



# The Dove



The Newsletter of First Lutheran Church of Malden  
October/November 2010

## A few words from Pastor Angela

Dear friends,

Five years already! Amazing how fast time flies! July 2010 marked my five years of being the pastor of First Lutheran church and the anniversary of our shared ministry together. What a delight it was to celebrate that milestone with you in August at our anniversary party.

Thank you to the Church council for your faithful leadership and for making the party happen. As you have gotten to know, celebrating and giving God thanks for important occasions in life is important for me and I am so delighted that it is also important to all of you. Thanks also to Donna Kerry and Joanne Leisk for sharing the message of God's welcome and hospitality with us during worship that day as well.

Thank you for your faithful commitment to our shared ministry. A church is only as strong as its congregation is strong in faith in Jesus Christ—I am blessed to be a part of that living body of Christ here in Malden.

In gratitude,

*Pastor Angela*

## Cottage Meetings

The Discernment Team wants to encourage each of you to sign-up for a cottage meeting all of which are happening right now. They need to hear from you; how you feel about First Lutheran, what's important to you about First Lutheran, and what makes our ministry together valuable! What's on your hearts and minds...?

The D.T. is responsible to prepare a proposal for the Church Council regarding the configuration of the next stages of our ministry here at First Lutheran. Our finances have forced us to take a hard look at what we value, what it is that God is calling First Lutheran to be a part of and focus on in ministry. We can no longer financially afford to maintain ministry the way we have for so many years - and this is a perfect time to discern together what specifically do we have to offer Malden and its diverse community and what are the specific needs of Malden that we can work better at addressing and helping.

See inside for the dates of the cottage meetings and please sign-up for one. If you can't make a meeting and still have something to say, drop an email to Pastor Angela or any of the D.T. members and make your voice heard.

\*names of the D.T. members are also inside on page 4...



This photo was taken at First Parish in Malden after a recorded interfaith conversation between some of the Jewish, Muslim and Christian religious leaders of Malden.

Watch for the televised show on Malden Public Access and surrounding towns in mid October. When available, the 30 minute show will also be available on First Lutheran's website. Stay tuned.

A fruitful day of conversation, mutual support and encouragement was felt by all.

## Thank you to Pastor Angela

The lack of financial resources has been and will continue to be of significant concern to all the members of First Lutheran Church. When an opportunity arose earlier this year to take on a special assignment within the N. E. Synod by assisting with the development of the Sanctuary mission in Marshfield, Pastor Angela enthusiastically embraced the opportunity, recognizing that her involvement would not only benefit a missionary goal of the synod, but could also be of value in our own struggle to evolve as a revitalized congregation, and at the same time be beneficial to us in light of the proposed financial arrangement.

Currently the efforts in Marshfield will take on a new direction and it has been decided not to renew the arrangement beyond the initial 6 months period. Pastor Angela will end her ministry with Sanctuary on Oct. 31st and will resume full-time ministry with First Lutheran beginning Nov. 1st. Many of you have taken an interest in the new congregational start-up taking place in Marshfield and hopefully you will continue to do so. As anticipated, the financial side of the agreement was a significant benefit for First Lutheran and we are thankful for that.

These past few months have been quite a challenge for Pastor Angela. Meeting the needs of two congregations, both at a very different stage of development, has been a daunting task. The commuting issue in itself was taxing. We appreciate all of this, as we redirect our attention to the tasks at hand and continue the discernment process here at First Lutheran Church. Again, thank you Pastor Angela.

Rolf Bandle  
Church Council



## Property Help - Thank You!

As many people know, Rolf Bandle does a lot of different weekly jobs around the church. While Rolf and Edda were traveling the country this summer we had extra hands pitching in to help. Thank you to Mike Kiddy who stepped up to the plate and trimmed the hedges and cut the grass. And, thank you to Annette D'Onofrio for watering flowers and helping take the garbage and recycling out each week. This is a big thank you, Mike and Annette for helping us around the church. *Church Property Committee*

First Lutheran, October/November 2010

## Major Property Improvements Underway

This year, the property Committee is again to conserve energy while at the same time keep our property safe and up to date.

Three items are being addressed this fall.

The first is the replacement of the hot water tank in the church building. It is currently leaking and can not be repaired. It will be replaced with a 'hot water on demand' unit, which means that hot water will only be generated when the faucet is turned on. No longer will we need to heat and store 30 gallons of water when it is not being used most of the week.

