



# The Dove



The Newsletter of First Lutheran Church of Malden  
August/September 2010

## What is the Discernment Team up to??

The Discernment Team has been meeting weekly (most often) since April 19, 2010. We started our discussions by defining our purpose as a team. **We gather to discern God's will for the future of First Lutheran.** This, as you may already have figured out, is not an easy task. We've accepted this challenge and rely on God to direct our hearts and thoughts as we grapple with ideas such as what are the priorities of First Lutheran in our mission of faith and being in the community verse what are the preferences and things we can do without if necessary.

At our last meeting we began to dig more deeply and discuss concrete issues such as the structure of First Lutheran both physically (ie: buildings/land) and functionally (is: council/committees/staff) in order to clearly see what we have before us and what is most necessary to further God's church and love. We also discussed how we might re-ignite the spirit of being on fire for the Lord in our community here at First Lutheran so that we might be able to share the word with others.

Not only have we had prayerful discussions together as a group, but we've been diligently reading and studying the book of Acts and spending time in prayer individually to hear God's will as well as praying for each other throughout this process. Acts, as you know, is the telling of the beginning and building up of the Church which helps us be able to discern exactly what is most needed, in the life and future of the Church as a whole and by extension First Lutheran both for the congregation and in the community around us.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we all journey through these difficult times. We welcome and encourage your thoughts and ideas as we move forward into the most difficult portions of discussion. And we ask for your prayers to uplift and strengthen the Team and the entire congregation as we continue to grapple with and discern what God has planned for our future.

Respectfully,  
Lisa-Beth Yanicke

*Lisa has been worshipping regularly with First for over a year now and lives in the neighborhood. You can find her singing in the choir, attending worship weekly, and even helping with church finances.*

Members of the Team: Rev. Angela Freeman, Rolf Bandle, Karin Round, George Brickley, Stan Colson, Ruth Moser, Joanne Leisk, Lisa-Beth Yanicke

**What Can you do to participate?**

**Pray for the Team's work!**

**And, Come to a Cottage Meeting!**

**See information inside the newsletter regarding the meetings.**

## Cottage Meetings

### *What is the most important thing about First Lutheran for you??*

What is a "Cottage Meeting"? Historically, the most famous "cottage meeting" was the one arranged by Cornelius at which Peter the Apostle was invited to speak (Acts 10:22-24). Churches often use cottage meetings as a way to gather small groups of people to share discussion and thought. These meetings will provide time for us to have conversation full of questions, prayer, sharing concern, and whatever else the Spirit moves in us.

In preparation to offer a proposal to the Church Council regarding ministry options for the future of First, the Discernment Team needs to hear from you.

These times of gathering are not about dreaming up solutions and quick fixes. These meetings will be about something much deeper. The small group gathering is about collecting information and sharing thoughts. The Cottage Meetings will *not* be discussion about finances or money.

It is our hope that each member will participate in one of these meetings. If you do not RSVP, you will be contacted to see which date works best for you.

Each meeting will last roughly one hour and is limited to 10 people. The location will be announced soon.

Choose a date and please RSVP to the church office: 781-324-7133 or email [firstlutheranmal-den@verizon.net](mailto:firstlutheranmal-den@verizon.net)

- Wednesday, Sept. 29th 7:00pm
- Saturday, October 2nd (morning TBA)
- Tuesday, October 5th 10:00am
- Thursday, October 7th 7:00 pm
- Saturday, October 9th 1:30pm
- Sunday, October 10th 11:45am (following worship)

If you are homebound and can not attend one of these meetings, please contact Pastor Angela or another member of the Discernment Team so we can also connect with you.

