



JUNE NEWSLETTER



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... from the PASTOR

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16.

Every morning, when one father was about to leave for work, his four year old son would ask, "Daddy, where are you going?" And every morning the father would respond, "Son, I'm going to make you a living."

Each evening when the father returned home, his son would ask, "Daddy, where's the living you made?"

Certainly when we talk about making a living, we most often mean earning a paycheck so that we can buy food, clothing, housing, etc. But what if we were to look at making a living in a spiritual sense?

The above verse points out what making a living is in a spiritual sense. It is letting people see our good works so that they glorify our Father in heaven. Notice that it doesn't point out what those works are except that they are good. Also, notice that it doesn't say where we are to do these good works except that we are to do them. Notice also that these good works are not to bring glory to us but to our Heavenly Father.

Therefore, we are to "make a living" wherever we are and doing whatever we do. Making a living in this way gives purpose to everything we do no matter if it is at our jobs or at home or in our leisure or even on vacation. We can "make a living" wherever we go and in whatever we do.

So what might some of these good works be? I believe they are anything that helps a person see the goodness of God. It may be an encouraging word or a helpful deed or a listening ear or a sharing of Scripture or an offering of a prayer. Regardless of what it is, it is done with the only motive of helping others have reason to glorify God.

What kind of person will give glory to the Father in heaven? Is it not someone who becomes alive with the thought that God loves them and cares about them? Ultimately, they learn this because of the fact that God sent His Only Son to die for them. A person who gives glory to the true God is most likely one who has come to life in His Son. Your good works could just be what that person needs to see for it all to click. Your good works may just help someone become alive.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (Cont.)

"Where are you going, Daddy?" "To make a living, son." Dear reader, where are you going today or tomorrow or next week or...? I hope it is to make a living (soul).

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For His Glory,
Pastor Tim

PASTOR TIM'S VACATION SCHEDULE

Pastor Tim and family will leave after the May 31st worship service and will be back the evening of June 14. Pastor Tim will leave the morning of June 15 for the Annual AFLC Conference.

JUNE RESPONSIBILITIES

(Communion Servers are not listed because there will not be communion in June.)

Offering Counters

Janice Bilden
Faye Swenson

Nursery

7 - Marshall & Andrea Troutman
14 - Erik & Tara Thorsgard
21 - Mike & Tina Schwartz
28 - Anna Nystrom, Shari Sherva



- June 6 - 9:00-2:00 - FLY Rummage Sale @ Community Center
22 - 7:30 PM - Design Committee Meeting @ Hospital Conference Room
24 - Youth/Families @ RedHawks Baseball Game, Fargo
(Leave @ 5:00 from downtown Centennial Park)
28 - 7:00 PM - AFLC Ambassadors Concert
- July 1 - 7:00 PM - Youth Ministry Meeting @ Swarstad Chapel basement
8 - 7:00 PM - Children & Nursery Ministry Meeting @ Swarstad Chapel basement
15 - 7:00 PM - Women's Ministry Meeting @ Swarstad Chapel basement
- October 11 - Ebenezer Women's Harvest Buffet Community Dinner
(Time and place to be determined)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, June 17, 2:00 PM, @ Senior Center
Lesson 5 - "Thirsting of a Soul"
Servers - Mary C Circle, Marlys Kunz, Chm.

Council Highlights

May 21, 2009

Maxine Bachmeier began the meeting with devotions and prayer. Old business was discussed and reviewed. The church building has begun and the church parsonage entry way will be worked on due to water leakage and mold smell. Ministry planning meetings are moving forward.

New business consisted of approving the AFLBS Ambassadors (singing team) to come June 28th to give a concert. Also approved was to join churches across the country in Call2Fall prayer during our July 5th Sunday service for renewal of our lives, churches and country.

Faye will work with VBS to have a VBS float in this year's Old Fashioned Saturday parade. We also discussed ideas on how to show our thanks to Living Faith Free Lutheran in Larimore for their committed support to us as we rebuild.

Committee reports were given with the evangelism committee seeking greeters for each Sunday and the worship & music committee presenting a new & simple usher schedule.

Council responsibilities were reviewed and the meeting ended with prayer requests and prayer.

W O R D S T O L I V E B Y

For the week of June:

*Serve the LORD
with gladness.
Psalm 100:2a*

7 - "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

14 - "...through love serve one another, for the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Galatians 5:13b-14)

21 - "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." (Matthew 25:40)

28 - "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him." (John 12:26)

*The Association Free Lutheran Bible School Ambassadors
are coming to Northwood*

to perform a concert on Sunday, June 28th at 7:00 P.M. at NELC.

The Ambassadors are a mixed quartet of Bible School students who harmonize to sacred and contemporary Christian music. They are the premier singing group of the Bible School. They also share Scripture and testimonies in their one hour concert.

**Needed: homestays for Sunday night with breakfast and a sack lunch for the next day. There are 3 gals and 2 guys. Please let Pastor Tim know if you can host one or two of students.*

A NOTE FOR THE USHERS

The worship and music committee has now taken over the duties of finding ushers. We have decided to try something new by assigning 6 people to a month with 2 people in charge of a specific Sunday. There will be some groups that will have to do it twice in their month. For extra helpers during the offering the ushers can just ask anyone available to help.

If you are not available to usher your assigned Sunday or would like to switch to a different month it would be your responsibility to do this. If you switch months with somebody please inform someone on the worship and music committee so it can be changed on our master list.

