



The Dove



The Newsletter of First Lutheran Church of Malden
March/April 2011

Dear friends,

When this newsletter finds you, may you be blessed with the warmth of the sunshine and the promises of Spring that are quickly upon us. I hope you will take time to read through the following pages, feel inspired about all God is up to at First Lutheran and in our community and find ways that you can plug into the Spirit's moving.

There's a lot in here so here are *only some* of the highlights you don't want to miss:

- Lent plans and Holy Week schedule—pages 3 and 8
- Bishop Margaret Payne's visit on Sunday, April 3—page 7
- Annual Meeting notes—page 8

If you are hooked up to [Facebook](#), check out First's new Page there and get even more up to date info. Don't forget to go to our website and check out the calendar of events as well. www.firstlutheranmalden.org

I look forward to walking with you through Lent and journeying together again to the empty tomb on Easter morn.

Blessings on your journey, *Pastor Angela*



2011 Church Council and leaders Installed into office!

Sunday, January 20th during worship
Pastor Angela installed the 2011
leaders into office.

(See page 7 for more info)

Left to right:

Donna Kerry, Karin Round, Pastor Angela Freeman, Mark Melhorn, Joanne Leisk, George Brickley, Andrea Leger, Kim Crowley.

Not pictured:

Kevin McKenna and
Girmai Kahassai

Sunday School Easter Offering Cradles to Crayons

This year the Sunday school's special Easter offering will go to Cradles to Crayons. Located in Brighton, Cradle to Crayons is a nonprofit organization that serves low-income children in Massachusetts. Children from birth through age twelve receive services from Cradles to Crayons; some of them are homeless. Cradles to Crayons distributes new and gently used clothes, toys, and baby equipment, as well as some new items such as school supplies. Individuals help Cradles to Crayons by donating materials and money and by working at their warehouse to sort and pack supplies.

During Lent the Sunday school children will pray for children in need. They will save money in coin banks for Cradles to Crayons. They will be encouraged to go through their own things at home with their parents to look for any outgrown clothes, toys, and books that can be given away. They will be asked to bring new boxes of crayons or toothbrushes to Sunday school on March 20.

You are invited to help the children with this offering of goods needed or by placing a monetary offering in the large coin bank in 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 "Cradles to Crayons" on the memo line.)*

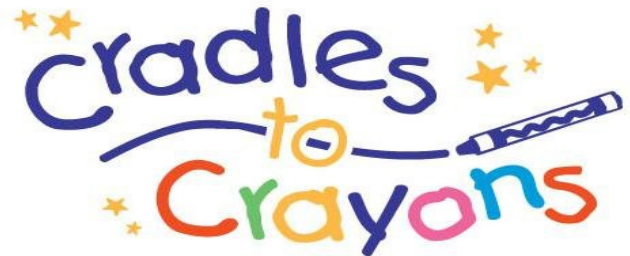
Please note that all used items must be in very good condition, without stains or tears, and everything must be clean. As Cradles to Crayons is a secular organization serving those of all faiths, religious items cannot be accepted. We will not be collecting large pieces of baby equipment and furniture at church, but if you are interested in donating such items, please see the website for Cradles to Crayons at boston.cradlestocrayons.org for a drop-off location. Please be sure to read carefully the descriptions of which types of items are accepted and which are not.

We hope that you will join the Sunday school children this Lent in praying for children who are living in poverty and homelessness. If you have any questions, please talk to Karin Albright. (781) 322-4312 or karin.albright@verizon.net

Items to donate to Cradles to Crayons:

Please place these items in the decorated box in the sanctuary or drop them off in the church office. Thank you for participating in this offering!

- New or gently used children's clothing, sizes 0 to 18/20
- New or gently used baby blankets
- New or gently used children's books, especially board books—**no** religious books, **no** books related to religious holidays, **no** picture books about family structure (e.g., *I Love My Mommy*)
- New or gently used children's toys—**no** religious toys, **no** stuffed animals, **no** violent or military-related toys (e.g., toy guns or swords), **no** oversize toys
- **NEW** children's socks or underwear
- **NEW** school supplies
- **NEW** art supplies (only those designed for and safe for children)
- **NEW** hygiene supplies (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste)



www.cradlestocrayons.org

Lutheranism 101

Coffee and chatting...

