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VILLAGE NIGHT 2.0

Village Night, our Wednesday night fellowship program, is back with exciting upgrades! In past years, the focus was on families with children. This year, we are broadening that focus so that everyone in our faith community has an opportunity to participate in Wednesday night activities. *New adult groups continue to form.* If you have an idea for an adult small group, please contact Terry Baird at ffb@flrb.org, or call her at 206-546-4153, ext. 225.

Village Night Activities are continuing to expand. As of press date, these are all of the wonderful activities available you can participate in!

- 4:30 pm - Elementary Hang Time: Snack and active games.
- 5:00 pm - Adult Bible Study (Word of Life II)
- 5:15 pm - Kids' Choir
- 5:15 pm - Study Hall
- 5:45-6:30 pm - Dinner For All is served
- 6:30 pm - Bell Choir
- 6:30 pm-7:30 pm
 - Faith Building for Kids
 - Carhartts for Christ, Bible study for men
 - Women's Bible study with Alicia Hilding, Intern Pastor
 - Adult Dessert Fellowship
 - Prayer Shawl Knitters (The Knit Wits!)
 - Scrapbooking Group - New!
- 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
 - Middle School youth group
 - High School youth group
- 7:30 pm

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A Word from Pastor Bjorge

Last spring our congregation engaged the *Natural Church Development* movement. Christian Schwarz has done a monumental study of thousands of churches from all denominations on five continents to learn what makes for a healthy, vibrant, and growing church. He has distilled his findings into eight quality characteristics. 30 of our members took his Natural Church Development survey last spring to discover what our strongest and weakest characteristics were. Clearly, all eight need to be strong! That means we need to use our strengths to shore up our weaknesses. The weakest characteristic at FLRB, based on the survey, was "*Need-Oriented Evangelism.*" Our strengths were "*Gift-based Ministry,*" "*Holistic Small Groups,*" and "*Loving Relationships.*" Our Council, Staff, and other leaders will be meeting Saturday, October 1st, to put into place goals and action plans over the next that will use our strengths to find ways to better reach out to others with the good news of the risen Lord.

When it comes to evangelism, congregations mostly emphasize one of the following: **Pray** (believing others experiencing the gospel happens as the Spirit works on their lives), **Care** (stressing the importance of meeting their immediate needs), or **Share** (telling them the good news). Let me say that the secret to healthy evangelism is when all three of these are in a healthy balance! Let this be our year to **pray, care, and share** more and more people into God's gracious embrace!
— Pastor Bjorge

The Beachcomber has a new look! With Erik Steen, who had been our Communications Coordinator, moving on to full-time employment at Bellevue Community College, we have taken this opportunity to revise the format of our newsletter. Just prior to the beginning of the program year in September, we sent out a Beachcomber filled with articles, as well as a detailed calendar of upcoming events. Going forward throughout the program year, approximately every two months, you will receive this pared down version, which is focused primarily on announcements and upcoming events. We hope you find this new look helpful as you plan your own schedule, and find ways to deepen your involvement in our shared mission and ministry. As always, we encourage you to visit our website at www.flrb.org. The website, too, has a new look and will be continuously updated with articles for your enjoyment, and current calendar information for your convenience.

Coming October 30th!

Bishop Boerger will be our special guest preacher on Reformation Sunday. Worship that day will be filled with preaching, teaching, and exceptional music.

Also in October.....

Wednesday the 26th will be our **Annual Harvest Party!** Don't miss this fun-filled event!

Friday the 21st, the next **concert** in our series will be, "A Darker Shade of the Piano," at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

We move into November with hearts of thanks!

Food Donations will be collected to fill 50 gift baskets for local families in need. You can volunteer to be a delivery person, too!

Also make sure not to miss our upcoming **Senior Lunch** 11/30 at 11:30! It will take place in our Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 30th at 11:30 am. Join us for a memorable meal and program!

The Friday, November 18th **concert** is entitled, "Remembering Patsy," the Songs of Patsy Cline!

October News

SARATOV, RUSSIA - MISSION UPDATE

Over the summer, First Lutheran continued to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saratov by wiring a total of \$15,100--sent from congregations and individuals from Wyoming, North Dakota, California, and Missouri. Word of this small congregation's efforts to build a church building from the ground up has captured the hearts of many! Saratov continues struggling to complete its church. During the summer months utility work was done, and now they are desperately trying to raise \$13,000 for two new furnaces and their connections. Winter is closing in! Please keep our friends in Saratov in your prayers. Donations are always welcome.

The Women's Monday Night Bible Study group has returned. They are meeting in room 202, just outside of the choir loft, at 7:00pm. They are studying First Corinthians. All women are welcome to join in the study. If you have questions, please contact Fran Uchida at 425-778-7846.

Tuesday, October 4th, we will once again be hosting a **Flu Shot Clinic** in the church Library from 10:00-11:30 am. Medicare and most insurance programs are accepted.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten Tuition Assistance Fund during August. The congregation donated \$897!!! We were able to help an additional family because of your help!!! Thank you for your continued support,
Kären Beasley, Director, First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten

New Community Class Has Resumed! 9:45-10:45 am, in the Upper Room
This fall we will be studying Daniel: Seeking Spiritual Integrity.

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!

