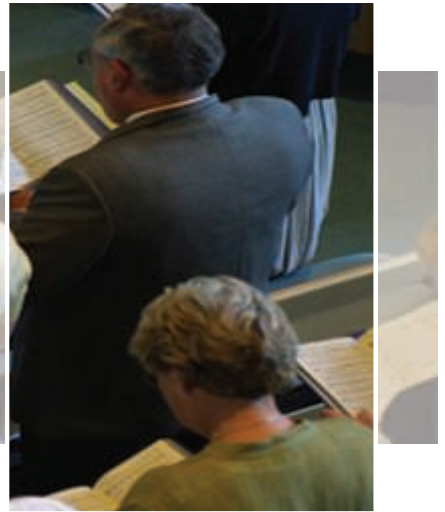


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LENTEN SERIES FOR 2009

Worship on Sundays & Wednesdays in March offers a six week course on Faith and Community

Sunday morning worship will take us week by week through the major ideas of Christian faith. Think of each **Sunday as one session in a 'refresher course' in the Catechism. Each week scripture, the Small Catechism, and the Pastor's message will focus on understanding and applying the language of our faith toward the renewal of our community.**

The Sunday schedule for March is:

- MAR 1 BAPTISM: **PERMISSION TO LIVE THE 'GOOD' LIFE** - 1 PETER 3:18-22
- MAR. 8 FAITH: FREEDOM TO DO THE **'RIGHT'** THING - ROMANS 4:13-25
- MAR. 15 THE CROSS: A REASON FOR **'RADICAL'** BEHAVIOR - 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25
- MAR. 22 GRACE: **'GIFT'** YOURSELF FORWARD - EPHESIANS 2:1-10
- MAR. 29 SERVANTHOOD: FINALLY, **'PURPOSE'** FOR YOUR EGO - HEBREWS 5:5-10

Wednesday worship will begin at 6:45pm. A soup supper will precede each service. These evening services will **be using titles and themes first developed in the book "Better Together" by Rick Warren. Each service will promote bible study and commentary on the themes of Christian community. Our liturgy will be 'Holden Evening Prayer' by Marty Haugen.**

The Wednesday evening schedule for March is:

- WED. MAR. 4 **WE'RE COMMISSIONED TO REACH OUT TOGETHER!**
- WED. MAR. 11 **WE'RE CHOSEN TO FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER!**
- WED. MAR. 18 **WE'RE CONNECTED TO GROW TOGETHER!**
- WED. MAR. 25 **WE'RE CALLED TO SERVE TOGETHER!**

Whether you are a long-standing member of the church or someone exploring faith for the first time these services are offered for your renewal in faith and life.

Our Mission Statement

We are called to awaken the Spirit of Christ...

In ourselves, through a commitment to a life of learning, worship, and prayer.

In our community, by dedication to the renewal of our family, our neighbors, and the disenfranchised, by the practice of our faith through acts of justice, mercy, and kindness.

In our world, by nurture of compassionate partnership with diverse cultures to strengthen our common faith, for the enrichment of all people in Christ Jesus.



From the Pastor

Time for Lent

This past month much was written and spoken throughout the media on the 200th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. In reading the articles and listening to the historians recount his words and deeds one quote caught my attention and fixed itself in my mind.

Apparently, Lincoln suffered bouts of severe depression and at one point had retreated into himself to such a degree that friends feared he would do himself in. They found Lincoln and confronted him with their fears. His **response went something like this: "While I did feel so badly that I might as well die, I concluded that I must not end my life as I had not yet done something good for the world for which I might be remembered."** (A *paraphrase*)

Lincoln came to a precipice in his life that could easily have caused his death. Many of us come to similar if less dramatic points and we back away frustrated. We may resolve to do something special or begin new **habits, but after the moments of danger have passed we usually don't do much to change.** We retreat without renewal.

