

A WORD FROM PASTOR BJORGE

How many of you love new things: that new car smell, a new set of clothes, new shoes, new carpet, new furniture? Even more so, how special it is when a new child is born. We love things that are new!

Sometimes life falls into a rut—same old thing day in and day out. The monotony can be oppressive. We yearn for something new, something fresh, something that will wake us from our slumber and enliven us.

God loves new things too.

God gave a covenant to Israel but not long after came the promise and hope of a New Covenant—one written on our hearts.

God created with such splendor the heavens and the earth. But now he promises to all who believe a New Heaven and a New Earth.

Jerusalem has long stood as the symbolic capital of God's people. Now we hold out hope for the New Jerusalem where all tears will be wiped away.

And we all live our lives each of us doing the best we can—struggling at times, grieving at times, carrying with us our shame and our guilt and our sense that things are not as they should be or as we'd like them to be. Then comes God who says to us that we are no longer defined by what is old; that in Christ we are each a New Creation. The old is over and done with. Behold, the New!

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God brings his love for newness to us here at FLRB. This fall is rife with new programs and new opportunities to grow and to serve others in Jesus' name. Our monthly FLOW worship and community events have begun. This month we launch "The Surrendered Life" classes—an opportunity to truly grow our new lives embracing the freedom that is ours in Christ. The Faith 5 Parenting Events begin. Our Prayer Ministry is becoming more active in their helping us to create a culture of passionate spirituality. Our Spiritual Formation Team is thinking of how better to grow people who are alive to Christ and infused with love for the community. And our New Community class on Sundays has just launched its new series based on the life of Moses: a series designed to help us all move closer to God.


New programs...and new staff. We welcome into our midst our new intern, Justin Mootz; our new Office Coordinator, Maret Syberg; and our new Communications Coordinator, Erik Steen. Each of these individuals comes to us with fresh ideas, abounding energy, and a commitment to helping us to live into our Mission, Vision, and Values in new and creative ways.

There are lots of new things happening at First Lutheran. But know that the most thing that the church has to offer you is not a new program or a new staff person but, rather, a New Word—a new word of grace, and forgiveness, and love. Know today as you may never have known before that God loves you. God is for you. He loves you, understands you, forgives you, and accepts you. You are his. This may well be a word you've heard before—but hear it today as though it were for the first time—for it is a fresh Word—one that can create new life and new beginnings in each of us.

May the God of New Life make each day a new day for you, lived in the light and love of his grace!

Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor John

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MUSIC MINISTRY



On behalf of all of all the staff at FLRB, I would like to welcome you to a new and exciting year of ministry! I hope you found the summer to be a time of personal growth. Please do not be alarmed by my words... I am not referring to the type of personal growth that occurs when one single-mindedly pursues a goal, either via study or determined practice and hard work. The

summer affords us the chance to find new avenues for development. For example, we can benefit greatly from having the time to read, like the Italians say, "a piacere" (with pleasure), to think creatively or perhaps take a long leisurely walk. It is my hope most of all that you found time to deepen your relationships and especially, found the time to behold and imbibe the beauty of God's creation and relish in it. I find that participating in those activities is not desirable: it is absolutely necessary and essential. I myself am grateful for the chance to "check out", see family, to explore a new environments in faraway places, for finding inspiration to go on. I am convinced that the church calendar reflects some of this wisdom in the use of colors: the term "the green season" or "the green months" refer to the long liturgical period that extends from the Sunday after Pentecost, though the summer and all the way into November. These are months of growth. But growth has many guises.

On Sunday, September 12th we began the program year with a celebration. Fiesta Sunday helped us share the joy of our renewed commitment. FLRB is abuzz with activities once more. Again the little ones are back at the Preschool and fill the hallways with their little "angel squeaks". We begin another phase of green, and another type of growth spurt. If the one before was characterized by down time and private nurturing, this new one is characterized by our committed responses to greater challenges and bigger goals. This is the time where we put pencil to paper and try to give concrete expression to our ideas about the future. This is the time to narrow down choices and say "this is what we will do!". So I will just ask: In this new program year, Can I interest you in "lifting up" our community of faith by way of one of the following ministries?

