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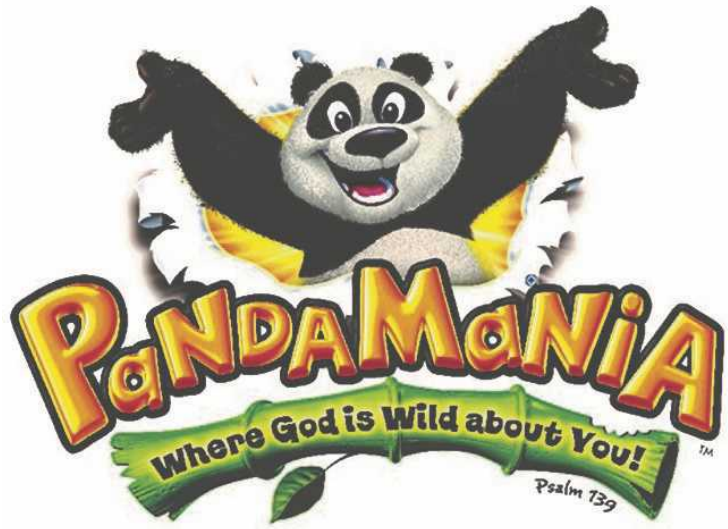
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Vacation Bible School 2011



United Lutheran Parish
(Peace Lutheran and First
English Lutheran Churches)

Hosted at Peace Lutheran

Save the dates

Kick-off Sunday to the
Grand Finale

Sunday, July 31 to August 7

Called to Make Disciples. Sent to Share Christ.



Notes from Pr Tim

There was a large and restless crowd gathered on a pier in the Bahamas. The object of all the attention was a young man making last-minute preparations for a solo journey around the world in a homemade boat. Without exception everyone on the pier was vocally pessimistic. All were actively volunteering to tell the ambitious sailor all the things that could possibly go wrong. "The sun will broil you!" "You won't have enough food!" "That boat of yours won't withstand the waves in a storm!" "You'll never make it!"

Someone in the crowd that gathered heard all these discouraging warnings to the adventurous young man. He felt an irresistible desire to offer some optimism and encouragement. As the little craft began drifting away from the pier toward the horizon, he went to the end of the pier, waving both arms wildly like semaphores spelling confidence. He kept shouting: "bon voyage! You're really something! We're with you! We're proud of you! Good luck brother! God be with you!"

This story is very appropriate this month. As you know our Pastoral Intern Brad has completed his time with us. He will now go back to seminary for one more year. During his final year he has many things to do before he is certified to be ordained. Being a pastor is very similar to the story above. It seems many people like to point out the problems and challenges that go along with being a minister.

Sometimes it seems to me that there are two kinds of people. There are those who feel obligated to tell us all the things that can go wrong as we set out over the uncharted waters of our unique lives. Then there are those who stand at the end of the pier, cheering us on, with confidence.

Intern Brad will be missed. He has learned a lot and grown into the pastoral role that he will soon be filling. So as he goes off on the rest of his journey we say to him "bon voyage! You're really something! We're with you! We're proud of you! Good luck brother! God be with you!"

The good news is that we don't have to be sad for long. Our new Pastoral Intern Shannon will be starting around the third week of August. For her and for us it is a time for a new adventure. I look forward to the gifts and possibilities she will add to our setting. Please take the time to introduce yourself and get to know her. God speed Brad on your next leg of your adventure!

May God bless you Shannon on your new adventure with us!

Pr Tim

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Pastor John Poffinbarger to Preach August 28

Peace will welcome Pastor John Poffinbarger and his wife Carol back on Sunday, August 28th as part of our 150th Anniversary Celebration. Pastor Poffinbarger retired in 2003 and he sent this information about what he's been up to:

What have I been up to since retiring from Peace?

- * I continued to Chair the Board of Directors for WINR (Wisconsin Interfaith, Needs Response) Donated Wheels program. Thanks, Peace for the fantastic support you have been to WINR from the very beginning.
- * I have done my "Who Moved My Cheese" program for churches as well as Fox World Travel and Ministry Health.
- * I briefly did a brief interim at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, where Pastor Skarsten serves.
- * Came out of retirement to serve two churches in Central Wisconsin, Faith in Rosholt, and North New Hope near Amherst Junction.
- * I'm looking to retire again at the end of this year.

