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# THE COUNTRY SPIRE

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## FROM PASTOR HOWARD

Dear Members of Long Lake Lutheran Church:

By now, the last Sunday of my ministry at Long Lake has passed. I am writing in advance of that day because this needs to be written before Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> arrives.

I want to thank everyone who came and celebrated with me and my family, along with friends, members of my home congregation and former members of parishes I have served. I am so grateful that God called me into His service. It has been an extraordinary life giving journey. So many people have touched my life with their most sacred life experiences. It has been a privilege to be with a family during the birth of baby, a baptismal celebration, a first communion, a confirmation, and a wedding. Of course I have to deal with the loss of a loved one and I am so thankful that God used me in those circumstances to bring a word of comfort and hope.

As I move on to a new journey, I ask for your prayers as I begin a different life experience that I anticipate will be exciting and life giving.

As you begin your transition, you will remain in my thoughts and prayers. It's important for you to welcome this new adventure that will be a growing experience. Be there for one another as you welcome Interim Pastor David Solberg and as you continued to be served by Pastor Rhonda, Geri Fournier and Lynn Perrin. Remember the power of Holy Spirit as it guides you in this next step in your life together as people of God and followers of Jesus.

Finally, I want to thank my wife Kris whose love and support in every parish I have served has encouraged and sustained me. I could not have done it without her.

With Christ's Shalom,

Pastor Howard

## *Our Summer Worship Schedule*

*Starting May 24<sup>th</sup> we will be having one service at 9:00 am. Holy Conversations and Fellowship will precede at 8:00 am and follow after the service as well.*



During this time of transition, we will have our oak box set up in the Narthex to collect all comments, suggestions and/or concerns you may have.

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From Pastor  
Rhonda's Desk...

It is with a heart full of sadness and yet on the verge of excitement that I sit down to write this article for our monthly newsletter. For I know that by the time you will be reading this we will have said our farewells to my friend and colleague Pastor Howard. And yet we will have started on a new leg of our journey with Pastor Dave.

First let me say how much I appreciate the ministry that Pastor Howard brought to this place. I will always be grateful that God brought me to Long Lake to experience the mentoring and nurturing that only someone with the Spiritual Gifts that Howard has could give to me for my ministry. He will be missed – BUT he has left a mark on Long Lake that will be here long after his books are out of his office. (Which may take a while!) So let's continue to be the kind of disciples Pastor Howard knew we were, and raised us all up to be, as we enter into a new part of our congregational history.

Second, let me say that I am very excited to be welcoming Pastor Dave to our family at Long Lake. His gifts and passions for ministry are ones that will bless us in many and various ways. I can't wait for all of you to meet him and hope that you will get to spend some time with him this summer as we do some intentional relationship building with each other before and after worship. This is a time of transition, reflection, imagining, and renewal for our congregation – but it doesn't have to be a time of anxiety. God has provided us with the wonderful leadership of Pastor Howard for the past 11 years and has now brought Pastor Dave to our door. He has raised up a capable council and volunteers that are dedicated. Our future is bright and our hope lies in the one who created us. We are in exciting times my friends...let us rejoice and be glad.

## **Greetings From Pastor Dave**

To: Members and Friends of Long Lake

Lutheran Church (LLLC)

*In Service to our Risen Lord Jesus Christ*

From: Interim Pastor David Solberg

First, let me introduce myself. My name is David Solberg (Pastor Dave). I have been a hospital chaplain for 30 years. Then in the last ten years I have served as an Interim Pastor in several locations. I am married to Carol Johnson-Solberg and together we have six children, twelve grandchildren and three dogs.

I am to be your Interim Pastor. I will begin the first week in May. I will be serving a quarter time in May, half time in June, July and August, and full time beginning in September. In addition to my quarter and half time service this summer, I will be available for any pastoral care concerns that arise. I am always available by cell phone # 218-410-0204, home phone # 763-479-3059, or by e-mail [cjnrev@frontier.com](mailto:cjnrev@frontier.com).

