



VINE & BRANCHES

A Monthly Newsletter of Fish Lake Lutheran Church

August 2011

“Mission, Ministry & Facility Needs Study” to Begin

Dear Members and Friends of Fish Lake Lutheran Church,

We're making plans for a congregational conversation about our future together at Fish Lake Lutheran Church. All of you will be invited to this event that will take place in September.

This “Getting Started Event” will kick off a formal, professionally-conducted study of what church members hope for Fish Lake Lutheran's future, and what we'll need to achieve those dreams. Dick Wehrs, a church development consultant with *Miller Architects & Builders of St. Cloud, MN* will be facilitating the study. Wehrs, who is also an ELCA pastor at *Faith Lutheran Church, Coon Rapids, MN*, is already gathering study data. In addition to leading the conversation at this public event, he will be speaking with our church members in *interviews* and *focus groups* in September and October.

The study also will gather and analyze information about the types, quantities, and uses of our current building's many individual spaces. An assessment will be made of the ministry “hopes and dreams” of *church staff, ministry leaders and church members*, and the *adequacy of the current facility* in meeting the space needs of future programming, particularly as our congregation continues to G.R.O.W.

Evaluations of energy efficiency, ADA compliance and accessibility, and an examination of the appearance and general condition of the building and its systems will also be included in the study.

At the conclusion of the study, Pastor Wehrs will present his final report to the Church Council. This comprehensive report, scheduled to be complete by early November, will provide a comprehensive and prioritized list of current and anticipated facilities needs. Scenarios will be developed for addressing these needs, together with cost estimates, for Council and congregational consideration and possible next steps.

God has been so faithful to our congregation over the past 144 years. And so, by conducting such a study, *we* are being faithful *to that past by paying attention to our future*. Please keep Pastor Wehrs, our elected leaders, and our congregation in your prayers as we begin this study. And please pray as I continually do, “*Thy Will Be Done.*”

Peace,



FLL Summer Schedule



Don't miss all of the fun upcoming events happening
at Fish Lake Lutheran church!

Mark the following dates on your calendar:

THRIVENT BREAKFAST MEETING

Thursday, August 4, 8:00 am North Branch Perkins

SUMMER STRETCH VALLEYFAIR

Thursday, August 4

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sunday, August 7-11, 5:30-8:00 pm

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Picnic at Fish Lake Beach
Wednesday, August 10, meet at the beach at 11:00 am

ANNUAL CORN FEED

Friday, August 19, 5:30 pm

BLOCK OF THE MONTH/CRAFT DAY

BOM-Saturday, August 20, 8:30-9:30 am
Crafting-9:30-2:00 pm

PRIME TIME

Tuesday, August 23, 11:00 am

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, August 28— Dwayne Peterson & Family

YOUTH MISSION TRIP STOCKHOLDER APPRECIATION EVENT

Sunday, August 28, 6:30 pm

NEM MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETING

Tuesday, August 30, 6:00 pm

Our Financial Stewardship at Fish Lake—A Mid-Year Update

Well, we are halfway through the 2011 fiscal year at Fish Lake Lutheran Church. Lives are being blessed, transformed, encouraged and challenged in so many ways through the ways that God is using so many of you in this congregation.

Your financial gifts to our church significantly and consistently aid in making that happen. Your gifts do far more than simply “pay the bills” – they provide for means of ministry and mission to countless people. Praise the Lord!

The second half of this year will be no different. We will continue to rely on your financial gifts to do the work of the Lord, through Fish Lake Lutheran, in our immediate, surrounding and global community.

If you recall, at our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 23 of this year, an annual budget of \$175,506 was voted on and approved (*a 0% increase over the 2010 budget*). To date we have received \$91,337.72, which is \$ 6,537.28 less than what is necessary to meet our budgeted need for this time of year. The good news however, is that we're \$1,325.94 ahead of year-to-date income at this last year, and we still managed, in faith, to meet our budgeted needs at the end of the year. Yea, God!

Let's do that again, shall we? It is so amazing to think of what God has in store for our congregation when we continue to trust Him and follow His will. But trusting and following God does not come without a challenge does it?

