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September 2011 Newsletter

Letter from Pastor Ralph...

Dear Friends,
“All of you together are Christ’s body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.” I Corinthians 12:27

One of the reasons we need to be connected to a church family is to fulfill your calling to serve other believers in practical ways. The Bible says, “All of you together are Christ’s body and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.”

Your service is essential to the Body of Christ – the Church. Each of us has a role to play, and every role is important. There is no small service to God; it all matters.

Likewise, there are no insignificant ministries in the church. Some are visible and some are behind the scenes, but all are valuable. Small or hidden ministries often make the biggest difference. In most homes, the most important lights are not the lights over the dining room table, but the little night light that keeps us from stubbing our toes in the darkness of the night. There is no correlation between size of the task and significance. Every ministry matters because we are dependent on each other to function.

What happens when one part of your body fails to function? You get sick. The rest of your body suffers. Imagine if your liver decided to start living for itself: “I’m tired! I don’t want to serve the body anymore! I want a year off just to be fed. I’ve got to do what’s best for me! Let some other part take over.”

What would happen? Your body would die. Today thousands of local churches are dying because of Christians who are unwilling to serve. They sit on sidelines as spectators and the Body suffers. Luck Lutheran does not want to be one of those churches!

As we resume the fall routine, remember it’s up to you if the Body of Christ, Luck Lutheran Church, is alive! We can and we will be. God calls us to a serve far beyond anything we could imagine. He has created US for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do. Whenever we serve others in any way, we are actually serving God. God bless us as the Body of Christ, Luck Lutheran Church.

In Christ,
Pastor Ralph

Council Minutes: August 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Brian Paulsen.

Members present: Pastor Thompson, Bryan Allen, Brian Paulsen, Carol Giller, Amy Dueholm, Mike Broten, Steve McCormack, Al Tomlinson and Paul Hawkins. **Absent:** Spike Maiden Mueller .

A representative from Lindus Construction presented to the council regarding new roofing options. The Property Committee will continue to gather more bids and will present at future meetings.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Thompson provided a prayer.

The Council Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2011 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Steve McCormack and seconded by Bryan Allen. Approved. The Council Special Meeting Minutes from August 1, 2011 were reviewed. Motion to approve the special meeting minutes was made by Steve McCormack and seconded by Brian Paulsen. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report for July 2011 was reviewed. General Fund Giving as of July 2011 was \$83.4K compared to July 2010 of \$74.9K, an 11.3% increase from prior year. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Steve McCormack and seconded by Al Tomlinson. Approved.

Pastor's Report: 1.) Dial-A-Devotion is now set up with current information. 2.) There will be a Confirmation meeting on 8/22. 3.) The Luther Point Bible Camp Capital Campaign Appeal will start next week. 4.) Pastor Thompson continues with house visits. Please sign-up for a visit if you haven't done so already. 5.) The Bishop will be in Balsam Lake on 9/8 to speak. All are welcome to attend.

Committee Reports:

Education/Youth: 1.) VBS went well. There were a lot of kids in attendance and everyone had a good time. 2.) Getting ready for Rally Sunday, 9/11. 3.) There are now nine kids signed up to go to New Orleans. 4.)

Organizing time to work with Interfaith Caregivers to help with raking. 5.) The youth will be gathering every Wednesday night. Families of the youth will be making the food for the evening. 6.) Looking at helping out with Feed My Starving Children in Amery on 12/3. 7.) Beginning 9/18, the youth will begin serving the coffee and rolls/cookies from 9am – 10:15am Sunday mornings. 8.) The men's group will be meeting at Bone Lake Lutheran for breakfast on 9/10. 9.) Woman's work day for the Habitat house is 9/10 and the Luck Lutheran work day is 9/17. Anyone interesting in helping please contact Bryan Allen.

Evangelism: 1.) Council would like to thank Mike Broten for stepping into Butch Nick's vacant position. Mike will serve until the end of this year. 2.) Will be gathering information for a new member "welcome packet". More details to come at a future meeting. 3.) Looking at having a visitor's Sunday sometime this fall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend to worship service that day. More details to come at a later date.

Fellowship/CCC Team: Next meeting 8/22. We will be discussing Rally Sunday and food preparation. The last Sundae's on Monday's will be on 8/29. Fall fundraiser is Saturday, 11/5.

Property: Met 8/17. 1.) Received one estimate for our roof from Lindus Construction. More estimates will come as contractors are available. 2.) There was a kitchen inspection by the Health Inspector where it was determined that Luck Lutheran should have a license to serve food to the community since we do a lot of fundraising this way. A motion to approve Luck Lutheran completing the needed steps in order to become licensed was made by Al Tomlinson and seconded by Bryan Allen. Approved. 3.) It was brought before the council again this year to consider waiving the rental fee for the ABC Express Preschool. A motion to approve the rental waiver was made by Bryan Allen and seconded

by Carol Giller. Approved.