Lincoln's great accomplishments are the stuff of legend, but ours tend to be smaller and much more private or never take place at all. We tend to live with our frustrations as though they were the price of being alive. But such a price keeps us debtors to our failings and our lack of faith. The season of Lent, often seen as a dour time of self-examination, was for Jesus a time of walking the edge of the precipice and pondering what life would be like if he simply walked away from the cross. This hardly seems dour to me. Intense, yes. Serious, absolutely. But sullen and resigned? No. For Jesus, the season of Lent is the unfolding of purpose that must finally come from our frustrations over injustice, loss, and pain. *Lent* is a time to call out beyond the boundaries of our fears to the ears **of God. It's called prayer.**

Lent is a time to walk away from the things that keep us ashamed and **instead walk toward the things that enrich our souls. It's called discipline.** *Lent* is a time to forgive everyone who has ever harmed us of everything they ever did to us. This is called taking Grace seriously enough to practice it on yourself as well as others.

Lent is a time to search for that one good thing you must do for the sake **of another, and then do it without expecting to be thanked. It's called love for the sake of love.**

History is relieved at Lincoln's resolve to remain in the world to do some good thing. The season of Lent is given to us as a reminder that Jesus has **died so you and I don't have to. We are left behind to do the next good thing.** Permission has been granted. And even if no one else notices what **you've done, He will remember you.**

Pastor Dave

NEW MINISTRY FOR 30 TO 50 YEAR OLDS

Awakening
the spirit of Christ
... **In you!**

Mondays in March will offer social gatherings for those members of FLCC who are between the ages of 30 to 50.

Pastor Dave has organized a series of one hour events to meet on Monday evenings from 7 to 8 beginning on March 9th. Each week will feature a video presentation on faith and society, a discussion time, coffee provided by Equal Exchange and desserts catered by **Jack's Bakery of Brooklyn Park.**

Reservations are preferred, so check your mail for the invitation from the church office and mail in the stamped postcard response. Child care will be provided for all events.

If you would like to help Pastor arrange these events, please email him at dfolkerts@firstlcc.org or call 763-537-4576.



Monday Night Fellowship



CHURCH BANNERS AND FLAGS

- a continuing series on objects in the worship space

Worship In March

Mar. 1 First Sunday in Lent
8:00 am Worship—Holy Communion
9:30 am Worship—Holy Communion

Mar. 4 Wednesday
6:45 pm Lenten Worship

Mar. 8 Second Sunday in Lent
Nigeria Partnership Sunday
8:00 am Worship
9:30 am Worship
11:00 am W. African Worship

Mar. 11 Wednesday
6:45 pm Lenten Worship

Mar. 15 Third Sunday in Lent
8:00 am Worship—Holy Communion
9:30 am Worship—Holy Communion

Mar. 18 Wednesday
6:45 pm Lenten Worship

Mar. 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:00 am Worship
9:30 am Worship
11:00 am W. African Worship

Mar. 25 Wednesday
6:45 pm Lenten Worship

Mar. 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent
8:00 am Worship
9:30 am Worship

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Bring the family to Wednesday night soup suppers preceding worship. Soup, bread, and beverages will be served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



BANNERS have been used since the sixth century, but have only recently gained wide popularity. Banners are meant, by their nature, to be carried in procession and stored after each use, rather than be placed as a fixed or semi-permanent feature in the worship space. The purpose of the banner is to employ colors and symbols to represent the day or season being celebrated. The best banners are visually symbolic and should not use words to convey their meaning.

Only well-designed and well-made banners, scaled to the size of their function and the space, should be used to adorn the place of worship. They should be used sparingly and never in a manner that clutters the space or obscures the central furnishings.

FLAGS National flags are political symbols that mark the divisions of humankind, so they do not belong in a space where we celebrate our baptismal oneness as citizens under the sovereignty of God. Symbols used in the church should affirm the unity that all peoples can know Christ through baptism and national flags by their nature are exclusive and therefore are contrary to Galatians 3: 27-28 NIV (*for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus*), which affirms our oneness in Christ. National flags may be placed in such rooms as fellowship halls or other meeting places, where **they are often needed by scout troops, etc.** The 'Christian flag' is unnecessary in the space where we focus on the cross and the crucifix.

