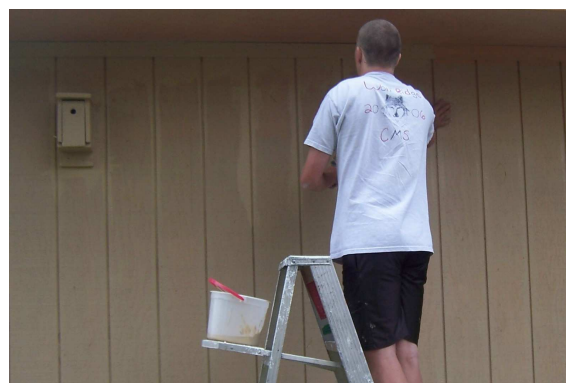
**Jesus Justice Jazz**, the theme for the 2009 [ELCA Youth Gathering](#), draws from the rich faith history, diverse cultures and arts of New Orleans. It will stretch our understanding of what it means to live in relationship and service with each other in the manner of Christ... for life... wherever we are!

The Gathering program will be different than Gatherings before. Planning teams are working with local congregations and organizations, young people and the city to pay attention to what makes the city of New Orleans unique, as well as better understanding the changes it is going through as the entire Gulf Coast region continues to recover after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The focus will be on service and justice as we live our shared reality as Christians: Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.

What remains the same about the Gathering is that youth and adults are immersed in worship, music, Bible study, service, learning, play, prayer, the witness of faithful leaders from around the world, reflection, caring for others and new friendships. The Gathering is a time of change and growth because we gather in the presence of God's Spirit with others who journey with Jesus.



**Youth painting the garage.** Erika Hadlich, Eric Turcott and Lydia Bozych gave the garage its first coat of stain last week. **July 1 at 5:00 PM is the date to complete this task and stain the ark. Looking for volunteers!**



**Volunteers come join us for the largest VBS yet!** VBS 2009 is lining up to be the largest VBS to date and we need help. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks during the week of VBS - Aug 2 through Aug 6 - 5:30 - 8 pm. No experience is necessary and you don't have to be here every night. If you're interested, please fill out a volunteer form found in the Fellowship Hall.

**Kids - sign up now for a free CD!** Any child who pre-registers for VBS gets a free CD of the VBS music. This is your chance to know the songs before VBS even starts! VBS 2009 is Aug 2-6 from 5:30 to 8pm and is open to all children from pre-k through those entering 6th grade. Anyone older is encouraged to volunteer. Registration forms and CDs can be found in the Fellowship Hall.

**Mission Statement** At First Lutheran our mission statement as a Congregation is this: "As a congregation we are called to celebrate and share the loving power of Jesus Christ." We would like to make this mission of ours more prominent in all that we do together. Please make note of it and be thinking about how we can work together to carry out our mission.

### Habitat for Humanity ReStore

The Habitat ReStore is a Discount Home Improvement Center that sells quality new and previously owned building materials, furniture and appliances at greatly discounted prices.

**309 North First Street (Hwy SS)  
Cameron, WI 54822  
Phone: 715/458-4222  
Fax: 715/458-4226  
Email: [ReStore@chibardun.net](mailto:ReStore@chibardun.net)**

Stocked by Donations  
Staffed by Volunteers  
Shopped by Everyone!

All profits from the ReStore are used to build simple decent affordable homes in partnership with God's people in need. Brochures are available on the round table in the Fellowship Hall.



**FLCW Garage Sale**  
The FLCW Garage Sale will be held August 14th 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. This is not only for the church women but the whole church. The date was changed due to the Sanctuary

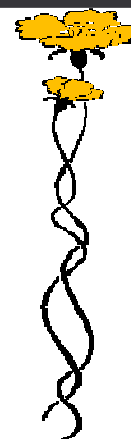
Remodeling. The Fellowship Hall will be used in July for Thursday and Sunday Services and therefore, unavailable for the sale during July. Please bring in clothing, shoes, small kitchen appliances, toys, and miscellaneous home décor. You may bring in items starting August 3rd. The proceeds plus matching funds from Thrivent will be given towards kitchen projects.

