



The Dove



The Newsletter of First Lutheran Church of Malden February/March 2010

A message from our presiding bishop, Mark Hanson written on January 22, 2010 in response to the earthquake in Haiti. Find more information and ways that you can help at www.elca.org.

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

*"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it."
-1 Corinthians 12:26*

Almost two weeks have passed since the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The outpouring of gifts from members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) to ELCA Disaster Response has enabled a swift response on behalf of this church.

Thank you for your generous financial support which now totals more than \$1.6 million. Thousands of other gifts are still being counted. Our community-based partners are already providing:

- Two **water** purification systems to bring clean water to 25,000 people.
- Emergency **food** and **medical supplies** to thousands.
- Blankets and tents to **shelter** 10,000 people who are homeless.

Funding, distributed through three partners, will increase as giving continues.

- \$300,000 has been sent to The Lutheran World Federation (LWF), a key responder and member of Action by Churches Together (ACT). The funds support LWF efforts to provide shelter to people left homeless by the quake.
- \$150,000 has been sent to Lutheran World Relief (LWR), Baltimore, for material aid.
- \$150,000 will be sent to Church World Service (CWS) for construction of temporary water systems and distribution of water purification materials.

In addition, \$25,000 has been sent to Lutheran Services of Florida for initial support to refugees and Haitian Americans entering or returning to the United States.

We are pleased that Louis Dorvillier, director for International Development and Disaster Response in the ELCA Global Mission program unit, is part of a delegation to his country of origin with LWF and ACT.

Your generosity makes this life-saving work possible. As we celebrate this outpouring of gifts and prayers, we also know that we have a long road to travel together. There is so much more to be done. This church is committed to walking with our brothers and sisters in Haiti for years to come; your continued support is needed to provide ongoing care.

I encourage you to visit the [ELCA Disaster Response](http://www.elca.org/disaster) (<http://www.elca.org/disaster>) Web site for updated information, worship resources, bulletin inserts and details on how to offer financial support. General mission-support dollars and gifts to ELCA Vision for Mission make it possible for 100 percent of your gifts designated for Haiti Earthquake Relief to be used entirely for this response effort. To give today, go [online](http://www.elca.org/haitiearthquake) (www.elca.org/haitiearthquake) or call 800-638-3522.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



New and Improved WEBSITE

Check us out online. We have the same domain name but a new face.
www.firstlutheranmaiden.org

You can find up to date information on the calendar, check out the latest news items, listen to podcasts of Sunday sermons, download the latest newsletters and volunteer schedules and much more!

Thank you to Brendan Kidwell for his webmaster skills and for helping to set this up! Thank you also to Beverly Kouble who was are previous webmaster for so many years!

Highlights from First Lutheran's Annual Mtg

Held on Sunday, January 17th

- Annual Reports from 2009 are available in the church office. Please to have a copy sent to you.
- Property committee reported the church council's decision to discontinue the Cleaning Service contract with V&S Cleaning for 2010. We need everyone's help to insure the cleanliness of our buildings. Please see the volunteer schedule and watch for your assigned task and week to help. Just as important as having the altar set up for worship, so is having clean and welcoming buildings.
- Recognition was given to Annette, our Office Administrator and Yun Lee our Musician for their 4 years of faithful and dedicated service to First. It was also announced that Yun Lee's job title and description has been changed from Organist to Music Director.
- Elections were held for Church Council, Nomination Committee and delegates to the New England Synod Assembly.

Elected to Council: Joanne Leisk - 3 year term; Karin Round - 3 year term; Andrea Leger - 3 year term;

Elected to Nom. Com.: Doug Steininger; Tresa Casaletto; Judith Leisk

Elected to be delegates at Assembly: Mark Melhorn and Joan Leisk.

- Discussion was had regarding the 2010 budget. Budget was voted on and approved.
- Church Council announced that a letter was sent in December to New England Synod Staff asking for intentional conversation regarding pastoral coverage needs and our declining cash assets. A meeting with the Associate to the Bishop and the Mission Director of the New England Synod will be scheduled during the first quarter of 2010 to begin prayerful discussion.

