

First Lutheran

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## The Prophetic Community

Have you noticed the shift in the society? Can you feel the tension in the times? Do you hear the voices that question every authority and see conspiracy behind every event?

We're living in fearful times; living at light speed. Change is no longer something to look forward to, but happens at such a constant rate that we are breathless even before our morning coffee. It's no wonder that people are on edge, fearful, and questioning everything.

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*A Community of Faith in Action*



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## Worship Times

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.  
beginning Sunday, September 12

## Education Hour

Sunday School will be held during  
the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

**Kid's Church** (no Sunday school)  
on the first Sunday of each month.  
Children stay with their parents  
through the children's message.

## Our Mission

*We are called to awaken  
the Spirit of Christ...*

*In ourselves, through a  
commitment to a life of learning,  
worship, and prayer.*

*In our community, by dedication  
to the renewal of our family, our  
neighbors, and the disenfranchised,  
by the practice of our faith through  
acts of justice, mercy, and kindness.*

*In our world, by nurture of  
compassionate partnership with  
diverse cultures to strengthen our  
common faith, for the enrichment  
of all people in Christ Jesus.*



## New Equal Exchange coffees to try!

Lutheran World Relief and Equal Exchange are proud to announce a new coffee line from the LWR Coffee Project. **Old favorites like Sisters' Blend (now available in whole bean)** and Breakfast Blend are joined by two delicious new offerings: Breakfast Blend Decaf and Gumutindo—a totally new coffee **straight from LWR and Equal Exchange's partner in Uganda!** Please see Al Anderson to place your order. ☒

## Bonfire All-Saints Hymn Festival

Nationally appreciated organist and hymn improviser Dr. David Cherwien will be at St. James for an All-Saints Hymn Festival on Sunday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m.

**Together, let's raise the roof as a Bonfire event by forming a really big choir for Dr. Cherwien's direction and offering speakers of hymn-based reflections from the creative writing by members of all three churches.** If you would like to be a leader of song and word for this special singing celebration of the Body of Christ in Heaven and on Earth, e-mail Pr. David Lechelt at [dlechelt@stjamesincrystal.org](mailto:dlechelt@stjamesincrystal.org). ☒







Pastor Dave

*“Prophets remind us that humanity is not the final authority of the universe, God is.”*

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Such times are not new in history. We seem to go through them when humanity presses the boundaries of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Like an accident we foresee, we feel helpless to prevent the carnage of what is to come. The great product of such times is not just fear, but **the horrible disease of ‘indifference’** and a lack of desire to care, value, or hope. But, as these times come to haunt the pages of history, God provides an answer. He gives us prophets.

Prophets tell the truth. They expose the corruptions of the times, lay open the false fronts of image and title that often keep power among the few and keep the majority in bondage. Prophets remind us that humanity is not the final authority of the universe, God is.

Prophets give us something more. They remind us that people of faith are always the ones who rebuild what has been torn down. Prophets remind us that hope will have its day. In the end hope wins.

As an individual can be a prophet, faith-communities can be prophetic, but all too

often churches stop before completing the job. Sometimes churches can be really good at pointing out the bad we see around us, but stop short of actually fulfilling the other half of the prophetic job description: being agents of hope in fearful times. This means we are called to act as well as speak, tear down the evil of the times as well as construct new good ideas, and never, ever stop proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus as the model for renewal in the life of the world.

First Lutheran and our partners in the Bonfire coalition are answering the call to become a prophetic community. We are choosing to respond to the times rather than run from them. We are answering the common problems we share with innovation **rather than accusation. And, we believe that God’s future is creating a new present in our words and our actions.**

We are made bold by his grace. ✠

*Pastor Dave*



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## We are on a Mission!



