

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHIMES

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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.

Egypt

Joseph's Journey from prison to palace

Vacation Bible School



Please join us this summer as your child will become a part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Pharaoh's empire! You'll experience authentic Marketplace shops, visit Joseph (*who's in Pharaoh's prison..then get's promoted to Pharaoh's palace!*), take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about how God was with Joseph in good times and bad. These experiences will make God's word come alive with new meaning for all who participate.



So, mark these dates on your calendar:

- We invite the whole family to experience Egypt's Marketplace at our annual picnic on Sunday, July 11 after the 10 a.m. service.
- Vacation Bible School will be July 12-16 and the adventure takes place from 5:30-7:45 p.m.

We will celebrate what we learned with a closing program on Friday, July 16!

A registration form is available in this edition of the Chimes, at www.firstgeneseo.org or at the Resource Center! For more information, contact Lori Schefsky, Director of Children's Ministries at 944-2583 (lschefsky@firstgeneseo.org).

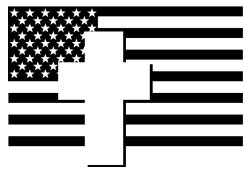
FIRST NOTES:

—Svenska Klubben Mid Summer celebration on Thursday, June 17.

—Community Worship at the City Park Bandshell on Sunday, June 20 at 11 a.m.

—Sr. High Pool Party at the Fehlman's on Monday, June 28!

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Values

On Monday, May 31, our nation paused to remember those soldiers who died serving our country. Geneseo holds a commemoration in the park which includes the aisle of flags, patriotic music, prayer and a special speaker who reflects upon military service and sacrifice. Geneseo's Memorial Day commemoration is truly a wonderful event.

This year the weather was poor on Memorial Day morning. At 9 a.m., the radar revealed a line of thunderstorms bearing down on Geneseo. Just like clock work, the rains started to fall and thunder began to rumble. A decision was made to move the event to the rain site. The rain site was our parish, First Lutheran Church.

More than 350 wet people made their way from the park to our Fellowship Room. Within 30 minutes, every chair in our building was brought to the Fellowship Room so that people could find a place to sit. Even though everyone was a little wet, the program went on.

There were many people who helped make our quick transition possible. Mel Becker, Anne Bergren, Bob and Judy DeBoever, Helen Brummet, Kari Gentry, Gene Gentry, Hal Gustafson, Charlotte Gustafson, Polly Hancock, Jim Larson, Janet Larson, Ian Larson, Greta Nordstrom, Rob Verdick, Jerry Verdick and no doubt many other First Lutheran members who I never even saw that morning. All of you who stepped up in that frantic moment have my appreciation and respect. Thank you!

Looking back upon that morning, I see this experience as a case study of values. In those busy 30 minutes the values of those who served were on display. I see three values that were reflected in that moment.

First, the value of nation was reflected in that moment. Those who helped me set up understood the importance of Memorial Day. They believed that those soldiers who gave this nation the last full measure of devotion deserved to be honored and remembered. Those who jumped in to serve allowed that service to unfold at First.

Second, the value of community was reflected in that moment. People from every walk of life in Geneseo came to honor our fallen troops. Everyone who helped transition our Fellowship Room understood just how important this event was to Geneseo and worked to make it happen for our community.

Third, the value of church was reflected in that moment. When our members jumped in to make this experience as good as it could be, they were providing hospitality on behalf our parish. Tending to every guest is the call of a caring parish.

When everyone stepped up to set up and break down the Fellowship Room for the rained out Memorial Day celebration, the values of nation, community and church were on display at First Lutheran Church.

I am honored to be a part of a parish that values nation, community and church. To everyone who served so very well in those wet, busy moments I am humbled by your faithful example.

—Pr. Arthur

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world.

Romans 1:7b-8

June 19 & 20, 2010

4 Pentecost—5:30 p.m. & 8:30 a.m. only
at First Lutheran Church

This weekend's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you." This weekend's texts include Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29 and Luke 8:26-39.

June 20, 2010

Community Worship—11 a.m. at City
Park Bandshell

As our community gathers for its annual music festival, Geneseo Ministerial Association will be hosting a worship service in the park. Pr. Arthur will be preaching a special Father's Day message. The key text for this service will be Luke 5:12-16.

June 26 & 27, 2010

5 Pentecost

We have no good apart from God. That makes our Lord's call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruits: love, joy, peace, patience, and the like. This is the path of life. This weekend's texts include 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25 and Luke 9:51-62.