Ash Wednesday & Lent

The church season called Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. As we hear during the Ash Wednesday readings, now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord.



During the season of Lent, the people of God will reflect on the meaning of their baptism and their relationship to Christ through this baptism. The sign of ashes received on Ash Wednesday suggests our human mortality and frailty and are need for God. What seems like an ending is really an invitation to make each day a new beginning, in which we are washed in God's mercy and forgiveness. With the cross on our brow, we long for the spiritual renewal that flows from the springtime Easter feast to come.

Ash Wednesday Worship Wednesday, February 17th 7:00 p.m.

A solemn service with remembrance of baptism, distribution of ashes and Holy Communion.

Lenten Mid-Week Worship Holden Evening Prayer Thursdays 7:15 p.m.

A reflective and simple service to help center ourselves on prayer and scriptures throughout the season of Lent.

Beginning Thursday, February 25—March 25
(5 Thursdays)

Pastoral Acts and Statistics for 2009

Total Members at year end - 125

Members received in 2009 - 3

Baptisms in 2009 - 1

Members removed in 2009 - 9

Moved or inactive - 6

Death - 2

Non-members participating - 9

Membership Households - 75



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

On Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. a pancake supper will be served.

Please join us for an evening of pancakes and fellowship before Lent begins. If you plan to attend, please sign up so Parish Life can plan correctly. A sign-up sheet will be available at church two weeks before or you can contact Elinor Sundquist at 781-665-2951 or e-mail at elinorbob@verizon.net. There will be a free will offering for the Emergency Help Fund. (previously called Agape Fund)

Covered Dish Luncheon

Come celebrate Spring at a covered dish luncheon hosted by the Parish Life Committee on Sunday, March 14, 2010 following the church service. A sign up sheet will be available a few weeks before the luncheon. Sign up would be appreciated so we can plan correctly. All are welcome!! There will be a free will offering for the Agape Fund. Thrivent will match the donations.

Holy Week Worship

Mark your calendars and plan ahead for Holy Week and the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We can not fully experience the beauty and importance off the empty tomb without having walked with Jesus through Holy Week. Each worship Thursday—Saturday is a piece of the whole picture. You will hear the stories of Jesus final days with his disciples and his journey to the cross. This is a sober time that ends triumphant with an empty tomb! All three days celebrate the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising.

Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 1, 2010 7:00

Remembering Jesus' last supper and our baptismal call to service and the striping of the altar preparing for Jesus journey to the cross.

Good Friday Friday, April 2, 2010 7:00

A service of the last words of Jesus and the procession of the cross.

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 3, 2010 Worship offered by St. Nicholas Mission

First Lutheran, February/March 2010

Do you have?

If you have any of the following items in your house and are not using them, we would appreciate your giving them to the Sunday school and other Christian education programs. A collection box is under the table in the back of the church, and things can be brought in at any time.



- old Christmas or Easter cards with religious pictures or Bible verses*
- thin cardboard sheets such as those from the backs of pads of paper*
- sheets of unwrinkled colored paper with one side blank*
- greeting-card sized envelopes, not glued shut, either unused or with a small name on the front that can be covered with a mailing label*
- plastic cylindrical containers with snap-on lids, such as those from Crystal Light® drink mix.*

We would also be grateful for the following items:

- a small candle extinguisher*
- a copy of The Beginner's Bible, by Karyn Henley (any edition)*

We are not asking you to buy anything, but letting you know a wish list in case anyone already has these things but no longer needs them.

Finally, if you have any old poster boards with one side still blank, or very large cardboard boxes that can be cut apart to make song charts, please talk to Karin Albright (781-322-4312; karin.albright@verizon.net). Thank you for your help.

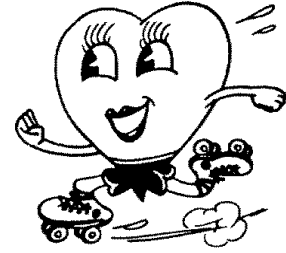
Easter Flower & Food Fund

If you would like to help adorn the sanctuary for Easter and give to the Emergency Help Fund, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the office by Sunday, March 21st. Thank you!





