

## **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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Lori Nienkerk--Choir Accompanist/  
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Dennis Selberg--Treasurer

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### **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**

#### **“I Love You More Than I Can Tell You.”**

Jimmy Stewart, a famous, respected  
Hollywood actor, said that his parents,  
especially his father, had a tremendous  
impact on him.

An example of his dad's influence was an  
incident that took place just before Jimmy's  
bomber squadron went overseas during  
World War II.

As the moment of departure neared,  
Jimmy sensed that his father wanted to say  
something special. But the words never  
came out.

Finally, his father embraced him and  
departed. Only later did Jimmy discover  
that his father had slipped a letter into his  
pocket. It read:

“My dear Jim boy, Soon after you read  
this letter, you will be on your way to the  
worst sort of danger...I am banking on the  
enclosed copy of the 91<sup>st</sup> Psalm. The thing  
that takes the place of fear and worry is the  
promise of these words... I can say no  
more... I love you more than I can tell you.  
Dad”

Jimmy then read these words of Psalm  
91:

“You will be safe in [God's] care; his  
faithfulness will protect and defend you...  
God will put his angels in charge of you to  
protect you wherever you go.”

Psalm 91:4, 11

Yes, what strength and hope comes from  
the word of God in times of need. God be  
with you in your journey!

In Christ,  
Pastor Richard

**Lessons and Themes for the Sundays in October, 2011:**

**10/2/11: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**“It Isn’t Fair! Isn’t that Great?”**

Philippians 4:10-14

Matthew 20:1-16

**10/9/11: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**“What Do We Do With What We’ve Been Given”**

Deuteronomy 24:19-22

2 Corinthians 9:8-15

**10/16/11: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**“How Is the Bible the Word of God?”**

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Romans 10:8-9

John 1:1-18

**10/23/11: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**“Where Did the Bible Come From?”**

Isaiah 40:7-11

Ephesians 6:10-17

Luke 1:1-4

**10/30/11: Reformation Sunday**

**“How Can I Read the Bible With Greater Understanding?”**

Psalms 139:1-18

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

John 8:31-36

**Praise the Lord**

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

General Fund:

Bal. 7/31/11:	(\$17,637.12)
Inc., August	\$15,892.23
Exp., August	\$24,306.07
Bal. 8/31/11:	(\$26,050.96)

Building Fund:

Bal. 7/31/11:	\$19,703.69
Inc., August	\$813.00
Exp., August	\$0.00
Bal. 8/31/11:	\$20,516.69

Holy Baptism



**BAPTISM:** We welcomed Hailey Lee White, daughter of Kristina (Kraft) Pineda &

Nathan White, as a fellow member of the family of God through Baptism on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Sponsors are Nathan Kraft and Stacy Kurlin. Welcome to the Lord’s family, Hailey.

Holy Baptism



**BAPTISM:** We welcomed Jordyn Kathryn Wasmund, daughter of Joshua & Kristi

Wasmund, as a fellow member of the family of God through Baptism on September 12, 2011. Sponsors are Jerrad Meinders, Tatiana Johnson, Angele Gruis and Andrew Gruis. Welcome to the Lord’s family, Jordyn.



**DEATH & SYMPATHY:** Dean Rodger Swanson died August 27, 2011 at the age of 81 years. His Funeral Service was held at First Lutheran Church on September 1, 2011. We extend our Christian sympathy to his family.

**DEATH & SYMPATHY:** Harold Lewis Hallstrom died September 8, 2011 at the age of 91 years. His Memorial Service was held at First Lutheran Church on September 12, 2011. 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.**

### Van Driver:

10/2 Midg White  
10/9 Jim Hudson  
10/16 Randy Potts  
10/23 Mike Vosburgh  
10/30 Dennis Selberg

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

10/2 8:00 Kourtney Bauman  
Natalie Demuth  
10:00 Brandon Kempema  
Kimberly Kraft  
10/9 8:00 Jon Faragher  
10:00 Landon Rogers  
10/16 8:00 Matthew Schroeder  
Bailey Kruse  
10:00 Olivia Adams  
Gina Huber  
10/23 8:00 Kourtney Bauman  
10:00 Kimberly Kraft  
10/30 8:00 Natalie Demuth  
10:00 Jonathan Raley

### Ushers (Contact Person: Julia Berger)

10/2 8:00 Nick Demuth  
10:00 Brianna Kraft  
10/9 8:00 Tyler Faragher  
10:00 Nathan Patten  
10/16 8:00 Nathan Russell  
10:00 Katie Randgaard  
10/23 8:00 Nathan Faragher  
10:00 Colton Poppema  
10/30 8:00 Nick Demuth  
10:00 Logan Rogers

