

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

RICH LIAPIS, PRESIDENT –

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CHURCH STAFF

RICHARD RICKER--Pastor

Natalie Zinnel--Administrative Secretary

Amy Loker--Youth & Family Director

David & Robin Stoyke--Custodians

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**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 Babe’s Longest ‘Home Run’!”

Babe Ruth is one of the most famous names in American sports.

A memorable time in Ruth’s personal life was a cold December night in 1946. He explained why in an article in *Guideposts* magazine. He wrote:

“[Even though] I drifted away from the church, I did have my own altar, a big window in my New York apartment overlooking the city lights.”

“Often I would kneel before that window and say my prayers. I would feel quite humble then. I’d ask God to help me...and pray that I’d measure up to what he expected of me.”

On this cold December night, however, Ruth was in a New York hospital, seriously ill. His closet friend, Paul Carey, was at his side. After a while, Carey turned to him and said, “Babe, they’re going to operate in the morning. Don’t you think you should see a priest?”

Ruth saw the concern in Paul’s eyes, and for the first time in his life he realized that death could strike him out.

So he said to Carey, “Yes, Paul! I’d appreciate your calling a priest.”

That night Babe Ruth spent a long time talking to Jesus with the priest’s help. When he finished, he had made a full and humble confession.

After the priest left, the Babe said, “As I lay in bed that evening, I thought to myself what a comfortable feeling to be free from fear and worries. I could simply turn them over to God.”

Written by Mark Link

You know Babe set a good example for us. No matter what direction our lives take; it is never too late to turn to God. Are you feeling disconnected from Jesus? Why not turn to Him and have a good talk right now!

God’s Peace, Pastor Richard

Lessons and Themes for the Sundays in June, 2011:

6/5/11: 7th Sunday of Easter

“Mary...An Extended Family”

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
 Acts 1:6-14
 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
 John 17:1-11

6/12/11: Day of Pentecost

“Moses...Followers Need Leaders”

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
 Numbers 11:24-30
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
 John 20:19-23

6/19/11: Holy Trinity

“Adam & Eve...We Are God’s Creation”

Psalm 8
 Genesis 1:1-2:4a
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Matthew 28:16-20

6/26/11: 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

“Jeremiah...Prophesies Confirmed”

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
 Jeremiah 28:5-9
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

Praise the Lord

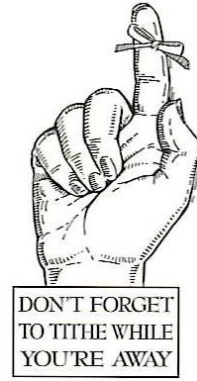
The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of April, 2011:

General Fund:

Bal. 3/31/11:	(\$13,946.10)
Inc., April	\$28,830.50
Exp., April	\$24,602.50
Bal. 4/30/11:	(\$9,718.10)

Building Fund:

Bal. 3/31/11:	\$19,405.20
Inc., April	\$1,715.50
Exp., April	\$0.00
Bal. 4/30/11:	\$21,120.70



Holy Baptism



BAPTISM: We welcomed Trey Scott Milbrath, son of Eric & Lisa Milbrath, as a fellow member of the family of God through Baptism on Friday, May 6, 2011. Sponsors are Brandon Rall, Kate Calvin and Nichole Post. Welcome to the Lord’s family, Trey.

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:

6/5	Mike Burns
6/12	Mark Broich
6/19	Doug Frisch
6/26	Doug Konold

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

6/12	8 & 10	Cindy Swart
6/26	8 & 10	Brenda Hurlbut

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

6/5 8:00 Sarah Waldner
Kourtney Bauman
10:00 Jonathan Raley
Brianna Kraft
6/12 8:00 Nathan Russell
10:00 Katie Randgaard
6/19 8:00 Jon Faragher
Kourtney Bauman
10:00 Logan Rogers
Jonathan Raley
6/26 8:00 Sarah Waldner
10:00 Brianna Kraft
Brandon Kempema

Ushers (Contact Person: Julia Berger)