Youth News February/March



January

We had an annual meeting in January. We looked back at past activities and started planning for 2010. We spoke about the importance of communication and letting each other know about meetings to avoid having a meeting that just has one person attending.

February

At our January meeting we had spoken about possibly worshipping at the monastery during February vacation. However, there is a scheduling conflict, so we'll wait for that until a future time. (This is a possibility for April vacation!)

Sooooo, what are we doing in February???? It is time to hit the lanes and go bowling. Our meeting will be at the regular time, the second Saturday in February. I'm anticipating that we'll probably meet right at the bowling alley. Look in the bulletin for more details. (Saturday, February 13th at 6:30)

March

Our March meeting is on Saturday, March 13th at 6:30. We'll be back at the church vestry. Bring snacks and a friend or two!!

Calendar

Saturday, February 13th at 6:30 (We'll probably be meeting at the bowling alley on Charles St. in Malden.) Friends are certainly welcome! Please let me know by February 7th if you plan on bringing a friend or two.

Saturday, March 13th 6:30-8:30 We are meeting at the church. Bring snacks.



www.calumet.org
Freedom, NH
1-603-593-4773

February

- 5-7 Snowshoe Hike– Beginners: \$136
- 5-7 Youth Ski Retreat #1: \$130/person
- 15-19 Winter Wonderland Vacation for Families
 Families: CC \$700; RL & SH \$622; HC \$485
 Adults/students: CC \$250/199
 RL&SH \$224/173 HC \$153/128
- 20 Ididarod for Youth Groups: \$10/person
- 22-25 Quilting Retreat: \$230/person, plus supplies
- 26-28 Youth Ski Retreat #2: \$130/person

March

- 1-3 Quilting: \$155/person, plus supplies
- 3-5 Quilting: \$155/person, plus supplies
- 5-7 Youth Group Retreat: \$100/person
- 6 Calumet Action in Boylston, MA
- 14 Calumet Sunday
- 19-21 ConfirCamp Weekend #1: \$00/person
- 22-24 LutherHostel \$150/person

For any other questions please contact
 www.calumet.org or call Joan Rossi at 781-231-0447.



Let us Pray

Please keep these persons and situations in your prayers throughout the month.

All expecting mothers, Amanda, Melissa B. Denise. Also we pray for, Julie Maxon, Douglas Burke, Anne Kelloway, Pamela Wilson, Hilda Clark, Bill Blackstone, Richard Strobel, Ross Mac-

Donald, Bernie Colson, Paul Constantino, Jane Marchand, Nancy Graham, Laura Rosa & family, Ted Doucette, Joan Casico, John Lundstrom, all those seeking employment, the ministries of the New England Seafarers Mission, Refugee Immigration Ministries, Bread of Life, and St. Nicholas Mission.

Please note that names will normally remain on the prayer list for approximately a month. If you would like the name or prayer request to remain on the list longer, please call or email the church office.

Weekly Information to Share?

For weekly bulletin announcements or worship assistant changes, please send the news to Annette by **noon on Wednesday** of that week to office.firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net

April/May Newsletter

The deadline for the April/May 2010 newsletter 2010 issue of the Dove will be March 14, 2020 Have your information into Annette by noon on that day. Thank you! (office.firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net)

In Case of Adverse Weather

We hope we never have to use this service, but in case we have to cancel worship services because of adverse weather, this is how you would find out. Go to WCVB, Channel 5 or Closures will also be listed at

www.thebostonchannel.com/closings/index.html

If you have a computer, a cell phone, or a similar device capable of receiving e-mail, however, you do not have to stay glued to our television set or page through all of listings at this website! Instead, you can go to the site and register to receive First Lutheran closing information as e-mail as it becomes available. If you don't have a computer but do have a way of receiving e-mail, call the church office. We can get you set up.



Altar Flowers

Altar Flower calendar sign up for 2010 available. The flowers are beautifully arranged by the local florist, Wildflower Designs. The sign-up calendar is in

the church near the side door. We invite you to sign up a Sunday when you would like to have the altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. You can also call the church office to request a Sunday. The cost for a Sunday is \$30.00 and checks can be made out to First Lutheran Church.



Congratulations!