To welcome Pastor Poffinbarger and his wife, we will have another breakfast potluck between the two worship services. Bring your favorite breakfast food to share to the kitchen between the Library-Lounge and the Conference room on August 28th and stay for the food, fellowship and fun.

Fund Balances as of July 15

Specific Fund	\$
Organ Fund	\$1,525
Sidewalk	\$9,683
Doors	\$4,662
Other/Undesignated	\$3,441
Total Funds Raised	\$19,311

150th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

Focus on the Door Project

We'd like to focus your attention on our front doors for a few months. Our doors are often the first things a visitor will see. They are symbols of our interaction with the world. And they are heavy! We can't see out, and others can't see in! The doors we have now just aren't working well. The 150th Anniversary Task Force suggests that the 9th Street doors are a project that we can accomplish in 2011, but we need your help!

Please consider making a generous donation so we can repair or replace those doors, making the entrance to our church flexible, safe and welcoming.

Meet Shannon Arnold– Your New Intern

Hello! By now, I am sure many of you have heard that your intern Brad will be leaving in the middle of August and I, Shannon Arnold, will be arriving and I am excited about starting my own Pastoral Internship in your community. Brad has told me wonderful things about both Peace Lutheran and First Lutheran Church and I am anticipating an exciting year ahead of ministry, worshiping, and learning about each one of your lives.



While I haven't had the pleasure of meeting all of you just yet, I would like to share some information about myself that will hopefully give you some insight into who I am. I am twenty-four years old and a lifelong Lutheran. I was born into this world on April 1, which I would say explains a lot about my personality. My parents reside in Rockford, Illinois which is where I grew up. I am the oldest child and daughter born to my parents, Jeff and Cathy, who will be married for 26 years this September. I have a younger sister, Amy, who just graduated from Wartburg College and this fall will be attending culinary school in Denver, Colorado. I am extremely proud to call myself an Arnold and am very close to my family. They are wonderful people and I could not imagine growing up in a more loving environment.

I am a people person by nature. I enjoy listening to people's stories and sharing stories of my own. I love being outside whether gardening, biking, hiking, camping, or just sitting out on the deck. I am a fan of movies and some television shows, mostly of the comedy variety. Reading and cooking are also high on my list of favorite things to do. I graduated from Wartburg College in 2005 with a B.A. in Religion and Women's Studies. I have traveled to Tanzania and Haiti and would like to see more of the world. While this information does not give you a complete idea of who I am, I hope it helps give you some insight into who I am. I look forward to meeting all of you in August.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Baptism:

Leah Anderson

Parents: Michael & Angela (Krueger) Anderson
Sponsors: Todd Anderson, Gretchen Krueger

Congregational sympathies to the family and friends of:

RUBEN BATHKE (1/28/27–7/1/11)

Ruben's funeral was held at Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home on July 5 and officiated by Pastor Nancy Krueger.

Memorials

In loving Memory of -

Arlene Folske—Organ Fund

Irma Showers—Organ Fund, Front Doors

Robert Berndt—Organ Repair

Gary Clark—Organ Repair

In Honor of -

The 65th Wedding Anniversary of

Quintin & Jeanne Metzig—Organ Fund

Coming up in October

October 30th

Concert by **The Encore Handbell Choir** - 4:00 p.m.
Sanctuary followed by a Spaghetti Supper 5:30 p.m. -
Social Center.

Bethel Home Chapel Service

United Lutheran Parish (Peace and First English) has conducted a special worship service at the Bethel Home Chapel for several years now. This year's worship service will be held on Thursday, August 11th at 1:00 p.m. We invite all our residents in Bethel Home, Carmel Residences and Simeanna complexes to join us. It's also a chance for family and friends to come and meet all the staff and some of our church volunteers.

The service will include music, sermon, prayers and Holy Communion.

Please Pray For: *(Those who have been hospitalized since our last newsletter)*

Doris Troiber, Joan Hough, Dan Keiper, Jody Schindler, Nancy Miller.

Calling All Green Thumbs!



Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW Oshkosh is once again gearing up for our annual plant give away for incoming freshmen students this fall. Please consider planting some easy-to-grow houseplants this month and have them ready by September.

Help us minister in a most welcoming way!

Here's what you do...

- Create small houseplants
- Have plants ready by fall and labeled with plant type
- Include name, church and address
- Deliver Sat. Sep. 3rd-Mon. Sep. 5th
- The Gathering Place, 620 Elmwood Av.
(On back porch or knock on door)
- For questions, call Diane @ 231-1168



NEUROPATHY: THE BASICS

What is it? What causes it? What are its symptoms? Since many people have the condition I felt it would be an interesting topic. Peripheral neuropathy is a problem with the nerves that carry information to and from the brain and spinal cord to the rest of the body. This can produce pain, loss of sensation, and an inability to control muscles.

“Peripheral” means nerves further out from the center of the body, distant from the brain and spinal cord (which are called the central nervous system). “Neuro” means nerves, and “pathy” means abnormal.

Symptoms: Neuropathy is often experienced as burning, tingling, numbness, or painful sensations in the feet or hands. Some people also experience muscle weakness.

Causes: Neuropathy can have different causes, including Lyme disease, HIV, alcoholism, tumors, exposure to toxins, chemotherapy, and injury. Some neuropathies are inherited and some have no known cause. However the main cause of neuropathy is diabetes (called diabetic neuropathy).

According to the American Diabetes Association, diabetes does not seem to be inherited in a simple pattern, but some people are more likely to get the disease. Although type 1 and type 2 diabetes have different causes, two factors are important in both. First, you must inherit a predisposition to the disease. Second, something in your environment must trigger diabetes. In most cases of type 1 diabetes, people need to inherit risk factors from both parents. Type 2 diabetes has a stronger link to family history than type 1, although it, too, depends on environmental factors. For more information, go to:
<http://www.diabetes.org/diabetes-basics/genetics-of-diabetes.html>

Current treatments: Neurologists try to treat the underlying problem causing the neuropathy, such as controlling the blood sugar levels of people with

diabetes. When trying to control the painful symptoms of neuropathy, doctors often prescribe medications such as certain tricyclic or selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRI) antidepressants, “which work in the central nervous system and affect the experience of nerve pain”. Other options are seizure medications such as gabapentin (Neurontin) or pregabalin (Lyrica). For patients with more severe pain – the kind that prevents them from working or sleeping – stronger pain medications like tramadol, or other opioid medications that are in the morphine family are used Dr. Markman explains. Medication is not a magic bullet when it comes to neuropathy, experts say: Some patients will only feel partial relief of their symptoms. But says Dr. Mirsky, “Medication seems to help a lot of times.”

Lifestyle changes, such as eating nutritiously, exercising, and not smoking. Also we try to prevent people from injuring themselves because they have a loss of ability to sense hot or cold or pain. Wearing special socks and shoes to protect the feet can be very helpful. Also wearing mittens or gloves can help with intolerance to cold sensations.

Information from Neurology Now June/July 2011

Rose Goyke, Parish Nurse

—May the summer sun lift your spirits
and the evening breeze give you peace.

Youth & Education

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2011

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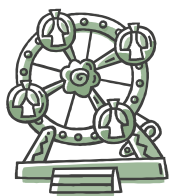
6 Flags Great America Road Trip!

August 26 (Friday) 6:30 am to 10:00 pm
A Joint event with United Lutheran Parish (FELC/PLC) & First Lutheran of Manitowoc

(Open to anyone who wishes to attend. 5th graders and younger must be accompanied by a parent/adult.)

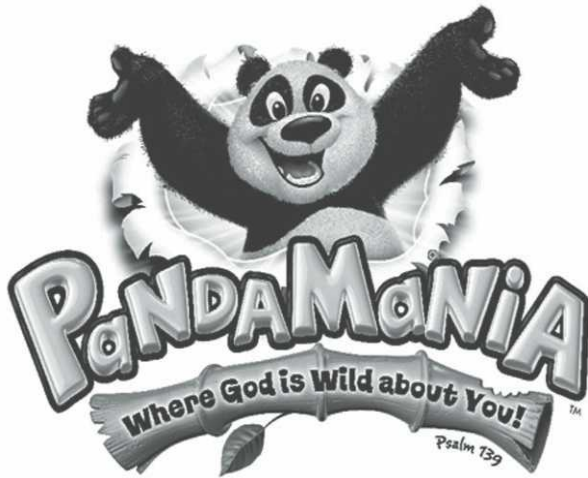


\$40.00
Includes: Bus Ride & Park Ticket



(Pack your own lunch or buy stuff there)

Sign up By August 7th
Questions talk to Troy!



