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COMMUNITY NEWS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF RICHMOND BEACH

## A WORD FROM PASTOR BJORGE



Writer Donald McCullough once defined grace this way. He writes, *"Grace means that in the middle of our struggle, the referee blows the whistle and announces the end of the game. We're declared winners and sent to the showers. It's over for all huffing, puffing piety to earn God's favor. It's finished for all sweat-soaked straining to secure*

*self-worth. It's the end of all-competitive scrambling to get ahead of others in the game. Grace means that God is on our side and thus we are victors, regardless of how well we've played the game. We might as well head for the showers and the champagne celebration."*

*Tragedy and loss have a way of unifying and healing.*

That's what grace is! My dad knew that kind of grace – the kind that comes through Jesus Christ! He knew grace both in life and now in life everlasting! Grace shaped his life! It was the center of his theology; the center of his parenting, his pastoring, and his friendships! It was reflected in the euphemisms he loved to share. Things like: *I may not be perfect but I am forgiven! ... God isn't finished with me yet! ... Ride loose in the saddle! ... Don't sweat the small stuff!* And his favorite these past few months: *My bags are packed! I know where I'm going!* It was reflected in his earthy humor, in the many times he told me how proud he was of me, and when he'd yell to me on the phone while I was talking with my mom: *I love you Son!*

My dad's human race is complete. He, like the apostle Paul, can now confidently say: *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith!* I'm going to miss my dad! Having been back to my hometown for my dad's funeral was both great and, at the same time, interesting... interesting to

have been so warmly loved by such a wide spectrum of people. Tragedy and loss have a way of unifying and healing. When we suffer, suddenly we become a community in a different way. Suddenly pro-choice and pro-life, Democrat and Republican, traditionalist and progressive, mission-minded and social activist are united amidst their tears. Suffering together and grieving together alters the way we look at each other, even if it doesn't alter our opinions or our convictions. We see each other as the finite, fragile, and vulnerable people we are. We become a community of fellow sinners and sufferers who desperately need God's... grace!

I'm starting to believe that the quest for power in the church is what causes so much of our division while the experience of suffering is what creates our unity. Even enemies can join and weep

together when they discover they both face another and even greater enemy still, the enemy of their own mortality. What a perspective suffering can give us—at once making our conflicts and divisions appear trivial and, at the same time, helping us to see what is most important in life.

On 9/11/11 we will be gathering for **Round-Up Sunday**. One service: 10:00! It'll be the tenth anniversary of 9/11. And it's only right that we'd have that be our day to gather together as a whole community! It'll be a time to rally together and to celebrate the beginning of a new program year. It'll also be a day to grieve and to seek together what we need most as a community of faith, that which unites us together best, creating the kind of community we'll need to empower us to share with the world the love of Jesus—what we'll seek in the pain of that day is nothing short of God's grace!

Pastor John

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## A WORD FROM INTERN PASTOR MOOTZ



One year ago, on August 25th, around lunch-time to be exact, my little Geo Prizm made its final descent down Interstate 90 and toward Puget Sound. It was my first visit to the Seattle area, and my first time in the Pacific Northwest. I was simultaneously excited and nervous for the internship that lay before me.

It now seems odd when I reflect on these feelings from just one year ago. It seems odd because in such a short time, First Lutheran has changed from an unknown place into a home. The members of this church have changed from new faces into a loving family. The past year has been a true gift for me. I have felt warmly welcomed into this place - welcomed into a community that has taken me in, encouraged me, shown me great patience, molded me with constructive criticism, and transformed me from an intern into a pastor. The members

of First Lutheran will forever hold a special place in my heart for this amazing gift. In particular, I would like to thank the intern committee for their all their dedication: taking care of my housing, writing down sermon notes whenever I preached, giving up their free time for monthly meetings, and the myriad other ways they assisted me over the course of this year. I would also like to thank the staff for their unending support and wonderful collegiality.

As for me, I'll be headed back to St. Paul, MN to finish off my final year of seminary. I'll be sure to keep this community in my prayers in 2012 and ask that you do the same for me. I'm excited to see what God has planned for both of us in the coming years.

In eternal gratefulness,  
Justin Mootz

## SPIRITUAL FORMATION



### NEW COMMUNITY

**SUNDAYS AT 9:45 A.M. IN THE UPPER ROOM**

**Daniel: Seeking Spiritual Integrity**

Daniel was a man who refused to live as a passive victim of circumstance. If it hadn't been for the hostile takeover of Judah by the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel's life would've been quite predictable. He would've attended a great school. He would've married a godly woman and would've occupied a prominent place in the temple. But life didn't turn out the way Daniel planned. Instead, he was forced to spend his life serving the Babylonian king. Yet, he decided to honor God and refused to eat the king's defiled food. Daniel's courage and initiative found great favor with Nebuchadnezzar.

