



# The Lectern

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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September 1, 2011

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## *Interruptions*

I wonder what will be going on in the news the week of October 9. As Christians, should we push to really get our troops out of Afghanistan or should we stay and defend the rights of the local citizenry, i.e. what is a "just war." **OR** what was the ELCA up to at our National Church Assembly? What else has God made us commit to through the Holy Spirit's leading **OR** was the work of the Holy Spirit thwarted through conniving politics? Join us in October for our first

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## *Interruptions*

Second Sunday Interruption. I can't wait to hear what you will bring up for discussion on October 9, 9:15am.

## Sunday Church School

Are you ready for some learning? Adults and children are invited to learn what the Bible has to say about life. Sundays, 9:15am starting Sept. 11.

## Catechism starts Sept. 11 at 6pm.

### Parents & youth invited.

Our Catechism program for students 7 - 9th grade begins our formal introduction to Christianity and the Lutheran faith.

Both parents and youth are invited to this orientation gathering. Do we really tie the students to their chairs and force them to swallow everything that we teach? Do parents have to take tests to see if they know as much as a 7th grader? Come to the orientation and see.

## Rally Day, September 11

Gospel music setting at 10:30am service.

Blessing of students & backpacks - both services.

Remembering 9/11 attacks on 10th Anniversary.

## 9/11 Jazz Festival

Sponsored by

The Lorain Ministerial Association

**Saturday, September 10**

**7:00pm**

At Veteran's Memorial Park

## Commemorating the Tenth

### Anniversary of 9/11

The outdoor concert is free. A freewill offering will be received. Bring chairs or blankets for comfort. In case of bad weather the concert will be held at First Congregational Church.



**Remembering 9/11**  
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## What Happens When We Die?

*Heaven, Hell, and the Afterlife*

Sundays 9/18-10/2, 9:15am

September 18: **The Geography of the Afterlife**

Heaven, Hell, immortality and resurrection

September 25: **Who Goes Where?**

Sinners, saints, relatives, pets and ghosts

October 2: **My Life After Death**

Life before death and life after death

## Saturday Stories and Songs

Watch the *Lectern*, bulletin and website for information about this new program for young children ages birth to 6 years. We'll have stories, songs, dance, finger-plays and other fun activities for preschoolers. Coming soon!

## What R your #s?

Adults and children with signed parental permission can get a free blood pressure and blood glucose screening on the first Sunday in September, the 4th, from 8:00am to 10:30am. In the church office.

**Kids:** watch for your quarter folders at Sunday School and help us collect money for your (voted on) projects. Projects will be announced on Rally Day.

## Choir Begins

Adult and Handbell Choirs have their first rehearsals on Thursday, September 8. Handbell Choir meets from 6:00-6:50pm and Adult Choir meets from 7:00-8:30pm. A nursery is available for small children during adult choir rehearsals.

Both choirs have special trips planned for this year- the handbells to Light Up Lorain, and the Adult Choir to Trinity Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to sing or play in one of the choirs! No experience is necessary, just a willingness to show up and give your best.

## Redoing the Kitchen

meeting  
September 26  
At 7:00pm

Please note the new time.

Reports will be given by:

Design-Dave Champnoise  
Use & cleanliness-Martha Zook & Peggy Chamberlain  
Construction-Bob Schmidt  
Fund Raising-Diane Eswine  
Transition-Sharon Kopronica & Marci Thiery

*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 September.*

**Week of Sept 4** Jon & Jennifer George, Joe & Heather George, Michael Gibbs, Sara & Tim Gilkerson, Nancy Glime

**Week of Sept 11** Tiffany & Jose Garcia, Sue Graham, Michelle Greenberg, Kathy Gresko

**Week of Sept 18** Carl Guffey, Bob & Mary Ruth Halas, Jenna Hall, Roger & Marla Hall, Kent Hamilton

**Week of Sept 25** Neil Hamilton, Sandra Hamilton, Jennifer Harris, Vernon Harris, Jill & Michael Hawkinberry

## September Anniversaries

9/1	Don & Ruth Chonko	60 years
	Brad & Faith Hoffman	27 years
9/4	Tom & Florence Hupman	45 years
	Tom & Debby Reinhardt	4 years
9/5	Ken & Rose Stout	13 years
	Michael & Doris Mowrey	38 years
9/8	Herb & Frances Zielke	51 years
9/9	Alan & Jackie Parsons	64 years
9/10	Chuck & Debbie Sutz	17 years
9/11	Ken & Callene Derrick	29 years
9/12	Bill & Jerelyn Scott	24 years
	Dennis & Casey Krucinski	3 years
9/13	Jason & Tiffany Lunn	8 years
9/14	Michael & Christina Hobart	20 years
9/17	Nick & Kris Donofrio	23 years
9/22	Bob & Gloria Johnson	38 years
	Art & Beverly Johnson	10 years
9/23	Jon & Candie Chesnick	22 years
	Gil & Iris Garlitz	22 years
	Larry & Diane Jones	28 years
9/24	Greg & Gerri Smith	16 years
9/27	Joe & Kit Koziura	36 years
9/29	Jeff & Marianne Penton	38 years
9/30	Damian & Jennifer Rodriguez	5 years

