



VINE & BRANCHES

A Monthly Newsletter of Fish Lake Lutheran Church

June 2011

A Word about “The Competition”

“Did the Word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached.”

-1 Corinthians 14:36

A member of our church joked with me about having worshiped one recent Sunday morning at Trinity Lutheran Church in North Branch. *“I worshipped at your competition!”* she joked. I didn’t laugh. Instead, I politely mentioned that they were not the competition; they are our partners in ministry. Of course, she didn’t mean to be critical; it’s a common perception, actually; that churches view neighboring churches as “the competition.” And that’s the *friendly* descriptor; sometimes the word “enemy” is used. Sometimes, it’s not the local congregation across town that’s named the competition; sometimes, it’s the other *denominations*. (*Those Catholics! That Missouri Synod! Those stuffy Presbyterians!*). This is particularly true during times of conflict or transition within congregations or denominations.

In recent years and months people have made unfair judgments about the ELCA, and therefore, about me, and therefore about our congregation. To some, we are the enemy, and they are superior. This saddens me.

But thankfully, the good news is, we live in a community where there is respectful fellowship among local congregations. Our local *North Branch Ecumenical Ministerium* meets monthly for prayer, conversation, and mutual support. Lutheran pastors of the *North Conference* of the *St. Paul Area Synod* meet monthly to share ideas, encourage, and spend time in worship and fellowship together. And every Tuesday I join with the pastors from Trinity Lutheran, NB; First Lutheran, Harris; First Lutheran, Rush City; and Spring Lake Lutheran, NB to study the upcoming Sunday’s scriptures as we prepare our sermons together. This energizes me.

Some of you have been members of the churches or denominations listed above; some of our former members now worship in those congregations and denominations. But there is only *one* church in this, or any community – *God’s Church*. When one suffers, we all suffer. When one rejoices, we all rejoice. When we view one another as “the competition,” Satan throws a party! So let’s be careful how we look at and speak of our neighbors’ and friends’ churches. They love their congregations and respect their pastors in the same way you do. And they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

God’s Word did not originate at our little church on the hill!



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:

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, June 5, 10:00 am

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Wednesday, June 8, 11-1 pm
A Summer Picnic at Fish Lake Park

BLOCK OF THE MONTH/CRAFT DAY

BOM-Saturday, June 18, 8:30-9:30 am
Crafting-9:30-2:00 pm

LADIES NIGHT OUT

At Flickabirds-Thursday, June 23, 7:00 pm

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, June 26—led by Boxcar Bob

MISSION TRIP COOK-OUT

Sunday, June 26, following worship, for all Colorado Mission Trippers

PRIME TIME

Tuesday, June 28, 11:00 am

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, July 31—Denver Youth Mission Trip Group,
Congregational Picnic following worship
Sunday, August 28— Dwayne Peterson & Family

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

ANNUAL CORN FEED

Friday, August 19, 5:30 pm

Vision and Mission — The Church Council: Managing a Crucial Balance

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor...”

- 1 Timothy 5:17

Have you ever heard the word *Presbuteros*? It’s Greek. In some congregations it’s translated “*the board.*” In others they’re called “*the overseers,*” or “*the elders*” or “*the presbytery.*” In our church we call them “*the council.*” But whatever their name, their function was created by God for the proper guidance and administration of the local congregation.

Fish Lake Lutheran has a lengthy history of wise and thoughtful *councils* who have ably managed the affairs of this congregation with gentle wisdom, deep faith and, when necessary, bold leadership. They have held in crucial balance, the principles of business, and a sensitivity of the Spirit so that God’s Church at Fish Lake Lutheran might be healthy, vibrant and transparent. We thank God for all who have served in this way!

We are deeply grateful for the current *church council* at Fish Lake: *Nancy Bengtson, Mary Crawford, Sue Kane, Jennifer Kroschel, Tom Lofboom, Floyd Pinotti, Paula Rehder, Joel Santjer, and Jason Wilking.* With the growth we’ve seen in recent years and that we expect will continue, their wisdom, coupled with their love for this church, is a gift to us, and as the scripture notes above, they are *worthy of our honor.* (Thank them, will you, when you next see these council members at church?)