Stewardship:

Worship: 1.) Another worship time has been added to the worship schedule. Starting 9/18 there will be an 8am service, OFJ will start at 9am with our regular worship service at 10:30. There will be coffee and cookies/rolls from 9am – 10:15am. Please pass the word to members and non-members of this new addition to our worship schedule. 2.) There will be a short write-up and picture in the paper to invite the community to Rally Sunday on 9/11. 3.) The Memorial Gift brochure is almost complete. A finalized copy was presented and will be sent to press over the next few weeks. 4.) A motion to approve the purchase of hand chimes for the church was made by Steve McCormack and seconded by Al Tomlinson. This will be paid out of the undesignated fund at this time, but will be repaid back through an anonymous donation.

Old Business:

1.) Instead of redoing the church directory at this time, any new members will be added by a special insert to be given to all members to add to their most recent directory.

New Business: 1.) Kitchen Inspection: Discussed in Property. 2.) The Red Cross Bloodmobile would like to use Luck Lutheran on 1/5/12. A motion to approve the building use by the Red Cross was made by Bryan Allen and seconded by Mike Broten. Approved. 3.) Council members are to think of all of the projects that have been discussed and prioritize them. A special meeting may be held to discuss.

Next regular Luck Council Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, at 7:00 pm.

Brian Paulsen made a motion to adjourn. Al Tomlinson seconded. Carried.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully Submitted, Amy Dueholm, Secretary

Loaves and Fishes Monthly Report July 2011

Households Served 124 Luck 59 Unity 65 Adults 236 Children 98 Total 334
 New Families Luck 2 Unity 5
 USDA Food Received **-0- cases**
 Non USDA (donations) 671#
 Cash donated -0-
 Groceries purchased \$975.00
 Volunteer Hours 65 1/2



Items needed : **Each month the government provides approximately 50 cases of food to our food shelf. Most of this is meat and vegetables. In September there will be no government donations.**

During this time of year personal donations lessen too.

Loaves & Fishes is sending out a plea to all churches and organizations to please help with donations of any canned goods, meat, or meat products (with at least 8% protein) We can use ANYTHING! Soap, toilet paper, cereal - And of course, cash. School starts soon and families always need help with the school supplies.

Gwen Klotz for

Pat Williams - Coordinator

Marriage Rocks!

Whether your marriage is rocky or rock solid, you will be glad you attended a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Engaging presentations by both lay and clergy leaders give you tools and information while exercises and conversations with your spouse in the privacy of your hotel room deepen your understanding, communication and compassion.

The Fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 14-16 in Duluth and November 18-20 in Brooklyn Center. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete and Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

REMEMBERING THOSE SICK OR SHUT-IN OR IN THE NURSING HOME

Key: (L) = Luck (*) = Non-member or friend/relative of the Parish

UNITED PIONEER HOME: 210 Park Avenue East, Luck, WI 54853

(L) Ray Berklund (L) Lillian Christensen (*) Dorothy Ressel (L) Jerome Horky
 (L) Clyde Christensen (L) Alice Nielsen (L) Irene Rud

COMFORTS OF HOME—105 Oak Street, Frederic, WI 54837

(L) Joan Chaffee

PARTNERS IN PRAYER AND HEALING

(*) Sue Davis 662D 270th Avenue, County Road O, Frederic, WI 54837

MAPLE VIEW APARTMENTS: 416 S. 1st. Street, Luck, WI 54853

(L) Mavis Hutton

PIONEER APARTMENTS: 612 2nd Street, Luck, WI 54853

(L) Jessie Nordquist—#10

SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING: 18605 Old Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345

(L) Florence Frederickson

CARE PARTNERS ASSISTED LIVING—627 Kern Avenue, Rice Lake, WI 54868

(L) Bernadine Kirk

GOOD SAMARITAN NURSING HOME—750 E. Louisiana Street, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

(L) Eleanor Selvig

If any names have been inadvertently omitted from this list, please contact the church office 472-2605



Celebrate the Good News

Pastor Ralph and Luck Lutheran will now offer
an 8 AM Sunday Service

Rally Sunday on September 11th
8 AM Service Starting on September 18th
9 AM OFJ and Sunday School on the 18th
Main Service at 10:30 AM

- **8 AM service will be a simpler service with little music, have Communion every week, and be 30-45 minutes long.**
- **10:30 AM service will include the choir and have Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month.**
- **The church council and worship committee are adding this service to enhance our member worship.**

Mission Action—September “God’s Work. Our Hands”

Thank you for the donations you have already made this year to our **kit projects** for Lutheran World Relief. The August edition of LWR e-news reported that “last year, LWR Quilts and Kits reached **838,302 people in 24 countries**. This year the need is even greater —we expect a 15 percent increase in requests. Help get these gifts of love to the people who need them most.” Please contribute in whatever way you are able (such as buying items, giving monetary gifts to purchase items or to send the supplies, praying for those who receive the gifts) to increase our giving over last year.

