



The Lectern

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

www.firstlutheranlorain.org

February 1, 2012

Lenten Opportunities

Ash Wednesday: Worship at 12:10pm & 7:00pm
February 22

- Communion
- Imposition of Ashes
- A light meal will be offered at 6:30pm.

Lenten Studies

- February 29, March 7, 14, 21 & 28
- Wednesday morning at 8:00am - Church lounge
- Wednesday evening at 7:00pm-Sanctuary
 - 15 minute Compline service will follow
- A light meal will be offered at 6:30pm.

Topic: "Mudhouse Sabbath"

- Jesus was Jewish
- Jesus' Jewish background was the foundation on which He built His teachings
- How do we use Jesus' background in our formation of the Christian spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, hospitality, candlelighting, etc.?

Holy Week Opportunities

Sunday of the Passion: (April 1)

- Regular Sunday times
- We reflect on the entire story of Jesus' final days.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday:

- Taizé worship
- 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday: Worship at 7:00pm

- Communion
- Emphasis on Jesus' great Mandate

Good Friday:

- 7:00pm
- Solemn Reproaches, sung Passion story

Holy Saturday:

- Easter Vigil - 8:00pm
- Lighting the new fire, history of salvation, Holy Baptism, first Easter eucharist

Easter Morning

Welcome your 2012

Congregational Council

Lori Gale - Council Pres., Mutual Ministry, Service

Dave Champnoise - Council Vice President,
Mutual Ministry, Support & Witness

Diane Jones - Secretary & GSC Janet Pavlic -
Treasurer, non-voting position

Krell (Andy) Anderson - Worship & Support

Frank Bailey - Property

Larry Cook - Learning & Worship

Diane Eswine - Learning & Service

Don Hobart - Support

Brad Hoffman - Property

Shari Webb - Stewardship

Matt Vosniak - to be decided

Larry Yeamans - Witness



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Quotes from St. Francis

“All the darkness in the world can't extinguish the light from a single candle.”

“Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words...The deeds you do may be the only sermon some people will hear today.”

“Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

Hats Off

The Council gives a hats off to all the volunteers who outdid themselves for the hot meals in the past three months - for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

Join the Friday Lunch Bunch

as they celebrate Valentine's day early
on February 20
with a meal at Rubin's Deli.
Meet at the church at 11:15am or at the restaurant at
11:45am. Cost of meal and laughter on our own.

The choir needs you!

Due to illness, people moving, etc., the Adult Choir is a bit smaller than usual. Would you be willing to help fill in? If you can carry a tune, you can join us! There's also an open spot in the Handbell Choir. Talk to Brian if you are interested in either choir.

How many chickens does it take to make a commodities meal?

Answer: 80lbs. of chicken, 60lbs. of flour, 9 dozen eggs and lots and lots of volunteers (about 20) to prepare the chicken paprikash, cook it and serve it.

Thanks.

We are catching up-but we have a way to go.

First, thank you for all your faithfulness. Because many of you were able to respond to your blessings and grow toward or beyond tithing, we are starting to catch up on the deficit in our budget. The recession is fighting back, but we are moving ahead with the ministries you support. We praise God for giving you blessings so you can be a blessing.

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 February.

Week of Feb 5 Mike & Doris Mowrey, Dave & Bev Muska, Edna Nelson, Larry Newbrough, Homer Nielsen

Week of Feb 12 John Otereo, Les & Irene Ott, Cheri Page, Alan & Jacqueline Parsons, Tim & Shannon Partin, Lucinda Patterson

Week of Feb 19 Janet Pavlic, Wendi Paxton, Gloria Peck, Eugene & Debbie Peck, Erin Penton, Jeff & Marianne Penton

Week of Feb 26 Frank & Debra Phillips, Lauralee Pincura, Scott Pincura, Wayne & Christine Pozega, Kim Preston

February Anniversaries

2/02	John & Donna Root	49 yrs
2/07	Dennis & Sharon Mahilo	31 yrs
	Cory & Cynde Simo	8 yrs
2/18	Peggy & Jack Ritchey	39 yrs
	Jamie & Jesse Loman	2 yrs
2/22	Frank & Joyce Bailey	26 yrs
2/23	Melissa & Jim Santiago	10 yrs
2/24	Ryan & Vanessa White	6 yrs

As you know we had three retired pastors visiting us on Sunday, January 22. One of them said to Pastor Jimmy, “That was the most joyful Sunday morning service I have ever been to.”

Wall Street Journal “positive spiritual discussion can improve a patient's medical outcome...result in less patient anxiety, shorter hospital stays....”