Linda Van Ryn  
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*Commit to the  
LORD whatever  
you do, and  
your plans will  
succeed.*

—Proverbs 16:3

**WE ARE CALLED TO AWAKEN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST...IN OURSELVES**, through a commitment to a life of learning, worship and prayer. **IN OUR COMMUNITY**, by dedication to the renewal of our family, our neighbors, and the disenfranchised, by the practice of our faith through acts of justice, mercy and kindness. **IN OUR WORLD**, by nurture of compassionate partnership with diverse cultures to strengthen our common faith, for the enrichment of all people in Christ Jesus.

**T**his is the season of renewal....a time of revival, rebuilding, and resuming at First. We are a church of all ages and gather together for worship, renewed, and inspired with “new” energy, “new” confidence, “newly” revived fire and passion, and prayers of thanksgiving with great joy! Rally Sunday is

September 12 and students will soon embark on a new school year. Their backpacks blessed and God with them—all one in Jesus Christ!

You have a voice! This is our golden opportunity to be active advocates for Jesus Christ in our Mission to serve Him through prayer, thanksgiving, and outreach in our many ministries and the day-to-day work of our church. We continue to build a strong foundation that holds everlasting promises with the ability to “spring forth” with “new” confidence!

Matthew 5: 14 *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

You are called! **We need each one of you to come forth and stand in the “LIGHT OF GOD” to do His work! We want to know each of you, children of God, who have been brought to this place, God’s house and community of faith! It is a “new” time and together, we have the strength and manpower to do marvelous things....we can make the heavens sing....together!**

You are special and you have a purpose! What are your passions and desires? **Reach out and let us get to know you and your interests in being a part of First’s faith community in fulfilling this Mission! Call a church leader or church member, as you grow with us in the Mission of First! It is a rewarding and exciting journey! Come along and join us in resounding voices as we sing our praises to the Lord, our God! Join us in moving forward with “new” confidence in ourselves and First Lutheran Church of Crystal in Brooklyn Park, MN!**

Let us pray: Loving Father, we are important to you, for you keep entrusting to us the mission of making your name and your love known. Strengthen us in our weakness; make us savor the message of the gospel that in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus, we may bring light to the world and carry out this task with great joy! We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen ✠

In the light of God,

Linda Van Ryn

## Youth

### Mission in Minneapolis

This trip was inspired by the 2010 Summer Mission Trip to Cairo, Illinois. A group of six First Lutheran Youth participated in a Mini-Mission Trip to Minneapolis on August 20-22. The youth enjoyed being submerged into urban culture. They rode the city bus, learned about the needs and issues Minneapolis is facing, and saw how God is working in the city through people who are putting their faith and trust in Him.

The youth helped serve dinner to homeless people through Impact International, and they volunteered at the Marie Sandvik Center which serves low-income/homeless men, women and children. Youth also went on a prayer-walk, explored the Global Market, ate at an authentic Mexican restaurant, and attended worship at the multi-ethnic Sanctuary Covenant Church in North Minneapolis.

### Youth Mission Trip to Cairo, Illinois

Nineteen youth and four adult leaders hosted Kids Club, Outrageous Sports Camp, and did some scraping and painting of homes. Youth played games with the kids, led skits, did arts and crafts, and read books. For those who worked on the homes, the owners were very appreciative for their efforts. At the Outrageous Sports Camp, youth worked with older children and played sports. Youth also participated in a Bible Study with teenagers from Cairo. Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

[Special Adult Forum: On Sunday, September 19, youth will share their personal stories and adventures from the Mission Trip to Cairo, Illinois, summer camp at WAPO, and the Mini-Mission Trip to Minneapolis. Come and hear what FLCC Youth have learned from these enriching experiences.](#)

### Confirmation Orientation

Confirmation students entering grades 6th—9th and their parents are invited to attend a Confirmation Orientation on Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m. We will continue our shared program with House of Hope Lutheran. Fall classes will meet at First Lutheran and winter classes will be held at House of Hope. Materials and schedules will be provided at that meeting. 9th graders and their parents will meet to coordinate and plan special class sessions with Pastor Folkerts for the October 31 Confirmation service. Contact the church office with questions.