United Lutheran Parish

Peace Lutheran & First English Lutheran—Better Together

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Paula Hintze 279-4268—phintze@new.rr.com or
Mary Bakken 231-9890—Marybakken@new.rr.com

Vacation Bible School

At Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday, July 31- August 7

(Save the Dates for the Kickoff Sunday to Grand Finale)

**VBS Potluck
July 31, 2011**

**Kick-off Fellowship
11:00 am
Peace Lutheran Social Center**

Hamburger and Hot Dogs will be provided

Members from Peace:

A-K bring a Hot Dish, L-Z bring a Dessert

Members from First English:

A-O bring a Salad, P-Z bring a 12-Pack of Soda

Set up will be at 9:00

(if you can help with set up-please meet in the social center at 9:00)

See Paula Hintze or Jerri Schmidt



Parish Youth Ministry



The UPPER ROOM
Middle school 6th -8th grade)

Middle School
6th -8th grade

Any adults interested in chaperoning middle school events or serving on the Parish Youth Committee can contact Troy at either church office, 231-4730 or 231-9890.

High School

YBC
(Young Believer's in Christ)
(High school 9th -12th grade)



High School and Middle School Events

Six Flags Great America

August 26 (Friday) 6:30 am to 10:00 pm

A Joint event with United Lutheran Parish (FELC/PLC) &
First Lutheran of Manitowoc

(Open to anyone who wishes to attend. 5th graders and younger must be accompanied by a parent/adult.)



August 27 (Sat.)

EVENT: Car Wash **LOCATION:** Festival Foods

TIME: Shifts run 9 am to Noon AND/or 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

DETAILS: Feel free to bring a friend and be sure to sign up for a shift or send a parent to represent you.



“the Jesus year”

Confirmation

2011–2012



6th through 8th Grades will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and Sundays at 9:15 am. Worship attendance expected.

ORIENTATION WILL BE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 at Peace Lutheran
PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

Sept. 7th - 6:30 - 7:30 6th-8th grade Confirmation Orientation - Peace Social Center

Starting Sept. 14th - 6th-8th grade Confirmation, 6:30-8:00 pm.
Always in Peace Social Center (Using other rooms, of course)
(No class on 10/26, 11/23, 12/28)

Suggested support for the year—\$25

9th Grade FALL CONFIRMATION OCTOBER 30, 2011

9th Grade (and any other high school youth wishing to be confirmed) will work from late August through the end of October on their preparation. Orientation will be August 28th at 11:00 a.m. in the conference room at Peace. There will be a required workshop for writing faith statements on Wednesday, Sept 7th at 6:30 pm at First English. Regular classes will meet Sunday after worship starting September 18th. Confirmation services will be October 30th at 8:00 a.m. for First English and 10:30 a.m. for Peace.

9th Grade Class Schedule

August 28 - 4:00 p.m.

9th Grade Confirmation Orientation - Peace Conference Room

Sept. 7 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

9th Grade Faith Statement Writing Workshop - First English Mary Martha Room (if available)

Starting 9/18 - Sundays 11:30–12:45

Sept. 18	Peace Conference Room
Sept. 25	First English Room 17
Oct. 2	Peace Conference Room
Oct. 9	First English Room 17
Oct. 16	Peace Conference Room
Oct. 23	First English Room 17

