

The Beacon

“Welcoming all into the fullness of God’s love.”



FAMILY OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

327 5th Avenue, East Grand Forks, MN 56721 ~ Phone: 218-773-1433

Family of God Awarded Stewardship Grant by Pr. Jo

Family of God has received word that Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America have awarded our congregation a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00. This money will be used to assist in setting up a new financial stewardship ministry called “Becoming Free! Becoming Me!”

The focus of this ministry will be to assist a diverse range of women from within our congregation and throughout our community empowering them with training, tools and resources in personalized biblically based financial and debt management.

In our acceptance letter, Emily Hansen, National WELCA Associate for Programs stated, “On behalf of Linda Post Bushkofsky, executive director of Women of the ELCA, we extend our congratulations to you.”

She notes that “the grants program of Women of the ELCA allows the women of this church to support incredible and awesome ministries across the country and around the globe. Yours is one of those ministries. May God bless you and your efforts in ‘Raising Up Healthy Women and Girls!’ The grants committee really liked seeming a program related to financial health. We look forward to hearing more about it in the months ahead.”

“Becoming Free! Becoming Me!” ministry will entail two different focuses. First, our goal will be to offer three training courses geared and open to women of all ages regardless of financial situation between July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009. One course will be offered per quarter in September

2008, January 2009, and May 2009. These funds will allow us to offer these courses free of charge to participants.

This ministry will use “Good Sense” financial resources. “Good Sense” teaches the biblical principles of money management and trains individuals (and families) in the basic tools to implement these principles into their daily lives. Women who attend will leave with their own Spending Plan as well as the knowledge to implement it and the motivation in their hearts to follow through.

Secondly, we will offer free, confidential and biblically-based budget counseling available to complement our training courses depending on individual financial difficult scheduled through our office. This, as well as our training courses, will be done under the mentorship of Rod Rinderknecht, “Good Sense” trainer and retired CPA from Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston.

In addition to purchasing course training materials, this grant award will be used towards travel expenses for trainers, office supplies, printing and copying, setting up a stewardship resource library, and marketing into the East Grand Forks-Grand Forks communities.

This is exciting news for Family of God as we move ahead! If you are interested in more information, would like to read the grant proposal as submitted, are interested in assisting with this ministry, or interested in being placed on a mailing list to attend one of the upcoming course offerings beginning this fall please see me.

See you in worship! Pr. Jo

Contact Us:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

WEEKDAYS 9:00-1:00 P.M.

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Register Now for Vacation Bible School 2008 Dates

**MONDAY-THURSDAY
AUGUST 11-14TH**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS AND
PLAN NOW TO
ATTEND!**



"Singing the Faith" Adult Sunday Study Continues

July 13, 20, 27
August 3
at 10:45 a.m.

**Part of our
Summer School 101
Offerings.**

June 5, 2008 Church Council Minutes

Call to order 6:20 PM. By Mark Holt.

Roll Call: Present Scott Erickson, Pr Jo Gast, Bill Holman., Mark Holt, Steve Magenau, Bob Quamme, Melissa Ziegler.

Devotions and Prayer.

Agenda was approved.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report was read and approved.

Pastors Report:

- Vacation Schedule: Week of August 25 – 31 including Sunday
- September 1-7th including Sunday Sept. 7
- December 1-7th Including Sunday Dec. 7
- December 28th – Jan4th including Sunday Jan. 4th.
- Worship updates: Pr Jo will be here June 15th., and will be gone July 27th.
- Healthy Congregations will be brought up at the next council meeting.
- Leadership responsibilities.
- Leadership Summit will be held in Winnipeg on August 7&8th.
- National WELCA Grant to support "Good Sense" Ministry.
- Shellie will be on Vacation July 1-7th.

Committee Reports:

- Mission: Mark Holt. Wycliffe Bible Translators. Discussed donation money.
- Stewardship & Finance: Melissa Z. Planning for Fall.
- Health and Wellness. Sheryl visited Hilda Grantham, Bernice Peterson and Elizabeth Cory.
- Evangelism and Core Vision: Scott E and Bob Q. Meeting is set for June 11th.
- Previously discussed getting motivated on the Point for getting new members.
- Christian Formation: Meeting this Sunday June 8th.
- Property Committee: Bill H. Fire Dept. Inspection. Fan was brought up along with Stump removal out in front of Church. Need to replace faucet in Kitchen and an outlet cover by the drinking fountain. Land deal continues. Getting closer to resolution.
- Worship and Music. No Report
- Contract and Partnership: No Report.
- Correspondence: None
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July 2008 Sharing Your Gifts

Ushers

July 6 Breanna Solem & Trevor Grainger
July 13 Nick & Sherri Erickson
July 20 Kevin Thorson & Dan Chapa
July 27 Sheryl Cariveau

Lector

July 6 Ellis Larson
July 13 Laura Arnold
July 20 Steve Magenau
July 27 Jeff Tilley

Coffee/Greeter

July 6 Steve & Tracy Magenau
July 13 Bob & Barb Quamme
July 20 Ellis & Linda Larson
July 27 Sheryl Cariveau

Liturgy Assistant

July 6 Barb Quamme
July 13 Tami Schumacher
July 20 Tony Grainger
July 27 Scott Erickson

Communion Assistants

July 6 Logan & Tanner Keitzman
July 20 Tony Grainger & Sheryl Cariveau

Altar Care Sherri & Nick Erickson

*During the months of July and August, parents will need to be responsible for their own children in the nursery during Worship.
Thank you!*

The Cursillo Garage Sale was a huge success! The group made \$271.25 which will be used towards their ongoing ministry.

Thank you all for your donations and support.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Sherman Billing
Avis Larsen
WELCA

In memory of Dwayne Partlow
Avis Larsen
WELCA

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New Business: Boy Scouts. Are inactive at this time. Approved use of the Church for Boy Scouts should the become active. We need a Congregational liaison.

Motion and 2nd for giving Paul and George a key for the Church to get Communion Bread delivered.

Copier. Mark Holt will look into a new copier. Current one is getting tired.

Old Business: Mark Holt bought Gift Certificates for Shellie. A Thank you Card was sent to Theresa Allard for doing the newsletter. The Library needs cleaning out. A motion was made and 2nd to get shelving for the shed up to \$150.00 passed by a vote of 4 to2. The Question was asked if anyone could help Punky Hanson with the mowing. Please let Punky know or call the office.

Next meeting July 10th at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted: (Substitute Scribe).
Scott Erickson.



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Summer Worship
Schedule

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Financial Update by Melissa Ziegler

Treasurer's Report
May Statistics

Average Attendance: 40

Total Income: \$3,902.40

Total Expenses: \$6,544.83

Deficit: <\$2,642.43>

As of May 31st 2008 we are \$9,114.41 below budget for this time of year. If you are behind on your pledges or what you are able to give, now is the time to start thinking about catching up. We will be sending out mid year giving reports at the end of June as well.

It is also important to think of other ways to give and it is not to late to sign up for Time and Talents.

Shellie is putting together

the schedule on a month to month basis so that it is easier for families to plan ahead. If you are able to help any weekends in July or August in anyway, please let Shellie know in the office.

Family of God Church Council thought it best to bring this situation to all those who worship here in hopes that we can all work together to keep Family of God on budget. Thank you for your support, Melissa Ziegler



A special Thank you to those who
"Sponsored a Sunday"
for the month of June

June 1st ~ Ellis & Linda Larson

June 15th ~ Bill & Paulette Holman in honor of all fathers

June 22nd ~ Gary & Sheryl Cariveau in honor of their children and grandchildren