



# The Dove



The Newsletter of First Lutheran Church of Malden  
June/July 2010

## Congregational Wide Conversation

Sunday, May 16, 2010

### A Brief Review

There were two pieces of information on the agenda for the conversation: a financial update for First Lutheran and a discussion of an important decision made by Church council.

#### Financial Overview after the first quarter of 2010:

##### Financial Commitments Made (Jan. – March)

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

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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

First's treasurer, Karin Round, reported that we were generally on target with our 2010 budget, though a few line items were currently over budget. Some of those over budget items are due to quarterly paid bills or other expenses that are made only once a year, etc. She reminded us though that while we are within budget, the budget expected a shortfall. It was noted that the money borrowed from the savings account has been reinstated. Currently we have not needed to withdraw from any other funds such as Thrivent Annuity accounts as we are holding our own with current income that is above what we expected. We all are reminded to work to maintain regular giving especially during the summer months when giving tends to drop off since people are away.

Also, we discussed a decision that the church council had made during the April Council meeting. This conversation involved a brand new congregation in the making.

The early Christians, mentioned in the book of Acts, met in people's homes. Two thousand years later new congregations still start out by meeting in people's homes. A recent article on the ELCA website talked about 41 new congregations starting in the US. One of these congregations is in Marshfield, MA. This new ministry is called "Sanctuary".

What does that have to do with us here in Malden, MA? Well, for the next 12 months Pastor Angela will be working 1/3 time there at Marshfield and 2/3 time here at First Lutheran. She will be working with Pastor Mark Huber and the core members of that growing congregation to help build up the faith community there. Pastor Angela's job title is "Community Developer." She will be in Marshfield Sunday evenings for dinner and worship as well as one full day and one possible other evening per week.

Pastor Angela will remain on full-time call status to First Lutheran during this time though her ministry duties will be divided between the two ministry places. This ministry arrangement will also save First Lutheran nearly \$8000 in salary expense for 2010. This arrangement will continue until May 2011 and additional money will be saved in 2011.

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As the Discernment Team at First Lutheran, Malden continues to prayerfully discern where God is leading us and what our ministry will look like in 2011, this arrangement will allow First Lutheran to have more time to come up with proposals for our future.

The Discernment Team continues to meet on an almost weekly basis to discuss things like, What are our Priorities here in our Ministry? What things can change without upsetting our priorities too drastically? What ministry configuration would also represent our purpose statement best?

The Team will be bringing a proposal to the church council by hopefully the end of Summer. The council will discuss the proposals while also find ways to engage the rest of the congregation in the decision making process.

#### **What can you do in the meantime?**

- ~Pray for the ministry of Sanctuary in Marshfield.
- ~Pray for the work of the Discernment Team.
- ~Pray for Pastor Angela as she adjusts to the new schedule.
- ~Worship at Marshfield on a Sunday. (Dinner is at 5:30 with worship following. See Pastor Angela for directions.)
- ~There are many other ways to help out at First Lutheran. Call the church office to ask where you are needed.
- ~Talk to someone on the Discernment Team. Find out what is happening. (Members include: Rolf Bandle, George Brickley, Stan Colson, Pastor Angela Freeman, Joanne Leisk, Ruth Moser, Lisa-Beth Yanicke)

#### **Summer Worship Time Change**

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.

#### **Davenport Worship**

Come and worship with the residents at the Davenport Memorial Home on Wednesday, June 16th and July 21st at 10:30 a.m. The Davenport is located at 70 Salem Street, Malden. If you have any questions, speak to Pastor Angela.

#### **Office Hours**

Tuesday 9:30 am —1:30 pm  
Wednesday 9:30 am—12:30  
Thursday 9:30—12:30  
Office: (781) 324-7133

Please feel free to call the office during these times for assistance. If you would like to meet with the pastor during non-office hours, please call to set up an appointment. She would be happy to meet with you.

\*For pastoral emergencies such as a hospitalization or sudden illness, you can reach the pastor at home at:  
(781) 388-1874

#### **Study Series**

Great Women of the Bible

7:00—8:30pm

Tuesdays June 22—July 13 & 27th

(5 weeks)

A time of learning and conversation (not just for women!) discussing biblical figures such as Eve, Lilith, Sarah and Hagar, Tamar, Ruth and Naomi, Mary and Martha and many more. Bring your Bibles for this time of conversation and interest in exploring often times forgotten characters throughout history.