The interim time is a very important time in the life of a congregation. It affords time for prayer, reflection, and study about the mission, ministry and vision of the congregation. This time is vital before calling the next pastor so that the person you get will be the person you need as you move forward in your ministry and mission of following and serving Christ. I will write more about this interim process in future newsletters. I look forward to my ministry with you in this time of transition and reflection.

## **From The President**

Greetings,

As we begin a new chapter in the life of LLLC, I would like to announce the hiring of Pastor Dave Solberg as our Interim Pastor. Pastor Dave and his wife Carol will be introduced on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Dave will be available as well as Pastor Rhonda for pastoral care beginning May 4<sup>th</sup>. Our schedule for Pastor Dave is for him to work quarter time in May, and half time in June, July and August. Then become full time in September. The Council feels with one service in the summer and the help of Pastor Rhonda we will meet the pastoral needs of our congregation and be fiscally responsible. If for any reason we need to increase Pastor Dave's hours he is more than willing to do so. Pastor Dave will lead us in our transition ministry and be here through the call process. We will publish more information as we go forward in the May and June Bulletins and Spires.

May we all join together as we begin this exciting ministry at LLLC and may it strengthen and enrich our congregation.

As always we welcome and encourage your questions and comments.

In Christ,  
John Bartz



### Long Lake Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 18, 2009

Meeting was called to order by John Bartz at 7:50 pm. Special guest to the meeting were Ronda Fenlon and Carol Perrin. They reported on the Live Nativity. There were about 250 people that went through and the church was full on Sunday also. They asked to do this again in the church again. Matt moved to do the Live nativity in the church again, motion made and carried. Ronda also asked if it would be okay to have the walking club to start at church again. Rhonda is going to walk the 60 miles for breast cancer again this year and asked if it would be okay to do a noisy offering on Mother's Day, she was given and okay for that. Carol wanted to just bring up the movie night on March 27<sup>th</sup>, they are showing the movie

Fire Proof, and they are planning a rummage sale for May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

Master calendar was reviewed. Easter breakfast in the works. Clean up day has been set for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Luther Point wants to come in and speak one Sunday in April. A devotion was done by Candy McColley. What the church has meant to her in her life. The support she gets from church is getting her through.

John asked for the rest of the committee report by March 25<sup>th</sup> or ASAP. Spire dead line March 20<sup>th</sup>. Council rep. 8:00 Steve Vigstol and 10:15 Matt Hylen and Wed. Tina Anderson. The February minutes were approved.

Matt Hylen gave the treasure's report, we are about \$1,923 behind budget.

Pastor Howie gave his report. Feb. and March have been busy months, he has had several hospital and other visits to make. Pastor gave a print out of the things he has been doing over the years, there then the normal Pastor duties. Pastor Howie would like to see the wedding account closed and moved to Minnco with the other account. Matt made a motion to close the present account and move it to Minnco and put in the general fund under wedding fund seconded by Monica. Also the church benevolence fund at Cambridge State Bank. They are charging \$2.00 a statement now. Matt made a motion to move the account to Minnco and have Pastor Rhonda put on the account, this was seconded by Candy. Motion approved. There has been a lot of trouble with furnace. They are going to come in spring to check the system.

Pastor Rhonda had a great weekend with the youth at Wis. Dells. There were 17 youth and 4 adult. Confirmation is going good. There has been a little bit of a challenge during lent with only 45 minutes. The New Orleans group is starting to get going on fund raisers.

Property: Steve Vigstol- A new sign is being looked into. They need to check with the state and township. Funds are coming from movie night, rummage sale and other fund raisers. There is a list of projects that need to be done at the church and cornerstone and outside. New Insurance policy. We don't need extra insurance with the ballfield. Coverage for the stolen items is \$3,000, and we have a \$1,000 deductible. They have come up a building usage form for anybody that wants to use the buildings. Steve and Candy both went to a seminar that was good. They talked about how sometimes we need to take a step back and look at the big picture. We need to make sure very thing is locked up

after any event here. The refrigerator from the cornerstone has been moved to the kitchen and is working out great.

