

Crosswalk

Newsletter of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho

Dear Brothers and Sisters of First Evangelical Lutheran Church,

So how do you vote? True or False? "The more confident we become in the grace of God, the more careless we become in our life of prayer, scripture reading and worship." So how do you vote on that? True or False? Martin Luther would vote "true" because it is a quote from his own mouth and pen.

I wonder. How is it that you decide to manage your life as a child of God? And what part does grace play in your life? And what is the fruit of God's grace in your life? Does it allow you to become more careless in your life? Martin Luther, the champion of grace, would shudder if that were where all of this takes you.

We have had a lot of baptisms over these last months and it has caused me to recall a baptism I did over 25 years ago. Everything went as planned for the baptism and after the service I was visiting with the mom of the baptized child and I said, "Well, I look forward to seeing you at worship and bringing your little girl along with you so she can be raised and nurtured in the faith." The mom looked at me and said she doubted she would be doing that. And I replied, "But she was just baptized into this faith and you made promises before God and this congregation to nurture her in that faith." And her response was, "But God will forgive me if I don't keep any of those promises, right?" I was dumbfounded and didn't know what to say. That little girl is around twenty-eight years old now. I wonder about her life journey and the part faith plays in her life. It is no wonder we are experiencing a crisis in our Lutheran Church.

I wonder how it is that you decide how you

will nurture your faith. With your body, if you don't feed it, it will die. Could the same be said for your faith? How does it stay alive and vibrant? I recently heard one of my teachers say, "I need to be in church worshipping every week, because my faith can only live for 7 days without needing to be nurtured and refreshed."

Do you need to make the decision every week as to whether or not you will be in worship? And what is the basis of your decision? Nothing better to do. Calendar is pretty empty. You can fill in your own reasons. I wonder though if your reasons for not being in worship would fly with your boss at work. Do you make a conscious

decision to go to work? No, you just get up and go. Do you make a conscious decision to go to school? No, you just get up and go.

I am so thankful that in my North Dakota home, Sunday morning worship was never an option, not even in the summer. From the time I can remember until going off to college, I think I can remember 3 times when I missed worship. Once my mom was real sick. Once I was in the hospital. And I can't remember what happened the third time. Was it always exciting? No, not much different from school. Was the sermon always a grand slam? Seldom, Even many high paid baseball players get on base less than thirty percent of the time. None of that made any difference. We went because that's what the people of God do. Somewhere, some way in the context of Sunday worship, faith gets nourished and life in Christ continues. Don't let Sunday worship ever be an option for you. It is the place for you to be. That is why it is called **SON**day. That's why we are commanded, "**Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy.**"

May God continue to create this hunger inside of you for Him. *Pastor Larry*



Congregational campout

August 17-19

Buttermilk Campground

Island Park, Idaho

Floating/fishing through Box Canyon
Potluck Saturday night
Church Service Sunday



Please sign up at the church office so we have an estimate of how many folks are coming. We can start using the campsite anytime after 2:00 on Friday with checkout on Sunday at 12:00 noon.

The directions to the Buttermilk Campground are: Take Highway 20 north and turn west (left) on the Kilgore-Yale Road (across from Elk Creek Gas Station). Go two miles to the Buttermilk Loop Road. Turn left and go two miles and you will see the sign for Buttermilk Campground on the right.

Planned Events:

Floating/fishing through Box Canyon tentatively at 10:00 am Saturday
(we need someone to lead this activity)
Potluck supper on Saturday night at 6:30 pm
(bring your own meat and grill, beverage, and a dish to share)
Church Service at 10:00 am Sunday at Little Chapel of the Pines



Optional/Unscheduled events:

Hiking, fishing, golf, volleyball, horseshoes, sight-seeing



Where our Benevolence Dollars go. . .

Summer has certainly started with a bang this year, especially for those who have experienced severe storms, tornadoes, flash flooding, and wildfires.

In Texas, Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response is busy monitoring and assessing the damage from flooding that has plagued the northern portion of the state over the last month. In these areas, we are partnering with the American Red Cross and others who are still providing shelter and other care for those who have been evacuated from their homes. Hardship grant assistance will be provided to several households identified as having lost a majority of their personal property. As the full extent of the communities' needs become apparent, we will shape our response accordingly.

