



A Community in Christ
 Making Christ Known
 Growing as Disciples
 Loving Others in Jesus' Name

First Lutheran Church

www.firstlutheran-sanmarcos.org

March 2010



From the Pastor's Desk!

We are a couple of weeks into our Lenten Journey here at First Lutheran. Lent offers time for fellowship with the Lenten suppers which begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings prior to the service at 7:00 p.m.

This year we are using the Holden Evening Prayer liturgy which was written by Marty Haugen. He wrote the service for The Holden Village community which is a Lutheran retreat center in Washington State off the shores of Lake Chelan. The only way to this retreat center is by boat and then by being shuttled to the retreat facility. The service is a 'service of light' which celebrates the fact that Christ has come to bring light to our darkness.

Holden Village is a 'place apart' from the busy humdrum of everyday life. I believe that Marty

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Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesdays
 through March 24

Meals

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Worship

7:00 pm



- March 3 - Hamburgers & Hot Dogs-by Jr. High*
- March 10- Pancakes & Sausage – by Men*
- March 17- Baked Potatoes w/all fixin's- by
 4th-6th Graders*
- March 24 -Baked Lasagna & Salad-All Youth*

Haugen has captured in this evening liturgy the same sense. It is restful and peaceful and I hope that all of you will have the opportunity to experience it. Come and experience rest for your being in this meaningful worship format.

Each week we are presenting a drama centering around the cross, *Whose Cross Is It, Anyway?* Members of the congregation are the actors in which the main character week after week tries to deliver the cross to a variety of characters. No one seems to want to accept it.

May God bless each of you during this special season of the Church Year.

In faith and friendship,

Pastor Dorn



GO - live in grace and grace others

BE - all that God created you to be

DO - the love of God!



BBQ Fundraiser

MARK YOU CALENDARS!

Saturday, April 10

Farmers Market

This is a benefit to aid the Marbachs as they recover from the fire that destroyed Amkon.

Watch for details!



Confirmation Class

is selling

Easter Lilies

through Sunday, March 28th.

\$15.00 each.

Look for their table in the Multi-Use Room during Lenten Meal, and in the Centrum on Sundays. Lilies will adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Morning and may be taken home after the service. Proceeds from sales will help send youth to camp and other summer activities. Thank you for your support of the summer youth programs.

Spaghetti Dinner



Kids of the Kingdom Fundraiser

Thursday, March 18

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Multi-Use Room

Eat Here or Take Home

Adults \$5.00 – Children under 12 \$3.00

Tickets available now in church office.

Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert.

Funds raised will help purchase new playground equipment.

MARCH EVENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST

PLACE: INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PANCAKES

TIME: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 @ 7:00 AM

COME JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP AND HAVE A GREAT CUP OF COFFEE.

ALL MEN WELCOME!

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES ORDER PICK-UP

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

PLACE: VFW POST @ 1701 HUNTER ROAD

TIME: 8:00AM TO 10:00AM

Call Cindy House @ the Church Office for more information

DORCAS CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

TIME: TUESDAY, MARCH 23 @ 7:00 PM

PLACE: FIRST LUTHERAN

COURTNEY DIECKMAN - CIRCLE LEADER

SARAH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

TIME: THURSDAY, MARCH 18 @ 9:30 AM

PLACE: HORIZON BAY ASST. LIVING, RANCH ROAD 12

AGNES DREIBRODT – CIRCLE LEADER

PRIME TIMERS

TIME: TUESDAY, MARCH 2 @ 11:30 AM

PLACE: FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, ROOMS 10/11

RINGERS AND SINGERS

BELL CHOIR – EACH WEDNESDAY @ 6:15 PM

VOICE CHOIR – EACH WEDNESDAY @ 7:35 PM

CRAFT GROUP

TIME: EVERY THURSDAY @ 7:00 PM

CALL ANNITA ALBERS FOR INFORMATION-396-2187



ALTAR GUILD

3 Marian Guerin
Peggy Meiners
7-17 Jill Stolar
Cheryl Heintze
21-28 Beth Schott
Joe Callan

MEN OF FIRST LUTHERAN

The Men are Meeting!

