



THE MESSENGER

First English Lutheran Church

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JULY, 2011

Pastor's Message

Called by God, we are Christians gathered and sent to serve our church, community and the world in the name of Christ."

Special points of interest:

- Pastor's Letter
- Intern Katie's Last letter
- Upcoming Events

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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With the arrival of the day of Pentecost, we move in to the longest season of our church year. Gone are the festival days of Christmas and Easter. Gone are the expectant times of Advent or the reflective times of Lent. For the next 20 some weeks until Christ the King Sunday late in November we are in what is called Ordinary Time.

In some ways we might say every day, every week is ordinary time in our lives. So in some ways during this season of 'ordinary time' the church year comes into line with our daily lives. I think that is a good way to understand this 'Ordinary time' within the church.

Yet this is an important time within the church, just as it is important time for you in your life. During this ordinary season the lessons focus less on the person or the ministry of Jesus and more on the faith life of Jesus, the disciples and others as we read through the parables and the narratives of the early church. We will spend time reading through the scriptures to learn and grow in our ordinary life, including our faith life. In other words, we will learn and think about what it means to be a child of God and to live that in our ordinary daily life in the world.

In the words from our mission statement, we will explore what it means to be 'sent to serve our church, our community and the world in the name of Christ.' Here is a couple ways in which I and others are being sent in the next month. On June 26th, seven youths and I will be headed for a week of serving the poor and needy in St Louis.

Then we have to say farewell to our Intern, Katie. She has been a great help to me in this year as I know she has been a blessing for many of you. Katie brought with her excitement and enthusiasm for ministry to both First English and LCM. I am sure you agree she has greatly touched the lives of our members and of the campus community. We

will send her off on July 10th following the second service. I hope you will join us for this wonderful event as we send her back to the seminary to prepare for a lifetime of service to the church, the community and the world in the name of Christ.

Finally on July 24th we will welcome our newest intern just in time for her and I to take off along with the senior staff to guide and teach our youth at Camp. Another fun and faithful week is being planned up at Pine Lake. I hope your youth are planning on coming with us.

But the hard part of being in ordinary time is our days are ordinary without much to mark the passing of time. These ho-hum days set in and we go about our days without much thought. This especially happens during the summer when as people looking for something to excite them, they head out looking for adventures on the weekends. So at the very time we are exploring what it means to live a faithful life, many are just exploring life leaving faith behind until the fall.

So I invite you to plan your days and include time for gathering with fellow members of the body of Christ for weekly support and fellowship. This summer you have two opportunities to gather; either on Sunday morning at 8:00 & 10:00am or on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for a meal and 6:30pm for worship. Come and gather with us so that you might be prepared as you are sent out to serve our church, our community and our world in the name of Christ.

Pr Michael

REMINDER

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS (8:00 & 10:00 AM)

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, 6:30 PM; POTLUCK AT 5:30 PM

Highlights of June, 2011, Council meeting

Summary of June Council meeting

FELC Council Notes of June 3rd

The council approved a bid from Southwest Asphalt Sealing Co to resurface and stripe the parking lots later this summer as funds are available. The cost estimate for the project will be \$2,220.

Discussed a proposal from the LCW for a volunteer to check on the condition of the kitchen following its use by groups, both from within and outside the congregation. Included was a request for a refundable deposit to ensure the kitchens are cleaned and things put away properly. A volunteer for special events from the LCW will be found to act as the monitor. A set of guidelines and a check-off list will be developed so everyone will know what is expected.

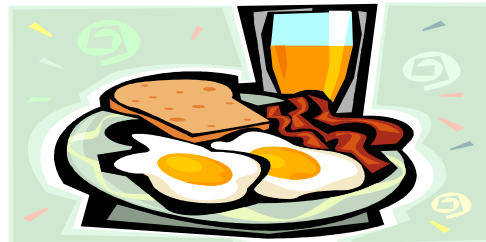
Discussed the reports from the Sr Pastor, Intern, Treasurer and other teams reports. See the financial report in the newsletter.

The council will not meet at its regular time in July. Our next meeting will be on Aug 2nd.

BRUNCH FOR KATIE

On Sunday, July 10th, after the second service we will be having a special brunch for Katie. It will be her last Sunday with us and we would like to send her off with a fond farewell. We are hoping for a good turnout of parishioners. The breakfast is free; however, we are asking for volunteers to help prepare the food and also for people to donate food. A signup sheet is on the kiosk.

