

**August 2011**

# Family of God Lutheran Church

## *The Beacon*



“For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the clouds.”

Psalm 57:10

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### ***Pastoral Ponderings ...***

#### Looking ahead to Fall ...

It is that time of the summer when we begin to look ahead into the beginning of the programmatic church year. The first part of 2011 has been significant for the church as we have been striving to put some structures into place to streamline the ways the church does things. One of the key changes has been to reinstate committees or “teams”.

Family of God teams are starting to gear up again for the fall and the church needs **YOU!** The church needs to grow and in order to do that, **we all need to help.**

We need a strong outreach push into the neighborhoods here out on the point. And to do this, we need more who are willing to reach out and invite. This hopefully will bring in some young families. But if we don't have a strong education program, families with young children won't stay. So, we also need to build our education team simultaneously - we need people who are willing to teach Sunday School; provide leadership with our High School youth; as well as provide input and direction for our youth. As the worship of any church is part of its' outreach, we also need to continue to strive for diversity in our worship styles. We are certainly on the right track with the hiring of our wonderful Music and Worship Coordinator, Julie Deziel.

Contributions toward the ministry of the church have been fairly strong this year (2011) so far, but in order for these building blocks of the church to become strong, contributions need to increase. Times are tough for many people, and like the old woman who gave her last two pennies at the Temple, giving even a little blesses the church as well as the giver.

God has blessed Family of God with some wonderful, spiritual gifts within its' fellowship. The gift of hospitality; the gift of generosity; the gift of acceptance and non-judgment are only some among many gifts. My prayer for the church is that it can be a place where the ministry is vibrant, where God is experienced and where people might find what's missing in their lives.

Please, prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to be a part of the ministry at Family of God this year. The church needs **YOU!**

Blessings,

Pastor Sonja

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## ***August Birthday's***

<b>Faith Olson</b>	<b>August 2</b>	<b>Morgan Ziegler</b>	<b>August 23</b>
<b>Laura Arnold</b>	<b>August 5</b>	<b>Jason Boushey</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Wendy Boushey</b>	<b>August 5</b>	<b>Amber Mertz</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Bob Quamme</b>	<b>August 5</b>	<b>Ellis Larson</b>	<b>August 27</b>
<b>Darian Wibbels</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>Savanah Magenau</b>	<b>August 28</b>
<b>Lyn Pankratz</b>	<b>August 14</b>	<b>Bernice Peterson</b>	<b>August 29</b>
		<b>Jordan Brucklacher</b>	<b>August 31</b>

**Happy Birthday**

### **Memorials**

**In Loving Memory**

**of**

**Lisa Feltman**

**From**

**Avis Larsen, Bev Olson,  
Gary & Sheryl Cariveau and  
Pat & Joan Vettel.**

**In honor of Avis Larsen's  
90th Birthday**

**From**

**Kay & Jim Williams, Madge Larson  
and  
Pat & Joan Vettel**



**"Dear God..."**

### **Remember in Prayer ....**

**Avis Larsen,  
Steve Magenau,  
Elaine Sundberg,  
The Cariveau family  
and  
Sonya Roemeling  
(Tracy Magenau's Mother)**



## ***Worship Matters...***

### **For Sale ...**

Family of God is selling the old Clavinova. If you or someone you know would be interested, please call the church office **1998 – Roland KR-75 digital Intel Piano with a full keyboard, recordable floppy disk excellent condition \$800.00**

### **Worship participants ...**

Have you been sitting in worship thinking, "*I can do that*" ... but a few questions you might have are holding you back? During coffee fellowship in the Sundays of August, Scott Erickson, Barb Quamme, and Mark Holt will be available to answer your questions on being a Liturgy Assistant, Lector, Usher and Altar Care. Come with your questions!

### **Music and Worship Team ...**

The Music and Worship Team will be meeting in the early part of August to give shape to the Worship life of Family of God for this year. If you would like to be a part of this vision process, please contact Tami Schumacher or Pastor Sonja.