### Agape Hip-Hop Concert

#### *Wildfire Confirmation*

*Kick-Off* with national hip-hop artist Dave Scherer of Agape on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Nativity Lutheran Church in New Hope. This event is open to all youth grades 6-12th. Youth who are in confirmation and have not been confirmed yet are encouraged to come.

Regular confirmation starts Wednesday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. at First Lutheran.



### Scavenger Hunt and Dinner

*Youth Event: Rally Sunday!* On Sunday, September 12 at 3:00 p.m. the First Lutheran Youth will be having a Scavenger Hunt followed by dinner! This is a great way to reconnect if you were away during the summer. Youth in grades 6th-12th are welcome, and are encouraged to bring friends.

### Pumpkin Carving Contest and Bonfire

The First Lutheran Youth will be celebrating Fall on Saturday, October 16 at 5:00 p.m. There will be a pumpkin carving contest, dinner, bonfire, smores and hot apple cider! This will be a GREAT event! Youth grades 6-12th and friends are welcome. The church congregation is welcome to judge the pumpkins on Sunday morning in the court yard (weather permitting). There will be prizes for the pumpkins with the most votes!

## Seniors

### Potluck and Blue Grass

Wednesday, September 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Special entertainment will be provided by Shirley Mauch Spanhanks, a blue grass singer who also plays the accordion, guitar, and banjo. Free will offering will be taken. Bring your favorite hot dish, salad, or dessert to share. Buns, pickles and beverages

**will be furnished. You'll also meet**

Debbie Haney our Registered Nurse who will explain the Parish Nurse program and the hours she will be available.



## Women

### School Kits and Sewing Day

We are doing wonderfully well on school kit item donations. Each kit costs over \$2 to send overseas. Donations for postage are appreciated.

A special sewing day will be held in the community room on Thursday, September 9 from 9:00 a.m. to **noon. We'll make small banners and school bags** for the school kits.

### Mpls Area Synod Women's Gathering

**This year's gathering will be held at Christ Lutheran Church** in Blaine on Saturday, September 25 from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Great speakers and workshops including Janet Letnes Martin, the Church Basement Lady, Rev. April Ulring Larson, and Rev. Dr. Margie Guelder.

Cost: \$40 (\$45 after September 15). Includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and the Mpls Area Synod newsletter. Contact Jackie at 763-535-2797.

### Rummage Sale

**The Women's Ministry is sponsoring a rummage sale**

on Thursday-Saturday, September 30-October 2. Hours: Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Bag day). Food and beverages will be available.

Donations in good condition are needed: Purses, costume jewelry, long ropes of beads and stones, clothing, furniture, electronics in good working order, toys, baby clothes, CDs, DVDs, videos, books, Christmas items, games and puzzles (no missing pieces), knick knacks, dishes, pots and pans, tools, and collectibles.

Please do not donate shoes or items in need of repair or cleaning. Donations will be accepted beginning Sunday, September 26. A trailer is available for large items that need hauling. Contact Karen at 763-533-5650 to make arrangements.

Volunteers needed:

Monday-Saturday, September 27-October 2 for set up and to manage the store. Contact Vicky at 763-535-3671.

*This fundraiser will replace the Fall Festival. Proceeds will be divided between local, global, and church missions. Monetary donations are also accepted.*

## Global Mission News

### Lutheran Malaria Initiative: Why Malaria?

Malaria kills more than a million people a year, but it is easily prevented and treated.

Malaria is a disease of poverty. It exacerbated the conditions of poverty by making people too sick to work or tend their fields, becoming a major barrier for people trying to lift themselves out of poverty.

A child dies of malaria every thirty seconds.

Three quarters of those killed by malaria are pregnant women and children under the age of five in Africa.

### Good News: We can make a difference

The world knows how to fight malaria. Efforts to prevent, treat and contain the disease are simple and can be successful.

