

## **First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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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**

GARY GERDES, PRESIDENT –

(507) 376-3574

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

RICHARD RICKER--Pastor

Natalie Zinnel--Administrative Secretary

Amy Lein--Youth & Family Director

David & Robin Stoyke--Custodians

Lola Geisendorfer--Parish Visitor

Pam Fleming--Worship Planner & Visual  
Coordinator

Eric Parrish--Choir Director

Jacquie 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 Power of the Cross”**

Lent for Christians is about journeying  
once again with Jesus through the last 40  
days of his life. We take time to come  
together on Wednesday evenings to carve a  
space in our busy lives for Jesus. We have a  
unique opportunity to use this time to  
deepen our faith, reflect on our  
shortcomings and once again discover who  
Jesus is for us. This season of Lent we will  
be using our time in worship to talk about  
the power of the cross in our lives. We will  
devote time each week to a different aspect  
of Jesus Christ and his importance in our  
lives. Each week we'll talk about and think  
about a way that the “power of the cross”  
manifests itself in the life of Jesus. The  
preaching series is as follows:

2/17 Lamb of God -John 1:24-34 Ash Wed

2/24 Prince of Peace - Isaiah 9:2-7

3/3 Mighty God - Isaiah 9:2-7 (this repeat  
of scripture is intentional)

3/10 King of Kings - Revelation 19:11-16

3/17 Messiah - John 1:35-46

3/24 Savior - John 3:16-21

Please take this opportunity to invite  
friends and family to join you as we  
journey to the cross and beyond this Lenten  
season.

God's peace,  
Pastor Richard

**Lessons and Themes for the  
Sundays in February, 2010:  
Sermon series: The Jesus Mosaic  
2/7/10: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany  
“Our Heart”**

Psalm 138  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Luke 4:21-30

**2/14/10: Transfiguration of our Lord  
“Our Peace”**

**Psalm 85:8-13  
Romans 5:1-11  
Luke 9:28-36**

**Sundays in Lent  
Preaching series  
*Life. Death. Victory.***

Life. Death. Victory. Those three words sum up everything Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, has done for us—by his holy life, through his innocent death, and in his glorious resurrection victory! For Christians, all roads lead to Calvary and then past Calvary to our Lord’s empty tomb. That’s particularly true as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Easter. For the next six weeks, we will explore “Life. Death. Victory.” using each word in the title to help focus our thoughts and prayers as we journey with Christ through lent to his glorious resurrection

**2/21/10: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
“Jesus the Story”**

Romans 10:8b-13  
John 13:31-38

**2/28/10: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
“The Story of My Life”**

Genesis 15:1-6  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
John 10:1-10

**Praise the Lord**

The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of December, 2009:

General Fund:

Bal. 11/30/09:	(\$4,524.83)
Inc., December	\$30,772.02
Exp., December	\$27,997.96
Bal. 12/31/09:	(\$1,750.77)

Building

Bal. 11/30/09:	\$3,098.66
Inc., December	\$3,063.00
Exp., December	\$3,194.74
Bal. 12/31/09:	\$2,966.92



**DEATH & SYMPATHY:** Donald Olsen died December 20, 2009 at the age of 99 years. His funeral service was held at First Lutheran on December 23, 2009. We extend our Christian sympathy to his family.



**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.

**Tape Duplicator:** Julie Christensen

**Van Driver:**

2/7	Doug Konold
2/14	Randy Potts
2/21	Byron Swart
2/28	Midg White

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

2/7 8:00 Nathan Russell  
Sarah Waldner  
10:00 Nathan Patten  
Katie Randgaard  
2/14 8:00 Nathan Faragher  
Nick Demuth  
10:00 Logan Rogers  
Brianna Kraft  
2/21 8:00 Miles Veen/Tyler Faragher  
10:00 Troy Feller/Nathan Patten  
2/28 8:00 Colton Poppema  
Sarah Waldner  
10:00 Katie Randgaard  
Logan Rogers

