

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHIMES

Sharing Christ's Love

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WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Annual Church Picnic & Vacation Bible School Kick Off

Sunday—July 11

We invite everyone to journey back to ancient Egypt...without leaving our church! Join us for our Annual Picnic & VBS Kick Off on Sunday, July 11 after the 10 a.m. service where you'll experience Egypt's Marketplace, learn how to make a basket from our basket weaver, sample unique treats, craft a jeweled Cairo collar, create an Egyptian board game and play games at the Pyramid Playground!

A delicious meal featuring a 1/4 lb. hamburger, bratwurst, or hot dog, baked beans, potato salad, pasta salad, potato chips, cookie and drink will be served in the Fellowship Room beginning at 11 a.m. The cost of the meal will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 & under. Tickets can be purchased at the church office or after worship this weekend.

SPEND A WHILE ON THE NILE!

July 12—16

Have you ever wondered...*What was it like to live in Bible times? How did they make mummies? Or what happened to Joseph—the guy with the colorful coat?* Find the answers to these questions and more as you experience exciting Bible learning in ancient Egypt!

Vacation Bible School will be July 12-16 and the adventure takes place from 5:30-7:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday for our closing program! Each day, the children (ages 3 years to 6th grade) can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Pharaoh's empire! These experiences will make God's word come alive with new meaning for all who participate! To help offset the cost, we are asking for a \$5 per child (*maximum \$15 per family*) registration fee. Each child will receive a t-shirt and each family a CD of the music to enjoy!



The Blessings of America



1776 was a hot summer in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Both the weather and the movement towards independence were sizzling. The Continental Congress of the original 13 colonies of the British Empire was in session. They were ruminating and discerning what they should do in face of British aggression which included taxation without representation, the quartering of British soldiers in American homes and the limitation of self government.

Throughout June of 1776, Thomas Jefferson drafted a declaration of independence for the Congress to debate. His opening words are among the most enduring and important for the American people.

Jefferson wrote, *"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Not since the days of ancient Greece has there been an attempt by humanity to create just such a form of government. A form of government that President Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address referred to as *"of the people, by the people, for the people."*

As familiar as it is now, the idea of a government that recognizes that all people are equal who have the right to life, liberty and happiness was new. No one had quite

said anything like this before in human history. The 56 men who affixed their name to the Declaration of Independence weren't just rejecting the British monarchy. These signers were articulating their beliefs on the nature of good government and God.

I believe the 4th of July to be a gift from God - a gift for the American people and all who live on earth. While imperfect, our system of government and our way of life has given us and the world gift upon gift. The values of equality, life, freedom and self determination have furthered everything from human rights to free elections over the world as well as provided each American every opportunity to succeed.

Our founding fathers mentioned how these values are God centered. They articulated that our creator holds dear these truths and rights. Not only do these ideas lead to good government, they lead to good theology.

As we pause to remember our nation's founding this 4th of July, please pray for our nation. Pray in thanksgiving for our nation's history. Pray in repentance for our nation's ills. Pray in hope for our nation's future. Over the weekend of July 3 & 4, our worship will focus upon the gift of our country. Our congregational song, sermon and focus will be upon the 4th of July.

God bless the United States of America.

—Pr. Arthur

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:3

July 3 & 4, 2010

6 Pentecost/Independence Day

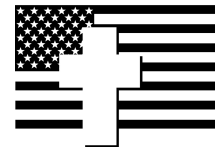
We commemorate the 4th of July holiday with Word and Song. Bob DeBoever will present information on the Veteran's Flagpole/Memorial Garden in a Temple Talk at all services. This weekend's texts include Jeremiah 29:4-14, Psalm 20, Romans 13:1-10 and Mark 12:13-17.

July 10 & 11, 2010

7 Pentecost

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the altar, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you. This weekend's texts include Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14 and Luke 10:25-37.