There is global momentum right now to contain malaria. The United Nations and many non-profit foundations are working on preventing and treating the disease. The time is now.

Simple steps make a big difference. Eliminating standing water, providing anti-malaria medications and insecticide-treated bed nets, and education are all key elements in the fight against malaria.

Our congregation has an unprecedented opportunity to join with other Lutherans in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and Lutheran World Relief in working to fight malaria through the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. This July our VBS students kicked off our efforts to fight malaria. They learned about preventing and containing malaria and gave offerings to provide bednets. Thank you to the VBS students, teachers and parents! ✖

## Men

### Fall Fellowship Dinner

**The next Men's Fellowship Dinner will be held on** Sunday, September 19 at 5:00 p.m. at House of Hope Lutheran Church, 4800 Boone Avenue North, New Hope. Enjoy baked chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, and a "surprise" dessert. **For more information or to** sign up, contact Al Anderson at 763-537-1876.





## Stewardship Reflections

Stewardship is everything we do after we say I believe.

### God is our Source

**M**artin Luther had these rather strong words to say on the subject of recognizing that God is our source...

*We should be ashamed that we're so lazy we need to be prodded into praising God or awakened to do so, as if we were sleeping. We're showered with blessings every day, and we're always using what God gives us. Why do we need to be continually reminded of the wonderful things God does for us?*

*We should be able to remember to thank him without reminders from the psalms.*

*God's gifts alone should inspire us to praise God. But this doesn't happen.*

*We have to be yelled at before we start praising the Lord. The words have to be written down for us and spoon-fed into our mouths, as Psalm 147 does.*

*More shocking still is that the one who is giving us all these blessings has to be pointed out to us. We all use God's blessings every day, but we never think about where they come from—God. He is the one who gives us everything. Instead we accept his gifts as if they simply appeared out of nowhere or as if we had earned them through our own efforts, diligence, or wisdom. We think that God somehow owes us these things, and therefore we don't need to thank him. Even animals don't live that shamefully. Pigs recognize the person who gives them their food. They'll run after her and cry for her. But the world doesn't even recognize God, let alone thank and praise him for these blessings. If God's people must be encouraged to praise him, how can the world be expected to do any better? It's astounding how unwilling people are to acknowledge what God has done for them and to praise him for it.*

Now that our pledge drive is over and we're focusing on the mission God has called us to, let's joyfully and willingly praise God with our time, talents, and treasures. ✠

God is good....all the time.

Jackie Mortenson  
Stewardship Chair



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## Bonfire Ministries introduces Debbie Haney as Parish Nurse

The collaboration of First, St. James, and House of Hope Lutheran churches called Bonfire ministries is proud to announce the beginning of a new joint ministry of Parish Nursing. This ministry was brought into being by clergy and lay members **of the three congregations as a part of a 'Health ministry'** initiative of Bonfire.

We are pleased to introduce Debbie Haney, RN, as the new Parish Nurse. Debbie is a member of House of Hope Lutheran. She received Parish Nurse training at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Debbie will begin her volunteer service to all three congregations in September.

Debbie will have private office space in each church. At First Lutheran come to the church office. All conversations with the Parish Nurse are confidential.

Appointments for home visits may be made by calling the church office at 763-537-4576 and leaving a message.



### What is a Parish Nurse?

*A Parish Nurse is an integrator of faith and health, reminding people to care for the body, mind and spirit.*

*A Parish Nurse is a health educator.* The nurse educates in all formats, one-on-one or to group sessions. In his/her teaching, he/she encourages the understanding to the connection of faith and wellbeing.

*A Parish Nurse is a personal health counselor.* The nurse discusses health problems with parishioners, giving clarity and support. The nurse makes home, hospital, and nursing home visits as needed.

*A Parish Nurse is a referral agent.* The nurse assists with the network of the health care system, making referrals when necessary. The nurse works with community agencies, establishing resources and networks that assist with the well-being of the congregation.

