

A Home at Last! *The All-Lutheran Church TB/HfH '07 Homebuild*

****Morrison Home Dedication on Diagon Lane: Nov. 11, 2pm ****
All-Lutheran Potluck @ 1st Lutheran(2808 S. Ave. W.): Nov. 11, 4pm

♪ "Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today." ♪

We do indeed, join hearts, hands and voices in thanks to our God for abilities and resources that came together this past year to help Joseph and Heidi Morrison build their 1st home! It has been a great experience working with members of ALL the area Lutheran churches, large and small, along with the Thrivent Builds Homes Program and Missoula's Habitat for Humanity! What a blessing for all of us!

How did we (the Lutheran community, i.e. members of 9 different Lutheran churches/Thrivent Chapter) meet our Thrivent Builds' goals (contributing 10% cost of the house build; 50% construction site volunteers for the Morrison home be Lutheran) **this year?**

With much prayer and hard work, *we met and exceeded the goal of \$13,279, and have >\$2,000 for next year's home!* The "joint effort" fundraisers brought in \$2085(pig roast), \$4762(\$10 for 10%), \$385+(aluminum can drive);\$1485 (Pam Rude Williams memorial fund); \$6573(general congregational donations from church sponsored fundraisers or community benevolence donations). *More than 80 Lutherans volunteered more than 1800 hours at the construction site working on the 3 Habitat homes being built this year!* Countless more hours were spent in the Habitat office and at home "getting the word out" about Habitat needs, mentoring support to the partner family, serving on Habitat committees, making food for those Luscious Lutheran Lunches/snacks, helping with fundraisers, making music for the Pig Roast and Habitat worship Sunday...the list goes on and on...thank you to all who've supported this outreach ministry.

Looking ahead, Missoula's Habitat affiliate has applied for another Thrivent Builds Home to be sponsored in '08. The Mineral- Missoula County Thrivent Chapter gives its support with at least 7 of the area churches ready to "go another round". We plan to pursue using some "in kind" donations of skilled labor or materials as part of the Lutheran communities' 10%. We're nearly 6 months "ahead" of last year since some of the congregational champions are willing to continue and we have processes in place. I will continue as the "Chapter Specialist" to coordinate the efforts but will share some of the responsibilities with some new folks. St. Paul council agreed to extend support at the Sept. meeting.

So now it's time to celebrate and you're **all** invited to come! Sunday, November 11 @ 2pm is the Morrison home dedication, Diagon Lane in the Windsor Park area...then a celebration potluck for all at 1st Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 2808 S.Ave.W. A-I bring hot dishes, J-R bring salads/side dishes, S-Z desserts...music by Lutheran youth, year in review slideshow, some stories, and a look ahead to next year!

I'd like to answer any questions you may have. My phone is 549-1771(H) or 240-1771(C) or email: cjreaves@msn.com.

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Thrivent Builds with Habitat and Joseph & Heidi Morrison '07

