

April 2019-The First Word

Lent

Soup Suppers 5:30 – 6:15 pm

Worship 6:15 – 6:45 pm

April 3 – Joys and Burdens

April 10 – We are Connected

April 18 - Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm

Fifth Graders receive 1st Communion

A reception with cake to follow worship

April 20 – Good Friday 9:00 am

at First Lutheran

Community Service at

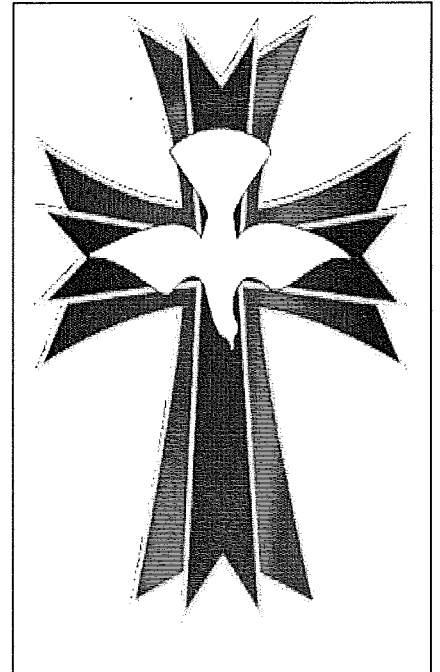
Dale 7:00 pm

Easter Morning at First – April 21, 2018

7:00 am Worship

8:00 am Easter Continental Breakfast

9:00 am Worship



Welcome to our newest members

Samantha and Jason Niemann



Help us Celebrate and Give Thanks

Debbie Eggert has served as our secretary for the past twenty-three years. We are so very grateful for her time in the office. On Sunday, April 7th during the coffee hour join us in showing our appreciation.

Welcome to Annette Thunhorst

Annette has worn many hats over the years at First Lutheran as choir director, Sr. Choir accompanist, worship planner and leader and now Administrative Assistant. Annette officially begins her new role on April 1st.

Habitat For Humanity

At the Southeast MN Cannon River Conference Meeting on Sunday, March 24th we were given a Blessing Board. You are invited to donate to Habitat for Humanity and sign the board. The board will be housed near the sanctuary.



Why Easter?

What is Easter anyway? Christians consider Easter to be the "first day." From Easter comes the practice of worshipping on Sunday morning. It is the first day of the week. It is also the first day of new creation, sometimes called the "eighth day" of the week, for on it Christ restored the image of God in the human and in so doing also brought restoration and renewal to all of creation. The Easter season proceeds from and celebrates this first day. In the resurrected Christ, there is time after the end, life after death, restoration of what was broken, the brightening of what had gone dark. In the fifty days of Easter, Christian communities around the world strive to worship God in a way that illustrates that the body of Christ lives now in the heavenly places and in the gathered body in the world. Worship is where heaven and earth meet.

As Easter approaches, let's consider worrying less about what people say they believe happened one Sunday morning 2,000 years ago and more about we are living as if resurrection still happens. We are resurrection people! The tomb is empty forever.

For inspiration read Wendell Berry's poem "Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front." It helps us practice resurrection.

Southeast Minnesota Synod News regarding the Bishops Election

Rev. Mark Boorsma, Chair of the Committee on the Election of a Bishop, shares the following update with the people of the synod:

"As a result of conference assemblies voting on March 24, seven potential bishop nominees will be invited to participate in the May discernment conversations (May 13, 14 and 16, 2019).

These seven are Emily Carson, Heather Culuris, Sean Forde, Regina Hassanally, Glenn Monson, Kristen Venne, and John Weisenburger.

To all whose prayer and participation have led to this milestone on the path to calling this synod's next bishop, THANK YOU!"