*A Parish Nurse is a health advocate.* The nurse assists with healthcare assessments and decisions when requested or needed. At times it may require going with a member to a MD appointment.

*A Parish Nurse is a developer of small groups.* The nurse may develop or support small group ministry depending on the needs of the congregation. Groups may include grief support, weight loss, or parenting.

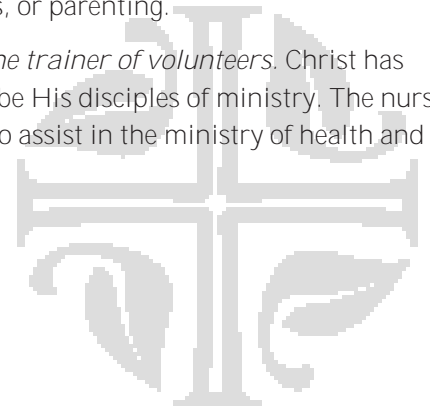
*A Parish Nurse is the trainer of volunteers.* Christ has called each of us to be His disciples of ministry. The nurse utilizes volunteers to assist in the ministry of health and wholeness. ✕

### Parish Nurse Hours

*First Lutheran Church of Crystal*  
Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
and the second Sunday of the month

*St. James Lutheran Church*  
Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
and the fourth Sunday of the month

*House of Hope Lutheran*  
Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
and the third Sunday of the month





## Bonfire: Anticipation for the coming year

I hope the pursuit of summer Sabbath was fulfilling **for you in God's surprising way!** On August 17 a renewed Bonfire Council came back together with great anticipation for the coming year. The Council is comprised of House of Hope Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church of Crystal, and St. James Lutheran Church pastors, council leaders, and participants of the January 2010 Mission Transformation Workshops.

Yes, we pastors are pumped for Bonfire! We look forward to the second year of the Bonfire Collaboration to building upon the great benefits of our coming together in ministry. Some of these comings together include the joint Pentecost, Thanksgiving Eve, and Good Friday worship services; joint confirmation and youth opportunities; joint Bonfire booth at the New Hope Market; and a shared vision for the parish nurse ministry which kicks off this fall.

We also look forward to establishing a Bonfire vision and mission statement, offering clear goals, and communicating a greater clarity of purpose.

The Bonfire Collaboration will be researching the establishment of a registered 501(c)3 status. This will give the Bonfire Collaboration more avenues for grant writing and gathering of new resources for the new mission.

I fully believe that this collaboration is about the renewal **of our vision for God's calling in this mission field.**

At St. James, we fondly remember mission developer Pastor Palmer Wold who knocked on thousands of doors. In these coming months let the story of the renewal of our mission in Jesus Christ be told with particular focus upon the people of First, St. James, and House of Hope **Lutheran churches. Let's unite in purpose as we welcome our neighbors in a new and changing community!**

Please know that the Bonfire Collaboration is not a merger of making three churches into one. Nor are there any plans for a merger. We find that mergers do not build **the capacity of Christ's mission.**

The Bonfire Collaboration is all about building mission capacity together while maintaining our individual church entities.

Will you join this growing flame in our midst?

*Pastor David C. Lechelt*



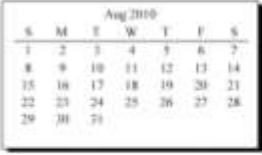
### The Bonfire has created a Wildfire

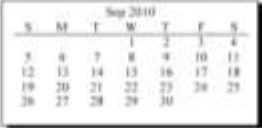
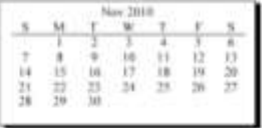
The Bonfire ministry does more than just find ways to cooperate in ministry; it spawns new ones, too. Using the foundational work of First Lutheran, House of Hope, and St. James congregations, three other area churches, Elim in Robbinsdale, Faith Lilac-way, and Holy Nativity in Golden Valley are also collaborating on developing and improving ministry.

