



# The Lectern

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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August 1, 2011

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## *Interruptions*

The pace of our world, both local and international, changes rapidly. How do we respond to the death of a criminal? What does our faith say about genetic cloning of human body parts? Is God punishing a particular area of the world through global weather change? If the country goes bankrupt should we say "I told you so" or pray for God's protection?

Second Sunday Interruptions will be regular breaks from adult Sunday School topics in order to give us the opportunity to discuss events close to the time they take place. As the title says, they will happen on the second Sunday of each month. Join us October 9 for our first

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**In Celebration for 39 years  
of ministry,  
for the blessing of being  
able to be a blessing  
through  
Meals on Wheels,  
please join us  
Sunday, August 28,  
at 10:30am worship.**

We will participate in a liturgy of closing and have a reception after the worship service. Raymond and Fannie will join with us, as will members of their congregations, former drivers and volunteers.

The following letter was sent to us in regards to Meals on Wheels.

*To the Congregation, Council & Pastors,*

*You are to be commended on your thirty-nine years of service through Meals on Wheels. Your ministry was a comfort and value to those provided with a lunch and supper at minimal cost.*

*Such a long and faithful service deserves recognition and praise as it comes to a conclusion. So I join all those who commend you in this celebration of service.*

*Your ministry to Jesus and his people through Meals on Wheels is part of the continued stewardship of First Lutheran during its 108 years of witness to the Lorain community.*

*Blessings,  
CLYDE*



"I thought Numbers was a book of the Bible."

## Redoing the church kitchen.

Design: Dave Champnoise

Use & cleanliness: Martha Zook & Peggy Chamberlain

Construction: Bob Schmidt

Fund raising: Diane Eswine

Transition: Sharon Kopronica & Marci Thiery

### Preliminary discussion

1. Need at least a six burner range, new not used.
2. Need two ovens.
3. Need 1 handwashing sink.
4. Need commercial garbage disposal.
5. Need commercial grease trap.
6. Need a three bowl sink, possibly keep current sink.
7. Need large refrigerator, possibly keep current commercial, stainless steel refrigerator.
8. Desire a "pot filler water tap" over the stove.
9. Desire a dishwasher, single bay.
10. Will probably need to start charging for use of kitchen & fellowship hall for cleaning & upkeep expenses.
11. Design needs to consider more than kitchen area as there are freezers and refrigerators throughout the building.
12. Serving windows may not be needed.

Next kitchen renovation meeting is Monday,  
September 26 at 7:00pm.

*The Pastors systematically pray for the congregation. They invite you to join them each week. Please keep these members and their families in your prayers for August.*

**Week of Aug 7** Laura Faulkner, Mark Faulkner, Doris Finkel, Frances Flynn, Daniel & Heather Forbes, Paula Forma

**Week of Aug 14** Leona Fraley, David Frame, Brandi Freeman, Doug & Faye Freeman, Bill Gale

**Week of Aug 21** Jeremy & Devon Gale, Kristen Gale, Roy & Lori Gale, Doris Garber

**Week of Aug 28** Iris & Gil Garlitz, Marcia & Tom Geary, Chuck Geisel, Joe & Janet George Sr,

### August Anniversaries

8/04	James & Lil Aten	55 yrs
	Jim & Goldie Saegert	49 yrs
8/06	Doug & Mary Jane Cogdell	17 yrs
8/11	David & Becky Dinwoodie	4 yrs
8/12	Mark & Carol Cavanaugh	44 yrs
	Jonathan & Jennifer George	9 yrs
	David & Wendi Paxton	5 yrs
8/13	Bill & Cheryl Emery	29 yrs
	Pastor Ben & Julie Wilson	24 yrs
8/16	David & Beverly Muska	31 yrs
8/17	Joe & Colleen Dominguez	20 yrs
8/18	Larry & Shermane Smith	38 yrs
	Bill & Linda Milchen	38 yrs
	Paula Forma & Peter Paslawski	27 yrs
8/19	Tim & Joyce Tillack	39 yrs
8/20	Linda & Gordon Hinshaw	49 yrs
	Dan & Marlee Franzen	18 yrs
8/21	Dale & Kim Preston	18 yrs
	Jennifer & Steve Cawthon	12 yrs
8/22	Barry & Sandy Jensen	24 yrs
8/23	Rai & Rita Roth	42 yrs
8/26	Roy & Lori Gale	33 yrs
8/30	Andy & Jane Cooper	64 yrs
8/31	Bill & Jean Cantu	55 yrs

## Thomas Merton once said

"In a time of drastic change one can be too preoccupied with what is ending or too obsessed with what seems to be beginning. In either case, one loses touch with the present and with its obscure and dynamic possibilities. What really matters is openness, readiness, attention, courage to face risk. You do not need to know precisely what is happening or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges of the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope."