6/5 8:00 Nick Demuth
10:00 Troy Feller
6/12 8:00 Colton Poppema
10:00 Nathan Patten
6/19 8:00 Tyler Faragher
10:00 Rebecca Christensen
6/26 8:00 Nathan Faragher
10:00 Trevor Wietzema

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

6/5 Dale & Debbie Koob
Keith & Mary Larson
6/12 Jeff & Theresa Rotert
Bob & Jane Benson
6/19 Loren & Dorothy Bauman
Al & Doris Selberg
6/26 Rosann Boots/Barb Olson
John & Vona Mae Vihlen

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

6/5 8:00 Leroy Merkel
10:00 Teresa Widboom
6/12 8:00 Paula Laffrenzen
10:00 Ryan McGaughey
6/19 8:00 Marjorie Larson
10:00 Brenda Hurlbut
6/26 8:00 Arnold Waldner
10:00 Rich Liapis

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

6/5 8:00 Gene Christensen Family
10:00 Matt & Teresa Widboom Family
6/12 8:00 Dennis & Judy Selberg
10:00 Dennis & Shelly Gieselman Family
6/19 8:00 Don & Kathy Craun
10:00 Todd & Darcy Poppema Family
6/26 8:00 Kevin & Arlene Lowe Family
10:00 Roger & Linda Nelson

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

6/5 8:00 Olivia Stanton
Kassie Wilkening
10:00 Nancy Berg
6/12 8:00 Diana & Dana White
10:00 Merle & Pat Elsing
6/19 8:00 Debbie Koob/Jane Benson
10:00 Volunteer
6/26 8:00 Ruth Yeske
Norma Woodbury
10:00 Doris Selberg
Adeline Larson

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

6/12 8 & 10 Lisa Waldner
6/26 8 & 10 Margaret Erickson

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

6/5 8:00 Leroy Merkel
10:00 Jacob Holck
6/19 8:00 Rich Liapis
10:00 Ryan McGaughey

Busy Bags (Contact Person: Sara Barber, 360-1368)

June – Mary Larson
July – Julie Christensen
August – Teresa Widboom
September – Lynette Demuth
October – Dana White
November – Pam Fleming

June Birthdays

1	Mitchell Schoenecker
1	Eric White
1	Linden White
2	Bruce Amundson
4	Mark Ahlrichs
4	Desmund Bixby
4	Irene Janke
4	Johanna Lopez
4	Amy Schreiber
6	Doug Frisch
6	Gary Gerdes
6	Dorothy Nord
8	Charlene Wachter
9	Robert Baerenwald
9	Tyler Nienkerk
9	Grace Rosenbrook
10	June Boots
10	Verna Lien
11	Nicholas Nelson
12	Marie Christensen
12	Brenda Hurlbut
13	Cynthia Swart
14	Shari Chapman
14	Owen Stamer
14	Trenton Stoyke
15	June DeWitt
15	Linda Nelson
16	Sarah Hoehn
16	Elayne Rothbarth
17	Dawnsong Frodermann
18	Dustin Poppema
19	Jane Benson
19	Amber Rogers
19	Larry Woodbury
20	Steven Adams
20	Amber McNickle
20	Mary Patterson
20	Alan Waage
21	Marcia Liapis
21	Allen Thiner
22	Arond Peil
23	Rosemary Merkel
24	Trysten Stamer
26	Laura Christensen
26	Robin Negrete
26	Joseph Ternus
27	Karen Lewis
29	Travis Frazee

30	Isaiah Casanova
30	Noah Frazee
30	Marilyn Frisch

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 April 30, 2011, a total of **\$21,668.58** 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 March 31, 2011, a total of **\$290.19** has been put into the general fund.

Seasoned Citizens: We will meet on Thursday, June 9th at 2:00 pm in Centennial Hall. Watch the bulletin for more information.



**Join the Fun
at VBS**



All children age 3 yrs. old – 6th grade, are invited to join us for a week of fun at VBS. VBS will be held June 13th – 17th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Watch for more information around the church. Snacks will be provided for the children. Each student is asked to bring \$3.00 instead of cookies. A lunch & program will be held on the last day (June 17th). Hope to see you there! If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Melissa Lancaster or Lisa Waldner.