We are always in need of **sheets or large pieces of fabric** to use for backing for our quilts.

We had a great turnout for our August quilting session! Thanks to all who came!! We have an extra incentive to come to our **September 21 quilting session** (3rd Wednesday) from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Pastor Ralph will be cooking a noon meal for us! So come for food, fun, and fellowship, as well as for a time to help provide gifts of warmth for others. Remember, any “skills” you might need to work on the quilt project are easily taught. It isn’t “high tech” work! Just show up!

Opening More Doors Together Luther Point Bible Camp Capital Campaign

Over the next few weeks at Luck Lutheran we will be conducting a capital campaign for Luther Point Bible Camp. Luther Point has been faithfully serving congregations in Northwest Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota for the last 60 years. In the last 6 years Luther Point has seen its retreat ministry increase almost threefold since the construction of the Retreat Center. Luther Point hires nearly 40 college age students each summer to serve the hundreds of youth and families that utilize the camp’s programs.

Luther Points facility master plan will help Luther Point live into its mission of "Forming Faith, Pointing to Christ", by providing added safety with a new Storm Shelter and increased youth retreating space with a new Youth Retreat Center. Infrastructure improvements to the existing septic system will also allow for improved sanitation and less environmental impact.

I hope to give you the information you need to make an informed decision about this capital campaign for Luther Point. If you have any questions please ask Juanita Dietmeier, Congregational Leader for the Luther Point Capital Campaign.

2011 Post-Assembly Message from Bishop Pederson

The 2011 Church wide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America met in Orlando, Florida, August 15-19, under the theme, "Freed in Christ to Serve" based upon Galatians 5:1. 1025 voting members from all 65 synods of the ELCA, including 22 from the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, worshiped, engaged in Bible study, considered resolutions and memorials, elected persons to church wide positions, and sought to support the mission of the ELCA as the highest legislative body of this denomination.

The following highlights key happenings and decisions of the church wide assembly (CWA):

- Worship was at the heart of the CWA gathering. The richness of our worship heritage and the variety of music and liturgy that faithfully surrounds Word and Sacrament are abundantly evident and always inspiring. Worship was held mid-day, centering worship within the plenary sessions and steeping the voting members in prayer, Word, bread, and wine.

- Approved the *ELCA Malaria Campaign* by a vote of 968-19. The NWSWI has been a pilot synod in the effort to eradicate malaria, and the action of the Assembly formalizes a campaign that seeks to raise \$15 million by 2015 and partner with global companion churches in Africa in eradication efforts. Ten percent of the goal has already been given/committed.

- Adopted the social statement *Genetics, Faith and Responsibility* by a vote of 942 to 34. In respectful and thoughtful debate, the complexities and nuances of the language and concepts of the social statement were carefully considered and debated. The adopted social statement and implementing resolutions can be found at www.elca.org

- Acted upon the Living into the Future Together (LIFT) recommendations from the LIFT task force and ELCA Church Council after considering and debating many amendments. LIFT is part of a process that re-imagines how our church is structured for the sake of God's mission in the world. Actions on LIFT can be found at www.elca.org, and I encourage you to read it in its entirety because of the vast implications for expressions of the church. LIFT recognizes the centrality of congregations as communities for evangelical mission and the work of synods and church wide to support and resource congregations. LIFT also challenges every congregation of the ELCA to develop mission plans that define and set goals to reach out in their ministry context and to fully engage their neighborhoods in witness and service. Our synod has already done, is doing, and will continue to do, significant work in this direction. While there is much yet to be determined in the LIFT recommendations, I am very encouraged by the tone and direction that LIFT sets for the whole church as we seek to be the transformative presence of Christ in revitalized church.

- Approved holding Church wide Assemblies triennially. Following the 2013 CWA, future assemblies will be held every three years. Because of this change, related constitution provisions and polity of the church were revised.

- Approved a resolution on *Bullying, Harassment, and Related Violence* by a vote of 923 to 23. Thirty-six synods sent memorials, requests for action, to the CWA on bullying and violence for deliberation.