**Ushers (Contact Person: Julia Berger)**

2/7 8:00 Lauren Stanton  
10:00 Zachary Kempema  
2/14 8:00 Logan Waldner  
10:00 Levi Severance  
2/21 8:00 Courtney Faragher  
10:00 Jordan Gieselman  
2/28 8:00 Lauren Stanton  
10:00 Rebecca Christensen

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

2/7 8:00 Loren & Dorothy Bauman  
10:00 Matt & Teresa Widboom  
Family  
2/14 8:00 Agnes Cross/Rosann Boots  
10:00 Bruce & Sara Barber  
Family  
2/17 6:30PM Roger & Marjorie Larson  
2/21 8:00 Keith & Linda Towne  
10:00 Gary & Marless Milbrath  
2/24 6:30PM Dana White Family  
2/28 8:00 Pat & Lynette Demuth  
Family  
10:00 Dennis & Janet Zierke

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

2/7 8:00 Paula Laffrenzen  
10:00 Lola Geisendorfer  
2/14 8:00 Brenda Stanton  
10:00 June Boots  
2/17 6:30PM Nancy Myrom  
2/21 8:00 Lynnette Faragher  
10:00 Matt Widboom  
2/28 8:00 Marjorie Larson  
10:00 Robert Bents

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

2/7 Mike & Gwen Peil  
Arond & Shaila Peil  
2/14 Roger & Marjorie Larson  
Karen Lewis/Agnes Cross  
2/21 Doug & Julie Christensen  
Bruce & Robin Livingston  
2/28 Greg & Nicole Kempema  
Matt & Alisa Russell

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

2/14 8:00 Lisa Waldner  
10:00 Rich Liapis  
2/28 8:00 Matt Russell  
10:00 Ed Philipp

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

2/7 8:00 Leroy Merkel  
10:00 Ryan McGaughey  
2/21 8:00 John Vihlen  
10:00 Lonnie Myrom

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

2/14 8 & 10 Katie Fleming  
2/28 8:00 Brenda Stanton  
10:00 Nancy Myrom

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

2/7	8:00	Ruth Yeske Norma Woodbury
	10:00	Marilyn Frisch Lola Geisendorfer
2/14	8:00	Carrie Adams Nicole Kempema
	10:00	Gene & Charlene Wachter
2/21	8:00	Diana & Dana White
	10:00	Nancy & Alyssa Berg
2/28	8:00	Pat & Lynette Demuth
	10:00	Merle & Pat Elsing

17	Chelsey Isder
17	Marilyn Starrett
18	Betty Burns
19	Viola Gerdes
19	David Stoyke
20	Karen Buchman
21	Kyle Isder
21	Emily Krommendyk
21	Judy Selberg
23	Kylee Milbrath
23	Adam Russell
23	Sarah Waldner
25	Terry Van Note
26	Robert Feller
26	Timothy Nunes
26	Melissa Randgaard
27	Keith Towne

# February Birthdays

1	Jean Bender
1	Doug Konold
2	Rolf Carlson
3	Wade Buchman
3	Derek Hellstrom
3	Gary Randgaard
3	Julie Vos
4	Doug Christensen
4	Kahla Gieselmann
6	Rosann Boots
6	Jacquie Frerichs
6	Jaida Mason
6	Keith Stanton
6	Logan Waldner
7	Ashley Bents
8	Andrew Bents
8	Mary Tripp
8	Judy Wietzema
8	Ruth Yeske
9	Khantalie Heig
10	Thomas Bauman
10	Kinzie Myrom
10	Dustin Neugebauer
12	Jason Christensen
12	Craig Randgaard
12	Joan Tofteland
13	Shawn Boomgarden
13	Nichole Lowe
13	Doug Mahlberg
16	Lola Geisendorfer

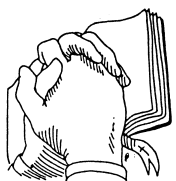
**First Lutheran Benefits from your Grocery Purchases.** When you buy groceries at Hy-Vee, with the Hy-Vee Gift Card, First Lutheran receives 5% from the sale of the gift card. Get yours today! The cards are available in the church office and between services on Sunday. We have \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift cards to sell. You pay the full price for the card and the church receives 5%. All the cards are prepaid and are like cash when you purchase them. As of December 31, 2009 a total of **\$17,387.58** has been put into the general fund.

