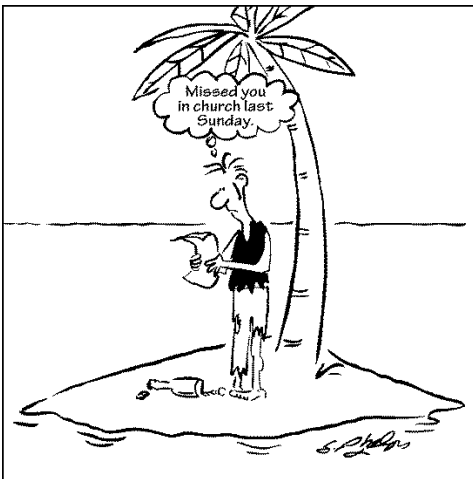
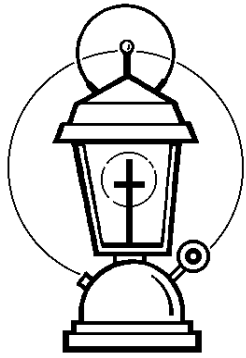


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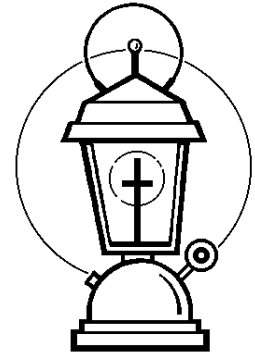
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## The August Lantern

### "Reaching Upward and Reaching Outward"

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Due to changes in Pennsylvania Law, individuals in same sex relationships are now able to be married. As directed by the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod bishop, the Rev. Dr. Ralph Jones and in accordance with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America each congregation will determine whether to permit marriage services of those in same sex relationships on church grounds.

Secondly, because of your pastors' belief - a marriage between two individuals is an expression of God's love and grace in their lives - we ask for your support if or when approached to preside at a wedding service for all couples in a committed relationship.

We are addressing this situation with the Congregation Councils at First, St. John's and Bethany, and will continue the conversation at the August and September meetings. We would appreciate your input. Please feel free to discuss this with your pastors and council members.

We would also direct you to an excellent resource regarding Biblical texts referring to homosexuality. The paper is entitled, "Background Essay on Biblical Texts for 'Journey Together Faithfully, Part Two: The Church and Homosexuality.'" This paper was written by two ELCA seminary professors not as a debate but as a means to show how different scholars studying the same texts can come to different conclusions. We will have copies available in the narthex of all three congregations. It can also be downloaded on the web.

We do recognize that we will not all come to a full agreement with this issue. However, we hope and pray that our conversations and concerns are shared in a loving spirit, respecting each other's opinions.

We wish you God's blessings.

Your servants in Christ,

Pastor Dave & Pastor Jeff

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## LUTHERAN'S TOGETHER – August 2014

(Informing the families of Bethany, First, and St. John's Lutheran Churches of the worship, service and fellowship opportunities)

### Sunday Morning Worship:

First: 8:00am & 10:00am      St. John's: 9:30am      Bethany: 11:15am

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>St. John's &amp; Bethany</b>
August 3	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      Pastor Jeff	Pastor Dave
August 10	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      Pastor Dave	Pastor Jeff
August 17	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      Gary Mickle - Colleen Witmer	Pastor Dave
August 23	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      Pastor Dave	Pastor Jeff
August 30	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      Pastor Jeff	Pastor Dave

### PASTORAL ACTS

#### **BAPTISMS**

Received into God's family by the Sacrament of Baptism, Kaylynn Johnson, June 27; Marielle Honhart, July 7; Brynn Littlefield and Benjamin Edwards, July 26 – all at First Lutheran Church. Welcome Kaylynn, Marielle, Brynn and Benjamin!

#### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (NEW ADULT MEMBERS)**

First Lutheran received the following persons through the rite of Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, July 13, 2014: Rita Hawk and Elizabeth Miller. Welcome Rita & Liz!

#### **TRANSFER**

First Lutheran received by letter of transfer Joyce Kelly from Emanuel Lutheran, Bradford on Sunday, July 13. Welcome Joyce!

#### **WEDDING**

Joined together in marriage were Steve Smith and Kelly Englebert at Holiday Valley on June 7; Dan Clever and Joyce Johnson at St. John's Lutheran Church on July 5  
Eric Berry and Elin Scalise at Bethany Lutheran Church on July 26.  
Congratulations to all the newlyweds!