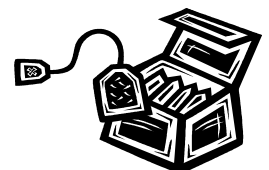
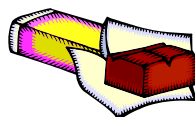
So, please come and enjoy the food and fellowship!



FAIR TRADE TEAS EXPAND

Lutheran World Relief announced the expansion of their organic teas. They come from small farmers and co-ops. The LCW has been offering English Breakfast, Earl Grey, Green, Chai and Rooibos teas and want to know what else you might want, especially for the summer. New are Chamomile, Peppermint, Vanilla Rooibos, Mine Green, Jasmine Green and Darjeeling. If any of these interest you, please let the office know.

We continually order the special organic coffee of the month and sell it at cost to you. We've also stocked up on chocolate bars to carry us over the summer and avoid shipping fees. Please take time to look through our display and pick up an item or two.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Katie Chullino,



I was talking with my 87-year-old grandmother last week. We were talking about travel. When she was a senior in high school she took her first trip into Mason City, IA from her nearby hometown of Wesley. Another year later she was in a real big city, for the first time in her life. She went to Madison, WI while Grandpa went to war. She worked in a house feeding the men who worked at the Rayovac factory. Nobody could believe that this was the farthest this little gal had been from Iowa. We laughed at how things have changed. See, when I came to seminary and took an airplane to Denver, CO and then to Guyana, South America-- nobody could believe that I had never been on a plane before. Grandma and I laughed at being so "behind our times"...

We got a kick out of how much our world has changed—even during my lifetime. When my parents got their first cordless phone when I was about ten, I never thought that fifteen years later I'd have a phone that fit into the pocket of my Levi's LET ALONE that it would be a phone/computer/games all in one! Now, I use said phone daily—to check emails, to read the news, to keep in touch with college students, to Facebook, and to call Grandma. These changes—as drastic and humorous as they might seem—do have benefits.

I now live three hours away from my Grandma (who has long since moved back to Mason City, IA) and goodness knows how far away I'll be a year from now or ten years from now. Thanks to technology and changing times, I am even more connected than I could imagine.

As we share in these last few weeks of my internship time with you all at First English, I think of how things have changed. I thank God for you and for your role in helping me to grow—as a preacher, visitor, leader, and person. In the next year I pray for you as you continue to support the young people of campus ministry, your youth, your next intern, and the world. As the world around us changes—as interns and pastors come and go—I pray for you as you live out the mission:

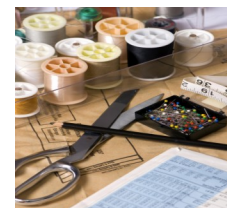
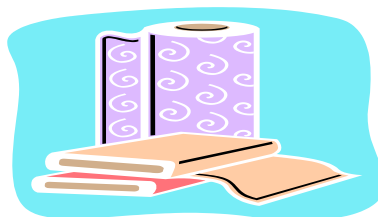
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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**Lutheran World Relief Request**

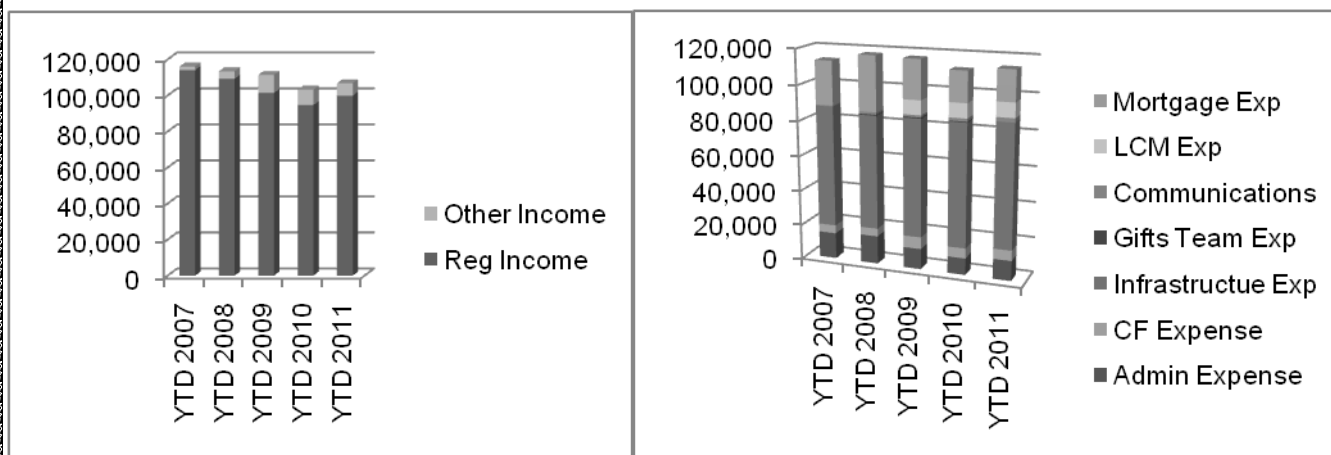
In October we will be sending off our quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief. One of the kits we prepare but have not emphasized in the past is the fabric kits. These kits are sent to schools and young women are taught to sew so they can become tailors and support themselves. These kits include 2 pieces of fabric that are 3 yards in length with matching thread. If you could donate a 3-yard (40" wide) piece of cotton or cotton blend fabric, it would be appreciated. I do have a source where I can purchase fabric for \$3.00 - \$4.00 per yard. If you would like me to purchase some for you, please let me know and I will be happy to order it for you.