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CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

We want to lift up our children's choir. We want to see young people, and little ones singing in church. But this can only happen if we have a chance to interact with them and teach them the love of praising God in song. We eagerly count on your support in facilitating their continued and regular presence Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

JUBILATE BELLS

We want to lift up Jubilate Bells, our bell choir. I have had several individuals approach me asking me whether they need this or that in order to participate in the bell choir. My answer always is, "if you can make the time to practice and can count to four, you are in." Those times are Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm except for the second Wednesday of the month. Jubilate Bells rings mostly during the 8:30 service on specific Sundays during the year.

CANTOREI CHOIR

We want to lift up the Cantorei choir. If you love to sing, please talk to us! This is your chance to be a church leader: our adult choir is the rehearsed voice of the FLRB faith-family. Cantorei rehearses Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. and participates mostly in our 8:30 liturgy. We can arrange for child-care too!

SOUNDS OF GRACE

We want to lift up Sounds of Grace. Our house band provides the music for our 11 o'clock service. We need people with a spirit of service and a tuneful disposition who would like to lead the congregation in song. This includes instrumentalists and singers, as well. We rehearse Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

We would absolutely love to have your help and support in lifting up all of these ministries in the coming year. As Director of Music Ministries, I would also like to invite you to be part of our outreach ministry. "Outreach?" you may ask. And the answer is, "Yes!" This is part of our secret musical campaign "You too can do outreach!" Our concert series is back and you can join us in the audience and even bring others with you! Let us invite others to come and be in our sanctuary to enjoy the gift of music as well as our hospitality.

If you cannot physically join us and be with us, we would ask that you join FLRB's, "Knee Support Group": remember that we not only covet your prayers but also desperately need them. It is our prayer that you will consider partnership in ministry with us. In doing so, we can grow together in gratitude, service and commitment to God and our mission in the world as ambassadors of Christ.

Peace and Joy!
Omaldo

CARING MINISTRIES

"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us".
(1Thessalonians 2:7)

Following Paul's words and our Lord Jesus' command, First Lutheran provides many opportunities to give, and to receive our Lord's care through service.

PRAYER MINISTRY

"We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding". (Colossians 1:9)

Prayer Chain: 14 dedicated prayer warriors who carry requests and are available via email 24/7. Please submit your prayer requests through the pew cards which can be handed to an usher or given to the Pastor, or phone calls to the office 206.546.4153 or office@flrb.org. Please clarify if this is prayer chain only, or for the bulletins.

Prayer Cord: Highly confidential prayer requests can be placed with the Pastor or Cathy Thomas at 206.542.9161 or hcthomas@aol.com

Individual prayers: Following services, prayer team members will be available for private prayers either in the sanctuary or the prayer chapel. The members available will have on blue Stephen Ministry badges.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit...they presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them." (Acts 6:5-6)

Stephen Ministry is one-on-one Christian caring and has been a part of our congregation for 14 years. Stephen Ministers have received 50 hours of training, and are available to provide

Christian care and listening to individuals in life crisis situations. If you feel you have a need, please contact Anita Riksheim (anitamariec@msn.com or 206.361.2725, Cathy Thomas (hcthomas@aol.com or 206.542.9161) or Pastor John. No crisis is too big or too small! Stephen Ministers participate in supervision which includes Bible study and continuing education.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him" (John 6:56)

Trained Eucharistic ministers are available to bring communion to the homebound that are unable to participate with us in worship. Please advise the Pastor if you, or someone you know wishes to receive this special blessing. If you wish to be a part of this ministry, contact Pastor John or Cathy Thomas.

NOURISHMENT MINISTRY

"Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs...take care of my sheep'"
(John 21:15-16)

It is a special privilege to pray and prepare a meal for a person in need of a warm meal and comfort. This is for families with a temporary need, perhaps following surgery or a family loss. If you are interesting in providing a meal, please contact Cathy Thomas. There are several members on the list, so it is possible to say, "no," if the opportunity doesn't work for you...because it will the next time! Cathy will facilitate dietary needs, number of people in the family and transportation if necessary.