- Heard greetings from the Rev. Martin Junge, General Secretary, Lutheran World Federation; Dr. Sayyid Syeed, secretary general, Islamic Society of North America; the Rev. Gradye Parson, stated clerk, Presbyterian Church USA; Bishop George Walker Sr., presiding bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; and numerous ecumenical leaders and guests.

- Considered and voted upon 97 memorials forwarded to the CWA from synod assemblies. All legislative actions of the assembly can be found at www.elca.org.

- Participated in three small group Bible studies and a mission event that highlighted the breadth and depth of the missional reach of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America around the world.

- Heard a report from ELCA Secretary David Swartling about disaffiliations since the 2009 CWA. The ELCA lost 5% on its congregations; approximately 10,000 congregations remain. An analysis of the mission support and assets was shared, noting that since 2008 the economic downturn and mission support withholding have meant reductions in ELCA ministry and mission, but that the financial and people resources of this church are still extraordinarily vast. The CWA approved a 2012 budget of \$61,792,900 and ELCA World Hunger proposal of \$18,500,000. These numbers reflect an amazing capacity for mission!

- My personal thanks to the 22 voting members from the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, who served their church, our church, for an entire week. The days were long and the prayerful discernment for decision-making was deep, and I appreciate their commitment to be part of the legislative process of the ELCA. Many of these voting members are ready and eager to share their experience of the church wide assembly with your congregation. Call the synod office at 859-6810 to receive contact information for 2011 voting members near you.

Duane Pederson, Bishop



RALLY/REUNION DAY

One of my fond memories of last summer was a family reunion that our children put together over Memorial Day in Iowa. It had a three-fold purpose: to get the family together; to remind ourselves of our roots on the farm; and, to retrace the fun the kids used to have together with Grandpa and Grandma. Like most family reunions we ate too much, played games, visited, introduced the next generation to each other and worshiped together. It was a great time being together.

Churches have reunions also. Every fall we have the great church family reunion. The church family has been scattered for the summer. Now we get together again to catch up on family

happenings. We talk about the fact that we have not seen each other for awhile and we talk about summer adventures. This year our family reunion will be September 11. We will worship together, have fun together and begin a new year of Sunday School. We will have a chance to catch up with people and to move into the fall together with the rest of the Luck Lutheran Family. See you at the Luck Lutheran Church Reunion.



“Do you have the time?”

The needs are easy for a volunteer, but priceless to a family in crisis. It might just be to run an errand, spend time with their loved one by playing cards, reading to them, listening to their life story, or just holding their hand.

Volunteers are workers, homemakers, or retired folks. They are men and women of various ages with one thing in common – they care.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Regional Hospice there will be a training session starting on Monday September 12th at Swedberg- Taylor Funeral Chapel on Highway 35 in Siren. The training will be one day a week for six weeks and will cover such topics as philosophy of hospice, admission criteria, hospice medical issues, psychological and social concerns, listening and communication skills, and bereavement and spiritual care.

More information is available by calling the hospice office at (715) 635-9077.

NEWS about the Grilled Cheese and Tomato Soup Dinners:

Several dinners are in the "works" for the end of August and beginning of September. There will be a combined "post-host" meeting and a "pre-host" meeting (for the following month's dinners) at church on Monday night Sept. 12th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in hosting a small informal dinner at your home, please contact Chuck Langeness at 715-566-0058.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Sunday, September 12th at the worship service, we will be doing a *Blessing of the Backpacks* and praying for God's blessing on all our students. We want to invite you to be a part of this special time.

We ask that all students bring your backpack to church with you on Sunday, September 12 and bring it into the sanctuary for worship. During the service we will have a special liturgy of blessing and you will be given a special gift for your backpack.

The *Blessing of the Backpacks* is a way for us to acknowledge that nothing that happens in our lives is outside our faith journey. God has promised to be present with us to give us steadfast, never-failing love always; wherever we are.



THANK YOU FROM FAITH'S LODGE

Thank you for your gift to Faith's Lodge. Your contribution of \$282.65 via Sunday School donation helps ensure that families coping with a child's serious illness or the loss of a child benefit from our program and services. Due to donor support, more than 800 families have found hope and strength at Faith's Lodge. *On July 1st, the property surrounding Faith's Lodge — nearly 80 acres of trees — was devastated by a major storm, so your financial support at this time is more important than ever before.*

By giving parents and families the opportunity to celebrate the lives in our midst and to honor those lost, Faith's Lodge helps preserve families and relationships by providing a path to hope and healing. **Thank You again!**
Join us Saturday 17th for a Restore the Hope Open House and Replanting Day!

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RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Thoughts from 36,000 feet

I wish I had taken some German so I could have understood and be understood on our trip.