*(Note: the names of the Team members are on front page of the newsletter.)*

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

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

### August

1st	Ryan Smart & Kim Crowley
8th	Carine and Mark Melhorn
15th	Joan Rossi
22nd	Becca Kidwell
29th	Judy and Joanne Leisk

### September

5th	Berekty Zacharias
12th	Lisa-Beth Yanicke
19th	Joan Rossi
26th	Joanne Leisk & Judy Leisk

## Hammonaset Youth Gathering "Loved to Love"

September 10—12

Hammonasset State Park in Connecticut

[www.hammoconnect.com](http://www.hammoconnect.com)

Three teenagers, Elsbeth Colson, Charlie Brickley and Hannah Albright will be traveling with Pastor Angela and Joanne Leisk to Hammo for this year's gathering! They'll be listening to speakers, participating in worship and Bible study, playing games, swimming and sleeping in tents with roughly 600 other teens and adults from around New England!

The group from First Lutheran will be teaming up and camping with a group from Sanctuary in Marshfield. (Sanctuary is the new start-up congregation that Pastor Angela is serving at part-time with Pastor Mark Huber)

Pray for their travels. Pray for good weather. Pray for God's Spirit to touch the lives of all who attend!

**Youth Group Meeting** - Wednesday, September 1st 7:00pm in the Parish House, bring your parents. Hammo Planning Meeting and Ice Cream Social!

## **ELCA Mission Developers Training Conference**

July 31—August 2  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mark Melhorn, member of First and church council leader, will be heading to Minnesota with members of Sanctuary from Marshfield to participate in the training for Mission Developers throughout the ELCA. We are delighted that Mark is taking time to support our partnership with Sanctuary in this way and to learn some important ministry tools. We are excited to learn through Mark about the many other new congregational start-ups throughout the country and what they are doing to build up the Body of Christ.

Check out what's happening in Marshfield at [www.sanctuarymarshfield.org](http://www.sanctuarymarshfield.org) and talk with Pastor Angela or Mark about how you can participate in this partnership.

### **Why is this so important?**

We all know by now that First Lutheran is in a time of transition and discernment about the future.

We need to remember that First is participating in some exciting work of the Holy Spirit. There is a hunger in people's lives to have a place to connect with God and with other people in meaningful ways. As we at First Lutheran discern and discuss our future it will be important to listen to what is happening in our community and in the world around us. We need to be and desire to be participating in what God is up to already.

Some things to ponder...

- About two thirds of the Lutheran congregations in New England are also "on the edge" and struggling. We are in the company of a lot of congregations who have not "figured it out."
- Neither the Synod nor any other group is a source of financial bailout for any congregation or group.
- We find ourselves pioneering what could be an exciting venture: to rediscover what is most important to us about being Lutheran Christians.
- There are no easy answers to how to be faithful going forward in ministry, but that there are end-

less possibilities. The answers we find will come from us. It is both a blessing and a difficulty that any solution will not be dictated and placed upon us, but discovered through God among us. We are limited only by our imaginations.

- First Lutheran is in a time of inquiry and learning and we can not neglect this by rushing to hasty conclusions. This is going to take time, patience, and your participation. Enclosed is information about our "cottage meetings" where discussion will take place.

So...

...Pray for Pastor Mark Huber and Sanctuary, Mark Melhorn and the others attending the Developers Conference.

...Pray faithfully for the life of First Lutheran and the New England Synod.

...Go to a Cottage Meeting and participate in the conversation.

...Come regularly to worship and other gatherings to feed your life of faith and to build up the Church.

...Listen carefully to where you hear God is working in the world and inviting us to participate.

### **Confirmation Classes**

It maybe the middle of summer, but we're thinking ahead to the fall and excited about your upcoming commitment and new stage in your life of faith. There are three students who are scheduled to make their confirmation, or affirmation of faith on Reformation Sunday, October 31st; Hannah Albright, Elsbeth Colson, Erika Nelson.

Each student is working on their summer 'confirmation contract' and being sure to keep up their faith learning throughout the summer months.

**Our fall class schedule is as follows:**  
Wednesday evenings in the Parish House @ 7:00pm  
September 8, 15, 29, October 6, 13, 20

Please mark your calendar and plan on being there!  
Speak with Pastor Angela if you have questions.