Starbucks on Main St., Melrose

Saturdays: March 26th & April 16

10:00am

Come for a bit of conversation about the Lutheran identity, history, theology, current practices, etc... Bring your questions, thoughts and ideas too! Pastor Angela will lead this discussion (apx. 1 hour). You're welcome to buy breakfast and your coffee or just simply come and don't worry about coffee. Email with questions.

Ash Wednesday & Lent

Beginning on Wednesday, March 9, the church year enters into a very important season, called Lent. Ash Wednesday invites us into the journey with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we remember and acknowledge our reliance on God's mercy in our lives.

The early Christians adopted the use of the ashes as a visible sign of seeking forgiveness and as a recognition of our mortality and dependence on God. As Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness, we too spend the 40 days of Lent reflecting upon our need for a savior and in preparation to celebrate God's answer in Christ's resurrection and our saving hope.

Come and journey together - mark your calendars now and plan on walking with your faith community and with Jesus!

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 17, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Beginning with the remembrance of Jesus triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, this worship leads us into the beginning of Holy Week. We walk with Jesus to his death on the cross and eventual resurrection where he is exalted by God!

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 21, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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 22, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 24th

10:30



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

FAT TUESDAY!

On Tuesday, March 8 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.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, March 9th

7:00 p.m.

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

Midweek Lenten

Contemplative Eucharist

Beginning on Wednesday—March 16—Saint Nicholas Mission will offer a special Midweek Contemplative Eucharist for the Wednesdays of Lent. This "quiet Mass" begins at 7:30 pm in the church and is offered as an additional support to enhance one's observance of a Holy Lent.



Easter Flowers

&

Emergency Help Fund

Help decorate the sanctuary for the celebration of Easter and add to the Emergency Help Fund. You can do so by giving \$12 and dedicating flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. Contact the office to arrange this or fill out the form in the Sunday bulletin. Office.firstlutheranmaiden@gmail.com or 781-324-7133.



Let us Pray

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

We pray for, Anne Kelloway, Pamela Wilson, Richard Strobel, Ross MacDonald, Bernie Colson, Paul Constantino, Laura Rosa & family, Ted Doucette, Joan Casico, John Lundstrom, Florence Lundstrom, Elsie Baldi, Valborg Carlson, Elsbeth Colson, Carol Dobie, Debby, all those looking for employment and those under employed, 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.

Happy Birthday to everyone!



March

Raina Heller	3
Javier Jimenez	15
Carine Melhorn	21
Berekty Zacharias	22
Joan Rossi	24
Karin Round	24
Paul Albright	26
William Round	26
Stephen Wladkowski	26
Judith Leisk	29
Sandra Eriksson-Ellis	31

April

Andrea Leger	1
Melissa Keller	4
Kirsten Wladkowski	5
Morgan Leger	8
Peter Govostes	10
Anne DiSciullo	11
Ross Round	11
Erik Carlson	12
Janet Lundstrom	14
Cindy Brickley	15
Luke Rossi	18
Hannah Albright	21
Edda Bandle	23
Laura Knowles	27

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

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.

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@gmail.com

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.

March

6th	Joanne and Judy Leisk
13th	Lisa-Beth Yanicke
20th	Berekty & Girmai
27th	Becca Kidwell

April

3rd	Mark and Carine Melhorn
10th	Andrea Leger
17th	(Palm Sunday) Joan Rossi
24th	(Easter Sunday) Joanne & Judy Leisk & Kim Crowley



May/June issue of the Dove

The Deadline for articles for the May/June issue of the Dove newsletter will be Wednesday, April 12. Please have your articles to Annette by noon on that day. You can e-mail your article to office.firstlutheranmalden@gmail.com or drop it by the church office.