We draw attention to this now because as Fish Lake Lutheran continues to G.R.O.W. in various and significant ways, the council will need to consider very important items that directly affect every member and friend of this congregation and community. Items such as *staffing, facility/parking, and ministry needs* – all of which directly affect *stewardship, financial, and budgetary* needs. This, of course, is all considered in light of the current economic downturn, which began in 2008, and has affected churches everywhere. However, *in faith, the uncertainty/inconsistency of anticipated income, the need to do more ministry with less funding, and the lack of knowledge of biblical financial stewardship* among many of our members will need to be addressed and discussed as we strive to be faithful to our statement of Vision and Mission, *G.R.O.W. at Fish Lake!*

So as you can see, this *church council* has its plate full! But we have the right people, the people God has selected, to wisely and prayerfully consider these important items. They need your input, however, in order to faithfully sense the pulse of our membership as we do move forward. So please share your thoughts, hopes, and dreams with them. And above all, pray for them, that they would keep sensible *business practices* and sensitive *faith* in a crucial balance. The future really is now; let’s enter it with joy and confidence!

Stewardship at Fish Lake—A Cheerful Sacrifice?

Giving to the church can be both a *duty* and a *delight*.

It may be our *duty* to support our church with gifts appropriate to our means. It can be our *delight* to offer cheerful sacrifices of worship and love to God.

To discover this delight, you might want to evaluate your financial giving to the church as a *cheerful sacrifice*. Think about your giving in terms of those two words:

Is my giving *cheerful*?

Is my giving a *sacrifice*?

Take a few minutes right now to think about these questions and jot any notes or reminders to yourself beneath the words below for further consideration and reflection:

Cheerful

Sacrifice

Now, in the week to come, you might want to think about your giving to the church in this way:

If you are not giving *cheerfully*, why not?

If your giving is not a *sacrifice*, why not?

God does *not* want people to give reluctantly, out of compulsion, or a sense of guilt (2 Corinthians 9:7). Giving becomes *cheerful* when it is a grateful response to God's grace, and when we are able to envision God using our gifts to bless others.

But cheerful giving *is* to be a sacrifice. If we merely give out of our surplus, donating money that we will never miss, the experience of sacrifice can be lost. The goal is to experience in some *real* way the absence of what we have given up—and yet, to be pleased to have given it all the same.

Giving that represents a “cheerful sacrifice” moves us beyond *duty* to *delight*. It is the difference between giving what we *ought* to give and giving what we truly *want* to give. We give because the goodness of God has taken hold of us and transformed us into joyful, generous people. And isn't that the sort of person you would like to be? A person who has discovered the delight of making cheerful sacrifices to God!

“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God.” - 2 Corinthians 9:11

Pastor Dale's 2012 Sabbatical UPDATE—The Waiting Begins

Whew! Our twenty-six page grant proposal has been completed and mailed in to the *Lilly Endowment, Inc. Clergy Renewal Program*. Now we wait. We'll be notified in late September of this year, if we have been chosen for a \$46,000 grant to cover all the expenses of my sabbatical, including \$15,000 to cover congregational interim ministry expenses. I invite you all to join in praying that our congregation is selected. I also want to thank my *Sabbatical Support Committee*—*Nancy Bengtson, Paula Rehder, Noel Petit, and Barb Sauer* for all of their help and advice. If we do not receive the grant, my sabbatical will be considerably scaled back to make it more affordable for my family. We'll still need the \$15,000 to cover interim ministry expenses, and other options would be considered when we begin planning our 2012 budget this fall.

I'd like to share with you a section of the grant proposal entitled, "*The Intended Benefits for Pastor Dale and his Family from this Sabbatical*".

"Ultimately, the intended benefits of my sabbatical are to help me grow in my calling as a *pastor*, as a *husband*, and as a *father*. After my first short-term visit to our partner congregation, Wasa, outside of Iringa in 2007, I came home with a new awareness and appreciation for my family and how the Church is much bigger than Fish Lake Lutheran or even the ELCA. It's clear that what my wife and I and our congregation do in our small country congregation in rural Minnesota *does* matter across the globe in rural Tanzania. It's clear that what we do as members of the Body of Christ at home *does* matter to the members of the Body of Christ abroad. This clarity, awareness and understanding will be deeper and stronger after an extended period of time living it and being immersed in it.