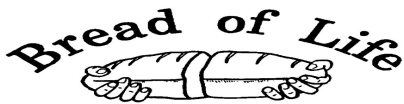
Congratulations to Yun Lee, First Lutheran's Music Director on her recent wedding engagement. Yun and her fiancé Randy are looking forward to a summer 2010 wedding in St. Louis, MO where Randy is originally from. Congrats and God's blessings on your marriage! We are very excited for you!

Thanks Received

Thank you was received from the Protestant Chaplaincy Council for our gift to the Council to further the hospital Chaplaincy ministry.

Pastoral Coverage

Pastor Angela will be away for continuing education and vacation during the following dates. Please contact Rev. David Dismass from St. Nicholas Mission with pastoral emergencies such as death or hospitalization. February 12—15 and March 8—16. Rev. David Dismass Phone: (617) 884-8675.



First Lutheran Church works to provide a meal every 4th Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Malden. We need you to help make this program successful. The number of meals we serve each month per feeding is reaching beyond 100.

Also, we continue to collect dried goods to be brought over to the Bread of Life office in Malden for their distribution needs. The basket in the front of the sanctuary is for that purpose. Come and help serve the meal or simply bring a canned good to church on Sunday. Thank you for your continued support of this important food ministry in Malden.

Church Banners and Bumper Stickers

Thank you to church council member, Mark Melhorn for his computer graphics work helping to develop new banners for the church building and bumper stickers. Both creative tools are to help get the word out about First Lutheran and to create more visibility in our community.

If you would like a church bumper sticker, they are \$2.00 and available in the church office or from Mark on Sunday morning.

Simply Giving Electronic Fund Transfer

"When you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the Lord your God is giving you and put them in a basket."

Deuteronomy 26:1-2

FIRSTFRUITS GIVING MADE SIMPLE THROUGH THE SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM!

Ever find yourself running out of the house Sunday morning, checkbook in hand thinking, "I'll write my offering check when I get there"?

Through the Simply Giving Electronic Fund Transfer program, your regular offering can be made electronically. Your offering to God will be made for you automatically! Even if you are away, you can be sure that your offering will continue on a regular basis.

This program is offered as an opportunity for members to be consistent in their giving, which benefits the church as well. Transfers are made electronically from your bank account to the church account. You decide the schedule for the transfer, weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly. Changes can be made at anytime.

Please consider enrolling in this program. Authorization forms are available from Donna Kerry or by contacting the church office. If you have any questions or would like further details, please speak with Donna d.kerry@verizon.net or 781-322-6982

Sunday School News

Christmas Pageant

The Sunday church school offered its annual Christmas pageant at the early Christmas Eve service. The pageant, titled "Christmas Light: Then and Now," was a series of prayers, songs and poems with tableaux. The following children and youth took part: Erika Nelson as Mary, Paul Albright as Joseph, Ashley and Rebecca Ver-rill as angels, Hannah Albright as a contemporary mother, Morgan Leger as a contemporary child, Elsbeth Colson and Emily Nelson as poetry readers, and Charles Brickley as prayer reader. Songs were sung by soloists, by all the children, and by the congregation.

We hope that this musical offering helped you to rejoice in God's gift of the Savior. We thank Yun Lee for accompanying the singing, as well as all the children, parents, and teachers who gave their time and effort to prepare for the pageant.



Thanks from Tri-CAP for Holiday Gifts

Sixteen children in families served by the Tri-CAP Head Start program in Malden received generous holiday gifts from members of First Lutheran. The family services worker who came to pick them up before Christmas was very impressed by the generosity shown and kept repeating her thanks as we tried to fit everything into her van. We have also received a thank-you letter from the Director of Tri-CAP Children & Family Services, from which the following excerpt is taken:

On behalf of the parents, children and staff of Tri-CAP Head Start, I would like to thank you and everyone for the kind and generous donations that our Head Start families received.

Tri-CAP Head Start is a comprehensive preschool program serving low-income children and families in the Stoneham, Wakefield, Melrose, Reading, Winchester, Malden, Medford, North Reading, and Everett area.

It is thoughtfulness such as yours which helps to brighten the holiday season for our families.