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, reach the pastor at home at: (781) 388-1874



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

Calumet is the Lutheran outdoor ministry site in Freedom, NH (roughly 2 hours from Malden) nestled on the shores of Lake Ossippi on the southern side of the White Mountains. Calumet isn't just a summer camp for kids, but a conference center for individuals and families open all year and a camp ground open in the summer for everyone!

Check out www.calumet.org for more information or speak with Joan Rossi our Calumet connection 781-231-0447

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

March, 2011

- 2-4 Quilting Retreat: \$157, plus supplies
- 4-6 Youth Group Retreat: \$100/per person
- 13 Calumet Sunday
- 14-17 Quilting Retreat, 3 day: \$226, plus supplies
- 18-20 Confircamp I: \$100/person
- 21-23 LutherHostel: \$152/person

April, 2011

- 1-3 Sunday School Weekend: \$100/person
- 1-3 Knitter's Weekend: \$157/person
- 8-10 Confircamp II: \$100/person
- 11-14 LutherHostel: \$152/person
- 16 Walkathon Fundraiser ~ Gloucester, MA
- 26-28 Retired Pastors & Spouses
- 29-5/1 Volunteer Work Weekend: no charge



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.



Every 4th Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Malden, First Lutheran works to provide a hot and healthy meal for many hungry mouths in Malden. Please consider including serving a meal to those in need into your holiday plans this year. (January's date we are serving is Friday, January 28th) Contact Rolf Bandle for more information 781-321-0841

Emergency Food

First Lutheran continues to collect dried goods and some household items. These items stock our small shelves in the sanctuary for emergency need of those who contact the church. We also send a goodly portion of our donations to the Bread of Life offices which helps to stock their shelves. The basket for these donations is located in the front of the sanctuary. You could always bring items by the office during office hours as well. With thanks for your help to feed the hungry!

Davenport Worship

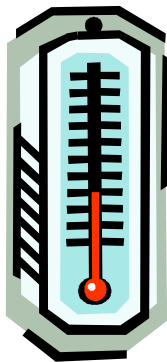
Come worship with the residents of the Davenport Memorial Home at 70 Salem Street in Malden on Ash Wednesday, March 9th at 10:30 a.m. We will worship and fellowship together! Join us again on April 26th at 10:30 a.m. Contact Pastor Angela if you have questions or need a ride. Also, if you are able to play piano for the service, please let pastor know.

Can You Help Mend Communion Linens?

One of our purificators (the smallest of the Communion linens) needs some attention from a skilled needleworker. The decorative hemstitching around the border is breaking apart in some places, and we are looking for someone who can put the two pieces back together nicely. If you can do this, please call Karin Albright at 781-322-4312. The same thing is likely to happen to other linens, and we would be grateful to know about anyone who might be able to help us in the future as well.

The Temperature is Rising!

We have reached a total of \$6212.00 to date. This is due directly to the generous personal and pledged donations as well as a rebate from our gas provider. Of the original \$10,000 that we were used from the Memorial Fund, we have funded the following items:



Replacement of the oil lines (from the oil tank to the furnaces) in the church, replacement of the furnace in the parsonage (from oil to gas), replacement of oil furnace in the Church (Sacristy), and to be done soon is replace the hot water tank in the Church with a tank-less unit.

With your continued support of our Rising Temperature Drive we hope to repay the Memorial Fund completely and to include the replacement of the second furnace in the church. This is a big expectation, but with a very tight budget it is one way that we can keep our properties safe and warm. Property, Doug Steinger



Winter Snow Removal Help

No denying it! We want to think it's spring, but we're probably going to get more snow... If you are able to help shovel around our properties after a now storm, call Doug Steinger for more information 781-246-2859 or doug-

las.steinger@verizon.net

Refugee Immigration Ministry (RIM)

Ink Cartridge Recycling:

Refugee Immigration Ministry is a Christian ministry in Malden that seeks to settle and care for refugees and asylum seekers who find themselves relocated to the Malden area. Bring in your used ink cartridges - the proceeds will go to support this invaluable ministry. A basket is located in the sanctuary for this collection.



