

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

Reformation/Stewardship Sunday

FIRST READING. Exodus 36:2-7

Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab and everyone skilful to whom the Lord had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work; and they received from Moses all the freewill-offerings that the Israelites had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill-offerings every morning, so that all the artisans who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task being performed, and said to Moses, 'The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do.' So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: 'No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.' So the people were restrained from bringing; for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

SECOND READING. 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

GOSPEL. Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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Online
Giving
(QR Code)



In so much of life we are motivated by guilt. What would it be like if our giving in the church was motivated not at all by guilt – and motivated by joy? Today we learn about how God’s joy overflows into each and every one of us. What happens when joy overflows?

Prelude

Announcements

***Processional Hymn** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **ELW 504**

***Apostolic Greeting** ELW Page 147

***Kyrie** ELW Page 147

***Hymn of Praise** *Glory to God* ELW Page 148

***Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

Third Grade Milestone Blessing

First Reading Exodus 36:2-7

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

Anthem *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Raney

Hosanna Handbells

Keith Melberg, Organ Joyce Perez, Piano

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(Congregational response read after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

The fall decorations in the Narthex are given in Thanks to all at First Lutheran Church for their support, prayers, help and kindness from Mark & Diane Boen.

Join us for our Stewardship Brunch this morning from 9:30-11 a.m. as a thank you to our congregants for your support of our church.

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Pete & Jody Thom in celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary on Oct. 27th.

Sympathy to Bonnie Bartsch on the death of her brother, Doug Beckman, who passed away on Tuesday.

Visitors! If you didn't get a "Welcome Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

Large Print Edition of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

LEFSE SALES!! Order Lefse at the Info Center for your Thanksgiving Dinner between services this morning. Pick up on Nov. 20th! Our Lefse comes from Carl's Lefse in Hawley. It is hand made in Hawley and is a fabulous item to add to your Thanksgiving Meal. Money from sales will go to support Youth programs and scholarships for Youth to participate in our programs.

Harvest Dinner is right around the corner! We have all been blessed to be a blessing and donations are needed to make this year's Harvest Dinner a success! We also need help in the kitchen! Sign-up today on the table in the narthex so that we know what you can help out with.

All Saints Sunday is NEXT Sunday, November 6... We will remember all First Lutheran members who have passed away in the last 12 months by reading their names and tolling the bell during our worship service. We also give you the opportunity to remember other saints who have gone ahead to join the church triumphant. Everyone is invited to write the names of any loved ones they would like us to remember in the "Book of Saints" located on the podium in the narthex. We will print these names in the bulletin and remember them as a group during worship.

Zion Lutheran Church is seeking an Office Administrative Assistant: a personable, organized, & energetic self-starter with experience in church office functions for a 30-32 hr/wk position. Please call the Zion Office at 218-736-2913.

PioneerCare is in need of volunteers to help residents get down to the chapel on Sundays. The service begins at 10:30 am. If you are interested in helping out, please call the church office for details.

It's that time of year again for our Bookkeeper, Katrina, to order offering envelopes. If you know you do not need envelopes printed for your household, please call the church office at 218-739-3348. Thank you.

NEW MEMBER COMMUNITY begins soon...The first class is November 13th, between services, from 10-11 a.m. If you or someone you know is interested in exploring membership at First Lutheran – PLEASE COME. This friendly, informal atmosphere offers an opportunity for everyone to get to know one another and take a look at our Lutheran teachings. Attending the sessions doesn't commit you to join. We will also meet on Monday, November 28th from 5:30-7:30 for class and a potluck dinner!

First Lutheran Church Foundation requests for 2017: Written requests for funds should be sent to Orrie Leabo, Foundation President, before December 5th, to be reviewed at their December board meeting.

