

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Tim Johnson, Pastor

Did I Leave Anybody Out?

One Thanksgiving season a family was seated around their table, looking at the annual holiday bird. From the oldest to the youngest, they were to express their praise. When they came to the 5-year-old in the family, he began by looking at the turkey and expressing his thanks to the turkey, saying although he had not tasted it he knew it would be good. After that rather novel expression of thanksgiving, he began with a more predictable line of credits, thanking his mother for cooking the turkey and his father for buying the turkey.

But then he went beyond that. He joined together a whole hidden multitude of benefactors, linking them with cause and effect. He said, "I thank you for the checker at the grocery store who checked out the turkey. I thank you for the grocery store people who put it on the shelf. I thank you for the farmer who made it fat. I thank you for the man who made the feed. I thank you for those who brought the turkey to the store." Using his Columbo-like little mind, he traced the turkey all the way from its origin to his plate. And then at the end he solemnly said "Did I leave anybody out?"

His 2-year-older brother, embarrassed by all those proceedings, said, "God." Solemnly and without being flustered at all, the 5-year-old said, "I was about to get to him."

Isn't it easy to get so caught up in all the pieces of life that we forget the obvious? How often do people think they earn their own living or applied themselves to learn their own trade, complete their own education or worked hard to own their own house, car and stuff? Yet Scripture says in Acts 17:28 that "in Him {God} we live, move and exist." We couldn't do anything (even breathe) if God didn't make it so in our lives.

We owe God, first and foremost, thanks for everything. We would be nothing without Him. We would not exist without Him. We could not learn without Him. We could not work without Him. We would not have an eternity to look forward to without Him.

In Luke 17:11-19, ten leprous men called out to Jesus to heal them. Jesus gave them some instructions and while the lepers were following Jesus' instructions, they were healed. Only one of the lepers came back to thank Jesus. In fact, Jesus said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they?"

Dear members and friends of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, as we approach Thanksgiving, may Jesus not have to ask such a question regarding you? I pray that Thanksgiving will serve as a reminder to not forget the obvious but rather to increase our giving of thanks unto Him who has not spared His only Son for our salvation. I pray that we will look for ways to express our thanks unto Him who truly deserves it all.

Jesus says, "Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner? Stand up and go; your faith has made you well {whole}."

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Pastor Tim

Council Highlights

October 15, 2009

Call to order by Mike. Devotions by JoAnn.

Secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was reviewed and Pete briefly explained the accounting system and reviewed its strengths and weaknesses. He also reviewed the duties of the financial secretary, and the general treasurer, and gave us a better knowledge of how bills are paid. The report was approved.

Old Business

1. **Church Building Update:** Curtis Construction has informed us that they believe the building will be completed in February. The fellowship hall and hallway has been primed. Many doors are hung in the Sunday School section.
2. **Pledge Update:** We will be up to approximately \$140,000 if all pledges are received.

New Business

1. **Pastor's Report:** The women's ministry is continuing to work toward restructuring. Youth group is going well. A lock-in at the school is scheduled for next Wednesday night. Nate and Rhoda Jore (AFLC missionaries to Uganda) will be coming Sunday evening, November 1 for an evening of singing and sharing.
2. **Congregational Meeting:** Our church service is scheduled for October 18th at 10:00 followed by a congregational meeting and a potluck dinner. Some topics to be discussed are the name change, carpet, sidewalks, and parking lot.
3. **Cornerstone for the Church:** This topic will be discussed at the congregational meeting.
4. **Budget for 2010:** We looked over a preliminary budget for 2010. Including a line item for serving funerals will be discussed further at the women's retreat.
5. **Bulletins in Color:** Because of the cost difference, we decided to leave them as is for now.
6. **Baby Bottle Fundraiser:** This is a fund raiser for the pregnancy center that we have participated in other years. People take a bottle and put a donation in to support the center. We decided to include this on our Ebenezer welcome table.

Committee reports were given and the meeting ended with prayer requests and prayer.

Building Update

The planking for the sanctuary roof is completed and the roof of the new part is almost shingled. The clear glass windows will soon be installed which will enclose the new part. The next few weeks will bring noticeable change again as the outside of the church will look nearly complete. The walls in the remodeled part (what used to be the school library) have been painted and the doors hung as well as the ceiling grid put in place. Even the kitchen cabinets have been installed. The new completion date has been moved up to in February. To God Be the Glory!