This holiday gift program was previously a Sunday school project. Now that our Sunday school is so small, we are grateful that the participation of many other congregation members made it possible to provide so many gifts. Thank you!

Sunday School Easter Offering



This year the Sunday school's special Easter offering will go to Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled. Located in Boston, Helping Hands is a national nonprofit organization that trains Capuchin monkeys to serve people with spinal cord injuries or other mobility impairments. The monkey helpers enable persons with severe physical disabilities to live more independently by assisting them with daily needs. They also provide companionship. You can learn more about Helping Hands by visiting its website at www.monkeyhelpers.org.

Don't miss the video clips showing learning activities at Monkey College!

During Lent, the children will learn about Helping Hands. They will save offering money in coin banks and bring in baby shampoo for the monkeys. There are several ways that you also can help. At the beginning of Lent we will place a box in the back of the church to collect the following items:

*Tear-free baby shampoo
Adult Centrum chewable vitamins
Walnuts (unsalted, either shelled or unshelled)
Fleece (uncut polar fleece fabric)
Gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, or CVS*

You can also place a monetary offering in the large coin bank at the back of the church or in the offering plate. If you write a check, please make it out to "First Lutheran Church" but write "Helping Hands" on the memo line.

During Lent we will pray in Sunday school for Helping Hands, as well as for all those with disabilities; for their families, teachers, and caregivers; and for the animals that share the earth with us. We hope that you will join us in our prayers.

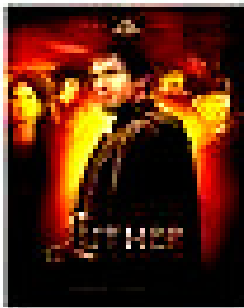
Movie Afternoon

LUTHER
3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 7, 2010
Afternoon Concert Series

Rated PG-13 for some violence.

Joseph Fiennes plays the young Martin Luther in the 2003 movie, *Luther*.



This movie is the epic tale of the great Protestant revolutionary whose belief in his faith would overcome through the powerful Roman Catholic church of his time. He was seeking to reform the church and reshape Medieval life. Join in the story as Luther recalls his life and together we will discuss the impact of his life and work on our modern day Lutheran Church and our lives.

Snacks will be served. Bring a friend!

Concert Series

Yun Lee, First Lutheran's Music Director is offering a second concert of the series.

Sunday, February 7th at 3:00 p.m.

Invite your friends

Free to the public!

Donations received will be used for maintenance of our church instruments.

Here are some of the selections that will be played:

Vanhal: Concerto for Double Bass

Faure: Romance for Cello and Piano

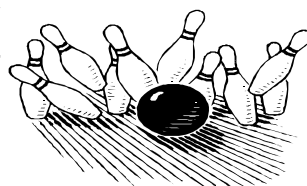
Messiaen: Premier Communion de la Vierge from Vingt Regards sur L'enfant-Jesus for solo piano

Debussy: Pagodes from Estampes for solo piano

Schumann: Trio in G minor, Op. 110 for Piano, Violin and Cello

20's and 30's & 40's Group

It is time to gather together again! We had such a great time together at Pastor Angela's house last month let's keep the energy flowing...with bowling! All are welcome to come!



Saturday, February 27

7:00 p.m.

Lanes & Games
Concord Turnpike
Cambridge

www.lanesgames.com

Come on out for some fun and fellowship. Don't worry if you're not a great bowler; you're not alone! There is Tenpin and Candlepin bowling at this place. We'll decide as a group what we would like to do.

RSVP to Pr. Angela if you are going to attend.

firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net

We can ride together or meet there.

\$3.00 Shoe Rental +

\$5.00 / game

FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

Thank you for helping to provide fellowship goodies following worship. Talk with Joanne Leisk if you have questions or would like to be on the schedule.

February

7th Parish Life Committee
14th Ryan Smart & Kim Crowley
21st Joanne Leisk
28th Joanne Leisk

March

7th Joan Rossi
14th Parish Life Committee—Pot Luck Luncheon
21st Carine Melhorn
28th (Palm Sunday) Joanne Leisk

April

4th (Easter) Ryan Smart and Kim Crowley
11th Parish Life Committee