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June-July 2009

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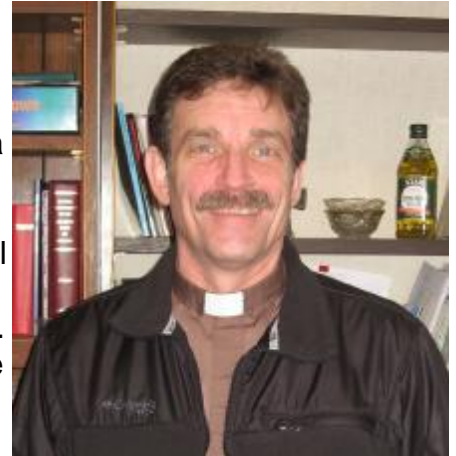
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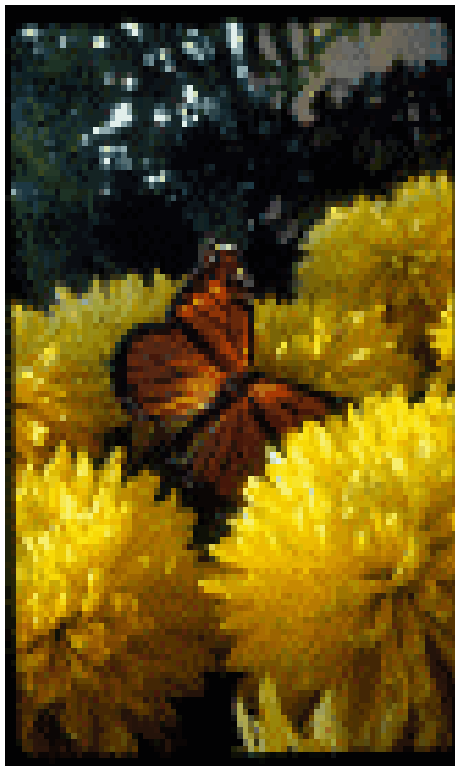
What an exciting time to be a part of Fairbanks Lutheran Church! The Call committee has arranged to have 3 pastoral candidates come for an interview in the next few weeks. If you would like to help or have suggestions as to how to make them feel welcome, please contact the church office.



We also give thanks to God that we can celebrate the progress of some of the Phase I upgrades and remodeling of our building. It's easy to forget that these building plans have taken over 2 years to develop from the time of conception, and more than likely will extend for several years into the future. Though it has been an exciting and frustrating process - with overruns in time and budget, as expected - the remodeling will give FLC the resources to move confidently into the future as a church ready to grow, and to impact its community.

In the middle of all of this excitement, plans are in the making to celebrate FLC's 65th anniversary on August 23rd. We want to extend invitations to as many of our previous pastors, interns and members as we can, yet we're not sure that we have current addresses. Some people were baptized, confirmed and married in this church building, or the previous location. Others were here when they were constructed. There is still time to let us know about anyone else we should include. So don't hesitate to contact the church office with names and addresses. Thanks be to God for giving us the possibilities of a new future and exciting ministry.

Two final thoughts: one on prayer; and one on giving. Some people have said to me that they don't need to speak their needs to God in prayer because God already knows them. Yet I believe that such an attitude takes God far too lightly, too matter-of-factly. God does know our needs.



Continued from the Pastor's Desk:

But God likes to know that we are serious about God's ability to answer. Luther once said "THO GOD PROMISES TO GIVE, HE NEVERTHELESS WISHES TO BE IMploRED." Prayer allows us the time to get to know God as intimately as God already knows each and every single one of us.

Giving to the church is not only a matter of priorities, but of trust. There is a prevailing attitude among many Christians to consider giving to benevolent causes when asked ... and usually AFTER their own needs have been taken care of. The danger in this kind of giving is that the emphasis is placed on one's own abilities to provide for oneself, rather than trusting God to do so.

I find consolation and strength in knowing that in Christ's life, teachings, death and resurrection ... it is clear that God withholds nothing from us in order to love us. So, then, we are free to worship God not only with words, but also with our time, money and possessions. Taking the first step is all that's required, for God will guide us! So go on ... make time for weekly worship ... implore God in prayer ... give to God freely!

Thanks be to God! Pastor Ottum

Notes from the Treasurer:

After the past 4 months we have used the January 1st balance of \$4,200.00 and started May with zero balance.

In May we did not have funds available to pay current bills on May 31. Alaska Synod had 3 months to be paid and the Council decided that this is a priority, then payroll, insurance, utilities etc...

