

The Lectern

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Strategic Planning Progress

A lot has happened since the congregation council began its strategic planning process in 2008. Sunday morning worship times were changed, Pastor Woody moved to a half-time schedule, Brian Wentzel's hours were increased so that he could take on some additional duties (expanding the concert series, teaching, responsibility for electronic communications and some outreach to the needy), and lay people have been trained to help with hospital visitation and home communion. We have also been whittling away at property projects using designated portions of the Wallace fund (new carpeting in the main hallway, painting and repairs at the front of the church, window repair, roof recoating, finishing the repair of the old 6th street entrance and repair of some sagging lintels.) We are on the verge of tackling kitchen renovation; and improvements too numerous to list here, have been made at the Good Shepherd property.

This month the council began a study of how the Good Shepherd facility is used and will be looking at how it fits into our mission and vision.

We will also move on to the next steps in the pastoral transition. In February we will reach the one year mark of having one and a half pastors, so it is time to evaluate how this is working and how it is affecting finances. At some point in the near future we will involve the synod staff in helping us determine our pastoral needs and the best way to meet those needs.

If we keep a staff of one and a half pastors, one possible model may be the sharing of part-time staff with another local congregation. (We did this with Pastor Laurie Miller a number of years ago.) We have had some informal conversations with some leaders of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer (full communion partner with the ELCA) about their pastoral transition and how the sharing of staff and collaboration on some outreach programs could benefit both congregations. Any pastoral changes will, of course, involve a call committee and a vote by the Congregation. Please keep this process in your prayers as we discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Web Site History

In the beginning, when computers were in their infancy and Pastor Jimmy used floppy disks the size of a three-ring notebook, there was no website. And darkness covered the land.

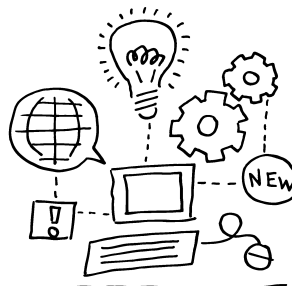
And God said to Steven Krucinski, let there be web, and web was born. Mostly what it did was make available to anyone on the internet a current, updated copy of the bulletin and *Lectern*. Thank you Steven for getting us started and updating the info every week.

On the second day, God said to Ben Keller, Les Ott and a small committee of mad scientists, "Let there be more" and there was more. We had a domain name, "FirstLutheranLorain.org." and we had a banner that scrolled across the top of the page. We also had a few pictures. Thank you Ben for your leadership.

On the third day God said to Kevin Call, "Let there be a major jump into professional layout" and the site took on new form and substance. Not only were the *Lecterns* and bulletins kept up-to-date, but new information was available about upcoming events, visitors had a map to find us from anywhere in America, our history was recorded for all to read and the pastors' links were made available to new information. Thank you Kevin for your professionalism in making us stand out from the crowd.

On the fourth day (we don't know how many more days God has in mind) God said, "Let the office staff be responsible for their own work." Under Brian's newly assigned duties, we started to input the data ourselves. More pages were added. Multiple photographs were added and soon youth and other groups will have access to recounting their own activities. Multiple links were created. Choir music is now available for your listening enjoyment. Soon we intend sermons to be available for your review.

Who knows where the Lord will lead us? But lead us God will and we'll have more changes and different web masters as the years move on.



WEBUPDATES

Consecration Sunday is Oct. 23

Join us at 11:45am. We'll report to the kids how much money they raised in quarters for the children of our mission in Ghana and for the Animal Protective League.

Free meal

Big bird or dogs
Rabbit food
Animal fries
Kitty litter cake

Pastor Jimmy will talk about his musical tour of England and Pastor Woody will describe the Israel that tourists don't see.

New members received at the 10:30am service.



We need your email address

The church is experimenting with sending reminders and correspondence via email. If you haven't gotten any colorful emails from the church lately, that means we don't have your current address! Please send your current email address to info@firstlutheranlorain.org and keep us updated when it changes.

Hats Off

to the Learning Committee for a successful and fun Rally Day.

Coming Soon

See details on office bulletin board.