**The first three benches and trees have been installed for the Grounds Beautification Project.** Each bench is installed on a slab of concrete with a memorial plaque underneath. They are very beautiful. Walk out and sit a spell.



### FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN CIRCLE SCHEDULE:

Rebekah July 6 - 1:30 AM  
Naomi July 7 - 1:30 AM  
Esther No meeting in July  
Hannah July 9 - 2:00 PM



### Pontoon Ride for Seniors

Our annual pontoon ride for seniors over 70 will be on **Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>**. Join us that day for a lunch on the water and a nice cruise around Beaver Damn Lake. Invitations will go out soon. Please call the church office at 822-4416 to sign up.



**6th Annual Shooting Stars Benefit, July 25** at the Cumberland Middle School. Shooting Stars will be hosting a 5k run and a 2-mile walk around the beautiful city of Cumberland! A pancake breakfast and silent auction will follow. The Shooting Stars goal is to provide emergency care bags for every family with a pediatric emergency. Along with the emergency bags, we grant wishes to hospitals needing pediatric supplies.



**Do you like kids?** The Christian Education team is looking for Sunday School teachers. You can teach alone or team teach with another adult. We have substitutes available for Sundays you are unable to teach. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Michelle Gargulak (234-2484 or [mgargulak@gmail.com](mailto:mgargulak@gmail.com)).



**New Banner for Baptisms**

We have a new baptism banner thanks to Norma Thompson and Ardys White. In February, they attended a funeral for Floyd's brother, Duane, at Trinity Lutheran in Osceola. Though this banner is used for baptisms, Duane's wife, had it displayed at the funeral. They were so moved by it that they asked about the maker. Churchmember, Sherry Lueck of Scandia, MN, designed and made the banner. She graciously loaned them the design. Each child baptized in the future will have their name on this banner for the day. (Note: In the May issue of Lutheran Woman Today there was an article about a lady who had a stone with this verse placed on her husband's grave).

**Mark your Calendars!** On Sunday, August 9th we will be having a Friendship Sunday! This is a day to invite someone to join you for worship. There will be some very special music that day as well: Trees on the Moon, a college-aged band from Cumberland will be playing for us that morning. So invite a friend or neighbor to join you that day!

Also, that evening we will have an **Old Fashioned Church picnic** on our church grounds. Join us at 6pm. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. Games and Smores to follow the meal.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! (Put your MARK on First Lutheran)** The Church Home Management Team has decided that a lot of painting needs to be done here at First Lutheran. The education rooms have probably NOT been painted since the addition was built 20 years ago!! We would like members to sign up for a room or area as listed out in the fellowship hall list.

**THE LIST** will be out in the fellowship hall for signing up, so volunteer and also bring your spouse, friends, or family to help! Lets make this a fellowship/family time to participate with our *time and talents* and have a fun work adventure and project.

We feel that most rooms would take 2-4 people and about 1-2 hours of prep time (taking down signs and wall hangings and placing masking tape). Then the painting of ceilings and walls would probably take another couple of hours! We will have paint, brush's, rollers, and plastic drop cloth available.

We will NOT paint over the existing murals! If you have any questions see a Church Home Management member: Jeff Anderson, Gene Bussewitz, Roger Hilde, Dale Lake, Wayne Mathison, Ron Niemann, or Bob White.

GET signed up and use your time and talent. Thanks.



**Carb Feed is coming! It is Friday, August 28th** and we will be looking for volunteers to set up, prepare, serve and clean up. There will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall mid-July. Join us - It's fun!