What do you do when you end up in Babylon? Do you find ways to persist, to endure, and to grow? Or do you betray your deepest commitments? Make a resolution to become spiritually resilient like Daniel and join us each Sunday, beginning 9/18, for the New Community class, upstairs in the Upper Room at 9:45 a.m., to discover what spiritual integrity might look like for you!

### WORD OF LIFE

**WEDNESDAYS - 10:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY**

This class is a conversation based on the Scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and is led by Pastor John and Intern Pastor Alicia. Class will begin Wednesday, September 14th, 2011.

### MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN

**MONDAYS - 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 207**

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will begin studying 1st Corinthians Monday September 12, 2011. We will be using a book by N.T. Wright. For more info contact Fran Uchida at 425-778-7846.

### CARHARTT'S FOR CHRIST - FOR MEN

**WEDNESDAYS - 6:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY**

Our men's group will be meeting Wednesday nights during Village Night 2.0 from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Library.

A word about the name... Carharts are working clothes. They're what you put on when you're out in the mud and the rain. They're tough enough for the job and can weather the storm. Our group is a place you wear your mud-spattered clothes - where you can come with what life has thrown at you. You don't have to get cleaned up first! Of course there's a second part to that name. We are for Christ. We come together to get to know Him better - to clothe ourselves with Him (Romans 13:14). And time and again we discover that He is for us. He forgives, renews, and refreshes like nothing else. This is always the way it has been you know. It took God to make a man out of mud at the beginning and it still does today.

We begin this year by continuing our look at the church in Corinth by studying 2nd Corinthians. Paul the pastor continues to wrestle with this complicated congregation. Out of the struggle come some of the most poignant lines in all of Scripture. The book opens with, "Praise be to the God of all of comfort, the Father of Compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."

Come join us and grow closer to other men who know what it means to be comforted.

For more information contact Alan Herr at alanjherr@gmail.com

# CARING MINISTRIES



## HOUSE OF PRAYER

This year we have spent some time developing our “house” of prayer – a place in our hearts and/or in our homes where we can spend time praying. We’ve talked about praying for and with others. As we begin this Fall season let us keep our spiritual hearts open to the Holy Spirit. Let us pray to be faithful stewards in prayer and in love. Let us bring the refreshment of summer and vacation, into our church community, enlightened and delighted!

Let’s share our stories of faith! We grow by learning and sharing, by telling our stories in a small group, a bible study group, a hospitality group. This strengthens the foundation of our relationships, with Christ as the center. There is nothing more special than sharing the stumbling episodes, and finding how God has answered and blessed the prayer!

## STEPHEN MINISTRIES

We are continuing our study of Steven Estes and Joni Eareckson Tada’s book *When God Weeps*. We gather and pray for God’s guidance in our study and in our caring. Stephen Ministers are trained one on one Christian caregivers, and are available to walk beside individuals going through life crises – divorce, death, grief, etc. If you are interested in receiving care, please talk with one of our leaders, Anita Riksheim or Cathy Thomas, or Pastor John.

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## NOURISHMENT MINISTRY

Please contact Cathy Thomas or the church office if you are interested in preparing a meal for someone with a short term need of meals. It is a privilege to pray for the family as we prepare the meal. Cathy will help coordinate diet needs and delivery, and we have a list long enough that it’s OK to say pass if called when you can’t. Also, I encourage those of you who might NEED a meal, to let us know of your need.



## WE PRAY FOR...

We ask God’s blessings and care for the following members and friends of First Lutheran who are ill or in need:

We pray for.....

### .....HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION:

For the family of **Clayton Galarneau**, following the passing away of his **Aunt Jerie**, and both grandfathers - **Galarneau and McGaugh**; for the family of **Ethel Norman**, who passed away on August 11th; for the family of **Sandy Bailey**, whose brother Joe Jordan has passed away; for the family of **Joanne Lewis**, whose cousin Mark Gabel died.

### .....HEALTH & HEALING

**Lisa Everitt**, sister of Tina King; **Bill Klein**, brother of Bev Klein; **William and Gwen Wallace**; **Susan Harris**, Rachel Cook’s mother; **Joe Jordan**; the **father of Binh Herdrick**, friend of Maret Syberg; **Kelly McGill**, friend of Nels Cone; **Ellie Meyer**; **Laura Hutchinson**, friend of Linda Patterson.

### .....IN JOYFUL CELEBRATION

We lift up **Corbin and Erin (Ellersick) Young** as they begin the exciting journey of marriage together.