I am thankful for no smoking laws in restaurants in the United States

I am thankful to BBC news so I could hear English

If I go back to Europe, there will be less of me to sit in uncomfortable airline seats.

The German landscape was beautiful.

Each little town had a church steeple in the center of the town. It's a reminder that Christ should be at the center of our lives.

German sausage and dumplings work against # 4.

Trains are extremely efficient and on time. Why can't it work in the U.S.

"The Sound of Music" took a lot of liberties from the real story.

I am most thankful for Martin Luther who reminded the world that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Youth News

Our high school youth and adults met on August 17.

Several things were discussed:

So far eight youth have signed up for the National Youth Gathering.

We will ask the council if we can serve coffee hours during the OFJ hour as a fundraiser.

We will set a date to work with Feed My Starving Children in Amery.

We will be raking for Interfaith Caregivers.

We will be meeting each Wednesday evening at 6:00 for high school youth time.

We made approximately \$3000 serving food in the park this summer.

We are trying to find a Friday night for fifth quarter youth gathering this fall.

New people joined us, but we are expecting more.

Hand Chimes

The Church Council has authorized the purchase of a three octave set of hand chimes for our congregation.

Now we need to learn how to use them. If you are interested in learning and playing, please let us know.

No special music skills are required to learn to play – just being able to count to four (or maybe six). We would love to have several choirs – adult, youth, intergenerational. We are also looking for some volunteers to help direct.

Addresses

If you have or are college student heading off to college, please leave us your e-mail address and regular mail address so that we can keep in contact with you.

Habitat for Humanity

Would you like to work with our children and their music? Adults and their bells? Work with Habitat? Be a confirmation helper? If you would or like to find other areas to volunteer, please call the church office to let us know.

Prayer chain

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for the Prayer Chain. Thanks to Sheila Brom who has agreed to be the Prayer Chain leader. If you have a prayer concern, please call or e-mail Sheila or the church office pastor and they will activate the prayer chain. Prayers can be either for needs or thanksgivings. Normally prayers will be offered for a week. Call back if you would like it extended. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please call the church office.

Luther Pont Appeal

This week we will officially begin the OPENING MORE DOORS TOGETHER appeal for Luther Point Bible Camp. Thanks to Juanita Dietmeier for chairing this appeal. This camp is our ministry for us and for our children. We urge you to give this appeal your prayerful and generous response.

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR cont...

Women's Study

One of the wishes that I have heard in my home visits is the desire to have a Bible study for women. Carol has agreed to start a group and would consider the theme of angels. I am suggesting that we copy the format of the men and plan to also meet on Monday evenings at 5:30. We will have our first meeting on September 26 and decide how often and when we want to meet. If you are interested, please call the church office or Carol at 977-0749.

Quilters

In an effort to show our appreciation to those women who faithfully gather to make quilts, and to encourage more people to come and help make quilts, Pastor Thompson is planning to furnish and serve the coffee hour and meal on September 21. We would like to double our number for that day and hopefully encourage you to return for future quilting opportunities.

