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Sharing Christ's Love

WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEKEND!

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

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

Geneseo Music Festival Community Worship Service

Sunday ~ June 20



Get ready to swing and sing at the “Big Band” Community-wide Worship service on Sunday, June 20 at 11 a.m. in the Geneseo City Park Bandshell. The Geneseo Big Band, under the direction of Bruce Bogen, will lead the congregation in hymns such as *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*, *Blessed Assurance*, and *It is Well with My Soul*. Area church choir members will present an anthem, and area pastors will assist with worship leadership. Pr. Arthur will give the message.

Worship Opportunities at First — June 19 & 20

Saturday, June 19 — Informal Worship at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 20 — Traditional Worship at 8:30 a.m.

First Lutheran will **not** have a 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 20. Come and worship in the park at 11 a.m. with your friends and neighbors!

FIRST NOTES:

—Women's Summer Bible Study on Wednesday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Room.

—Thrivent Night at the Ballpark on Tuesday, June 8. Come enjoy the game and help support Special Olympics!

—Senior High outing to Hi Ho Mongolian Grill on Sunday, June 13 at 11:30 a.m.



Who is Your Jailer?

Acts 16:16-34 is the story of Paul's and Silas' missionary journey. On this particular occasion, Paul and Silas in the name of our Lord released a woman from an unclean spirit. This spirit had given her fortune telling powers.

As you can well imagine, when her managers found out that she no longer possessed that power and they found out who was responsible, they saw to it that Paul and Silas were severely punished. First, they were stripped of their clothing. Next, they were beaten with rods about their bodies. Lastly, they were locked up in stocks in prison.

We learn this punishment did nothing to dampen the spirits of Paul and Silas. Scripture records that they were singing hymns and praying in prison. In other words, they were witnessing to their relationship with God.

It was then that an earthquake snapped the chains of the prisoners and knocked down the walls of the prison. On the surface, it appeared God was vindicating Paul and Silas. But the story doesn't end with Paul and Silas disappearing into the night.

No, the story ends with Paul and Silas reaching out to the jailer. The jailer was contemplating suicide. You see, when the prison walls fell he was terrified that he would be punished for the loss of all the prisoners. Paul and Silas called out to him. They assured him that everyone was present and accounted for.

When the jailer came rushing into their cell, he fell on his knees. Perhaps for the first time in his life, he was shown love. When Paul and Silas called out to the jailer, they witnessed to a loving God that gave them the strength to face their imprisonment with hope. The jailer wanted what they have.

He wanted a relationship with God and with God's people. And the jailer, along with his family, was baptized that night.

Wow! In the end it was Paul's and Silas' dedication to relationships that transformed the jailer's life. Because of Paul's and Silas' relationship with God, they were able to look beyond their circumstances and show love to the jailer who treated them with contempt. In the end, this relationship made all the difference to the jailer.

Faith is all about relationships. It's about a relationship with God. A relationship that begins in baptism and is nurtured in Word and Holy Communion. A relationship that is shaped within the Church as we gather for worship, fellowship, study and service. A relationship that fills us with love.

And our relationship with God leads us into our relationships with others. In and through God, we can love those around us. Certainly this includes our family and friends. But it also includes our enemies and adversaries.

There's no doubt about it. A God centered relationship changed the life of the jailer. Now if a God centered relationship can change the jailer, imagine what it can do for those around you. Here are a few questions for us all to contemplate. Who is the jailer in your life? Who around you is in desperate need of a God centered relationship? Most importantly, what exactly are you going to do about it?

—Pr. Arthur

The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Acts 16: 29-30

June 5 & 6, 2010

Pentecost 2

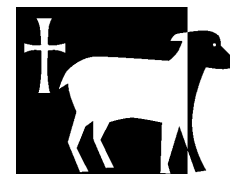
The Time after Pentecost is a teaching time, a growing time, in the life of the church. Today's texts celebrate God's ability and intention to provide us with a new lease on life. In our gospel reading, we see how Jesus works. He brings life where there is death as he raises the widow's son from the dead. This weekend texts include 1 Kings 17:17-24, Psalm 30, Galatians 1:11-24 and Luke 7:11-17.

June 12 & 13, 2010

Pentecost 3

The enormity of our sin is surpassed only by the mercy of God. We come, repentant, to the table of the Lord. In the body and blood of Jesus, in the announcement of our absolution, all our sins are forgiven. "Happy are they ... whose sin is put away." Happy are we. This weekend texts include 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10; 12:13-15, Psalm 32, Galatians 2:15-21 and Luke 7:36-8:3.