**A special thanks to George and Paul  
of Dakota Harvest Bakers for the many years of providing the  
Communion bread for worship services at Family of God.**

### **Looking ahead to Fall ...**

The fall is right around the corner!! As we have begun to do some planning, mark your calendars for upcoming events in the life of the church!

#### **August 28 - 9:30 Worship with a "Blessing of the Backpacks"**

As the kids head back to school, we invite them to bring their backpacks to worship that morning as we ask God's blessing on the year ahead for them.

#### **September 11 - Rally Sunday**

We will have some special activities for this day as we gather together once again as the Family of God and bless the church year ahead.

#### **September 18 - Installation Sunday**

During worship that day, we will have a special service of consecration for all who will be serving the church this year through teaching, music, and areas of service to the church.



## ***A Little of This and That ...***

### **Vacation Bible School is Aug. 15 - 18th ...**

Everyone knows what it's like to hear your mom tell stories from your childhood. Can you imagine the kinds of stories Mary could tell? Take your kids back to "**Hometown Nazareth**", where they'll stand up for their faith among people who doubt that the carpenter's son is really God's Son. All kids beginning Kindergarten up to 5th grade are invited to come! The time each night will be from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Find a VBS Registration form on the back of your Beacon!

### **Lutheran Women Today Bible study ...**

All women of the church are invited to our monthly women's bible study. This month's study out of the Lutheran Women Today will be Session 2 of "Renew, Respond, Rejoice!" : **Rejoice!**" and is in the July/August edition of Lutheran Woman Today. (Copies of the study will be available the day of the study). August 12 at 9:30 a.m. **All women are invited** - we always have the coffee on as well as a "goodie or two!"

### **Feed My Starving Children ...**

In April of 2011 some 1,372 volunteers from East Grand Forks, Grand Forks and surrounding communities came together at the Public Works Building and packaged enough food to feed 788 starvation -impacted children for an entire year. Most of our food was shipped to Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. 18 area churches, 18 businesses, UND groups, area schools and many individuals provided money to help pay for the food through fundraising and donations. Together we raised \$62,000 to pay for food for that event's food. We are hearing from you, our community, that you want to do this again. We need your partnership.

We invite you to join us in producing these meals. We need to recruit 1,300 volunteers and raise 24 cents for each meal—\$65,318.40 total—for this MobilePack.

- **Volunteers:** Adults and children will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags, and prepare boxes for shipping. Registration will be live 6 weeks prior to the event at [fmisc.org/mobilepack](http://fmisc.org/mobilepack).
- **Donations:** To help us meet our \$65,318.40 goal, please consider taking a special offering or check with us for creative fundraising ideas. Donations may be submitted online at [fmisc.org/mobilepack](http://fmisc.org/mobilepack) or mailed to

Feed My Starving Children  
ATTN: MobilePack #1203-18  
401 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

*Checks should be payable to FMSC, memo line MobilePack #1203-18. Be sure you make your donation under our Mobile pack event number to assure it is applied to the correct event. Please notify Jodie Storhaug if you have made a donation online to our event.*



# August Sharing Your Gifts

## Ushers

August 7 Steve Clausen  
 August 14 Bob & Barb Quamme  
 August 21 Mark & Marilyn Holt  
 August 28 Kenny & Nadine Paulson

## Lector

August 7 Sue Clausen  
 August 14 Bob Quamme  
 August 21 Dave Pankratz  
 August 28 Mary Schaffer

## Liturgy Assistant

August 7 Barb Quamme  
 August 14 Dave Pankratz  
 August 21 Barb Quamme  
 August 28 Mark Holt

## Coffee Fellowship

August 7 Steve & Sue Clausen  
 August 14 Marilyn Holt  
 August 21 Sheryl Cariveau  
 August 28

## Communion Assistants

August 7 Sue Clausen & Barb Quamme  
 August 14 Barb Quamme  
 August 21 Sheryl Cariveau  
 August 28 Mary Schaffer & Richard Schaffer

