

## **First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**1200 4th Avenue**

**Worthington, MN 56187**

**(507) 376-6148**

**Fax: (507) 376-6149**

**Email: felcwgtn@frontiernet.net**

**Website: felcwgtn.org**

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Monday through Friday

WORSHIP: 8:00 am and 10:00 am

COMMUNION: First and Third Sundays

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 am (Sept–May)

### **CONGREGATION OFFICERS**

**RICH LIAPIS, PRESIDENT –**

(507) 727-6901

**LONNIE MYROM, VICE PRESIDENT -**

(507) 376-9039

**KATIE FLEMING, SECRETARY –**

(507) 376-5429

### **CHURCH STAFF**

**RICHARD RICKER--Pastor**

**Natalie Zinnel--Administrative Secretary**

**Amy Loker--Youth & Family Director**

**David & Robin Stoyke--Custodians**

**Lola Geisendorfer--Parish Visitor**

**Pam Fleming--Worship Planner & Visual  
Coordinator**

**Eric Parrish--Choir Director**

**Jacque Frerichs--Organist/Choir  
Accompanist**

**Lois Gruis--Bell Choir Director**

**Lori Nienkerk--Choir Accompanist/  
Organist**

**Dennis Selberg--Treasurer**

**Deb Koob--Financial Secretary**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

#### **FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, WORTHINGTON, MN**

God has called us, the baptized members of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Worthington, Minnesota, to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples of all people.

#### **Living out our Mission**

*In obedience, we commit ourselves to the Lord's ministry rooted in a fertile agricultural prairie of God's creation.*

*Relying on the promise of the Holy Spirit, and through Word and Sacraments, we will grow toward wholeness through worship, learning, service, witness, support, and fellowship.*  
*Adopted 5-31-87*

### **Reflections**

“The Sabbath was made for the good of human beings; they were not made for the Sabbath.” Mark 2:27

Paul Stookey was a member of the singing group “Peter, Paul and Mary”. He and the group began their careers singing in the coffee houses of New York’s Greenwich Village. Paul is, perhaps, best remembered today for writing “The Wedding Song”, a perennial favorite at weddings.

A highpoint in Paul’s career was the day the group performed before almost half a million people at the Washington Monument.

It was before the same audience that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech.

A low point came when the excitement of being a celebrity began to fade for Paul. It happened like this:

One night the group was giving a concert before an audience of some 10,000 people in Kansas. At one point in the concert, Paul was doing what he called “Paul talk”.

This was a one-way conversation with the audience to give Peter time to repair a broken string on his guitar. In the middle of his “Paul talk”, it suddenly dawned upon him that he was using his musical talent mostly for selfish purposes.

He was using it to advance his own career and to enjoy celebrity status and the perks that accompanied it.

Suddenly he found himself confronted with the two big questions that any person who takes life seriously must answer.

First, for what purpose were we created? Second, to what extent are we using our talents for this purpose?

Sometime later, Paul, was discussing these two questions with singer Bob Dylan.

At the end of their conversation, Dylan suggested that Paul begin reading the New Testament. Paul took his advice. Later Paul said in an interview:

*I started reading the New Testament. Dylan was right because I began discovering that all the truths I sought were contained in the life of this Man who was being described in the New Testament.*

*It was fantastic...he set a good example, but it never occurred to me that he could be the Son of God...*

*I started to carry the Scriptures around with me. It was almost like having a brother with you.*

To make a long story short, that experience changed Paul's life.

Before the experience, Paul had everything backward.

He had become so preoccupied with using his musical talents selfishly that he had forgotten that God gave him his talents for a much nobler purpose.

That brings us to Mark 2:23-28. There we find the Pharisees making a mistake similar to the one Stookey made.

They had become so preoccupied with observance of Jewish laws that they forgot the purpose of the laws.

What noble purpose is our Lord calling you to do today?