Find us on Facebook @ First Evangelical Lutheran-Kenyon, MN

First Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2019 @8:00 pm

Welcome and Call to Order: Bill Lewis

Present: Bill Lewis, Amy Lee, Cindy Lewis, Troy Estrem, Tammy Fletcher, Don Herrlich, Sue Wold, Carmen Nesselth, Brad Nesselth, Chris Mallery, Dean Schutte

Devotions: Bill Lewis

Adopt Agenda: Motion to Adopt Agenda with addition of discussion on how to use the Maundy Thursday Offerings. M/S Tammy/Amy. Carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve with change in details on when the Cannon River Conference was held. M/S Tammy/Amy. Carried. The date was changed 2-3 times because of winter weather. Actual date of meeting - March 24.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve as printed. M/S Bill/Amy. Carried.

As of 02-28-19: Checking Account Balance: **\$526.36.** Memorial Account Balance: **\$525.00.**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Julie was unable to attend due to illness.

Continuing Business:

- Cannon River Conference will be held on March 24th, 2019 at Urland at 2:00 pm. Will provide update in future on member(s) from First Lutheran in attendance.
- Recognition Gathering for Debbie Eggert will be held following the church service on **April 7th**. The Church Council Members will provide treats and serve.

New Business:

- Property and Management discussion of parking lot upgrade plans. There will be a Congregational Meeting on **April 14**, following the church service, to discuss the project scope and costs.
- First Lutheran Church Personnel Handbook completed. Thanks to all who worked on the project. The provisions will be implemented over time.
- Updated the church secretary position. It is now classified as Administrative (Support).
- Discussed the use of the Maundy Thursday offerings. M/S Carmen/Amy. Carried.
50% will go to benevolence, 50% will go to Chief Sjolander's community/youth outreach efforts.

Committee Reports:

Worship and Evangelism: Progress made on the Friendly Visitor program. Goal is to start the program June 1 and make one visit per month. Julie will provide the training and will deal with privacy concerns. Looking for volunteers interested in making visits. Want to give a mug/plant from Mary's Rustic Rose to new members. Will try to have more participation in the Palm Sunday service – "want a Joyful Sending". Tammy continues to work on the list of Readers, Greeters, Communion Helpers and Coffee Servers and is looking at other ways to create the lists. Discussed a possible community outreach effort that would offer professional clothes to people who could use them. Want to coordinate this with Stewardship. The church bulletin will remind people to link to First Lutheran on FACEBOOK and ask guests (at services) to sign the Guest Book.

FLCW: World Day of Prayer held on March 1st at Vang. The Quarterly Gathering held on March 24th. The Internship Soup Auction will be held at Gol Church on **April 7th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**, with the auction at noon. FLCW is

planning Easter Breakfast on **April 21st**. Cannon River Conference will be held at First English Lutheran in Faribault on **April 27 from 8:00 am to noon**. Sam Ouk, Diversity Coordinator at Faribault Public Schools will be speaker. First Lutheran of Kenyon will host this conference in 2020. FLCW has received an invitation from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Welch, to their Spring Salad Luncheon on **Saturday, April 6 at 11:00 am**. Posters are up at church on this. All are invited to help in the Kitchen Cleaning Event, which will be held sometime in May. Discussion on repurposing clothing for children and adults looking for jobs/starting work. There will be more discussion to come.

Property and Management: Have plans for several upcoming projects and will be presenting the details/proposed costs at the Congregational Meeting after the service on **Sunday, Aril 14**. The projects include replacing windows in the education wing, adding AC to the main office and the secretary's office. Also discussing an upgrade on the parking lot.

Stewardship: Proceeds from Souper Bowl of Caring: Kenyon Food Shelf - **donated \$152.32**, World Hunger – **donated \$152.32**. Piggy banks have been distributed to the SS students. Will deliver cards to Home Bound members at Thanksgiving, possibly include a food item. Will serve coffee and bars at the April 2nd **Vaping Presentation**. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Planning a potluck/brunch for Teacher Recognition in May.

Youth and Education: Have had youth as readers/greeters , very much appreciated. There are 27 families that have youth in Sunday School, and a total of 38 youth participate. Made Resurrection Gardens after the service on March 12. Will hold First Communion for 5th graders at the **04/14/19** church service and also have the Seder Meal on **04/14/19 at 4:00 pm**. Senior Recognition Sunday will be held on **May 12th**.