Stewardship: Tony Steiner- An email list has been made up from the stewardship card. Tony has started working with softball. They may have two youth teams and an adult team. So softball will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Worship and Music: Candy McColley- Candy has been talking to Kris Skulstad about the nursery. There are two ladies interested in helping with the nursery. It was voted to have one service in the summer. We will have one service at 9:00 starting May 24<sup>th</sup>. We are looking at have Holy Conversation before and after the service. We need to look at this as a time to grow and see other members of the church. It was suggested that we have 2 council reps. at these services. Some people have a concern with singing the Palms.

World Missions: Dale Findell- Bob from the radio station is set up to come. Food shelf question has come up. One suggestion is to move to the cornerstone building to the library. There also is a question on how long do we keep it here before we take it to the food shelf. The pastors can give food to anybody they find in need.

Finance: Matt Hysten- Cub cards are being looked at. We need to buy 25 cards at a time. They can be \$25, \$50, \$100. They are going to do a little more checking on this. We need to get the County Market cards out and watch them. Don't leave laying around and at the end of the day get the money to the counters. Make sure the numbers balance. Luther Point is asking for a donation again this year. Last year we gave \$2833.

Congregational Life: Rose Hass- Been busy with the lent soup suppers.

Education - Report next week.

Old business- Are we getting enough volunteers for IHN. Pastor Howie's compensation. A motion was made to except the compensation package for Pastor Howie. Motion carried. With Hysten voting nay. 1st day for retirement for Pastor Howie will be May 1<sup>st</sup>. He has 2 weddings in June to do and after that there will be no more weddings for him here. There will be no more funerals for members after May 1<sup>st</sup>.

John has the names of two interim Pastor's to call and set interviews with. We are looking at part time in the summer and full time in fall. We are looking at meeting with them on Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>. John will let us know.

We are to meet again on Wednesday after church. We ended with prayer lead by Pastor Howie.

### Minutes from March 25<sup>th</sup>.

We want to get a new member committee together. We are looking for 4 people to be on the committee. We have 2 people that are going to be on the nursery committee, Mary Johnson and Nancy Nelson. Thank You. Tony will order the envelopes for 2010. When Kris leaves she will be taking her personal things from the nursery. We will need to replace something's from the nursery budget. We have two candidates for the interim Pastor that we are meeting with on March 26<sup>th</sup>. We reviewed the list and have a list of questions to ask. There are 3 or 4 kids that want to go to Luther Pointe camp and they can't afford it. We will have a noise offering to help out.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rose Hass  
Council Secretary

## LONG LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> 2009

The meeting was called to order by John Bartz at 7:06 pm. Pastor Howie lead us in a prayer. A motion was made and seconded to except the March minutes.

Pastor Howie's report. He has been busy with sick calls and a lot of congregational ministry. Pastor is going to get a list of different congregational ministry opportunities for the interim Pastor. Pastor Howie took time to thank the council for all their hard work. After Pastor's report we enjoyed a special treat of ice cream cake and took time to thank Pastor Howie for all he has done for us and the church. We will be doing an exit interview with Pastor Howie.

May council rep. are 8:00 Rose and 10:00 Matt. Spire dead line is Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>. Master Calendar was reviewed.

Memorial Day Picnic-Betty and Phil Lundeen have offered to take care of this again.

Mid-Summer Festival is Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Treasure report: Matt Hysten stated we are short \$7137 from budget in giving.

Pastor Rhonda: There will be a class for any parents that want to have their children Baptist at Long Lake. This is a one time class, and will be offered at different times during the year. There will be an article in the Spire. Seder Supper went good. Holy week was busy and went

well. Pastor Rhonda thanked council reps for being there during church to help out. Easter Sunday was great. The Easter breakfast went good even though they ran out of sausage. They made about \$900 for their trip to New Orleans. They served about 200 people.