**FIRST
WORSHIP
& MUSIC**



Please keep the following Lifelines petitions in your prayers:

World and Community: For our leaders: President Barack Obama and Governor Pat Quinn.

For regions suffering with violence: Afghanistan, Iraq and Sudan. For those soldiers in harms way: James Bent, Jarrod Collins, Brian Fink, Brandon Humphries, Jeff Libby, Joshua Rowold and Matt Tallman.

Church: For our bishops: Rev. Mark Hansen and Rev. Dr. Gary Wollersheim. For our partners in ministry: Pastor Paul Metili and the people of Osupuko Parish in Tanzania, Rev. Vijayakumar, Bishop of the Arcot Lutheran Synod, India and the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission in Haiti. For missionaries who share the Gospel around the world, especially Katie Blobaum and Randy & Carol Stubbs and family. For Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. For our pastors, parish staff, Preschool staff and Church Council (names listed on pg. 8).

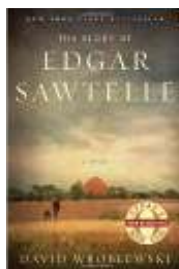
Health and Wellbeing: Bob & Vi Anderson, Dick Anderson, Doug Anderson, Gene Belvel, Joann Bengtson, Norris Bennett, Georgia & Bob Berlinski, Paula Blair, Sarah Bognanno, Ryan Brandemeyer, Karis Breeden, Kari Bridgewater, Jackie Burns, Mike Byers, Erma Cikanek, Richard Collins, Susan Corcoran, Jeff Dahl, Mary Ann Daniels, Scott Davis, Katelyn DeRycke, Lori Dodge, Madison Dolieslager, Betty Drefchinski, Charles Drummond, Kim Ehlinger, Aaron Elmendorf, Judy Enos, Bonnie Falkenstien, Fred Falkenstein, Ruth Floto, Marlene Franklin, Roy Gentry, Rob Gilmore, Vicky Goff, Ida Goldsmith, Ed Goodall, Paul Gradert, Loretta Grassel, Leslie Hamilton, Kirsten Haneberg, Arliss Heist, Christina Henry, Hilary Holcomb, David Howe, Sharon Hulick, Tim Janey, Dee Johns, Colleen Johnson, Elna Johnson, Theresa Johnson, Nadene Kalchbrenner, Laura Keser, Kevin Klemmer, Elise Lambert, Chuck Landon, Larry Larson, Gail LaVinn, Katie Lawless, Bev Lewis, Dennis Lindell, Larry Lowery, Bill Lundy, Connor Luxmore, Pam Martens, Kathy Mayerle, Holly McDonald, John McDowell, Pastor Barbara Melaas-Swanson, Teri Minnaert, Voy Mitchell, Ron Myers, Christina Nelson, Danielle & Samantha Noe, Jenna Noel, Nancy Noord, Vicki Orsi, Mary Ortega, Glenna Palmer, Lois Puls, Bob Pyevich, Tammy Quade, Jessie Rayns, Jeff & Peggy Renihan, Linda Rice, Mary Ann Rodems, Austin Ross, Andrew Roth, Betty Satterlee, Jim Shaw, Maudie Short, Barb Sierra, Luke Snodgrass, Cary Stach, Mark Stader, Linda Steimle, Bill Stenzel, Basil & Ethel Stewart, Bethany Storm, Emily Storm, Lesli Storm, Fran Swanson, Mildred Swanson, Helen Terpening, Nicky Tesson, Nancy Tieken, Dolores TwoBears, Charlotte Vandemark, Mitzi Ware, Mike Winter and Eldon Zimmerman.

Joys: Marriage of Kelly (Ficken) to Trevor Somers. Baptisms of Gavin & Taylor Boone. Dave Hanson, Henry Lee Switzer and Kay Terpening are improved.

If you wish to submit a prayer request, please contact Sue Wolf in the church office at 944-3196 or by e-mail prayers@firstgeneseo.org. If you or a member of your family have a medical procedure planned or are admitted to the hospital, please call the church office. In the event of an after-hours emergency please contact Pastor Arthur at home at 309-944-2034.