Thursday, March 11

6:30 pm

Palazzo Apartments Party Room

Join us for good food and great fellowship!

All men are invited and bring a friend.

Directions will be emailed in the week of the event.

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todd.engeling@tpwd.state.tx.us
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MARCH

Lawn Care Team

Paul Berglund

Garry Coles

Mike Butler

Kurt Dieckman



SATURDAY, MARCH 20

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

All hands are needed to help clean the church building and grounds to get ready for Easter! We will not have Bobcat Build Volunteers to help this year so everyone's help will make sure all projects are completed. If you are unable to attend on March 20, projects can be done at any time. Take and project off of the job board in the Centrum and log it on the job sheet so we know what jobs have been done.

Sponsored by the Property Team. Call 665-1872 or 392-2064 for questions.

CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE FOR QUESTIONS

angelfood MINISTRIES

Order deadline is Thursday, March 18 – Noon

Specials may be purchased with or without the purchase of the Standard boxes.

Payment is due when order is placed in church office.

Cash, check, and Lone Star Card are accepted.

Credit card orders may be placed on the Angel Food website, www.angelfoodministries.com.

Order Pick Up is Saturday March 27 - 8:00 am – 10:00 am

All are invited to be a part of this wonderful ministry!

FLC is the March distribution host. Please come and share God's love!

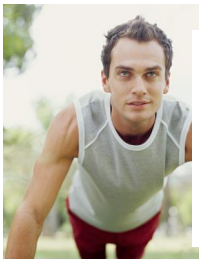
Call Cindy House at 392-2064 for questions about volunteering or ordering.

VFW Post at 1701 Hunter Road

Bring a medium size box for your food.

We do not have any storage. Orders not picked up will be given to the needy.

A joint ministry of First Christian Church, First Lutheran Church, & St. Mark's Episcopal Church



Trey Hubbard is offering an **exercise class** in the multi-use room on Monday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 to help you get in shape. Classes will be 30 to 45 minutes long and will be geared toward improving strength. Please e-mail Trey (screechrules@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have questions. **Classes are open to everyone!**

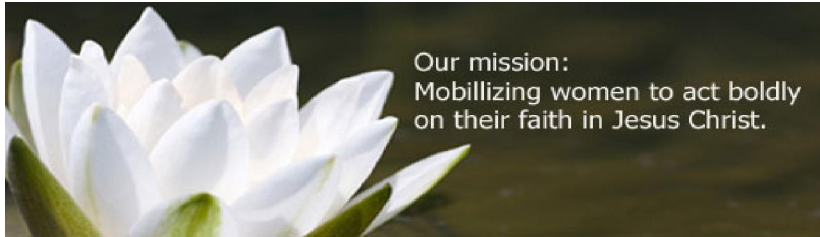
Kids of the Kingdom News

Spring is almost here and we at Kids of the Kingdom are ready for warm weather! This month the children will be learning about Lent, Spring and the many changes that it brings from the flowers to the animals. March brings us two celebrations, Dr Seuss's birthday on March 2 and St. Patrick's day, March 17.

Kids of the Kingdom is also going to have two fundraisers this month. One has started already and it is a "Celebrate Life" booklet filled with many gift items. Money raised from this fundraiser will go toward educational supplies. Our other fundraiser will be a Spaghetti Dinner on March 18, 5-7 p.m. Food may be eaten here or taken home. The money raised will go towards the purchase of playground equipment. Please come and support our child development center. Copies of the "Celebrate Life" catalogs are available in the Centrum on the buffet.

The staff and children at Kids of the Kingdom would like to thank everyone that has supported us in the past and will continue to provide support in the future!

Many Blessings to you and your family, *Jennifer Velasquez, KOK Director*



Our mission:
Mobilizing women to act boldly
on their faith in Jesus Christ.

First Lutheran Women

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant. ...Since then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness.

2 Cor. 3:4-6a, 12

Boldness is a call to action. As women who are claimed and called by God, we believe that a life lived boldly is a faith-filled celebration and an investment in the world we want for ourselves and our children. Women are called to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ. Boldness comes in many forms; its basis, in whatever form, is right action by an individual or group. Some boldness is bright and loud. Some is firm and quiet. We celebrate this range of voices, knowing that the avenues for bold self-expression are limitless. Do you have a definition of BOLD? What do you believe is your best BOLD?