*Please don't forget about giving to the building fund. We have secured enough funding (including a \$750,000 loan from SBA) to pay our obligation with Curtis Construction.

However, we will still need to fund things like

- 1) painting & staining, 2) gravel parking lot, 3) sidewalk on south side of building,
- 4) floor covering, 5) sanctuary seating, 6) sound system, 7) kitchenette & cabinets,
- 8) anything else inside, 9) bell tower & paved parking. These have been prioritized and will be completed in their order as the funds are available.

WORDS TO LIVE BY



For the week of November:

- 1 - "And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8b)
- 8 - "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:20-21)
- 15 - "You, too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect." (Luke 12:40)
- 22 - "The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart exults, and with my song I shall thank Him." (Psalm 28:7)
- 29 - "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever." (Isaiah 40:8)

BUILDING FUND MEMORIALS

BEVERLY SEGERHOLM

Charles & Maxine Bachmeier
Don & Marian Savage
Gilman & Betty Beck
Evy Arnett
Carol Slettebak
Dave & Mya Segerholm

Wes & MariLys Kunz
Charles & Faye Swenson
Joy Vaagene
Gary & Janice Bilden
Steve & Ranae Sotvik

HENRY SEBEKOW

Charles & Maxine Bachmeier

LAVERNE RONDESTVEDT

Arlen Rondestvedt

RAMONA EGLAND

John & Loretta Sherva

ANNABELLE BILDEN

Carol Slettebak

MAGDELENA BUCKHOUSE

Carol Slettebak

KEITH SCHOLLANDER

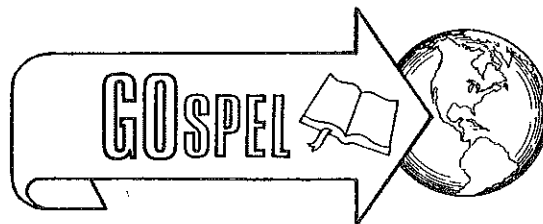
Carol Slettebak

JULIE CORDTS

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MAE VISTE

Mavis Carroll



Meet Nate & Rhoda Jore Sunday evening, November 1, 7:00 PM at NELC.
They are AFLC missionaries to Uganda.
Come, catch a glimpse of the passion God has placed in the
younger generation for missions.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

Saturday morning, November 21st at 8:00 AM at the Swarstad Chapel Basement. We will start with breakfast and then watch a message on *A Wimpy Prophet and a Butane Bush* from Christian Comedian Ken Davis. Ken Davis has a gift of being extremely funny while also making unforgettable spiritual points. Come for the fellowship, food, comedy and teaching. You won't be disappointed!

You are invited to our
Thanksgiving Eve Service
7:00 PM, Wednesday, November 25th
At the NDHC Dakota Dining/Chapel Room

FLY (Free Lutheran Youth)
Meeting Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM @
the Community Center.
All Youth (7th - 12th Grade) are welcome!

FLY Toby Mac/Kutless Concert
Saturday, December 5th at the Alerus Center
Tickets are \$22 (financial help may be available)
Contact Patrick VandenBos, Tina Schwartz or Pastor Tim
If you are interested in going.

FOR EVERY
GOOD AND
PERFECT
GIFT...



P A S T O R A L A C T S

BAPTISMS

- * Kade Ryan Bilden, son of Ryan & Sara, born July 9, 2002, baptized on October 4. Sponsors: Chris & Amber Howson, Jeremy & Rachel Hoeckle.
- * Olivia Joy Bilden, daughter of Ryan & Sara, born July 18, 2009, baptized on October 4. Sponsors: Kris & Nicole Bilden.

NOVEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

OFFERING COUNTERS

Derek Sanda
JoAnn Funseth

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Nancy Fisher

COMMUNION SERVERS

Mary Antonson
Janice Bilden
Ben Larson

USHERS

- 1 - Pete & Eric Antonson
- 8 - Donavon & William Bye
- 15 - Todd Enger & Tom Peterick
- 22 - Pete & Eric Antonson
- 29 - Donavon & William Bye

NURSERY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 1 - LuAnn Stevens
- 8 - Mary Quanbeck
- 15 - Amber Howson
- 22 - Anna VandenBos
- 29 - Missy Larson

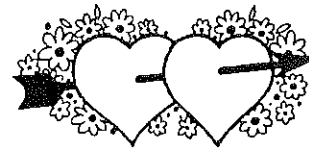
WORSHIP

- 1 - Chris & Amber Howson
- 8 - Marshall & Andrea Troutman
- 15 - Chris & Amber Howson
- 22 - Ben & Missy Larson
- 29 - Tom & Tammy Peterick



ADVENT PROGRAM

Sunday, November 29, 7:00 PM @ NELC
Theme: "Night of Promise"
Musical Selections - Biblical Promises
YOU ARE INVITED!!