## Men's Group

will meet on August 22 at 7:00pm (*note time change*) for popcorn and discussion. The main topic will be to schedule events for the coming year.

### Hats off to

-Brian Wentzel for earning the Certificate of Fellowship to the American Guild of Organists; and to the picnic committee. (The entertainment was fun. The food was fabulous.)

-and to the volunteers helping with Family Promise week.

## A Day in the Life

Dear Friends, we join Lucy again to finish a day in her life. After Lucy gets out of school at 1:30pm, she goes home to complete her chores. First, Lucy will wash the dishes left over from the day before and few from that morning. There is no water in their outside kitchen, so Lucy will collect water from inside. Then she will bring the water out and wash the dishes outside.



Lucy's next chore is to go into the bush and collect firewood to use for cooking and to sell at the local market. I cannot show you a photo of this because where they collect wood is a restricted area, set aside by the Forestry Department of Ghana. Anyone found and caught in there could be arrested. Sadly, selling this wood at the market is one of the only ways for families to make money. When the villagers go into the forest they are always on high alert to discard the wood they have found and run out of the forest to avoid being apprehended by security. Fetching firewood from the forest involves scouting for pieces of dead wood, or a tree that can be cut and let dry for collecting later. Then any collected wood needs to be safely taken out of the forest and divided between what they will use at home and what they will sell at the market.

After this full day of chores, school and more chores, Lucy and her family will go to bed around 10pm - only to wake up and start it all again the next day!

*Blessings, Ben*

## Parish Personals

Known to have been hospitalized or having procedures since the last Lectern: *John Duplaga, Ethan Andrew Ritchey, Greg Smith, Steve Cutnaw, Roy Gale and Lynn Krucinski.*

We grieve with families of our members, *Eileen McGee* and *Iona Sensheimer* at their deaths; and with *Bob Kayle* at the death of his brother, Richard with *Sandi Bruhn* and *Linda Martin* at the death of their uncle, Chester Kurant; and with *Louis McGee* at the death of his brother, James..

We keep *John* and *Allyn Duplaga* in our prayers at the loss of their residence because of a house fire. For those members who have asked how they can help, contact the church office.

*Jeff Penton, Lynn Krucinski* and *Don and Sheryl Hobart* send their thanks for the cards, calls and prayers during their recent hospital stays.

Congratulations to *Tom Bremke, Nate Donofrio* and *Nick Donofrio* for achieving Eagle Scout status this summer.



## In the hospital?

The Pastors would like to visit but the hospital doesn't call us about new admissions. If you are in, or will be in the hospital, please let the office know.

## A helping hand

is always needed for our programs to help the less fortunate. Packers needed Wednesday, August 10 from 9am to noon to pack food for the hungry. Helpers needed on Thursday, August 11 from 10am to noon to distribute and serve a meal or clean up from noon to 2pm.



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We welcome you to Worship and Holy Communion on Sundays at 8:15am, or 10:30am with Sunday School at 9:15am.

Nursery provided at 10:30am service.

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# Summer Bible Study

*A Gardener, two travelers and a cheat.*

Join the pastors and other members of the congregation at Lakeview Park (west end) for a devotional Bible study on Adam, Abraham, Sarah & Jacob.

8:00am

Four Wednesdays in August.

(August 3, 10, 17 & 24 )

Light snacks and coffee often provided.

## Free Farmers' Market

Black River Landing  
Wednesday-August 31  
1pm-5pm

Bring your picture ID and carrier for produce.  
Household eligibility guidelines will be followed.  
See church bulletin board for details.

## Blessing of Backpacks.

Have your students bring their backpacks to either the 8:15am or 10:30am worship services. Students will be called together for a blessing as they start the new academic year. This blessing is for students of all ages.

### Blessing for students' safety

Rally Day

September 11

**8:15am or 10:30am worship service.**

On this tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and the one other unknown target, we will also have prayers and memorials for our country's freedom from terrorism.



# LIBRARY NEWS

Heaven Is For Real. The story of a little boy's astounding trip to heaven and back by Pastor Todd Burpo.

Unbroken: a World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand.

Christianity: How a tiny sect from a despised religion came to dominate the Roman Empire by Jonathan Hill. The first four hundred years of Christianity including many color illustrations.

## "Clothe a Student" for School

Would you like to shop for a needy child to buy him or her school clothes before the start of the academic year?

Community Agencies, "Love, INC" and local churches will provide \$50, sizes and specific needs to volunteers who like to shop. You would do the shopping (you would not take the child shopping-names are completely confidential) before August 13.