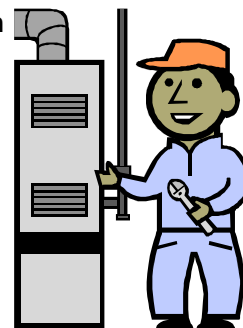
The second item is the replacement of the oil lines (from the oil tank to the furnaces) of the church building. This is a safety improvement and not covered by our yearly service contract.

The third item is the replacement of the furnace in the parsonage. We currently have a very old, inefficient oil fired unit. We are replacing it with a gas fired, 95% + energy efficiency unit. The parsonage is a hot air system and a gas line is already in the building for the (previous stove) and current hot water heater. We will be taking advantage of the Mass Save rebate of up to \$650.00 by making this change.

All the furnace work will be completed by US Fuel, our oil supplier and service contractor. Other bids were received and US Fuel was the best price.

The total amount for these projects is \$5450.00. The funds for these projects will originally be financed from our Memorial Funds and a special drive is being held to help reimburse these items.

Doug Steininger,  
Property Committee Chairperson





## Do you like to sing? Join the Choir!!

Would you like to be part of a vibrant and God-lovin' singing group? Come join the First Lutheran choir. All are welcome! Rehearsals will start **Sunday, October 3 at 9:15AM**. If you have any questions or hesitations about joining, please talk to our Music Director, Yun Lee.

## Pet Remembrance Service

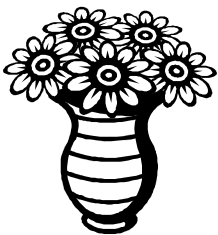
St. Nicholas Mission will hold a pet remembrance service on Saturday, October 2nd at 2:30 p.m. outside the parish house. For more information contact Reverend David Dismas at 617-884-8675 or e-mail [david@themissionparish.com](mailto:david@themissionparish.com)



## Blessing of the Pets

Invite your friends and neighbors to a blessing of your favorite best friends on Saturday, October 9th at 2:30 p.m. We will gather outside next to the Parish House (62 Church Street, Malden). All pets are welcomed. If your pet cannot be on a leash, please bring it in a carrying case or a small aquarium. This will help to insure the safety of your pet and of others. For questions or if you are interest in participating in the service, contact Pastor Angela Freeman in the church office 781-324-7133.

## Altar Flower Sign-Up



Each week we like to adorn our altar with fresh flowers. Our flowers are arranged by Wildflower Designs of Malden. The cost per vase is \$15 (\$30 for both). If you would like to give toward the flower ministry, please sign-up on the bulletin board near the side door of the church or by calling the church office 781-324-7133.

## Fall Fun Day

Mark your calendar now, Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm we will leave the Church and head to Russell Orchards in Ipswich for a fun afternoon together. Come along for the ride, browse the store, munch on yummy cider donuts, explore the farm animals or decide to pick your own apples! It is about a 25 minute ride to the Farm. We expect to be back just before dinner time that evening. The cost for a bag if you would like to pick apples is \$15 which you could always share with a friend as well. There is no cost for the farm or to visit the animals. [www.russelorchardsma.com](http://www.russelorchardsma.com)



## The Lutheran Magazine

*The Lutheran Magazine* is the monthly publication from Augustburg Fortress. It is full of information about the wider Lutheran church within this country and the world. Each member of First Lutheran receives a complimentary copy of *The Lutheran*. If you would like to help to offset the cost of the annual subscription, you're welcome to send a check to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. On the memo line, please write "The Lutheran". Every little bit helps us to keep expenses down during this difficult financial season. With thanks!

## Movie Afternoon's return

**Sunday, November 14**

**3:30pm**

**Church Vestry**

**Invictus**

**PG-13**

Staring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon Nelson Mandela, in his first term as the South African President, initiates a unique venture to unite the apartheid-torn land: enlist the national rugby team on a mission to win the 1995 Rugby World Cup.

## Cottage Meetings

See note on front page of newsletter

Sign-up for a meeting that fits your schedule. Call the church office (781) 324-7133 to sign-up or do so in church on Sunday morning.

7:00pm, Wednesday, September 29 - Lundstrom's home

After worship, Sunday, October 3 - Church Vestry

7:00pm, Thursday, October 7 - Church Vestry

10:00am, Saturday, October 9 - Church Vestry

After worship, Sunday, October 10 - Church Vestry

Discernment Team members are: Pastor Angela Freeman, Rolf Bandle, George Brickley, Ruth Moser, Karin Round, Lisa-Beth Yanicke, and Joanne Leisk

See your church directory for phone numbers and email addresses—or call the church office for information if you need it. With thanks.