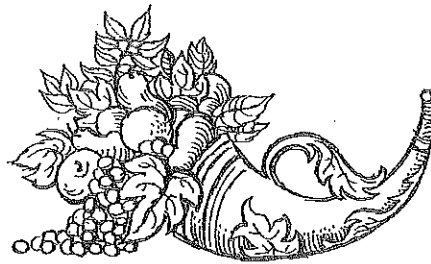


BRIDAL SHOWER

For: Alise Lloyd
Saturday, November 14, 10:00 AM-Noon
at the NELC Dining Room
YOU ARE INVITED!!

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

- \$ 11,641.46 - Regular Offerings
- \$ 2,620.00 - Needed per Sunday (General Fund)
- \$ 3,012.00 - Average received for 2009
- \$ 200,000.00 - Building Fund Goal for 2009
- \$ 122,135.62 - Building Fund to Date for 2009



NOTES FOR THE WOMEN

- * The Ebenezer Women will be serving following the service with Nate and Rhoda Jöre, missionaries to Uganda, on Sunday, November 1, 7:00 PM at NELC as well as for the Advent program on Sunday, November 29, 7:00 PM also at NELC.
- * The November Bible study will be held at the "same time, same station": Wednesday, November 18, 2 o'clock, Senior Center - Lesson 10 (A Basin & A Towel).
- * The net profit from this year's Harvest Dinner came to \$2,330.78. Thrivent Matching Funds are yet to be received.
- * Lefse will again be made and sold at this year's Christmas Craft show on Saturday, December 5, at the Community Center. The lefse will be made on Friday, December 4, at NELC.

*22nd Annual
Park River Bible Camp
Quilt Auction
Saturday
November 7, 2009*

*With Soup & Sandwich Buffet
Open for viewing at 10:00 am
Soup & Sandwich Buffet
From 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Auction Starts at 12:30 PM*


DO YOU LIKE LEFSE?

Come to the Christmas Craft show on Saturday, December 5, at the Community Center. The Ebenezer Women will have lefse for sale. Matching funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial.

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 1 ³⁰⁵ Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:30 S.S. 7:00 Missionary Jore's to Uganda @ NELC | 2 ³⁰⁶ | 3 ³⁰⁷ 7:00 Worship Team | 4 ³⁰⁸ 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 FLY No Senior Choir | 5 ³⁰⁹ | 6 ³¹⁰ | 7 ³¹¹ 12:30 Park River Bible Camp Quilt Auction |
| 8 ³¹² 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. 6:30 Quilting Mtg. 7:00 Special Events Team Mtg. 7:30 Hospitality Team Mtg. | 9 ³¹³ | 10 ³¹⁴ 7:00 Worship Team | 11 ³¹⁵ 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 FLY 7:00 Senior Choir | 12 ³¹⁶ 9:00 Northwood Ministerium @ NDHC | 13 ³¹⁷ | 14 ³¹⁸ 10:00-Noon-Alise Lloyd Bridal Shower @ NELC |
| 15 ³¹⁹ 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. | 16 ³²⁰ | 17 ³²¹ 10:00 District Pastors @ Valley City 7:00 Worship Team | 18 ³²² 2:00 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Confirmation 7:00 FLY 7:00 Senior Choir | 19 ³²³ | 20 ³²⁴ | 21 ³²⁵ 8:00 Men's Breakfast Fellowship @ Swarstad |
| 22 ³²⁶ 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. | 23 ³²⁷ | 24 ³²⁸ 7:00 Worship Team | 25 ³²⁹ 7:00 Thanksgiving Service @ NDHC | 26 ³³⁰ Thanksgiving 7:00 Council | 27 ³³¹ | 28 ³³² |
| 29 ³³³ 9:00 Worship 10:30 S.S. 7:00 Advent Service @ NELC | 30 ³³⁴ | 7:00 Worship Team | | | |  |

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