A big thank you to all the women who provided candy, Valentines, bags, and cookies for our Valentine's Day projects. And to all the women who helped put them together. Sixty goodie bags were delivered to the girls at the New Life Center and 20 bags of cookies were delivered to various members of our congregation. All gifts were much appreciated.

CHRIST CHAPEL MEALS: FLC also provided a meal to the students at Christ Chapel on Wednesday, Feb 24. A special thanks to those who provided food and helped serve the meal; Annita Albers, Mikki Coles, Priscilla Cost, Peggy Meiners, Diane Osborne, Patti Seiffert.

CRAFT GROUP: Our Craft Group meets each Thursday at church and in 2009 participated in several craft shows throughout the year. Funds raised help support local benevolence.

SARAH CIRCLE: Sarah Circle meets for Bible study the third Thursday of each month, 9:30 am at Horizon Bay. Agnes Dreibrodt is circle leader in 2010. Next meeting is March 18.

DORCAS CIRCLE: Dorcas Circle continues a Bible study on The Parables of Jesus. Books are available at the meetings. The March meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 pm at the church.

HEALTH KITS: Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the Lutheran World Relief Health Kits. The kits will be assembled at noon on March 18 at the church. Volunteers are invited to bring a dish for a pot luck lunch and help ready the kits for shipping on April 7th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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| March 14 | Deadline to turn in items for Health Kits. |
| March 18 | Assemble health kits and potluck lunch |
| March 18 | Provide spaghetti sauce and 1# hamburger meat for KOK Spaghetti Dinner |
| April 17 | Women's Social |
| April 30 | Cock House Lunch |
| May 23 | Banquet to honor High School Seniors |

Please call the church office (392-2064) for more information on any of the above activities.

*Live, love, and pray **BOLDLY!***

Diane Osborne and Annita Albers

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

as of 3/1/10

	January	February
Total Income	\$17,959	\$17,427
Expenses		
Pastor's Comp.	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,860
Support Staff	\$ 5,944	\$ 6,551
All Other	\$ 4,577	\$ 4,132
Total Expenses	\$14,121	\$14,543
Net Income	\$ 3,838	\$ 2,884
General Treasury Balance	\$41,033	\$45,425
Outstanding Liabilities		
Payroll Taxes	\$ -	\$(1,038)
KOK-40% of Op. Exp.	\$(2,690)	\$(3,630)
General Treasury Balance (if all bills were paid)	\$38,343	\$40,758

Free in Christ to Serve the Neighbor: Lutherans Talk about Human Sexuality Sundays - 4:00 pm

Curious or confused about all the controversy surrounding the issues of Human Sexuality? Then, come join in our conversations. Since 2001 the ELCA has been engaged in a study on sexuality. The important matters have been discussed and debated and a comprehensive social statement formed and adopted at the last church-wide assembly. In discussions we will look at Paul's letter to the Galatians and Luther's "The Freedom of the Christian" to provide biblical and theological grounding to aid us in approaching these matters in a way that is respectful, honest, and faithful.

Bishop Hansen stated in a 2006 letter "On complicated matters, Christians can and will in good conscience disagree about interpreting the will of God. ...We do not disagree that we are saved by grace through faith. We do not disagree that we are called to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. So then, as God's own people called to freedom in the gospel, we ask, 'How then shall we live?' Discovering this 'how' is not a simple matter. It will likely produce some struggle, but because we are bound together in the gospel we can deliberate without fear and without threat of division." It is with this hope and with confidence in the leading of the Holy Spirit we begin our discussions.

May God strengthen and bless us as we explore this topic together.



