



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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April 18, 2008

Dear Members and Friends of First Lutheran,

"Lifting High the Cross for 125 Years"

1883-2008

It is with joy and much excitement that plans are being made for the 125th anniversary of First Lutheran Church. **125 YEARS!** Now that's a milestone to celebrate!

The first recorded worship service of our church was held Sept. 13, 1883. In commemoration of that first service, the weekend of Sept. 13-14, 2008, has been chosen for the celebration. As members, former members, or maybe just "friends," we want you to be a part of this celebration.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, there will be a coffee/tea reception in the church dining room from 1-5 p.m. It will include registration for the weekend, with displays of baptisms, confirmations, weddings, youth activities, women's activities and much more from the past. This will be a time of reminiscing and visiting with members and friends. It can also be a time of touring the church for our visiting friends and former members.

Sunday, Sept. 14, will begin with a celebratory worship service in our church sanctuary, with former pastors and sons of the congregation included in the worship. Following the service, a catered dinner will be served at the Washburn Memorial Building, along with a program of memories and music.

A pictorial history of the church, with dialogue from many of our current and former members, is being compiled on a DVD. It will be available for purchase during the celebration weekend, along with other memorabilia.

Items available for purchase at the current time include various clothing items and a commemorative mug. These items all have the anniversary logo embroidered or printed on them. The historical DVDs may be pre-ordered on the attached order form. Also available is a collector plate commemorating the highlights of First Lutheran's history and noting the 125th anniversary year.

Since we need to know how many to prepare for, included with this letter is a dinner reservation form. Please fill out and return by Sept. 1, 2008.

To God we give praise and thanksgiving for his wonderful blessings the past 125 years. We are grateful for the many pioneers of this church for their labors and faithful service. Now it is our privilege to celebrate the past 125 years and we look forward to carrying on the tradition of "Lifting High the Cross" to the glory and honor of God!

We hope you and your family can be a part of our celebration and we look forward to seeing you in September.

First Lutheran Church Anniversary Committee

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF WASHBURN
125TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER
12 NOON, SEPT. 14, 2008

_____ ADULTS @ \$8.00 EACH	_____
_____ CHILDREN @ \$5.00 EACH (age 12 and under)	_____
TOTAL DUE	_____

Please include your check or money order and send or deliver to:

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Reservations are needed by Sept. 1, 2008.

Call the church at 701-462-3775 if you have any questions.