October Outreach at FLRB

1. **Compass Center** - We will prepare a meal and serve in October. We will also hold an Adult forum with Rick Freidhoff in October. Outreach offerings will go to support the Compass Center this month, with the exception of October 16th, which is Quilt Sunday.
2. **Operation Christmas Child** - The shoebox drive begins.
3. **In-As-Much Sunday**- October 16th will be our opportunity to see the beautiful quilts made for Lutheran World Relief. Outreach offerings on this specific Sunday will go to this important ministry.

An awesome men's fellowship happens every Wednesday night here at FLRB. Carharts for Christ for Bible Study and fellowship at 6:30 in the Library, following the Village Night dinner. Led by Alan Herr, the group is now studying 2 Corinthians. If you are interested, feel free to drop in. If you have questions, give Alan a call at 206-546-

The annual Staff and Council Leadership Retreat will take place Saturday, October 1st from 9:00 - 3:00 in the Upper Room.

Harvest Party October 26th
Family Faith Halloween Fun!!!
5:30-6:30 Dinner
6:30-7:30 Games, Crafts, and Trunk or Treating!!



Word of Life Bible Study has resumed. This class opens up God's Word and together with the pastors we discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. The class meets every Wed at 10 and NOW also at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

Women in the Word Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in Room 202. The group is now studying the life of Ruth, and is led by Intern Alicia Hilding.

Women's Bible Bunch is back!

They meet at 12:00 pm in the church Library on the third Monday of each month, and are continuing their study in Proverbs. All senior women are welcomed! *It is never too late to join our group!* Bring your Bible and a sack lunch. Beverage and dessert are provided. Contact people are Dorothy Clauson at 425-776-2694 and Jane Pedersen at 206-542-3200.

Please welcome these new members into our congregation:
Keith & Anna Anderson
John and Anne Turnbull
The Timss Family: Aaron, Kristie, Austin, and Elise

Mission Nicaragua Informational Forum - Sunday, October 18th at 9:45 in the Upper Room. Come and hear Bob Craddock, Director of Partnerships for Forward Edge International tell us about the mission organization we'll be partnering with as we begin this new relationship with the people of Nicaragua. See if this ministry is one you'd be interested in getting involved with. Our first mission trip to Managua is scheduled for March 3-9, 2012.

November News

All Saints' Sunday, November 6th
If you would like the name of your loved one or friend who has passed away over the last year to be read and remembered at that service, please submit their name to the church office by 11/1



Mark your calendar for **Commitment Sunday**, November 20th, a time for us to respond to God's goodness and generosity by making your financial commitment to God's work at First Lutheran.

The annual **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** will be Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church. Don't miss this beautiful opportunity to give thanks to our gracious God!

Don't Forget! Sunday, November 6, Daylight Savings Time Ends.



Coming up December 2nd
Please mark your calendars: We have added a new concert to our concert series: The Esoterics, Seattle's most innovative choir will put on a special presentation in our sanctuary. *Admirable: Anticipating the wonder of antiphony at Advent*, is a concert combining the settings of the "O" antiphons by John Muelheisen, and Seiben magnificent antiphonen by Arvo Pärt. If you have never heard the Esoterics, you will be in for a very special evening indeed. Join us!

Support our Preschool & Kindergarten by buying SCRIP cards. For each card purchased the school receives a "kick-back" from the companies. If you purchase a \$25 card from Starbucks, you receive a \$25 Starbucks card and we receive a 7% rebate. You don't have to sell anything--no gift wrap or cookie dough!!!! Look for order forms outside the school office or you can go on line to www.shopwithscrip.com and use the code D7D33159191L9 when you sign in.

Next order dates: October 7 & 21, November 4 & 18
Questions? Contact Kären Beasley, Director-First Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten, 206-546-0320

Special All Saints Sunday School and Hymn Sing

On Sunday, November 6th, join us in the Upper Room at 9:45 am for a special intergenerational event. The morning will start with a Sing Along and continue with activities for all ages. At 3:00 pm, we will have a Hymn Sing followed by a pot luck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up for the pot luck with Omaldo Perez.

Youth Quake/Zone

November 18-20 2011
7-9 grades
10-12 graders (As student leaders must have permission from Terry)
Cost:\$170
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. Permission slips and \$50 deposit due to Terry by Sunday October 16

MARY'S PLACE

Our yearlong support for Mary's Place continues. During the months of November & December we will be collecting children's underwear (all sizes), gloves/mittens, hats and scarves—for both women and children. Look for the donation box outside the school office. The response has been overwhelming so far! Each week the box fills up and is picked up and amazingly the same thing happens next week! Thank you for your generous hearts!!!!

Women's Advent Service
November 27th at 7:00 pm with dessert fellowship to follow. All are welcome!



November Outreach at FLRB

1. **Thanksgiving Baskets** - Food Donations will be made for 50 gift baskets to local families in need. These baskets will be delivered by our volunteers. Outreach offerings will be used to buy perishable food for the baskets.
2. **Operation Christmas Child** - The shoebox drive continues. Boxes are due November 13th.

Every Week @ FLRB

Mondays 7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesdays 9:00 am 2:00 pm	In-As-Much Quilters Church Staff Meeting
Wednesdays 10:00 am 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Word of Life Bible Study Village Night (See last page for program information)
Thursdays 11:30 am 5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Writers Group (1st & 3rd Thurs.) Praise Band Rehearsal Surrendered Life Small Group
Sundays 8:30 am 9:45 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Classic Worship New Community Class Sunday School/Confirmation Praise Worship