## Let us Pray

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

We pray for, *Anne Kelloway, Pamela Wilson, Hilda Clark, 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

### Happy Birthday to everyone!

#### October

Kevin McKenna 1  
 Maria Rosa 8  
 Bryan Wladkowski 9  
 Yordanos Girmai 18  
 Sarah Round 18  
 Elsbeth Colson 22  
 Lee-Ann Lanzillo 22  
 James Lundstrom 27

#### November

Anna Smith 1  
 Florence Lundstrom 2  
 Bruce Norskog 15  
 Robert Klasner Jr. 22  
 Hailey Sena 26

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



## FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

Thank you for helping to provide fellowship following worship. If you'd like to be on the rotating schedule, talk with Joanne Leisk (jmleisk@aol.com). Also contact her if you can't make your Sunday.

### October

3rd Joanne and Judy Leisk  
 10th Lisa-Beth Yanicke  
 17th Joan Rossi  
 24th Becca Kidwell  
 31st Parish Life Committee



### November

7th Joanne and Judy Leisk  
 14th Berekty Zacharias  
 21st Lisa -Beth Yanicke  
 28th Joan Rossi

## 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.firstlutheranmalden@verizon.net](mailto:office.firstlutheranmalden@verizon.net)

## December/January issue of the Dove

The Deadline for articles for the December/January issue of the Dove newsletter will be Wednesday, November 10, 2010. Please have your articles to Annette by noon on that day. You can e-mail your article to [office.firstlutheranmalden@verizon.net](mailto:office.firstlutheranmalden@verizon.net) or drop it by the church office.

## A Note of Thanks from...

The following note was received from Knute Ogren, Director of Development at Calumet Lutheran Ministries.

"To our Friends at First Malden...Thanks— your support of Calumet has such an impact on what we can accomplish for the sake of the Gospel...thanks so much!"

## 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.



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

**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

**November 2010**

- 1-4 Quilters Retreat #1: \$224, plus supplies
- 5-7 Women's Weekend #1:  
CC \$165; RL&SH \$154; HC \$135
- 8-10 Quilting Retreat #2: \$155, plus supplies
- 10-12 Quilting Retreat #3: \$155, plus supplies
- 12-14 Women's Weekend #2:  
CC \$165; RL&SH \$154; HC \$135
- 19-21 Women's Weekend #3:  
CC \$165; RL&SH \$154; HC\$135

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**1-603-593-4773**



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 Members Received**

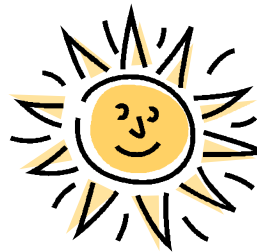
Sunday, November 7th, during worship we will receive new members to First Lutheran. If you have been worshipping with us for a while and are interested in the next steps of commitment, talk with Pastor Angela. If you're curious and not sure yet? talk with Pastor Angela. Are you excited about what God is doing in your life and want to share? Talk with Pastor Angela. We want to hear about all that God is up to and celebrate with you.

**Open House**

Monday, November 1st beginning at 7:00pm, Pastor Angela is having an open house for new members and any current members who would like to greet new faces. Please RSVP to PA by emailing or calling the church office. This is a great time to ask that burning question you have about Church, God or the community.

**Sunday School**

**Welcome to all this year's students and teachers!**



We are delighted to announce the start-up of this year's Sunday school classes! Sunday, September 19th was our first day of classes. This year, we have some new faces in the classroom - both teachers and students, which is very exciting. We have three classes; early childhood (beginning at age 3), middle school grades and high school. Sunday School is trying out something new and meeting on the third Sunday of every month. Sunday School will meet on October 17th and November 21st. If you have questions about Sunday School or would like more information for your child, contact Karin Albright the superintendent at [karin.albright@verizon.net](mailto:karin.albright@verizon.net).

**Confirmation News**

Confirmation is a time for youth 7th grade—9th grade to build up their faith tool-kits and develop their skills and knowledge about church, the Bible and God. It is a time to explore their own journey with Jesus and eventually make a decision to affirm their childhood baptisms. This year, we are excited to be confirming three young women on Sunday, October 31st, Hannah Albright, Elsbeth Colson, and Erika Nelson. We hope you will come and celebrate with these women as they take the next steps in their lives of faith.

# Youth Group News

Hammonasset  
September 2010  
Synod Wide Annual Youth Gathering

On the weekend of Sept. 9 to 11 the youth group, two teens from Marblehead, Pastor Angela, and I braved the traffic to go to Hammonasset State Park, Madison, CT to join nearly 700 other teenagers and youth leaders from Lutheran churches all over New England. During the weekend, teens enjoyed times of worshiping and listening/singing to a Christian rock band (Jacob's Road).