Submitted to the glory of God,
Pat Hamm and Bernie Swanson
Co-coordinators of Altar Guild



ALTAR FLOWERS

Recently, the Worship Team made a decision to use one large bouquet on the altar rather than two small bouquets beside the altar. The result is a more visually effective altar area.

When you donate flowers, you may take the bouquet home after the last service. The vases may be metal, plastic, or glass, but should be returned when the flowers are done as the vases are recycled with our florist. You can drop off the vases on the window ledge outside the sacristy or in the church office.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TIME TALENTS AND OFFERINGS



Lenten folders offer time for personal reflection and sacrifice

On Ash Wednesday we started our 40-day journey toward Easter Sunday and you should have received a Lenten folder to use on your **journey. If you didn't receive a folder, you can pick one up in the church office.** Half of the Lenten folder money will go to the NEAR Foodshelf. For every dollar we give, NEAR can purchase 20 pounds of food. The other half will be used to replace the handicap accessible sidewalk on the west side of the building. It has developed cracks and unevenness as well as allowing water to trickle down the basement wall. This needs **to be done for safety's sake so we are soliciting your generous support.** The cost will be approximately \$2000.

MINISTRY TEAM OPENINGS

It's time to find replacements for the upcoming vacancies on the ministry teams. Team members begin new terms after the May congregational meeting. We need willing volunteers for:

- Council - oversees, plans, finalizes, governs
- Stewardship - cultivates a spirit of generosity
- Worship - oversees worship life
- Church Life and Growth - inreach and outreach to our congregation
- Education - Sunday School and Vacation Bible School
- Youth - programs and spiritual growth
- Property - building and grounds



Please consider and pray about joining one of the teams when sign-up comes around beginning March 1.

*When God is about to do something great,
He starts with a difficulty;
when He is about to do something truly magnificent,
He starts with an impossibility.*

- Armin Gesswein

March Food Drive

IMAGINE ...

If every Minnesotan shared with **their local food shelf...**

The idea is so simple. What if we all shared what we could with our local food shelf? Minnesota Foodshare has run the March Food Drive campaign for 26 years, bringing faith communities, schools, businesses, and civic groups together to collect and distribute food and funds to local food shelves.

What is the goal for 2009?

Minnesota FoodShare's goal is 10 million pounds and dollars of food. It's the largest goal to date, set to meet the growing need in our state. There has been a 13% increase in visitors to MN Food shelves but less than 3% rise in food donations. If every Minnesotan gave just \$2 to the campaign, the goal would be reached!

Monetary donations are preferred since food shelves can stretch your dollars further with access to discount programs and products. Money also gives the food shelf the flexibility to purchase perishable items. During March and April, cash donations are being matched by the Feinstein Corporation to make your dollars go even further. Food donations are also very welcome. Bring your donations to the NEAR Food Bin in the church narthex during March. Paper products, personal hygiene, baby formula, and cleaning products are also needed. With your contributions, we can help those in need in these tough economic times.



SPRING IS COMING!

That means the **Women's Spring Luncheon** will be here soon!

Saturday, April 18 will be the Spring Salad Luncheon featuring the Gospel Blessings Trio.

Watch for more information in the weekly bulletins during March.



Marriage Encounter Weekend

Make a Good Marriage Great!

No matter how good a marriage is, it can be improved. Even the best marriages can find new meaning and deepened joy on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend, whether married for a short time or for many years.

In a relaxed atmosphere four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room. There is no **counseling and no group sharing.** You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 7:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm.

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in Minnesota is April 24-26 in Brooklyn Center. Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahan at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

FLCWOMEN'S NEWS



Grace and peace to you all.

March is Minnesota Food share Month. With the increased need at the foodshelf let's be more generous than ever this month during the matching time.