Personnel Committee: Completed the Employee Handbook. Updated the office support job description . Will implement the policies in a timely manner. Thanks to the people working on these projects.

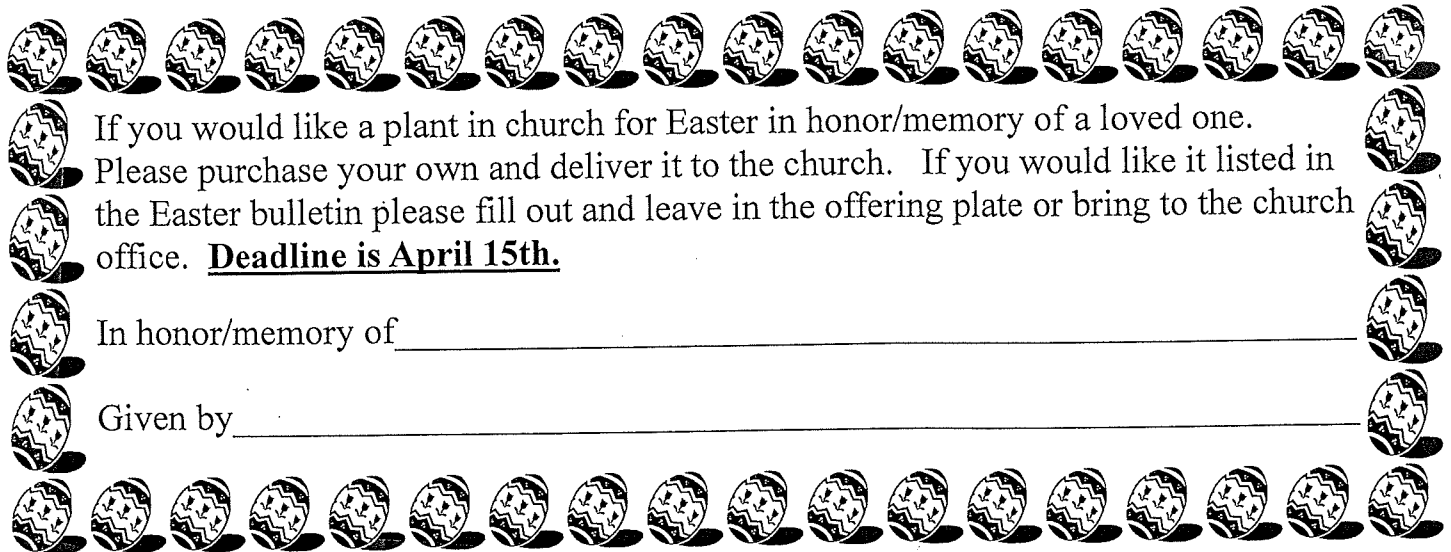
Next Meeting: April 17, 2019 at 8:00 pm

Devotions: Sue

Meeting Adjourned: M/S Bill/Carmen. Approved.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Sue Wold
Church Council Secretary



If you would like a plant in church for Easter in honor/memory of a loved one. Please purchase your own and deliver it to the church. If you would like it listed in the Easter bulletin please fill out and leave in the offering plate or bring to the church office. **Deadline is April 15th.**

In honor/memory of _____

Given by _____

FLCW Board met on March 4, 2018

A brief report on the World Day of Prayer, which was held on March 1st at Vang Church. The Quarterly Gathering will take place on March 24th. A program with demonstration/discussion on the AED machine is being planned. FLCW will be planning the Easter Breakfast on April 21st. after church.

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Food for Thought: repurposing clothing for children and adults looking for jobs or starting to work. More discussion to come.

Next meeting:

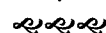
Tuesday, April 9th, @ 6:15 meeting

Ladies Clubs & Bible Study News

*Morning Circle Bible Study
First Tuesday of the month in the
Joy Room at church.
Everyone is welcome!
April 2nd meet at 9:30 a.m.

Meetings with Jesus: In session four we are seeing the Risen Christ, coming to faith. We walk with Mary Magdalene, the Beloved Disciple, Thomas and others as they encounter the risen Lord.