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sunday	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	
Altar Guild	Joyce Nikolaus (233-2612 or 231-4730)		
Aug 7	Nelson Family	Nelson Family	
Aug 14	Elaine Miller	Jessica Felker	
Aug 21	Nelson Family	Nelson Family	
Aug 28	Joyce Christianson	Carol Klabunde	
Communion			
Aug 7	Paul & Sue Frederickson	Joanne Schmelz, Mike Showers	
Aug 14	Elaine Miller, Mary Davis	Andersen Family	
Aug 21	Reg & Carol Jennerjohn	Dick & Marillyn Campbell	
Aug 28	Steve & Kathy Berholtz	Chris Rabe/Lucinda DeLap	
Lectors	Elaine Miller (Traditional) 231-2698	Carol Klabunde (Praise) 252-0791	
Aug 7	Paul Frederickson	Patti Abraham	
Aug 14	Robert Luedtke	Renea Paulick	
Aug 21	Doris Martin	Matt Nelson	
Aug 28	E. R. Waskawic	Carol Klabunde	
A/V Booth	Projection Sound	Projection	Sound
Aug 7	Kristen Danhauer	Dave Nelson	Matt Nelson
Aug 14	Steve Berholtz	Trudy Bergman	Matt Nelson
Aug 21	Kristen Danhauer	Matt Nelson	
Aug 28	Steve Berholtz	Matt Nelson	
Ushers			
Aug 7	<u>TEAM # 2</u> Dennis Baldry, Steve Berholtz, Bob Cornell, Reg Jennerjohn, Al Neubauer	Roy & Patti Abraham	
Aug 14		Angell Family	
Aug 21		Larry Nigl, Chris Rabe	
Aug 28		Tom & Carol Klabunde	
Visitors — Joy Himmler 231-7341		Hospitality — Nancy Lokken 233-1238	
Aug 7	Tom Sekeres Baker, Kerri Dehling	Beth Olson/Joanne Schmelz	
Aug 14	Penny Angell	Janet Ross/Jenny Dehn	
Aug 21	Sue Frederickson	Jane Beck and Elaine Bradley	
Aug 28	Sandy Ristow	Janell Duwell/Laurie Kleveno	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:00 Traditional Worship w/ Mission Trip Review 10:00 Praise Worship w/ Mission Trip Review 11:00 - 12:30 VBS Pandamania Potluck 12:30 - 2:30 VBS-Pandamania	1 5:00 - 8:00 VBS- Pandamania 5:30 NO Casual Worship	2 10:00 Staff Meeting (FELC) 5:00 - 8:00 VBS- Pandamania	3 5:00 - 8:00 VBS- Pandamania	4 5:00 - 8:00 VBS- Pandamania	5	6 5:00 Blended Worship FELC
7 6-Flags Sign-up Deadline FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY 8:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 VBS-Pandamania Worship	8 5:30 Casual Worship	9 10:00 Staff Meeting (FELC) 6:00 Circle of Support 7:00 Barbershopper's Rehearsal	10 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	11 1:00 Bethel Chapel Service 5:00 Care of Congregation Team	12	13 5:00 Blended Worship FELC
14 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:00 Blood Pressure Screenings 10:00 Praise Worship	15 5:30 Casual Worship	16 6:30 Leadership Team 7:00 Barbershopper's Rehearsal	17 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20 5:00 Blended Worship FELC
21 8:00 Traditional Worship 10:00 Praise Worship	22 5:30 Casual Worship	23 10:00 Staff Meeting (FELC) 6:00 Circle of Support 7:00 Barbershopper's Rehearsal	24 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	25 6:30 Parish Council Budget Meeting (PLC)	26 6:30 - 10:00 Six Flags Great America	27 9:00 - 2:30 Youth Car Wash (Festival) 5:00 Blended Worship FELC
28 Guest-Pr Poffinbarger 8:00 Traditional Worship 9:00 - 10:00 Breakfast Potluck 10:00 Praise Worship 4:00 9th Gr Confirmation Orientation at PLC	29 9:00 Newsletter Mailing 5:30 Casual Worship	30 7:00 Barbershopper's Rehearsal	31 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	August 2011 Peace Lutheran Church		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 31 <u>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</u> HEALING SERVICE 8:00 AM Traditional w/HC-Sanctuary 9:15 AM Spirit of Hope --Aud. 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study Loos' House VBS Kick-off Cookout 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM PandaMania 12:30 - 2:30 PM	1 5:30 PM Informal Traditional Worship Service PLC	2 6:00 PM Stewardship 6:30 PM Outreach & Evangelism 7:00 PM Music & Worship VBS 5-8 PM PLC Monday-Thursday	3 	4 	5 7:00 PM NA Meeting Basement	6 August Food Collection Youth Mission Trip Worship Service 5:00 PM-Sanctuary