**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, 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, Doug Anderson, Larry Barnes, Gene Belvel, Jo Ann Bengtson, Norris Bennett, Robert 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, Betty Drefchinski, Charles Drummond, Kim Ehlinger, Aaron Elmendorf, Judy Enos, Jerry Fagle, Bonnie Falkenstein, Fred Falkenstein, Tod & Kandi Finch, Ruth Floto, Marlene Franklin, Roy Gentry, Rob Gilmore, Vicky Goff, Ida Goldsmith, Ed Goodall, Paul Gradert, Loretta Grassel, Leslie Hamilton, Kirsten Haneberg, Dave Hanson, Arliss Heist, Christina Henry, Hilary Holcomb, David Howe, Sharon Hulick, Tim Janey, Colleen Johnson, Elna Johnson, Mildred Johnson, Theresa Johnson, Laura Keser, Kevin Klemmer, Elise Lambert, Chuck Landon, Larry Larson, Gail LaVinn, Katie Lawless, Bev Lewis, Dennis Lindell, Verla Lohman, Larry Lowery, Pam Martens, Kathy Mayerle, Holly McDonald, John McDowell, Pastor Barbara Melaas-Swanson, Voy Mitchell, Ron Myers, Christina Nelson, Jenna Noel, Nancy Noord, Vicki Orsi, Mary Ortega, Glenna Palmer, Sy Perkins, Lois Puls, Bob Pyevich, Tammy Quade, Jessie Rayns, Jeff Renihan, Linda Rice, Austin Ross, Betty Satterlee, Jim Shaw, Maudie Short, Barb Sierra. Luke Snodgrass, Cary Stach, Mark Stader, Linda Steimle, Bill Stenzel, Basil & Ethel Stewart, Fran Swanson, Mildred Swanson, Henry Lee Switzer, Helen Terpening, Kay Terpening, Nicky Tesson, Nancy Tieken, Charlotte Vandemark, Mitzi Ware, Don Williams, Mike Winter and Eldon Zimmerman.

Joys: Steve Fleming, Lois Gradert, Eric Myhre, Lori Paxson and Tracy Yager are improved.

Sorrows: On the death of Madison VanLeovee, infant great niece of Jerry Myhre and Howard Lien, Jim & Loretta Hohenboken's daughter-in-law Susan's father.

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



Part Time Opportunities

First Lutheran Church is accepting resumes from June 1-15, 2010 for the following part time positions:

- Director of Christian Children's Education
- Director of Teen Education & Adult Ministry

Job descriptions are available at the church office or online at www.firstgeneseo.org under Resources/File Cabinet.

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, May 16, First Lutheran Church voted via a paper ballot to put in force the three resolutions related to securing the property at 522 S. State Street. The vote was 113 in favor to 5 against. The congregation will be notified when the property is closed upon. Thank you to all members who participated.

A Special Note of Thanks!

Thank you to Juanita Terpening for her years of dedication as our First Lutheran Food Pantry Representative and for serving on the Geneseo Food Pantry Board. She was also one of the key people involved in getting the Summer Lunch Program started. Thank you, Juanita, for your ministry here at First and in our community!

Thank You!

Thank you to Men in Mission, Joni Conrad and everyone that helped on my house. It was a wonderful experience and a "blessing" to my family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

—Kim Zanfes
Bryce & Brooke

Hospitalization

Due to Federal guidelines, known as HIPAA, hospitals are no longer able to contact the church about the hospitalization of one of its members. If you or your loved one is taken to the hospital, be sure to contact the church office at 944-3196 so that Pr. Arthur and the Care Ministry team can call on you.

"Take Me Out To The Ballgame"

You're invited to team up with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to help support the Special Olympics by coming to the 17th Annual Thrivent Night at the Ballpark on Tuesday, June 8 to see the Quad Cities River Bandits take on the South Bend Silver Hawks at 7 p.m. (*Rain date: 6-27-10*)

- Pre-game Festivities start at 6:30 p.m. and feature Parade of Athletes, QC Skydive Team and Flyover.
- Post Game Fireworks!

The cost of tickets is \$3, with all proceeds going to help support Illinois and Iowa Special Olympics! Tickets may be purchased in the church office or contact Maurice Nelson at 944-4538. Bring a couple of non-perishable food items to the game for a chance to win a 42" flat-screen HD television! All donations go to the River Bend Foodbank. Be sure to come and enjoy this fun filled evening with your family and friends!

