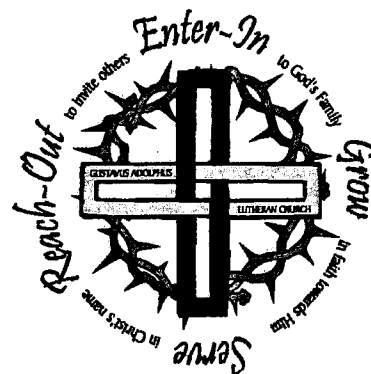


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Love and Money

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. 1 Timothy 6:5-10

Have you ever read about the lives of the people who have won huge lottery jackpots or made a lot of money in the business world? It is so interesting to see how this extra money has changed their lives. Suddenly doors are opened to them that were closed before. They can have anything that they want.

Money in and of itself is not a bad thing. In itself it is potential servant hood for others. We can use money to do many good things for our neighbors close to us and those on the other side of the world. Think about the people in need in Haiti.

As Paul points out, it is the *love of money* that is the root of all kinds of evil. You may have read about idol worship in the Bible or heard about it in history class. Perhaps you think that we don't worship idols in our modern times. But you are wrong. The love of money is an idol that causes this world to cling to earthly possessions for their salvation rather than to Jesus Christ. The idol of "\$" blinds people to faith in Christ.

Maybe you've had a conversion of the heart and now you have faith in Christ. Perhaps you've had a conversion of the mind and now understand how the scriptures all point to Christ as the Messiah. But have you had a conversion of the pocketbook so that now you set aside money regularly to be used for the benefit of the church or other charities?

God is the owner of everything. We are merely managers of it for a short time. May God help us to manage God's money and property wisely and not allow us to be blinded by the "love of money".

Pastor Timothy J. Wittwer

¹The New Revised Standard Version, (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers) 1989.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 am Worship
 9:00 am Coffee / Fellowship
 9:15 - 10:10 am Sunday School
 9:20 - 10:05 Choir Practice
 10:30 am Second Worship Service



MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY

Wednesday 3rd - 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study/WELCA
 Saturday 13th - 9:00 am GA Quilt Group Meets
 Tuesday 16th - 7:00 pm Council Meeting
 Saturday 20th - 7:00 am GA Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast
 Saturday 27th - 9:00 am GA Quilt Group Meets



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS.....FOR 2010

Yes, Lent is on it's way!! February 17th is Ash Wednesday. Before each Lenten Service, beginning on Feb. 17th, a Soup Supper will be served. Each group that serves the meal earns the Free Will Offering that is collected. So if you have a special purpose, such as, choir purchasing music; decorating committee purchasing paint; Men's Group sponsoring campers; etc, etc, etc, sign up for one of the Lenten Suppers.

SIGN-UP SHEET is on the easel by the kitchen serving window. There is also an information sheet explaining things like How much soup do we need??? How many people do we need to help??? Etc, etc.....

IF YOU have any questions, call Sharon Henry or Kathy Brinkman.

There are only 6 Wednesdays available Don't miss out. This is a great fund raising event that is appreciated by everyone!!!



WELCA News and Notes-

OUR CROSS donation in February is Vegetable Beef Soup and Toilet Paper, so let's fill up the shopping cart. THANKS for all your donations thus far. March donations will be green beans and Laundry Soap.



Women of the Church

The WELCA group will be serving the Soup Supper for LENT on Wednesday, February 24th, 5:30—6:45 pm

2010 LUTHERAN MEN in MISSION RETREAT

- ▶ Will be held Friday and Saturday, March 5-6 at Green Lake Bible Camp in Spicer, Minnesota.
- ▶ This year's theme is "The Hands of Real Men Pray".
- ▶ Jeff Seimon, former Viking linebacker, will be speaking to us both Friday night and Saturday.
- ▶ Worship, singing, and small group sessions will fill our weekend.
- ▶ This will be a great activity for men of all ages. (Scholarships available for men 21 and under).
- ▶ Signup early and receive 10% off (postmarked by Feb. 8th).
- ▶ Or sign up with a group of four or more men from your church and also receive 10% discount.

Look for the color poster and brochures on the information table or for more information on the 2010 Lutheran men's retreat.

Return registration forms along with check to "SW MN Synod" no later than February 27, 2010

High School Students,

Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church has begun a Youth Group for sophomores, juniors and seniors, and is currently looking for new members to join in on the fun.

Plans:

- ▶ Various Games—Board games, card games, "Airplane."
- ▶ Bible Study
- ▶ Discuss current issues affecting our teenage lives everyday and how to solve them through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Help out our local community
- ▶ Various activities on weekends outside the church.

If you plan on attending please feel free to bring drinks and/or snacks to share. The Youth Group meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month at 8:00 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room and will continue on until roughly 9:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely, Garrett Hilde,
 President of Youth Group

Pastor Timothy J. Wittwer
 President—Garrett Hilde
 Vice Pres.—Mariah Kludt
 Secretary—Kelsie Kludt



CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS

Between Sundays by Karen Kingsbury


I know Karen Kingsbury is a favorite author of many of you and I'm hoping you will enjoy this one also.

Megan Gunn is a foster mother to a child whose dying mother left him in her care. She wants to adopt him, but one obstacle stands in her way. Her foster child is convinced that star quarterback, Aaron Hill is his father.