**FAITH INVITES YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO END HOMELESSNESS**



**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FAIR - NORTH KING COUNTY SEPT. 24TH • SHORELINE COVENANT CHURCH**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, 1330 N 185TH ST SHORELINE**

Network with local social services agencies and learn how you and your church can make a difference. Bring your family, your church, your neighbors—all are welcome.

refreshments provided, for directions and more information:  
[www.faihadvocacy.org](http://www.faihadvocacy.org)

**RSVP**  
[jeahk@ccsww.org](mailto:jeahk@ccsww.org)



FAITHFUL ACTION IN TRANSFORMING HOMELESSNESS

# PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN



## FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN 39 YEARS AND COUNTING!!!

This September First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten will begin its 39th year of ministry and outreach to the local community. This summer the staff has been busy painting rooms and reorganizing our storage spaces. We can't wait for the year to begin!! Thank you for all your support and prayers each year – knowing we have a supportive congregation

behind us makes First Lutheran the best place to work and a wonderful place for families and children!!!

This year please continue to support us by:

- Praying for the staff, board and families. This year our staff includes – Mim Brustuen, Debbie Sturm, Kathie Longé, Maria Hacker, Heidi Hiatt, Melissa Hart, Randi Johnson, Jen Lopez, Nancy Malek, Shannon Honka, Karen Herr, Omaldo Perez, Carolina Leitner and Kären Beasley
- Board: Stacey Pedersen, Jill Dobson, Kristin Capps, Kristie Timss & Melissa Shook
- Collecting egg cartons, TP tubes and paper towel tubes
- Collecting Campbell Soup Labels-we have a collection bin outside the school office. ....they have changed from needing the front label – we now need the **UPC label** from the back of the can or box. Over the years we have been able to “purchase” supplies and equipment with the labels we bank!

The staff and families are looking forward to another great year with lots and lots of fun and exciting things happening. Please remember you are welcome to stop in and say “HI” anytime.

## MARY'S PLACE

First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten is excited to report we will be supporting Mary's Place again this year! Mary's Place is a day activity center in downtown Seattle, providing food, clothing, social services, resources, and a safe haven for homeless women and children. During the months of September and October we will be collecting new and gently used backpacks which can be filled with supplies for the women and children to take with them at the end of the day. We will also be collecting coloring books, crayons, markers, pens, small toys, and books (things to entertain a child in a sparse hotel room) to fill the backpacks. Look for the collection box near the education wing or you can leave any donations outside the school office.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

BEAT THE BUG Flu Clinic Coming Soon!!!

Save the date: **Tuesday, October 4th, 2011**

FLRB will be hosting a flu clinic staffed by the Visiting Seattle Visiting Nurse Association. The hours will be 10-11:30 AM These shots are also covered by Medicare B and Secure Horizons which the nurse will bill. If you have any questions, please give Kären Beasley a call 206-546-0320.

## FIRST LUTHERAN SCRIPS

Scrips are gift cards that can be used for everyday items just like cash. They are great as gifts, but they can be used for your weekly groceries, gas and entertainment! A little goes a long way! Don't forget to pick up an order form by the School office or look for a school representative bimonthly at the hospitality desk.

**Thanks for supporting our school!**



HEY CHARLIE BROWN,  
WHEN IS THE NEXT  
ORDER DUE?



WELL LUCY ITS  
SEPT 9 & 23  
OCT 7 & 21

SCRIP gift cards make great birthday & Christmas gifts. Use them for your fall and winter shopping, travel or home improvement projects!!! They are very versatile!

# SEPTEMBER 2011

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

**SEPTEMBER-MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**8:30 A.M. CLASSIC SERVICE**  
**11:00 A.M. PRAISE SERVICE**

*\*Worship at these times begins the first Sunday in September.  
 June, July, August worship times are Classic - 9:00 a.m. and Praise - 10:30 a.m.*

**4**  
 8:30 - Classic Worship  
 11:00 - Praise Worship

**5**  
 3pm - Gaming Group  
 6pm - Boy Scouts

**6**  
 9am - InAsMuch  
 9:30am - PS Meet the Teachers  
 1pm - Staff Mtg  
 3pm - Coffee Talk w/Terry

**7**  
 9am - PS First Day  
 3pm - Gaming Group

**8**

**9**

**10**  
 10am - Choir Camp

**11**  
**Round Up Sunday**  
 10am - Worship  
 11am - Round Up BBQ and activities

**12**  
 5:30pm - Cub Scouts  
 6pm - Boy Scout Parents  
 7pm - Wmn's Bible Study  
 7:15pm - Boy Scouts

**13**  
 9am - InAsMuch  
 1pm - Staff Mtg  
 4:30pm - Finance Comm.  
 6:30pm - Endow. Comm  
 7pm - NCD Core Team  
 7pm - Church Council