Visits to continue

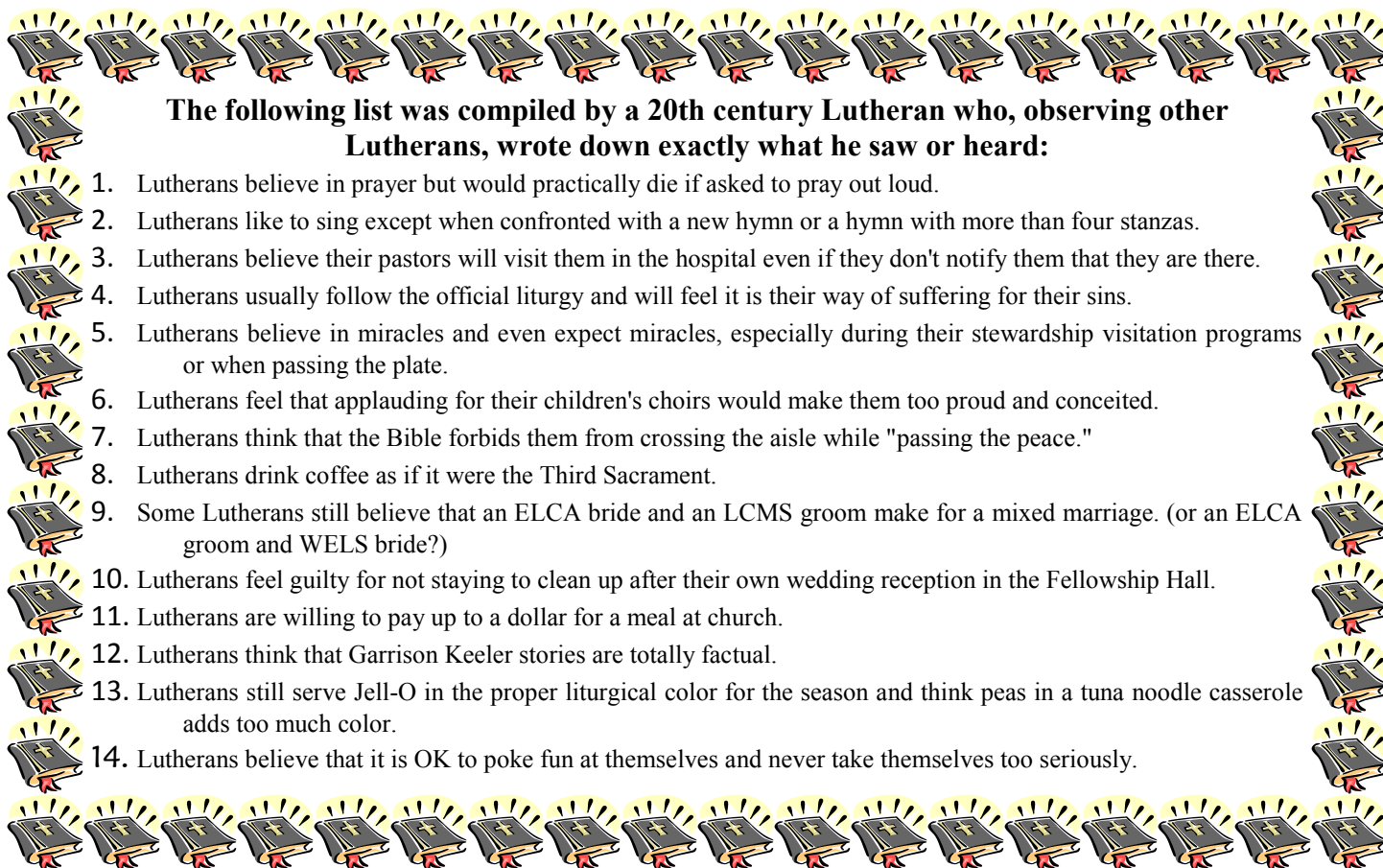
I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits to your homes this summer. They will continue into the fall. Please call the church office to schedule your visit and save us the phone call. One of the priority calls will be, but not limited to, confirmation families.

VBS

Vacation Bible School was a great event this summer. I am told that seventy children were enrolled as we gathered under the theme, **Pandamania**. This is a wonderful joint effort of our congregation, North Valley and First Lutheran Churches. A special thanks to Paula Hischer, Sonja Jensen and Jean Giller who coordinated the VBS for Luck Lutheran. Thank you to all who helped in anyway – those who helped serve meals, work in the kitchen, served as guides and anything else that was done to make the week so great.

Tomato Soup and Grilled Cheese suppers to continue

Thanks to all who have agreed to host these fellowship meals. It is our goal that in the not too distant future, the whole congregation will be gathering in homes throughout the congregation to enjoy a bit of food and getting to know each other better.



The following list was compiled by a 20th century Lutheran who, observing other Lutherans, wrote down exactly what he saw or heard:

1. Lutherans believe in prayer but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.
2. Lutherans like to sing except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
3. Lutherans believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital even if they don't notify them that they are there.
4. Lutherans usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.
5. Lutherans believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
6. Lutherans feel that applauding for their children's choirs would make them too proud and conceited.
7. Lutherans think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while "passing the peace."
8. Lutherans drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
9. Some Lutherans still believe that an ELCA bride and an LCMS groom make for a mixed marriage. (or an ELCA groom and WELS bride?)
10. Lutherans feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.
11. Lutherans are willing to pay up to a dollar for a meal at church.
12. Lutherans think that Garrison Keeler stories are totally factual.
13. Lutherans still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color for the season and think peas in a tuna noodle casserole adds too much color.
14. Lutherans believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

ABC EXPRESS PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

**Crafting/Hobby Day!
At Luck Lutheran Church
510 Foster Avenue E., Luck**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Please join us for a great day of Scrapbooking, Card Making, Paper
Crafting, Knitting, Quilting, or Beading!
(Come when you can and leave when you must)**

Cost: \$30.00 per adult

**Price includes: Coffee, water, snacks, spacious tables, chances to win
door prizes and lots of fun! There will be a silent auction table as well!
Lunch and dinner will be provided by the
ABC Express Preschool.**

**Registration forms are available at Luck Lutheran Church.
Pre-registration & payment is required and will be non-refundable.
Deadline to register is September 26.**



**Mail and make checks payable to:
ABC Express Preschool
510 Foster Avenue East
Luck, WI 54853**

**If you have any questions, please contact:
Paula Hischer @715-472-8207 or Holly Ellefson
@ 715-648-5416.**

THE LUTHERAN COFFEE HYMN

Song: THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one foundation
It's coffee don't you know.