Pauline Smith



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

UPDATE OF FELC FUNDING AS OF MAY 31, 2011



Each summer we know there will be a drop in the gifts we receive on a weekly basis, mostly due to many members being away from home on Sunday mornings and not attending worship. The result is by July and August our checkbook is operating on fumes and we are watchful as to which checks we can send out and not overdraw our account. Our bills get paid on time, your office staff needs to be watchful and even better stewards of the money during this time.

This year because we started 2011 off with a small checkbook balance than in the past, we have hit our summer problems a little early. Our expenses have remained stable over the last 5 years while our income has continued to drop by a small amount each year. This result left us with the smaller amount of reserves at the start of this year.

The council is discussing ways to help stabilize the situation and is asking for your help.

- 1 – To remind members we are NOT planning on any special appeal this year.
- 2 – Asking members to consider making an additional monthly installment of giving.
- 3 – Remind members to send in their contributions or move to automatic deposits
- 4 – As a last result the council may need to borrow funds from the 'camp fund' to ensure we are able to meet our financial responsibilities.

We, as the council, know the financial struggles our economy is going through. We also understand the fiscal difficulties many of you are under with rising grocery and fuel costs, while also understanding many of you may not know the current fiscal situation of First English. So we wanted to make you are aware of where we stand. We thank you in advance for your help and support.

FELC Council & Pr Michael

BIBLE PUZZLE

Scriptogram: Each letter in the passage is replaced with another. Solve the code and discover the verse(s).
Solution on page 7.

Knczc cghv zsbe Ind, H gf bln dnczddnobhes, gsv bln ahjn: In blgb pnahnwnbl hs fn, blezml In yndn vngv, xnb clgaa In ahwn:

July 2011 SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

8:00 am

10:00

July 3

Greeters Barb & Royce McVay
 Ushers Chuck & Donna Horne
 Readers Jane Harrison
 Communion Assts Jane Harrison, Tom Nall
 Mike & Nancy Flanagan
 Communion Care Chuck & Donna Horne
 Coffee Hour Cheri & Jenna Oftedal
 Bread Bakers Gary & Eileen Engelke
 Acolytes Felicia Dufek
 Nursery Open, Parent Supervision
 Organist Terri Ellis

Ken & Jessie Kilian
 Terri Iverson & Laura Patterson
 Brent Johnson
 Pat Lange, Mary Baehler
 Curt Kettler & Volunteer
 Pat Lange

Avery Johnson

July 10

Greeters John & Jan Pople
 Ushers Ken & Mary Jo Kramer
 Readers Louise Brockman
 Communion Assts Louise Brockman, Chili
 Pam Stark, Debbie Short
 Communion Care Ken & Mary Jo Kramer
 Coffee Hour Pam Stark & Terry Benn
 Bread Bakers Mary Jo Kramer
 Acolytes Grace Kronick
 Nursery Open, Parent Supervision
 Organist Rebecca Swenson
 Special Music Chili

Pat & Candy Flynn
 Jenna & Cheri Oftedal
 James Swenson
 Sandy Larson, Nancy Weigel,
 Bill & Judy Willis
 Pat & Candy Flynn