FIRST WORSHIP & MUSIC



Happy Father's Day

The council, staff and pastors of First Lutheran Church wish every dad a "Happy Father's Day!" May your day be filled with friends and family.

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, Gene Belvel, 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, 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, Dave Hanson, Arliss Heist, Christina Henry, Hilary Holcomb, David Howe, Sharon Hulick, Tim Janey, Colleen Johnson, Elna Johnson, Theresa Johnson, Laura Keser, Kevin Klemmer, Elise Lambert, Chuck Landon, Larry Larson, Gail LaVinn, Katie Lawless, Bev Lewis, Dennis Lindell, Larry Lowery, Connor Luxmore, 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, Lois Puls, Bob Pyevich, Tammy Quade, Jessie Rayns, Jeff Renihan, Linda Rice, Mary Ann Rodems, 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, Helen Terpening, Kay Terpening, Nicky Tesson, Nancy Tieken, Dolores TwoBears, Charlotte Vandemark, Mitzi Ware, Mike Winter and Eldon Zimmerman.

Joys: Baptism of Jaylee Brudos. Jerry Fagle, Mildred Johnson and Verla Lohman 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



Community Worship

The Geneseo Chamber of Commerce and the Geneseo Ministerial Association are organizing a community-wide church service to be held in conjunction with the Geneseo Music Festival on Sunday, June 20 at 11 a.m. in the Geneseo City Park Bandshell. In an effort to support this event, First Lutheran's worship schedule for the weekend of June 19 & 20 will be as following:

- Saturday, June 19—Informal Worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.
- Sunday, June 20—Traditional Worship at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

Altar Guild Opportunity

Looking for a way to serve and enhance the worship services? Altar Guild needs to rebuild the rotating teams of 3-4 persons who work together every third month. Duties are performed Saturday and Sunday mornings, with flexibility to work around your schedule. Contact Verla Shelton at 944-3883 if you are interested in serving.

Council Highlights for May 17, 2010

Financial Report—

General Fund Offering:

April actual	\$35,615
April budget	\$36,563
YTD actual	\$134,656
YTD budget	\$143,457

Net Income Over Expenses:

April actual	\$4,872 deficit
April budget	\$4,112 deficit
YTD actual	\$31,927 deficit
YTD budget	\$20,558 deficit

Variation from budget is caused by offerings behind last year and behind budget. Operating funds have been reduced but are still slightly positive.

Social Ministry Benevolence Request—

Consideration was given to a special benevolence request to help those impacted by the recent flood in Geneseo. Nothing was approved awaiting clarification of how the funds would be collected and disbursed.

Long Range Planning—The Council accepted a status report and preliminary finding from the Strategic Planning Team as a result of the historical reflections meeting. Progress is good and more exciting discussions are planned.

Staffing Proposal—A staffing proposal presented by Cabinet and the Personnel Committee was approved. This proposal established two part-time staff positions and the process for filling those positions.

- Director of Christian Children's Education will focus on youth up to and including confirmation.
- Director of Teen Education & Adult Ministry will focus on Senior High youth and small group ministries.

Capital Campaign—It was decided to utilize the ELCA Key Stewardship Leader process for the Capital Campaign this fall. Pr. Mike Meier has agreed to assist us and we look forward to the upcoming campaign.

World Hunger—Discussions between Global Mission and Social Ministry culminated in the formation of a sub-committee to focus on World Hunger. This will be a part of Global Mission, along with Lutheran World Relief, Domestic Disaster Relief, and Souper Bowl Sunday. Local food pantry and distribution of food through Churches United of the Quad Cities will remain a part of Social Ministry. Thanks to both groups for reaching an optimal solution and renewing focus on this important ministry.

“One Nation under God”

This is the theme of an exciting new project at First Lutheran Church. Our church would like to create a lasting tribute to our First Lutheran Veterans by installing a lighted flagpole and memorial garden in their honor. The Veteran’s Flagpole/Memorial Garden will be located on the northwest corner of our church property. A committee has been formed, a flagpole located, and the final plans approved.

Over the 4th of July weekend, we will be taking a special offering to try to make this a reality. The plans for the project will also be on display at that time. Please become a part of our church’s effort to honor our veterans. They have sacrificed so much for us and this will be a wonderful way to show how much we appreciate their service. All contributions will be gratefully accepted on the weekend of July 3 & 4 or may be sent to the church office (*Please write “Memorial Garden” on the memo line.*) Thank you for your support.

