

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

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Amy Loker--Youth & Family Director

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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

“And God so loved the world that he gave His only Son...”

After graduating from Georgetown University, Anne Donahue volunteered a year of her life to work at Covenant House in New York City.

Every night at ten o'clock, Anne and another volunteer put gallons of hot chocolate and bags of sandwiches into the Covenant House van.

For the next couple of hours, the familiar van with a dove painted on its door, tours the city's juvenile prostitution areas.

Anne explains the reason behind the tour. “We're out there because we know that a lot of kids haven't tried Covenant House yet. About two-thirds have never heard of us.”

Anne goes on to say that they accomplish something else, too. They show the kids that somebody truly cares, that somebody's out there who's not interested in buying or selling them. After her first year as a volunteer, Anne said, “I was very depressed. What kind of God would let kids suffer so much? Finally it got through to me... God's not going to come down and show us his love. We have to let God's love work through us.”

In Christ,
Pastor Richard

Lessons and Themes for the Sundays in November, 2011:

11/6/11: All Saint's Sunday

"Is There a "Center" to Scripture?"

Isaiah 11:1-3
Galatians 1:11-24
John 3:16-21

11/13/11: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

"What Kind of Authority Does the Bible Hold?"

Psalms 121
Romans 10:14-17
John 6:53-69

11/20/11: Christ the King

"Reading the Bible for a Change"

Psalms 119:9-16
Hebrews 4:12-13
John 1:19-28

11/27/11: 1st Sunday in Advent

"Power in Our Weakness"

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19
Mark 13:24-37

Praise the Lord

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

General Fund:

Bal. 8/31/11: (\$26,050.96)
Inc., September \$22,916.68
Exp., September \$22,774.68
Bal. 9/30/11: (\$25,908.96)

Building Fund:

Bal. 8/31/11: \$20,516.69
Inc., September \$844.00
Exp., September \$0.00
Bal. 9/30/11: \$21,360.89

Holy Baptism



BAPTISM: We welcomed Garrett Victor Mitchell, son of Joseph Ternus & Victoria

Mitchell, as a fellow member of the family of God through Baptism on Sunday, October 9, 2011. Sponsors are Nicole Mitchell & Jake Mischke. Welcome to the Lord's family, Garrett.

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:

11/6 Mike Burns
11/13 Mark Broich
11/20 Doug Frisch
11/27 Doug Konold

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

11/6 8:00 Jon Faragher
Olivia Adams
10:00 Kimberly Kraft
Matthew Schroeder
11/13 8:00 Bailey Kruse
10:00 Landon Rogers
11/20 8:00 Kourtney Bauman
Natalie Demuth
10:00 Gina Huber
Jonathan Raley
11/23 6:30PM Kimberly Kraft
11/27 8:00 Jon Faragher
10:00 Brandon Kempema
Matthew Schroeder

Ushers (Contact Person: Julia Berger)

11/6 8:00 Tyler Faragher
10:00 Brianna Kraft
11/13 8:00 Sarah Waldner
10:00 Logan Rogers
11/20 8:00 Nick Demuth
10:00 Troy Feller
11/23 6:30PM Nathan Faragher
11/27 8:00 Tyler Faragher
10:00 Trevor Wietzema

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

11/6 8:00 Arnold Waldner
10:00 Karen Lewis
11/13 8:00 Julia Berger
10:00 Glennis Pearson
11/20 8:00 Linda Towne
10:00 Mary Larson
11/23 6:30PM Cindy Russell
11/27 8:00 John Vihlen
10:00 Teresa Widboom

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

11/13 8 & 10 Lisa Waldner
11/27 8 & 10 Margaret Erickson

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

11/6 8:00 Gene Christensen Family
10:00 Gary & Marless Milbrath
11/13 8:00 Cindy Russell
Florence Hinsch
10:00 Todd & Darcy Poppema
Family
11/20 8:00 Dave & Robin Stoyke
10:00 Roger & Linda Nelson
11/23 6:30PM Ron & Karen Almjud
11/27 8:00 Ron & Winora Hallstrom
10:00 Jeff & Sandy Randall

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

11/6 8:00 Debbie Koob/Jane Benson
10:00 Marj Broich/Tami Rogers
11/13 8:00 Ruth Yeske
Norma Woodbury
10:00 Ryan & Becca
McGaughey
11/20 8:00 Lynnea Faragher Family
10:00 Janet Patten/Carol Seivert
11/27 8:00 Pat & Lynette Demuth
10:00 Marilyn Frisch
Lola Geisendorfer

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

11/6 Diana & Dana White
Jim & Paula Laffrenzen
11/13 Gary & Marless Milbrath
Byron & Cindy Swart
11/20 Bill & Sylvia Jacobson
Robert & Bonnie Bents
11/27 Matt & Alisa Russell
Daren & Julie Bauman