Heart-to-Heart: As Your Parents Age is a free workshop put on by *Thrivent Financial* for Lutherans. This workshop is designed to discuss when and how you start talking to them about the future. Sunday October 8 or Thursday October 20.

Camp Mowana fall festival and benefit auction on Sunday, October 2 from 12:30pm-5:30pm.

Annual Lorain Co-op Spaghetti Dinner.

Saturday, October 22 from 5-7pm at Heritage Presbyterian Church, Leavitt Rd in Amherst. Adults-\$8; children 3-12-\$4 and children under 3 are free. Tickets at our church office.

Free Clinic Steak Fry. Friday, October 7 from 4-8pm. Tickets are \$20 each. See Pastor Jimmy or Paul Baumgartner for tickets.

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 October.

Week of Oct 2 Jennifer & Brandon Henry, Kathleen Herald, Tonya & Steve Hicks, Linda & Gordon Hinshaw, Don & Sheryl Hobart

Week of Oct 9 Brad & Faith Hoffman, Stan & Kathy Holowiecki, Margaret Honey, Clark & Ida Horning, Ken & Lana Hummel

Week of Oct 16 Tom & Florence Hupman, Jeannie Jabbusch, Katie Jackson, Sharon James

Week of Oct 23 Barry & Sandy Jensen, Art & Bev Johnson, Bob & Gloria Johnson, Diane & Larry Jones

October Anniversaries

10/01	Paul & Cheryl Crahen	7 years
10/03	Steve & Sally Cutnaw	41 years
	Ed & Carol Vojtek	24 years
	Tim & Shannon Partin	13 years
10/08	David & Sue (Perry) Champnoise	16 years
10/10	Andy & Carolyn Anderson	47 years
	Steve & Carrie Krucinski	2 years
10/11	Jennifer & Justin Werling	3 years
10/12	Matt & Robin Whitman	20 years
10/15	Phyllis & Dominic Zelnik	63 years
	Joe & Jerri Wojciak	23 years
10/16	Jeremy & Devon Gale	1 year
10/17	Dave & Doreen Loboda	24 years
10/18	Logan & Kristen Anthony	8 years
	Joseph & Peggy Price	36 years
10/19	Al & Sally Wiech	48 years
10/20	Roger & Marla Hall	21 years
	Scott & Madonna Lunn	4 years
10/21	Rusty & Janis Engle	39 years
10/23	Joe & Megan Bedo	7 years
10/25	Mike & Ann Brumenschenkel	31 years
10/26	Ken & Lana Hummel	15 years
	Matt & Molly Vosniak	15 years
10/27	Don & Sheryl Hobart	21 years

A Day in the Life

By the time you read this, Gloria will have started 6th grade, a wonderful achievement, considering that she is a paraplegic. I want to tell you about an unfortunate episode at Gloria's new school. She no longer attends our mission school. It is to make you appreciate the challenges that Gloria faces at school, and in life.

In the final term of last school year, Gloria's 5th grade teacher claimed that 40 pesewas, or \$0.12, that she left on her table was missing. Since none of the almost 40 students in the class would confess, the teacher said the whole class would refund the money, each student paying \$0.10, which would have made almost \$4.00! When the teacher came to collect, all of the students ran out of the classroom, leaving Gloria alone at her desk to take all of the blame. Although Gloria was innocent, she was physically unable to escape the teacher and her anger. I have since called upon the head-teacher, and have had the class-teacher apologize to Gloria. I continue to question how society can be so insensitive and irresponsible toward people with disabilities. When I talked to Gloria about it, she said she still feels the pain of being wrongly accused, and being left there by her friends. But even after this, Gloria is determined to benefit from education by finishing high school, so she will be able to fend for herself in the future.

When Gloria is not in school, she sells sugar cane for her mother. Most Ghanaian children, whose parents engage in petty trading, help their mothers with commercial activity. Gloria's mother also makes and sells Gari, or Famiya, the meal made from the root crop called Cassava. Gloria makes a small commission on this, so that she can have a little of her own money for things she needs.

Gloria's life is more difficult than most, but she is strong and determined. Please help me by praying for her, and her future.