Katelyn Oftedal

July 17

Greeters Louise Brockman, Doris Pitts
 Ushers Wayne & Chris Jentz
 Readers Mary Doeringsfeld
 Communion Assts Mary & Dick Doeringsfeld
 S. Saager-Bourret, Barb Karrmann
 Communion Care Dick & Mary Doeringsfeld
 Coffee Hour Cindy Martens & Shea
 Bread Bakers Barb Karrmann
 Acolytes Everett Ellingson
 Nursery Open, Parent Supervision
 Organist

Sue Joslyn, Lisa Hartz
 Creg & Patti Reed
 Cheryl Schober
 Cheryl Schober, Karen Bausch
 Lois Davies, Joyce Jones
 Lisa Hartz

Colton Clark

July 24

Greeters Wayne & Anita Carns
 Ushers Dennis & Suzanne Neuser
 Readers Louise Brockman
 Communion Assts Louise Brockman, Brooke Buch
 Brenda Dalecki, Kathy Udelhofen
 Communion Care Louise Brockman & Debbie Short
 Coffee Hour Kathy Udelhofen & Clara Wolhowe
 Bread Bakers Anita Carns
 Acolytes Felicia Dufek
 Nursery Open, Parent Supervision
 Organist Rebecca Swenson

Joyce Jones, Chris Walter
 Cheri & Katelyn Oftedal
 Nick Erickson
 Dan & Pauline Smith
 James Swenson, Volunteer
 Oftedal Family

Holly Kasper

July 31

Greeters Dan & Carol Sedgwick
 Ushers Dale & Cindy Wills
 Readers Carol Sedgwick
 Communion Assts Carol Easler, Mike Kelly
 Fran Felton, Tom Nall
 Communion Care Mike Kelly & Carol Easler
 Coffee Hour Barb & Phil Karrmann
 Bread Bakers Debbie Short
 Acolytes Everett Ellingson
 Nursery Open, Parent Supervision
 Organist Terri Ellis

Pat & Candy Flynn
 Laura Patterson & Sue Rossetti
 Pat Luetkehoelter
 Sandy Larson, Nancy Weigel
 Lois Davies, Volunteer
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Holly Kasper

Altar Guild for July: Louise Brockman, Brenda Dalecki, Brooke Buch


FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

July, 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 OFFICE CLOSED Group returns From Mission Trip today 2:00—Muslim Prayer Group	2
3 8:00—Worship 10:00—WPVL 10:00—Worship	 HAPPY 4TH OFFICE CLOSED	5 6:30—NO LCW Mtg NO Council Mtg this Month 7:00—Boy Scouts	6 8:00—Wed Morn Men 9:00—Cover Girls 4:00—Busy Hands 5:00 pm—Chimes 5:30 pm—Potluck 6:30 pm—Worship	7	8 2:00—Muslim Prayer Group	9 Wedding: Derrick Harrison Kari Peterson 4:30—Baby Shower
10 8:00—Worship 10:00—WPVL 10:00—Worship 11:00—Brunch for Katie	11	12 9:00—Staff Mtg 7:00—Boy Scouts	13 4:00—Busy Hands 5:00 pm—Chimes 5:30 pm—Potluck (meal & presentation Of mission trip) 6:30 pm—Worship	14 —WELCA→→ Triennial in Spokane, WA July 14-17 6:30—No Frills Quilt Group	15 10:00 LaLeche Group 2:00—Muslim Prayer Group	16
17 8:00—Worship 10:00—WPVL 10:00—Worship	18 5:00 Sun Prairie Group here Overnight	19 9:00 Staff Mtg 7:00—Boy Scouts	20 8:00—Wed Morn Men 9:00—Cover Girls 4:00—Busy Hands 5:00—Chimes 5:30—Potluck 6:30—Worship	21	22 2:00—Muslim Prayer Group	23 7-9 am - SHARE Sat
24 8:00—Worship 10:00—WPVL 10:00—Worship 11:00—Leave for Camp	25 CAMP WEEK	26 CAMP WEEK 9:00—Staff Mtg 6:30—Book Club 7:00—Boy Scouts	27 CAMP WEEK 4:00—Busy Hands 5:00- Chimes	28 CAMP WEEK	29 RETURN FROM CAMP 4:00-4:30—Return From Camp	30
31 8:00—Worship 10:00—WPVL 10:00—Worship						

July, 2011

CHAPTER A DAY

Sun		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					1 Samuel 25	1 Samuel 26
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 Samuel 26	1 Samuel 27	1 Samuel 28	1 Samuel 29	1 Samuel 30	1 Samuel 31	John 15
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
John 16	John 17	John 18	John 19	John 20	John 21	2 Samuel 1
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
2 Samuel 2	2 Samuel 3	2 Samuel 4	2 Samuel 5	2 Samuel 6	2 Samuel 7	2 Samuel 8
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
2 Samuel 9	2 Samuel 10	2 Samuel 11	2 Samuel 12	2 Samuel 13	2 Samuel 14	2 Samuel 15
31						
2 Samuel 16						

Congregational activities

LCW

LCW will not meet in July. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at church.