If you would like to participate in any of these ministries, please contact Cathy Thomas or Pastor John. It is a privilege to provide care, as well as a privilege to receive care. You will be blessed!

LEVERAGING THE LIBRARY FOR THE KINGDOM

Small groups are a wonderful place to grow in Christ, but many in our congregation find it difficult to attend them, due to work or family commitments. But most people can carve out a little time for personal study in the evening after the kids have gone to bed, or maybe on the bus to work. For these folks, our library here at FLRB can provide conversation partners. With a single check-out, they can sit down with any number of great authors who can guide them into a deeper love for the Bible and understanding of

God. We are seeking volunteers who know the power of books and personal study to foster Faith. Come and help us update and maintain the library! We are also looking for folks to write about what books have made a profound impact on them recently. We will be convening a revitalized library committee in late October. Watch for times and meeting place. Contact Alan Herr (alanherr@gmail.com) or talk to Priscillia Strand for more information.

FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN NEWS

2010 marks the 38th year of ministry for your preschool and now preschool and kindergarten. The addition of our afternoon Kindergarten has been very exciting. We have 9 children enrolled this year and a dynamic teacher in Heidi Hiatt. We have classes for 2 1/2 year olds - Lambs taught by Randi Johnson and Melissa Hart, 3-4 year olds - Doves taught by Randi Johnson, Jen Lopez, Nancy Malek, Shannon Honka, Kären Beasley and Melissa Hart. Our Pre-K Lion classes for 4-5 year olds are taught by Mim Brustuen, Debbie Sturm, Kathie Longé & Maria Hacker. Mim Brustuen also teaches a Mom & Me Kangaroo class for the under 2 1/2 crowd on Friday mornings. New this year - Christine Ong will be helping me in the office.

We are finishing a two year long process this month. We voluntarily worked towards an Early Childhood Accreditation through the ELEA

The preschool continues to prosper after 38 years because of the prayers and support from you, the congregation of First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach.

(Evangelical Lutheran Education Association). The Visitation team will be here on Sunday October 3 for the 11:00 worship service and will spend Sunday, Monday and Tuesday visiting the classrooms, interviewing staff, parents, board and congregational members. Please give Hugh Kress and the team a warm welcome!

Last but not least - thank you for your prayers as we begin another year. The preschool continues to prosper after 38 years because of the prayers and support from you, the congregation of First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach. We would not be here without you!!! Please continue to keep us in your prayers this year. Blessings on your Fall!

Kären Beasley, Director First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten

HELP SCHOLARSHIP ONE OF OUR YOUTH



PLUMS - One of our youth has applied for admission to Pacific Lutheran University for this fall. She has applied for a \$1,000 scholarship of financial aid through the program called PLUMS. This program will match \$1,000 against \$1,000 we raise on behalf of our student. We have had other

students in this program over the years and it has often been up to the parents to raise these matching funds.

It would be great if, as a congregation, we could encourage our students to enter Lutheran colleges by contributing to this matching fund. Anyone wishing to help you may mark PLUMS on their check. If we raise more than \$1,000 we will hold it for future students who attend Lutheran schools of higher education. If more than one student is entering a Lutheran college, all money contributed will be divided equally.

FIRST LUTHERAN SCRIPS

First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten is proud to offer the "Scrips Program" to all FLRB families and supporters. Scrips is a fundraising program where you buy gift cards for your favorite stores and online retailers and a percentage of your purchase will be given back to the School. First Lutheran Scrips are actual store gift cards that are issued in the full value you purchase. You spend \$25, you get a gift card for \$25 AND the school gets whatever the discount percentage is for each individual retailer. (The percentage varies from retailer to retailer.) October Order dates: October 1st, 15th & 29th.



FIRST LUTHERAN FLU CLINIC

Save the Date. On Tuesday, October 12th the Seattle Visiting Nurse Association will be here to administer flu shots for adults and children over age 9.