*Pasta Dinner*

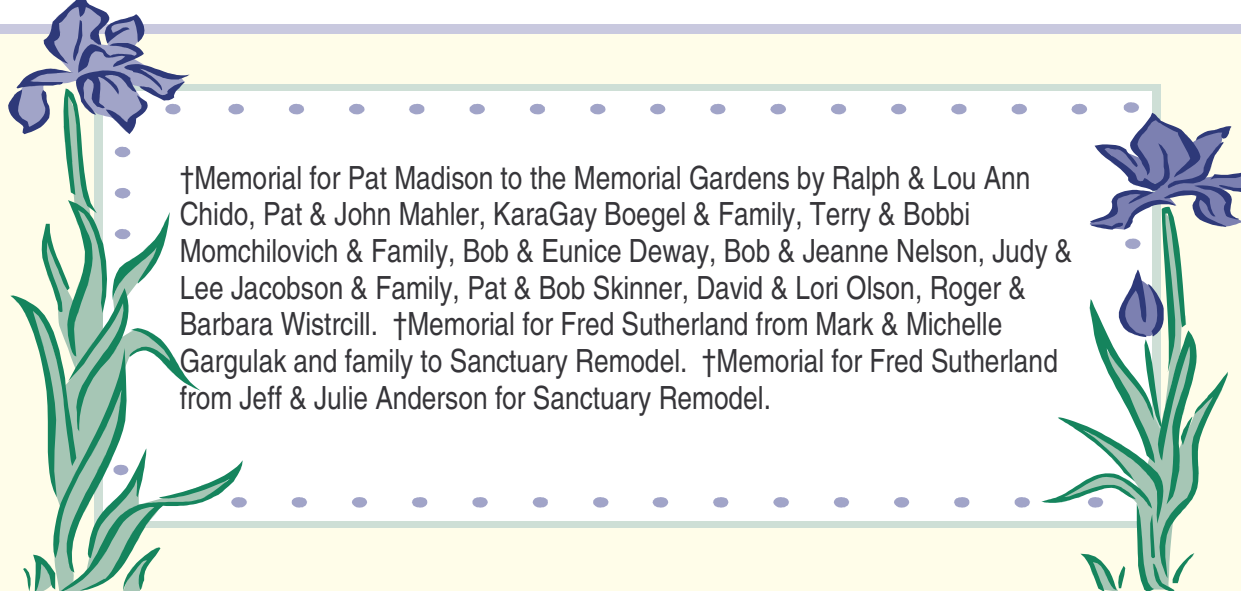


**Two new Pentecost Banners created by Kay Christensen. Thank you Kay.**

**First Lutheran Church  
January -May, 2009**

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>BLDG MORTGAGE FUND</u>	<u>MISSION FUND</u>
2009 OFFERING	\$76,142	\$6,949	\$4,556
2008 OFFERING	\$69,156	\$4,008	\$2,587
<b>DIFFERENCE:</b>	<b>\$6,986</b>	<b>\$2,941</b>	<b>\$1,969</b>
2009 OFFERING	\$76,142	\$6,949	\$4,556
2009 ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$79,330	\$5,001	\$4,875
<b>DIFFERENCE:</b>	<b>(\$3,189)</b>	<b>\$1,948</b>	<b>(\$319)</b>
2009 BUDGET AMT NEEDED {IF ALL BUDGET ITEMS WERE PAID}	\$83,552	\$5,300	\$4,542

Report Submitted by Lori Nyhus, Treasurer



†Memorial for Pat Madison to the Memorial Gardens by Ralph & Lou Ann Chido, Pat & John Mahler, KaraGay Boegel & Family, Terry & Bobbi Momchilovich & Family, Bob & Eunice Deway, Bob & Jeanne Nelson, Judy & Lee Jacobson & Family, Pat & Bob Skinner, David & Lori Olson, Roger & Barbara Wistrill. †Memorial for Fred Sutherland from Mark & Michelle Gargulak and family to Sanctuary Remodel. †Memorial for Fred Sutherland from Jeff & Julie Anderson for Sanctuary Remodel.



Thank you Bob White and Bill Stovall for fixing the plaster in the Friendship Room.  
 Thank you Youth and Bob White for painting the garage.  
 Thank you Dale Lake and Brent Colburn for fixing the dish washer.  
 Thank you Dave Grove, son-in-law Patrick and Jerry Severson for constructing and placing the memorial benches.