**14**  
 5pm - Word Life Bible St  
 5:15pm - Children's Choir  
 5:45pm - VN Dinner  
 6:15pm - VN Parent Mtg.  
 6:30pm - Carharnts4Christ  
 6:30pm - Bell Choir  
 6:30pm - Wom. Bible St.  
 7:30pm - Cantorei Choir

**15**  
**Beachcomber Deadline**  
 5:30pm - Sounds Grace

**16**

**17**  
 10am - Hospitality Training

**18**  
**7th Grade Bibles Install Council**  
 8:30 - Classic Worship  
 9:45 - Confirmation  
 9:45 - New Community  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Praise Worship

**19**  
 5:30pm - Cub Scouts  
 7pm - Wmn's Bible Study  
 7:15pm - Boy Scouts

**20**  
 9am - InAsMuch  
 1pm - Staff Mtg

**21**  
 10am - Word Life Bible St  
 See Village Night schedule on page 6.

**22**  
 5:30pm - Sounds Grace

**23**  
 7pm - FLRB Concert Series "From Broadway with Love"

**24**

**25**  
 8:30 - Classic Worship  
 9:45 - Confirmation  
 9:45 - New Community  
 9:45 - Sunday School  
 11:00 - Praise Worship

**26**  
 5:30pm - Cub Scouts  
 7pm - Stephen Ministry  
 7pm - Wmn's Bible Study  
 7:15pm - Boy Scouts

**27**  
 9am - InAsMuch  
 1pm - Staff Mtg

**28**  
 10am - Word Life Bible St  
 See Village Night schedule on page 6.

**29**  
 5:30pm - Sounds Grace

**30**

## DATES TO NOTE...

### ROUND UP SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH @ 10AM**

One worship service at 10:00 a.m., western BBQ, activities for children. Invite your friends and neighbors to this community gathering

### VILLAGE NIGHT 2.0

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

Wednesday nights now include programs for everyone in the family. Join us for this social, educational and enriching experience.

### FLRB CONCERT SERIES

**FRI. SEPT. 23RD @ 7PM**

"From Broadway With Love" - Please join us for an evening filled with Broadway favorites.

## WORSHIP NOTES

The beginning of September, Labor Day weekend, our worship will conclude its summer preaching series “Living in Love” by considering Paul’s command to “admonish one another.”

On **9/11, Round-Up Sunday**, we will consider the role suffering plays in the life of the Christian and look at the suffering Joseph endured at the hands of his brother and Potiphar’s wife and how, out of suffering, God can be glorified. On 9/11 we will hold one service at 10:00 a.m.

**September 18th** will look at the ministry of Jonah—the reluctant prophet—and his call to speak God’s word even to those he despised. Why? Because people, all people, matter to God. This Sunday we welcome Pr. Scott Postlewait to preach as we highlight Campus Ministry this month.

From **September 25 through mid-October** we’ll look together at several of Jesus’ lesser known parables as found in Matthew’s gospel.

Beginning **October 16**, our sermons will focus on Paul’s first letter written: 1 Thessalonians. 1 Thessalonians is a book that doesn’t get that much attention today, except for perhaps the 5th chapter and its subject of the “day of the Lord” that “comes like a thief in the night” (1 Thess. 5:2). But in reality, Paul gives to us a vivid picture of what ministry is to look like in the Church – ministry both inside and outside the Church. It is a wonderful encouragement to our own ministry to see both Paul’s example, and his commendation of the young, poor Thessalonian church. This begins Sunday, October 16 and runs till Christ the King Sunday on November 20.

## HOSPITALITY TRAINING EVENT SEPTEMBER 17TH (10:00-11:00 A.M.)

All Hospitality Team Members! Join us for a time to come together and to reflect on the work we do: our joys and challenges, as we work to make our congregation even more welcoming and hospitable to new comers and out-timers alike!



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- 4:30 pm: Elementary hang out time – Snack/active games.
- 5:00 pm: Word of Life Bible Study
- 5:15 pm: Kid Choir
- 5:15 pm: Study Hall
- 6:00 pm: Dinner for all
- 6:30 pm: Bell Choir
- 6:30 pm–7:30 pm
  - Faith Building for kids
  - Carharts for Christ
  - Women’s Bible study with the intern
- 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
  - Middle School youth group
  - High School youth group
- 7:30 pm: Adult Choir

## STAFF DIRECTORY

**CHURCH OFFICE PHONE: 206.546.4153**

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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# OUTREACH MINISTRY

What an exciting year of mission and outreach opportunities we have planned. Last year we gave through designated gifts over \$36,600 to ministries outside of FLRB plus an additional almost \$30,000 in support of an intern from Luther Seminary.