#### **FUNERALS** Celebrations of new life were given for:

Mary Schwanke on May 31 at St. John's Lutheran Church.  
Jodi Rosssman on June 10 at St. John's Lutheran Church  
Doris See on June 12 at Peterson Blick Funeral Home  
Howard Johnson on June 30 at First Lutheran Church  
Doris Anderson on July 3 at the Russell Cemetery  
Jim Toner on July 3 at St. John's Lutheran Church  
Dennis Peterson on July 10 at First Lutheran Church  
Cathryn Yeagle on July 24 at Peterson Blick Funeral Home  
Eleanor Carlson on July 24 at First Lutheran Church  
Claude Parker on July 29 at First Lutheran Church  
"Rest eternal grant them O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them."

## BETHANY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<p>1 Slater Traister  3 Barb Traister Wilson  4 Terry &amp; Ann Cochran  5 Gary Whippo  8 Melissa Lemay  9 Bonnie Felton  Judy Scalise  11 Janet Gustafson</p>	<p>13 Lee &amp; Rita Goldthwaite  16 Jacob Grove  19 Michael Steffan  21 Zach DeVault  23 Marlene Kipp  Rachel Lemay  29 Earlene Peterson  Dick &amp; Karen Shick</p>
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## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<p>8/2 Don &amp; Donna Trubic (34)  Marjie Stevenson  8/3 Carol Cable  John Hyde  8/4 Matt &amp; Shona Knupp (7)  Madelyn Ferrie  Ty Honhart  8/7 Chris &amp; Kayla Chambers (4)  Lisa Feeny  Joan Reist  Margaret Risher  8/8 Sean McGuinness  8/9 Nicole D'Alessandro  Bette McFadyen  Andrew Moore  8/10 Mike Reinke  8/11 Arden &amp; Nicki Tremblay (47)  Jodi Holland  8/12 Joy McMonigal  Diane Stenstrom  8/13 Zane &amp; Jenelle Johnson (3)  8/14 Fred &amp; Debbie Backhus (32)  Dale &amp; Mary McNett (30)  Casey Downey  Matt Ristau  8/15 Megan Koerselman  8/16 Denny Pearson  Becky Rockwell</p>	<p>8/17 Tim &amp; Denice Bleech (40)  Brenda Hunter  8/18 David &amp; Judy Blank (7)  8/19 Anita Smith  8/20 Caroline Check  Ken Rowland  Melody Traub  Ellen Williams  8/22 Monica Keller  Jackson Knupp  8/23 Jim Moore  8/25 Matt Knupp  8/26 Victoria Brooks  Alice Rapp  8/27 Emma Abplanalp  Brandon Littlefield  Don Reed  8/28 Dan &amp; Kathy Knupp (39)  Ethan Beardsley  Ted Russell, Sr.  8/29 Jim L. Pearson  8/30 Alicia Garrett  8/31 Connor Check  Connie Coon  Katelyn Hecei</p>
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## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### **Produce express humming along!**

We served 98 families in July! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made the day go so smoothly! The next distribution date is Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering for this outreach, please contact any member of the Social Ministry Committee (Vonda, Colleen, Meredith, Cathy, Shawn and Pastor



Jeff). We are never sure how much food we will be given to distribute, so many volunteers are needed for set up, distribution and clean up! Please prayerfully consider if you can help!

**MISSION TRIP APPRECIATION LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM:** Please join the mission trippers in Niewoehner Hall at First Lutheran on **Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:20 a.m.** for some Indian Tacos and the opportunity for them to share memories of their trip to Cherokee, North Carolina. They will also be incorporating some of the worship traditions they use at Living Waters at the 8:00 and 10:00 am services at First. Hope to see you there and as always, thank you for your support and prayers!



### **LOSER (AND ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP!) EVENT**

**#1:** Annual Chair Set Up on Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>! We'll need to have folks set up the chairs and take them down after the show. We begin work about 4:00 and then have free time (free admission and rides – WOO HOO!), and then gather again about 9:00 to take the chairs down for the next morning. If you are interested I need to know so I can arrange the free tickets. Sign up on the bulletin board or call PJ at 723-6450 to let him know you're coming!

**LOSER EVENT #2:** Drive In Movie Night on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at the church at 7:45 p.m. and head up to J'town and see some flicks. Cost is \$8.00/person and we do need drivers. Call if you want to go (or sign up on the bulletin board) or if an adult can drive! Bring extra money for snacks or bring your own!

**SUNDAY'S COOL AND TAP TEACHERS MEETING:** On Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. the Christian Education Committee is asking all teachers to attend a Teachers Meeting so we can distribute Sunday's Cool and TAP material, as well as providing schedules and rosters. Teachers will also be able to gather supplies for their rooms and provide a list of needed items to the committee so when September rolls around (sooner than we think!) we'll be ready!