The cost for the flu shot this year is \$28 - they accept cash or checks. They will also bill Medicare for our Senior participants. The Nurse will be here from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. If you would like to reserve a spot please call Kären Beasley, School Director at 206.546.0320 or preschool@flrb.org.

FIRST LUTHERAN WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS



JUSTIN MOOTZ

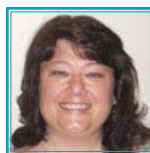
I'm Justin Mootz, the new intern here at FLRB. I come to you from South Dakota via Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. I'm 31 years old, which may leave some of you asking,

"What did you do with all that time between college and your ministry training?" Good question! I graduated from Augustana College (SD) in 2001. Shortly thereafter, I spent two years teaching English in a public, middle school in Japan. In 2003, I returned to the U.S. for a month before leaving the country again, this time to work with the Lutheran Church in Nicaragua. I stayed in Nicaragua for roughly 2.5 years before finally returning to South Dakota. Since that time, I've worked as an admissions counselor and tennis coach for my alma mater, along with being heavily involved in my churches youth and Latino ministries. Now that I've filled you in on my history, I want to thank you all for the gracious welcome I've received here at FLRB. Your kindness has been tremendous. I am looking forward to this year with great excitement and anticipation!



ERIK STEEN

Hello! I'm Erik Steen, the new communications coordinator. I am looking forward to producing The Beachcomber, updating the website and doing what I can to help communication thrive at First Lutheran. I moved to Seattle two years ago from MN. I have worked in the church for over 15 years in youth ministry, young adult ministry, communications and in many other capacities. I am married to Melinda and we have a brand new baby boy named Finnsen.



MARET SYBERG

Hello to everyone here at First Lutheran! My name is Maret Syberg, and I am your new Office Coordinator. What a privilege and pleasure it is to be working with all of you in our church home! I'd like to take this opportunity to share a little about myself with you. My husband, Chris, and I have been married for 18 years. We met when we were both students at the University of Washington, back in the late 1980's. We have two daughters, Emily, age 11, and Melissa, age 7, and we have lived in Edmonds for a little over 4 years. We fell in love with, and joined 1st Lutheran in 2007, when Melissa was enrolled in preschool here, and John was our brand-new pastor.

My family enjoys being outdoors, especially going camping during the summer. The Olympic Peninsula and the San Juan islands are among our favorite places to go. During the school year, our girls are active in soccer, gymnastics and basketball. When I'm not in the office, or busy driving my daughters to their activities, I love to cook, sew, quilt and read historical novels.

I worked in office administration for over 15 years, and then took time off to be a full time mom. During my years at home I operated a seamstress business, called Mother Hen's Sewing Studio, and was very active in Women's Ministries in my former church.

I couldn't be happier with my new job here at 1st Lutheran, and I look forward to getting to know each of you.

Sincerely,
Maret Syberg

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Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Reerose was 14 years old when she received her first Christmas present. The Filipino teenager was overjoyed to get a shoe box containing a variety of school supplies—exactly what she needed for her course work. “It is exciting to know that people like you from other parts of the world are concerned about our situation here,” said Reerose.

Twelve year old Jeric received something even more valuable than the gifts inside his box. After enrolling in a follow-up discipleship program, he learned about the real meaning of Christmas and became a follower of Jesus.

For millions of children, Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes are tangible expressions of God’s love and constant presence.

Whatever they may be facing—poverty, war, or disaster—these boys and girls are reassured that they have a heavenly Father who cares. And that’s a gift that endures forever.

Your shoe box will reach a child in a troubled country like Uganda or El Salvador with the Gospel message.

This year once again, First Lutheran is providing you with the unique opportunity to share Christ with a needy child using a simple shoe box. Your shoe box will reach a child in a troubled country like Uganda or El Salvador with the Gospel message.

We are taking part in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse. Samaritan’s Purse is a Christian ministry led by Franklin Graham, the son of Billy Graham. People across the country are filling shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other meaningful gifts. This Christmas season, a needy child overseas will receive your shoe box, along with Christian literature in his or her own language. What an opportunity to reach these children with a clear presentation of the Gospel!