## 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, Duncan

Scowcroft, Debby Smith, Lindsay Cunningham III, Randy Williams, Florence Lundstrom, Amanda and Adam, Elsie Baldi, Valborg Carlson, Maria Saravia, all those seeking employment, the ministry of the New England Seafarers Mission, Caritas Academy, 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

### August

John Brickley	12
Sarah Kerry	12
Richard Strobel	13
Daryl Colson	14
Gary Leisk	17
Stanley Colson	18
Eric Albright	21
Joanne Leisk	22
Carina Bandle	23
Robert Nelson	23
Gloria Oswald	23
Donna Kerry	25
Erika Nelson	27

### September

James Lundstrom	3
Samuel Girmai	6
Christina Doyle	7
Merial Doyle	9
Anna Gibbons	9
Girmai Kahassai	10
George Brickley	19
Frank Noel	28

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—Graduate!

Sarah Marie Lundstrom graduated June 5, 2010 from Lincoln Park Academy, Fort Pierce, Florida with greatest honors as an International Baccalaureate candidate. Sarah was a member of Beta Club, National Honor Society, and Make a Difference Club and earned both a Bronze and Silver Congressional medal. She will attend the University of Florida in Gainesville.

## Congratulations—Anniversary!

Jim and Nancy Graham parents of Donna Kerry in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary! God's blessings for many more years to come.

## 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

## Worship Time Change

Beginning, the Sunday after Labor Day, September 12, 2010, we will worship at 10:30 a.m.

## Recovering at home...

Randy Williams is recovering from knee replacement Surgery. You can send get well wishes to Randy at 128 Salem Street Malden, MA 02148

If you know of anyone else, that could use a little pick me up notify the church office.

## Bereavement Support Group

Saint Nicholas Mission will offer a 6-session Bereavement Support Group from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on the following Sundays: September 26, October 10, October 24, November 7, November 21 and December 12. The meetings will be held in the Parish House of First Lutheran Church, 62 Church St., Malden, MA.

This faith-based support group is open to all interested parties. A commitment for all 6-sessions is requested. Contact Rev. David Dismas at 617-889-8675 or e-mail at david@themissionparish.com for more information.

## Postcard arrived from Alaska

Hello to all,

As you may guess we are having an amazing time. Yesterday, we arrived via a ferry from Valdez in Cordova. We partook in a salmon dinner feast and drove 50 miles on a dirt road to our campsite. We are at the foot of the "child" glacier and can hear the clapping thunder when a section breaks loose. What a sight! Hope you all are well.

Rolf and Edda Bandle



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

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

**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

**September 2010**

- 3-6 90's Staff Alumni Reunion: *call for rates*
- 10-12 Golf Weekend for Men: *call for rates*
- 20-22 Fall Work Days: *no charge*
- 24-26 Fall Fling! Middle School: \$100/person

**October 2010**

- 1-3 Fall Adult Hike: \$185/person
- 5-7 60's Staff Alumni Gathering (supper-lunch)  
CC \$150;SH&RL \$136; HC\$116
- 8-11 Columbus Day Weekend  
CC \$180/adult; \$150/student; \$590/family  
RL \$165/adult; \$124 student; \$550/family  
HC \$139/adult; \$98/student; \$445/family
- 12-15 LutherHostel: \$150/person
- 18-21 UFO Retreat: \$224/person
- 18-21 Knitters Mid-Week Retreat \$224/person

**Sunday School**

If you are interested in Sunday School for your child for the next school year, please talk to Karin Albright (781-322-4312).

**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)

**Helping Hands**  
**~trained helping monkeys~**

The church has received a letter of thanks from Helping Hands, which includes the following excerpt:

*Helping Hands is able to make a profound impact on those we serve by placing our specially trained monkey helpers in our recipients' homes. These gifts of independence are made possible thanks to the generosity of donors like **you**. Your \$235.00 donation allows us to train and place our wonderful service animals with recipients and to better serve the community of individuals with disabilities, their families, and friends.*

Our gifts of shampoo, nuts, and other items were appreciated as well. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Sunday school service project for Helping Hands!