I expect to return home from Tanzania with *an even clearer vision for missions, with a greater understanding of Lutheran life in Tanzania, and with a renewed desire to interpret and further the spiritual and material relationship we have with Tanzania*. Personally I expect to become a more competent and confident preacher and teacher as I learn new ways to articulate and proclaim the gospel, all while being more in tune to the needs of my family. *Professionally* I expect to broaden the understanding of my role as a pastor in Christ's Church.

I expect our congregation to thrive in my absence as new leaders emerge. They will gain more confidence as a congregation, continuing in mission and ministry without me present to lead them. My renewal and spiritual growth while away from the every day demands of ministry at Fish Lake Lutheran will create new energy for me and a renewed passion for our church and its mission and ministry. This will be critical as I, and the congregation, continue to transition from pastoral to programmatic in growth, while continuing to assess our mission, ministry, and facility needs."

-Blessings, Pr. Dale

Church Council Minutes—May 3, 2011

President Nancy Bengtson called the meeting to order. Present were Pastor Dale, Floyd Pinotti, Jason Wilking, Joel Santjer, Mary Crawford, Paula Rehder, Sue Kane, and Tom Lofboom.

Devotions: Paula Rehder read devotions titled "*Gods Leaders are Encouraged.*" Jesus said and continues to say, "*You did not choose me but I chose you...*" (John 15:16) In that promise, we are encouraged to keep on keeping on by the Spirit's power.

Affirmations: Those that helped with the 2010-2011 Confirmation Program. Pr. Conrad Warner for participating in our "Senior Saint" Sunday. All those who helped at the annual Spring Clean-Up. Judy Nelson for decorating tables in the basement. Jill Gustafson for organizing the Seder Meal. Sue Kane, Jonelle Nelson, Jeff Elmer and Eric Gustafson for helping organize this year's Easter Breakfast.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Dale and his *Sabbatical Support Committee* are working on a grant proposal for the Lilly Foundation's *Clergy Renewal Program* that, if received, would fund his entire sabbatical scheduled for fall of 2012. The proposal needs to be submitted by May 12. The *Sabbatical Support Committee* consists of members, *Noel Petit, Paula Rehder, Nancy Bengtson, and Barb Sauer*; Pastor Dale was pleased with all the congregational energy and excellent worship attendance throughout all of the Lenten and Easter services. Was great to see so many friends and family worshipping again with us on Easter; Pastor Dale was also thankful for and excited about this year's large confirmation class — *sixteen* — our biggest in 68 years! They will be confirmed on May 22, at 2:00pm.

Committee Reports

WELCA — Pastor Dale was asked if we need a licensed caterer when preparing meals for profit at the church. Apparently other churches have been made aware of this. WELCA asked Pastor Dale to look into it.

Social Ministry — Food Shelf Garden planning on May 7-8.

Safety, Health & Wholeness Committee Update — Joel Santjer received a bid to install a new fire monitoring panel. It will cost \$3,880.00. \$1,500.00 will be used from a donation from Tom and Evie Janssen. The remainder will come from the building fund.

Church Council Minutes– *continued*

New Business:

Ladonna Olson would like Fish Lake Lutheran to consider extending her a “call” as Director of Music Ministry. Pastor Dale passed a handout for the council to read explaining what a "call" is and also the purpose and implications of a "call". The council will read the handout, then discuss the request at our June meeting.

In addition to the Janssen donation, another \$500.00 was donated by Orville and Lorraine Anderson. It was suggested we give \$500.00 to Prime Time to help them out with their monthly expenses. Motion passed. We also had \$139.00 from Thrivent that will be put into our Thrivent restricted savings account for now.

Pastor Dale will check on estimates to restore the original mural of Jesus which is painted on the wall behind the altar. It has a noticeable crack that will soon require fixing. He'll check with Eric Carlisle and Walter Horscher.

Weather stripping around the stained glass windows was addressed.

Parking lot should be sealed and new lines should be painted. Tom Lofboom will send out requests for bids.

Mary Crawford brought up the idea of purchasing a Church Van. Concerns such as maintenance, storage, and insurance were all discussed.

Old Business:

We asked for updated insurance quotes. Nancy Bengtson researched this and we decided to stay with the same provider.

Pastor Dale and Nancy Bengtson signed the final documents on Bernice Engmark's house. Two people are interested in purchasing the house. The council will discuss this further. Pastor Dale will keep us informed on any new developments.