**Sunday's Cool and TAP on the way!** Sunday's Cool will begin on Rally Day, Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:31 in the sanctuary. TAP will begin the following Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup>) at 3:47 p.m. Registration forms for TAP will be mailed and once again, First Lutheran and First Methodist will be providing bus service from St. Joe's and WAEC for students participating in their programs. We look forward to a new year Christian Education for our church family!



### **RALLY DAY PICNIC**

Mark Your Calendars! Please join us on Sunday, September 7, 2014 at 12:30pm, for our annual Rally Day Picnic. We are lucky to have our great chef, John Beard, back with us, braving the smoke and outside weather to prepare his wonderful barbequed chicken. Don't forget to sign up in the narthex, beginning on August 24<sup>th</sup>, so that we know how many chickens to prepare. You are asked to bring a dish to share, as well as your own table service



First Lutheran Church will serve as the host for a Worship Workshop sponsored by the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod's Worship Committee on Sunday, August 24 from 2:30pm – 5:00pm. The workshop will be featuring Mr. Jared Jacobson, Coordinator of Worship and Sacred Music for the Chautauqua Institute and Director of Music at First Lutheran Church of San Diego, CA. The workshop will include a hymn sing, breakout sessions on "Worship Planning for congregations with limited resources," "Learning to Intone the service," and the "Congregation Sings." A light supper will follow. The cost of the event is \$5.00. More

information will be available in the weeks to come and in the August newsletter. Persons interested in attending are to contact either Jack Hemink or Pastor Dave.

### **CODY HILLER AND WILL HAYES CONCERT AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> !**

August 3<sup>rd</sup> will feature homecoming performances for Warren native Will Hayes (Roz Hupp's son), cellist, and Cody Hiller, a violinist from Frewsburg, NY. Together, they will perform duo works by Martinu, Handel, Bach, and Gliere. The program features a broad spectrum, from the deep, introspective to sheer virtuosity.

Performance dates are August 2 at First Baptist Church (71 Congress St.) in Bradford at 7:00 PM, and on August 3 at First Lutheran Church (109 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.) in Warren at 3:00 PM. At the performance in Warren, local artists from the Warren Arts League will display original works. Admission is free, but donations will be greatly appreciated.



**CHOIR AND BELLS BEGIN REHEARSALS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> !** See Jack Hemink or any choir member if you would like to join in the singing!

### **Five gifts from God**



Love makes our friends a little dearer.  
Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.  
Faith makes our paths a little clearer.  
Hope makes our lives a little brighter.  
Peace brings us all a little nearer.  
—Author unknown

## **First Lutheran Church Current & Benevolence Report**

	Year to date June 30, 2014	Year to date Budget	Amt. over or (under) Budget	Percent of Budget	Last year at this Time
Regular Envelope Giving	\$ 119,952.00	\$ 128,965.00	\$ (9,013.00)	93.0%	92.5%
Total Current & Benevolence Income	\$ 189,617.76	\$ 202,048.50	\$ (12,430.74)	93.8%	93.7%
Total Expenses	\$ (189,995.72)	\$ (194,048.50)	\$ (4,052.78)	97.9%	96.0%
Net Revenue over Expenses	\$ (377.96)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (8,377.96)		

### **Did you know?**

That you can make your regular contributions automatically from your bank account?

- You continue to support your church, even when you're away from home.
- Makes your budgeting easier
- Saves you the cost of checks and postage.

There are several ways to make automatic electronic payments. Call Tom Schultz or one of the Pastors at 723-6450 or Treasurer Don Reed at 723-4520 to learn more and find the best method for you!

## **THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER**

<b>Sundays</b>		<b>Communion Worship Service at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.</b>
	9:31 a.m.	<b>Sunday's Cool (Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup>)</b>
	9:30 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month</b>	1:30 p.m.	<b>Communion Service at Warren Manor</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Monday of Month</b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>Women of the ELCA Joan Nabert Circle</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	2:00 p.m.	<b>Bethany Bible Study</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Month</b>	11:00 a.m.	<b>Senior Fellowship</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Month</b>	7:30 p.m.	<b>Lutheran Men in Mission</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	9:00 a.m.	<b>Ladies Workshop (Quilt making)</b>
	Noon	<b>Bible Study</b>
	3:47 p.m.	<b>TAP</b>
	5:15 p.m.	<b>Joyful Sounds Handbell Choir practice</b>
	7:30 p.m.	<b>Senior Choir (<i>We welcome new singers!</i>)</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

*Thank you notes!*

*The family of Howard Johnson would like to thank Pastor Blank, Pastor Ewing and to all who assisted with the funeral, and sent cards and condolences. We are extremely grateful for our church family, and felt your love and support during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kris and Craig Whitaker, Emily and Chris Zdarko, Kerry Johnson and Bill Thompson, Zachary Litzinger and Robert Uhr.*

*Workshop would like to thank Phil Howard for delivering all the quilts to Maryland!*



### **Lesser Festivals & Commemorations for August**

There are two Lesser Festivals that fall in the month of August.