We are also monitoring the situation in and around South Lake Tahoe where wildfires have raged. Lutheran Disaster Response will assess the needs there as well—especially of those in the service industry and others who help operate this heavy tourist area.

These disasters are strong reminders to all of us that we should take time to make sure that our own households are prepared for whatever might happen.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

Two down, two to go!

In an attempt to spend time this summer with different groups of people at First Lutheran, I have already spent a week with 20 of our high school students and 8 adults on the mission to Mexico; and Wendy and I have spent a week at Luther Heights with some of our Junior High youth. In August we will be spending some time with congregational members at both Holden Village and the Congregational campout. Our signups for Holden Village congregational event were not what we had hoped for, but we are going to attend nonetheless. We enjoy the opportunities we have to be with different age groups in the congregation. We hope that those of you we are involved with enjoy the times as well. Wendy and I are also trying to weave in some vacation time before the busy fall programs begin. Pastor Larry

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE - August, 2007

DATE	ACOLYTES & CRUCIFERS	LITURGISTS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	READER	GREETERS	USHERS & COORDINATORS	COUNTERS
August 5* 9:30 am	Kaisa Katainen+, Jori Katainen, Ben Crumley	Dianna Johnston	None Needed	Carole Mason	Jill Woltermann	Doug Swanson#, Greg and Kathy Katainen	Katainens
August 12* 9:30 am	Patrick McIlwain+, Hailey Patterson, Kayla Patterson	None Needed	None Needed	Courtney Bean	Jeanna Ritter, Harrison Duling	Jim Sahr#, Paul Worth, Jerry Townsend	Briam Johnson, Bill Hulse
August 19* 9:30 am	Sara Jeffs+, Brooke Treutel, Miranda Treutel	Joel Hubbell	None Needed	Joy Hubbell	Dora Evans	Alan Kirsch#, Scott Berger, Al Yonk	Katainens
August 26* 9:30 am	Rhett Backstrom+, Anaka Backstrom, Adam Craig	Steve Galbraith	None Needed	Julie Tullis	Duane and Sharon Craig	Dick Lindquist#, Lisa Swenson, Steve Bengston	Koodas

*=Holy Communion, +=Cross Bearers, # = Coordinator



August Birthdays

Bergquist, Susan	1	Stevens, Cherie	5	Kelley, Gary	11	Baumgart, Bruce	21	Stolworthy, Jacob	27
Forbord, Taegann	1	Hall, Jennifer	7	Moratzka, Drazen	12	Daniels, Brian	21	Guilford, Dale	28
Paulson, Nina	1	Furstenau, Heisuk	8	Muth, Dave	14	McAllen, Jim	21	Fawcett, Ashley	29
Cox, Kurt	2	Pavlock, Heinrich	8	Ellingson, Bree	15	Christenson, Ginny	23	Paulson, Dennis	29
Magnuson, Linda	2	Shadley, Justin	8	Furstenau, Raymond	15	Wilde, Ned	23	Turk, Bob	29
McIlwain, Melissa	2	Wilson, Andrea	8	Griffin, Whitney	17	Tenerowicz, John	24	Powell, DeAnn	30
Hanneman, Madison	3	Stockton, Aaron	10	Sahr, Judy	17	Maria, Stephen	25	Adolfson, Bob	31
Malone, Audrey	3	Dineen, Marge	11	Thomas, Beverly	18	Macfarlane, Darlene	26	Guillen, Donna	31
McDannel, Adrienne	3	Eames, Norma	11	Bridges, Renee	20	Cleverly, Michelle	27		
Matheson, Staci	5	Friesen, Candice	11	Harris, Mallory	20	Friesen, Jayden	27		