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

11/13 8 & 10 Cindy Swart
11/27 8 & 10 Brenda Hurlbut

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

11/6 8:00 John Vihlen
10:00 Jacob Holck
11/20 8:00 Leroy Merkel
10:00 Ryan McGaughey

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

November – Pam Fleming

November Birthdays

1 Joan Erickson
1 John Spillman
1 Tayton Thiner
2 Albert Selberg
3 Trey Davis
3 Jim Hudson
3 Aria Larson
3 Anna White
5 Justin Dieter
6 Carrie Adams
6 Drake Hurlbut
6 Diana White
8 Shanee Feller
9 Tyler Faragher
9 Donald Grant
9 Gloria Widboom
10 Sabrina Klein

- 10 Arlene Lowe
- 11 Don Larson
- 12 Misti Dieter
- 12 Nathaniel Heig
- 12 Chris Kruse
- 12 Karlie Lowe
- 13 Steve Jacobs
- 13 Craig Nienkerk
- 14 Angela Lowe
- 14 Marlene Swanson
- 14 Myranda Widboom
- 15 Joseph Christensen
- 16 Ann Bixby
- 16 Rhonda Langland
- 16 Jade Ternus
- 16 Allen Veen
- 17 Holly Bryngelson
- 17 Aleanna Heig
- 17 Zachary Kempema
- 17 Martin Schoenecker
- 19 Linda Dieter
- 20 Andrew Huber
- 20 Katrienne Schoenecker
- 21 Jeff Berger
- 21 Lois Graf
- 21 Doug Jacobson
- 23 Benjamin Christensen
- 24 Ross DeWitt
- 25 Natalie Demuth
- 25 Alfred Luing
- 26 Howard McCausland
- 26 Wesley Widboom
- 27 Matthew Widboom
- 28 Amy Dykema
- 28 Rosie Rogers
- 30 Julie Christensen
- 30 Amanda Poppema
- 30 Sara Ricker



Seasoned Citizens: We will meet on Thursday, November 17th at 2:00 pm. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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 September 30, 2011, a total of **\$24,246.50** 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 September 30, 2011, a total of **\$445.44** has been put into the general fund.



The Office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24th & Friday, Nov. 25th for the holiday.

A blessed thank you to all our First Lutheran "church family" for your support, cards, memorials and service at this difficult time of Dean's death. We appreciate all of you! "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life!" John 6:47

The family of Dean Swanson

Dear First Lutheran,

Thank you for the generous donation of scholarship money. It will be put towards my education at The Art Institutes International Minnesota. I greatly appreciate the continued love and support from the congregation at First Lutheran. Thanks again.

Angela Lowe

FLC Family,

Thank you very much for the quilt and the use of the hall for my graduation party. The warmth of the quilt is a direct reflection of the church family who gave it to me!

Thanks, Brandon Berger



Poinsettias will again be used at our Christmas services. If you would like to order one in memory or in honor of a loved one, contact the church office at 376-6148. Please indicate if you will be picking them up after the Christmas Day Service or if you will leave them here to be delivered to the shut-ins or nursing homes. Please leave the name of the person or persons you are giving one for. **Watch the bulletin for the price. The deadline to have your order in is December 8th.** Thank you!

Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Fest

We have been invited by Westminster Presbyterian Church to join them on Wednesday, November 23, 2011, for the Thanksgiving Eve Service at 6:30 pm at



Westminster. Everyone is invited — bring a friend. Following the service we will have a pie fest. Families are invited to bring a pie to share and join in the fellowship and fun. Any leftover pies will be used at the Thanksgiving Dinner.

REMINDER: On Sunday, November 6, 2011 the time will change from Daylight Savings Time. Remember



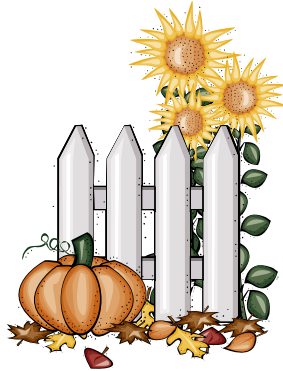
to set your clock back one hour.

The Finance Committee has decided to move the counting of Sunday morning offerings to Monday mornings beginning in January, 2012. The two services will be counted together into one bank deposit. Since some of the folks who currently count will not be available to count on Mondays, we could use a few more people to be on a counting team. Each team would count on Monday's during two months of the year so we're talking about a commitment of 8 or 9 times a year. The Monday morning counting process should normally take only about a half hour. If you would be willing to be part of a counting team, please contact Keith Larson at 376-9182 or Dennis Selberg at 376-5391.

