



**Lunch with Luther:** There's only a few lunches left to learn about Martin Luther. Join us on the first Sunday of each month for An enlightening discussion.

**Sept 3** *Luther, the Theologian and teachers, Catechism, preaching and music.*

**Oct 1** *The Luther's in Death, yet still very much With us.*

*Thanks to Jim and Nola Lillie for the presentation and education of Martin Luther!*



**Labor Day** in the [United States](#) is a [public holiday](#) celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the [American labor movement](#) and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, [laws](#) and well-being of the country. It is the Monday of the [long weekend](#) known as [Labor Day Weekend](#) and it is considered the unofficial end of summer in the United States. The holiday is also a [federal holiday](#).

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the [trade union](#) and [labor movements](#) grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the [Central Labor Union](#) and the [Knights of Labor](#), which organized the first parade in [New York City](#). In 1887, [Oregon](#) was the first state of the United States to make it an official [public holiday](#). By the time it became an official [federal holiday](#) in 1894, thirty [U.S. states](#) officially celebrated Labor Day.<sup>[1]</sup>



The Secretary's (Caroll) Core hours are 8am - 1pm, Mon, Tues, Thur & Fri. You may call during this time to talk with a real person!



## Dare to Care Report

Our Dare to Care Food Pantry provides a valuable resource to our community. On a typical month we serve a variety of nutritious food to about 300 families, and fresh produce to another 200 families. Our clients depend on us for one of their most basic needs.

Our volunteers are the ones who make all of that happen. We have several volunteers who donate 50 or 60 hours each month to our program. There are a number of others who give over 20 hours of service each month.

I encourage any of you who are interested in our Food Pantry to stop by some day either before or during our hours of operation. We will be happy to explain our operation in however much detail you want.

Jim Lillie, Site Supervisor



Hello Everyone and God Bless Us One and All! Our plumbing is almost done. I hope you have noticed the improvements. The water fountain for the bottom hallway has been ordered and will be installed soon. The historical marker will be installed in November. If you would care to contribute to the marker, please do so. We have around a thousand dollars in the bank for the marker.

We are treading water when it comes to budget, sinking a little each week. Attendance hovers between 30-40 each Sunday. We will bring our brunch group back this September. We will eat at Ditto's Sunday, September 10th at 12:15 PM. We will have reservations for 10-16 people. I hope we all can break bread together.

Again we need to have a few volunteers to serve on Church Council. No volunteers since last month when they were first requested. This is your church and we need volunteers to carry on the work of the church-VOLUNTEER.

Thank You  
Ron Caron, Council President



- 15 Doug & Janet Gill
- 24 Doug and Sally Hallman
- 27 Bob & Karen Wartschlager



**Rally Day for Sunday School** will kick off on Sept 10, 2017n at 9:30 am. WE will offer classes every other Sunday.

The dates are:

Sept 10 & 24

Oct 8 & 22

Nov 12 & 26

Dec 3 & 17

Bring the kiddos and come yourself for Sunday School!



There will be a **Bible Study Group** starting on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Lori Caron C: 260-433-0807) and Vaira Otvars (709-4663) can be contacted for more information.



## ***Birthdays***

- 4 Karen Miller
- 5 Gene Peavey
- 10 Cheryl Huchingson
- 15 Ella McCoy
- 16 Jim Lillie
- 23 Alex Feldmanis
- 24 Elly Dwellen  
Debbie Blackford
- 29 Abigail Blincoe  
Mary Lou Vaughn
- 30 Ron Caron

## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee continues to oversee the monetary aspects of our congregation. This, of course, is a great responsibility, and the members of the committee deserve our thanks and respect for doing a job that is often totally unseen by most members of First.

Offerings for this year have been a little below our budget projections. I personally encourage any of you who might be thinking of giving a little extra to do so as soon as possible. We don't want to go into December hoping that Santa Clause will bring us some presents.

Thanks to the efforts of committee members and the help of our bookkeeper Caroll Russell we are getting our various billings stabilized in a predictable way. Ron Caron and Caroll have spent many hours getting our telephone service normalized. Pastor Newberry and Caroll also worked to get our copier modernized with lower costs.

Of course, First's mission is to serve the spiritual lives of our congregation members and reach out with the message of Christ to our community. However, without solid finances and good oversight of them, those missions would not be possible. Please tell the members of the Finance Committee how much you appreciate their work.

Jim Lillie, Chair

## Historical Marker

Looks like things are progressing along with the Historical Marker. Paul and his committee have justified the marker, got it approved and we should be able to follow through and have the Presentation on November 5. The Bishop will preside at the Ceremony.



Reformation Sunday will be very special this year. The South Central Conference will have a service with a chorale this year, instead of a picnic. And it will be held at 1st church! We will have a choir to sing and fun and fellowship after the meeting/concert. More to come in the following weeks. Please plan to attend for a night of enjoyment.



Dear Friends,

Grace to you from God  
our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.

These days, school starts for most folks in August. Many of us "older" folks still associate the month of September with going back to school. In my days, there was usually a new lunch box, book bag, and a cigar box filled with supplies. It was a very exciting time.

As most, if not all of you know, I was a Benedictine monk. In his rule for monks, Benedict calls the monastery a 'school of the Lord's service.' This description is an accurate description for a congregation as well. I'm not just talking about what we call Sunday school here, although that can be a part of it. In the totality of our life together as members of First Lutheran Church (worship, fellowship, stewardship, service), we learn what it means to serve the Lord.

We learn how to pray. We learn the scriptures. We learn what God would have us to do and be.

We learn how to take others. We learn how to get along with people who are different from us. In some instances, we even learn how to love our enemies.

We learn how to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the sick. We learn what it means to be a Christian, so that we can live our baptismal call in the places where we live, work and play. We are given the tools we need to live our various vocations. That is why it is so essential that we come together week after week. See you in church!

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Send a card or call our shut-ins to let them know you care.



*Thanks to Jim Lillie for providing an answering machine for the church.*