**Mary, Mother of Our Lord (August 15)** – Mary was present at all the important events in Jesus’s life according to the Bible. Nothing is really known of her parents or the place and date of her death. Traditionally, the 15<sup>th</sup> has been observed as her day of death. The Eastern Church observes this day as the day of her “falling asleep.”

**Bartholomew, Apostle (August 24)** – Bartholomew is listed as one of the disciples in the Synoptic Gospels. John, however, replaces Bartholomew with Nathaniel. Nothing is known of his life. This day has been celebrated in the Western Church since the 8<sup>th</sup> century. When depicted he is shown holding a knife as tradition says he was skinned alive.

#### **Here are three of the commemorations listed for August:**

**8 – Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), 1221** – Dominic was born in Castile, Spain in 1170. Combatting certain heresies of the day, Dominic founded an order of missionaries whose primary purpose was to serve as itinerant preachers, begging for their bread from place to place. His order was approved in 1216 and given the official name of “Friars Preachers” but most knew them as Dominicans or Black Friars because of the black cloak they wore. He also founded an order of nuns. Dominic died in Bologna, Italy on August 6, 1221 and was canonized in 1234. The Dominican order has been responsible for the establishment of many universities and one of the greatest scholars of the order was Thomas Aquinas.

**10 – Lawrence, deacon, martyr, 258** – born of Spanish parents in the third century. He went to Rome and was made chief of the seven deacons of Rome. They were responsible for handling the charities of the church and the properties used in worship. The emperor wanted the treasures of the church and arrested and tortured both the Bishop of Rome and Lawrence. It is said the Lawrence’s life in prison led to the conversion of the Jailer and his family. Both the Bishop and Lawrence were killed by the emperor.

**20 – Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153** – Bernard was born 1090 to a nobleman near Dijon, France. At age 23 he joined a monastery and two years later sent to begin a new house at Clairvaux. It grew and began another 68 houses. He is known for his charity and “attractiveness.” He attacked luxury among the clergy, the persecution of the Jews and the abuses of the Rome. He was most known as a great preacher.



## August serving schedule

**Ushers:** (8AM) John Kersey, Bill Caldwell, Don Worley (10AM) Lynn Williams, Denny Hedges, Keith Hedges, Randy Witmer, Gary Leter, Jim Zock **Altar Guild:** (8AM)

### **Greeters 8:00 a.m.**

8/3 Cathy Bertch  
8/10 Harry & Dot Boekeloo  
8/17 Randy & Sandy Britton  
8/24 Marilyn Dahlgren  
8/31 Carol Johnson

### **Visitor Greeters**

8/3 Doris Sadler  
8/10 Randy & Sandy Britton  
8/17 Andy & Jane Beardsley  
8/24 Joan Loree  
8/31 Doris Sadler

### **Acolytes**

8/3 Megan Koerselman  
8/10 Jackson Knupp  
8/17 Taige Honhart  
8/24 Erika Stevenson  
8/31 Liam Stevenson

### **Assisting Ministers**

8/3 Barb Kersey  
8/10 Kris Whitaker  
8/17 Elizabeth Beardsley  
8/24 Randy Britton  
8/31 Barb Kersey

### **Cantors**

8/3 John Beard  
8/10  
8/17  
8/24 John Beard  
8/31

### **10:00**

Jeanne Reinard  
Sue Reinke  
Karen Schumacher  
Cathy Southwell  
Romaine Stanton/Elsa Redding

Denny & Vonda Hedges  
Phil Howard  
Charles Merroth  
Jim & Velma Zock  
Charles & Rita Cox

Haley Justice/Christie Hillard  
Aidan Colosimo/Cole Chimenti  
Jack Holland/Aidan Flannery  
Abby Koebley/Rachal Rowland  
Nathan & Jared Labowski

Linda Ross  
Donna Trubic  
Roger Tubbs  
Denise Whipp  
Colleen Witmer

Nicki Tremblay  
Colleen Witmer  
Bob Engstrom  
Adri Hunt  
Donna Trubic

### **Nursery (11:00)**

8/3 Joyce & Rachel Rowland  
8/10 Bonnie Abplanalp & Stephanie Rowland  
8/17 Amy & Kevin Downey  
8/24 Denise & Joe Whipp  
8/31 Bonnie Abplanalp & Rachal Rowland