For more details on what and how to pack your shoebox please pick up an Operation Christmas Child brochure in the church lobby. Be a part of this exciting opportunity to share God’s love with a hurting child.

Don’t forget to bring your shoe box gift to church on or before, November 18th. What a perfect gift to give in honor of Jesus’ birthday!

Contact Elizabeth Bjorge with questions. E-mail: jebjorge@msn.com

WE PRAY FOR...

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

Peg Patterson; Pat Scott; Doris Hendrickson; Marj Strando; Desa Omli, sister-in-law of Judy Larson; **Elinor Meyer; Irma Guthrie**, mother of Sue Fulkerson and Fran Uchida; **Bob Olsen** uncle of Paula Hunt-Higgins for comfort and peace for him and his family in his last days; **Bette Mae Stordalen**, dear friend of Sylvia Ellersick; **Joann Schultz**, hip surgery; **Mike Harris; Siarra Halligan**, friend of Terry Baird. **Joan Baker**, aunt of Terry Baird, who was in a car accident recently, **Gil Klassy**, uncle of Jimmy Baird, who had heart surgery on Friday.

Congratulations! Our new Communications Coordinator, **Erik Steen**, and his wife **Melinda** welcomed their baby son, **Finnson Peter Steen** on Sunday, September 12. We praise Jesus for this “Fiesta” baby!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The church council and staff met in September for a strategic planning and visioning retreat. There were several vision to action planning goals that came out of that meeting. Look for more information and details in the months ahead. We’re excited about the future direction of First Lutheran!

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Don’t forget October is Pastor Appreciation month! So look for ways to express appreciation to our wonderful Pastor John!

FAITH FORMATION

REGISTRATION FORMS

All children and youth who participate in any activities at FLRB need to have a pink, yellow, orange, or green registration form filled out. If you need one of these, please contact Terry Baird.

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all those who are volunteering this year. We have over 15 adults helping in the children youth and family programs. The energy we have this year is because of your service!! Please know that we can never have too many volunteers and I would love to encourage you to consider serving our church in this capacity.

YOUTH QUAKE/ZONE

NOVEMBER 19-21, 2010

7-12 grades -- Cost:\$200

We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. - Psalm 33:20



Youth Quake is a weekend long event at a hotel with a hundred plus youth of the same age from churches all around the area. The event consists of music, a speaker, workshops, a service project, and fun activities. This is a great faith building event. This event is at Holiday Inn Downtown Everett. For more information go to www.youthencounter.org. If you have not yet registered please contact Terry ASAP.



Dinner, Games, Trunk or Treating, come in costume and join us for a night of family fun!!

The Harvest Party is our annual fall community event. Come be part of the magic of the night. With great food, games, crafts, a costume parade, and of course, Trunk-or-treating! New this year adults can Join Omaldo for a Hymn sing.

What is you favorite hymn? Amazing Grace? Fairest Lord Jesus? In the Garden? We are planning an old-fashioned hymn sing on Wednesday October 27th at 6:30. But we need your input. Every Sunday we will be collecting your hymns for inclusion in our hymn sing. There will be a box available in the narthex to submit your suggestions. Omaldo will draw on these to put together a great singing experience that will include all you favorites. Do not miss it!

Everyone is invited to join in this celebration. Costumes are optional— fun is required!

THE FAITH 5 PARENTING COURSE

Care to have some fun, keep your family communicating every night, and grow in your understanding of yourself and God? Try this simple five-step process for the next six weeks and see if it doesn't help!

The Faith 5 connects church to home, faith to life, and parents to kids in a powerful way. This class will start September 30th and run until November 4th from 7:30-8:30. Please sign up in the church lobby.



OCTOBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9am - Praise Band Rehearsal
3 8:30 - Classic Worship 9:45 - New Community 9:45 - Children's Ministry 11:00 - Praise Worship 12:00 - Confirmation	4 6pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Stephen Ministry 7pm - Women's Bible Study	5 9am - InAsMuch 12pm - Staff Mtg 6:30pm - PS Staff Mtg 7pm - Cub Scouts Planning Mtg	6 10am - Word Life Bible St 6:30pm - HS Youth 6:30pm - Carharts4Christ 7:30pm - Cantorei Choir	7 10am - Mary/Martha Circ 11:30am - Writers Grp 4pm - Social Skills 5:30pm - Sounds Grace 6:30pm - Parenting Class 7:30 pm - Faith 5 Parent	8	9
10 8:30 - Classic Worship 9:45 - New Community 9:45 - Children's Ministry 11:00 - Praise Worship 12:00 - Confirmation	11 7pm - Stephen Ministry 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Women's Bible Study	12 9am - InAsMuch 1pm - Staff Mtg	13 10am - Word Life Bible St 6:30pm - FLOW 6:30pm - HS Youth 6:30pm - Carharts4Christ 7pm - Surrendered Life 7:30pm - Cantorei Choir	14 4pm - Social Skills 5:30pm - Sounds Grace 6:30pm - Parenting Class 7:30 pm - Faith 5 Parent	15	16
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24 8:30 - Classic Worship 9:45 - New Community 9:45 - Children's Ministry 11:00 - Praise Worship 12:00 - Confirmation	25 7pm - Stephen Ministry 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Girl Scouts 7pm - Women's Bible Study	26 9am - InAsMuch 1pm - Staff Mtg 6pm - Preschool Pumpkin Carving (Lions)	27 10am - Word Life Bible St 5:30pm - Harvest Party 6:30pm - HS Youth 6:30pm - Carharts4Christ 6:30pm - Hymn Sing 7pm - Surrendered Life 7:30pm - Cantorei Choir	28 4pm - Social Skills 5:30pm - Sounds Grace 6:30pm - Parenting Class 7:30 pm - Faith 5 Parent	29 7pm - Concert Series	30
31 Reformation Sunday 8:30 - Classic Worship 9:45 - New Community 9:45 - Children's Ministry 11:00 - Praise Worship 12:00 - Octoberfest Meal						

DATES TO NOTE...

FLOW

WED. OCTOBER 13TH

Please note the special events on this night.

QUILT SUNDAY

SUN. OCTOBER 17TH

Quilts will be blessed at both services.

HARVEST PARTY

WED. OCTOBER 27TH

Come for a night of fun for the kids and new this year, a Hymn Sing!

STEWARDSHIP

Walk with *Jesus*

Every day is a walk with Jesus. We Christians believe life is spent in the presence of our Lord. Therefore, we can talk about every day as a day during which we walk with Jesus. Some days we feel Jesus' presence. Some days we feel quite a distance from Jesus. We boldly proclaim that, regardless of how we feel, Jesus is there. Jesus walks with us every day.

As we who are First Lutheran Church of Richmond Beach consider our financial stewardship over the next few weeks, you will be asked to think about your use of money and possessions as a part of your walk with Jesus. This is most appropriate, because when Jesus walked this earth with his disciples, he often talked about money and possessions. If

money was a part of Jesus' first walk on this earth, it should be a part of our walk with Jesus today.

We believe that everything we have is a trust from God, given to us to care for and manage. What we do with our money is very much a part of our relationship with our Lord. This will be our focus in the coming weeks.

For three consecutive Sundays we will read a bulletin insert and hear a talk in worship. For three weeks, we will each receive a letter from the congregation. All of these will focus on our walk with Jesus, and how money plays an important part in this walk.

Then, on Sunday, November 14th, each member of First Lutheran Church will have the opportunity to complete an estimate of giving card. On this card, each of us will indicate our plan for giving for the coming year. This will not only be a plan for giving to First Lutheran Church, it will also be a plan for how we will walk with Jesus in the coming year.