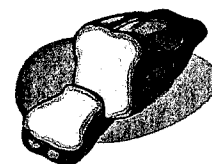


A Can of Peas, Dandelions in a Jar, and Aprons on a Clothesline

Traci DePree writes of life in the fictional small farming town of Lake Emily which has similarities to LeSeuer Minnesota (think Jolly Green Giant). In these books Peter Morgan and his new bride Mae decide to make the life changing decision to move from St. Paul to take over the family farm after the death of Peter's grandfather. Mae is a "City girl" and adjusting to the close-knit community is a struggle especially when her mother wants her to "come to her senses" and return to the city.

 *Happy Reading, Jan Rothanburg*

SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GATHERING MARCH 12-13, 2010 COUNTRY INN & SUITES, MANKATO MN



Our theme this year is "Are you Hungry?"

We have an excellent program planned:

- ◆ Rachel Kurtz will be our speaker and musician.
- ◆ Nightlife will include an excellent variety of options for you to choose from.
- ◆ Small Group discussions
- ◆ Service projects and breakout sessions.
- ◆ The gathering will of course include mass gatherings, lively worship, dancing, singing, faith and relationship building.

Gathering registration opens February 8—and closes February 22. If you register after the 23rd deadline, you will be charged a \$10 late fee per person. No registrations after March 1st.

Cost: \$75 per person (includes room, all programming, a gathering t-shirt, breakfast, and a lunch)

A \$50 per person **NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit is due with your registration.

Groups: Groups must register with one adult (21 yrs. or older) for every 7 youth.

See Pastor for more information

Midweek Lenten Series: Luther's Catechisms

Early in its history the Lenten season became a time of education in the basics of the Christian faith for new converts seeking baptism at the Easter Vigil. Martin Luther encouraged preaching on the catechisms, especially during Lent. Using the catechisms as a basis for midweek Lenten worship provides an opportunity to revisit some of the basic teachings of the Christian community.

LENT SCHEDULE

Our schedule is the same as always Soup and Worship. Come and be a part of our Lenten Worship Community.

February 17th — March 24th

Soup Suppers - 5:30—6:45 p.m.

Worship - 7:00 p.m.



*First
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- ❖ Vice President & Worship Comm.: **Robert Oswald**
- ❖ Secretary: **Karl Johnson**
- ❖ Council, WELCA & Fellowship: **Jodi Henry**
- ❖ Council & Property: **Guy Knutson**
- ❖ Council & Stewardship: **Ray Lindgren**
- ❖ Gert Krawczeski
- ❖ Darrin Trigg
- ❖ Fred Bengtson
- ❖ Church Treasurer: **Bob Weisbrich**


Newsletter Information
Deadline.....
Monday
February 22nd

17TH ANNUAL RELAY FOR LIFE ★

June 18—19, 2010
Foley High School Track



RELAY FOR LIFE
American Cancer Society




**Foley Area
C.A.R.E.**
A Living At Home/Block Nurse Program

- Neighbors helping elder neighbors that's what Foley Area C.A.R.E. is all about
- The program serves people 60 and over, who reside in Benton County.
- We are a neighborhood-based service with friendly visiting, socialization, telephone reassurance, care giver support, and others.
- How to receive services , just call 968-7848.

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Hours: Monday 1 - 4 and 6 - 8:00 p.m.
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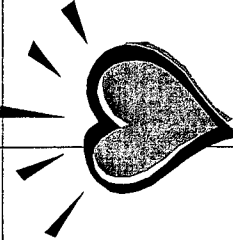
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Tentative Scheduled Events 2010

- Jan 31 Afternoon Piano Concert at 2:00- Serve Dessert
- Feb 14 Emphasis on Love with a special treat
- Mar 14 Family Bowling -Meet at the Granite Bowl in St. Cloud at 2:00 P. M.
- Mar 28 Honor those going to first communion at coffee fellowship
- Apr 4 Easter Breakfast
- May 2 Honor graduating seniors, Sunday school teachers and Confirmation guides at coffee fellowship
- May 23 Reception of new members
- June 27 Summer Fun Brunch - Potluck - Services to follow meal
- July 23 Mystery Boiled Dinner 6:30 P.M.
- Aug 29 Bluegrass Sunday - Potluck picnic with meat being furnished.
- Oct 20 Fall Dinner
- Oct 24 Reception for confirmands
- Oct 31 Bluegrass Sunday - serving coffee cakes
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Eve Service at First Presbyterian. We furnish bars.
- Dec 3 Embracing Christmas
- Dec 12 Santa Lucia
- Dec 26 Bring leftover goodies to share at coffee fellowship

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 Blood Drive @ Henry's Catering 1—6:45 pm 11:30—12:30 U-CARE	2 10:00—11:00 am Bible Study	3 Confirmation 5:30—7:45 pm Meal/Fellowship Women's Bible Study & WELCA - 7:00 pm	4 @7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous	5	6 Hageman Wedding 	7 Traditional W/Com.
8 11:30—12:30 U-CARE	9 10:00—11:00 am Bible Study	10 Confirmation 5:30—7:45 pm Meal/Class Senior High Youth Mtg. 8 pm	11 @7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous	12	13 9:00 am GA Quilt Group Meets	14 Service of the Word Valentine's Day 
15 11:30—12:30 U-CARE	16 10:00—11:00 am Bible Study Council Mtg.—7 pm	17 Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 5:30—6:45 pm Service @ 7:00 pm	18 @7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous	19	20 7:00 am GA Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	21 Traditional w/Com.
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