This year we have plenty of opportunities to not only give but to tangibly serve as well. One new area of service will be through the new mission partnership we are forming in Nicaragua. This next spring we will be taking our first team to Managua. We hope to build an on-going relationship with the

people of Nicaragua where we hope to regularly send teams of both adults and youth. We hope, as we come to know their needs, to care for them and build a caring and supportive relationship with them that is beneficial to us all! If you are interested in knowing more about our Mission Nicaragua ministry, please contact Bente Klatt at benteklatt@comcast.net or contact Pastor John.

Please see below all the different ministries our Outreach Committee has planned for us to engage in this program year!

## YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE

### SEPTEMBER

#### COMPASS CENTER

Hygiene Supply Drive

#### CAMPUS MINISTRY

Outreach offerings go to Campus Ministry. Pr. Scott Postlewait invited to preach.

### OCTOBER

#### COMPASS CENTER

Prepare and serve a meal, hold an Adult Forum with Rick Freidhoff, give Outreach Offerings.

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox drive begins.

#### INASMUCH SUNDAY

Quilt display and Blessing on October 16. Offerings go to InAsMuch.

### NOVEMBER

#### THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Food donations will be made for 50 gift baskets to local families in need and those baskets will be delivered by our volunteers. Outreach offerings to be used to buy perishable food for the baskets.

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox drive continues. Boxes due November 13.

### DECEMBER

#### HEIFER PROJECT

Outreach offerings to be designated for purchasing animals for those in need.

#### MARY'S PLACE

We will participate in preparing and serving Christmas Dinner as well as collect items like gifts and hygiene supplies for Mary's Place.

### JANUARY

#### SANCTUARY

Focus to the work that Pastor Chris Buller is doing with the Native Americans near Madras, OR. Chris will preach and we will enjoy a fellowship meal with him and some of his youth. Outreach offerings will go to support his ministry.

### FEBRUARY

#### COMMUNITY LUNCH ON CAPITOL HILL

We will prepare and serve lunches at Central Lutheran each Friday of February. Outreach offerings go to food and supplies this ministry.

**Last year we gave over \$36,600 to ministries outside FLRB**

### MARCH

#### CHURCH OF STEADFAST LOVE

This month we focus on the ministry that takes place to the homeless of Seattle. Pastor Kristy Daniels will be with us to preach and our Outreach offerings will go to support her and her congregation.

#### MISSION NICARAGUA

This month we will also be taking a team of adults on a one week mission trip to Nicaragua. This will be the first in what we hope will be many trips to Nicaragua as we begin to develop a mission relationship with them through Forward Edge. Dates and costs to be determined.

### APRIL

#### SARATOV

Our ministry of supporting the church in Saratov, Russia, is the focus this month with most Outreach offerings supporting this project.

#### INASMUCH SUNDAY

Quilt Display and Blessing of the Quilts – April 15th . This Sunday's Outreach offerings go to InAsMuch.

### MAY

#### LUTHERWOOD BIBLE CAMP

All Hands on Deck. Volunteers will have an opportunity to help with spring cleaning on Saturday, May 6.

#### EMBRACING SHORELINE

School Clean-up at Syre Elementary. Details to come.

### JUNE

#### ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

This month's Outreach offerings will go to support our youth as they prepare to go to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

### JULY

#### HOPELINK "END SUMMER HUNGER" FOOD DRIVE

Food donations and Outreach offerings go to this ministry.

### AUGUST

#### HOPELINK FOOD DRIVE

Continues.

#### PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FLRB Preschool & kindergarten will receive August Outreach offerings.

# NEWS FROM FAITH FORMATION



I love summer! I love the sun and I love the time I get to spend with the children and youth. Summer is full of camps, mission trips, and large youth group events. It always amazes me how much I learn about faith through spending time with the youth. The youth ask such amazing

questions and bring unique insight.

There were many moments like that this summer but there is one I want to share with you. On our trip to Tillamook while pulling blackberries bushes one of the youth turned to me and said " I now have a greater appreciation for the crown of thorns." Wow what an amazing comment. It made me stop and think. Here we are trying our hardest to not get stuck by these thorns and are covered in painful scratches, how much more pain would it have been to have been purposely stuck with thorns. Later that night we talked about that very thing and how amazing it is what Jesus did for us when he died on the cross.