**FIRST
PRAYER**

FIRST MINISTRIES



First Book Club

A CLASSIC IN THE MAKING: Whether you read for the beauty of language or for the intricacies of plot, you will easily fall in love with David Wroblewski's generous, almost transcendently lovely debut novel, *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*. Born mute, speaking only in sign, Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin.

For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog whose thoughtful companionship is epitomized by Almondine, Edgar's lifelong friend and ally. But with the unexpected return of Claude, Edgar's paternal uncle, turmoil consumes the Sawtelles' once peaceful home.

When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Claude insinuates himself into the life of the farm—and into Edgar's mother's affections. Grief-stricken and bewildered, Edgar tries to prove Claude played a role in his father's death, but his plan backfires—spectacularly.

Purchase your copy today and begin reading one of the best novels of the year! Be sure to join us on Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. for discussion on the content of the book and faith response to the author.

- The 2010-11 First Book Club list is available at the Resource Center.

Summer Office Hours for Pr. Arthur

Pr. Arthur's day off is Tuesday. In addition to Tuesday, the Council has given Pr. Arthur every Friday off during the months of June, July and August. This benefit was given to Pr. Arthur in place of a raise for 2010.

Part Time Secretary Opening

First Lutheran Church has an employment opportunity for part time secretarial help. We are looking for an afternoon secretary, 12:30-4:30p.m., Monday through Friday. This position requires receptionist duties and secretarial skills. Resumes should be submitted to the church office, no later than Thursday, July 15. A job description is available at the church office or online at www.firstgeneseo.org under "Resources."

A Call For Help—

Could you be part of a team from First Lutheran Church to help restore homes and lives for residents in the Maple City Mobile Home Park? Rebuilding Together Geneseo/Cambridge, along with the Geneseo Ministerial Association, is working every Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. on several homes at the park. Projects for skilled workers include flooring restoration/repair, drywall installation, electrical outlet box replacement and more. Projects for unskilled workers include insulation installation and prep work for the projects.

Advance registration is helpful for planning purposes, but walk-up volunteers are welcome. For more information or to let us know you want to join the team, call Joni Conrad, Rebuilding Together Executive Director, at 944-6442 (*work*) or 944-9728 (*home*) or email at exec@geneseo.net.

Mission Trip to Romania

We are preparing to travel to Romania to share Christ’s love with the children in the Zau village. We will be helping to conduct a VBS program for preschool and elementary youth. As part of our mission trip, we are collecting humanitarian aid for the families in the village and youth in the Zau Orphanage. The following supplies are needed: *socks of all sizes, underwear for preschool aged children, sports bras for preteens and teens, OTC cough and cold medicine for children, pain relievers (including infant Tylenol and Motrin), soft cloth dolls or hand puppets, and simple picture puzzles for preschool/early elementary children.*

Donations may be left in the basket located by the church office. Above all, we ask for prayers for our mission team from *Another Child Foundation* as well as for the parents, staff, and children we will serve.

We thank God for the support our church family has given us over the past months, we couldn't have dreamed of this opportunity without family support.

—Janet & Abby Larson

“One Nation under God”

We will be taking a special offering for our Veteran’s Memorial Garden over the 4th of July weekend. If you prefer to send your donation to the church office, please write “*Memorial Garden*” on the memo line. This is a wonderful opportunity to create a lasting tribute to honor our First Lutheran Veterans. The plans for the project will be on display in the Fellowship Room. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

—Veteran’s Flagpole/Memorial Garden Committee

An Open Initiation—

You’re invited to a birthday reception in honor of Elna’s 80th birthday. Please join us on Sunday, August 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Room at First! All are welcome.

—Marla Johnson

First Lutheran Youth—Come F.L.Y. with us!

