



The Dove



The Newsletter of First Lutheran Church of Malden
May 2010

**Congregational Conversation
Scheduled for Sunday, May 16
Following worship**

New Mission Starts...

**Our participation...
&
First's Financial Update**

**What is a New Mission Start?
It is a newly forming congregation in the ELCA.**

**God has provided a way for First to participate in the building of a new congregation that is being formed in Marshfield, MA called 'Sanctuary'
www.sanctuarymarshfield.org**

The Church Council during the April meeting accepted a proposal to divide Pastor Angela's ministry duties between First Lutheran Church directly and Sanctuary, the new congregation in Marshfield.

This 12 month relationship will provide relief to our over -stretched ministry budget and will offer the Discernment Team and Church Council more time to develop proposals for the structured changes to our ministry due to financial challenges.

All the while, we will be helping to lift up and strengthen a community of faith that is in the early stages of formation and growth!

Come to the conversation on the 16th, to hear specific details, ask questions and hear what God has been up to...

Note: This is not an official congregation meeting, rather a time of conversation and information sharing.

Stewardship Report

As we continue our Easter journey together and rejoice in the risen Christ, we rejoice too in the commitments of time, talent, and treasures we have made to the ministry of First Lutheran Church. During our Lenten journey we spent time in conversation, reflection, and prayer to discern how we can best use the many blessings we have received from God as a way to give glory to God and to walk in closer discipleship with our risen lord and savior, Jesus Christ.

As of Sunday, April 25 thirty-two financial commitments have been made for a total of \$75,148. If we average these pledges it means we are receiving \$2348/year from these thirty-two pledges. We have also received twenty-seven time and talent commitments. Thanks be to God! We are indeed blessed that some financial commitments increased, and that new commitments of both financial and time and talents have been made. Thanks also to the comments and suggestions made on the time and talent sheets. The stewardship team will make sure that the commitments of time and talent will be shared with leaders of committees and groups.

This does not mean that our stewardship journey has ended for the year. We will continue to offer opportunities to share with each other our stories of faith, how to live abundantly with what we have received from God, and how to further develop our discipleship with Jesus Christ. We hope and pray that we will all grow closer to God and to each other.

With thanks and praise,
The Stewardship Team

Financial Report : First Quarter 2010

Financial Commitments (Jan. – March)

Expected: \$23,755.50
Actual: \$22,334.50
(\$1,421.00)

Year to Date: (Jan. – March) Totals:

Income: \$30,130.27
Budgeted Income: \$27,349.25
Expense: \$32,998.20
Budgeted Expenses: \$31,870.00

Variation: Income vs. Budget: \$2,781.02
Expenses vs. Budget: \$1,128.20

Sunday School Notes Helping Hands Offering

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Sunday school's special Easter offering for Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled. The money from the children's coin banks, along with many generous gifts from the congregation, added up to \$235! Nuts, shampoo, vitamins, and fleece were also given. Everything will be delivered to Helping Hands soon. For more information on Helping Hands, visit its website at www.monkeyhelpers.org.

Sunday School Ends for the School Year

The last Sunday school classes for this school year will be held on May 16. During this year, the pupils and teachers studied the Bible, did many educational activities including talking together about Christianity in everyday life, prepared and presented the Christmas pageant, did service projects, and prayed and sang together

On April 18 the Christian Education Committee gave a luncheon to thank the staff for this year: Andrea Leger and Paul Nelson (elementary school), Eric Albright and Ruth Moser (middle school), Girmai Kahassai and Janet Lundstrom (substitutes), and Karin Albright (superintendent).

Christian Education Committee Wants Your Feedback

The Committee is considering summer activities and is interested in your feedback. "Intergenerational activities are recommended in order that families and individuals of all ages could attend. Not everything suggested will be able to happen and if you offer a suggestion it does not mean that you are automatically signed up to participate. Send your thoughts, questions, or detailed suggestions to Eric or Karin Albright.

I would be interested in activities at the church:

Such as, game times, family activities including crafts, other...