Youth: Tina Anderson- Easter breakfast went well. They are having a plant sale and are also selling candles for fund raisers. They will make 50% from the plants and candles. They are going to sell flowers on Mother's Day and candy bars on Father's Day. They are also looking at doing a car wash and cinnamon rolls some Sunday.

Property: Steve Vigstol- The hail damage claim is in arbitration. The theft claim has been sent in. We are going to have a noisy offer for a lawn mower on April 26<sup>th</sup>. We have gotten a bid for a security system of \$2450. A question was brought up about having a code box by the office entry door. The parking lot needs to be resealed.

Stewardship: Tony Steiner- Tony was absent, but had a report. We are going to continue Rejoicing We Grow this year. There will be spaghetti suppers and a fish fry on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Tom Juergens will speak at both the services on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Softball is starting, watch for schedule of games.

Worship and Music: Candy McColley.- The summer schedule will start May 24<sup>th</sup> with worship at 9:00 and fellowship after. They are looking at using the With One Voice hymnal.

World Missions: Dale Findell- We got \$2000 from the Arctic Plunge to use for missions. Question on what to use it on. It was decided it was for IHN.

Congregational Life: Rose Hass- There will be a FISH FRY May 29<sup>th</sup>. Lent soup suppers went good. We only ran out of soup one night.

Education: Monica Ahlman- VBS will be Wed. nights in June. Crocodile Dock is the program. Last day of Sunday School is May 17<sup>th</sup>. Last confirmation night is May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Old Business- Offering envelopes need to be ordered. We still need to get a New Member committee set up. Everybody needs to email Nelda Remus the things for the master calendar.

New Business-Interim Pastor. We have interviewed 2 Pastors. We offered Pastor Dave Solberg a position of ½

time for 3 months and full time interim pastor for 9 months and ¼ time in May. He was offered a compensation package of \$67000 for 13 months. John, Tony, Matt and Pastor Rhonda met with Pastor Solberg and his wife up here. A motion was made and seconded to except Pastor Solberg and the compensation package we offered him. He will be looking for a place to stay up here part time. We need to work on getting the interim committee together, by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The interim pastor will work with the committee to see find out what our needs are.

Pastor Rhonda has offered to pick up more time and preaching for the summer. We have offered her \$800 more a month for the months of May, June, July and Aug. for more duties and responsibilities. A motion was made and seconded to except this.

Pastor Dave will be available for Pastoral care in May and will be here for church on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rose Hass  
Council Secretary

## FISH FRY MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2009 4:30 TO 7:30



## How to be an Optimist

By Steve Vigstol

Most of you that have gotten to know me would probably agree that I have a fairly positive and optimistic outlook. A lot of that along with my striking good looks probably comes natural. But I've had some changes take place in me and my faith life since I started attending LLLC that make it even easier to remain that way.

About 5 years ago I had had all I could stand of the rat race. Having grown up in Northwestern, Minnesota I was anxious to get back up north where things seem to move a lot slower. It seems like everyone always has time to lean against the pickup and visit and I really missed that along with some other things. We made the decision to move to our lake home and put our house up for sale. That decision brought on even more stress. Was I making the right decision? I probably felt the same way as Pastor Howard has lately. It was at that time that I made another decision to hand the wheel over to God. Through prayer I made a commitment to go where he leads me. Guess what? My house didn't sell. I took that as God's way of telling me that I have more to do here. Since then he has taken over. You'll know when that happens because the things that keep you awake at night have more to do with duties at church than the duties at work.

The things that were driving me crazy about life in the big city seem kind of small and insignificant and for the record, I sleep a lot better now.