LCW BIBLE STUDY

There will be no bible study during the months of July and August. Bible Study with Jessie Kilian and Debbie Short will again resume in September.

Enjoy the summer!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES

There are Wednesday night services at 6:30 pm for those who cannot make Sunday services or for those who wish to come to a midweek service. Preceding the service at 5:30 pm is a Potluck supper—just a bring a dish to pass.

Also, on Wednesday night we have chime practice at 5:00 pm and the Busy Hands group meets at 4:30 pm putting together items for Lutheran World Relief. Both groups always welcome newcomers.

Solution to Cryptogram:

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: John 11:25

Congregational Activities

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Planning a summer vacation? Why not take some Scrip cards with you and help support Lutheran Campus Ministry as you vacation!

July Scrip orders will be collected on Sunday, July 10. Pick up an order form on the table by the office and check out the many businesses available through the Scrip program.



CAMP NEWS

Camp week begins July 24. If you are wishing you would have signed up, please call the church office (348-3022). There still may be time and room for your child or grand child.

The children will be leaving after second service for Pine Lake and will return late afternoon on Friday, July 29th.

GOLDEN GUILD

The Golden Guild will not be meeting during the summer months.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

No Women's Issue meetings for the summer. We will get back together again in September.

Enjoy your summer!!

BOOK CLUB

The book selection for this month is "The Lost Quilter" by Jennifer Chiaverini. It's a story of a slave girl fighting to win her freedom from her owners. She's lucky enough to work in the household thanks to her sewing abilities; however, she still has to endure a lot of hardships before her life with her family becomes a reality.

The book club meets on Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 in the Love Room or outside weather permitting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Looking ahead: Cindy Martens is "retiring" as Sunday School Director and **Nancy Hammermeister** is taking over this position. If you are interested in teaching, substituting or have questions about Sunday School, please contact Nancy. Have an enjoyable summer and we are looking forward to starting again in the fall on **Rally Sunday, September 11th**.

Attention Families with Young Children!

It seems Sunday School just ended—but here we are planning for next fall.

If you have children who will be **between the ages of 3 and 13** this fall, plan to enroll them in First English Lutheran Church Sunday School. And think about inviting your child's playmate—it's a great way to get a neighbor or other friends involved in the church.

Sunday School meets between worship services—9:15-10:15—on Sunday mornings.

Questions? Contact:
Nancy Hammermeister 348-8655
nncyhmmrmstr@centurytel.net



July 2011 BIRTHDAYS

WALK FOR SUICIDE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Murphy Park ♥♥ July 9, 2011♥♥ 9:00 am

Registration begins at 9:00 am—Open Air Pavilion at Murphy Park, Dubuque, Iowa

Join us for:
Remembrance Ceremony
4-5 Mile Walk along Grandview Avenue
Free wristbands*

Free t-shirts featuring design by contest winner, Joe Carey, 2011 Decorah High School graduate*

After the walk, stay for:
Free Chair Massages
Book signing by local author/photographer, Lisa Davis, 2011 Wahlert High School graduate
Youth Activities
Food & Beverages
Informational Table