Faithtalk Small Group—All 8th & 9th grade students are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. for dinner followed by a Bible Study and activities from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Friends are always welcome! Here’s the July topics & menus:

July 7 Ninth grade students who will be confirmed this October will meet to discuss the “*Affirmation of Assembly*” portion of the Rite of Confirmation as well as preparing for giving faith statements. *(Several members of our church family will present their own faith statements.)*

Menu: Chicken strips provided—bring fruit or salad and a beverage

July 14 Moe’s Mom—Cruise Director *(Learning to trust God in difficult situations.)*

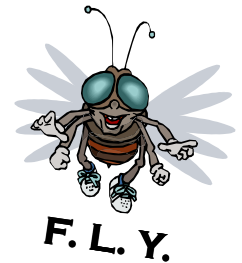
Menu: Hot dogs & burgers provided—bring a snack to share and a beverage

July 21 Dave’s Posse—King David’s Mighty Men *(Doing outrageous things for God.)*

Menu: Pizza—all youth bring \$5

July 28 Pete—the “Second Chance Wonder” *(Understanding God’s forgiveness.)*

Menu: Brown Bag Swap—bring a prepared sack lunch to swap with friends!



FIRST MINISTRIES



Shoeman Project Update

*Put your old shoes to good use!
One pair of shoes is like a cup of cold
water for one person.*

One pair of shoes = a lifetime of water
for one person

Keep cleaning out your closets!

Thank you so much for your wonderful response to the Shoeman Project. To date we have collected 214 pairs of shoes. That is a lot of water for our brothers and sisters in Kenya. A container located at the south entrance coming into the Fellowship Room is overjoyed to receive your “sole” donations. Please keep each pair of shoes together with a rubber band or tie them together.

—*Social Ministry*

Get My People GOING!

It's never too late to live a healthier lifestyle! This program is designed for all ages and for people of every health condition because it is completely tailored to your situation and your choices. It is based on the Exodus story and invites us to seek wholeness in all areas of our lives – from healthy eating, to moderate exercise, to getting enough sleep or to deepening your spiritual life. You can still join us on this journey to wholeness of mind, body, spirit and community. Contact Joan Holt, Parish Nurse, at 944-3196 if you would like more information on this summer wellness program.

A Special Note of Thanks!

I would like to thank Linda Mullin and her granddaughter Christina Mullin for all the work they did when we shampooed the chairs. I would never have gotten the chairs done without Christina and Linda's help.

Thanks again,
Char Daniels, Custodian

First Health and Wellness

Health Tip: *Lightning Safety—What You Need to Know*

Phone usage is the leading cause of indoor lightning injuries in the U.S. Lightning voltage can enter your home through phone lines, electrical wires, cables, and plumbing—even without a direct strike. If thunderstorms and lightning are approaching, stay indoors and avoid water, electrical appliances and other objects that could conduct electricity, and use only cordless or cell phones to make emergency calls.

Care Ministry: Please call the church office or the Parish Nurse, Joan Holt, if you know of someone in need of a call or visit from a member of our Care Ministry team.

Blood Pressure: Our Parish Nurse will be checking blood pressures in the Fellowship Room after the service on July 10 and between services on July 11.

Service of Healing and Wholeness
The next Healing Service will be Saturday, July 17 at 5:30 p.m. First Lutheran invites you to gather as a community to pray for the healing of body, mind, heart and spirit—for ourselves and for those we love. The service will include a time to come forward for laying on of hands and anointing with oil, if desired, remembrance of baptism, individual prayer, meditation and communion.

—*Joan Holt, RN, PN*
Director of Care Ministries

DID YOU KNOW?

—The generosity of people just like you combined with that of our partners in Sierra Leone allowed LWR to send 29,585 health kits, 1,500 layettes and 25,830 quilts to the survivors of the earthquake in Haiti — gifts of your hearts and hands to theirs.

Women's Ministry

Cover Girls Quilting—Come and enjoy a morning of quilting with the “Cover Girls” on Wednesday, July 14 at 9 a.m.