Financial Report— It was noted that we are only shy \$348.00 after all the services year-to-date for our weekly offering need. It was also mentioned that during the summer we will run short because of vacations, which is typical. However, members are encouraged to remain faithful and consistent in their financial giving over the summer months.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Lofboom



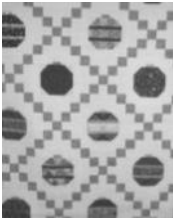
Quilt Bingo Stories



(Winners at the Quilt Bingo were asked to share how their quilt would be used and where it would end up. Here are some stories that have been sent back to us.)

Quilt #4, Set III- Victorian

I will be using the quilt for myself- I dare anyone to try and get it away from me! :) It fits in with the décor in our bedroom and I will be so happy to use it everyday. I never dreamed I would win anything but when I came in, I saw this quilt and thought this is the one I would want. I was shocked when I got bingo, but more shocked when I drew the King of Clubs and won over two other ladies. I was, and am, so thrilled, happy and proud to have won. The workmanship is so perfect, the pattern and colors are gorgeous. All the quilts were gorgeous and all the work and love that went into them is just so much appreciated. I hope I conveyed to you all my sincere thank you. I just love my quilt! See you next year!~ Nancy Hult



Ornament Quilt Tickets On Sale Now

Downstairs following worship, WELCA will be selling tickets for a chance to win the beautiful ornament block quilt that is on display in the basement. *All profits from this sale go to the Pregnancy Resource Center and the Crisis Nursery!* Tickets are \$5.00 each, the drawing will take place on Saturday, June 18th during the first Block of the Month meeting (*need not be present to win.*)

2011 Block of the Month Registration Starting NOW!

June 18th is the first date!

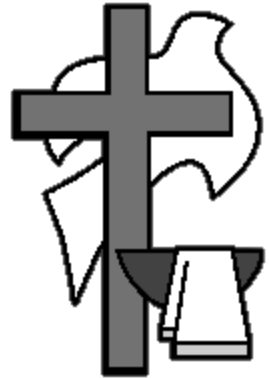
We have decided to offer a Block of the Month again next year starting in June 2011. The cost is \$8 a month. Registration forms are online at fishlakerlutheran.org or you can contact Barb Sauer or the Church Office.

Tickets are being so for the raffle of an adorable *doll bed/storage box* with homemade quilt, bed skirt, sheet, & pillow that fits American Girl size dolls. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 and are on sale now. Talk to a WELCA lady or contact the church office for more information! The bed is on display in the basement on the resource table.

SAVE THE DATE! Fifth Annual Quilt Bingo at Fish Lake Lutheran
Saturday, September 17th, 11:30 Lunch, 1:00 Bingo

A Message From Sister LADonna

I recently came across an interesting story about a man who dreamed that He was in a museum in the Holy City. In the museum he saw swaddling clothes, a hammer and three nails, a crown of thorns, a bit of fishing-net, the broken oar of a boat. The man asked the museum curator if there was a towel and basin among the collection. The curator answered, "No, not here; you see they are in constant use."



The towel and basin are symbols of love and service to others. John 13 tells us that Jesus took a towel and basin to wash the disciple's feet. He then told them that this was the pattern that they were to follow. This is the pattern that we also are to follow. How do we follow Jesus' example? How do we live lives of love and service to others? How can we learn to recognize when our neighbor is in need? How can we be a congregation where the towel and basin are in constant use?

I would love to hear your stories of either receiving help from others or of how you gave help to others. I can be reached at ladolson@msn

FLL Ladies Night Out!

Clear your calendar and get ready to kickoff the summer!

It's Ladies Night Out and we'll be taking advantage of this beautiful summer weather by meeting at **Flickabirds Resort** on Rush Lake, **June 23rd at 7:00 p.m.**

So don't miss out on the fun! Join us for laughs, dinner, and a great view!

We'll be there rain or shine! Bring a friend or two to share the evening with.

Please contact the church office or Christine Meagher with any questions.