IN AS MUCH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

This is the day in which we pray God's blessing on the quilts that the InAsMuch women have been working to provide. The quilts will soon be boxed and shipped through Lutheran World Relief to places in the world that are in need of the warmth they will provide. All the pews will be draped with the quilts and you'll have an

opportunity during the service to lay your hands on the quilts as we ask God to bless them so they may enfold people around the world with the love of God.

The InAsMuch quilters are always eager to welcome new people. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Diana Hoffman @ 206.546.1369



FLRB.ORG



The addition of Erik Steen, our new Communications coordinator, has brought renewed energy to maximizing the potential of First Lutheran's web site. In the coming weeks and months, we'll be making changes that we hope will improve how we are using the web site to best communicate with members, potential members

and the greater community. Erik has a lot of experience creating web sites for churches and has many ideas of how to streamline information and make the web site current, relevant and essential to the ministry of First Lutheran Richmond Beach. If you'd like to contribute your thoughts, comments and/or suggestions, please email them to comm@flrb.org.

NEWS & NOTES

SENIOR LUNCHEONS

Are you looking for a place to get plugged in? Are you bursting with ideas to help keep our "group" alive & well? Then, we need you! Please contact Dorothy Clausen 425.776.2694, daclus@cmc.net if you are interested.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY NEWS

We are starting a new study on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Please join us as we use N.T. Wright's study guide to Colossians and Philemon in this 8-week session. Contact Fran Uchida @ 425.778.7846 for details.

SUMMER HUNGER FOOD & FUND DRIVE

556 LBS

\$1,300

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the food and fund drive sponsored by the Outreach Team at First Lutheran during the summer months. A total of 556 pounds of food (with an estimated value of \$834) and a total cash donation of \$1,300 were given to Hopelink's food bank in Shoreline. Hopelink expressed their thanks for the generosity shown by our congregation. Donations are generally down in the summer and the need is high, so the additional support was greatly appreciated.

LIVING PROOF LIVE WITH BETH MOORE MARCH 11-12, 2011 AT THE TACOMA DOME

Who knew Bible study and worship could be so much fun! Beth Moore's life-transforming Bible study challenges and inspires women of every age, everywhere. Joining Beth at this weekend event is acclaimed worship leader Travis Cottrell and the Praise Team. Beth's focus will be on the Scripture that God lays on her heart for each individual Living Proof Live event — no two are the same. As she explores the Bible and how it applies to real life, you'll be amazed by her own experiences as a believer, and you'll be inspired to magnify and strengthen your own relationship with God. Beth's mission is to guide women everywhere into a richer, more fulfilling relationship with the Father. She is a woman of purpose, preparation, prayer and passion.

The Living Proof Live event is scheduled for Friday, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Tacoma Dome. All seats are general admission.

Registration fee is \$65 and if you would like to stay in Tacoma for a mini-women's retreat, hotel rates are \$89-139 per room. We will coordinate lodging when we know how many are attending. Please complete a registration card found at the

Welcome Desk and include your registration fee of \$65 no later than Sunday, November 14th. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Bjorge at 206.801.7709, jeb-jorge@msn.com or D'Linda Highum at 206.542.2037, dlinda1@mac.com.



2010 CONCERT SERIES

October 29th @ 7:00 p.m.
"Just Judy"
A Musical Tribute to Judy Garland
Featuring: Sonia Perez, Singer
Omaldo Perez, Piano

November 19th @ 7:00 p.m.
Omaldo Perez Piano Recital

SPIRITUAL FORMATION



NEW COMMUNITY

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

New Community is a class for adults held between worship services each Sunday, September through May. Since the very beginning, God has had it in His heart to extend the community He enjoys as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—God in community with God’s Self. You might say to create humans in the imago Dei (the image of God) that God created us so that we, like God, could experience community. It didn’t take long for that community to fracture such that our fear and shame and blame and sin kept us from being able to be in community with each other or with God. But God has tirelessly worked to heal our capacity to live in His image by healing our ability to be in community. This has been our sub-theme in this class—community has been what God has worked to create and re-create, something we’ve seen in our previous studies of the Old Testament, Acts (the early Christian community), Revelation (the vision of the future community), the Sermon on the Mount (Jesus’ quintessential teaching on life in community), and Paul’s letter to the Colossians (the ways in which community happens at the local level).