<i>First Evangelical Lutheran Church</i> <i>AUGUST 2007</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School	30 6:00 PM Hunters Ed (Fellowship Hall) 8:00 PM AA	31	1 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 4:00 PM Book Club (Lounge)	2 9:00 AM Sew Fun 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch	3	4
5 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Worship and Music Team Meeting 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School	6 6:30 PM Hunters Ed (Classroom) 8:00 PM AA	7 7:00 PM MM Mtg	8 6:30 PM Hunters Ed (Classroom)	9 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch 6:30 PM Hunters Ed (Classroom) 7:00 PM SM Cont Ed/Supervision	10 1:00 PM "Out TO Lunch Bunch" @ White Water Grill	11
12 9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Adult Sunday School	13 6:30 PM Hunters Ed (Classroom) 8:00 PM AA	14 9:00 AM Happy Stitches 5:00 PM Outreach 6:30 PM Finance 6:45 PM C&C Mtg. 7:30 PM Chair Mtg 8:00 PM Team Mtg	15 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 6:30 PM Hunters Ed (Classroom)	16 9:00 AM Sew Fun 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch	17 Newsletter Deadline Congregational Camp Out at Island Park 9:00 AM Prayer Group (lounge) 6:30 PM Hunters Ed (Classroom)	18 7:30 AM Men in Mission - Breakfast @ Fairwinds Congregational Camp Out at Island Park
19 Congregational Camp Out at Island Park 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Worship at Little Church in the Pines	20 8:00 PM AA	21 7:30 PM Executive Council	22 9:00 AM Staff Mtg/Staff Retreat	23 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch 7:00 PM SM Cont Ed/Supervision	24	25
26 9:30 AM Worship	27 8:00 PM AA	28 9:00 AM Happy Stitches 7:30 PM Council Mtg.	29 9:00 AM Newsletter Folding 10:00 AM Staff Mtg	30 10:00 AM Kaffeeklatsch	31	1

New Class Being Offered

Christian Caregiving—A Way of Life

Sunday nights in October

Starting on Sunday evening, October 7, and continuing for the next three Sunday evenings, two of our Stephen Leaders, Nancy Duff and Joanne Glissendorf, will be leading a class on the book *Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life*. This class will give you some insight into the various tools and skills that our Stephen Ministers use in their caring relationships. The knowledge gained from this class may be helpful in your relationships with family and friends.

Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life is written by Kenneth Haugk. Dr. Haugk is the founder of the Stephen Series system of lay caring ministry and is an ordained minister and clinical psychologist. We will cover various chapters in the book such as:

- God as the Caregiver
- Why Care?
- Servanthood vs. Servitude
- Tools of the Trade.

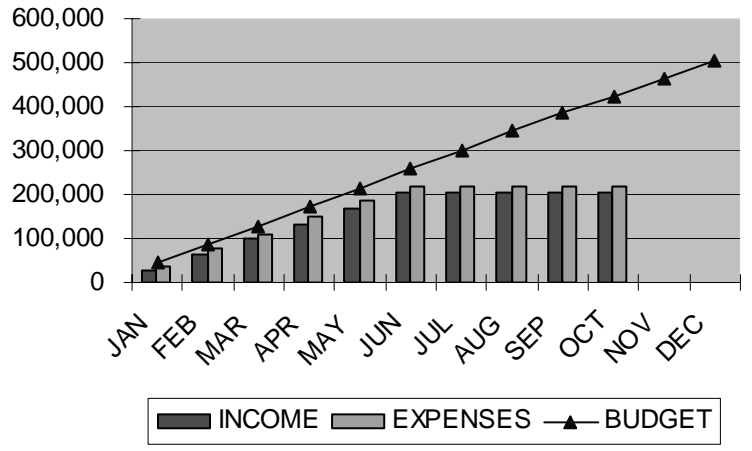
Please consider signing up for this exciting new class. Maybe you have privately been wondering what kinds of skills would be helpful to know when a person is going through a rough period in their life or has just lost someone dear to them. Maybe you have questions and want to learn more about what Stephen Ministry could do to improve your life. **The class will meet October 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 7:00—9:00 pm in the church lounge.**

Each participant is required to purchase a copy of the book. We will need to order books in September. Please sign up soon so we know how many copies to order. The books are \$13.95 plus shipping and handling.