So, as we continue to move forward in ministry and mission at Fish Lake in the second half of this year, you and your family are strongly encouraged to sit down and discuss, if you haven't already, whether or not you're able to increase your regular financial giving in order for us to begin meeting again our budgeted need from week to week. The enclosure with this letter and statement will help you in figuring out what that might be based on your income level.

The bible promises that giving will be rewarded by God. Paul says,

*“The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully...
you will be enriched in every way for your great generosity” – 2 Corinthians 9:6, 11*

Such rewards are not always *tangible*, but often *spiritual*. Those who give of their earthly treasure experience the *spiritual* reward of hearts increasingly drawn into the wondrous love of God. And after all, isn't that what lives devoted to following Christ are all about?

Be Blessed!

Pr. Dale

Pastor Dale's 2012 Sabbatical UPDATE– The Need for Renewal

(This month I'd like to share another excerpt from our Lily Endowment Clergy Renewal Grant Proposal. This explains my rationale behind my need – and the congregation's need – for renewal during a three-month sabbatical. Once again, we will hear in late September whether or not we receive the grant to help fund the sabbatical. Keep praying we receive it!)

“What is the rationale for my sabbatical?”

I find renewal through both a *contemplative* and *active* lifestyle.

My sabbatical plan allows for that renewal through activities rich in *contemplation* and *adventure*. Thus, purposeful activities of renewal are scheduled beyond what will be already renewing and primary responsibilities of teaching and preaching in the University and Parish settings in Iringa. These activities will accomplish the purpose of growing closer together as a family while learning how to be a pastor in a different culture.

It's been said that *“those who strive together, thrive together.”* My family and our Fish Lake Lutheran family continually *strive* to do God's will. And because of that, we *thrive*. This is a good time for renewal in *my* life and in the life of Fish Lake Lutheran.

Fish Lake Lutheran Church currently has a strong group of leaders who are committed to doing God's work in and beyond our walls as a healthy community of faith. I, and the congregation, hope from this experience, to take Maya Angelou's words to heart, as she states, *“I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.”*

During and upon my return home from this sabbatical, it will be *my*, and the congregation's, continuing goal to *“remove a mitt”*, in order to *“throw something back”* – in the spirit of mission and ministry.

I, and our congregation, can expect then, through *contemplation* and *adventure*, to gain a new understanding of what it means to fulfill the Great Commission in Africa, and at home.”

As always, I, and the *Sabbatical Support Committee* welcome any questions or need for clarification you might have. Don't hesitate to contact *myself*, Barb Sauer, Noel Petit, Paula Rehder, or Nancy Bengtson.

P. Dale

Rally Sunday 2011

“Surprise Us, God!”

*A 30-Day Faith Experiment for Fish Lake Lutheran Church
September 11 – October 11, 2011*

What if we, as members of Fish Lake Lutheran Church, started each day with those three words? No agendas, no plans other than waiting on God with eager anticipation of what is about to happen next in our lives and for our congregation.

Terry Esau, author of *Surprise Me, God* and *Be the Surprise*, will be at Fish Lake Lutheran on **Rally Sunday, September 11**, to invite us pray that prayer every day for 30 days.

Esau likens this invitation to a *Spiritual Breath-Freshener*, asking questions like:

Does your church have bad breath?

What would happen if we, the church, learned how to breathe spiritually?

What would happen if we regularly inhaled the love of God?

What would happen if we began to exhale that same love?

What would our church look like and how would it impact our community if we lived out those “breathing” patterns?

As always on Rally Day, we’ll celebrate the Reception of New Members, share in pot-luck lunch, and invite our children and youth to play at our outdoor carnival of games and activities.

September 11, 2011

9:00am – 9:45am

Sunday School Registration and Meet the Shepherds

10:00am

Rally Sunday Worship w/ Reception of New Members

Following Worship

Potluck, Games, and Fun Outside!

Church Council Minutes—July 5, 2011

Members present—Pastor Dale, Floyd Pinotti, Jason Wilking, Jen Kroeschel, Joel Santjer, Mary Crawford, Paula Rehder, Sue Kane, Tom Lofboom.