## A Day in the Life

I'd like to introduce you to another child from Akrampa To some of you she is not a stranger, but for the rest, let me tell you about Gloria Yeboa. Gloria is 16 1995.



Although she is really a young woman, she is only in the 5th grade. Gloria is wheelchair bound. She was born a paraplegic.

Gloria used to attend the Mission School in Akrampa. Now Gloria lives with her parents outside of Akrampa, and has continued her schooling in the Awutu township.

But getting to school is very difficult, and over time has caused her to fall behind the other students her age. For Gloria to get to school or anywhere, she has to have someone else push her wheelchair. The harsh road conditions in Ghana are very hard on the wheelchair.

Previously, Gloria had been sponsored by a family at FLC. But when they were no longer able, Gloria was blessed to have her sponsorship taken over by a wonderful woman from *The Chapel - Sandusky*. When I was in Ohio in 2009, Gloria's new sponsor 'Mom' was able to have a wheelchair donated from the Invacare Corporation for her. When I went home, I took Gloria's new wheelchair with me.

Gloria is an average pupil, hardworking and purposeful. She is determined to benefit from education so that she may be able to fend for herself in the future. Right now her goal is to continue in school and finish high school. More to come about Gloria in October...

*Blessings, Ben*

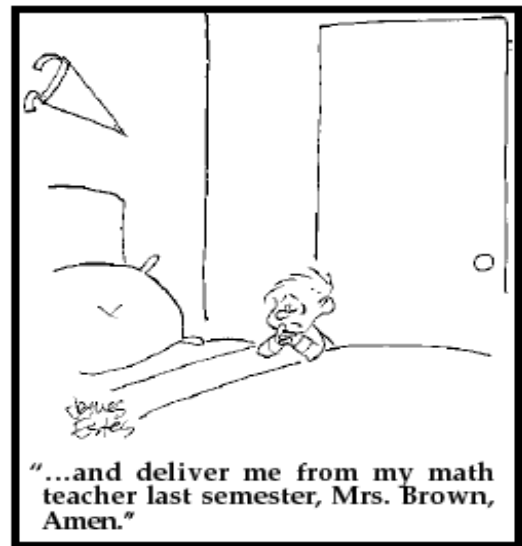
## Parish Personals

Known to have been hospitalized or having procedures since the last Lectern: *Ann Dreschsler, Ida Horning, Linda Mendiola, Herb Zielke, Sue Graham, Michelle Greenberg, Nancy Mittendorf* and *Sally Stauder*.

We grieve with *Chuck Sutz* at the death of his nephew and with the families of the Copley shooting victims.

Congratulations to *Raymond Black*, our former MOW cook on being hired as a chef at *Hearthstone*.

Congratulations to *Savannah Derrick* on receiving her license as a certified veterinarian technician.



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## 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.

## New Website!

By the time you get this *Lectern*, our new website should be up and running. The new site has 10 times as much information and 10 times as many pictures as the old one. The latest news plus descriptions of our many programs are also featured. The address hasn't changed, just the content. Check it out!

[www.FirstLutheranLorain.org](http://www.FirstLutheranLorain.org)

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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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**William Porter, Organ Recital**

September 25, 3:00pm

World-renowned organist at FLC!

Widely known as a performer and teacher in the United States and Europe, Eastman School of Music professor William Porter is a leader among organists working toward recovery of an historical approach to musical performance, and has achieved international recognition for his skill in improvisation in a wide variety of styles.

Mr. Porter plays this concert in celebration of our Brombaugh organ being cited as “an instrument of exceptional historic merit” by the Organ Historical Society. This is a great honor for our organ—it is only the 9th organ in Ohio to receive such a citation, and is the 5th-youngest organ *ever* to receive one!

**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 the 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.

**The Church Office will be closed**

on Labor Day, September 5. Most evening meetings moved to September 12, same time.