Blessings, Pastor Ben

Parish Personals

Known to have been hospitalized or having procedures since the last Lectern: *Karen Tabak, Barb Snyder, Sue Graham, Edna Nelson, Linda Milchen (to rehab), Clark Horning, Bill Emery, Sue Graham, Sally Stauder, Joe George Sr., Lil Aten, Linda Mendiola, Aaron Tillack, Carson Denman, Dan Bihary, Doris Bihary, Clark Horning and Bill Miodock.*

We grieve with *Pat Bajcer* and family at the death of her father and our member, *Louis McGee*; with *Bill Milchen* at the death of his father; with *Chuck Sutz* and *Doug Freeman* at the deaths of their uncles; and with the *John Otero* family at the death of their mother, and our member, *Esther Otero*.

John Duplaga and *Allyn Duplaga* send their thanks for the gifts, prayers and concerns after their recent house fire. *Greg Smith* sends his thanks for the cards, phone calls, visits and most of all for the powerful prayers during his recent surgery and recovery.

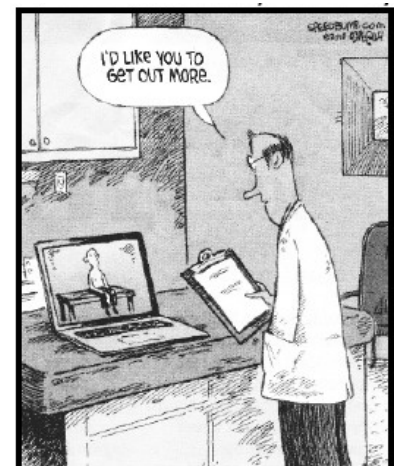
Parents needed on October 9

Pastor Woody has invited *Thrivent for Lutherans* to come to catechism on October 9. They will talk about "Parents, Teens and Money." Too often teens don't get enough information about budgets and life decisions until later in life. *Thrivent* will present questions for parents and teens to explore. (e.g.) "When should a teen start a budget? How much should a teen be saving from an allowance to buy larger items themselves? When should they start tithing? What is a teen budget? Parents of catechism students, please join Pastor Woody and *Thrivent* for this catechism program.

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.



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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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Reformation Hymn Festival

October 30, 3:00pm

This hymn festival on Reformation Sunday will focus on hymns by reformers from the 16th century and the present day. We'll sing classic German hymns such as "A Mighty Fortress" (both versions) and "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word." We'll also use hymns to explore how the church is still being reformed today. We'll sing hymns from other cultures that speak of how God "makes all things new," and hear of God's concern for justice, peace, and equality.

There will also be organ and choir music, and of course all the hymns will be dressed in their Sunday best, led by the Adult Choir, Guitar Group, and Brian at the organ and piano.

What Happens When We Die?

Heaven, Hell, and the Afterlife

Last class, Sunday October 2, 9:15am

My Life After Death

Life before death and life after death

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Interruptions

will take place on October 9 during Sunday School time, 9:15am. The topic will be of your choice, eg. "What the devil is the ELCA really up to?", "Just because their life experience is different from ours does that mean that Alzheimer patients do not have quality of life" or "Did you read the paper last night? What is God trying to do by letting that happen?" OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT TO DISCUSS INSTEAD OF WHAT THE TEACHERS WANT.

Join us.



Seen on a car bumper sticker:

"Humankind." Be both."

LIBRARY NEWS

Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks. Set in 1665 on Martha's Vineyard, this novel follows a Native American as he enters Harvard.

If there were no Lutherans would there still be green Jell-o ?
By Steve Molin. A lighter side of Lutheranism. Real or imagined church signs.

God made Hugs by Sally Anne Conan, Now I lay me down to sleep by Debbie O'Neal and Every day and Sunday, too by Gail Ramshaw. All for the younger crowd.

Learning to play the guitar? The guitar group is learning some new, simple songs for Sunday worship. Bring your guitar and join them on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.



"Hey, could we have some volunteers to stay and help clean up?"

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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

and he will put it into the *Lectern*.

Join the Lunch Bunch for a trip to The Mansfield Bible Walk And Lunch at Dutch Heritage

October 11.

Meet at church at 8:45am
Cost for gasoline and entrance -\$17
Lunch on our own.
Sign up at office bulletin board.