God's Peace, Pastor Richard



## Lessons and Themes for the Sundays in August, 2011:

### 8/7/11: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### “Elijah...Hearing the Voice of God Speak”

Psalm 85:8-13  
2 Kings 19:9-18  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

### 8/14/11: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### “Canaanite Woman...Breaking Through Barriers”

Psalm 67  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28

### 8/21/11: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### “Abraham & Sarah...Beyond Our Imagination”

Psalm 138  
Isaiah 51:1-16  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

### 8/28/11: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

#### “Peter...Losing Your Life to Find It”

Psalm 26:1-8  
Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

## Praise the Lord

The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of June, 2011:

### General Fund:

Bal. 5/31/11:	(\$16,550.57)
Inc., June	\$20,713.98
Exp., June	\$20,622.33
Bal. 6/30/11:	(\$16,458.92)

### Building Fund:

Bal. 5/31/11:	\$18,828.19
Inc., June	\$734.50
Exp., June	\$0.00
Bal. 6/30/11:	\$19,562.69



## Sunday Servants

If for any reason you are unable to serve on the Sunday indicated, please trade with someone else on the list or find a replacement and contact the church office so that the names can be listed correctly in the church bulletin. **Please watch the mail for the post card. This is a temporary schedule for the month so it may change. Thank you.**

### Van Driver:

8/7 Mike Vosburgh  
8/14 Dennis Selberg  
8/21 Mike Burns  
8/28 Mark Broich

### Synthesizer (Contact Person: Pam Fleming, 376-5429)

8/14 8 & 10 Cindy Swart  
8/28 8 & 10 Brenda Hurlbut

### Acolytes (Contact Person: Julia Berger, 376-6906)

8/7 8:00 Sarah Waldner  
Kourtney Bauman  
10:00 Brandon Kempema  
Brianna Kraft  
8/14 8:00 Nathan Russell  
10:00 Katie Randgaard  
8/21 8:00 Jon Faragher  
Sarah Waldner  
10:00 Logan Rogers  
Jonathan Raley  
8/28 8:00 Kourtney Bauman  
10:00 Brianna Kraft

### Ushers (Contact Person: Julia Berger)

8/7 8:00 Nick Demuth  
10:00 Zachary Kempema  
8/14 8:00 Colton Poppema  
10:00 Nathan Patten  
8/21 8:00 Nathan Faragher  
10:00 Rebecca Christensen  
8/28 8:00 Nick Demuth  
10:00 Trevor Wietzema

### Coffee Servers (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

8/7 Keith & Brenda Stanton  
Gene Christensen  
8/14 Roger & Marjorie Larson  
Ron & Winora Hallstrom  
8/21 Dave & Marjorie Livingston  
Jim & Mary Kraft  
8/28 Leroy & Rosemary Merkel  
Karen Lewis

### Lectors (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

8/7 8:00 Lisa Waldner  
10:00 Karen Lewis  
8/14 8:00 Jeff McNickle  
10:00 Glennis Pearson  
8/21 8:00 Vona Mae Vihlen  
10:00 Teresa Widboom  
8/28 8:00 Matt Russell  
10:00 Jacob Holck

### Greeters (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

8/7 8:00 Agnes Cross  
Rosann Boots  
10:00 Dennis & Shelly  
Gieselmann Family  
8/14 8:00 Kent & Valerie Wilkening  
Family  
10:00 Al & Doris Selberg  
8/21 8:00 Dave & Marjorie  
Livingston  
10:00 Gene & Charlene Wachter  
8/28 8:00 Pat & Lynette Demuth  
Family  
10:00 Curt & Glennis Pearson

### Liturgist (Contact Person: Pam Fleming, 376-5429)

8/7 8:00 Leroy Merkel  
10:00 Jacob Holck  
8/21 8:00 Rich Liapis  
10:00 Ryan McGaughey

**Contemp. Liturgist (Contact Person: Pam Fleming, 376-5429)**

8/14 8 & 10 Lisa Waldner  
8/28 8 & 10 Margaret Erickson

**Nursery Attendants (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)**

8/7 8:00 Olivia Stanton  
Kassie Wilkening  
10:00 Nancy Berg  
Charlene Wachter  
8/14 8:00 Julie Bauman  
Theresa Rotert  
10:00 Merle & Pat Elsing  
8/21 8:00 Diana & Dana White  
10:00 Volunteer  
8/28 8:00 Debbie Koob/Jane Benson  
10:00 Doris Selberg  
Adeline Larson

**Busy Bags (Contact Person: Dana Larson, 360-5609)**

August – Teresa Widboom  
September – Lynette Demuth  
October – Dana White  
November – Pam Fleming

# August Birthdays

2 Stacy Schreiber  
3 Troy Fitzhugh  
3 Jason Gerdes  
3 Lisa Severance  
3 Korey Stinehart  
5 Amanda Wilkening  
6 Joshua Burch  
6 Cyrus Eisele  
6 Bruce Kraft  
7 Bruce Livingston  
7 Sandy Randall  
9 Harvey Berg  
9 Tom Bomgaars  
9 Tony Potts  
10 Glenda Lais  
10 Katie Randgaard  
11 Lesa Johnson  
12 Cy Amundson