Thrivent Financial gave us \$400 for NEAR. NEAR chose to buy toilet paper with the money, one of the things that is not provided through their purchasing agent, 'Feeding America.' Every dollar we give NEAR can purchase 20 pounds of food.

Health kits are due April 15. We need wash cloths; hand towels; bathsize bars of soap in the wrapper; large-toothed combs, unwrapped; toothbrushes in the wrapper, and metal nail files or nail clippers with file attached, unwrapped. Donations of money are welcome; it costs Lutheran World Relief \$2 to send one kit overseas. They have asked us to make more kits, if we are able, as the need has increased.

Our disbursements from the Fall Festival monies are as follows:

World Missions:	God's Global Barnyard	\$330
	World Hunger, ELCA	\$330
	Global Health Ministries	\$330
	Feed My Starving Children	\$330
	Lutheran World Relief	\$250
	(plus the Thankoffering)	

Local Missions:	Dinner At Your Door	\$320
	NEAR	\$200
	Lutheran Social Service	\$200
	St. Olaf Lutheran Church	\$200
	Adults Saving Kids (ASK)	\$200
	Wapogasset Camperships	\$220

Our quilters have made 20 fleece lap robes for the St. Olaf Residence in North Minneapolis. The residents were extremely happy to receive them.

The Women's Ministry Team Meeting is Monday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

God is good....all the time.

Jackie Mortenson
FLCWomen's Coordinator

AN EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

will grace our sanctuary this Easter season. The cost is \$7.00 to \$8.00 per plant. Mark quantities of each flower. Make checks payable to First Lutheran Church of Crystal. The deadline for ordering flowers is Sunday, March 29th. Plants may be taken home after the last service on Easter day.

Please print all information.

Donated by _____ Phone _____

Dedication line to read *(please print using choices below)*

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In celebration of _____

To the glory of God _____

Total cost (attached) _____



Quantity	Flower	Description (to care for your plant)	Cost
_____	Easter lily	- white (moderate light, moist soil)	\$7.00
_____	Tulips	- multi colored (red, pinks)	\$8.00
_____	Hyacinths	- (8" prefers high light)	\$8.00
_____	Mums	(two tone/ pink & lavender, purple and lavender)	\$8.00

Exact colors will be determined by our supplier for the best color variation in our Easter garden.

If purchasing multiple plants, please indicate which plant is intended for each dedication line above.

YOUTH EVENTS IN MARCH

Time to think about camp and the summer mission trip

Mission Trip participants are selling flowers and plants to raise funds for their mission trip to Kansas City. Check with any of the youth group to pick up an order form or stop in the church office. Flowers will be **delivered Mother's Day weekend.**

Sunday, March 1st: Camp Wapo Informational Meeting and Gathering in the Youth Room (tentatively at 10:30am).

Friday, March 6th - Sunday, March 8th: Confirmation Retreat at Camp Wapo.

TIME TO THINK SUMMER CAMP!

Camp Wapo registration booklets are at the Welcome desk. Registrations are due Mar. 14. Camp scholarships are available for all youth interested in going to camp.



Summer Camp

*'Praise to a child
is as water
to a thirsty plant.'*

ADULT EDUCATION IN MARCH

Enjoy a wide variety of topics of local and international interest

Adult Forums are held Sunday mornings at 10:30 (or following the 9:30 a.m. worship) in the Community Room.

March 1 - NEWS ON COOPERATION WITH OTHER LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Presenter: Pastor Dave Folkerts

March 8 - STORIES FROM NIGERIA

Come and meet newly arrived Pastor Buntausa Amos, student at Luther Seminary. He and our friend, Pastor Sekenwa Moses Briska, will share experiences of Bronnum Seminary and news of our Companion Synod Partners.

March 15 - DEVELOPING NEW LEADERS FOR OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE

Presenter: Pastor Dave Folkerts

March 22 - THE STORY OF THE MASHIAH FOUNDATION IN NIGERIA
This is a place of refuge with a wholeistic approach to helping women and children whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. This Foundation was begun and is directed by a Minnesota Lutheran missionary and her Nigerian pastor husband.