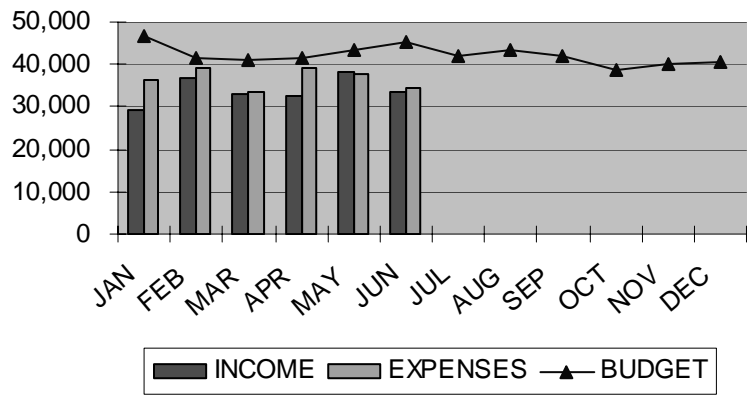
You may register for the class by calling: Nancy Duff at 523-4490, Joanne Glissendorf at 522-9288, or Kymm at the church office at 522-9301.



General Fund Cumulative Summary - 2007



General Fund Monthly Summary - 2007



CURRENT MONTH: JUNE	
Current Month Income	33,366.77
Current Month Expenses	34,212.36
Difference	(845.59)
Year to Date Income	202,802.34
Year to Date Expenses	220,405.82
Difference	(17,603.48)
Budget Comparison 2007	
Year to Date Income	202,802.34
Year to Date Budget	259,196.88
Difference	(56,394.54)

Dear Friends at First Lutheran,
 Jan and the families of Pastor Bob wish to thank you for the love and support shown them during Bob's lengthy confinement in Idaho Falls Health & Rehab through your prayers, visits, and many hugs for Jan. Your cards and gifts brightened his days and mine, and your expressions of comfort and sympathy at the time of his death have given us strength for the day. Hearing your expressions of love and respect for him makes our loss bearable. Special thanks to our Ministry Team who regularly brought us Communion, prayed with us, and lifted our spirits with the Good News. Thanks be to God!



In Christian love,
 Jan Larsen and family

Also:
 Thank you for the beautiful floral piece for Bob's Memorial Service. We are so blessed to be a part of this caring church home. Bob missed being at church so much, but I'm confident he is worshipping his God in an unimaginable setting—Heaven!

In Christian love,
 Jan Larsen and family

Thank you First Lutheran!!!
 We all had a great week and made sure the kids did, too. The support from your congregation is truly a blessing!
 God's Peace,
 Day Camp Counselors

Dear First Lutheran,
 The family of Sharon Bowman wants to thank you for the beautiful service. Pastor Jeff was so helpful in planning and performing the service. Ladies, the luncheon was excellent. We sincerely appreciated it. Everything was just perfect.
 Sue Cox and Sharon Bowman's family

REACHING OUT WITH OUR PRAYERS AND CONCERN FOR

- Cal Miller on the death of his mother, Irma
- Carol Christensen & family on the death of her father, Frank Ralph
- Sue Cox on the death of her sister, Sharon Bowman
- Major Paul Gronbeck serving in Iraq
- Gordon Rhiger's mother, Inge
- Deb Bean's mom, Patty Wolfe
- Mark Lincoln and family
- Dick & Mary Johnson's granddaughter, Kelsi Hansen
- Martha Wentzel's dad, Nelson Gilbert
- Vicki Krogstrand's husband, Bill Beach
- Family of Donna Winger on her death
- Anne McDannel's niece, Tina Isaak
- Johanna Anderson
- Cheryl Gordon
- Ashley Higley
- McKinley Owens
- David Castner
- Linda Magnuson
- Kent Krotzer
- Ned Wilde
- Harold Holm