12 Marjorie Livingston  
14 John Milbrath  
14 Logan Rogers  
15 Terry Langland  
16 Lonnie Myrom  
16 Nancy Myrom  
17 Marjorie Larson  
18 Loren Bauman  
18 Gene Christensen  
18 Pat Elsing  
18 Josh Koob  
18 Lauren Stanton  
19 Jean Black  
19 Cassie Hurlbut  
19 Linda Towne  
20 Troy Feller  
20 Sandy Poppema  
20 Aaden Wagner  
21 Bernice Melom  
21 James Olson  
22 Duane Axdahl  
22 Andrew Berg  
23 James Laffrenzen  
23 Orville Lien  
23 Kathleen Myer  
24 Judy Gerdes  
25 Marj Broich  
25 Vernon Mews  
25 Don Wasmund  
26 Ron Almjeld  
26 Judy Frazee  
26 Mary Toso  
26 Todd Waller  
27 Emmett Frazee  
27 Haley Rogers  
27 Gerald Wachter  
27 Dennis Zierke  
28 Adam Feller  
28 Ashley Hellstrom  
28 Jan Larson  
29 Rich Liapis  
29 Margaret Shipley  
30 Nicole Kempema  
30 Marless Milbrath



**First Lutheran Benefits from your Grocery Purchases.** When you buy groceries at Hy-Vee, with the Hy-Vee Gift Card, First Lutheran receives 5% from the sale of the gift card. Get yours today! The cards are available in the church office and between services on Sunday. We have \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift cards to sell. You pay the full price for the card and the church receives 5%. **The card can also be used when you purchase gas.** As of June 30, 2011, a total of **\$23,174.50** has been put into the general fund.

**First Lutheran Benefits from your Grocery Purchases.** When you buy groceries at Fareway, with the Fareway Gift Card, First Lutheran receives 3% from the sale of the gift card. Get yours today! The cards are available in the church office and between services on Sunday. We have \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift cards to sell. You pay the full price for the card and the church receives 3%. As of June 30, 2011, a total of **\$355.44** has been put into the general fund.

**Seasoned Citizens:** We will meet on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Watch the bulletin for more information.



**Our donut and coffee fund is dwindling.** Your contribution will be much appreciated as we seek to restore the fund balance.

**There will be no meeting for the Hannah Circle in August.**

**ATTENTION:** Now that First Lutheran has an AED (it is located on the wall by the entrance to the women's bathroom), the Council is trying to gather a list of all who are trained on using the AED and a list of all who are trained in CPR. If you have been trained in either or both, please let Natalie know. Thanks!

**If you are** interested in being trained in CPR/AED let Natalie know. We have someone who is willing to do a training session.

**First Lutheran** also has an oxygen tank and we need to know if there is anyone who has been trained in how to administer it. If you have been, please let Natalie know.

**Attention College-Bound Students:** Please call the church office to let us know of your college address so that we can update our mailing lists and directory listings. Thanks!

**A special "Thank You"** to the First Lutherans that gave of their time to deliver "Meals on Wheels". Most of the recipients of the meals also appreciate the very short visit they receive.



**DEATH & SYMPATHY:** Merlin Earl Robinson died July 16, 2011 at the age of 74 years. His Funeral Service was held at First Lutheran Church on July 20, 2011. We extend our Christian sympathy to his family.

**Bible Readings  
For  
August, 2011**

1	Job	39-40
2	Colossians	1-2
3	Colossians	3-4
4	Proverbs	1-3
5	Proverbs	4-6
6	Proverbs	7-9
7	Proverbs	10-12
8	Proverbs	13-15
9	Proverbs	16-18
10	Proverbs	19-21
11	Proverbs	22-24
12	Proverbs	25-27
13	Proverbs	28-29
14	Proverbs	30-31
15	Ecclesiastes	1-3
16	Ecclesiastes	4-6
17	Ecclesiastes	7-9
18	Ecclesiastes	10-12
19	I Thessalonians	1-2
20	I Thessalonians	3-4
21	I Thessalonians	5-6
22	II Thessalonians	1-3
23	Song of Solomon	1-3
24	Song of Solomon	4-6
25	Song of Solomon	7-8
26	Isaiah	1-3
27	Isaiah	4-6
28	Isaiah	7-9
29	Isaiah	10-12
30	Isaiah	13-15
31	Isaiah	16-18

The readings for this month include Paul, wisdom literature and prophets from the Old Testament.