Thank you,

Worship and Music Committee

Mary Antonson, JoAnn Funseth and Ben Larson

May 10: Wes Kunz & Tom Petrick

May 17 – Ted & Corey Lloyd

May 24 – Wally Gylten & Brandon Stevens

May 31 – Wes Kunz & Tom Petrick

June 7 – Chris & Ben Alter

June 14 – Charles Swenson & Wayne Trottier

June 21 – Lyle Holte & Ernie Holte

June 28 – Chris & Ben Alter

July 5 – Leroy Carroll & Harris Afret

June 12 – Dennis Sherva & Jerry Thingelstad

June 19 – Todd & T.J. Tangen

June 26 – Leroy Carroll & Harris Afret

August 2 – Erik Thorsgard & Marshall Troutman

August 9 – Patrick Vandebos & Mark Johnson

August 16 – Jerry Bergene & Alfred Antonson

August 23 – Erik Thorsgard & Marshall Troutman

August 30 – Patrick Vandebos & Mark Johnson

September 6 – Chad & Jace Peterson

September 13 – Mark Larson & Nathan Larson & Gilman Beck

September 20 – Dean Hoiland & Ken Quanbeck

September 27 – Chad & Jace Peterson

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

Paul Ruud

Roger & Becky Korsmo
Greg & Bonne Sampson
Grady & Marilyn Thorsgard
Wally & Arlayne Gylten
Jeff & Diane Nelson
Thorman & Shirley Stenmo
Noren & Audrey Meland
Charles & Faye Swenson
Ruud Family

Allen Enger

Charles & Faye Swenson

Jackie Iverson

Carol Slettebak

Jerome Carroll

Carol Slettebak

Leonard Landman

Carol Slettebak

Orlon Bonde

Carol Slettebak

Rev. Paul Monson

Carol Slettebak



WMF DAY @ AFLC ANNUAL CONFERENCE, JUNE 16, 2009

Held at Life Church, 901 W County Hwy 116,
Fergus Falls, MN

THEME: WMF -- Using Our Gifts

"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them." (Romans 12:6)

8:00-8:45 AM - Registration

9:00 AM - Morning Session - Bible study led by Faylin Myhre

Noon Luncheon

Workshops: 1:45-2:45 and 3:15-4:15

The Power of Prayer: Ruby Abel

Let Your Light Shine: Jim Rasmussen

Balancing Priorities: Jeanne Jorgenson

Ministering Through Your Home: Rose Carlson

5:00-6:30 PM - Banquet - Speaker, Missionary Barb Schierkolk

WMF Leadership Breakfast - Wednesday morning, 7:00 AM

Please register on the form included in the Ambassador or go online to www.aflc.org to the conference site and register soon!

Building Update

The former school library building has been standing ready for remodeling since this winter. Construction has now begun for our new building. To date the geothermal wells have been plotted and the subfloor footings for the mechanical equipment has been dug and poured as well as some ground preparation. It is anticipated that the activity will greatly increase with the absence of frost and water. Praise the Lord!

"For many years, O God of grace,
Our church has been your dwelling place
And we your congregation.
On Christ, our precious cornerstone,
Our faith is built, and Christ alone
Is still our one foundation."

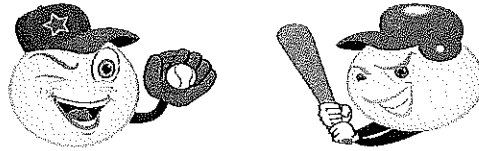
AFLC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 16-19 -- Fergus Falls, MN
Bigwood Event Center, 925 Western Avenue

WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME. TO HIM BE HONOR, GLORY AND PRAISE!

Redhawks Ballgame/Picnic

In Fargo Wednesday, June 24th



For: Youth and Their Families

Cost: Free transportation, tickets and picnic meal sponsored by the Northwood Youth Ministry Committee (better known as the NET)

To Register: Call Deb @ 587-5381 by June 7th and give the name and preference of the 2 Hot Dog Special or 1 Brat Special for each person attending.

Bus(es) will leave the Downtown Centennial Park no later than 5 PM.

ATTENTION!

FLY RUMMAGE SALE, SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 9:00-2:00, @ COMMUNITY CENTER

Donations are needed for this fundraiser. Please bring donations to the Community Center on Friday, June 5th, after 1:00 PM or you can drop off items at Chad & Sue's garage (315 Park St.) during the week of June 1st. If you have large items, FLY will be happy to pick them up. Thanks for supporting Ebenezer FLY!

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT (Does not include May 31 offering)

\$ 13,575.52 - Regular Offerings
\$ 2,620.00 - Needed per Sunday (General Fund)
\$ 3,304.00 - Average received for 2009
\$200,000.00 - Building Fund Goal for 2009
\$ 42,938.12 - Building Fund to Date for 2009
\$ 72.00 - Other Income (Confirmation Pictures)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ¹⁵²	2 ¹⁵³	3 ¹⁵⁴	4 ¹⁵⁵	5 ¹⁵⁶	6 ¹⁵⁷ 9:00-2:00 FLY Rummage Sale @ Community Center
7 ¹⁵⁸ 9:00 Worship	8 ¹⁵⁹	9 ¹⁶⁰ 7:00 Worship Team	10 ¹⁶¹	11 ¹⁶²	12 ¹⁶³	13 ¹⁶⁴
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