This year we look back at three Old Testament giants—Moses, David, and Daniel. We’ll see how they worked as God’s servants to build community amidst much opposition. Join us each Sunday as we look at God’s dream for community in our midst today!

WORD OF LIFE

WEDNESDAYS - 10:00 A.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 Justin.

CARHARTT’S FOR CHRIST - FOR MEN

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

Join Alan Herr Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Library

MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN

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

This class studies NT Wright’s book on Colossians.

FLOW (FIRST LUTHERAN ON WEDNESDAYS)

New Wednesday night program for all ages the second Wednesday of each month.

6:30pm – Large group worship/ devotion all ages

6:50pm – Small group based on large group

7:20pm – Dessert

7:30pm – Regular Wednesday night programming.

THE SURRENDERED LIFE

WEDNESDAYS - 7:00 P.M. IN THE UPPER ROOM

Luke 9: 23-24 says,

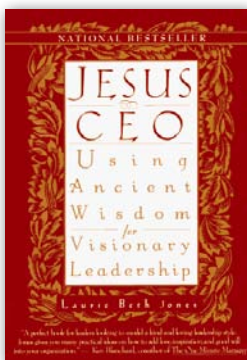
“And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.”

There is no greater joy than this!

True freedom is found in surrendering yourself to Christ so that His will and purpose for your life will be lived out. Please join us for a six-week Wednesday night class beginning Wed., October 13th, 7:00pm-9:00pm. We will learn how to gain freedom from strongholds or obstacles that are preventing you from living the surrendered life! Please register by contacting, Anita Riksheim at 206.361.2725, anitamariec@msn.com, or call Kathy Johnson at 206.542.5251.

TO ALL MEN...

Are you looking for a way to apply Christ and his teachings in the workplace and your life? Come join us at the Richmond Beach Coffee House at 6:30am starting Friday, October 8th. Plan for a weekly interesting one hour discussion where we will talk about God, family, life and maybe solve one of the world’s problems. Jim Smith will lead off with some of his favorite passages from the book “Jesus, CEO” by Laura Beth Jones. No need to buy the book, just join us for coffee, fellowship and conversation.



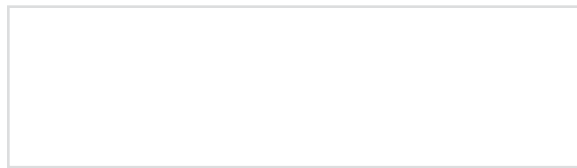
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OUTREACH MINISTRIES



HOPE FOR HAITI

JANUARY 15-22, 2011

Pastor John will be leading an adult team to Les Cayes, Haiti to work alongside Rod and Debbie Wray (originally from Kamloops, BC). Haiti has been terribly hit by recent earthquakes

and many have fled to the southern peninsula. If you are interested in going on this mission trip or have questions, please contact Pastor John. He has led five previous trips to Haiti and would love to have you engage in this special, life-changing ministry! Cost estimate: \$1800. Please let Pastor John know soon if you are interested. An informational meeting for those interested will be forth-coming.

VETERANS CENTER OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

The official opening of the Compass Veterans Center in Renton is October 8th. They are having an open house on Sunday, October 10th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Come and see the 58 units of housing for veterans and veterans with families. All are welcome!

Address: 403 S. 2nd Street, Renton, WA 98057



RICK STEVES PRESENTS - TRAVEL AS A POLITICAL ACT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

The 17th Annual Rick Steves Travel Lecture will be held on Thursday, October 28th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood. Enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres and Rick's important and inspirational talk. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.compasshousingalliance.org or contact Jackie Schultz at 206.357.3107 or jschultz@compasshousingalliance.org.



PASTOR SCOTT POSTLEWAIT TO PREACH AT FLRB

On Sunday, October 3rd we will have Pastor Scott Postlewait from UW Campus Ministry preach and lead an adult forum.