Altar Flowers

- March 7 *Beth Schott*
- March 14 *Cindy House*
- March 21 *Butler Family*
- March 27 *OPEN*



- 2nd--Hayden Engeling
- 3rd--John Stansberry
Jean Brannagan
Debbie Cox
- 6th--Kendall Smith
Caitlin Cost
- 7th--Kaycie Halatin
- 8th--Kendrick Baros
- 12th--Candace Engeling
- 16th--Russell House
Bill Jones
- 17th--Kylie Contreras
Alex Garcia
- 18th--Erin Armstrong
Brett Butler
- 19th--Lori Armstrong
- 22nd--John Joyce
- 23rd--Karen Stern
Jakob Hageman
- 24th--John L. Ferguson
Marcus Opheim
- 26th--Rebecca Cox
- 27th--Shelby Armstrong
- 28th--Jaeden Garza
Kellie Barela
- 29th--B.J. Hageman
Patsy Moore
- 30th--Renate Yanity



Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls, visits, and cards we received following Dean's surgery. We appreciate it so much!

Dean & Leola Gourley



We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, and for those attending the memorial service for our grandson, Christopher. We were deeply touched. God bless you all!

*Doris & Lawrence Stange
Denise & Wade McManus
Corey & Codie McManus*



Baptismal Anniversary for March

- Delaney Acosta (6)
- Jo Ann Bachle (27)
- Kellie Barela (11)
- Jean Brannagan (25)
- Sarah Brannagan (26)
- Matthew Brannagan (26)
- Marilyn Brister
- Noah Garcia (6)
- Jaeden Garza (25)
- Spencer Gourley (5)
- Marian Guerin (29)
- Scott Hurst (13)
- Bobby Jarrett (28)
- Jenny Jensen (14)
- Carrie Jones (24)
- Jean Josserand (15)
- Scott Krackau (30)
- Ren Linér (24)
- Peggy Meiners (7)
- Ralph Randow (26)
- Hella Schneider (8)
- Jan Seiffert (3)
- Benjamin Steen (24)
- Sonny Wieland (20)
- Matthew Williams (5)



- *Kat Carnes, recovering from surgery.*
- *Marsha Moore, undergoing chemotherapy*
- *Michelle Patteson, recovering from severe cuts on hand*
- *Dean Gourley, recovering from cancer surgery.*
- *Fred Stern, as he deals with issues of advancing age.*
- *Tim Gaffney, recovering from a ski accident*
- *Lara & Daniel, following the loss of baby boy Ezra.*
- *Priscilla Crawford, recovering from removal of cancerous kidney.*
- *Melanie Vogt, as she deals with pituitary tumor.*
- *Nell Pennington's brother, Clyde, as he begins chemotherapy.*
- *Betty Marquette and Jana, recovering from breast cancer surgery.*
- *Randy and Tina Marbach, as they deal with the aftermath of the fire that destroyed Amkon.*
- *Victims of the earthquake in Chile.*

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Let no one despise your **YOUTH...**
But set the believers an example...

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.



FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT

Sunday, February 21

5:30 – 7:00 pm

Multi Use Room

Join in the fun!

Bring snacks to share



MARCH 14, 2010

2:00 a.m.



4-6th Graders Camps

Yearling's

June 13-18

\$85 Deposit

Total Cost \$335

Adventurer

June 20-25

\$85 Deposit

Total Cost \$335

For information contact:

Renee Holloway - 392-3088

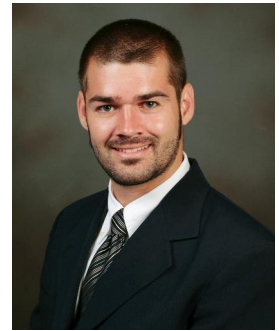
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Camp Scholarship

forms and information are available on the following websites.

www.crosstrails.org

www.lutherhill.org



Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Josh Bauman. I am one of the Thrivent Financial representatives serving First Lutheran. For your convenience, I will be working at First Lutheran on Fridays.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a Fortune 500 membership organization committed to helping members achieve their financial security and give back to their congregations and communities.

I am excited to be working with First Lutheran and look forward to getting acquainted with many of you personally. I'm also looking forward to sharing information about the fraternal benefits that Thrivent Financial offers. If you have any questions about Thrivent Financial for Lutherans please feel free to contact me.

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Remodeling Project



We will be remodeling the Youth Room soon due to a very generous donation from one of our members. We are giving away the couches that are in the room now to anyone who wants them. We would like to have them out of the room as soon as possible, so please call the church office if you are interested (392-2064).