Church Office Summer Hours

June-August

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
			1 WELCA 9:00 am Play & Pray – 9:15-11 am	2
5 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> Holy Communion Graduate Recognition Sunday	6	7 Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	8 Play & Pray – 9:15-11 am F55 11:00 am	9
12 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	13	14	15 Play & Pray – 9:15-11 am Summer Stretch 9-4:30	16
19 <i>First Sunday after Pentecost</i> Holy Communion Father's Day <i>Vine & Branches items due</i>	20	21	22 Play & Pray –9:15-11 am Summer Stretch 9-4:30	23 Ladies Night Flickabird 7:00 pm
26 <i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i> Outdoor Worship WELCA Food Shelf Sunday-bring donations! <i>Mission Trip Cook-out following worship</i>	27	28 11:00 am Prime Time	29 Play & Pray –9:15-11 am Summer Stretch 9-4:30	30

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 months. Please contact Jeff Elmer at Jeffrey.Elmer@yahoo.com or the church office to sign up. Thank you!

Offering Counters

5th Rick & Debbie Lofboom, and
Cindy Blesener

12th Joel & Katie Santjer, Mary Kay Linder

19th Julie Osborne, Jami Wilking,
and Wendy Norling

26th Nancy Bengtson, Nicci Elmer, and
Mary Crawford

Coffee Hosts

5th Tony & Marilyn Wicklund

12th Jess & Lois Meddock, Jeff Nestvold &
Diane Arnold

19th Leap of Faith

26th WELCA

Summer 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!

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3	4 Brown/Satterlund Wedding 2:00 pm
	10	11
	17	18 Block of the Month 8:30 am Craft Day 9-2:00 pm
Light Out at S Resort	24	25

June Mission of the Month— Local Food Pantry Summer Lunch Program

School's out in June!

Imagine having kids at home for the summer - *active* kids, *bored* kids, *hungry* kids!

This is a time when family food budgets are really stretched. So, for the June *Mission of the Month* we are collecting food supplies for the area food shelves.

Throughout the month of June non-perishable food items may be brought in and set in the basement to be delivered to the North Branch & Cambridge Food Shelves.

Money donated to the food shelves is one of the most effective ways to contribute. This can be done by using the Special Giving Envelopes in the pew and writing "Food Shelf" on the envelope.

Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity to be the hand's and feet of Christ, right in our own backyard! Thank you!

"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!' Matthew 25:40



Thank You!

Thank You!



Thank You to Judy Nelson for making the confirmation corsages and beautiful altar flowers, and for sewing additional confirmation robes! You are such a blessing! -
The Confirmation Class of 2011

Graduate Recognition Sunday – June 5 Each year Fish Lake Lutheran sets aside a Sunday in June to honor, celebrate, and affirm the accomplishments of any new graduates within our congregation. The tradition of giving each of our high school graduates a hand-made quilt continues again this year. Our quilting group has been working hard to make just the right quilt for each graduate! We invite you to join with us in worship on Sunday, June 5 to give thanks for, to pray for, and to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment in the lives of our graduates.

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.

Wasa 2012 Mission Trip

Plans continue to fall into place for a *fourth* visit to our Companion Congregation in Wasa, Tanzania during fall of 2012. Eight members of our congregation have already expressed interest in the journey. Pastor Dale and his family will be there on sabbatical during our visit. Please join us for an unforgettable and life-changing experience as we visit our brothers and sisters in Christ at Wasa and the Iringa area in Tanzania, East Africa. **An informational meeting will follow our Africa Celebration Service on Sunday, July 10.** For more information, please contact Pastor Dale or Sister LaDonna Olson.



YOU ARE INVITED to FLL Graduation Celebrations!

Tori Marlton's Graduation Open House, Saturday, June 4th, 1:00-4:00 pm, 608 Winnetka Place, Cambridge, MN (right by the high school)
- Jon & Deb Marlton



We would like to extend an invitation to all members of Fish Lake to celebrate *Andrea's* Graduation from North Branch High School along with her many accomplishments. The Celebration will be held at the Yelle Home Saturday, June 11th, from 3-7 pm.
7012 Humber Trail NE, North Branch. For Directions feel free to contact us at 651-674-5699.
- Chris & Patti Yelle

F55

A Summer Picnic at Fish Lake Park

Wednesday, June 8, 11:00am—1:00pm

Plan ahead for July 13 when we visit the
Munsinger and Clemens Gardens in St. Cloud
followed by a lunch at **Anton's**.

FAMILY · FRIENDS · FOOD · FUN · FAITH

Kick-Off 2011 Summer Outdoor Worship

with us on Sunday, June 26th, at 10:00 a.m.

