

**We remember in our prayers the men and women serving in the military and this week's hospitalized members:** Bob Dronen, Jay Baldwin, Roger Gilbertson, Phyllis Hagen.

**We express sympathy and God's love to** Phyllis Keith, and Shelly and Jim Nelson and family on the death of Don Keith, husband and father; and to Dolores Kvilhaug and LaVonne Peterson and families on the death of their brother, Robert E. Anderson.

**The Radio Broadcast** is in memory of Bob Grossman given by Bev Grossman.

**Baptism:** Bodin Axel Karlstad, son of Eric and Shelly Karlstad, is brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism during the 9:45 service this weekend. Bodin's sponsors are Bob and Kristi Thompson.

**Marriage:** Congratulations and God's blessings to Bethany Ahrens and David Schultz who were joined in marriage at First Lutheran on Saturday, July 25, 2010.

**~ Financial Report to the Congregation ~**

Total income received as of June 30, 2010:	\$391,248.25
Total expenses through June 30, 2010:	\$432,267.83

*Thanks to everyone who donated supplies for Haiti! 8 FULL BOXES will be going with Graham to Haiti in August!! Thanks so much for your generosity!*

**Are you a Gardener or a Gardener "Wannabee"?**

**The Community Garden on the church land needs your help!**

**Could you or your family "ADOPT" a week or more in the garden?**

The purpose of the garden is to provide produce to people in need thru the United Way.

THRIVENT is contributing monetary support for garden supplies. BUT to qualify for this money, a list of everyone who helps in the garden needs to be reported. SO if you have already helped plant, weed, water or harvest, please let Paul Thompson or Craig Smith know. IF you haven't yet helped and would like to, but need more direction on pulling weeds, watering and harvesting, please call Paul at 763-5017 or Craig at 763-5953. Paul or Craig will tell you what you need to know, or will arrange to meet you at the garden and show you what needs to be done. The garden could be an overwhelming job for a few people, but with MANY people the tasks become small allowing the garden ministry to be limitless! We're in the final stretch... the produce is ready... won't you find the time to help? Let's all do our part to make this an annual garden!

**Focus Folders:** It's that time again! I could use your help on Tuesday, July 27 at 9:00 AM. Thanks, Karen

**Pontoon Ride on Lake Le Homme Dieu, Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.** If you'd enjoy a casual afternoon ride on beautiful Lake Le Homme Dieu please sign up at the Welcome Center before you leave TODAY. Jim Norton has room to take 12 people. The pontoon will depart at 1:30 p.m. from Krueger's Creek Public Landing on the northeast shoreline. Boarding begins at 1:15 p.m. Call Jim if you need directions 763-5620.

**First Lutheran Softball News ...** It was another tough loss for the players in Blue against the team from New Life...another 1 point heartbreaker. Stellar batting and fielding...leading the game 9-3 going into the last inning...then a string of fielding errors let the game slip away. It was a real slugfest for the Gray Team...finding the holes in the green...an easy "10-run rule" win against Zion. Final score 19-4. Let's be true to our motto "We've Got Spirit"...come out and cheer on your teams from First. **July 29: Blue at 7:30, Gray at 8:30 PM.**

**ON the TRAIL with FIRST LUTHERAN**

First is sponsoring a special **BIKE EVENT Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**. All interested bikers, families, couples, and friends of ALL AGES are invited to meet at Big Ole at 9:00 am on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bring your bike, helmet, water, and sunscreen and come ready for a great morning. In preparation also be sure to check the air in your tires.

We will provide a refreshment stop for our group along the way, and return to City Park by 11:00 for a blessing of the bikes and bikers. The blessing will happen at the beginning of the 11:00 service. This is our first event like this, your feed back or ideas concerning future bike events would be appreciated.



Sign Up NOW at the Welcome Center for these FALL activities... **Kingdom Kids** (pre-school thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade), **KICK** (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and **FOOD and FELLOWSHIP** (for adults, for more info on Food and Fellowship call Joyce at 763-3571 or Janice at 846-0098).

**LUTHER CREST**, for more info on any events at LC contact them at the following:

8231 Co. Road 11 NE, Alexandria, MN 56308 [www.luthercrest.org](http://www.luthercrest.org) [lcbc@luthercrest.org](mailto:lcbc@luthercrest.org) 320-846-2431.

### **9th Annual Luther Crest Golf Scramble, August 16, 2010**

Scramble Fee, Admission is \$70 per golfer and includes golf, cart, and supper at 5:00 pm.

(Supper Buffet is \$15.00 for other guests). Please RSVP to Dave Holtz 320-292-9241

10:00 Registration and Warm-ups, 11:40 Pre-Game Announcements, 12:00 Shotgun Start, 5:00 Picnic Supper at the Course Awards and Prizes. For more information about the "Golf Scramble" call 320-846-2431 or send email to [daveh@luthercrest.org](mailto:daveh@luthercrest.org)

**Luther Crest is heading to Holden Village this summer!** August 23<sup>rd</sup>-September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Holden Village is an ELCA renewal center rooted in the Lutheran Tradition. It is nestled in the beauty of the Cascade Mountains near Chelan, WA. Event includes 5 day, 4 night stay at Holden, charter bus transportation, 28 meals, lodging at 6 motels, admission to the Medora Musical and Pitchfork Fondue, Yellowstone National Park, Grand Coulee Dam, and more. Contact Paul Hanson at Luther Crest for brochures and more info... [paulh@luthercrest.org](mailto:paulh@luthercrest.org)

### **AREA EVENTS**

The **Caring & Sharing Room** has need of gently used queen, full, and twin size beds, dressers, and smaller microwaves. If you would like to donate any of these items please call 320 760-8084.

The **American Red Cross** is holding a **Blood Drive** on Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, in the Great Hall, 411 Hawthorne Street, Alexandria. A picture ID or Donor card is required. It is recommended that all donors deliberately drink lots of fluids and eat an iron-rich diet prior to the blood drive. NO walk in space available the first hour of each day. Appointments are strongly recommended. To schedule an appointment or for additional information please call Hazel Holt at 320-763-6133.

**Memorial Butterfly Release:** Tuesday, July 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at City Park in Alexandria, 118 City Park Road. To purchase a butterfly to release in honor of, or in memory of someone special contact Lynn at 320-762-3045. Butterflies are \$10.00 each and may also be purchased at the event. Music provided by "Emergency Stop", Al Lieffort and Terry Kennedy.