Important Dates to Remember:

9/7    Rally Sunday.
9/13   “Setting the Table” Synod workshop
9/20   Quilting Bee at First.
       Miles for Meals walk for Feeding America
9/20-21 Mum Sale for West Central Interfaith
10/4   Pet Blessing

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Dear Fellow Workers in Christ:

This fall you will be seeing the phrase:  

**God’s work. Our hands.**

What’s it all about?  Well, we are highlighting the fact that God is very active in our world.  God is always active for our good and the good of all people everywhere.  God is at work even when we don’t see that work, or may not recognize it when we do see it.  What we do know is that God uses us. He uses our hands to do his work.  We are the people of God and we are called to the wonderful privilege of serving others.  And when we serve others we are at the work of serving God.  So when you see the phrase, “God’s work. Our hands.”, you know what its all about.

Our parish **Sunday School** will be starting up again on September 7th at First Lutheran.  We still need helpers and teachers to serve.  Maybe you can put your hands to work at Sunday School.  Classes are held during the 9:00 a.m. church hour.  Children begin by coming forward during the opening hymn and are then dismissed to their classes.  Inviting and bringing children to Sunday School is a good way to serve our Lord and help children learn about Christ.  I hope you will support the Sunday School.

One more thing I want you to be aware of is that our seminarian, Mr. Gus Barnes, will preach at all our services on the 27th & 28th of September.  Gus is in his third year at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, IA.  We are excited to have Gus with us and I hope you will come and hear Gus in September.

In Christ, Pastor Peterson

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**In Memory Of...**

Dale Pape who died on July 29, 2014.  Please keep his family in your prayers.

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**NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**MISSION INTERPRETER:** Shirley Cogan

*Nativity: an inviting and nurturing community dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and serving Christ*
Worship and Study

Worship Matters
by John Bennethum

June-July-August-September finds us in the midst of the Sundays “after Pentecost” or what is often referred to as “Ordinary” time. Our parameters remain Green throughout the season. Green represents Growing and the lessons often reflect this theme. Only twice do we have Minor Festivals which fall on Sunday: June 29th, which was St. Peter & St. Paul (Red), and Sept. 14th, which is Holy Cross Day (Red). We are in the NON-festival half of the church year. This can last 27 Sundays; this year it has 24. The last Sunday is Nov. 23rd, which is Christ the King. The first Sunday after Thanksgiving is already Advent I.

BIBLE STUDY

For Women Only....

The Women’s Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. in First Lutheran’s Fireside Room. New members always welcome!

A Call for Deacons

We are looking for a few more Deacons to lead our worship services. Carla Ullerich has been moving into a new home. Adriana Reis has recently moved and is expecting her new baby any day. Megan Plicka is busy getting ready to graduate from Concordia University Wisconsin. With Deborah Nicolet’s passing we are running thin on Deacons. If you have ever thought you might like to Deacon, now is your time to step forward. The more we have the less often we have to work! In the meanwhile I am covering as best I can so it is easy to find me and talk about the role of Deacon. Think about it. Deacon John

LIONS and Tigers and Bears, Oh My...

Not sure if we will find tigers and bears, but we will definitely have some LIONS as we begin our study of the Book of DANIEL on Tuesday, September 9th. There will be NO Bible class on Tues., Sept. 2 because of Labor Day. ALL are Welcome to join us in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran. We gather from 10-11am. Bring your Bible and join the fun. We always have a lively discussion. John Bennethum is our Teacher. You are welcome to join us for lunch afterwards at local restaurants. Sept. 9th would be a good day to join the class!

WITH A VOICE OF SINGING...

On Monday, Aug. 11th, Linda Kaehler, Dennis Wolfgang and I attended a Choral Workshop to sing our way through about 35 new pieces of choir music. David Cherwein, composer of organ and choral works, was the leader. We had a fun evening looking at some wonderful new music. Copies of music that we like can be purchased in the future. We had an interesting evening at Mt Carmel LC on 84th & Center (who recently got their Casavant organ back after restoration.) Note: They are having a Hymn Sing on Sunday, Sept. 28th at 7:00pm. All are invited. If you want to sing in the choir that day, come at 4pm to practice; dinner will be provided and then sing at 7pm. Deacon John

Prayer can help...