Anthony Bents



4 yr. old Anthony is bravely fighting Cancer. He is the son of Leon Bents, Grandson of Calvin & Sandy Bents, and Great-Grandson of Bobbie Elvin.

**A Benefit will be held for Anthony on:
Friday, June 10, 2011
5:00pm - 7:30pm
Elks Lodge in Worthington, MN**

**Supplemental Funds by:
THRIVENT FINANCIAL**

**Donations should be made payable to
THRIVENT and can be sent to:
Arlene Lowe
1522 Park Avenue
Worthington, MN 56187**

Anthony L Bents was born on February 8, 2007 in Sioux City IA., where he lived with his mother, Rochelle, and half -sister, Janaya. In June 2010, his mother noticed blood in his urine and took him to the hospital. He was then taken by ambulance and airlifted to the Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, MN, where scans revealed 2 tumors in his right kidney. Two days later his kidney was removed and the test results on the tumors confirmed the diagnosis of Wilms' **Tumor**, a rare kidney cancer that primarily affects children. Also known as nephroblastoma, it's the most common malignant **tumor** of the kidneys in children. The peak time of **Wilms' Tumor** occurrence is around ages 3 to 4. One week later he began radiation for 1 week, followed by 6 months of chemotherapy at the Sanford Children's Hospital in Sioux Falls SD. In October 2010, he underwent a second surgery due to complications from the kidney removal surgery.

Shortly after his diagnosis, Anthony came to live with his father, Leon, in Rushmore and has lived there ever since. Because Anthony's immune system is compromised from all of the treatments he has undergone, it is impossible for him to go to a daycare. Being a single father, Leon has not been able to work since August 2010 and the medical bills have continued to pile up.

In January 2011, scans revealed 3 more tumors on his right side by his lung. Anthony is once again undergoing another 6 months of chemo and radiation. Our hope is that the chemo will shrink the tumors enough so the surgeons will not have to remove his right lung. Anthony is also receiving shots to build up his blood count so they can harvest bone marrow to prepare for a bone marrow transplant upon completion of the chemo treatments.

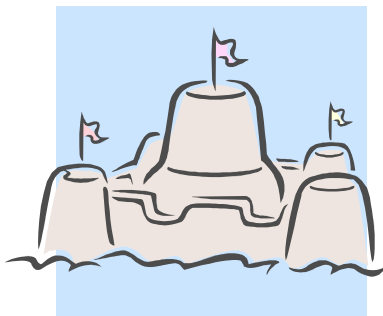
FELC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Each year any student from FELC is eligible to apply for a FELC scholarship. The applicant needs to be a graduating high school student or someone currently attending an institution of higher education such as a vo-tech, a state college, or private four year college etc. The amount of the scholarship given will vary and is contingent upon the activity of the investments during the preceding year. Principal amounts for these investments have come from bequests by various members, memorials and personal donations.

High school graduates continuing their education can apply for a scholarship as well as currently enrolled students at higher education establishments. **STUDENTS DO NEED TO APPLY EVERY YEAR** by June 30 to be considered for a scholarship for the ensuing academic year. Criteria for a scholarship will emphasize participation and achievement in service to church and community beginning at confirmation entry up to the present time. Applications are available at the Church Office.

Questions may be directed to the FELC Scholarship Committee members: Jan Larson, Marcia Liapis or Curt Pearson

Note: This scholarship is NOT the same as the "Lee Anderson Scholarship Fund".



High School Seniors and Current College Students

We have put together two information sheets regarding college scholarship financial assistance. Copies are available from the church office. One is for the "FELC Scholarship" which is potentially available to students attending ANY institution of higher learning. Committee members are Curt Pearson, Jan Larson and Marcia Liapis.

The other is for the "First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Worthington, Minnesota Scholarship Fund – commonly called the "LEE ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND". Eligibility includes college sophomores or higher attending a LUTHERAN COLLEGE OR SEMINARY. Even though **freshman are not eligible**, they SHOULD still complete an application in May of their high school graduation year so their name is put on the list for future consideration. This is explained more on the information sheet. Dennis Selberg is the Trustee representing First Lutheran.