Men's Ministry

First Lutheran has a newly forming men's ministry group that is gathering to grow and nourish faith in Christ. The group will consist of conversation, faith sharing, Bible Studies and other discussions that may arise. The group will likely meet once per month though day and times are still being set. This group is lead by Mark Melhorn and if you are interested in this group or have questions please contact him at (978) 317-7004 or mimelhorn@gmail.com.

Ministry of the Urban Church

Saturday, March 5 9am-4pm at Redeemer in Woburn, we will gather with church members from this region of the New England Synod to discuss the unique aspects and challenges of ministry in the urban context. \$10 donation for the day (including lunch). Speak with Pastor for registration form or go to newenglandsynod.org for more info. (Look for "Mission Area Assemblies.)

Visitation Ministry

After worship on Sunday, February 27, Pastor Angela led a training for individuals interested in becoming visitation ministers for First Lutheran. These people will make (possibly) monthly visits to shut-in, homebound and/or ill members of the congregation bringing the message of God's love with them in the form of a friendly smile, Scripture and Holy Communion. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Pastor Angela in the church office.

Weekly Text Bible Study

Thursdays @ 10:30 am in the parish house a group regularly meets to discuss the Biblical texts assigned for the coming Sunday. All are welcome to come to this informal time of conversation and prayer. No expertise needed—the conversation is accessible for all levels of Bible learning. Call the church office with questions.

Adult Catechism Class

Are you new to the Lutheran Church? Have you been a Lutheran Christian for years and wonder what those titles really mean? If you are interested in engaging in conversation and learning with your peers about the Church, Lutheranism and being God's disciples, contact Pastor Angela for more information and discussion of possible meeting times. firstlutheranmalden@gmail.com or call the church office.



Bishop Margaret Payne Visits First Lutheran

Mark your calendars and plan on being at worship Sunday, April 3, 2011!

Bishop Margaret Payne of the New England Synod, ELCA will worship with us and experience how the Holy Spirit has been working and transforming our ministry. The church council has invited her to join

us and asked the Bishop not to preach or preside, but to offer a blessing to the congregation. We will also have an informal time of Question and Answer for roughly 20 minutes with her following worship. For questions about her visit or ideas on how you would like to help make her feel welcome, speak with a church council leader or call the church office.

Church Council News

On Sunday, February 20 the 2011 Church Council was installed into their offices during worship. Please pray for the this year's leadership as they direct the future of our ministry and guide the congregation. This years leaders are: Joanne Leisk (President), Kim Crowley (Vice President), Donna Kerry (Secretary), Karin Round (Treasurer), Mark Melhorn & Andrea Leger (working jointly as Financial Secretaries and learning from standing Fin. Secretary, George Brickley), Kevin McKenna and Girmai Kahassai. (See your church directory for contact information for council members or call the church office.)

With Thanksgiving for George Brickley, financial secretary

George just completed his 6 consecutive year on church council and has served as the church's financial secretary for over a decade! The Church Council would like to offer a HUGE thank you to George for his faithful service all these years. (Council recognized his service officially with a small gift of thank you during worship on Sunday, February 20th.) Join them in thanking George next time you see him! He will be working with the newly elected officers, Mark and Andrea this year to pass on the duty.

What's Happening When??

Don't forget to go to First's website for an up to date **calendar of events!**

www.firstlutheranmalden.org

First Lutheran on Facebook!

Check out First's page on FB and give us a "like."

Follow us there and you will receive up to date information, prayers for reflection and periodic photos of life at First Lutheran!



New England Synod

New Website of the New England Synod is www.newenglandsynod.org

Check it out and follow all the great stuff happening throughout our region and with our Lutheran brothers and sisters!

George Brickley (on right) receiving a gift of thanks from First Lutheran presented by Karin Round, treasurer and Pastor Angela Freeman.



**Being the Church
Throughout Lent and always...
“The Discipline of Service”**

This Lenten season as a congregation we will be engaging in the spiritual discipline of ‘service’. We will be living out the call to BE God’s people. Spiritual disciplines are practices that we establish in our lives which help draw us nearer to God and develop our faith in Jesus Christ. Specifically, opportunities of service connect us with part of God’s world and God’s people that we might not otherwise have relationships with or the opportunity to learn from. We hope that you will take advantage of all of the opportunities or as many as you are able.