**Attention all Seasoned Citizens:** You are invited to a pot luck lunch to be held at First Lutheran at noon on Thursday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> in Centennial Hall to meet with Pastor Richard to talk about future activities and events. Please come, invite your friends and bring a dish to pass. Please sign up in the church office to let us know you will be there. If any questions, speak with Pastor Richard.



## Thursday Lenten Luncheons for 2010

February 25<sup>th</sup> – NO SERVICE  
March 4<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran Church  
March 11<sup>th</sup> at First United Methodist  
March 18<sup>th</sup> at American Lutheran  
March 25<sup>th</sup> at Westminster Presbyterian  
Services will begin at 12:05 pm and end at 12:30 pm with lunch from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. Each service will feature a different pastor. These services are ecumenical in nature. Please come and bring a friend!



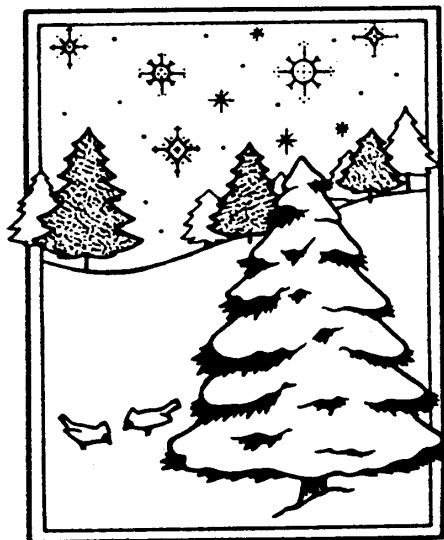
**Please call or email the office** with any prayer concerns that you would like on the prayer chain or in the bulletin as Natalie will be managing the prayer chain for the immediate future. If any questions or concerns; speak with Natalie or Pastor Richard.



## LENTEN SUPPERS @ FIRST

February 24<sup>th</sup> – Youth Team  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Men’s Group/Evangelism  
March 10<sup>th</sup> – Worship & Music  
March 17<sup>th</sup> – Church Council  
March 24<sup>th</sup> – Property/Finance

The meal will be served from 5:00 to 6:15 pm.



Food Drive will be held in March. Watch for more information to come in the March Evangel.

**Bible Readings  
For  
February, 2010**

1	Leviticus	1-3
2	Leviticus	4-6
3	Leviticus	7-9
4	Leviticus	10-12
5	Leviticus	13-15
6	Leviticus	16-18
7	Leviticus	19-21
8	Leviticus	22-24
9	Leviticus	25-27
10	Numbers	1-3
11	Numbers	4-6
12	Numbers	7-9
13	Numbers	10-12
14	Numbers	13-15
15	Numbers	16-18
16	Numbers	19-21
17	Numbers	22-24
18	Numbers	25-27
19	Numbers	28-30
20	Numbers	31-33
21	Numbers	34-36
22	Deuteronomy	1-3
23	Deuteronomy	4-6
24	Deuteronomy	7-9
25	Deuteronomy	10-12
26	Deuteronomy	13-15
27	Deuteronomy	16-18
28	Deuteronomy	19-21

These books might seem a bit “dull.” They form the basis for the ‘culture’ we will observe during the remainder of the Old Testament. The promises of Genesis and Exodus lay the foundation for the greatest Promise of all from God – the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

**Psalms  
For  
February, 2010**

1.	PSALM	17
2.	PSALM	18:1-12
3.	PSALM	18:1-12
4.	PSALM	18:13-24
5.	PSALM	18:13-24
6.	PSALM	18:25-37
7.	PSALM	18:25-37
8.	PSALM	18:38-50
9.	PSALM	18:38-50
10.	PSALM	19
11.	PSALM	19
12.	PSALM	20
13.	PSALM	20
14.	PSALM	21
15.	PSALM	21
16.	PSALM	22:1-11
17.	PSALM	22:1-11
18.	PSALM	22:12-21
19.	PSALM	22:12-21
20.	PSALM	22:22-31
21.	PSALM	22:22-31
22.	PSALMS	23 & 24
23.	PSALMS	23 & 24
24.	PSALM	25
25.	PSALM	25
26.	PSALM	26
27.	PSALM	26
28.	PSALM	27

Remember to read the Psalms “prayerfully,” as if Jesus were praying them with you. As you listen, you will hear His words within the Psalms.