By Julie A. Kanarr



The Monthly Bible Study is found

in the "Gather" magazine.

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*Christian Mission

Thurs., April 4th, 1 p.m.

Thurs., April 18th, 1 p.m.



*Priscilla Club

Tues., April 9th, 1 p.m.

Jan Schmidt is the hostess

Tues., April 23rd, 1 p.m.

No hostess

Tues., April 30th, 1 p.m.

Cora Lee Monroe is the hostess

From the Intern Sara Martin

In March there were fewer days filled with snow, ice, and temperatures that made going outside unbearable (notice how I haven't said none), and as a result it seemed like the month flew by. And as the month flew by, I kept thinking about the promise of spring and what that means. It means there are more hours with daylight where the sun can shine in through the windows. It means the snowbirds return-there's more chirping and more people in church. It means the snow and ice melts, making sidewalks and parking lots less dangerous, sometimes more slushy, but more usable. It means more windows opened, and fresh air circulating throughout our homes. It means more activities on our calendars, weekend sports tournaments, and trips because the roads aren't closed. So, what if during this time of more we look at what is around us and look for where God is at-in the birds chirping, the breeze blowing through our homes, and the busier schedules? Why don't we each look for God on more than Easter morning, and proclaim the fact that he is [nearly] risen!

KAI Pastor Sara

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Kenyon Area Internship Committee is having their annual fundraiser at Gol Church on April 7. Soup will be served from 11-1 with a cake auction at noon. We are in need of volunteers. We need to donate from our church 2 baked items for the auction and 4 workers from 11-12 and 1 at 1:30 for clean up. If you are willing to donate a baked item like a cake, pie or special cookies or willing to work please contact Jim Fontaine or Cindy Lewis 507-330-1644.

----- JULY 8-11 -----
EXPEDITION
SERVE
----- 2019 -----

Expedition Serve Students: July 8-11 is just around the corner, and you won't want to wait any longer to register for Expedition Serve! A 3-day, 2-night worship, service, and fellowship trip for all students going into 6th grade-college for only \$25. Registration is now open! You can register at <https://goo.gl/forms/z5LqalxQiRevTiwV2>. If you have any questions, you can contact KAI Pastor Sara at smartin002@luthersem.edu. I'll see you then! Adults be on the lookout for a volunteer form coming your way shortly!

Merry Makers- April 3, 1:30-3:30. Come with whatever project you might have sitting around and work on it in the company of other makers! Everyone is welcome, bring a friend! Plan ahead and mark May 8, and June 5 on your calendars as well!

Preview Day at Luther Seminary: Preview is designed to celebrate emerging young leaders! It is an opportunity for pastors and other servant leaders across Minnesota to lean into discipleship and to accompany high school students in whom they see ministerial gifts on a trip to Luther Seminary. These students soak in the beauty, diversity and creativity of the theological formation at Luther, building up questions and tools for further conversation around discernment. There will be a Preview day on April 30, and intern Sara has offered go with anyone who would be interested. Please contact Sara at smartin002@luthersem.edu for more information! Interested participants need to notify Sara by **April 15** to be registered.

The Interview
Debbie Eggert
1960

Born: Madison, WI. Dad, Donald L. Gates Jr. was stationed at the Air Force base. Spent time in Alabama and Colorado before moving back to Kenyon in 1974.

Baptized: In my grandparent's (Joseph & Dorothy Hoidahl) home by Pastor Bern Rogness.

Growing Up: Dad worked for IBM after the Air Force. Mom worked at Foldcraft and Midwest Importers when we were in school. I am the oldest of 4. Sister Laurie and brothers Donnie and John.

Confirmation: First Lutheran, Kenyon by Pastor Richard Hanson. There were 17 in my class.

First Job: D J's (Don & Janice) Rec. (Pool Hall) in Kenyon. Worked there from age 16 until I started having children (1981).

High School memory : Ran the 880 and mile relay. Made the regionals and earned a maroon and gold letter jacket. Graduated in 1978.