Audio Ministry

Social Ministry has started an exciting new ministry that provides a monthly sermon CD to any of our shut-ins who would like one. However, some of our shut-ins do not own a CD player. If anyone has a portable CD player which they are not using and would be willing to donate to the church please drop it off at the church office. They will be loaned to one of our shut-ins so they can enjoy hearing Pastor's sermons and may keep the CD if they so desire.

- Just a reminder, we are still in need of volunteers to help deliver one CD monthly during 2010. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you would like to help and we will contact you with the details.

We greatly appreciate the congregation's help and support of our projects. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Burghgrave at 944-7622.

Mission Trip to Haiti

Lesli, Bethany & Emily Storm and Teri Minnaert will be traveling to Haiti with a group from Grace United Methodist Church the week of June 14-25. The medical clinic there is desperately in need of the following items: *Tylenol (adult and children's chewable & liquid), ibuprofen (adult and children's liquid), vitamins (infant liquid, children's and adult), triple antibiotic ointment, ace bandages, large exam gloves, antacids and unopened gauze (2 x 2 & 4 x 4)*. Donations may be left in the basket outside the church office through Sunday, June 13. These items will be taken directly to the mission site by them. Please consider picking up one of the above items the next time you're out shopping. Thank you and God bless.

—Lesli, Bethany & Emily Storm
and Teri Minnaert

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

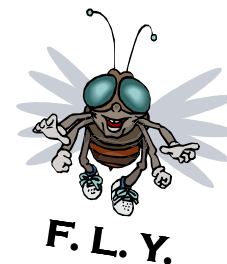
Faithtalk

We've had such a great time this spring in small and large group learning that we are offering a summer program called "Faithtalk." Faithtalk will be a weekly time for confirmation students from the past year to meet and continue in faith exploration. We will meet in the Youth Room, on third floor, each week for a time of team building and Bible study.

The first meeting will be Wednesday, June 2 for 8th grade students only. This will be time for us to talk about the upcoming presentation of faith statements for confirmation. All 8th graders who will be confirmed in the fall are encouraged to

attend. We will gather for supper and conversation from 6-7:30 p.m. No need to sign up, just show up!

- The 7th graders are welcome to attend the remaining Faithtalk opportunities this summer. Watch for a postcard with the complete schedule highlighting the dates and times.



Senior High Outing

Senior High outing to Hi Ho Mongolian Grill in Moline on Sunday, June 13. We plan to leave from the church at 11:30 a.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Drivers needed!

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Sunday Morning Fellowship

Volunteers are needed to help with Sunday morning coffee fellowship by serving and providing refreshments. Teams will be formed to work on a rotating basis. This is a wonderful way to provide an important ministry to our congregation and to enjoy the fellowship of other members. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are interested in joining a team!

Care Packages for our Military

Social Ministry is accepting monetary donations to help defray the cost of shipping 4th of July care packages to our First Lutheran military serving in harm's way. If you wish to donate, please mark "military" on your donation and either place it in the offering or send it to the church office by Sunday, June 6. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of our troops!

Chair Cleaning Volunteers Needed

Our custodian, Char Daniels, is in need of volunteers and shampooers to clean the chairs in the Fellowship Room and Conference Room A. Drop off a shampooer, if you have one, or just come and help on any of the following dates and times:

June 7 & 9 7 to 9 p.m.

June 8 9 a.m. to Noon

Hurry and sign up at the Welcome Center if you can help or have a shampooing machine we could use. Thanks!

First Health and Wellness

Health Tip: FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH you must cut calories AND work out – not one or the other. In a recent experiment, one group consumed 25% fewer calories; another cut calories by 12.5% and exercised off 12.5% (*so total calorie drop was equal*). After 6 months, both groups lost weight, but only exercisers improved blood pressure, insulin sensitivity, and LDL cholesterol. (*Prevention Magazine*)

Blood Pressure: Our Parish Nurse will be checking blood pressures in the Fellowship Room after the service on June 12 and between services on June 13.

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.

Summer Wellness

Get My People GOING!

Come and join this summer's wellness program for everyone. The goal is to encourage all God's people to have a healthy lifestyle. This program asks you to define your own barriers to good health practices. We will gather on Wednesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room for the introduction of the program. Invite a buddy and sign up at the Welcome Center. Let's get going in the direction of wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and community.