Summer is here but we need to look at our blessings and remember where they come from.

Respectfully,
Millie Dufseth, Treasurer

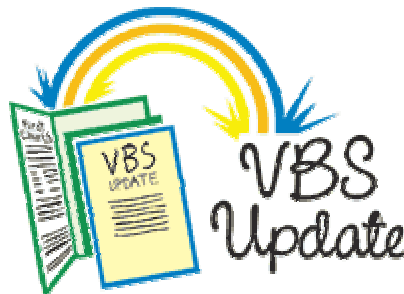
Health Ministry Meeting

There will be a meeting at 7:00pm in the church narthex on Sunday, June 14th.

The main item will be to tally the health ministry questionnaire results.

Then, if there is time, we will begin scheduling topic ideas for next winter's monthly wellness presentations. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Trina Anderson, Parish Nurse



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Monday, June 8th – Friday, June 12th 9:30 am – Noon

The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything

a Veggie Tales VBS is designed for children 4 – 12 years of age, with plenty of fun for the youth and adults who help!!

With all of our senses engaged, we'll grow daily in the understanding of what it means to be a hero for God. In the midst of the fun, kids interact with the Bible story, the Bible theme, and Bible memory verses. Every day starts and ends with The Yo Ho Ho Show, and rotations include Rock Monster Singing and Science, Spyglass Bible Theater, Whip crack Island Gems, and Clapping Rock Crafts.

We will end our week of piratey fun with a hot dog lunch after the final Yo Ho Ho Show!

Saturday, June 13th Noon – 5:00 pm Picnic and Swimming at Lost Lake

All VBS volunteers and their families are invited to an afternoon picnic and swimming at Lost Lake. The water may be chilly, but the BBQ will be hot! Bring your bathing suit, towel, water toys that you might want to play with, and a side dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided.

Thursday, June 18th 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Veggie Tale MOVIE – The Pirates who

Don't Do Anything At VBS we learned how to be a true hero, and now is your chance to watch the **whole** movie. Yes, there will be popcorn!

Thanks to

All the people who brought their cars and trucks to be washed at the Youth Car Wash on May 9th, AND to all the youth and their families who helped scrub away the winter grime.

A special thanks to Terry Doer and his generous donation of spruce logs AND to all the people who helped cut and load it!

The green thumbs who donated plants to the Youth Plant Sale on May 31st AND to the folks who bought them.

Special Movie

“God on Trial,” a PBS movie, is available at the church office for loan. The length is 90 minutes. The setting is Auschwitz, the concentration camp.

If interested in watching it, please check it out from the church office. There is only 1 copy and so bring it back to allow others to enjoy it.

If there is enough interest, there may be a discussion event scheduled sometime in the fall.

Trina Anderson



Our Prayer Partner Church

is Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage.
Pray for their pastor and congregation.



This is a reminder that on June 1, 2009 the church will not provide flowers for the sanctuary.

For those who have already signed up, please remember to bring some flowers or a blooming plant for your Sunday. Or you can chose to donate the money you would have spent on flowers to LWR, LSS, or another local charity.

The Flower Chart Sign up information will continue to be listed in each Sunday bulletin, so please continue to fill in the chart with whom you would like to honor. For those Sundays in which no one has signed up, there will be a plant for the stand.

You can drop the flowers/plant off on Saturday during the day, or by Sunday morning by 8:00 AM.

I look forward to the variety of flowers and colors that will grace our worship space.

Thank you, Joe Shepherd

Looking for fresh red rhubarb.

Contact Pat Willson at
Pwillson65@hotmail.com or 455-6840.



Warren and Linda Tilman were married at Fairbanks Lutheran 50 years ago on May 31st. Congratulations on your golden celebration!

Jan and Jerry Flodin were also married 50 years ago on June 11. Jan and Jerry invite everyone to share a piece of their anniversary cake at church on Sunday June 14 during the coffee hour. Congratulations are in order for this young couple too!

Hospital Bed

Could you or someone you know use a hospital bed? Contact Eileen Macomber at 460-2742 to get all the details.

Church Family Camp

Our theme for family camp this year is "Let Your Light So Shine." We invite everyone – be sure to sign up in the narthex – to come on out to Twin Bears Campground Sat-Sun June 27-28.

There will be a fishing derby, crafts, BBQ Potluck on Saturday at 6pm with an informal worship service with communion being served.

Stay all day or all night and Sunday morning.