Dear FLC Members,

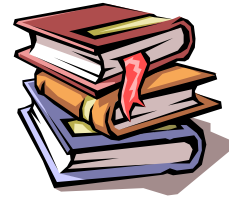
Many of you are aware that each year we have an All Saints service in the evening where we remember all of the members of First Lutheran and other loved ones who have passed away during the year (Nov. 2010 – Oct. 2011). Each year I am asked about someone in a member's family who was not included in the service. When someone is not a member, we rely on you to let us know if you want your loved one included. It is impossible for us to know and remember all those outside of our church family who have died. Please contact the church office and let us know if you want that special person included in this service of remembrance. The service will be held on Thursday, November 3rd at 7:30 pm.

God's peace, Pastor Richard Ricker



We need your help! Please help us to cover the "Thankful Tree" in the Fellowship Hall with socks. Socks of all sizes and colors will be donated to the Community Christmas Baskets project. Please bring socks during the month of November and hang them right on the tree. Last year First Lutheran donated 132 pairs of socks to be used in the Christmas baskets. The challenge is on to beat that number! As the weather changes many are in need of warm socks. Can you be a part of this project? Thank you for your donation, big or small.

Off the Shelf by Marlene Swanson



I attended a conference in the Cities and sat by Sharon Knudson. As we were visiting she said that she was an author and had written a book, **STARTING FROM SCRATCH WHEN YOU'RE SINGLE AGAIN**, and she told me a little about it. At Merlyn Robinson's funeral, someone told me that they had given a memorial to the church library and I thought about all the ladies at First Lutheran that are finding that they are "single again" because of death and/or divorce and thought of Sharon Knudson's book. So I ordered it for the library, not knowing that I soon was to be a part of that "single again" group. The book arrived just days after Dean's death. The book tells the stories of twenty-three women who have, through the death or divorce of a spouse, survived the blow to their dreams of happiness and security. They each tell their story and also give some guiding principles of how to get through the ordeal and then added their favorite recipe. Some of the stories are tragic, some more humorous but each one is there to give advice for what to do when disaster strikes, or to give you hope and let you know that you can heal and move on. I pray that the book will be a blessing to some of you.

Attention Ladies: *Hannah Circle will be having a Christmas Salad Luncheon on Thursday, December 15th at 11:30 am in Centennial Hall. More information will be in the upcoming Evangel. Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend.*

Community Christmas Baskets

The following items are needed to fill baskets for the needy families in Nobles County:

- Cash Donations to be used to purchase food and gifts of warm clothing
- Non-perishable foods such as canned or boxed fruits, vegetables, meats, soups, rice, pasta, or potatoes
- New (no used items please) adult gifts of warm clothing, especially gloves, scarves, hats or earmuffs for men or women.
- New (no used items please) mittens, gloves, caps, slippers or stockings for children
- New toys for children
- Toiletries such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, and combs

We also need volunteers to help sort, pack and deliver the baskets. If you would like to help, please call either Diane Waldner at 372-2419.

Cash Donations may be mailed to:
Community Christmas Baskets
PO Box 552
Worthington, MN 56187

Donated items may be delivered to the American Reformed Church, 1740 N. Burlington, Worthington, between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 am on Thursday, December 8th. If it is not possible to deliver the items at this time, please contact Peggy Olson at 376-4869. Thank you for your support!



The Service Committee would like to thank all for the help to make the Bake Sale and Supper a huge success with the donation of food, money, and help. The profit of \$2,055.58 will go into our general fund. Look what can happen when we work together. I heard some of you weren't contacted from the Zone Shepherd, we are sorry. If you would like to donate \$10 for the cause, feel free to do so. Turn it into our secretary and she will notify us and it will be put in the general fund.

LUTEFISK–MEATBALL DINNER IS SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 2011 SERVING AT 2:30 AND 5:30

We appreciate the support of the whole congregation for this activity. You are welcome to volunteer to help; we can use all ages. Join the fun.

Make Lefse – Roll lefse starting at 8:00 am on Wednesday, November 30th. Bring rolling pin if you have one. Call Dorothy Bauman at 376-6948 or Betty Burns at 376-5651.

Roll Meatballs – 8:00 am on Thursday, December 1st. Need some small ice cream scoops, and jelly roll pans or cookie sheets with edge. Call - Terry and Linda Neugebauer at 683-2897.

Peel Potatoes – 8:00 am on Saturday, December 3rd. Bring your own potato peeler. Call Marie Christensen at 376-5240.

Helpers on Sunday, December 4th
Call - Vona Mae Vihlen at 945-8407 or Bobbie Elvin at 376-5782.