Before the meeting started Lisa Nephew, a member of Fish Lake Lutheran (who works for Edina Realty) visited to offer her advice on the selling of Bernice's house. Lisa brought pictures of homes in the area and the price received from each. A price of \$50,000.00 seemed to be a reasonable asking price for the home. The council discussed this and thought the asking price was a fair one. Pastor Dale had heard from two interested parties but had only one offer. Motion carried 8-0 to accept a \$50,000.00 cash offer for the home. The interested buyer will be contacted and times will be set to meet with an attorney for the closing.

Devotion—Devotions were given by Tom Lofboom. Tom shared the book he read titled "*Heaven is for Real*." The book is about a 4-year old boy who had an emergency appendectomy but managed to know what his Mom and Dad was doing elsewhere in the hospital. He described how he was with Jesus and described heaven to his father who was a Pastor. The book is a true story. If you would like to read it, Tom has a copy you may use. August devotions will be by Mary Crawford.

Affirmations—all from the church who helped clean up the storm damage at church and at Bernice's home in Cambridge, including the Summer Stretch youth. Lisa Nephew for advising us on the selling of Bernice's house.

Pastor's Report—Spent some time troubleshooting the alarm system after it was installed with the EGAN company and Qwest. Has been calling on our Shut-ins and distributing Shalom Funds to unemployed families or other families in need due to illness. Denver Mission Trip will be from July 22—30. Pastor Mary Kay Ashley will lead the service on July 24. July 31 will be the next outdoor service led by the Denver Mission Trip group.

Committee Reports

Audit—They will meet in August.

Social Ministry—Backpack and School supply drive.

Safety—New wireless smoke/heat detectors have been installed throughout the building. Chris Yell, or a technician from EGAN, will set up a training session for staff and some members.

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Church Council Minutes—*cont'd*

New Business

Floyd mentioned that "Heartland Express" would lease us or sell us a van if we are interested. We may discuss this at another meeting.

Colin Fisher would like to do an eagle scout project at Fish Lake Lutheran. A nature path to the *Pioneer Cemetery* was mentioned. Pastor Dale will ask Colin if he would be interested in doing that for his project.

Orville Anderson memorial—The Anderson's would like to buy the church round tables to replace the rectangular tables in the basement. It would cost them \$241.00 per table and we would need 17 tables. The council was in favor of receiving such a gift. Pastor Dale will contact the Anderson family.

Corn Feed—Nancy will let us know what our jobs will be at the next council meeting.

The council discussed the hiring of Pastor Dick Wehrs to conduct a *Mission, Ministry and Facilities Needs Study* at Fish Lake Lutheran this fall. After discussion and debate his hiring was approved by a vote of 5-2. A special council meeting will be held on July 19 with Pastor Wehrs, for the purpose of selecting a *Local Arrangements Team* to assist Pastor Wehrs with coordinating the scheduling of interviews and focus groups.

Floyd brought up the **Summer Congregational Event of 2012**. A square dance caller has been booked for Saturday, June 30, 2012. He asked for approval from the council for all proceeds from this event go to the Fish Lake Lutheran College Scholarship Fund. Approved 7-0.

Insurance Safety Audit completed—\$730.00 was saved on our annual insurance premium because of recent building & grounds improvements including the updating of our fire and burglar alarm. Thank You Joel and Nancy for your work on this!

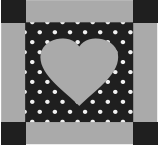
Kitchen Catering update—Sue Kane reported that churches are not included in a new law that requires a licensed and certified kitchen manager on site at all public dinners. We are o.k.! Yea God!

Striping Parking lot--Floyd will ask Rob Anderson (Knife River) to do this at a cost of no more than \$450.00.

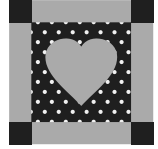
Financial Report passed 7-0

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, *Tom Lofboom*



Join us at the 5th Annual Quilt Bingo at Fish Lake Lutheran Church



*"Our lives are like quilts – bits and pieces,
joy and sorrow, stitched with love."*

**Saturday, September 17, 2011
11:30 Lunch and 1:00 Bingo**

In addition to playing Quilt Bingo,
there will be several door prize drawings through the afternoon,
all handcrafted items.