High School Sweetheart Randy: Our first date was a High School dance. Christmas Eve Randy asked for his class ring back and replaced it with an engagement ring. (He had already asked my father for permission to marry me)

Marriage: We were married on a hot summer day (July 15, 1978) by Pastor Ted Vinger. We had a short honeymoon in the Wisconsin Dells.

Randy: Went to school at Dakota County for electrical lineman (1977-78). Also, worked for Green Giant (Pea Pack) out of LeSueur, MN. That August he started at Kenyon Municipal Utilities where he still is today marking 41 years. He is now the Operations Superintendent.

Our Family: Jeremy (Toni), Ethan (Jana), Rachel (Omar) and Tyler (Nicole Manson). My boys are in Kenyon and Rachel is in Lakeville.

Grandkids: Abel (7 yrs.), Ondre (6 yrs.), Scarlett (6 yrs.), Angelena (4 yrs.), Raina (2 yrs.), Mabel (3 mos.) and baby girl Eggert due on April 20th.

Church Secretary: Started part time sharing this job with Mary Held. She left to work at her Beauty shop. Barb Schaller came on board for a few years also. I've held this position solo since then working with 6 different ministers for a total of 23 years. This job was a good fit because I could walk to work and they allowed me to work my schedule around my kids activities. Enjoyed all aspects of this job and the interactions with people. I must admit deadlines like the newsletter could be a challenge.

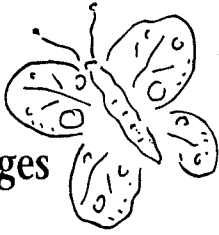
Sunday School Teacher: Taught for 22 years, mostly pre-schoolers. Funny story: One of my preschool students after being told I wasn't going to teach anymore said to me: First you retire, then you get old and then you die. I thought that was pretty profound for a preschooler. My favorite activity with the little ones was always to close class with a prayer. Bow your head, close your eyes and share things that matter most. There were some things that I'm sure their parents would be surprised about.

Hobbies: Reading, word puzzles, cooking, traveling with friends to various places and spending time with family.

Note from Lyn: Debbie's last day is March 31st. There will be a celebration on Sunday, April 7th at 10 in the Fellowship Hall. We all appreciate your years of dedication and service to the church.

See You in Church,
Lyn Cole Clarke

In Spring
we see
many changes
in nature



Make a Bug Jar to watch a caterpillar change.

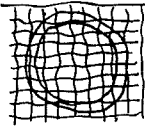
You will need:

* a peanut butter jar



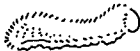
* a metal canning jar lid to fit jar (it has a hole in the top)

* a small piece of screen cut to fit top of jar plus a little extra



* a branch that fits in the jar

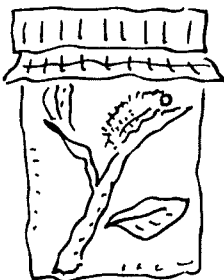
* a caterpillar



How to do it:

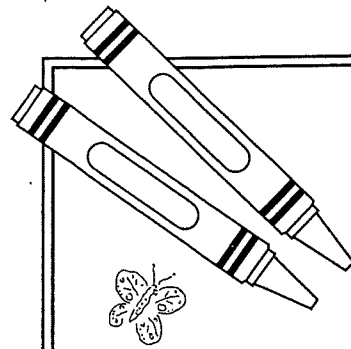
1. Put branch in jar
2. Put caterpillar in jar
3. Add some favorite leaves for caterpillar food
4. Lay the screen on top
5. Screw the lid in place
6. Watch what happens!

***You can use your Bug Jar to watch other "bugs" too!**

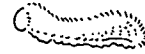


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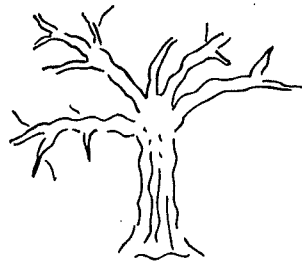
Changes



Everyone experiences changes in life. Sometimes they make us happy – sometimes not! What does the Bible say about this?