Arlene Lowe will be calling for Swedish Cookies and Pam Fleming, Julia Berger, & June Boots for rice pudding.

Ninth Graders will serve plates of cookies with Santa Lucia. Arranged by Bonnie Bents

Sign-up sheets will be on the ticket table in November for fresh or cooked Lutefisk. Sign-up sheets will also be available for extra meatballs, lefse, cookies, rice pudding, and salad.

All workers need to purchase a ticket to eat. Workers in the Dining Area please wear white tops and black skirts or slacks. Pick up red capes, caps, and suspenders in the Nursery.

Thank you to Dave Livingston for making and installing rods and shelves for the paramount's cupboards and the banner room.

Bible Readings
For
November, 2011

1	Hosea	13-14
2	Joel	1-3
3	Amos	1-3
4	Amos	4-6
5	Amos	7-9
6	Obadiah	1
	Haggai	1-2
7	Micah	1-3
8	Micah	4-7
9	Nahum	1-2
10	Nahum	3-4
11	Habakkuk	1-3
12	Zephaniah	1-3
13	Zechariah	1-3
14	Zechariah	4-6
15	Zechariah	7-9
16	Zechariah	10-12
17	Zechariah	13-14
18	Malachi	1-4
19	Matthew	1-2
20	Matthew	3-4
21	Matthew	5-6
22	Matthew	7-8
23	Matthew	9-10
24	Matthew	11-12
25	Matthew	13-14
26	Matthew	15-16
27	Matthew	17-18
28	Matthew	19-20
29	Matthew	21-22
30	Matthew	23-24

This month finds our readings in the Minor Prophets and the Gospel of Matthew.

Psalms
For
November, 2011

1	PSALM	119:97-104
2	PSALM	119:97-104
3	PSALM	119:105-112
4	PSALM	119:105-112
5	PSALM	119:113-120
6	PSALM	119:113-120
7	PSALM	119:121-128
8	PSALM	119:121-128
9	PSALM	119:129-136
10	PSALM	119:129-136
11	PSALM	119:137-144
12	PSALM	119:137-144
13	PSALM	119:145-152
14	PSALM	119:145-152
15	PSALM	119:153-160
16	PSALM	119:153-160
17	PSALM	119:161-168
18	PSALM	119:161-168
19	PSALM	119:169-176
20	PSALM	119:169-176
21	PSALMS	120 & 121
22	PSALMS	120 & 121
23	PSALMS	122 & 123
24	PSALMS	122 & 123
25	PSALMS	124 & 125
26	PSALMS	124 & 125
27	PSALMS	126 & 127
28	PSALMS	126 & 127
29	PSALMS	128 & 129
30	PSALMS	128 & 129

Remember that we present the Psalms as “prayer islands” in your prayer life. Places where you can stop and be ‘with’ God for a few moments.

YOUTH NEWS

Earlier in the fall, I read an article about a senior high cross country runner who saw another runner who had been hurt and was on the ground by the side of the course. As a former cross country runner myself, I can only imagine what was going on and what I would have done. I'm sure there were many who continued on their way, the race being their goal and the bleeding runner being something that they just ignored. I know if it had been me, I would have continued on. However one runner stopped, picked up this other runner, and carried him half a mile to help before continuing on with the race himself. After reading this article I thought briefly about a Bible story I'm sure most, if not all, of you are familiar with, the story of the Good Samaritan. I know that even if this had been a teammate of mine that I would have continued on with the race, not because I didn't care, but because for our team winning was everything. Yet the guy who took the time out of the race to offer help was someone from a different team. Who knows, they could have been rival teams and yet this young man had the compassion to reach out and help, just like the Samaritan did. Who in our town or lives are the people who need our help? Is it that neighbor who plays that annoyingly loud music, or has the flock of children they can't seem to control? Is it the person we pass at the store who buys things that are different from us? Who could use your help? Take the time to slow down from that race and see who you might be passing by who could use your help.

God's Peace,
Amy Loker

Youth Updates:

*Our youth and families will be putting together boxes for Operation Christmas Child again this year. While we are putting the boxes together at our Christmas Party on November 9th, we still need help going out to purchase items on November 6th after the 2nd service.

* Order forms for the Goodie Bake were mailed out to families earlier this month. Please note that orders and payments are due in by the 20th. Orders will not be accepted without payment for the goodies.

* We will be making the goodies for the Goodie Bake on December 6th and 7th. Time TBA

*There will be no Buzz or Y.F.C. on December 7th, 21st, or 28th.

*Ornaments are available on the youth Christmas Tree on the table by the youth board. Please feel free to take an ornament and leave a donation. All the donations will be used to purchase an animal for Heifer International. In the past we have purchased a llama, pig, bunnies, ducks, honey bees, and more.