Sponsored by the Women of Fish Lake WELCA

Hand crafted American Girl Doll sized beds with storage for sale!

Our WELCA ladies have been busy making doll beds, one of which will be given away by raffle. Raffle tickets will continue to be sold at **\$5 for one, \$10 for three**; *the drawing to be held at the Corn Feed in August.*

We are going to offer to our congregation the opportunity to purchase the other 3 that will be on display downstairs. This storage/doll bed comes with a storage area, and *hand made* bedding, to include a *beautiful quilt*. We are asking **\$75 each**, the *entire* proceeds of which will be donated to one of WELCA's missions

Appreciation for Orville Anderson Memorial Gift

The family of long-time Fish Lake Lutheran member, Orville Anderson, who passed away on May 30, has given funds to purchase seventeen brand new round folding tables for our church basement. Round tables are something Orville, and many others, have often mentioned would be nice to have. The Church Council graciously received their gift and the tables have been ordered. They should arrive in early/mid August. Our current rectangular folding tables will be stacked and available for quilting, dinners, or to loan out for member's various needs. Thank you, Lorraine and the Anderson family, and God bless you and Orville's memory!



A Message From Sister LaDonna

I keep a journal.

I'm not very consistent with it. I certainly don't write in it every day or even every week but it is available when I need to look at my life a bit. I may write several times in one week and then go for weeks without picking it up at all. I usually write about something that's bothering me or just about what is going on in my life. Then when I read what I've written I can be more objective about what it means.

One of the best things about keeping a journal is looking back over the months and years and seeing where I've been and perhaps (hopefully) where I've grown and matured. When doing this, I've become aware of the steady hand of God that was leading and guiding in the good times and the bad. I smile now as I read about my anxiety over some aspect of my life and realize that I didn't need to worry at all – everything turned out in ways that I could not have imagined.

So you would think that by now I would worry much less – that I've learned to trust God in all things. Unfortunately I can't claim to have that kind of trust, but I'm working on it. I realized recently that I haven't been talking with God as much as usual. And I realized during this time that it wasn't because I thought God wasn't there, but because I *knew* that God was. Even when I was unhappy, or anxious, or tired, I knew that God was ever patient, ever loving, ever caring for and about me. "*The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.*" -Deuteronomy 33:27

When we are caught up in worrying, the best thing we can do is relax into those arms. *When has there been a time that your worry was resolved by God's abiding love? What are your experiences with keeping a journal?* I would love to hear your stories. Connect with me at ladolson@msn.com.



Led by Fish Lake member,
Dwayne Peterson & Family
Sunday, August 28
10:00am

Bring blankets and/or lawn chairs

August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	1 <i>Mission, Ministry & Facility Needs Local Arrangements Team Meeting—7:00pm</i>	2 Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	3 WELCA 9:00 am Play & Pray – 9:15-11 am	4 Thrivent Meeting 8 kins in Nor Summer 5 Valleyfair
7 Eighth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion Vacation Bible School starts 5:30-8:00 pm	8	9	10 Play & Pray – 9:15-11 am F55 11:00 am Picnic at Fish Lake Beach	11
Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:30 pm Sunday-Thursday Supper served at 5:30 pm				
14 Ninth Sunday After Pentecost	15	16	17 F55 11:00 am Play & Pray – 9:15-11 am	18
21 Tenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion <i>Vine & Branches items due</i>	22	23 11:00 am Prime Time	24 Play & Pray –9:15-11 am	25 Mom's Gr 6:30 pm @ church
28 Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost WELCA Food Shelf Sunday Outdoor Worship featuring the Dwayne Peterson Family Mission Trip Stockholder Appreciation 6:30pm	29	30 New Member Orientation Meeting 6:00 pm	31 Play & Pray –9:15-11 am	

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Breakfast 8:30 am Perth Branch Stretch at	5	6
	12	13
	19 Corn Feed 5:30pm	20 Block of the Month 8:30 am Craft Day 9-2:00 pm
Group @ the	26	27

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m. Adult Ed
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Worship
 Refreshments and fellowship

Ushers

Ushers are needed for the summer and fall months. Please contact the church office to sign up.
 Thank you!