7 <u>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</u> August Food Collection 8:00 AM Youth Mission Trip Worship w/ HC-Sanctuary 9:15 AM Spirit of Hope --Aud. 10:00 AM VBS Worship at Peace 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study Loos' House Last Day to Sign for Great America Road Trip	8 5:30 PM Informal Traditional Worship Service PLC	9 10:00 AM Joint Staff PLC 6:30 PM Executive Committee 7:00 PM Church Council RM 17	10 	11 8:30 AM Exercise Class Basement Bethel Services 1 PM	12 7:00 PM NA Meeting Basement Diverse Option Picnic Youth 8-4	13 Traditional Worship Service 5:00 PM-Sanctuary
14 <u>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:00 AM Traditional w/HC-Sanctuary 9:15 AM Spirit of Hope --Aud. 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study Loos' House	15 8:30 AM Exercise Class Basement 5:30 PM Informal Traditional Worship Service PLC 6:30 PM Bible Study - for details-233-3401 7:15 PM Spirit of Hope Band Rehearsal	16 9:00 AM Quilting Auditorium 6:30 PM Sunday School Meeting	17 	18 8:30 AM Exercise Class Basement 7:00 PM Women's Sum- mer Bible Study Mary/ Martha Rm	19 7:00 PM NA Meeting Basement	20 Traditional Worship Service 5:00 PM-Sanctuary
21 <u>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:00 AM Traditional w/HC-Sanctuary 9:15 AM Spirit of Hope --Aud. 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study Loos' House	22 8:30 AM Exercise Class Basement 5:30 PM Informal Traditional Worship Service PLC 6:30 PM Bible Study - for details-233-3401 7:15 PM Spirit of Hope Band Rehearsal	23 10:00 AM Joint Staff PLC	24 	25 8:30 AM Exercise Class Basement 6:30 PM Parish Council Budget Meeting PLC	26 6:30 AM - 10:00 PM Great America Road Trip 7:00 PM NA Meeting Basement	27 Youth Car Wash Traditional Worship Service 5:00 PM-Sanctuary
28 <u>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</u> 8:00 AM Traditional w/HC-Sanctuary 9:15 AM Spirit of Hope --Aud. 11:00 AM 9th Grade Confirmation Orientation PLC Conference Room 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study Loos' House	29 8:30 AM Exercise Class Basement 5:30 PM Informal Traditional Worship Service PLC 6:30 PM Bible Study - for details-233-3401 7:15 PM Spirit of Hope Band Rehearsal	30 	31 8:00 AM Women's Leaders Bible Study M/M	TELEVISION BROADCAST: FELC TRADITIONAL SERVICE SHOWN ON TV: Cable Channel 2: Tuesdays at 8:30 pm; Thursdays at 2 pm; Fridays at 4 pm Algoma Charter Cable Channel 97 or Digital Cable Channel 984: Tuesdays at 1 and 5 pm; Thursdays at 11:30 am, 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm.		

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Please save these phone numbers and email addresses. Your Leadership Team has provided this information so that you may contact them anytime you have a suggestion, question, concern or positive feedback. They have also noted when it would be a good time to call if you prefer contacting them by phone, but email is welcome also. Thank you for helping them to serve you in the year of 2011.

Letter From Brad

To the wonderful people of the United Lutheran Parish:

I want to thank you for all that you have done for Steph and I this past year. You've welcomed us into your midst and made us feel like family. You've encouraged, supported and loved us while showing us hospitality that was unmatched. Thank you for being the wonderful people God has created you to be. Thank you for the wonderful Godspeed celebrations, they were very special and appreciated.

Thank you also to the pastoral staff and the support staff of both the parish and the congregations. You were wonderful colleagues who taught me more than you can begin to imagine. I will take your playfulness and your camaraderie with me into my first call. I wanted to experience a large staff on internship and I was not disappointed. You are wonderful people and I am blessed to have worked with you.

As I've said before, the church is a small place, no doubt we will see each other again. Until then, continue to be a blessing to others as you have first been blessed.

Shalom,
Brad Dokken

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