Lutheranism 101:

A course for new members or other students with questions.
Sundays, October 2 - 23
10:15am in the Lounge

Watch for this:

Sharon Kopronica needs volunteers to help select hymns for Sundays.

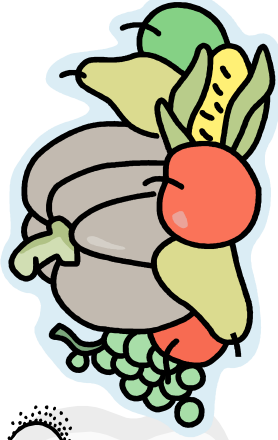
Our kids going to the National Youth Gathering will have a fall treats sale on Sunday, October 30; and a "Scentsy" product opportunity to order flameless candles on November 13. All profits going to the youth.

Rope Course for youth - 7th through 12th grades

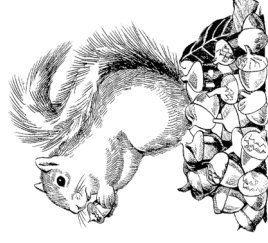
October 23—11:30am to 3:00pm.

Includes Pizza and Pop

Youth in 7th through 12th grades are invited to join the catechism classes for an experience at the LCCC rope course. Those attending start with 8:15am worship, 9:15am Sunday School and then off to the ropes at 10:45. Bring a sack lunch or snack to eat on the way. Pizza will follow the extreme challenge of the ropes. No skills necessary. Cost for current catechism students and junior and adult guides is \$2.00 plus a signed release and permission slip. Cost is \$5 for 10-12 grade and non-guide adults plus each must have a signed release and permission slip. If you are a minor and riding with the group (and not your parent), you also need a transportation permission slip. Necessary forms must be turned in with payment by October 9 and can be found on the catechism bulletin board or on the church website.



OCTOBER 2011



November 2011						
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Sunday

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>Worship every Sunday 8:15a & 10:30a 9:15a Sunday School</p>						1 10:30am-1:00pm Hot Meal
<p>2 8a-10:30a BP Scrns 9:15a Luther 101 Class 10:30a 1st & 4th grade Bibles presented 6:00p Catechism</p>	<p>3 6p Bible Study 6:30p Witness mtg. 7p Stewardship 7p Worship Comm</p>	<p>4 9:30a Co-op Board Mfg in Lounge 6p Relay for Life</p>	<p>5 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAnon</p>	<p>6 9a TOPS Group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>7 4-8p Free Clinic Steak Fry @ DeLuca's</p>	<p>8 9a Altar Guild Mtg.</p>
<p>9 9:15a Luther 101 Class 9:15a Adult 2nd Sunday Interruption Class 6p Catechism</p>	<p>10 6p Bible Study 7p Hymn Select. 7p Property</p>	<p>11 7p Endowment</p>	<p>12 9:30am Pantry set-up 7:00p Guitar group 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAnon</p>	<p>13 9a TOPS Group 10-12 Pantry Day 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>14 8p NA meeting</p>	<p>15 10:30am-1:00pm Hot Meal Social Hall reserve</p>
<p>16 9a Cub Scout pop- corn sale (until 11:30a) 9:15a Luther 101 Class Huddle</p>	<p>17 6:00p Bible Study 7:00p Church Coun- cil</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAnon</p>	<p>20 9a TOPS Group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>21 8:45a Lunch Bunch to Mansfield Bible Walk 8p NA meeting</p>	<p>22 5:00p Co-op Spaghetti Dinner @ Heritage Presby- terian</p>
<p>23 Consecration Sunday 9:15a Luther 101 Class 11:45a Reception of new members w/meal & pro- gram / 11:30a Catechism rope climbing @LCCC</p>	<p>24 6:00p Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 7:30p AA 8:00p AIAnon</p>	<p>27 9a TOPS Group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>28 8p NA meeting</p>	<p>29 N Orleans Group use kitchen</p>
<p>30 8a-10:30a Fall Treat Sale 3p Hymn Festival 6p Catechism</p>	<p>31 Halloween 6:00p Bible Study</p>					