As we enter this time of significant change here at LLLC I just want to remind everyone who's drivin' the bus. We are God's children and he loves us and wants only the best for us. When you keep that in your mind and heart it's hard not to be an optimist! I've heard it said lately that the only person that looks forward to change is a wet baby. As Lutherans we are famous for resisting change. As a matter of fact WE HATE change but growth is not possible

without change. Personally I'm excited about what the future might bring here at LLLC. None of us knows what's coming up but God does so there is no real reason not to see the future in a positive way.

Take it from me, when you let him do the drivin' you have nowhere to go but up.

To Pastor Howard, relax man, go with the flow, there is nothing but good things in store.

God's Bus Rider,  
Steve Vigstol

### **BIBLE VERSE FOR MAY**

**John 13:34**

<sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

### **WORLD MISSION TEAM**

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the World Mission programs this year. For all the food donations to Joseph's Granary to those who volunteer to support the IHN program. A special thank-you for the generous donation from the Arctic Plunge that will be used to enhance the IHN program for our guests. We would also like to thank Pastor Howard for his guidance and encouragement.

May God bless you - World Mission Team

### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE**

Once again, we would like to remind you that our Summer Worship hours will begin on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. There will be Holy Conversations and a time of fellowship at 8:00 am and also after the 9:00 am service.

It has been discussed that the use of the "With One Voice" hymnals may become more frequent over the summer months.

## Planning a Baptism?



Calling all parents or expectant parents who are looking towards having a baptism here at Long Lake....we have something exciting planned for you. In the past we have done individual education for baptisms but starting now we will be having a baptism class that will happen every quarter (every four months) for parents that would like to have a baptism here at the church.

What does this mean? We will have a baptism class on a Saturday morning for parents of children who are seeking baptism (or expectant parents who will eventually be seeking baptism) every February, May (We will be doing this years the first weekend in June just to give enough notice), August, and November and then you may schedule your baptism at anytime during the year you would like.

We are hoping that getting a group of parents and expectant parents together will allow us to get families together in a new way that will allow for relationship building, fellowship, and growth that we have been missing. In addition we will be providing our baptism education in a way that is full of fun and fellowship.

Our first class will take place on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am - 11:30am. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Pastor Rhonda to sign up either at the church or at [pastorette01@msn.com](mailto:pastorette01@msn.com).

The class schedule for the rest of the year is as follows: June 6<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> (Class is always 9:30am - 11:30am with childcare provided.)



## 3 Day Susan G. Kolman 60 mile walk *Everyone deserves a lifetime!*

60 mile 3day Breast Cancer Team – we are walking again in August and we need your support. A Fund Raising event on April 25<sup>th</sup> 10-2PM. Pink Boutique: *Sponsored by Beaupre's Babes DeeDee Kahring, Donna Larsen, Kara Larsen, Mo Spike, Ronda Fenlon, Sherri McKenna* at Minnco Center, 236 2nd Ave SW, Cambridge, MN 55008. A Celebration for all Women and a Commitment to help END Breast Cancer.

**Join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Pink Boutique. See some of your favorites all in one place for your shopping pleasure including:**

Premier Designs Jewelry, Fashion Jewelry, The Diva's Closet, Purses, Just B, Original Creations, Sue's Creations, Cement Leafs, Usborne Books, Educational Books, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Tastefully Simple, Food You Love, Sil Pada, Fashion Jewelry, InnerChild Designs, Personalized Jewelry, Tupperware, Housewares, Pampered Chef, Kitchen Tools.

Shop for Mother's Day, birthdays, and holidays. Get a head start on those special gifts while supporting the Breast Cancer 3-day. Your purchases help in the fight against breast cancer. Beaupre's Babes will be sponsoring a Quilt raffle during this event. Come for coffee, snacks, great conversation, bring your friends and help put a **STOP** to Breast Cancer! The Twin Cities 3day 2009 event is August 21-23.



## LLLC Happenings:

May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-Rummage Sale at Church.

May 13<sup>th</sup>-Last Day of Confirmation.

May 15<sup>th</sup>- Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7:30 pm.

May 17<sup>th</sup>-Last Day of Sunday School.