The following are areas of this collaboration:

- ◆ The shared Confirmation ministry between FLC and House of Hope has nurtured an innovative parish-wide program called Wildfire that now sponsors monthly gatherings for Confirmation **age youth. The 'First Wednesday' program begins** on September 8 at Holy Nativity.
- ◆ **The Men's ministries from the six congregations** now sponsors quarterly educational and social Wildfire gatherings for area men. The next event is Sunday, September 19 at House of Hope.
- ◆ Youth ministry events planned at these churches now are advertised and encouraged by all of the Wildfire churches. While still maintaining their ties to the local congregation we are building a stronger and more far reaching ministry to area youth. This includes cooperation on planning future mission trips, camping weeks, Vacation Bible Schools, and educational experiences.
- ◆ Pastors of the NW Hennepin conference of the Minneapolis Area Synod now meet in weekly text study. This provides time to study the biblical witness and promotes communication and innovation in ministering to people and our times.

# September/October 2010 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 7PM Confirmation Orientation O.A.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> DAYD SDA	<b>4</b> 4PM Woiwor/Jentzen Wedding SDA
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30AM Quilters 6:30PM Boy Scouts 6:30PM S.O.S. 7:30PM A.A. Labor Day	<b>7</b> 9:45AM Debra Circle 6:30PM Team Chair Mtg. 7PM Ministry Team	<b>8</b> 11:30AM Sr. Ministry Potluck 6:30PM Wildfire Confirmation Event @ Holy Nativity O.A.	<b>9</b> 9:30AM Special Sewing Day 12:30PM Loose Threads	<b>10</b> 5:30PM Bible Study SDA	<b>11</b> 10AM Crafters SDA
<b>12</b> Parish Nurse Private Baptism Rally Sunday	<b>13</b> 11AM Home Visit/Shut-In Mtg 1PM FLBS (Bible study) 2PM Esther Circle-in homes 5PM Global Missions 6:30PM Boy Scouts 6:30PM S.O.S. 7:30PM A.A.	<b>14</b> 1PM Rebecca Circle 6PM Exec Team 7:30PM Men's Ensemble 9am-11am Parish Nurse	<b>15</b> 6PM Confirmation @ FLCC DAYD O.A.	<b>16</b> 9:30AM THUMBS	<b>17</b> 5:30PM Bible Study SDA	<b>18</b> SDA
<b>19</b> Adult Forum-"Youth Mission Trip & Wapo Stories"	<b>20</b> 9:30AM Quilters 6:30PM Boy Scouts 6:30PM S.O.S. 7PM Caring Support Group 7:30PM A.A.	<b>21</b> 9:45AM Debra Circle 1PM Rachel Circle 7PM Mary Magdalene Circle 9am-11am Parish Nurse	<b>22</b> 9:30AM Sr. Ministry Steering Comm. 6PM Confirmation @FLCC O.A.	<b>23</b> 9:30AM THUMBS 12:30PM Loose Threads	<b>24</b> DAYD SDA	<b>25</b> SDA Wedding Winkler - Mathiesen Women's Gathering @ Christ Lutheran/Blaine 8am-4:30pm
<b>26</b> Rummage Sale Item Drop off	<b>27</b> 6:30PM Boy Scouts 6:30PM S.O.S. 7:30PM A.A.	<b>28</b> 6:30PM Council Meeting 9am-11am Parish Nurse	<b>29</b> 6PM Confirmation @ FLCC O.A.	<b>30</b> 9:30AM THUMBS Church Rummage Sale 8am-6pm		

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and kindness.*



*In our world,  
by nurture of  
compassionate  
partnership with  
diverse cultures to  
strengthen our common faith, for the  
enrichment of all people in Christ Jesus.*



## Rally Sunday

September 12

### Fall Worship Times

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School will be held during the 9:30 a.m. service.

**Kid's Church** on the first Sunday of each month. Children  
stay with their parents through the children's message  
(no Sunday school).