—*Veteran’s Flagpole/Memorial
Garden Committee*

Mission Trip to Romania

Abby and I will be traveling to Romania July 15-25 for a mission trip. While there, we will be working in the Community Development Center (CDC) with preschool children. Our group from Another Child Foundation (*formerly Go Therefore Orphan Ministry*) will be sharing Christ’s love through vacation Bible school lessons and one-on-one interactions. I will also be talking with parents about parenting issues.

We are collecting humanitarian supplies to take with us for the families in the village and Zau Orphanage. A list of supplies the families are needing is located at the Resource Center. Donations can be dropped off in the basket located by the church office.

Above all, we ask for your prayers as we make final preparations and for protection while we are away from our family. We look forward to sharing our experiences with our church family

—*Janet & Abby Larson*

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

Faithtalk Small Group

The confirmation youth will continue to meet every Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room for a time of exciting discussion, games and food. The evening will begin with a light supper at 6 p.m. Each week we will be introduced to people in the Bible who have great faith stories to tell. Here’s the June topics, “menus” and what you can bring to add to the table:

June 16—Kid King Josiah (*Influencing others*)

Menu: Giant Sub Sandwich—*bring cheese, meat, chips or fruit*

June 23—Jon, the Friend of Friends (*Friendship*)

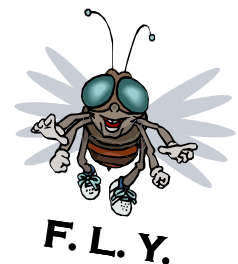
Menu: Taco Bar—*bring your favorite topping for tacos/nachos*

June 30—Little Timmy, The Teenage Teacher (*Living for God while still a teenager*)

Menu: Bag lunch or drive through favorite—*bring favorite cookie add-ins*

Looking forward to spending time together!

—*Janet Larson, Director of
Faithtime Ministries*



Senior High Ministry

Pool Party!

Bruce & Barb Fehlman have opened up their pool for all First Lutheran Sr. High Youth. There will be time for swimming, pizza and conversation. The pool party is Monday, June 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

FIRST MINISTRIES

A Note of Thanks!

On behalf of the Memorial Day Committee, Bob and I want to thank First Lutheran for the use of the Fellowship Room, a huge *THANK YOU* to Pastor Arthur and everyone who helped set up the room to get everyone out of the rain. It was a glorious day with standing room only and everyone was dry. We appreciate all who helped from church put and take down the “Aisle of Flags.”

—Bob & Judy DeBoever

Svenska Klubben

You’re invited to come and celebrate Mid Summer on Thursday, June 17 at the home of Bob & Greta Nordstrom, 511 Richmond Hill Drive, Geneseo. We will enjoy a lunch potluck at noon. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and lawn chairs. The beverage will be provided. After lunch, we will discuss our future plans for Svenska Klubben. Come rain or shine! Please contact Janet Anderson at 441-5522 if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

Get My People GOING!

Summer Wellness Program

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.

First Health and Wellness

Stay Safe & Healthy This Summer

The temperatures are rising and the days are longer. It’s summer once again. Here are some tips to help make your summer the best and healthiest one yet.

- *Grill and Chill* – take steps to prevent food borne illness (*wash hands when handling food, cook foods to a safe internal temperature, keep cold foods cold*)
- *Beat the Heat* – drink plenty of water, wear light clothing and avoid strenuous activity during the hottest times of the day
- *Fun in the Sun* – use sunscreen, seek shade, wear a hat and sunglasses
- *Swim Safe* – Never swim alone or in unsupervised areas and keep an eye on the kids at all times, avoid swallowing pool water, shower before swimming and wash hands after using the bathroom or changing a diaper

Have a great and healthy summer!

Diabetes Support Group: “Helping Hands” will meet on Tuesday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room at First. Gary Bennett, RN, Nurse Educator for Hammond Henry Hospital will speak on “*What You Talk to Your Doctor About in 18 Minutes.*” The organization is open to anyone who is directly or indirectly affected by diabetes. For more information, contact Gary or Mary Anne Daniels at 944-2404 or visit www.helpinghandsingeneo.org.

Women’s Health Program: “*Normal Memory Loss*” is the topic of the noon luncheon on Thursday, June 24 at The Cellar. The cost of lunch is \$8, which is payable at the door. Please register by calling Hammond Henry Hospital at 944-9121.