Church Campout June 27,28, 2009

*"Let Your
Light So
Shine"*



**Come anytime after
10:00 AM Saturday and
stay all day or all night
and Sunday morning**

***Fairbanks
Lutheran
Church***



Pastor/Skipper Stan Berntson &
Nurse Advocate Sharon Geldaker

Many THANKS to all who have held Sharon and I up in prayer, and who have supported the ministry of the MV Christian through this interesting time!

Because of YOU, and the recent fundraisers and donations across Alaska, Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots US has committed to put the MV Christian back in the water by the beginning of June! Still in need of about \$100K, Sharon and I continue to look for sustaining pledge support to fund year-round operations, and are learning to write grants as well. It won't be hard to do, because we believe in this ministry, and in the love God has for all people of this region.

THANK YOU-THANK YOU for being partners with us, as we sail these waters to share the gospel and freeing grace of Jesus!

Feel free to contact us at motorvesselchristian@gmail.com, or befriend us on Face book (MV Christian) to keep posted on our whereabouts & activities! Check out our webpage at www.lutheranmissionariesandpilots.org to pledge & learn more!

God's Blessings on you & your congregation,

Pastor/Skipper Stan Berntson & Nurse Advocate Sharon Geldaker

Next Step Ministries

The young men and women from Next Step Ministries are excited to serve at Fairbanks Lutheran and the Fairbanks community this summer! They will be headquartered out of and will be using the church facility.

Director- Lauren Buell- Lauren is a elementary school teacher from St Louis, MO. She has just finished her second year in the Teach for America Program. Her huge heart and passion to see young students succeed is evident in all of her actions and words. Lauren grew up in Madison, WI and has been involved with missions for the past six years. Lauren has been to Fairbanks twice with Next Step Ministries

Site Director- Bethany Larson- Bethany is going into her Junior Year at Bethel University in St Paul, MN, where she is a nursing major. Bethany is from Cedar Rapids, IA where her parents currently live and her father is a Baptist Pastor. Beth will bring to your church one of the biggest smiles you will see and a encouraging attitude that is willing to serve anyone at any time.

Worship Director- Rachel Woltjer- Rachel will be filling your ears all summer with her wonderful guitar and voice. She will be a Senior at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN and will be in charge of all our worship this summer in Fairbanks. Rachel is studying Youth Ministry and hopes to be a Youth Pastor someday soon. Her ability to reach students with the gift of music as well as her heart-felt messages will be a true gift to us all this summer.

Construction Director- Dan Prusinski- Dan is originally from Mesa, Arizona and has just graduated from Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN. Dan graduated with a degree in Marketing but showing his true heart for the Lord has decided to hold off entering the Marketing industry for a while to serve the Lord through missions. Dan has a wide range of experience in various types of ministry including evangelism, missions, mentoring, and worship leading. Dan will be running all of Next Step's construction projects this summer.

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JULY
SUMMER 2009



COMMUNITY BUILD WEEK

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BRING YOUR HAMMER AND SLEEPING BAG AND JOIN NEXT STEP MINISTRIES IN THREE POWERFUL DAYS OF SERVING THE FAIRBANKS COMMUNITY. THE CAMP INCLUDES THREE DAYS OF BUILDING FOR FAMILIES IN NEED AND TWO NIGHTS OF EXCITING MUSIC, WORSHIP, GAMES AND COOK OUTS!

DATES: JULY 15-17

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65th Anniversary: 1944 to 2009
“Today’s Faith Builds for Tomorrow.”



Yesterday



Today



Tomorrow

June 1, 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We invite you to join us in celebration of Fairbanks Lutheran Church’s 65th anniversary by attending our Picnic Potluck at Fairbanks Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 23, 2009. That morning our Heritage and Celebration II Worship Services will be combined in one service at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic will follow at 11:30 a.m. Weather permitting we’ll picnic on the church lawn; otherwise, we’ll enjoy gathering indoors in the basement fellowship area.

Because Alaska summer schedules fill quickly, we are sending this invitation to you early in the hope that you’ll be able to hold this date to be with us. Please also share this invitation with others who you think may be interested. If unable to attend, we’d welcome your sharing with us correspondence and notes and reflections on our history. Enclosed is a self-addressed return post card for your RSVP, which will help us with planning. Please send your greetings, messages, remembrances or pictures that you would like to share with us to the Fairbanks Lutheran Church at our above address, Attention: FLC 65th Anniversary, or by email to: fairluth@gci.net . We’d appreciate receiving these items by July 10.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, and we look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the 23rd of August.

Sincerely,

Rev. William A. Ottum Joe Shepherd, President Lois Heine, Chair
Interim Pastor FLC Congregational Council Programs Committee

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