This Week at First Lutheran:

Today: **8:30 & 11 a.m.** **Stewardship Sunday Worship/
3rd Grade Milestone Blessing**
 9:30-11 a.m. **Stewardship Brunch in Fellowship Hall**
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 ****No Adult Bible Study**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days
 5:00 p.m. Al-Anon
 5:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. **Altar Guild Meeting (Kairos Room)**

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon
 10:00 a.m. AA
 3:45-4:30 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
 4:30-5:15 p.m. FLY 57
 6:00 p.m. Hosanna Handbells rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation
 7:00 p.m. 9th Grade Confirmation
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal
 8:00 p.m. Senior FLY

Thurs.: 9:30 a.m. Sr. Bible Study & Coffee

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Next Sunday, November 6: **All Saints Sunday/Daylight Savings ENDS**
 8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:10 a.m. **Kindergarten Milestone Class (Fellowship Hall)**
 9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study

***Gospel**

Luke 10:25-37

(Congregational response read after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Sermon

Joyful Giving

Pastor Nancy Eldredge Hess

Hymn of the Day

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

ELW 681

***The Apostles' Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

***The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Offering

***Offertory**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir -
it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy,

OR

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,

C hear our prayer.

C Lord, have mercy.

***The Lord's Prayer**

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

***Blessing**

***Threefold Amen**

***Sending**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

***Closing Hymn**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

Postlude

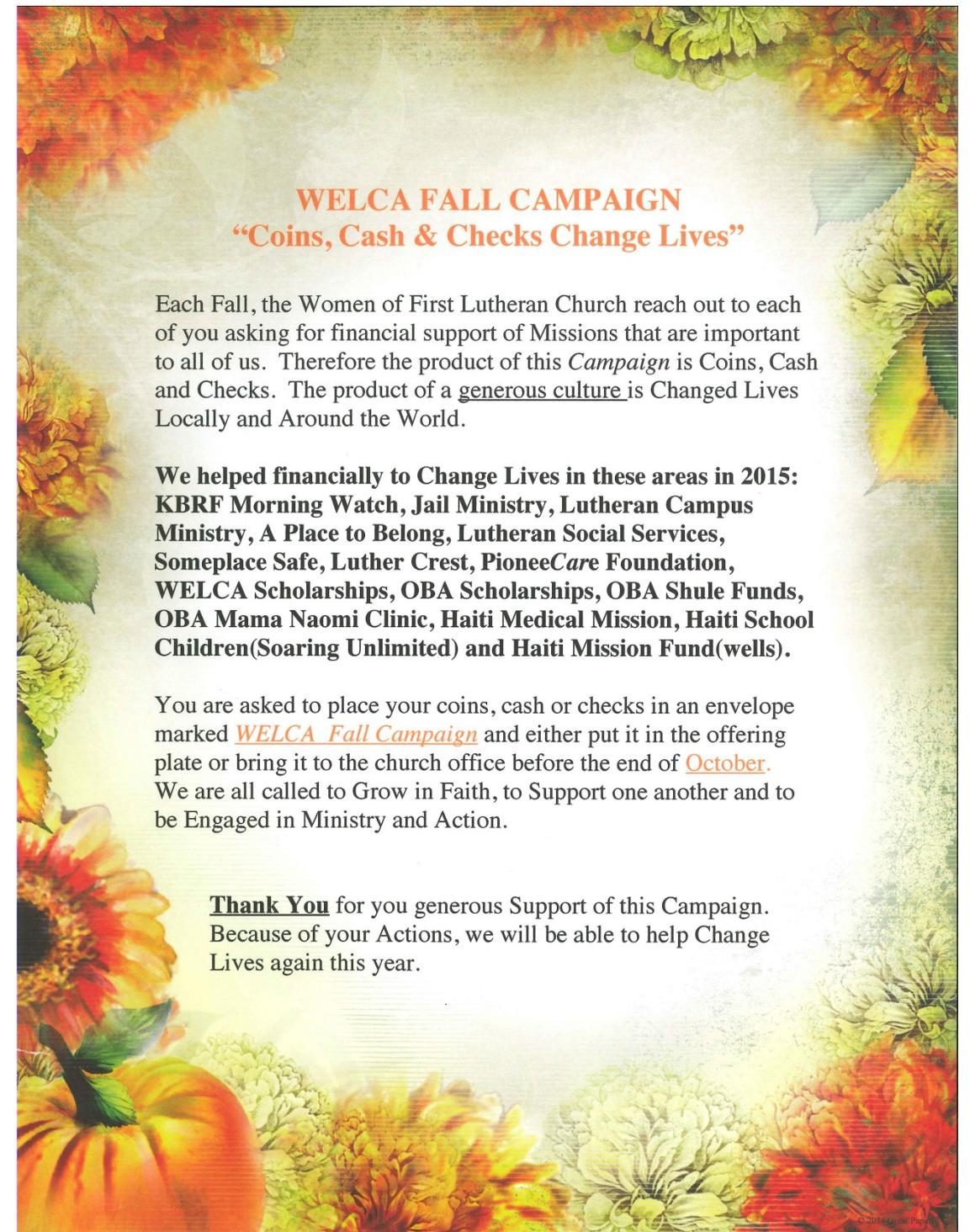
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3rd Graders receiving their Milestone Blessing in worship today are:

Katie Bergren, Rowan Cheshire, Marcus Erickson, Ellie Fuder, Mckenzie Haugen, Isaiah Hendershot, Benjamin Koch, Kyle Korby, Grace Lappegaard, Mason Oland, Alec Prischmann, Chloe Rose, Ella Sem, Aiden Stumbo and Khia Toso.

OFFERING UPDATE			
	<u>Budgeted (10-1 to 10-31)</u>	<u>Actual(10-1 to 10-23)</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Monthly	\$ 39,918.00	\$ 33,060.64	-\$6,857.36
	<u>Budgeted (1-1 to 10-23)</u>	<u>Actual(1-1 to 10-23)</u>	
Year to date	\$ 399,266.00	\$ 350,623.55	-\$48,642.45

Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Hosanna Hanbells Director:	Linda Mellon
Greeters:	8:30- Doris Teberg 11- Brian & Mindy Fuder Family
Ushers:	8:30- Karen Lundstrom & Leonard Hatzenbuhler, Richard & Deb Felstul
Lector:	Mindy Fuder
Acolytes:	8:30- Sophia Prischmann 11-Koryna Loomer
PA Operator:	8:30- Paul Dimke 11-Bud Mellon



CONCORDIA CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 2016

The 90th annual Concordia Christmas Concert will celebrate the birth of Christ through music and art. "Gather Us In, O Child of Peace" is performed by 400 student musicians in 5 choirs and a 75-piece symphony orchestra and staged with a dramatically lit art display filling the entire Memorial Auditorium.

We'll travel with Otertail Coaches to the 2 p.m. concert on **Saturday, December 3**. Coach will load in lower level parking lot at 12:05 and **leave promptly at 12:15**.

Sign-up sheet is on the Info Counter. Please pay \$15 (group rate) by check when you sign up. Payable to First Lutheran Church—Concordia Concert in the Memo line. **Deadline to sign up and pay is Wednesday, Nov 23**. Individual tickets are \$19 this year. First Lutheran Foundation is again sponsoring the coach. Thank Foundation members when you see them!

If you've never attended or haven't for a long time, join us—
we know you'll be inspired!

All ages and guests are welcome—this is not strictly an OWL event!

Tickets will be given out on the Coach.

Leave First Lutheran parking lot (lower level).....	12:15 Saturday, Dec 3
Concert.....	2 p.m.
Supper (on your own) after concert.....	Moorhead Village Inn
Return to Fergus Falls.....	8 p.m.

THANKOFFERING –2016

Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankofferings for more than 100 years. Last year, Thankofferings totaled over \$900,000 to support Women of the ELCA church-wide ministries, with offerings coming from 2,450 congregations. We'd be happy to reach a goal of \$900 from First Lutheran in 2016.

Thankofferings are sent in full to the church-wide women's organization and help do mission and address concerns of women and children in crisis—especially the crisis related to poverty, health, AIDS and domestic violence.

The blue offering envelope you receive in the Nov Messenger may be placed in the offering plate anytime in November or bring it to the office. If you receive your Messenger e-mail, there are envelopes on the Info Counter for your use. Questions?? Call Margaret Kratzke 736-3697