A Day in the Life

Dear Friends,

Last month I told you how important Mrs. Mercy Abbeyquaye is to our mission in Akrampa, Ghana. Now I'd like to more fully explain why. It was in November of 1994 when I was introduced to Mercy. She already had the village of Akrampa in her heart because of their special needs. Mercy took us there when she learned that First Lutheran and I had come to spread the Gospel. Mercy had two main things in mind - one that she told us - and one that she held in her heart. First she told us that she prayed that the people of Ak-rampa would be "liberated from the worship of idols through the Gospel of Jesus Christ." It was her hope and prayer that Akrampa would know Jesus and come to live for Him!

Mercy's second prayer for Akrampa - which she held in her heart till 1998 - was that the village would be provided with a basic school. Unknown to us then, she had previously singlehandedly managed a village creche for the very young children of pre-school age. It was in a shed made from palm tree branches and supported with sticks in the ground. The children sat on the ground and were taught by Mercy! Sadly, due to severe lack of support and logistics, the small school failed. Mercy is still reverently referred to as 'Madam' to honor her role as teacher.

I am so pleased that the two missions that God put on Mercy's heart have been made a reality: liberation from idol worship and development through education. The villagers of Akrampa no longer tend to the idol at the entrance of the village. And Ak-rampa has a modern school building that will have been educating students for 15 years as of September 2012!!! Hallelujah!!!

God has done great things with your continued support and prayers! May the Lord continue to bless you all, as you continue to be a blessing to Ak-rampa!

Blessings,

Pastor Ben

Parish Personals

Known to have been hospitalized or having procedures since the last *Lectern*: *Jim Van Horn, Michelle Greenberg, Margaret Honey, Dale Kuehn, Sally Stauder, Richard Parker, Anna Dreschler, Cherie Page, Jennifer Harris Roush, Lois Clark, Frances Flynn and Hailey Dalton.*

We grieve at the death of our member, *Margaret (Molly) Truxell*. We also grieve with the family of *Pastor Bob Boettger* at his death. Arrangements will be made a a later date for a memorial service.

We celebrate the baptisms of *Sophia Emilie Jabbusch*, daughter of *Joseph and Elinor Jabbusch*; *Logan Elias Lowe*, son of *Debra Hugehett and Charles Lowe*; and *Adrianna Marie Ramirez*, daughter of *Consuelo Kikola and Fermin Ramirez*.

Congratulations to *Jennifer and Justin Werling* on the birth of their daughter, *Addison Olivia Werling* and to grandparents, *Dave and Donna Cullen*.

Kitchen Pitch Party

On February 20, members of the church will gather in the kitchen from 7-9pm to throw out and/or store items kept in the kitchen cabinets as we move forward in plans to renovate the kitchen space.

Maybe!

If you are going to spend more for Valentine's Day

than you are going to put in your church envelopes this month, maybe you are spending too much on Valentine's day or not giving enough to God.

Quote from St. Francis

"A real friend is someone who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

Mercy Abbeyquaye
at our
Mission in Akrampa,
Ghana,
West Africa.



The Lectern is a monthly newsletter of First Lutheran Church of Lorain, Ohio.

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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Last Chance for Death

&

1st Chance for Sex & the Bible.

Our Adult Sunday School concludes our study on confronting death on February 5.

2nd Sunday Interruption

Sunday, February 12, 9:15am

What's happening in the world & what does our Christian faith have to say about it?

Our Adult Sunday School begins a new 9:15am Sunday study on sex in the Bible. The classes meet on February 19, 26 and March 4. The Bible is not the prudish book you thought it was.

Lutheranism 101

If you don't want death or sex, you can join the Pastors for a discussion on what it means to be a Lutheran in the 21st century at First Lutheran Church. This study is being offered for those who are interested in joining First Lutheran or are interested in exploring more deeply what we teach.

Sundays 9:15am

February 26—March 18th

The "Oldly wed" Game

You've seen the Newlywed game on TV and know how much fun that is. Join us for even more fun as Pastor Woody & Peggy have been called upon to challenge other "Oldly Wed" couples for a contest of memory and...sorry, I forgot what the other thing was.

Saturday, February 11 at 6:00 pm

A Valentine's dinner for you and your sweetie followed by

The newest game sensation of the century.
Baby sitting provided.

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Wittenberg Choir

February 26, 10:30am and 3:00pm

One of Ohio's premier college choirs

The Wittenberg Choir, the premier singing ambassador of Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, returns to First Lutheran to sing another wonderful and varied concert under director Adam Con. The choir will also sing at our 10:30 morning worship service .

Free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to support the choir's upcoming tour to Germany.

Would you be willing to house some singers? Would you be willing to help serve a meal for them at church? If so, talk to Brian or sign up on the bulletin board.

What is your committee

planning that you want members to attend? Send a description with date, place and time to

PastorWoody@FirstLutheranLorain.org

and he will put it into the *Lectern*. They won't show up or participate if they don't know.