—Joan Holt, RN, PN
Director of Care Ministries

DID YOU KNOW?

—Lutheran Social Services of Illinois recently received an Environmental Award from Cintas for recycling 42,000 lbs. of paper last year. The recycling of paper of the agency's offices saved 357 trees; 7,980 gallons of oil; 147,000 gallons of water; and 63 cubic yards of landfill.

Women's Ministry

Women of the ELCA will be holding a Summer Bible Study, "*Pray Always*" which will be published in the June and July/August issues of Lutheran Woman Today.

- Session 1—*Persistence* will be held on Wednesday, June 2.
- Session 2—*Waiting With Patience & Hope* will be held on Wednesday, July 7.
- Session 3—*Power* will be held on Wednesday, August 4.

Each session will be held in the Fellowship Room with light refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and the study session at 10 a.m. All women of First are urged to attend these sessions which will explore three aspects of prayer.

Men's Softball Schedule

June 1	7 & 8:15 p.m.	Diamond #2
June 7	8:15 p.m.	Diamond #2
June 8	7 p.m.	Diamond #1
June 14-15	Mid-Season Single Elimination Tournament	
June 21	7 p.m.	Diamond #2
June 22	8:15 p.m.	Diamond #1
June 28	7 p.m.	Diamond #2
June 29	7 p.m.	Diamond #2

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!

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Men In Mission

All men 18 or older are invited to come and enjoy a cookout on Thursday evening, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan to come and join us for this great evening of food and fellowship!

Lutheran World Relief—Layettes

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief layettes to send overseas. These layettes are given to new mothers in refugee camps, hospitals and villages around the world. Many items have already been donated to help support this mission, however to complete each kit the following items are still needed.

- shirts or Onesies
- gowns or sleepers (*with or without feet*)
- receiving blankets (*36x36 preferred*)
- washcloths (*full size preferred*)
- cloth diapers (*flat fold preferred*)
- diaper pins
- Sweaters or sweatshirts
- bath size bars of "gentle" soap (*4-5 oz. in its original wrapping*)

Sizes up to 24 months are needed. Donations may be left in the "*decorated baby box*" in the Fellowship Room. Thank you for your support in this mission effort!

Ice Cream Social to benefit the Geneseo Food Pantry

The annual Food Pantry Ice Cream Social will be on Tuesday, June 8 from 6-9 p.m. at the City Park. If anyone would like to donate fruit pies or cakes for the ice cream social, please bring the baked goods to the park between 4-6 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help serve that evening. Please contact Juanita Terpening (944-6185) or Mike Pries (944-4584) if you are available to serve one of the following 2-hour shifts: 5-7 p.m., 6-8 p.m., or 8-10 p.m. The Maple City Band will be providing the evening's entertainment. Come and enjoy dessert and support the Geneseo Food Pantry!



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FIRST LOOK . . .

June 1

5:30 p.m. Music Therapy Class
6:30 p.m. Daisy Girl Scout Mtg.
6:30 p.m. Hearts on Fire Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Men's Softball @ RH#2
7:00 p.m. VDC Men
8:15 p.m. Men's Softball @ RH#2

June 2

9:30 a.m. WELCA Summer Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Faithtalk
6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee Mtg.
7:30 p.m. Joyful Spirit Rehearsal

June 3

9:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting

June 5

5:30 p.m. Informal Worship

June 6

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

June 7

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Music Therapy Class
7:00 p.m. Cabinet
7:00 p.m. VDC Secretariat
8:15 p.m. Men's Softball @ RH#2

June 8

6:30 p.m. Hearts on Fire Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Men's Softball @ RH#1
7:00 p.m. VDC Men

June 9

9:00 a.m. Cover Girls Quilting
6:00 p.m. Faithtalk Small Group
7:00 p.m. Synod Assembly Caucus Mtg.
7:30 p.m. Joyful Spirit Rehearsal

June 10

9:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Healing Hearts Cardiac Support
Group

June 12

5:30 p.m. Informal Worship
6:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Checks

June 13

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Fellowship/Blood Pressure Checks
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:30 a.m. Sr. High Youth to Hi Ho Mongolian
Grill

June 14

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Music Therapy Class
7:00 p.m. Ministries

June 15

10:00 a.m. Project Linus
6:30 p.m. Hearts of Fire Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. VDC Men

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CALENDAR ON THE WEB AT

www.firstgeneseo.org

**Next CHIMES deadline:
Tuesday, June 1**