The day that would work best for me is:

Sat. morning, Sat. afternoon, Sun. afternoon

I would be interested in field trips:

Such as, Museum of Science, Worcester Art Museum, Nature field trips, other...

NEW WEBSITE

If you haven't done so, check us out online. We have the same domain name but a new look.

www.firstlutheranalden.org

You can find up to date information on the Google calendar, check out the latest news items, listen to podcasts of Sunday sermons, view or download the latest newsletters and volunteer schedules in a PDF and much more! It continues to be a work in progress, but we are grateful for the help of Brendan Kidwell who made this possible!

Summer Worship Time

We will begin our earlier summer worship schedule on Sunday, June 6th. We'll gather at 9:30. This worship time will continue through Labor Day, Please mark your calendars appropriately and let your friends know.

Let us Pray

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

All expecting mothers especially, Amanda and Melissa. Also we pray for, Anne Kelloway, Pamela Wilson, Hilda Clark, Bill Blackstone, Richard Strobel, Ross MacDonald, Bernie Colson, Paul Constantino, Jane Marchand, Nancy Graham,

Laura Rosa & family, Ted Doucette, Joan Casico, John Lundstrom, the family of Rainer Melhorn, Renate, all those seeking employment, the ministry 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.

May Birthdays

Bernie Colson	8
John Brickley	13
David Rossi	15
Charlie Brickley	16
Barbara Nelson	17
Elsie Baldi	21
George Brickley Jr.	26
Margaret Healey	30
Ida-Mae Klasner	31

Property News

You may not have noticed, but the lights in the ceiling of the sanctuary are a little brighter these days. Each glass plate was cleaned, and all the existing incandescent light bulbs were replaced with dimmable florescent **ecobulbs**. The wattage use for each unit has thus been reduced from 150 to just 23 (3,000 to 460 in total). About half of the bulbs were donated by the Round Hardware store, thanks to Bill and Karin Round, and the remainder were obtained at a discount, a small cash payment, and a one time \$50.00 reward available for improvement projects from the Home Depot.

Thanks to all of you who have helped thus far to clean the interior of the church building and the Parish House. The transition has gone a lot smoother since we cancelled the cleaning contract than had been anticipated. By now all the needed cleaning materials are on hand and the necessary tools have been purchased. If you should find otherwise, or if you would like to communicate about an issue relevant to the cleaning tasks, please talk to any one of your council members.

At this point we still need one person who is willing to prepare the bi-monthly schedule for publication for all participants and assist with the resolution of weekly concerns.

A sump pump was recently installed in the Parsonage to control any possible ground water seepage. The equipment was donated by the Round Hardware store. Our thanks to Bill and Karin. Many other minor repairs that called for attention during recent weeks have been taken care of. Some problems remain, they will be addressed during the summer months. A more significant need will be the replacement of the aging central heating unit. Particulars will be forthcoming shortly.

This summer there will be a greater need for volunteers to help with outdoor gardening chores. Rolf and Edda will be away for three months, and as you know Rolf has done most this work. If you are able to help with chores such as cutting grass, trimming hedges and bushes, or other outdoor maintenance tasks, please contact Doug Steininger, he can be reached at 617-775-5316 or via e-mail douglas.steininger@verizon.net.



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

Thank you to everyone who participated in any way during our Calumet Sunday celebration on April 25th! We learned about the ministry of Calumet and heard some great stories! The loose offering that day was designated toward "Camperships" or scholarships for kids who attend camp and need financial assistance. Thank you everyone! We gathered \$88.75, which will be sent to camp for this reason. Thank you!