We fill our plates full
With three kinds of Jell-O.
We need not pew or building not LBW.
But worship without coffee
Just simply will not do.

We welcome other nations
From lands across the sea
Because they grow no coffee
In Sweden or Germany.
Regular or decaf, cream and sugar
Maybe tea;

That is how we practice
Cultural diversity.

While we on earth have union
With this most righteous brew,
We'll savor every cupful
Until our days are through.
Someday we'll justly honor
This beverage heaven sent.
And finally make coffee
A Lutheran sacrament.

Quite often people tend to see the bad things that happen as acts of God. Good things that happen are often viewed as luck. Perhaps this is just human nature. Yet, this may be a matter of faith. What is your point of view?

When we have distanced ourselves from Word and Sacrament, we tend to forget that our Heavenly Father is gracious and merciful, and that He even gave His son for us. So when those dark days come, we sometimes question and even blame God for our troubles.

Yet, it is precisely when we face those dark days that we need the light and love of God to help us through. Through Word and Sacrament we receive the power to cope because we have this hope in God through Jesus Christ...the Lord of life. As summer ends, it is time to get back to weekly worship and connect with the One who has got the power to show us the way, the truth and the life. See you at the Lord's Table.

You're Invited... Beyond Our Doors

You're invited to join the bishop for an evening of food and fellowship at Faith Lutheran Church - 305 1st Avenue East, Balsam Lake. A light meal will be followed by a discussion of ways to strengthen the mission of congregations and the Synod.

You are encouraged to invite others in your congregation to meet the bishop and learn more about the work we do together as the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin.

Thursday, September 8th 6:30-8:30 pm

To Register, Contact Liz Bartsch at 715-859-6810 or
lbartsch@nswi.org



HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

Luck Lutheran will celebrate Harvest Festival Sunday on Sunday, September 25th. The festival will include a pot-luck lunch at Luck following the 10:30 worship service. Please bring a dish to pass: hotdish, salad or dessert. Buns and drinks will be provided. Hope you can join us!!

HARVEST FESTIVAL—SEPTEMBER 25TH

WE ARE TRYING something new at Luck Lutheran to decorate for Harvest Festival. In the past we have not had a lot of response with bringing in mem plants for decorating, so we are going to ask if you would like to order a mum, the same way we order plants for Christmas and Easter, now you can order a mum for our Harvest Festival Sunday. Your mum will be placed in the church for our service and then can be picked up following the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 25th.

If you wish to order a mum for Sunday, September 25th, your order must be at the church by September 8th. The cost for each mum is \$12.50.

Please make checks payable to Luck Lutheran Church.

MUM:

Yellow _____ Bronze (dark red) _____
Lavender _____ Butterscotch/Carmel _____

Or—I will be bringing a plant of my own (with name on it) _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of or to the Glory of God: _____

From: _____

(Please attach cost of each plant ordered—Thank You!

Lutheran World Relief

PERSONAL CARE KITS — (formerly called Health Kits)

When natural disaster strikes or political conflict flares, families often have little chance to gather their belongings before fleeing the danger. They arrive in a refugee camp or other place of safety scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care kit allow them to wash away the dirt and sweat, with the fresh scent of soap and the softneww of a towel as reminders of someone’s care and concern for them in their plight. Luck

Lutheran will start by collecting the following items for each persona care kit:

- One light or medium weight bath-sized towel (approximately 52”x27”), dark color recommended.
- Two bath-sized bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping.
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging.
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging.

If you are able to supply any of these items, please bring them to church and place them in the bin located in the narthex.. Thank You!!

IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN AND LUCK LUTHERAN IS PARTICIPATING IN “BACKPACKS FOR KIDS!”

Thank you to everyone who has donated food for our backpack program in previous years. We’ve had a very generous response. You may continue to bring non-perishable and unbreakable items to church and/or you can make a monetary donation by picking up an envelope from the wooden stand in the narthex and make out your check to Luck Lutheran Church and place it in the offering plate. The donations will be used to purchase food when we are in need to fill the 10 backpacks each month. The last week of every month during the school year will be our month to fill the backpacks.

THANK YOU!!!



DIAL-A-DEVOTION

September 4 _____

September 11 _____

September 18 _____

September 25 _____

NOTE: Sponsors are needed for Dial-A-Devotion for the month of September. Please call the church office at 472-2605 if

THANKYOU to the Luck Lutheran congregation who supported 9 of our youth at Luther Point Bible Camp this summer. A total of \$790.00 was given for camperships.