If serious illness or other life factors affect you or those you love, contact the church office and we will send your request through our prayer chain. We have people who will pray for your need. If you are interested in joining a prayer chain, contact Marie Le Page (First Lutheran), Laverne Breed (Nativity Lutheran) or the church office.
I attended the National AGO Convention in Boston June 23rd - 27th, again working for Wayne Leupold Editions, the premiere publisher of organ music. Getting there and back proved to be a challenge; I took Amtrak and was three hours late getting there and 5 hours late returning. The problem is that when Amtrak was formed they do not have their own railroad tracks but use those of regional rail companies. Amtrak must now pull onto a siding and let any freight train pass. I’m pleased to say, I arrived in Milwaukee on Sat., the 28th and was on the organ bench at First Lutheran by 5:15 p.m.

The first highlight for me was to attend a concert of music for organ and orchestra in the famed Boston Symphony Hall. As a boy and young man I enjoyed countless concerts on PBS Radio and Television of Arthur Fiedler conducting the world famous Boston Pops.

The second highlight was to attend a Lutheran Vespers Service at First Lutheran Church of Boston, with multiple choirs, organ and preaching. Most of the music was composed by the German Praetorius Family, with the Gospel and Sermon from John 14:23-31, the “peace I leave you” discourse. It was truly a blessing to hear fine music and preaching complementing each other in an uplifting worship experience.

Dennis Wolfgang
Clockwise from top left: John Bennethum, Don Brauch and Jim Ribnek at Nativity’s picnic.; groceries donated by Holy Trinity Lutheran to First’s food pantry; Dixon wedding vow renewal; toys; and toy-decorators at Christmas In July; Arnie Garber spoke at Tuesday Bible Study; chillin’ at Nativity’s picnic.
National-Night-Out Block Party

MANY thanks to everyone who helped make our National-Night-Out Block Party on July 22, from 6-8pm a success! We had a chance to meet some new neighbors and friends on the hottest day of the year!

Thanks to:

the young men, friends of First Lutheran, who carried tables, chairs and the stage outside.
all of our members and friends who donated desserts, brats, soda, ice, chips, buns, pickles and potato salad. (Special thanks to Natalie Jaeger and Peggy Phillips for making 20 lbs of homemade potato salad.)
all of the kitchen helpers, who prepared, cooked and served the food (Chris Ha- senberg and friends, Carla Ullerich, Pam Jacobsen, Peggy Phillips, Gail and Dan Sopa, Ann Felton, Natalie Jaeger, Jamie Schoberg). Great Job!
Sharon Phillippo and Dale Phillippo for coordinating the “benefit drawing” sales, baskets, soda and water sales, and for providing the orange drink from McDonalds. Thanks to everyone who supported our benefit drawings and to Linda Kaehler and Lavone Reis who sold tickets.
Carla Ullerich, Lavone Reis, Sharon and Dale Phillippo, Joy Dowd, German Fest, Irish Fest, Cousins and Family Video for donating baskets and prizes.
Ben Janzow, a local musician, for entertaining us with contemporary Christian music, to Nativity for use of their stage and Pastor Peterson for welcoming visitors and being a great MC.
Eric Carlson and family for the large bowls of fruit, balloons and bubble machine.