## Dining to Donate

Enjoy a meal at **APPLEBEE'S** and they will donate 15% of your check to our youth who are working toward their trip to the National Lutheran Youth Assembly. Pastor Jimmy and Paula Strickler will attend with our youth and 35,000 other teenagers. Keep them in your prayers.

Monday, September 12  
11am to 9pm

Pick up a flyer from the office bulletin board. Flyers **cannot** be given at the door.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Vanishing Act by Jodi Picoult. This is another timely novel from the author of "My Sister's Keeper."

Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters by Dr. Meg Meeker is a straightforward guide for how fathers can connect with their daughters and provide valuable guidance.

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.

## Help Wanted

How would you like to do the *Lectern* layout? Your design, your style. Talk to Pastor Woody.

The Food Co-op always needs some extra hands to give food to the hungry. Just show up at the church on Wednesday September 7 at 9:30pm or Thursday September 8 from 9am-1pm.

## 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

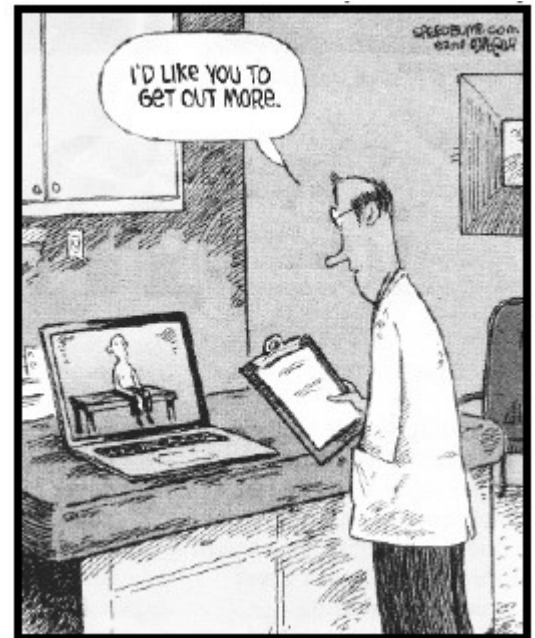
[PastorWoody@FirstLutheranLorain.org](mailto:PastorWoody@FirstLutheranLorain.org)

## Join the Lunch Bunch for a trip to the West Side Market.

Meet at the church at 10:30am.  
Cost is \$5 for gasoline and parking.  
Eat on your own at

**The Great Lakes Brewery**

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**SPEED BUMP**

by Dave Coverly

## Rope Course for youth - 7th through 12th grades


Youth in 7th through 12th grades are invited to join the catechism classes for an experience at the LCCC rope course. This event is specifically for catechism, Jr. guides, adult chaperones and any older youth who request a reservation with the group before we run out of spaces. The event will take place either in September or October, depending on when we can use the course without college students. If interested, talk, with Marcia Geary, Pastor Woody, Pastor Jimmy or Brian Wentzel to reserve your space. Cost will be **cheap** and will include pizza and bandages. For a video of the course, go to [Lorainccc.edu/default.htm](http://Lorainccc.edu/default.htm) type "rope course" in search box and watch away.



# SEPTEMBER 2011



October 2011						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4 Worship Services 8a-10:30a BP &amp; Glucose Screens</p>	<p>5 Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>6 7:00p Worship Committee</p>	<p>7 9:30a Pantry set-up 7:30p AA 8:00p AIA non</p>	<p>1 9a TOPS Group 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2 8:00p NA Meeting</p>	<p>3 10:30-1:00pm Hot Meal</p>
<p>11 RALLY DAY! Worship &amp; SS 9:30a Caregiver's Support Group 6:00p Catechism</p>	<p>12 6:00p Bible Study 6:30p Witness 7:00p Stewardship 7:00p Hymn Select</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7p Guitar group 7:30p AA 8:00p AIA non</p>	<p>8 9a TOPS Group 10-12p Pantry Day 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9 8:00p NA Meeting</p>	<p>10 7:00p Jazz Festival @ Veteran's Park</p>
<p>18 Worship &amp; SS 6:00p Catechism</p>	<p>19 6:00p Bible Study 7:00p Church Coun- cil</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 7:30p AA 8:00p AIA non</p>	<p>15 9a TOPS Group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16 8:00p NA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>25 Worship &amp; SS 3:00p FIRST-music— William Porter Recital 6:00p Catechism Service Project</p>	<p>26 6:00p Bible Study 7:00p Kitchen Task Force</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 7:30p AA 8:00p AIA non</p>	<p>22 9a TOPS Group 6p Handbell Choir 7p Adult Choir 7p Boy Scouts</p>	<p>23 8:00p NA Meeting</p>	<p>24 10:30-1:00pm Hot Meal</p>