Presenter: Denise Magnuson-Clark of Cambridge Lutheran Church who spent time at the Mashiah Foundation in the fall of 2008.

March 29 - LENTEN THEMES THROUGH THE ARTIST'S EYE

The events of Holy Week in the Christian Church have a rich heritage and interpretation in painting and art forms throughout history.

Presenter: Bettye Olson, Exhibiting Artist and Educator, Augsburg College

Men's Fellowship Dinner On March 1

CALLING ALL MEN! **Come to the men's fellowship dinner on March 1st.**

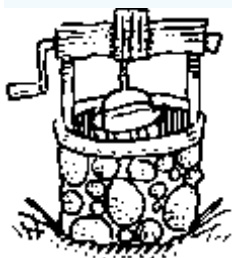
The cost is \$10.00 and all proceeds go to the Camp Wapo Scholarship fund to send young people to camp.



GLOBAL MISSION MINUTE

Celebrate Nigeria Partnership Sunday on March 8th

Our special guests on Sunday, March 8th, will be our friend Pastor Sekenwa Briska and a newly arrived student at Luther Seminary from Nigeria, Pastor Buntausa Amos. Pastor Buntausa Amos has most recently been teaching at Bronnum Seminary, the seminary which trains pastors for the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria. **Pastor Amos will be working on his Master's Degree at Luther Seminary.** Pastor Sekenwa is progressing toward getting his PhD in Pastoral Care. We are fortunate to have them in our community and are looking forward to their visit to First Lutheran. The two Nigerian pastors will bring us greetings from Nigeria and an update on our partner church in Mubi, Nigeria with news of the work in the outreach areas. The two Nigerian pastors will also be leading the Adult Forum that day.



“Water is life”

This was the answer given most often when Jay Johnson, water engineer, asked a local pastor, church elder, or village leader about why the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria should have a water program.” **Jay, a member of the Nigeria Health Care Team of the Minneapolis Area Synod, spent 7-weeks in Nigeria in April and May, 2008, surveying the water sources, water quality and water needs**

in villages in northeastern Nigeria. The majority of the villages he visited were rural with populations of 5,000 people or less, although he also observed the water conditions in the cities. Small villages primarily use traditional water sources such as streams, hand dug water holes and spring areas. Most streams dry up as the dry season progresses, and the villagers have to travel further and further for their water. A number of the villages also have hand dug wells or boreholes drilled deeper by machine. Some of these wells and boreholes have been drilled by the government. Many of the hand dug wells dry up during the dry season or become contaminated. Pumps sometimes quit working and are never repaired.

One of Jay's findings and recommendations relates directly to our FLCW soap and health kit collection. Poor sanitation including the lack of soap and training in the importance of hand washing is a big factor in well contamination.

The desire for a reliable, clean water source near to the people was universal in all the villages Jay visited. The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (LCCN) together with its partners Minneapolis Area Synod, Danish Mission Africa, and Global Health Ministries is using the information Jay gathered together with information from each of the diocese in the Nigeria to begin formulating a plan to improve the water quality and availability in Northeast Nigeria.

Each diocese will identify an experienced technical person to assist with ongoing repair needs.

Each village project will have a trained water committee to assume responsibility in their community before projects are begun.

For the first 2 years, priority will be given to rehabilitation of existing boreholes, wells and equipment rather than new borehole development.

The first projects are at the Bible Schools at Pella and Dashen and the hospital at Demsa.

Monetary gifts to help with water development in Nigeria can be given through the Synod ‘Making a World of Difference’ Fund.