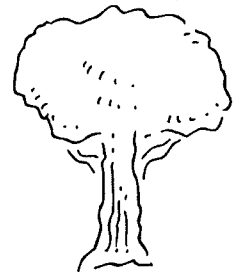


Find Ecclesiastes 3:1 below. Change some letters – then read the verse.



Change:
W's to N's
L's to T's
J's to E's
Q's to I's
K's to S's




Z's to O's
P's to H's
X's to R's
B's to A's



“
 L P J X J Q S B
 L Q M J F Z X
 J V J X Y L P Q W G B W D
 B K J B K Z W F Z X
 J V J X Y B C L Q V Q L Y
 U W D J X P J B V J W”

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS ALIVE	1 Internship Retreat	2 Internship Retreat until noon 9:00 Morning Circle Bible study 6:30 KW Community Cares Vap Education	3 1:30 Merry Makers 5:30 Soup Supper 6:15 Worship 6:45 Mentors Meet 7:00 Senior Choir	4 9:30 Cannon River Conference @ Vasa 1:00 Christian Mission Society Love Day	5	6
	7 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee-Debbie Eggert Appreciation 11:00 Internship Fundraiser @ Gol 7:00 AA Meeting	8 1:30 Literary Guild	9 1:00 Priscilla Club 6:15 FLCW Board 6:30 Worship/ Evangelism Com	10 5:30 Soup Supper 6:15 Worship 6:45 Mentors Meet 7:00 Senior Choir	11 6:30 Scouts	12
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Coffee Con- gregational Meeting 7:00 AA Meeting	15	16	17 8:00 Church Council	18 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 1:00 Christian Mission Society Love Day 6:30 Worship with 5th grade First Communion	19 <i>Good Friday</i> 9:00 Prayers around the Cross followed by Hot Cross Buns 7:00 Good Friday Worship @ Dale 	20
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 7:00 Worship Easter Breakfast Continental 9:00 Worship 7:00 AA Meeting 	22	23 1:00 Priscilla Club 7:00 Internship Com.	24 6:00 Worship 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Senior Choir	25 6:00 Sons of Norway	26	27
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Mission Statement of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

“Through God we are creating a vibrant, welcoming faith community, embracing all, providing harmony among generations, while lending compassion locally and globally.”

Volunteers for April -Ushers

Dean Schutte, chr.
Gary Skundberg, chr.
Ed Fletcher
Richard Overby
David Rapp
Kevin Mallery
Paul Rechtzigel

Altar Care

Kaia Lehman
Lois Estrem
Candy Herrlich

Communion Set-up

Apr. 7: Paul Rechtzigel's
Lehman's
Apr. 14: Linda Cordes
April 18: Maundy Thursday
Cindy Lewis
April 21: Easter Sunday
Kaia Lehman
April 28: Dan Quam's

Communion Helpers, Acolytes, Coffee Servers:

April 7:

Reader-5th & 6th graders
Greeter-5th & 6th graders
Com-Ed & Tammy Fletcher, Steve
Johnson
Coffee-Church Council
Acolyte-William VanEpps, Jakob
Kirchmann

April 14:

Reader-Doehling Family
Greeters-Doehling Family
Com.-Doehling Family
Coffee-Doehling Family

Acolyte-

April 18: Maundy Thursday

Acolyte-Ben Short

April 21: Easter Sunday 7 a.m.

Reader-David Rapp
Greeters-Androli Family
Com-David Rapp, Linda Cordes, Carol
Lozon
Acolyte-Reganne Androli, Leah Berg
April 21: Easter Sunday 9 a.m.

Reader-Tammy Fletcher
Greeters-Steve & Trudy Johnson
Com.-Josh & Wendy Lerfald, Dan
Rogness
Acolyte-Josi Quam, Julia Dahl
April 28:
Reader-Anna Bauer
Greeter-Bauer's & Mortensen's
Com.-Bauer's & Mortensen's
Coffee-Bauer's & Mortensen's
Acolyte-Corrie Born, Stella
Rechtzigel

**There will be
a Congregational Meeting
immediately following the
church service on April 14th
in the sanctuary - to discuss
several upcoming Property
and Management projects.**