Offering Counters

7th Rick & Debbie Lofboom, and Cindy Blesener
 14th Joel & Katie Santjer, Mary Kay Linder
 21st Julie Osborne, Jami Wilking, and Wendy Norling
 28th Nancy Bengtson and Mary Crawford

Coffee Hosts

7th Dennis & Kathy Elmstrand, Tony & Marilyn Wicklund
 14th Scott & Dorothy Lakeberg
 21st Leap of Faith
 28th WELCA

Fall Coffee Servers Needed

Treats are provided!
 Hosts need to set up, serve, and clean up. People interested can either sign up on the bulletin board downstairs or contact Julie Osborne 763-689-2222, Marilyn Wicklund 651-674-2085, or the church office.
 Thank you!

August Mission of the Month

Children's Crisis Nursery & Family Pathways

There is still a month before kids are back in school and the food shelves are the only way many people have to feed their children.

Also, there are moms who literally have to choose between feeding their young children and putting on a fresh diaper. Our contributions do make a difference to the children in our community!

And as children will be returning to school, many of them cannot afford the required supplies. The Ladies Night Out group continues to collect school supplies and backpacks to help these children.

Mom's Group will be meeting **Thursday August 25th @ 6:30** in the church basement to assemble our supplies from the '**Bright Stars Backpack Drive**'. We'll need extra hands to help sort, assemble, and distribute the backpacks. We'll be serving refreshing fruit smoothies and snacks for all our helpers! It should be a fun evening of fellowship and laughter. *We will continue to accept donations through August 25th in the box in the basement.* Thanks to our congregation and community for making this such a success. Please contact the church office or Christine Meagher with any questions.



School supply needs list from Chisago County Salvation Army:

Pens, pencils, erasers, highlighter, red correcting pens, black (sharpie type) markers, notebooks (wide & narrow ruled), colored pencils, markers (thin & fat), pencil bags/boxes, two pocket folders, calculators, protractors, rulers, glue (sticks & bottles), Kleenex, compasses, loose leaf paper (wide ruled), book covers.



FLL Food Shelf Garden Update

The Summer Stretch kids are winding down so our groups will be taking care of the weeding and harvesting of the garden. Please call Sharon Petit with the day you are available to harvest and weed. Remember to deliver to the food shelf closest to your home!

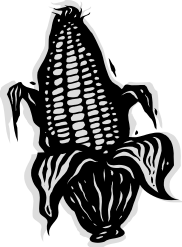
Jesus said, "for when I was hungry, you fed Me, when I was thirsty, you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed

Me, I was in prison and you visited Me." When asked, "When did these things happen?"

Jesus replied, "When you did it to the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." -Matthew 25

Got Thrivent?

If you have financial products through the fraternal organization, *Thrivent Financial for Lutherans*, you have the opportunity to direct additional financial support to Fish Lake Lutheran. Through a pro-gram called "Choice Dollars" you can indicate that you would like to see Fish Lake Lutheran receive a portion of what would otherwise be given to other organizations. Find out more at www.thrivent.org. Thank you for your support of our ministry! **All "Choice Dollar" donors are invited to a breakfast at the North Branch Perkins on Thursday, August 4, at 8:00am.** If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 651-674-4252 or email of-
fice@fishlakelutheran.org



Annual Corn Feed

Friday, August 19

Begins @ 5:30 p.m.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, bars,
beverages and all the corn you can eat!

\$5.00 suggested donation; proceeds will go toward *maintaining the historical integrity of Fish Lake Lutheran Church.*

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION

Spread the Word!

We'll be receiving new members on *Rally Sunday, September 11th*, during worship. If you have been considering joining, or if you know of a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member who might be interested in joining or even finding out more, please encourage them to attend the **New Member Orientation on Tuesday, August 30th**, from 6-8 p.m. Fish Lake continues to G.R.O.W. in many ways, and for that we are so thankful - largely because of *your* great evangelism efforts! Keep it up!

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Picnic at Fish Lake Beach

Wednesday, August 10, at 11:00am
Everyone bring a dish to serve and games to play.

Looking Ahead:

September—A Boat Cruise on the St. Croix River!