I sometimes wonder how much faith formation happens from all the trips we do. That moment in Tillamook confirmed for me how important every moment spent in the name of Christ can be. Now as I sit here and think over my years of ministry, I can come up with a million of these moments from sitting on chair lifts with kids, walking through the streets in Mexico, waiting in a line at Wild Waves or watching a baseball game. God is there. God works through each one of these moments through our conversations and our love for him. As I work on the program year for next year, I keep all these moments in mind. My hope is that there are many more times when the leaders and adults of this congregation can experience these moments with our children and youth. One thing I know for sure is that you will look at your own faith differently when you are able to look at God through a youth or children's eyes.

~Terry

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Fall is quickly approaching us. With a new school year brings a new program year in church. As always some things will change and some will stay the same.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST 27TH - VOLUNTEER TRAINING 9AM-4PM

This is training for all those who wish to volunteer: Sunday school teachers, Village Night teachers, Club 56 leaders, Middle School confirmation leader's teachers and High school leader. (Mandatory for all volunteers! A makeup time will be provided for those who cannot make it.)

### SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18 MINISTRY FAIR

Each ministry group will display information about their ministry for three Sundays. This will be a time where the ministry groups can share the passion of their ministry with the congregation.

### SEPTEMBER 11 ROUNDUP SUNDAY 10 AM SERVICE

It is time for our annual fall celebration. There will be one service at 10:00 am, with a meal and festivities to follow. For information on how to help with this great day, contact Terry Baird.

### SEPTEMBER 14 - VILLAGE NIGHT 2.0 KICK OFF (DINNER 5:45 P.M.)

6:15 pm: Meeting for parents of children, 3 years – 6th grade

6:30 pm: Middle School High school Youth and Parent Youth Group (Highly recommended for all those participating this year)

### SEPTEMBER 18TH

7th grade Bibles will be distributed

Regular Sunday programming begins

Confirmation parent and youth meeting after 2nd service

### SEPTEMBER 21ST

First full Village night 2.0

High School Progressive dinner at 6:30 pm

### OCTOBER 7-8

High school fall servant event

### OCTOBER 26

Harvest Party

### OCTOBER 28-29

Club 56 lock-in

### OCTOBER 30TH

Youth Hospitality

\*For additional information about the children youth and family programs, please come to the parent meetings

## CHILDREN UNDER 3

Nursery is available on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Nursery on Sunday will consist of a small, age appropriate lesson.

4 and Under Play group- Day and time TBD. This

is a time for parents and kids to come together in fellowship. This is a very

relaxed time. Activities include singing, games,

reading and small art projects. If you are

the parent of a young child, and would like to

participate, your input on day of the week, and

time, would be helpful. Terry can be

reached at [ffd@flrb.org](mailto:ffd@flrb.org).



4 and under Play Group

## FAITH FORMATION (CONTINUED)

### CHILDREN 3YEAR-4TH GRADE

Sunday 9:45-10:45 Living inside out Sunday School  
Living Inside Out is a curriculum that is all about teaching kids to live their faith. Each unit takes a big theme, for example, sharing faith, and uses four different Bible stories to teach children about that idea. Children sing songs and hear the story as a large group, they then move into age group classrooms where they talk more about their faith on their level. Finally, they are given daily challenges to do at home. This year we will again put more emphasis on learning the memory verses and learning the Lord's prayer. Each theme has a fun VBS feel with fun music, decorations and, of course, biblical truth.

### WEDNESDAY VILLAGE NIGHT 2.0

Village night is back with a few upgrades! Children's activities will begin at 4:30 pm with time for the kids to be kids and burn off energy. It will continue with opportunities for kids choir and study hall. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm and afterwards will be a time of energetic faith building.

### CLUB 56

Club 56 is our 5th and 6th grade ministry. This age group is unique. They are not quite teens yet, but they are not really children anymore either. Their class time reflects their unique age. They talk about biblical truths in a way that is relevant to them. Last year they discussed the Chronicles of Narnia. Sundays 9:45 am and Wednesdays starting at 4:30 pm until 7:30pm

### CONFIRMATION

#### (7TH-9TH GRADE)

Confirmation is the time in a youth's life where they are learning and exploring their faith, in order to be ready to confirm their faith in front of the congregation. Confirmation consists of class on Sundays, youth group on Wednesdays, and various other activities throughout the year. Parent's please come to the informational meeting September 18th after second service.