May 24<sup>th</sup>-Starts our summer Worship Schedule; with one service at 9 am and Holy conversations before and after the service.

May 25<sup>th</sup>-Memorial Day Picnic at Noon.

May 29<sup>th</sup>-Fish Fry Dinner 4:30-7:30 pm.



The WELCA is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-7:30 pm. Adults \$5.00, Children 6-12 \$3.00, under 6 Free. All the proceeds will go to the Church General Fund. Members of the Congregation are asked to donate bars or cookies. They can be brought to the church any time during that week.

## Summer Festival

We are looking for volunteers to help with the planning of this annual event. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Candy McColley or Steve Vigstol and/or come to our meeting on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.



## **LONG LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## COMMITTEE CORNER

**YOUTH:** Will meet May 3<sup>rd</sup> after Worship.

**EDUCATION:** Will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. In May, this will be the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC:** Will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If you would like to join our committee, please come to our next meeting, we would love to have you join us, or if you have any questions or concerns please let me know. We will start singing the Psalm on Sunday's. We have done this in the past and we would like to bring that back into the worship experience. There will be some changes in the worship which we hope will heighten your worship experience and help you grow in your spiritual journey. Feed back is greatly appreciated, we don't know how we are doing if we don't hear from you, so please let us know how we are doing and what you would like to see as part of your worship experience.

**Adult Bible Study**-Sunday mornings through May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 a.m. in the conference room, everyone is welcome to attend.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEMBER & VISITOR GIVING REPORT

<b><u>WEEKLY GIVING NEEDED EACH WEEK:</u></b>	\$ 6,436.36
Contributions given last week-April 19	\$ 5,266.71
Net gain (deficit)	\$(1,169.65)

**COUNTY MRKT. CARD PROCEEDS-APRIL** \$ 50.00

**RECYCLING DRIVE TO DATE** \$ 5,791.87

**ATTENDANCE:** Sunday: 202



## Greetings from Luther Point!

**Our Top Priority, Calling all Prospective Campers:** Luther Point Bible Camp wants you to come to camp this summer! We are hoping and praying for a windfall of registrations for camp this summer. We would like to see at least 300 more campers sign up for camp. We have openings in many of our program offerings, especially the following:

- Jr. High-Confirmation (grades 7-9) June 21-26
- Sr. High Servant Camp (grades 10-12) July 12-17
- 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp (grades 5-6) July 19-24, July 26-31 and August 2-7.
- Beginning Horse Camp (grades 5-6) July 26-31 (3 more needed!!)
- Trailblazers Outpost (grades 7-9) July 19-24, July 26-31 and August 9-14
- 50-60 Mile Canoe Trip (grades 7-9) June 28 - July 3
- 80-90 Mile Canoe Trip (grades 9-12) August 9-14

Go to [LutherPoint.org](http://LutherPoint.org) and check out the camp programs. Invite a friend and take advantage of our discounts. If you should need some assistance with camp, please inquire about our campership fund. A campership request form also available online.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Scramble for Camperships:** Monday, July 6 will be our day to gather at a new golf course for our Annual Golf Scramble. We are moving to the Frederic Golf Course this year. Registration starts at 9am with a shotgun start at 10am. Dinner and awarding of prizes will follow. **All proceeds go to help with Camperships!**

**Camp Clean Up Days Set:** Join us Saturday, May 2 and 9 as we make ready the campsite and facilities for the Summer of 2009. Come prepared to clean, rake, wash windows and much, much more. Lunch will be served. Please consider spending some time helping to prepare your Bible Camp for the summer camping season. RSVP by email or phone.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-Off Event and Pancake Breakfast for Camperships, Saturday, May 16:** **Come one, Come all!** Come and enjoy the Free Will Pancake Breakfast for Camperships. Everyone is welcome! We are especially inviting families to come and bring their children for a pre-summer camp visit and tour. If you have not registered for camp, we will provide the opportunity for you to do so. **Bring your swimsuit, for the "Break in the Lake" Plunge** for those who want to brave the cool waters of Big Wood Lake. You can warm up next to the campfire and join in a sing-a-long. **All of the funds raised from the Pancake Breakfast will go directly into the Campership Fund** to help assist campers and families come to Bible Camp at Luther Point.