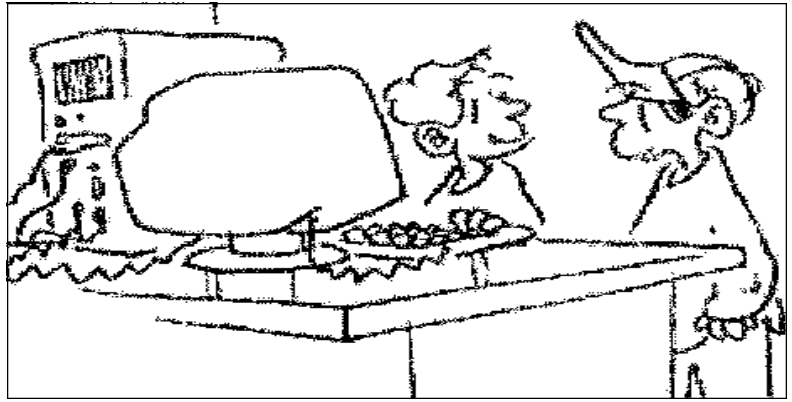


AND GIVING THANKS FOR

- The baptism of Alexah Meagan Newman

Just for fun. . . .

- Kid-isums:
Dear God, Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now. *Amanda*
- Dear God,** I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everyone in the whole world. There are 4 people in our family and I can never do it. *Nancy*
- Dear God,** I like the story about Noah the best of all of them. You really made up some good ones. I like walking on water, too. *Glenn*
- Dear God,** In Bible times did they really talk that fancy? *Jennifer*
- Dear God,** Do you draw the lines around the countries? If you don't, who does? *Nathan*



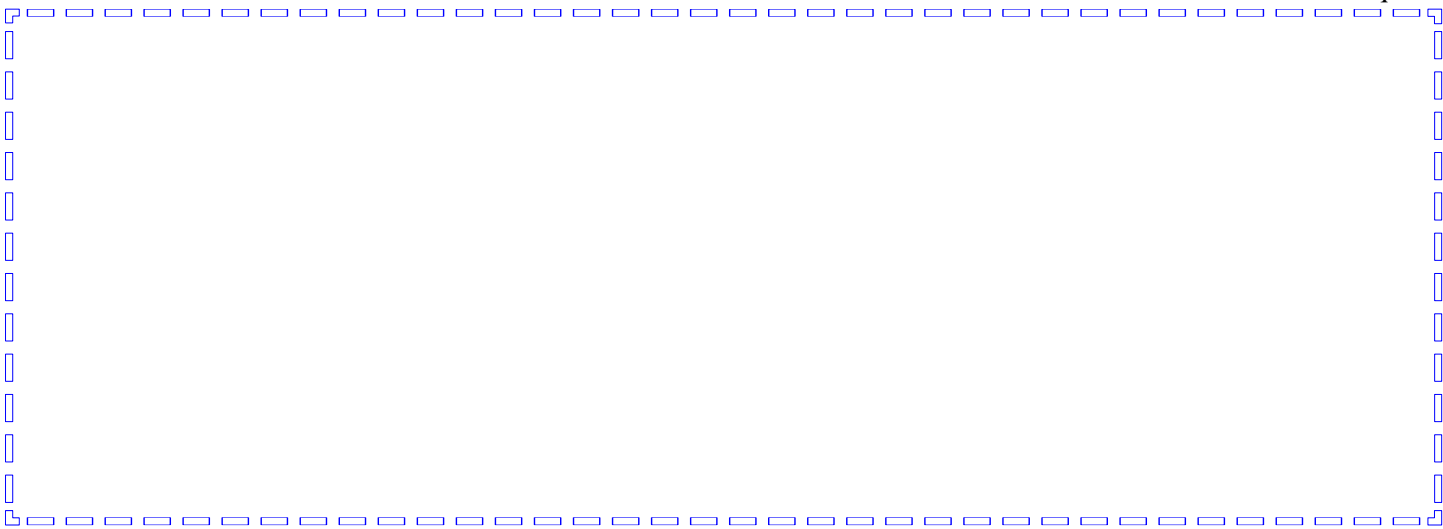
"Let's type in some Old Testament verses and watch the spell-check go crazy."

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 OR e-mail items to: tiffanyaldinger@hotmail.com and knsg@dcdi.net**

SUNDAY
 SCRIPTURE
 LESSONS

August 5: Eccles 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Ps 49:1-12, Col 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21
 August 12: Gen 15:1-6, Ps 33:12-22, Heb 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
 August 19: Jer 23:23-29, Ps 82, Heb 11:29—12:2, Luke 12:49-56
 August 26: Isa 58:9b-14, Ps 103:1-8, Heb 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17