NIGERIAN PASTORS COME TO FIRST LUTHERAN ON MARCH 8



**Pastor Sekenwa Briska,
Mubi, Nigeria
is at Luther Seminary for his
PhD in Pastoral Care**



**Pastor Buntausa Amos,
Bronnum Seminary in Nigeria,
now attending Luther Seminary**

CHURCH LIFE AND GROWTH NEWS

Upcoming projects for spring

1. PACKAGES TO SERVICE PERSONNEL.

Thank You to Vicky Swartwood, Charlene Lewis, and Kathy Carlson for volunteering to assist with this project. Watch for a list of items needed the bulletin. Thank You all for your generous giving.

MILITARY ADDRESSES
are needed to send these boxes



Packages for the Military

out. Please contact the church office with address if you want a box sent to your special serviceman or woman.

2. MARCH NEAR FOOD DRIVE

There is a greater need this year than in past years. As jobs are lost more and more families are using the food shelf. Watch for a display in the narthex in March.

Please consider making cash donations as these funds will be matched in March. NEAR can purchase more food items per dollar than we can purchase at a store. See page 4 for more details about this drive.

We thank you for the generous gifts you give all year long.

God Bless you, everyone!

Church Life and Growth
Ministry Team

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity House
Groundbreaking
date is set for April 26th



Awakening the spirit of Christ In our community!

You are invited to the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Habitat for Humanity home following the morning worship services on Sunday, April 26th. The home is a joint project of First Lutheran of Crystal, Thrivent Builds of the Twin Cities, and Habitat for Humanity. The property was **formerly the site of the churches parsonage in the 1960's and later an overflow parking lot.** After consultation with the church council and the vote of the congregation the property was sold to Habitat for Humanity in December of 2008.

The ceremonial groundbreaking will be a celebration of one article of the **mission statement of First Lutheran to 'awaken the spirit of Christ ...in our community'**. The event will feature leaders from the three partner organizations and acknowledge dozens of volunteers from neighboring congregations who will commit weeks of labor and expertise to the construction of the home. In addition to our own congregation members, we will be inviting residents from the surrounding neighborhood to join in **the celebration by hosting a giant 'picnic lunch'**. Area broadcast and print media representatives will also be present. **Details about the day's events will follow in the April edition of this newsletter.**

First Lutheran has committed its members to provide support to the work crews over the months of construction. We will be needing daily volunteers to be at the church every morning during the construction phase to make coffee (provided by Equal Exchange) and organize food and other refreshments. Please see Al Anderson or Jackie Mortenson to volunteer.

Mark your calendars! Plan on being a part of this day of renewal and hope.

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Adoption

Come to learn about the exciting opportunities and recent changes in adoption. Discover the tools and support for families who would like a flexible, proactive adoption process, and learn how LSS can partner with you to grow your family. LSS can help families adopt children locally, and from countries around the world. Call Lynne Hagggar at (612) 879-5230 to register for the 10:00 a.m. meeting at the Center for Changing Lives (Room 182) on Saturday, March 7, located at 2400 Park Avenue in Minneapolis. For more information, or to register online, visit www.minnesotaadoption.org.

March 2009

Number in parentheses behind meetings indicate which rooms are used for each group: 1. Conference Room • 2. Community Room • 3. Music Room • 4. Fellowship Hall • 5. Sanctuary • 6. Youth Room • 8. Chapel • 9. Sunday School Room
 Abbreviations: HC-Holy Communion • DAYD-Dinner At Your Door Deliveries • AA-Alcoholics Anonymous • SOS-Slim or Sorry Weight Loss • OA-Overeaters' Anonymous • RCC's-Recycling Card Club

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Welcome to First Lutheran Church of Crystal

Staff

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Church Office

Hours Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 am- 4:00 pm
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Worship Times

Sunday 8:00 9:30
W. African Liturgy (bi-weekly) 11:00
Saturday Prayer 6:00 pm

FAITH AND COMMUNITY FOCUS DURING LENT

Our Worship Focus
on Sundays and Wednesdays
in March will offer a six week
'Catechism' course
on Faith and Community.



Soup suppers will be served each Wednesday
from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Worship time is 6:45 p.m.