Volunteers for Sacristy

As Pastor Woody says every year, his mother taught him that if you eat a meal you help clean up after the meal. Everybody who eats at our Communion meal is invited to take a turn cleaning up. The 2012 schedule is on the board and we'd like to see it filled up soon. If you are eating a meal here, please consider cleaning up afterwards. *Sign up at the office bulletin board.*

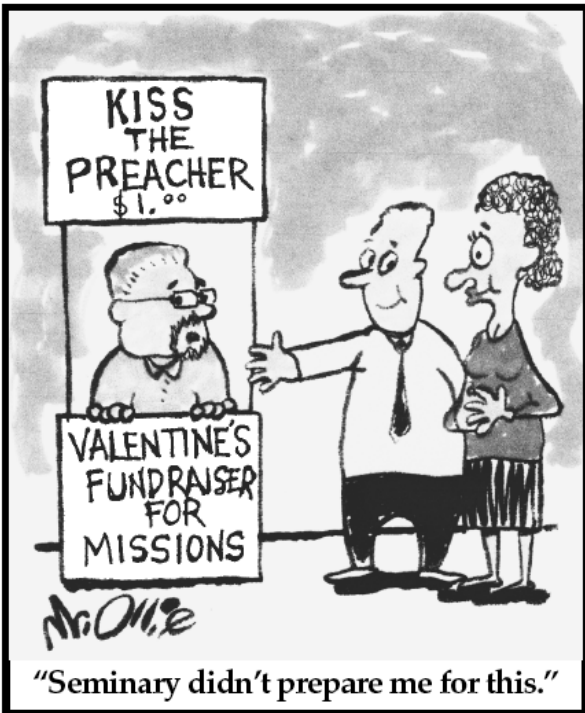


Needed:

Sharon Kopronica needs volunteers to help select hymns for Sundays. If interested, call her at 985.1555.

Please note the two calendars

on the hallway bulletin board. One set is labeled "Event," and is to be used for committees to record the dates and activities that they are planning for the 12 months to come, e.g. caroling or VBS. The other set is labeled "Fund Raiser," and is to be used to keep more than one fund raiser being planned on the same day. Please check (and use) these calendars so we don't double book any particular date.



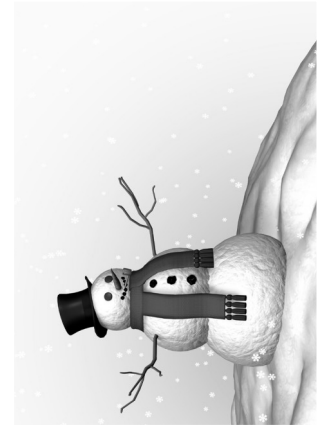
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In our library.

Heart and Soul: The story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson starts with slave ships and continues through the civil rights movement.

Unlikely Friendships by Jennifer Holland tells the story, through photos, of friendships between members of the animal kingdom.

Picture That 1 & 2 are Bible story books for young children.



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March 2012						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>5 Worship & SS 8a-10:30a BP Screens 11:30a Huddle Catechism Mentor Meeting</p>	<p>6 6:00p Bible Study 6:30p Witness Comm 7:00p Stewardship Comm 7:00p Worship Comm</p>	<p>7 6:00p Relay for Life</p>	<p>8 9:30a Pantry Set-up 12:00p Lunch Bunch Steering Comm 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAnon</p>	<p>9 10-12p Pantry Day 9a TOPS Group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>10 8p NA Meeting</p>	<p>11 6p Valentine Dinner and games @ FLC</p>	
<p>12 Worship & SS 6p Catechism</p>	<p>13 6:00p Hymn Selection 6:00p Bible Study 7:00p Support Comm 7:00p Guitar Group</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAnon</p>	<p>16 9a TOPS Group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>17 8p NA Meeting</p>	<p>18</p>	
<p>19 Worship & SS 6p Catechism</p>	<p>20 6:00p Bible Study 7:00p Men's Group</p>	<p>21 2011:45a Lunch Bunch @ Rubin's Deli -Elyria 6:00p Bible Study 7:00p Council 7p Kitchen Pitch Party</p>	<p>22 ASH WEDNESDAY 12:10p Worship 6:30p Supper 7:00p Worship 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAnon</p>	<p>23 9a TOPS Group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>24 8p NA Meeting</p>	<p>25 11:45a-1:00p Hot Meal Here</p>	
<p>26 Worship & SS 9:15a New Members Class 11:30a Huddle 12:30p Wittenberg Ch Lunch 3:00p Wittenberg Concert</p>	<p>27 6:00p Bible Study 7:00p Men's Group</p>	<p>28 29 8:00a Lenten Bible Study @ Church 6:30p Supper 7:00p Lenten Study & Compline</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Worship every Sunday 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.</p> </div>				