"Boxcar Bob" will lead us in worship
that will include the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Boxcar Bob— guitar, mandolin player and singer grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota and retired after 32 years with the St. Paul Police Department. He has opened for Stonewall Jackson and performed at the Midwest Country Theater. Boxcar Bob was voted best male vocalist at the South Texas Music Festival in 1999. It has been noted that Boxcar Bob looks like the famed Boxcar Willie and sounds just as good. Noted as a great song writer, too. His song "Miss You In The Morn" is said to be one of the most beautiful songs out there. *2008 & 2009 F.A.M.E. Award Winner.



*Additional Outdoor Worship dates are July 31 – led by Denver
Mission Trip Group; and August 28 – led by Dwayne Peterson & his family.*

IN MEMORIAL

Fish Lake Lutheran Church sincerely appreciates gifts received from: Tom & Anne Lofboom and Rick & Deb Lofboom in memory of Barbara Coher, sister of Jim Saari.

Lynnea Nygaard in memory of her beloved parents, Pastor William & Myrna Nordeen, and husband Robert Nygaard.

Florence A. Stanz in memory of Carl W. Stanz, Maggie Hubbling's grandfather.

BAPTISM

We celebrated the baptisms of *Madeline Kae Handt & Jaiden Allen Nelson* on May 22. We welcome them into the Lord's family and take serious our promise to help nurture them in the Christian faith!

CONFIRMATION

On May 22nd, we celebrated confirmation with *Brandon Richard Johnson, Riley Douglas Karpen, Samantha Jean Klein, Charles Eric Linder, Kendra Chloe Lovin, Bailey Grace Murawski, Kelly Renee Nelson, Maranda Rae Nelson, Kenzie Jo Niedzielski, Morgan Brittany O'Donnell, Nicholas John Pilz, Payton Michelle Ramberg, Ashley Trista Richter, Tristan Jacob Strohecker, Anthony Alan Yelle, William Jay Young V.* Their parents, Sunday School teachers, mentor, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit all worked together to bring them to this important day. May God bless them all!

Summer Stretch 2011—"God is..."

So far, thirty-seven middle/high school youth have registered for Summer Stretch 2011 at Fish Lake Lutheran! Throughout the Summer they'll be discovering that "God is..."

Beginning this month, on Wednesday, June 15th, at 9:00am, we'll be gathering at church for bible study before being sent into our surrounding communities to serve and play.

Youth are reminded to bring a **bag lunch, water bottle, and sunscreen** each Wednesday!



News 4 Kids

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SAFARI into AFRICA



Sunday, Aug. 7th -Thursday, Aug. 11th

Children age 3 and up join us from
5:30-8:00 pm.

Supper will be served at 5:30pm.
Cost: \$8 per child or \$15 per family

SIGN UPS BEGIN SUNDAY JUNE 12 – BRING A FRIEND!!

News 4 Youth



**GOD
IS...**

SUMMER STRETCH 2011

YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP

Wednesday, June 15-July 20
9am-4:30pm

Valleyfair on Thursday August 4th

\$85

Don't let money be an issue-
talk to Carrie about scholarships!

MISSION DENVER

Picnic and Final Gathering

Sunday, June 26

Following the Outdoor Worship



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THANK YOU

The school year is coming to a close and summer plans are gearing up. You might be dreaming of the cabin, time at the beach, or getting your hands in the dirt. As we move into summer, I would like to share with you the view from here:

- * *Thank you to all the amazing leaders that share the love of Christ with our children and youth through out the year. There are too many to name and I would hate to miss someone, but they are:*

Confirmation small group leaders

Sunday School Shepherds

Leap of Faith Leaders

Lenten Mentors

Sunday School Rotation Teachers

Sunday School Superintendents

The congregation of Fish Lake Lutheran truly follows the call of passing on their stories of faith to the younger members.

- * *Summer continues to offer opportunities for all ages to play, pray, serve, and keep discovering God working in their lives. Thank you in advance for they ways you play with, pray with, and grow in faith with the children and youth this summer. My prayers for this summer is discovering all the ways God will work in life changing ways. As a congregation I ask you to pray for:*

Summer Stretch-as we all continue to learn what it means to serve the Lord

VBS-as all ages come together to play, learn, and focus on Christ

Denver, Colorado Mission Trip-50 youth and adults will step outside what is comfortable to serve the Lord in urban Denver.

Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp-Youth love camp for all the fun they have playing games, swimming, singing, making friends. God loves to have them at camp to surround them with love, learning, and growing in faith. We have 34 youth going to camp this summer.

We ask for your prayers for all our children, youth, and the adults who will work with them this summer:

for health and safety, for God to work through them and for God to work in them.

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WELCA Meeting—May 4, 2011

The meeting was opened by our president, Barb Sauer.

Marcie Whitman retired after nearly thirty years as secretary of WELCA. She nominated Sharon Petit and Sharon was elected to fill the position. Thank you, Marcie for all your years of service.

- A. The secretary's report was read and accepted.
- B. The treasurer's report was read and accepted.
- C. \$100.00 will be sent to Women of ELCA Synod.

Old Business

- A. WELCA Sunday, May 22. We will serve cheese crackers.
- B. Quilt/Needs
 1. Baptismal Quilts – Complete 6 boys and 2 girls.
 2. Wedding Quilts – We will choose a quilt for Sandy Satterlund's June wedding at the next meeting.
 3. Graduation Quilts – Three are complete and two are nearly complete.

Updates

1. Bread for Visitors: May- Ruby, June – Jane, July – Kathy.
2. Kitchen Supplies – Jane will shop for fry pans.
3. Block of the Month May 21 at 8:30 a.m. As of today 34 people have registered for 2011 – 2012 Block of the Month.
4. Quilt Bingo – 26 quilts in various stages of completion.
5. Doll Beds- Donna Bernhagen has made three doll beds/storage boxes which fit American Girl dolls. It was decided to raffle one beginning at the Memorial Day Ham Dinner. Craig's List was decided for the second bed and a silent auction was considered for the third bed.
6. Memorial Day Dinner plans – Barb is working with County Market. She has also made a request to the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe donation committee for a financial donation for the dinner. There was a discussion of a ticket price or a suggested donation amount and it was decided to use the latter in our advertising. Ham will not be sliced before cooking this year to prevent dryness.
7. Sponsorship of Quilt Bingo Quilts – A number of businesses were discussed as potential sponsors. Letters were distributed to those who will ask for these businesses support. The businesses who contribute will be acknowledged and thanked in the newspaper and Quilt Bingo program.

Balance brought Forward-
\$3,081.36

Income:

Coffee-16.00
LCW Offering-14.00
Food Shelf-50.00
Block of the Month-169.00
New BOM- \$1,280.00
Total: \$1,529.00

Expenses:

Camb.Food Shelf-75.00
North Br. Food Shelf-75.00
Altar plants/flowers– 85.90
BOM Breakfast– 66.34
Kitchen supplies– 121.21
Machine Quilting– 262.00
Equal Exch. Coffee– 285.80
Noel (fabric)- 101.22
FDIC charge- .50
Total: \$1,072.97

Balance on Hand- \$3,537.39

WELCA — *continued*

New Business

- A. Ornament Quilt Ticket sales will continue and also be sold at the Memorial Day Dinner.
- B. Lutheran Women Today Bible Study: To follow and to serve: The Gospel of Mark; Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Lutheran Church of Resurrection of Roseville.
- C. We discussed purchasing a simple sewing machine for use at the church so people have a choice of whether or not they want to bring their own machine.
- D. The Batting rack in the sewing room needs to be painted. Kathy Lodin will send thank you notes to Mark Blesener and Jeff Elmer.

Next Meeting Date - Wednesday, June 1, 2011.

~Sharon Petit, Secretary



2011 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AT FISH LAKE LUTHERAN					
Date	Actual Offering	Budgeted Offering	Percent	Above/Below Budget	Worship Attendance
April 3	\$5,601.35	\$3,375.00	166%	\$2,26.35	149
April 6-Lent	\$964.15	N/A	N/A	N/A	85
April 10	\$2,629.75	\$3,375.00	78%	-\$745.25	154
April 17	\$2,997.00	\$3,375.00	89%	-\$378.00	159
April 21-Maundy Th.	\$337.30	N/A	N/A	N/A	84
April 22-Good Friday	\$772.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	127
April 24-Easter Sun.	\$1,190.00+ \$3,892.25	\$3,375.00	151%	\$1,707.25	67 + 271
YEAR TO DATE	\$56,088.64	\$57,375.00	98%	-\$1,286.36	

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

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