### **Sunshine Circle's Project of Interest:**

We are starting a new project. It will be a gift for the members of our congregation that will be graduating in 2009. In order to get an accurate count, we are asking that the graduates sign up on the sheet displayed in the Narthex.

We are still giving prayer shawls to members of our congregation who have lost a spouse or child. If anyone would like to help, by making a shawl at home and then bringing it to church, we have a Sunshine box in the entry way. We gladly accept help from all women of the church.

As well, we are still making Baptismal blankets.

If you would like to join us, we meet at 1:00 PM on the second Tuesday of the month at the church. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th.

"Two can accomplish more than twice as much as one, for the results can be much better." *Ecclesiastes 4:9*

Thank you, Sunshine Circle

# CIRCLES, GROUPS & SQUARES



### **FRIENDS OF RUTH**

A big "Thank You" goes out to our leader, June Huge. She has served us for her two year term and did a wonderful job. She is being replaced by co-leaders: Mindy Peterson and Karen Baker. Another big "Thank You" goes out to our baby cap knitters: Lillian, Jan, Barbara, Kim and April. Your handy work will be sent in our kits around the world.

May 7<sup>th</sup> will be our last regular meeting for this season. Friends of Ruth will meet throughout the summer months of June-August for Walking in Fellowship. We will meet the first Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. to walk and talk about what we have found at garage sales or ideas we have for our first event coming up this Fall. Be sure to join us and wear your tennis shoes. We will start out slow and go as far as is comfortable with our goal to complete the whole block, which is approximately 3.8 miles by the August meeting.

Our official meetings will begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.. Karen will have devotions and snack for that meeting. We will be working on assembling mid-wife kits and chatting about the ideas we have for our Fall event.

Come Join Us!  
Friends of Ruth

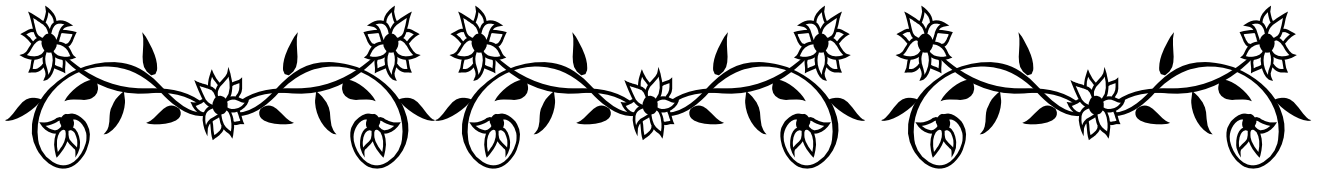


### **WELCA**

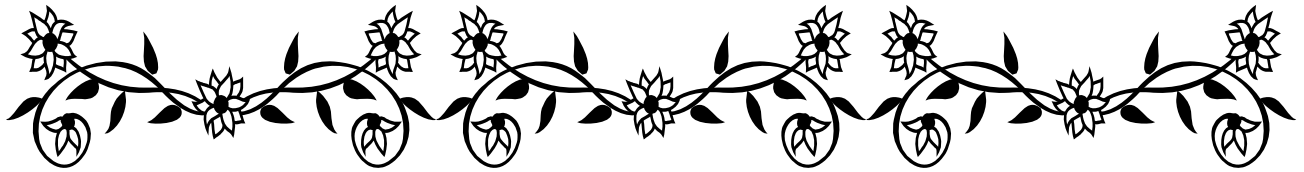
All the church women are invited to join us at our WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) monthly meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm.

### **The Squares**

We would like to get our Men's group going again. Anyone who is interested in joining can call Will Remus at 763-444-9156.



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