Here's some great stuff coming up at camp! Check it out! —

May 2010

- 7-9 Mom & Kids for Mother's Day
per family: CC \$260; SH \$240 HC \$160
- 8 Open House for 2010 Resident Campers
- 14-16 **Open for Retreat Groups/Conf Ctr & Staff House**
- 21-23 Youth Group Retreat: \$100/person
- 28-31 Memorial Day Weekend & Grand Camp:
3 Days at 2-Day Price!
CC \$150/adult; \$120/student; \$575/family
SH \$136/adult; \$105/student; \$525/family
HC \$116/adult; \$84/student; \$425/family
UHC \$100/adult; \$66/student; \$370/family

June 2010

- 4-6 Adult Hike & Kayak Adventure: \$136/person
- 4-12 Wilderness First Responder & CPR
- 25-29 Confir Camp I: *write or email for information*
- 29-7/3 Confir Camp II: *write or email for information*

There are still openings for both boys and girls in resident camp, day camp and adventure camps. Call 603-539-3223 x221 NEW! Drama Camp July 4-10

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

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

June/July Newsletter

The deadline for the June/July 2010 newsletter issue of *The Dove* will be **May 12, 2010**. Have your information into Annette by noon on that day. Thank you! (office.firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net)

Lost and Found

A pair of prescription eyeglasses was found in one of the pews in the church. If you are missing a pair of eyeglasses contact the church office.

Davenport Worship

Come and worship with the residents at the Davenport Memorial Home on Wednesday, May 19th at 10:30 a.m. The Davenport is located at 70 Salem Street, Malden. If you have any questions, speak to Pastor Angela.

Congregational Breakfast May 23, 2010

Please join us for our annual congregational breakfast to be held on Sunday, May 23, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. A free will offering will be collected to cover expenses. If you are planning to attend, a sign up sheet will be available a few weeks before or you can contact Elinor Sundquist at 781-665-2951 or via e-mail elinorbob@verizon.net

Shaw's Neighborhood Rewards Program

Shaw's has terminated the Neighborhood Rewards Program as of April 30, 2010. Thank you to all of you who have supported this program through your purchases at Shaw's stores. We will receive our final check sometime in May.

Pastor Angela Away

Pastor Angela will be on vacation May 6—15th and Father David Dismas from St. Nicholas Mission will be on call for pastoral emergencies during that time.

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.

May

- 2nd Baptismal Celebration
- 9th Lisa — Beth Yanicke
- 16th Berekty Zacharias
- 23rd Congregational Breakfast
- 30th Joanne and Judy Leisk

June

- 6th Ryan Smart & Kim Crowley
- 13th Carine and Mark Melhorn
- 20th Joan Rossi
- 27th Becca Kidwell



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.

Building Community Through Music

RIM (Refugee Immigration Ministry) will sponsor a concert on May 5, 2010 at The Old South Church in Boston at 7:00 p.m. For more information visit www.r-i-m.net on the web or call 781-322-1011

2009 Financial Audit Complete

The 2009 Auditors appointed by the church council have completed a thorough review of the financial records for 2009. They offered some helpful suggestions and comments, but no major problems with the records for the previous year. Thank you to the auditors for their hard work!

The Lutheran Magazine

Members and regular worship attendees of First Lutheran receive a yearly subscription to *The Lutheran Magazine*. The magazine is a great way to stay connected to the wider Lutheran world and what God is up to throughout the whole church. If you would like to offset the cost of the yearly subscription and help ease the financial constraints, you are welcome to send a check to First Lutheran Church or place the check in the offering plate on Sunday morning for the amount of \$15.00. Please write "The Lutheran" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

Mini Golf and Ice Cream

20's 30's, 40's folks!

Or anyone who is interested!

Saturday, May 29th

2:00 p.m.

Paradise Mini Golf

On the Danvers / Middleton line

Gather for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and ice cream! We'll gather at the mini golf place at 2:00, play a round of golf together and then have some delicious Richardson's ice cream! If you'd like to carpool let Pastor Angela know. Please RSVP so we know who to expect firstlutheranmalden@verizon.net See you on the golf course!!

www.paradiseminigolf.com

New Members

Info. Night

Wednesday, May 19

7:00 p.m.

Pastor Angela's House

(a.k.a. the parsonage—57 Church Street)

Are you interested becoming a "member" of First Lutheran Church? Do you wonder what being a member means for you or how it is different than just coming to church on Sundays? Come with your questions and your thoughts. We'll gather for dessert, coffee and tea at Pastor Angela's house. Bring your yourself, and if you would like to a partner, friend, or spouse. Please RSVP to Pastor Angela at firstlutheranmalden@verizon.net Thank you!