November—"Plaid Tidings" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre

We have tickets to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater for their matinee to see the holiday performance of "Plaid Tidings" - the special holiday sequel to "Forever Plaid", a musical gem filled with favorite four-part harmony holiday standards and more.

Enjoy dozens of holiday hits including "Let It Snow," "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year," and "The Christmas Song" mingled with other '50s hits including "Fever," "Mambo Italiano" and a memorable rendition of "Mr. Sandman."

The tickets are \$40 which includes a luncheon dinner, the performance, and gratuity. This is a handicap accessible theater. We have 25 reserved seats available.

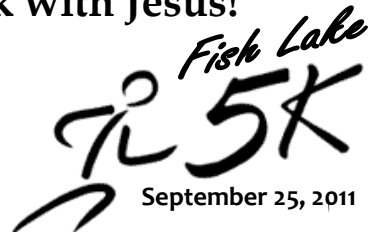
To reserve tickets, please call the church office.

FAMILY · FRIENDS · FOOD · FUN · FAITH

3rd Annual Fish Lake 5K Run/Walk with Jesus!

Sunday, September 25th at Noon

Please sign up in the church basement, or call the church office, by *September 5th*. The cost is \$6.00 per person for the t-shirt.



Water bottles will also be for sale that day. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please contact Jennifer Groh to pay or if there are any questions call her at 651-674-2992 or email at Djgroh@q.com. Thank you!

(Money needs to be turned in by September 5th so that shirts can be ordered in time.)

News 4 Kids

KID'S KLUB ON A NEW NIGHT THIS FALL!!!

FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH, starting Sept. 19th, 5:30-7:00pm

We will begin with supper. Then the T.I.M. Team will lead you in games, craft and Bible Time together.

Mark your calendars—and BRING A FRIEND!

RALLY DAY

“Surprise Us, God!!”

9:00-9:45

Registration and Meet the Shepherds

10:00

Rally Day Worship

Following Worship

Potluck, Games, and Fun Outside!

Preschool Milestone

Spark Bibles

On Sunday, Sept. 18th all the preschoolers new to Sunday School will get a Spark picture Bible.

Parents of preschoolers, please let Carrie know on Rally Day if your child will be there the following week.

News 4 YOUth

Coming4Confirmation

2011-2012 CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30pm

For all incoming 6th-8th graders and their parents.

Faith4life

Attention all **9-12 graders.**

This is a time **just for you!**

The third Sunday of month

from 6pm-8pm.

T.I.M. Team will meet.

There will be time to hang out.

You will get to dig into the Bible

and grow in your faith...

SAFARI into AFRICA



Trek to Africa!

Play with animals!

Go on a Safari!

**Discover God's love on
the journey!**

At Fish Lake Lutheran's 2011 Vacation Bible School!

*Know God! Talk to God! Tell about God! Love God! Work for
God! Live for God!*

Children age 3 and up join us from 5:30-8:00 pm.
Supper will be served at 5:30pm.

Sunday, August 7th -Thursday, August 11th
Cost: \$8 per child or \$15 per family

Registration begins Sunday, June 26th.

*Donation requests are on the bulletin board downstairs for those
who would like to help support VBS needs! Thank you!*

Volunteers needed to: Help with crafts, serve meals, publicity,
decorating, helping with games, songs, drama team to tell, shop-
keepers, or travel with a group as a shepherd. **Sign up on the
board in the basement!**

Questions? Ask Carrie (763-689-5711)

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"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity." -1 Timothy 4:12

"We announce the message about Christ, and we use all our wisdom to teach everyone, so that all of Christ's followers will grow and become mature. That's why we work so hard and use the mighty power he gives us." -Colossians 1:28-29

From July 8-July 15, twenty of Fish Lake's Sr. High Youth spent time at Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp, working together, planning together, and learning how to be a team. Throughout the week they worked together on a covenant. Together we talk about how a "covenant" is a promise. The newly formed T.I.M. Team planned together how they were going to operate as a team throughout the school year and the promises that they were making.