Stop in or call the church office (376-6148) for copies of either or both information sheets. They contain more information about submission date deadlines and other details.

As soon as you know that you plan to attend an institution of higher learning (even though you may not have yet selected a specific school) please call the church office to enable Natalie to get your name on the list so she can send applications to all interested students. **Natalie will send out scholarship application forms in May.** You only need to complete ONE application – it will be used by both scholarship committees if you are attending a Lutheran school. Applications should be submitted to the church office **by June 30th**



THE CHURCH CUSTODIAN

Consider custodians, for members are few
Who give them the honor and praise they are due;
They seldom are mentioned by sinner or saint
Excepting when someone makes a complaint.

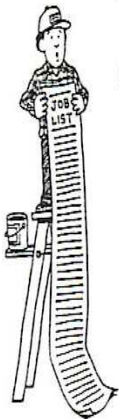
The temperature was never found or maintained
At a degree about which no one ever complained;
Some folks are too warm, while other folks freeze
And manage to cough, to snuffle or sneeze.

Some feel there's a draft that will cause them to ail,
While some say the air is too stuffy and stale.
The pews and the floor must be dusted and swept,
All articles placed where they ought to be kept.

It seems that some people will never put back
The Bible or hymnal they take from the rack.
All preachers are praised for the sermons they bring;
And choirs acclaimed for the music they sing.

But scanty and rare is the praise we accord
For the person who cares for the house of the Lord.
So when we give others the praise they are due
We all should remember custodians, too.

—Bethel Presbyterian Church
Salineville, OH



Can't Take It With You

There once was a rich man who was near death.
He was very grieved because he knew he had
worked so hard for his money, and he wanted to
be able to take it with him to heaven. So he began
to pray that he might find a way to take some of
his wealth with him.

An angel heard his pleading and appeared to
him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with
you," said the angel. The man implored the angel
to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules.

As his life slowly ebbed away, the man prayed
fervently that his wealth might go with him. The
angel reappeared and informed the man that God
had decided to allow him to take one container
with him. Overjoyed, the man stumbled out of
bed, hauled out a large trunk and, with the last of
his strength, filled it with pure gold bars and
dragged it beside his bed.

Soon afterward, the man died, and showed up at
the Gates of Heaven, where the streets of heaven
were paved in gold. He greeted St. Peter. Peter,
seeing the trunk said, "Hold on, you can't bring
that in here!"

But the man explained to Peter that he had
special permission, and asked him to verify his
story with God. Sure enough, St. Peter checked
with God and came back, saying, "You're right.
You are allowed one carry-on item, but I'm
supposed to check its contents before letting it
through."

Peter opened the trunk and peered inside to
inspect the worldly items that the man found too
precious to leave behind. In amazement, St. Peter
looked up and exclaimed to the man, "You
brought *paving stones*?"

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church

Summer Psalm

Now it came to pass that spring turned to summer
and God's people raised their voices and said:

Recreation is my shepherd, I shall not stay home;
He maketh me to lie down in a sleeping bag; He
leadeth me down the interstate each weekend, He
restoreth my suntan; He leadeth me to state parks for
comforts sake, even though I stray on the Lord's
Day, I will fear no reprimand for thou art with me;
My rod and reel, they comfort me. I anoint by skin
with oil, my gas tank runneth dry. Surely my trailer
shall follow me all the weekends this summer, and I
shall return to the Lord this fall. (But then it is
hunting season and that is another psalm.)

Special Event at Shetek Lutheran Ministries Saturday, June 4th!

All are invited to *REVIVE!* at Shetek, with Christian speaker/musician Peder Eide the evening of *Saturday, June 4th!*

There will be a dinner of hotdogs/burgers & potato salad available for a free-will offering to Camp Love's Embrace* (hosted at Shetek Lutheran Ministries).

Peder Eide will inspire & educate us with a Christ centered concert & time of worship. Parents, bring your kids. Kids, bring your parents, for this *fun night for families!*

All ages are welcome as we start the summer Saturday worship at Shetek! Watch for additional details coming soon! This event is being sponsored by Thrivent

Financial. Food will begin being served at 5:00 pm, with a concert following at 6:30 pm.