MEMORIAL GIFT AT LUCK LUTHERAN

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Clarence Robertson	Memorial	\$3,000

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism at Luck Lutheran

Audrey Violette Hetfeld

July 31, 2011

OFJ SUNDAY SCHOOL: OFJ Coordinators are looking for volunteers to help with a 4 week session of OFJ starting on Sunday, September 18 and throughout the OFJ Sunday School year. Please consider volunteering being a disciple for one of the sessions. Please contact Sonja Jensen at 472-2949, the church office, or sign up on the bulletin board found in the narthex if you are willing to help. Your time and willingness will be very much appreciated. You DO NOT have to be a teacher to help with this ministry!

MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 10
At Bone Lake Lutheran Church
7:00 a.m. Coffee
7:30 a.m. breakfast

We have had several Bone Lake Lutheran men join us at Luck Lutheran for our once a month breakfast and now they are inviting us to their church for breakfast.

COME & JOIN US!!
Hope to see you there!!

**WOMEN'S
BIBLE STUDY**
led by
Carol Thompson
Monday,
September 26,
5:30 p.m.
ALL ARE
WELCOME!

THANK YOU TO LUCK LUTHERAN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SERVICE GROUP

Thank you to the September & October Service Group for their ministry during these two months. Service Group Leaders for the months of September and October are Mark & Laurie Nelson and Steve & Kris McCormack. We give thanks for their leadership.

The Service Groups are vital to our congregational life and especially worship life together. Each of the Service Groups have approximately 50 members. The Service Groups serve in the following capacities:

- Ushers
- Coffee Time
- Lectors
- Prepare Communion
- Greeters
- Serve Communion
- Cheer
- Funerals
- Altar & Flowers

If you are not presently involved in one of our Service Groups and would like to help in this way, please contact Steve McCormack, Council Representative at 715-483-3157.

LUCK LUTHERAN CHURCH

Communion Worship 8:00 am. (begins September 18th)

Worship 10:30 am

Non-Perishable Food Donations for Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry are accepted at our church.

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OFJ Sunday School begins on Rally Sunday, September 11th, 9:00-10:15 a.m.	October Newsletter deadline: September 20			1 ABC Preschool orientation 6:00 p.m.	2	3
4 <u>12th Sunday after Pentecost (green)</u> Holy Communion Worship 10:30 am	5 Labor Day	6 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 noon ***** 5-6th grade & parents Acolyte Meeting 7:00 pm	7 Confirmation 6:00 p.m. Worship 6:45 pm Choir/Potluck & Practice 6:30 pm	8 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 noon ***** Synod Conference Meeting at Faith Luth. In Balsam Lake 6:30-8:30	9	10 Men's Group breakfast at Bone Lake Lutheran 7:00 am ***** Habitat for Humanity Work Day for LLC Women
11 <u>13th Sunday after Pentecost (green)</u> Worship 10:30 am Rally Sunday, Blessings of the Backpacks during worship, Small Catechism presentation (7th-8th gr), Helium balloon release outside & picnic lunch in fellowship hall following worship	12 Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm	13 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 noon ***** OFJ Bible Study 7:00 pm	14 Sr. High Youth 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Worship 6:45 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	15 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 noon *****	16 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 pm	17 Wedding: Andrew Paulsen & Dana Hall 5:00 pm ***** Habitat for Humanity work day for LLC Men
18 <u>14th Sunday after Pentecost (green)</u> Communion Worship 8:00am Holy Communion Worship 10:30 am <u>Baptism:</u> Mason Michael Mattson	19 Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm	20 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 noon ***** Educ/Youth Committee Mtg 7:00 pm	21 Quilting 10-2 Property Comm Mtg. 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Worship 6:45 pm Choir Practice	22 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 noon *****	23	24
25 <u>15th Sunday after Pentecost (green)</u> Harvest Festival Sunday Communion Worship 8:00 am Worship 10:30 am	26 Men's Bible Study 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Habitat for Humanity Mtg @LLC 7:00 pm	27 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 noon *****	28 Sr. High Youth 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm Worship 6:45 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm	29 ABC Express Preschool 8:00-12:00 noon *****	30	

NEXT MONTH

October 2—16th Sunday after Pentecost (green) Matthew 21:33-46
 October 9—17th Sunday after Pentecost (green) Matthew 22:1-14
 October 16—18th Sunday after Pentecost (green) Matthew 22:15-22

October 23—19th Sunday after Pentecost (green) Matthew 22:34-46
 October 30—Reformation Sunday (red) John 8:31-36