*Middle School Mission Trip to Tillamook, OR*

### HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH

#### (10TH-12TH GRADE)

As fully confirmed members of the congregation, youth are encouraged to join Pastor Bjorge for the New Community class or volunteer with teaching the younger kids on Sunday mornings. Youth Group- Wednesday nights, high school youth will engage in many different faith building activities, including games, movies, service projects, fun out of building activities and digging into the word.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

- 4:30 pm: Elementary hang out time – Snack/active games.
- 5:00 pm: Word of Life Bible Study
- 5:15 pm: Kid Choir
- 5:15 pm: Study Hall
- 6:00 pm: Dinner for all
- 6:30 pm: Bell Choir
- 6:30 pm–7:30 pm
  - Faith Building for kids
  - Carharts for Christ
  - Women's Bible study with the intern
- 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
  - Middle School youth group
  - High School youth group
- 7:30 pm: Adult Choir

### COFFEE TALK WITH TERRY

#### TUESDAYS FROM 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

This weekly event will continue through the year. Every Tuesday, Terry is at Richmond Beach Starbucks. This is a time for youth, parents other congregation members to come, hangout and chat with Terry.



*Confirmation Camp*

# MUSIC MINISTRY



## A NEW PROGRAM YEAR IS UPON US!

September is almost here and once again we at FLRB are gearing up to engage in our ministries. For all of us this means more opportunities for joyful camaraderie, music-making, and experiencing love and growth as a Christian community. After studying the mutuality commands of the bible, as we heard them in our summer preaching series, we are now ready and eager to launch a new program year at FLRB. Our kick-off date will take place on Round Up Sunday (second Sunday in September), after which, we, the members of the Cantorei Choir, Jubilate bells, New Song, Sounds of Grace and the FLRB Chamber Singers will meet regularly to learn great anthems and exciting new songs, to refresh our memories and to cement our knowledge of other works of praise we have learned recently, as well as continuing to lead and support the song of our great congregational family. In addition to this array of ministry opportunities, the Friday night concert series will begin again with one concert a month for the next four months.

With your support and prayers, we hope to see many more new faces in the church. The concerts are a great opportunity to invite friends to our sanctuary - another opportunity to forge relationships within the walls of our building.

So please mark your calendars! On September 14th we begin our weekly Wednesday night rehearsals for all of our musical groups (New Song 5:15 to 6:00, Jubilate Bells 6:30 to 7:30, Cantorei 7:30 to 9:15 pm and Sounds of Grace, our very own house band, which rehearses on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm). In all of these ensembles we bring all of our abilities to glorify God and edify the spirit of our fellow sojourners in faith. In this process, that is, in the sharing, we can become instruments of the Holy Spirit, vehicles of inspiration, so the gift of music can reach the members of our parish that feel a tad shy about making music in public. Parenthetically, if there is a musical talent you would like to explore, or develop, I will be happy to provide you with all the help you may need in finding the ideal "ministry home" for your musical gift. Should you wish to participate for a part of the year

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in "rehearsed musical ministry"; there are many ways to in which would encourage you to participate. You can find and read all of the rehearsal and concert dates at the bottom of this page.

Reflecting on all the activities in our calendar, and all the abundant blessings in our midst, I was reminded of one of my favorite hymns, one that has come out of the latest hymnal renewal within our tradition. It is God's invitation, and our challenge. It was written by a close friend to some of you who may be reading this article. Susan Palo Cherwien was a member of this congregation back when David Cherwien, now the director of the National Lutheran Choir and the Cantor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, was the organist and director of music ministries here at FLRB. It is a hymn we have not yet sung but that will become part of our congregational repertoire soon. It is a call to action: "Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace; may we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise. Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days." The third stanza develops further this idea: Rise, (O Church) remember well the future God has called us to receive; present by God's loving nurture, Spirit-ed then let us live.

Yes! That is to be the invitation and challenge that comes out of our abundance. As the third stanza says: "Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive", we are free to imagine and to anticipate in our lives that great day when creation will be made whole. We have been blessed with many gifts and only out of this sense of gratitude to God we can sing fully embody our service be our sure vocation.

Put differently, FLRB will be a very busy place this fall. And out of all this abundance and vitality, comes a great opportunity. And it is this: How can we give expression to our faithfulness, be faithful stewards with our time and our possessions. How can we be called "People of God"? This is the joyful challenge of every Christian: that of proclaiming the God who bends to take the shape of our pain and bear our sin on the cross; May we carry on in our hearts and reflect in our ministries this hopeful and engaged gratitude... a sense of enthusiasm to carry us years into the future and beyond.

Peace & Joy, Omaldo

## 2011 FLRB CONCERT SERIES

To kick off the Fall Season of the FLRB Concert Series we are proud to present:

### "From Broadway With Love"

Friday, September 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

This concert will feature the singing talents of New York native Richard Koons and Sonia Perez accompanied by Omaldo Perez. Please join us for an evening filled with Broadway favorites from such shows as Les Misérables, Phantom of the Opera, Into the Woods, and Kiss Me, Kate.



Omaldo Perez



Sonia Perez



Richard Koons

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

### OCTOBER 21ST

"A Darker Shade of the Piano"

### NOVEMBER 18TH

"Remembering Patsy: The Songs and Letters of Patsy Cline"

### DECEMBER 16TH

"A British Christmas"

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.