We have chosen opportunities of service that would be available for most skill levels, age groups and physical abilities.

Please RSVP to Pastor Angela—also with questions and to schedule rides.



**New England Seafarers Mission
Saturday, March 19 @ 9:30**

NESM opens its doors to thousands of men and women from the ships that come into the port at Boston. These people can not leave port and NESM seeks to serve their needs and offer hospitality.

While there we will be doing some basic cleaning and moving of furniture. We could also be shocking shelves and painting. Please wear work clothes.



**Cradles to Crayons
Saturday, April 2 @ 1:00-3:00**

We’re going to work at the Giving Factory! We’ll team up with our Sunday school this season and do our part to serve this much needed organization. See page 2 of newsletter for more info about C to C.

Wear comfortable shoes.

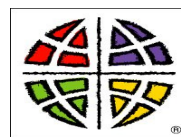
We’ll work to stock shelves of toys, sort clothing into age groups and possibly help with some light office work.



**Bread of Life
Friday, March 25 @ 4:30**

First Baptist Church

Come to help prepare a delicious meal for many hungry folks, help serve, or simply visit with folks and bring a bit of cheer. Clean up help is always needed too! If you are able to bake desert or other goodies contact Pastor Angela.



**ELCA World Hunger Appeal
Lenten Dinner**

Thursday, April 7 @ 6:30pm

Lent is a time of service and an opportunity to live a simpler life remembering those who do not have food, money or resources simply to live. A light dinner will be provided, along with conversation and discussion about world hunger issues. A free-will offering will be collected and funds will be sent to ELCA world hunger. *If you’d like to help set up for dinner, contact Pastor Angela. (don’t forget to RSVP...)*

Annual Meeting Highlights

The annual meeting of the congregation took place on Sunday, January 30, 2011 immediately following worship. After it was determined that a quorum was present, it was down to business!

We were led in prayer by Pastor Angela to open the meeting. Joanne Leisk, council president, presided over the meeting. Several ministries were highlighted including music, education, property, youth, Bread of Life, finance, mutual ministry, and a report from the Discernment Team. All reports from the various committees and from Pastor Angela are available in the annual meeting booklet.

The business conducted included elections of church council members, nominating committee and Synod assembly delegates. Elected to council for three year terms were Girmai Kahassai (his second term), Kimberly Crowley, and Kevin McKenna. There are presently two vacancies on council. The nominating committee, each serving a one year term, is Rolf Bandle, Joan Rossi, Doug Steinger, and Tresa Casaletto. Representing First Lutheran at Synod assembly, along with Pastor Angela, are George Brickley and Donna Kerry.

The auditors, Lou Rossi, Kimberly Crowley, and Doug Steinger completed the review of the finances and verbally reported that all reports, other than some minor misallocations, are accurate. The 2010 financial reports were then approved.

Maria Sundquist presented the 2011 operating budget. After some changes, the budget was approved as amended. A final copy can be obtained by contacting the church office.

Recognized for their hard work were Karin Round as treasurer and Rolf Bandle and Doug Steinger for their hard work on the properties, including the new furnaces for the church and parsonage.

Information on applications for grants from the synod was provided along with written guidelines for the memorial fund. In addition, members were reminded that a survey concerning worship time is underway by the church council.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm

In Christ,

Donna Kerry, secretary

Worship Time Change & Adult Education

On Sunday, January 30 (the day of the annual meeting), the Church Council distributed a survey regarding preferred worship times and adult education topics and interest. If you were not able to be in worship that day and would like to participate in the survey, please contact the church office or Joanne Leisk (jmleisk@aol.com), council president. [The concerns regarding our current worship time are: 1. inability to have adult education classes before or after worship due to the late worship time during program year. 2. desire to be hospitable to new comers or visitors (and long-timers too!) who are unaware despite all our advertising about our winter / summer worship time change.]