—Joan Holt, RN, PN
Director of Care Ministries

DID YOU KNOW?

—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 will take place on Saturday, July 3! Get more information including online registration at www.faithfulfeet5k.com. There will also be post race food and entertainment!

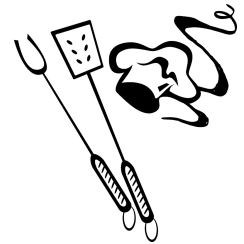
Lutheran World Relief—Layettes

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. To complete each kit the following items are still needed: shirts or Onesies, gowns or sleepers (*with or without feet*), receiving blankets (*36x36 preferred*), cloth diapers (*flat fold preferred*), diaper pins, sweaters or sweatshirts, washcloths (*full size preferred*), bath size bars of “gentle” soap (*4-5 oz. in its original wrapping*). Sizes up to 24 months are needed. Donations may be placed in the “*decorated baby box*” in the Fellowship Room. Thank you for supporting this mission effort!

Men in Mission

Come and enjoy a cookout and fellowship with the guys on Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. All men 18 or older are invited to attend and can sign up at the Welcome Center!

FIRST MINISTRIES



Men's Softball Schedule

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
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

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!

Intouch Adult Day Services

Intouch is the largest adult day service in Illinois. It provides adults with the opportunity to maintain their residence in the community while providing peace of mind for their loved ones. Their “wish list” for June is: *foil, body wipes, keyboard, plastic see-through 8 to 16 gallon tubs with lids, Saran Wrap, tacky glue, blocks of construction paper (red, green, blue & brown), card stock, Bingo prizes, medium hot glue sticks, decaf coffee & tea, Dawn dish washing liquid, craft foam (all colors), Suave body wash, 100 watt light bulbs, birthday cake candles, birthday cards, small and medium sizes of ceramic greenware and bisque, acrylic paints, #2 pencils, primary writing paper, sight word flash cards, large erasers, Ipod and VCR*. Donations may be left in the basket outside the church office.

Food Pantry collection

The Geneseo Food Pantry is collecting grape jelly, saltine crackers, graham crackers, snack crackers, sugar, pancake syrup, laundry soap, dishwashing detergent, non-aspirin pain relievers, antibiotic ointment, band-aids and diapers to share with those in need in our community. Donations may be left in the basket outside the church office.

- If you have planted a garden and have excess vegetables, our clients would really appreciate any you may have to share. You may bring them during our normal business hours. Our food distribution is on Tuesday mornings, so the beginning of the week works best. Thank you!



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FIRST LOOK . . .

June 16

6:00 p.m. Faithtalk Small Group

7:00 p.m. Get My People Going! Summer
Wellness Program

7:30 p.m. Joyful Spirit Rehearsal

June 17

9:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. Svenska Klubben

6:30 p.m. Men in Mission Dinner Mtg.

June 18

NI Synod Assembly at Augustana College

June 19

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5:30 p.m. Informal Worship

June 20

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Community Worship at the
City Park Bandshell

June 21

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Music Therapy Class

7:00 p.m. Council

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

June 22

9:00 a.m. HC Youth Services Bureau Prog.

6:30 p.m. Hearts on Fire Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Helping Hands Diabetic Group

7:00 p.m. VDC Men

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

June 23

9:00 a.m. Cover Girls Quilting

9:00 a.m. HC Youth Services Bureau Prog.

12:00 p.m. HC Homemaker Services Mtg.

6:00 p.m. Faithtalk Small Group

7:30 p.m. Joyful Spirit Rehearsal

June 24

9:00 a.m. All Staff Meeting

June 25

5:30 p.m. Ficken/Somers Rehearsal

June 26

3:00 p.m. Ficken/Somers Wedding

5:30 p.m. Informal Worship

June 27

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

11:00 a.m. Lifelines

June 28

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

4:00 p.m. Sr. High Pool Party

5:30 p.m. Music Therapy Class

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

7:00 p.m. VDC Secretariat Mtg.

June 29

6:30 p.m. Hearts on Fire Rehearsal

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

7:00 p.m. VDC Men

June 30

6:00 p.m. Faithtalk Small Group

7:30 p.m. Joyful Spirit Rehearsal

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CALENDAR ON THE WEB AT

www.firstgeneseo.org

Next CHIMES deadline:

Tuesday, June 15