Their promises fell into three different categories. They made promises to *themselves* and how they would keep growing in their faith and their relationship with God. They also made promises to *each other*: how they would operate as a team and how they would keep working together. They made promises to *Fish Lake Lutheran* and they have committed as a team to be ministers to the family of Fish Lake Lutheran Church. Primarily, you might see the youth working with younger kids at *Kid's Klub*, *Confirmation*, or *Vacation Bible School*. However, they will work within the congregation in a variety of ways.

On the last day of camp, all the T.I.M. Team came together to pray over this covenant and to encourage each other to go out and make a difference in their lives and their church. The entire covenant will be posted in the Youth Room all year so the T.I.M. Team are reminded of their work and promises made this summer. We invite you to take a look at the promises they have made.



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I promise to do my best to try to be true to these promises to myself, my team, my church, and above all, to God.

2011 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AT FISH LAKE LUTHERAN

Date	Actual Offering	Budgeted Offering	Percent	Above/Below Budget	Worship Attendance
June 5	\$4,521.00	\$3,375.00	134%	\$1,146.00	131
June 12	\$2,115.00	\$3,375.00	63%	-\$1,260.00	109
June 19	\$2,262.01	\$3,375.00	67%	-\$1,112.99	110
June 26	\$2,977.00	\$3,375.00	88%	-\$398.00	169
YEAR TO DATE	\$83,265.22	\$87,750.00	95%	-\$4,484.78	

We give God thanks and praise for such faithful worship attendance and financial stewardship at Fish Lake Lutheran!

Semi-annual giving statements are available for pick up in the church basement.

FUNERAL

We share in the sorrow of the family of *Georgia Mae Mount* (Nancy Bengtson's sister) whose funeral was on July 9. May the support and care of family and friends, and the promise of the resurrection to eternal life, be a source of comfort and hope in this time of grief.

MEMORIALS

Fish Lake Lutheran gives many thanks for gifts received in memory of *Georgia Mae Mount* (Nancy Bengtson's sister) from the Georgia Mount Family.

Praise be to God for the lives and memories of loved one's lost!

WELCA Meeting—July 6, 2011

The meeting was opened by our president, Barb Sauer.

- A. The secretary's report was read and accepted.
- B. The treasurer's report was read and accepted.
- C. Thank you notes were read from the family of Orville Anderson, Kelsy and Keira Colliander and Family Pathways.

Old Business

- A. Cookies will be served for WELCA Sunday July 24.
- B. Mary Kay discussed visitor breads with Pastor Dale and they decided to suspend the program until fall.
- C. The County Market charge account will be submitted on July 7.
- D. Habitat for Humanity has not been contacted as of yet to see if they would like quilts for their clients.

New Business

- A. The freezer needs to be cleaned out after the power outage.
- B. \$ 50.00 will be given to the office for supplies.
- C. Thank you notes will be sent to Marilynn Truh for a donation of wool batting and Judy Peterson for fabric donations.

Quilt Bingo

- A. There will be 25 quilts in this years Quilt Bingo. Quilts that did not have names were named by the group.
- B. Three sponsorships have been received for the quilts.
- C. Judy Nelson and Mary Kay Linder will prepare the lunch for Quilt Bingo.
- D. Money raised for The Refuge will be matched for Habitat for Humanity.
- E. Using patio seating, tents, patio tables and umbrellas was discussed.
- F. We discussed putting the Bingo caller on the stairway with a small table.
- G. Next month we will take pictures of the quilts for the web site and review the door prizes.
- H. B.O.M. Lunch tickets will be red to better track numbers.

~Sharon Petit, Secretary

Balance brought Forward-
\$3,810.76

Income:

LCW Offering-9.00
Doll Bed Drawing-120.00
Food Shelf-92.77
Block of the Month-35.00
New BOM-752.00
Ham Dinner-1,377.00
Cook Book-10.00
From Cookie Jar-50.00
Quilt Bingo Donation-600.00
Funeral lunch-200.00
Total: \$3,625.77

Expenses:

Camb/North Branch Food Shelf-292.77
BOM Breakfast- 17.56
BOM fabric-700.35
Synod Offering-60.50
Machine Quilting-53.86
Pregnancy Resource Center-500.00
Equal Exchange-331.90
FDIC charge- .50
Total: \$1,957.44

Balance on Hand- \$5,479.09

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