**Psalms  
For  
August, 2011**

1	PSALM	95
2	PSALM	95
3	PSALM	96
4	PSALM	96
5	PSALM	97
6	PSALM	97
7	PSALMS	98 & 99
8	PSALMS	98 & 99
9	PSALMS	100 & 101
10	PSALMS	100 & 101
11	PSALM	102:1-14
12	PSALM	102:1-14
13	PSALM	102:15-28
14	PSALM	102:15-28
15	PSALM	103
16	PSALM	103
17	PSALM	104:1-15
18	PSALM	104:1-15
19	PSALM	104:16-26
20	PSALM	104:16-26
21	PSALM	104:27-35
22	PSALM	104:27-35
23	PSALM	105:1-11
24	PSALM	105:1-11
25	PSALM	105:12-22
26	PSALM	105:12-22
27	PSALM	105:23-36
28	PSALM	105:23-36
29	PSALM	105:37-45
30	PSALM	105:37-45
31	PSALM	106:1-12

Read the Psalms as prayers. They are prayers that contain all of our emotions and put them plainly before the LORD.

## YOUTH NEWS

Have you ever spent 8 or more hours in a van while youth are trying to teach Pastor Richard a Lady Gaga song? Well, now I can say I have. On the way home from the Mission Trip, we entertained ourselves with teaching him songs from modern day entertainers such as Lady Gaga and Family Force Five. No matter how fun and funny that was, it doesn't even come close to being the highlight of the Mission Trip. In June, four youth, Pastor Richard, and myself headed out west to Lame Deer, Montana. We were set to work with Youth Works on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and many of us just weren't sure what to expect. As the trip leader, I had my own fears and worries. Would the other church groups get along with our group? Would the weather be good enough for our youth to work outside? Would any of us get enough sleep? I'm sure the youth had their own as well. With any trip, these would be my normal fears. That week God proved that he had a plan for us on the reservation, a plan to reach out to others, to teach about Christ, and even to act as his own hands and feet. Those fears that are always there were unnecessary as God had it all figured out.

When we drove into the town of Lame Deer, the very first thing we noticed was that we had to stop in the middle of a turn for a dog crossing the street. Why do I mention this? Because we learned very quickly that there were dogs loose all over the place. And I mean all over the place! The very next thing we noticed was how much the town and community were in need. Many of the stores we passed were closed and looked as if they had been for years. The IGA, the "big store", was tiny and would make our old Hy-Vee look like a mecca. Many of the houses had un-kept lawns and were in need of more than a paint job. Several homes stood abandoned. This was where God called us to work. With 75, sometimes more, little children coming to Kids Club to hear the word and to play with others and feel loved and with the work our youth did on John's home, I know our youth did an amazing job. Our team may have been small, but their might was great and I couldn't have asked for a better group of youth both in their

behavior and in their spirit to serve. Nothing was going to stop them from what they came to do. Thank you for helping us to be able to have this opportunity to serve and to go where God called and needed us. With this amazing trip fresh in my mind, I can't wait to see where God will call us for next summer and what great work we will do both on that trip and here in our town.

God's Peace,  
Amy Loker

### **Youth Updates:**

\* LifeLight is September 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and will come back the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup>. This is open to all youth entering grades 6-12 in the fall and older youth. We ask that youth pay \$10 to help cover some of the costs of camping and travel. Sign up outside of Amy's office. Youth who need to be back in time for the band concert on September 4<sup>th</sup> are welcome to join us on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and part of September 3<sup>rd</sup> so you can enjoy both this concert and your marching band competition. Rides will be figured out.

\* We will be wrapping up the Flamingo Flurry the week before school starts. Plan on going out the evening of August 17<sup>th</sup> for what will probably be our final night of flamingos.

\*Thrivent is hosting an event for youth on September 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 pm and ending at 7:00 pm at St. Matthews. The topic will be the safe use of social media such as facebook and cell phones. This is open to youth grades 6-12 and pizza will be served as the meal. Any youth planning to go should contact Amy so we know how many will be there.

\*Buzz and Y.F.C. will be starting on September 14<sup>th</sup>. A meal will be served at 5:30 pm followed by Buzz at 6:00 pm and Y.F.C. at 7:00 pm.