* Camp Love's Embrace is one weekend at camp designed for young people touched by the loss of a close family member.



**Bible Readings
For
June, 2011**

1	II Kings	4-6
2	II Kings	7-9
3	II Kings	10-12
4	II Kings	13-15
5	II Kings	16-18
6	II Kings	19-21
7	II Kings	22-23
8	II Kings	24-25
9	II Chronicles	1-3
10	II Chronicles	4-6
11	II Chronicles	7-9
12	II Chronicles	10-12
13	II Chronicles	13-15
14	II Chronicles	16-18
15	II Chronicles	19-21
16	II Chronicles	22-24
17	II Chronicles	25-27
18	II Chronicles	28-30
19	II Chronicles	31-33
20	II Chronicles	33-36
21	Acts	1-3
22	Acts	4-6
23	Acts	7-9
24	Acts	10-12
25	Acts	13-15
26	Acts	16-18
27	Acts	19-21
28	Acts	22-24
29	Acts	25-26
30	Acts	27-28

These continue to be the historical books of the Bible. This month includes Acts, which is the history of the early church.

**Psalms
For
June, 2011**

1	PSALM	70
2	PSALM	71
3	PSALM	71
4	PSALM	72
5	PSALM	72
6	PSALM	73:1-14
7	PSALM	73:1-14
8	PSALM	73:15-28
9	PSALM	73:15-28
10	PSALM	74
11	PSALM	74
12	PSALM	75
13	PSALM	75
14	PSALM	76
15	PSALM	76
16	PSALM	77
17	PSALM	77
18	PSALM	78:1-20
19	PSALM	78:1-20
20	PSALM	78:21-51
21	PSALM	78:21-51
22	PSALM	78:52-72
23	PSALM	78:52-72
24	PSALM	79
25	PSALM	79
26	PSALM	80
27	PSALM	80
28	PSALM	81
29	PSALM	81
30	PSALM	82

Read the Psalms 'prayerfully' and let God's Spirit move through the words and thoughts with you.

YOUTH NEWS

It's a busy month here at FLC for our youth. We have the Kids Against Hunger food packaging, Vacation Bible School and our Mission Trip. I want to take a moment to tell you about our trip this year. We have five amazing Senior High Youth who are all very excellent leaders who are going on the trip this year. Our small but powerful crew will be heading out on June 18th for Lame Deer, Montana where we will be serving the people of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. While in Lame Deer, we will be having kids club, which is organized similar to Vacation Bible School. Elementary youth from the area will come and our youth will partner with the other groups there that week to put on games, skits, lessons and crafts. The kids who come always love kids club and it is hard to leave them behind. We also will be doing work projects that may include; painting, staining, brush removal, building a wheelchair ramp, or putting up siding on a house. These things that we do don't last forever, however they leave a lasting impression on the people that we help. We also will be partnering with local organizations such as a feeding ministry for children and helping out in a nursing home. Our youth will be the hands and feet of Jesus that week as they strive to do his work in Lame Deer. One thing our youth will also get to experience is a new culture. They will be finding out more about the Cheyenne people and their histories. Knowing these youth and knowing God, it is going to be a great trip! Please pray for us as we drive to and from Montana, as we work to

serve others, and as we grow not only as a group, but as brothers and sisters in Christ.

God's Peace,
Amy Loker

Youth Updates:

* The Adventure Trip meeting will be June 26th between services. We will plan on meeting in the lounge. This is mandatory for all youth attending the trip and their parents as we have more health and permission forms from the Badlands Ministries.

* The Mission Trip service will be at both services on June 26th. Come worship with our youth and hear about their experiences.

* Vacation Bible School is June 13th through June 17th and is open for all youth ages 3 through 6th grade. Please bring \$3 to help pay for food and donations to go toward our compassion child.

*Thank you! I wish to thank all of you who donated to start the community garden. Thanks to your generous donations, the garden is started and will help feed many in our community! Any youth interested in working the garden should speak with Amy. Our next week of serving in the garden is July 24th through the 30th.

*For all of you who haven't heard the news yet, Chris and I are expecting our first child around Thanksgiving.