Contact Community Circle of Care at 563.583.5545, ext 601 for more information

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

- KOSTUCK, MATTHEW 7/2
- WILLS, CYNTHIA 7/2
- WAGNER, BLAKE 7/3
- JENTZ, DANIELLE 7/4
- GIBSON, VIRGINIA 7/5
- URNESSE, ELLEN 7/5
- Armstrong, Gabriel 7/6
- BAKER, LYLE 7/7
- CUSTER, Cecilya 7/7
- ERSCHEN, EMILY 7/7
- LAWINGER, BAILY 7/8
- SUNDIN, DOUGLAS 7/8
- BELLMAYER, JEAN 7/9
- ELLIS, SARAH 7/10
- KASPER, HOLLY 7/10
- ANDERSEN, DAYNA 7/11
- Lawinger, Brooke 7/11
- MARTENS, THOMAS 7/11
- VAN NATTA, SHELBY 7/12
- DUFEK, HEATHER 7/13
- ELLIS, DANIEL 7/14
- HARTZ, WILLIAM 7/14
- Wolff, Harrison 7/14
- ENGELKE, GARY 7/15
- MURPHREE, JOSEPH 7/15
- ERICKSON, MARY 7/16
- KRONICK, GRACE 7/17
- ERSCHEN, RENEE 7/18
- PITTS, DORIS 7/19
- ARMSTRONG, AMELIA 7/20
- JOHNSON, ZACHARY 7/20
- CARNS, Dylan 7/21
- KETTLER, LORETTA 7/21
- SHELSTROM, BARBARA 7/21
- WALTER, DAIN 7/22
- DOERINGSFELD, MARY 7/23
- CLARK, AMY 7/24
- MEYLOR-SEEBER, DAKOTAH 7/24
- RICHTER, KENNETH 7/24
- Schuhmacher, Harper 7/24
- CHESTERMAN, LINDA 7/25
- HOOKS, EVERETT 7/27
- ANDERSEN, DANIEL 7/29
- EDGE, LANE 7/29
- BAEHLER, ALLYSON 7/30
- HARRISON, MITCHELL 7/30
- MATTOON, KENT 7/30
- NOBLE, DENNIS 7/30
- TROST, MARCI 7/30
- SUNDIN, ROXANNE 7/31

LUTHERDALE FEST & QUILT AUCTION

SATURDAY, August 13, 2011

Remember the Deadlines!

Quilts—by Friday, July 15 to be considered for Auction

Silent-Auction Theme Baskets, Crafts & “Odds ‘n Ends” by Friday, July 15

Baked Goods—by Thursday, August 11

See the Quilts! www.lutherdale.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The ultimate goal of Habitat for Humanity of Grant County is to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness in our county by building decent, affordable housing for deserving families. The homeowners of Habitat homes are very carefully chosen according to their need, their ability to repay the interest-free mortgage, and their willingness to work in partnership with Habitat. Many people around the County have helped Habitat either at the work site or behind the scenes.

When and Where: Work has begun on our 2011 Habitat build in Cuba City. Work crews will be scheduled beginning Saturdays in June 2011 and continue nearly every Saturday through December.

Work Crew Description: A healthy work crew consists of 8-12 adults (16 yrs & older). **No specific skills required**, just a willingness to learn. Habitat provides experienced crew leaders on each work site who will provide on-the-job training. **See Kiosk for more details!!!**

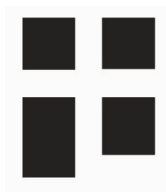


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Company's Coming

This delightful plated salad was served alongside a chicken casserole and croissant at a ladies luncheon I attended in May. Dessert was lemon cheesecake. The day was blistering hot, one of the few hot days we had that month. The combination was so refreshing and delicious, and the ladies who served graciously provided the recipes. Later that week I made the salad at home. Because the salad is served on a plate with the marinated vegetables on top, it was a perfect salad for the two of us. I used just enough ingredients for two salads and then served it again a couple of nights later. Dick finished off the rest of the veggies straight from the bag because he loved the combination. I only recently learned that my friend Grace Jeffery provided the recipe for the luncheon and boldly asked her if I could use it for this column. I thank you, Grace, for your recipe, and I bet many of your friends from FELC will, too.

I'm anxious to take it to an upcoming potluck with a group of friends. I'm going to make it in a bowl, adding the veggies to the greens just before serving and then tossing with as much marinade as needed. I love the salad just as is, but I'm thinking about variations like romaine lettuce vs. spinach or toasted almonds or walnuts rather than pecans. The oranges are a must as I'm sure they are the reason for the name Florida Salad.

COMPANY'S COMING

Florida Salad

8 ounces bottled Italian salad dressing
½ cup orange juice (from carton)
2 T honey
1 ½ cups cauliflower florets (cut small)
1 ½ cups orange slices, peeled and diced (maybe sub mandarin?)
½ c. red onion, sliced thin
1 quart spinach leaves, torn
1/3 cup pecan halves

Combine dressing, juice, and honey. Mix well. Pour over combined cauliflower, oranges, and onions in a 1-gallon zip lock bag or covered bowl. Refrigerate for several hours. Drain, reserving marinade to use as dressing.

Arrange cauliflower, oranges, and onions on spinach on individual plates or on a large platter or bowl. Sprinkle with pecans and drizzle with marinade.