An additional book is recommended, but not required, called, *Great Women in the Bible* by Kirchenberger and Soelle. This book can be purchased through Augsburg Fortress online for \$24, your local bookstore or found at your library. Call the church office if you would like this book and need assistance in finding it.

*(Additional meeting times will be scheduled if there is interest.)*

#### **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.

## Helping Hands Org.

Helping Hands is an organization that trains monkeys to work with the disabled. The Sunday School offering during Lent was collected to go toward this organization along with other goodies like baby shampoo and nuts for the monkeys.

On May 13 the Albrights delivered from First Lutheran Church to Helping Hands a check for \$235 along with a box of supplies that First also collected. They met with two employees who expressed their thanks to the congregation.

Helping Hands is planning an open house on August 11. We don't have much information yet, but we do know that watching a monkey take a bath is on the schedule! We will let you know more details later.

### Let us Pray

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



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, Duncan Scowcroft, Debbie Smith, 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.*

### Birthdays

#### June

Emily Nelson	1
Angela Freeman	4
June Noel	7
Sarah Brickley	10
Cheryl Lundstrom	23
Philip Kerry	24
Laura Rossi	26
Paul Nelson	30

#### July

Lou Rossi	3
Kim Klasner	5
Brandan Wladkowski	13
Laura Rosa	14
John Sundquist	16
Rolf Bandle	17
Dana Leger	19
John Baldi	22
Douglas Steininger	23
Michelle Meredith	29

*If you do not see your birthday listed and would like to have it added to our list, please let the church office know.*

## Congratulations to Paul!

Congratulations to Paul Albright, who has been admitted to the Boston (Roman Catholic) Archdiocesan Choir School for the next school year. BACS, which includes grades five through eight, is the school of the Boston Boy Choir, and the boys earn part of their tuition by singing at masses, concerts, and other events. One of the five weekly masses that the boys sing is on Sunday mornings at St. Paul Church in Cambridge, so after school starts in the fall we will not see so much of Paul or of Eric, who will usually be with him.

### Congratulations to our Graduates!

Hannah Albright—Graduating from Cheverus Centennial School of Sacred Hearts Parish, Malden and heading to Mount Saint Joseph Academy.

George Brickley— Graduating from Trinity College in Hartford, CT with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and will be pursuing his career.

Hannah Brickley — Graduating from Melrose High and heading to Trinity College in the fall. She plans to study Science/Medicine and play Volleyball for Trinity.

Sarah Brickley—Graduating from Lehman College in Bronx, NY with a Masters in Education and completion of 2 years with Teach for America. She will be teaching at a charter school in the Bronx.

Elsbeth Colson —Graduating from Cheverus Centennial School of Sacred hearts Parish, Malden and heading to Everett High School.

Girmai Kahassai—Graduating from University of Phoenix with a Masters in Business and will continue to work with Putnam.

Erika Nelson—Graduating from Higgins Middle School in Peabody and heading to Peabody Veterans Memorial High School.

Luke Rossi — Graduating from Saugus High and heading to North Shore Community College with the intention of continuing at a 4 year arts school. Luke will be serving at Camp Calumet as Senior Camp Counsel for this summer.

Ryan Smart — graduating from Harvard Medical School.



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

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

**July 2010**

- 4 Chicken Barbecue and Concert: \$8/person
- 7/4-8/28 Resident Camp for Kids: \$525/week  
Adventure Camp \$525/week
- 7/5-8/27 Day Camp for Kids: \$190 1st week; additional weeks \$145
- 19 Magruder Calumet Open Golf Tournament \$140
- 24 Open House for Future Resident Campers

**August 2010**

- 1-7 Faithful Friends Vacation: \$515/week
- 21 Jackman Ridge Club Luncheon
- 27 Music Camp Concert
- 29 Giant Church Fair
- 29-9/3 Summer Finale Week

**Sunday Closed for the Year**

On Sunday, May 16th, First's Sunday school had it's final class of the season. We want to say a special thank you to all of the Sunday school Students, parents and teachers who made this year possible! We hope that you have a great summer and hope to see you participating in activities throughout the summer months. If you are interested in Sunday school for your child in the fall, please contact Karin Albright for more information.