Helping Hands, which is located in Brighton, is having a fund-raising open house on August 11. Tickets are \$30. visitors will be able to tour the monkey college, meet the trainers, and watch a monkey take a bath. Refreshments will be served. If you would like to order a ticket, please call Noelle at 617-787-4419 ext. 105

**Salem Willows**  
**Church-Wide Picnic**  
Saturday, August 21, 2010  
**Salem Willows, Salem, MA**

Nothing better than sitting ocean-side with your friends! Bring your lunch and/or a dish to share, your lawn chair and a friend. If you would like to carpool speak with Pastor Angela. We'll have 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!

**October/November Newsletter**

The deadline for the October/November 2010 newsletter issue of *The Dove* will be **September 15, 2010** Have your information into Annette by noon on that day. Thank you!  
 e-mail: [office.firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net](mailto:office.firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net)

## **Malden DPW holds Recycling Day!**

The Malden Department of Public Works will hold a recycling day for a variety of products including television, computer monitors and car batteries on Saturday, August 21 for Malden residents. Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. you will be able to bring your recyclable items to the DPW at 356 Commercial Street, Malden, MA (paint will be recycled between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.).

There are fees for some of the recyclables including \$2 per car tire; \$20 per truck tire; \$5 for televisions/computer monitors; \$1 for batteries; \$1 each for each gallon of motor oil (no antifreeze or transmission fluid); and \$2.50 for used oil filters. Mercury items, which include thermostats, mercury switches, elemental mercury, fluorescent light bulbs and button batteries (used in hearing aids, watches) will be accepted free of charge. Thermometers may also be exchanged for new ones Monday-Friday at the Malden Board of Health 200 Pleasant Street, Malden

Latex, oil and acrylic paints as well as stains and varnishes will also be accepted. The cost to recycle 1 to 5 gallons of paint is \$10; \$15 for 6-10 gallons; \$20 for 11-15 gallons; and \$25 for 16-20 gallons; \$3 per gallon after 20 gallons; Antifreeze as well as other hazardous materials will not be accepted.

### ***Prescription Drug disposal and needle collection***

Also on August 21st from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Malden Wellness Center in conjunction with the Department of Public Works will conduct a prescription drug disposal and needle collection program. Residents will be able to drop off needles (placed in a "sharps box" or laundry detergent bottle), unused and expired prescription drugs and over the counter medications in the effort to keep these drugs out of medicine cabinets where children can get them. For more information about recycling call the DPW at 781-397-7160.

## **Use Your Expertise To Help Children Read!**

Start the new school year off right by helping children in all Everett and Malden public schools who need extra help with reading! Mystice Valley Elder Services (MVES) is looking for volunteers for its Reading Partners Program. Designed to boost confidence and improve reading skills, the program pairs adults age 55 and over with children in grades K-3. Training starts in September so please call Lauren Reid, or Ken Neal at 781-324-7705 today! Combine wisdom of age with the energy of youth and become a Reading Partner!

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## **Summer Food Service Program in Malden**

The Malden School Food Service is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children. There will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites listed below and must be eaten at those sites.

**Coyetmore Lea**, Mountain Ave., 11 a.m. to noon.

Miller Park, Harvard St., 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

**Salemwood School Park**, 529 Salem St., 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Ferryway School Park**, 150 Cross St., from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Beebe School Park**, 401 Pleasant St., noon to 1 p.m.

**Linden School**, 29 Wescot St., 11 a.m. to noon

**Kids Place**, 77 Kennedy Dr., noon to 1 p.m.

**Green Street Park**, Green Street, 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

For more information on this program contact the Malden School Food Service Director, Cheryl Maguire at 781-297-7353 or [cmaguire@malden.mec.edu](mailto:cmaguire@malden.mec.edu)



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.

## **Do You Want to Volunteer to Help Kids and Have Fun?**

Housing Families, Inc. in Malden is seeking volunteers for their Children's Program. They are looking for volunteers for tutoring and morning childcare.

Training, support and fun is provided. They just need you. For more information call Heather at 781-322-9119 x133.