## YOUTH NEWS

I don't know about you but I truly enjoy being able to see life from other perspectives. Recently I was able to travel to Mexico to spend Christmas with my future family. What a unique and eye opening experience it was! Not only in the change of temperature and traditions but in the view of life for others in a place far differing from the Midwest. I traveled to the state of Oaxaca, Mexico which is one of the southernmost states in Mexico. This is not the typical Mexico most people get to see. While spending time with the Loker family I was able to get a glimpse of how they are working to serve Christ. With the recording studio right next to their house these people are working on recording the New Testament, parts of the Old Testament, and several movies including the Jesus Story, the book of Luke, and many Old Testament stories in 120 different languages. That is just in this one state, this one certain part of Mexico. I have served on Mission Trips; I have felt the pleasure of helping someone out. I have shared the joy with individuals when I have the privilege to tell them about Christ. I have done a small bit, and have the great joy to be working with youth who are so eager to serve.

We have youth who not only participate in our Mission Trip, but serve the church through volunteering at Vacation Bible School, teaching Sunday School, knitting prayer shawls, serving those in need in our congregation, and raising money so that they are able to serve for one week every year. One week, five to seven days to serve, and our youth look forward to this, would rather do this then attend a gathering. We have more youth attending our Mission Trips, than

attending concert festivals! Thank God for all the dedicated hearts of service that our youth have. This month our most successful fundraiser will be going on. Our silent auction and quilt raffle is expected to raise at least one fourth of our trip expenses for this summer and hopefully more than that! Please keep this in mind as you donate items to the auction and as you place bids. All of the money will go toward youth who not only desire to serve, but who desire the opportunity to grow in their faith, to meet others who can inspire them, and to build up a strong community of young believers.

God's Peace,  
Amy

### **Youth Updates:**

\* Schedules for Buzz and YFC in 2010 are posted outside Amy's office, on the board between the bathrooms and on our church website. Take a look and see what our youth will be doing and learning on Wednesday nights. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Amy.

\*The last night of Buzz is February 10<sup>th</sup>. Please note that we will not be starting Buzz back up after Easter.

\* There is a box outside of Amy's office for dropping off forms or payments. This is an attempt to keep better track of trip payments and fundraiser donations. Please do not hand forms or checks to Amy, rather put them in the box.

**The Sunday School Students** are learning how to Serve Like Jesus. As part of this rotation, they will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Health Kits. These health kits are distributed around the world to help refugees and others in need. We ask that you support the kids in their project by donating one or more of the following items: Hand Towel (dark color), Washcloth (dark color), Bath-size bar of soap (4-5 oz) (leave in original wrapping) Adult size toothbrush (leave in package) Sturdy comb, Metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached. All items need to be new and in good condition. There will be a collection box in Centennial Hall from January 17<sup>th</sup> - February 7<sup>th</sup>. The children will be assembling the kits on February 14<sup>th</sup> and we will pray for the families that receive them at the 10 am worship service that day. Thank you for supporting this project and extending our ministry beyond our walls! If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Widboom (507-370-0669) or Sara Barber (507-360-1368).



Step by Step

He does not lead me year by year,  
Nor even day by day,  
But step by step my path unfolds,  
My Lord directs my way.

Tomorrow's plans I do not know,  
I only know this minute.  
But he will say, "This is the way,  
By faith now walk ye in it."

And I am glad that it is so,  
Today's enough to bear,  
And when tomorrow comes,  
his grace  
Shall far exceed its care.

What need to worry then, or fret?  
The God who gave his Son  
Holds all my moments in his hand  
And gives them one by one.  
—Author unknown