For more details, call Gale Wenger at 233-8024.

## Vote on the where you want your money to go!

For **children** of the congregation only:

- Ghana & Pastor Ben
- Lorain County Animal Protective League
- Mosquito netting projects for kids
- Clothe-a-child
- Adopt a shut-in
- Toys & games for mitten tree
- Food for the hungry
- other \_\_\_\_\_

Vote for three and the favorite one or two will be the program to whom we give the money you raise.

*Parents, we will help your children collect quarters to give away. The top favorite place will also be our "food" for the meal on Consecration Sunday.*

*Please put votes in the offering plate on Sunday.*

## We want to join you.

If your committee or small group is planning an activity for the congregation, we want to join you. HOWEVER, we cannot if we do not know about it. Please get an article with the pertinent details to the church office or to

[PastorWoody@FirstLutheranLorain.org](mailto:PastorWoody@FirstLutheranLorain.org)

and he will put it into the Lectern.

## Join the Lunch Bunch for a trip to Amish Country.

August 19

9:00am-late afternoon

Tour an Amish home

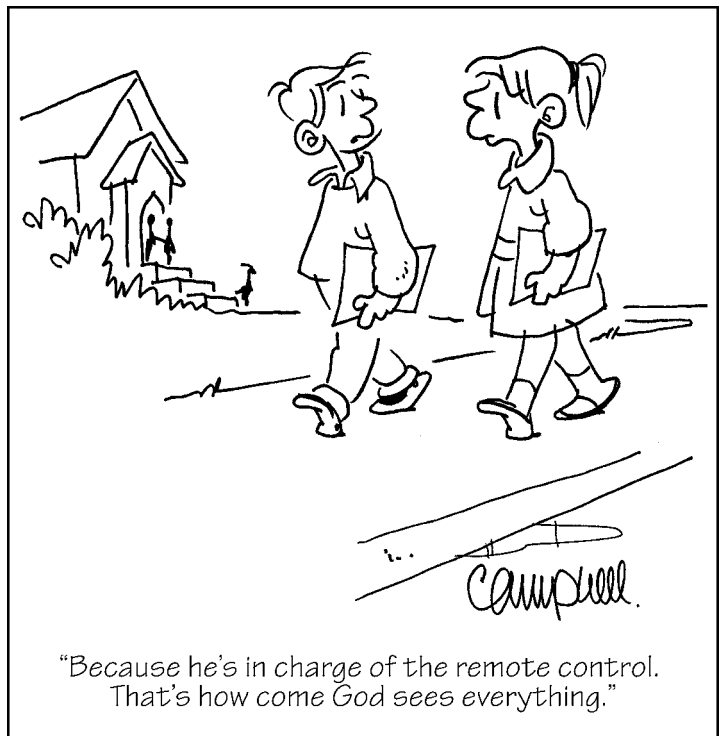
& have lunch

at Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen.

Cost is \$17 for gasoline for the drivers' cars and for the tour.

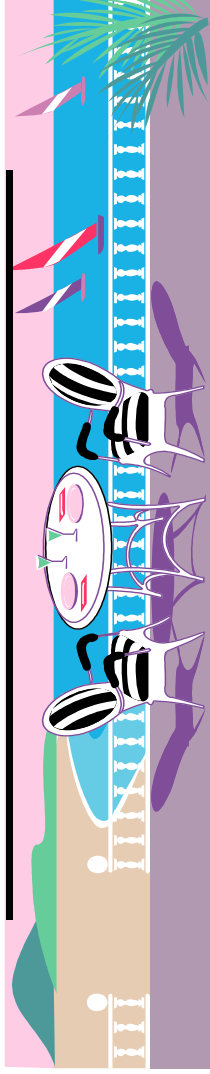
Lunch is on your own.

Please sign up at the office bulletin board.



# AUGUST 2011

Worship every Sunday  
8:15am & 10:30am



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 Worship Services 8:15-10:15a FLY breakfast 9:15a Caregiver's support group mtg. <i>No Blood Pressures</i>	1 6:00p Family Prom- ise Picnic @ Es- wine's 6:30p Witness mtg. 7:00p Stewardship 7:00p Worship mtg	2	3 8:00a Bible Study @ Lakeview Park 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAAnon	4 9a TOPS Group	5 8p NA Meeting	6 10:30-1:00pm Hot Meal
14 Worship Services	8 7p Council mtg.	9	10 8:00a Bible Study @ Lakeview Park 9:30a Pantry set-up 7:00p Guitar group 7:30p AA	11 9a TOPS Group 10-12p Pantry Day	12 8p NA Meeting	13
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