Thanks cont.....
Greta Plicka for coordinating the children’s crafts and to Linda Grulke and Katie Reed for showing us their expertise in face painting and providing face paint.
Maxx Jaeger for supervising the bounce house to keep everyone safe and to Fun Times Inflatables for a good deal on the bounce house.
Jackie Bayer for being our official photographer and to Werner Bayer for picking up barricades and providing grills.
Tom and Jeni Herbert who invited the Sheriff’s Canine Unit to join us. It was new this year, the kids loved it.
Dave Wegener, Cindy Labadie and the kitchen crew who helped us clean up and leave the kitchen “spic and span”.
the Evangelism Committee for their hard work in planning and organizing the block party – Sharon Phillippo, Carla Ullerich, Kathleen Kollath (web page), Gail Sopa, Jeni Herbert, Dennis Wolfgang, Natalie Jaeger, Joy Dowd and Pastor Peterson.

We all had a wonderful time and we look forward next year’s party. As you can see, it takes a lot of helpers to plan and organize this event. We’d love to include you next year!
What do we have? Is it ours? Our resources have been entrusted to our care by God! We are stewards of all God has given us! God loved us so much that He gave each of us varying talents, time, money and stuff. We each have resources that can be used to love God and our neighbor. We need only to look inward to discover the abundance that God has entrusted to us. Peter writes, "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received" (1Peter 4:10).

Money is a powerful resource because it has the ability to take our heart with it! As Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34) Our practice of stewardship can begin by looking at how God has come down to us in love. Stewardship begins with God and how God has shown love for us. We are receivers first. We belong to God and all that we have belongs to God. Out of this receiving we are freed in Christ to love, give, and serve.

What kind of steward are you?
Lavone Reis,
Stewardship First Lutheran

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—Henry Van Dyke

Block Party
7-22-14

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Many thanks to the following members and friends of First Lutheran/Nativity who have donated or prepared food for the Friday lunches in the past month: Patt Temke, Mike and Greta Plicka, Natalie Jaeger, Cindy Labadie, Jamie Schoberg, Chris Hasenberg, Judi Mueller and Carol Leonard. Special thanks to the Sons of the American Legion, Todd Post on 92nd and Beloit Rd, Steve Brady and friend Paule for preparing over 90 lbs of donated pork ribs for our Aug. 1 meal. The ribs were delicious!

God’s Work – Our Hands! If you are interested in volunteering at the food pantry, we will welcome you with open arms. The pantry is open from 10am-noon on Fridays. Stop in and see what we do.

SAVE THE DATE...
AND YOUR STUFF!
Nativity’s Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Fri. & Sat., Nov. 7-8th. Check next month’s newsletter for more details.

Pet Blessing - Saturday, Oct 4th
Join us for delicious apple cider and a “Blessing of the Animals” celebration on Saturday, Oct 4th, at 10 a.m. on the front lawn at First Lutheran, and at noon at on the lawn at Nativity Lutheran. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. Depending on the number attending, we will try to provide an individual blessing for each pet. Some animals may be difficult to transport. If you are not able to bring your pet, bring a photograph of your pet or fill out the Pet Blessing form above. Return the form to church and a blessing will be said for your pet.

Dear Pastor Peterson;
Please include my pet(s),

_________________________  ____________
_________________________  ____________
_________________________  ____________

Name of Pet(s)  Type of Pet

in the BLESSING OF THE PETS on October 4, 2014.
Please mail your request to the church by September 30, 2014

BREADBREAKERS IS BACK!
Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 28th, at 11:30 a.m. More details coming soon!
Habitat for Humanity

We will again be providing lunch for 75-100 volunteers working on Habitat for Humanity housing restoration projects in the Washington Park area. We will deliver lunch to a church near the work location on Thurs., Sept. 18th. There is a jar on the welcome desk for cash donations that will be used to purchase the food. Closer to Sept 18th, we will also be accepting donations of fruit, such as apples and bananas and easy desserts such as cookies, bars or brownies.

This year, Habitat partnered with Thrivent Financial to revitalize neighborhoods and create safe housing for qualified families. Families must apply to participate in the program and provide many hours of “sweat equity” in the homes, meaning they must help with construction or repairs. At the completion of the home, the families have a safe place to live and an affordable mortgage payment that will keep them in their own home. If you are interested in working on projects/organizing a team of workers to help on projects, please contact the church office.