# NEWS AND NOTES

## WELCOME INTERN ALICIA HILDING!



Alicia is a 2008 graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College, in St. Peter, MN and hails from Owatonna, MN. She is married to her husband Ben and he'll be doing his internship this year at Edmonds Lutheran. Alicia writes that, "At my very best I am a person of faith who functions with intention, prioritizes relationships, and listens well to others." She hopes to focus on

pastoral care and counseling and is eager to learn about team ministry. She writes, "I hope to 'lead a life worthy of the gospel of Christ' (Philippians 1:27) by walking in the truth - being faithful to God, faithful to the church, and faithful to the 'self' God created me to be." Alicia begins with us September 1st. Welcome Alicia and Ben to the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

## "KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF" HYGIENE DRIVE BENEFITING THE COMPASS HOUSING ALLIANCE

The items in need are as follows:

- New men's socks...not used please.
- New or gently used bath towels

The following items are requested to be new and unopened please:

- Travel size shampoo and conditioner
- Soap or body wash
- Razors and shaving cream
- Feminine hygiene items
- Nail clippers/filers
- Deodorant

Collection boxes will be in the narthex for the month of September. If you have questions please contact Doug or Karen Olson. 206-542-6563 mellolson@comcast.net

## 2011 YEAR END STEWARDSHIP

Your stalwart stewardship fully provided for the mission of FLRB this last year. In May we appeared to be on track, but June was well below expectation causing concern for reaching our year end needs. You listened, read the Navigator, and you responded with thankful giving in love. While we were just shy of the budgeted revenue, we finished the year with revenues exceeding expenses with a better cash flow position for the upcoming year than we had at the start of last year.

Thank you for your faithfulness. In times such as these outreach is critical and the need for love in the community is great. FLRB is able to act on these needs because of your faithful stewardship. Giving in thanks is itself a blessing, but from this further blessings flow.

Thank you good and faithful servants!

Jeff Yocom  
Treasurer

## "WOMEN'S BIBLE BUNCH" NEWS

(Formally Deborah Circle)

ATTENTION SENIOR WOMEN. We have a special invitation for those of you who want to feast on God's Word, have wonderful fellowship & serve our incredible God in some special events during the year.

**WHEN:** 12:00 on the 3rd. Monday of the month.  
The next meeting is on September 19th.

**WHERE:** In the Church Library, unless notified off site.

**WHAT:** Bring your Bible, a sack lunch & study Proverbs (Sue Edward's Inductive study Vol. 1)

Come join us! You'll be glad you did!

Contact Persons: Dorothy Clausen at 425-776-2694 or Jane Pedersen at 206-542-3200.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Please read the Council highlights on the bulletin board outside the church office any time the church building is open.

## CHOIR CAMP

In order to get our year started on sure footing, "Cantorei" is preparing its first ever Choir Camp. On September 10th we will meet at Jane Pedersen's house and review the music we'll be tackling this year. Camp goes from 10am - 5pm. Bring your bathing suit, but RSVP omaldoprz@hotmail.com first! See you there!

## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED RECEPTION

We will thank and say goodbye to Intern Pastor Justin Mootz at a farewell and Godspeed reception in his honor on Sunday, August 28th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## BUDGET UPDATE FROM YOUR PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

This news is cause for celebration and praise. With all revenues now in for the 2010-11 fiscal year, we have met our estimated budget goal for General Fund income. Our 2010-11 budget was \$701,100 and revenue came in at \$702,190. We had an amazing \$86,815 July offering. \$2,300 of this amount went to Hope Link and \$750 to Lutheran World Relief. Many of you answered the call to step forward and increase your giving so that we could enter the fall with adequate cash flow. Thank you for such wonderful response. Although at this writing, the books are not closed and some expenses still are outstanding, it looks like income will surpass spending by over \$20,000. Final figures will be available by the end of August.

In my time with you (16 years), this is the first time we have met or exceeded our budgetary goal. Thanks be to God! We look forward to an amazing program year in 2011-12!

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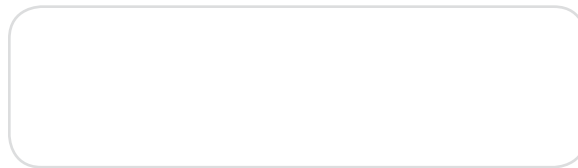
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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2011**

**ONE WORSHIP SERVICE  
AT 10:00 A.M.**

**WESTERN BBQ  
(FREE-WILL OFFERING)**

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**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND  
NEIGHBORS FOR THIS  
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