*(In this photo: top left - Hannah Albright, Charlie Brickley, Scott Walker, Pastor Angela Freeman, Elsbeth Colson, Ella O'leary, Joanne Leisk, middle row - Nora Walker, Carla O'leary, Pastor Mark Huber, Nelle McDade, and front - Tucker O'Leary)*

There was free time for the teens to try out the beach or other activities as well as connect with old friends and make new ones. This year we had a fairly large group. We had three teens from First Lutheran and two from Clifton Lutheran, Marblehead that joined us. Once we arrived at Hammonasset the three teens from Marshfield joined our group. It was a lot of fun to see the teens having such a good time.



This camping trip wouldn't have been possible without an adult leader who knew what she was doing. (I'm still very much a camping rookie.) Thanks to Pastor Angela for doing all the arranging for our three groups. (Ask either Charlie, or Hannah, or Elsbeth to tell you about pudgie pies.)

It is fun to hear our teenagers still talk about the event. I'm excited that they are planning another youth group event for October. There will be more information in the bulletin as plans are confirmed. Teenagers seventh grade and up are invited to join the youth group.

For more information contact Joanne Leisk ([jmleisk@aol.com](mailto:jmleisk@aol.com)) or Pastor Angela ([firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net](mailto:firstlutheranmaiden@verizon.net))

## Update from Financial Treasure

Our membership pledges have been coming in through the summer months fairly well. We are just a little more than \$100 shy of our anticipated giving through the month of August. (Received \$63,231.97; Anticipated: \$63,348.00). So thank you for your continued and faithful giving. In total, our overall income is ahead of our budget expectations.

In general, our expenses have stayed under budget. I have not yet paid in full our obligations to the New England Synod or to the other outreach programs, we have committed to giving toward but I hope to catch up with those this fall. Also the pastor's work at Sanctuary in Marshfield has in the salary line item alone saved us \$4713.89 through the end of August. Because of these two categories, I have not had to withdraw money yet from Thrivent (as planned in the budget). Remember though, we are running on a deficit budget and it is expected that we will have to use some of our reserved funds to make it through the rest of the year.

However, we have had a few surprises, namely the damage to the Parish House last spring after a rain and wind storm which cost us \$980 to repair electrical work we didn't expect.

And we are planning to pay for the repairs to the heating systems and water heater as described by the property committee earlier in the newsletter. We are starting a special appeal to reinstate some or all of the funds spent on these repairs. Please prayerfully consider giving to this appeal! You can write a check out with your weekly or monthly giving.

Although the Pastor's sacrifice of working down in Marshfield bought us some time, and though virtually all of the committees have kept very close to or under budget, our financial situation remains unchanged. Our levels of giving do not fully support the cost of full-time ministry. The shortfall as of the end of August is just under \$3000.00.

Please keep our church and all of its ministries in your hearts and minds and prayers as we enter into the fall and grapple with our budget for next year and for our future together in Christ.

Sincerely,

Karin Round, Treasurer



## School of Lay Ministry

The New England Synod is the wider regional branch of the church that we at First Lutheran belong to. Within the N E Synod we have a school for adult lay members who are interested in learning more about the Church present and past and about the Bible. This is a two year program of learning and faith growth. There are two required retreats to kick off each year. During the year, the students meet with a peer group to watch DVDs on certain topics and to discuss the reading material.

We are excited to have our third student from First Lutheran entering the school, Lisa-Beth Yanicke, who is joining Donna Kerry. Donna Kerry is in her second year. (Joanne Leisk graduated from the school in June 2010). Speak with any of these ladies for information if you're curious about the school!)

### LOOKING FOR A STUDY GROUP???

Lisa and Donna will be looking for partners in study for their monthly study time. If you'd like to learn more about the Bible, get in touch with them. They'd love to have you join in! Donna's email is: [d.kerry@verizon.net](mailto:d.kerry@verizon.net)

## New Scholarship Fund - School of Lay Ministry

At September's Church Council meeting, a decision was made to establish a scholarship fund for those interested in attending the School of Lay Ministry. The admission fee for the school is \$450 plus the cost of books. The council does not want this cost to deter anyone from attending this important time of learning and growth. If anyone would like to give to the new scholarship fund, you can add it to your regular offering or make a special gift to the church. Please designate the money for the scholarship fund.

Our first scholarship recipient is Lisa-Beth Yanicke! Congrats to Lisa and thank you for saying yes to the time of learning and growth!