**Confirmation Classes**

First Lutheran has three young women who are approaching their Confirmation and Affirmation of Baptism, Hannah Albright, Elsbeth Colson, and Erika Nelson. This past year was spent mostly on studying scripture and getting an idea about the history of God's people. Throughout the summer the students will be working on their "Covenant" and summer learning. Tentative Confirmation date is for Reformation Sunday in October 2010.

**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](mailto:office.firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net)

**August/September Newsletter**

The deadline for the June/July 2010 newsletter issue of *The Dove* will be **July 14, 2010**. Have your information into Annette by noon on that day. Thank you! ([office.firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net](mailto:office.firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net))



First Lutheran Church works to provide a meal every 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**New England Synod Assembly**

June 3-5  
 Sturbridge, MA

The Synod Assembly is a yearly gathering of the Bishop, her staff, and delegates from each of the congregations and ministry sights throughout New England. We gather to discuss policy changes, synod finances, and other important decisions regarding our shared ministry as a church in New England.

First's delegates this year are Joanne Leisk, Mark Melhorn and Pastor Angela Freeman. Pray for them and the whole assembly as it gathers this year.

You can watch the assembly streaming online LIVE on the synod website. Go to [www.nesynod.org](http://www.nesynod.org) and click on the link for 2010 Assembly. You can also find out more information and details about this years meeting there.

## School of Lay Ministry Graduate!

Joanne Leisk will be graduating from the School of Lay Ministry in the New England Synod at this year's assembly. She has completed 2 years of intensive theological studies with her study group along with intentional time of retreat and learning with the entire school. Congrats, Joanne! We're delighted you said yes to this time!

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

Thank you for helping to provide fellowship goodies following worship. Talk with Joanne Leisk if you have questions, can't make your Sunday or would like to be on the schedule.

### June

6 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Smart & Kim Crowley
13 <sup>th</sup>	Carine and Mark Melhorn
20 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Rossi
27 <sup>th</sup>	Becca Kidwell

### July

4 <sup>th</sup>	Joanne Leisk & Judy Leisk
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bereky Zacharias
18 <sup>th</sup>	Joan Rossi
25 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa – Beth Yanicke

## CONGREGATIONAL-WIDE GAME NIGHT!

Wednesday, June 30th  
6:45pm

Church Basement (where it's cool!)

Bring your friends and a snack to share and participate in a fun evening of games and laughter! There will be a number of different games for each level and age group. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

## Salem Willows Church-Wide Picnic

Saturday July 10th 1:00pm  
Salem Willows, Salem, MA

Bring your lunch and/or a dish to share, your lawn chair and head up to Salem after worship on Sunday! We'll have tents to block the rain and some tables. We've been there for a number of years now and always have a great time! There are lawn games to play together or just plain old conversation and relaxing. (We discovered last year that they have renovated the bathrooms! This was a great surprise!) See you there!

## School of Lay Ministry

Want to learn more about your faith? Want to learn how to be a better leader in the congregation? Want to learn more about the Bible? Want to have opportunities to talk about God with others? The School of Lay Ministry provides this and much more.

The School of Lay Ministry is a two year program. Next year students will be studying the Old and New Testament. Students meet together and watch dvds that go along with the text and Bible readings. Professors from Lutheran seminaries around the country present the sessions on the dvds. (We met about twice a month, however, meeting times are determined by the members of the group.) An important part of the program is meeting together to watch the dvds and answer the questions that the professors ask.

The following year students study Lutheran theology and learn about the history of Christianity in the US. I think the highlight of this year was studying the Book of Concord. I had heard about the Book of Concord way back in confirmation class but had never read it.

Besides studying with your group, students participate in two retreats a year at Calumet. At each retreat there is a minister leading discussions. Retreat topics included the Bible, writing sermons, providing pastoral care, planning worship.

There are some side benefits that I didn't think of when I joined the school. I enjoyed visiting other churches in the area as well as hosting gatherings in Malden. When I was a student, there were members of my group from Quincy, Gloucester, and Norwood. It was fun to see the churches there and find out the things that are happening in other congregations.

Yes, it was sometimes challenging to fit everything in to my schedule. However, it was worth it. The two years flew by. Of course, now I want to learn more. I wish there was a Lay Ministry Part 2!

For more information about the School of Lay Ministry talk to Donna Kerry or me. Applications for the fall session are due on August 15<sup>th</sup>. (More information is also available at [www.nesynod.org](http://www.nesynod.org))

*Joanne Leisk*