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The 12th annual Miles for Meals in Milwaukee features a 5k run and 2 mile walk on Saturday, September 20th, beginning at 10am at Veteran’s Park. Registration begins at 8:30am. The donations you collect will benefit Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin and will be directly credited to First Lutheran’s account at Feeding America. We had a team participate last year and would like to invite Nativity and First Lutheran to participate this year. There is no fee for walking, but there is a $25 fee for runners who are timed. Contact the office for a registration form.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Bring in your extra zucchini, tomatoes, etc. so we can share them with our food pantry visitors. Contact the office at (414) 476-4664 to arrange a time to bring them in.

Shop for Your Family and Support our Ministries

First Lutheran is now a member of the “Fun Funds” program at GFS Marketplace stores. When you shop, stop at the service desk, tell them you are from First Lutheran and enroll in the program. You will receive a “Fund Funds” card. There is no cost to participate. When you check out, show your card to the cashier. Each quarter, First Lutheran will receive a rebate check for a percentage of the purchases made that quarter. Here is an easy way to support the missions of our church!

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SCHOOL KITS

You can still donate items for the Lutheran World Relief School Kits. A list of items is available in the narthex of each church or on the First Lutheran website.
CALLUM MANOR
Center for Enrichment
9405 W. Howard Ave., Greenfield

Keynote Speaker - 1:30-3:00 p.m.
$3 Members, $5 Guests

Lifelong Learning Book Club - 1st Tue. at 12pm
Sept. 2 - Ordinary Grace: A Novel by William Kent Krueger
Oct. 7 - Orphan Train, A Novel by Christina Baker Kline

Movie Matinee - 12:30 p.m. No fee.
June 17 - “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty”

Club Loomineers - A No-Needle Knitting Group - 1st Wed. of month. 12pm. No charge.

Bridge Group - Every Tues. - 9-11 am

Call Clement Manor at 546-7302 for registration or more information

LILAC BUS
Open to all West Allis Area Seniors

Call 302-8715 to make a reservation - First Come, First Served! Cost is $3 per round trip. You will be picked up at your home.

Fri., Sept. 12 - Shopping at Walmart and Sendiks. Lunch at Peach Tree.
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LIFELONG LEARNING BOOK CLUB

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Refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. Classroom instruction only. Offered on Wednesday, Oct. 29th, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Clement Manor Center for Enrichment, CFE, 9405 W. Howard.

CFE & AARP Members - $10
CFE Member but not AARP - $12
AARP Member but not CFE - $12
Not AARP or CFE Member - $14

Call 414-546-7302 to sign up beginning September 4th.

LET’S TALK MEDICARE

Interfaith will host two informative sessions during National Medicare Education Week, Sept. 15-21. Baby boomers, Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers can learn more about Medicare.

Monday, Sept. 15th at 1:00 p.m.
Washington Park Senior Center (main hall)
4420 W. Vliet St., Milwaukee

Thursday, Sept. 18th at 1:00 p.m.
Wilson Park Senior Center (main hall)
2601 W. Howard Ave., Milwaukee

Representatives will address top Medicare questions, and be available to speak with you one-on-one. There is no cost to attend, but registration is requested. To RSVP, go to NMEW.com and click on “Attend an Event”, or call 1-877-228-4557.

A.A.R.P.
Driver’s Safety Class

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**BIBLE QUIZ...**

According to Luke, how many disciples did Jesus send out two by two ahead of him to the various towns he planned to visit?

A. 12  
B. 70 or 72 (ancient manuscripts vary)  
C. 490 (70 times 7)  
D. 144 (12 times 12)

Answer: (See Luke 10:1.)

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**On the Lighter Side**

"Because I didn't have any decent church clothes. Why'd you join the choir?"
Worship With Us

Saturday
5:30 p.m. at
First Lutheran

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
at First Lutheran
11:00 a.m. at
Nativity Lutheran

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