## Accompanist

August 7  
 August 14  
 August 21  
 August 28

## Altar Care

August 7  
 August 14 Trevor Grainger  
 August 21  
 August 28

## Acolytes

August 7  
 August 14  
 August 21  
 August 28 Kendra Magenau

## Janitor for August

Week of July 31-Aug.6 Scot Erickson  
 Week of Aug. 7-13 Marilyn Holt  
 Week of Aug, 14-20 Dave & Lyn Pankratz  
 Week of Aug.21-27 Richard Schaffer  
 Week of Aug.28-Sept.3



SHARE YOUR TIME,  
TIME AND TALENTS



## Stewardship ...

### No Council Meeting in July ...

Due to people being out of town etc., there was no Council meeting in July. Watch your Beacon for August minutes ...



### June Statistics

Average Attendance : 29

Income: \$4,561.33

Expenses: \$ 5,405.72

Music/Director Balance: \$1,401.45

**Deficit: \$844.39**

### A message from Thrivent ...

#### Talk to your parents before it's too late!

Caught in the middle, many baby boomers are raising their children and managing their careers, all while caring for their aging parents. And while it may be one more thing to add to your busy schedule, talking to your parents about their future care and end-of-life issues is important.

Start small—maybe begin the process by finding out the location of the important documents you'll eventually need. One tool that can help is a financial inventory. The inventory, which you should update annually, includes:

- **Legal documents:** property deeds, wills, trusts, living wills, health care and financial directives, and birth, marriage and military discharge certificates.
- **Contact information:** attorneys, accountants, financial planners, physicians and anyone who provides financial, legal and medical advice and care.
- **Current account information:** type, number and institution for all financial accounts, including: checking, savings, retirement, investment, loans and insurance policies.
- **Valuables and collectibles:** location and description of any valuables such as jewelry, silver or gold and collectibles such as stamps and coins.
- **Instructions:** funeral, burial and obituary information and instructions.

The process of finding out your parents' future needs and intentions won't happen in a day. By breaking the information gathering into small, manageable conversations, you can help ensure your parents' wishes will be carried out.

For financial guidance, contact Chad M. Erickson, FIC, Financial Associate at 218-773-1181 or [chad.erickson@thrivent.com](mailto:chad.erickson@thrivent.com) today, or visit Thrivent.com.



# August 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8 Sunday Pentecost  9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee	<b>8</b>  6:30 am Men's Group	<b>9</b>  5:00 pm "A Closer Walk" walking group	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  5:00 pm "A Closer Walk" walking group	<b>12</b>  9:30 am Women's Bible Study	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9 Sunday Pentecost  9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee	<b>15</b>  6:30 am Men's Group  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">             "Hometown Nazareth" Vacation Bible School 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.           </div>	<b>16</b>  5:00 pm "A Closer Walk" walking group	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  5:00 pm "A Closer Walk" walking group	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Schaffer Wedding
<b>21</b> 10 Sunday Pentecost  9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Coffee	<b>22</b>  6:30 am Men's Group 10:30 am Caregivers	<b>23</b>  5:00 pm "A Closer Walk" walking group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  5:00 pm "A Closer Walk" walking group	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 11 Sunday Pentecost 9:30 am Worship "Blessing of the Backpacks" 10:30 am Coffee	<b>29</b>  6:30 am Men's Group	<b>30</b>  5:00 pm "A Closer Walk" walking group	<b>31</b>			



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***Come and worship with us!***

**Sunday Worship with communion 9:30 a.m.**



***The Beacon* is now electronic!**  
**If you would like to begin receiving *The Beacon* by email,**  
**just let the church office know!**



**Vacation Bible School Sign-up**

**"Hometown Nazareth VBS"**

**August 15, 16, 17, 18 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**(Please fill out and return to the church office by August 1st)**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies/Medical Information/Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies/Medical Information/Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parents 'names \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Father's cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_  
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Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doctor's Name & phone \_\_\_\_\_