Mark Your Calendar Now!

Nancy Gustafson will lead the Summer Bible Study, Session 2, on prayer—*Waiting With Patience & Hope* on Wednesday, July 7 in the Fellowship Room. The morning will start with refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and the Bible Study at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

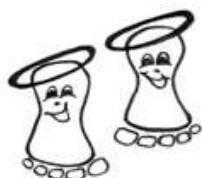
Men's Softball Schedule

July 5	7 p.m.	Diamond #1
July 6	8:15 p.m.	Diamond #2
July 12	7 p.m.	Diamond #2
July 13	8:15 p.m.	Diamond #1
July 19	8:15 p.m.	Diamond #1
July 20	8:15 p.m.	Diamond #2
July 26	7 p.m.	Diamond #2
July 27	7 p.m.	Diamond #1
August 2-4	Season Ending Double Elimination Tournament	

After 5 p.m. rainouts will be posted at www.geneseosoftball.wordpress.com.

Everyone is invited to come to Richmond Hill and cheer the team on to victory!

FIRST MINISTRIES



The Faithful Feet 5K Charity Run / Walk and ½ Mile Children's Fun Run

Presented by St. Malachy Catholic Church and benefiting the Geneseo Food Pantry

Saturday, July 3, 2010

- 5K Run starts at 8:30 am
- Kid's Fun Run starts at 9:30 am

POST RACE FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

EVENT DETAILS

Registration:

5K Run \$20 (\$25 after June 15)

Children's Fun Run \$10 (\$15 after June 15)

Race Packet Pickup and Late Registration:

St. Malachy Catholic Church – 595 E. Ogden Ave

Friday, July 2 4 – 7 pm

Race Day, July 3 7 – 8 am

Course:

Both events start and end in front of St. Malachy Church

5K: Participants will weave through the city streets and jogging paths of northern Geneseo – roundtrip course

Fun Run: Kids will run/walk along a jogging path – out and back course

Awards:

Medals will be presented to the top male and female finishers in each age group

THE GENESEO FOOD PANTRY

The Christian mission of the Geneseo Food Pantry is to provide food, clothing and short-term emergency assistance for families and individuals residing in Geneseo and Atkinson. This Christian mission includes responding to local needs and assisting in the development and maintenance of individuals and families to enable them to be functional, effective and healthy.

Learn more at:

www.geneseofoodpantry.org

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Online at www.GetMeREgistered.com



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FIRST LOOK . . .

July 1

9:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting

July 3

5:30 p.m. Informal Worship

July 4

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

July 5—Office Closed

7:00 p.m. Men's Softball @ RH#1

July 6

6:30 p.m. Hearts on Fire Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. VDC Men

8:15 p.m. Men's Softball @ RH#2

July 7

9:30 a.m. WELCA Summer Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Faithtalk Small Group

7:30 p.m. Joyful Spirit Rehearsal

July 8

9:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting

July 10

5:30 p.m. Informal Worship

6:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks

July 11

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Fellowship/BP Checks

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

11:00 a.m. All Church Picnic & VBS
Kick Off

11:00 a.m. Faith Reborn

July 12

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Music Therapy Class

5:30 p.m. VBS

7:00 p.m. Men's Softball @ RH#2

7:00 p.m. VDC Secretariat

July 13

5:30 p.m. VBS

7:00 p.m. VDC Men

7:45 p.m. Hearts on Fire Rehearsal

8:15 p.m. Men's Softball @ RH#1

July 14

9:00 a.m. Cover Girls Quilting

11:30 a.m. Summer Wellness Program—

Get My People Going!

5:30 p.m. VBS

6:00 p.m. Faithtalk Small Group

7:30 p.m. Joyful Spirit Rehearsal

July 15

9:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. VBS

VISIT OUR INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY
CALENDAR ON THE WEB AT

www.firstgeneseo.org

**Next CHIMES deadline:
Friday, July 2**