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

10/2 8:00 Bob Dieter  
10:00 Nancy Myrom  
10/9 8:00 Lynnette Faragher  
10:00 Brenda Hurlbut  
10/16 8:00 Brenda Stanton  
10:00 Lola Geisendorfer  
10/23 8:00 Paula Laffrenzen  
10:00 Jacob Holck  
10/30 8:00 Marjorie Larson  
10:00 Al Selberg

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

10/9 8 & 10 Lisa Waldner  
10/23 8 & 10 Margaret Erickson

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

10/2 8:00 Jim & Paula Laffrenzen  
10:00 Lonnie & Nancy Myrom  
Family  
10/9 8:00 Ray & Karen Buchman  
10:00 Betty Burns/Shirley Frisch  
10/16 8:00 Jeff & Amber McNickle  
10:00 Curt & Glennis Pearson  
10/23 8:00 Doug & Ardys Jacobson  
10:00 Rich & Marcia Liapis  
10/30 8:00 Vernon & Marie Mews  
10:00 Daryl & Nadine Raley  
Family

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

10/2 Dale & Debbie Koob  
Keith & Mary Larson  
10/9 Jeff & Theresa Rotert  
Bob & Jane Benson  
10/16 Loren & Dorothy Bauman  
Al & Doris Selberg  
10/23 Youth Pancake Breakfast @ Elks  
10/30 Rosann Boots/Barb Olson  
Daryl & Nadine Raley

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

10/2 8:00 Jeff & Amber McNickle  
10:00 Marilyn Frisch  
Lola Geisendorfer  
10/9 8:00 Carrie Adams  
Nicole Kempema  
10:00 Nancy Berg  
Charlene Wachter  
10/16 8:00 Winora Hallstrom  
Linda Towne  
10:00 Merle & Pat Elsing  
10/23 8:00 Julie Bauman  
Theresa Rotert  
10:00 Volunteer  
10/30 8:00 Diana & Dana White  
10:00 Doris Selberg  
Adeline Larson

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

10/9 8 & 10 Cindy Swart  
10/23 8 & 10 Brenda Hurlbut

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

10/2 8:00 Leroy Merkel  
10:00 Jacob Holck  
10/16 8:00 Rich Liapis  
10:00 Ryan McGaughey

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

October – Dana White  
November – Pam Fleming

# October Birthdays

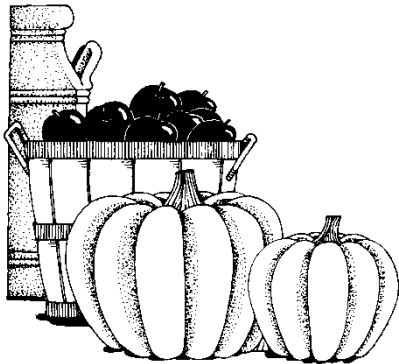
1 Chandler Kempema  
2 Marcia Linssen  
2 Dennis Selberg  
3 Trey Milbrath  
4 Patrick Demuth  
4 Lilly Price  
4 Sherry Randgaard  
4 Valorie Veen

7 Robert Dieter  
7 Beverly Kruse  
7 Janet Zierke  
8 Bev Frisch  
9 Gina Huber  
9 Justin Larson  
10 Marion Ager  
10 Alison Christensen  
10 Tim Toso  
11 Rebecca Ward  
12 JoAnn Kruse  
13 Isabel Adolph  
13 Nicholas Schroeder  
14 Haley Fitzhugh  
14 Ryan McGaughey  
14 Samuel Olson  
14 Mike Peil  
14 Teresa Widboom  
15 Linda Goolsby  
16 Dan Anderson  
16 Carla Buchman  
16 Vivian Heig  
16 Ardys Jacobson  
18 Robin Dolliver  
19 Evelyn Murray  
19 Arlene Muse  
20 Susan Kruger  
20 Philip Larson  
20 Sandra Marsh  
21 Ryan Benson  
21 Brittany Elsing  
22 Darcy Poppema  
23 James Kraft  
23 Tiffany Neugebauer  
23 Lisa Waldner  
24 Carol Seivert  
25 Nancy Berg  
25 Sandra Kaiser  
26 Mary Larson  
27 Dana White  
28 Mary Kimberling  
28 Hailey Schroeder  
31 Lynette Demuth



**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 August 31, 2011, a total of **\$23,916.75** 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 August 31, 2011, a total of **\$419.19** has been put into the general fund.



**Seasoned Citizens:** We will meet on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**REMINDER:** Our Annual Lutefisk and Meatball dinner will held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** so much for granting a scholarship to me so that I can continue my education at Hamline University in St. Paul, MN. I look forward to starting this new leg in my journey and I would appreciate your prayers as I continue to further my faith and education.

Thanks again, Cody Livingston

**Dear First Lutheran Church,**

I want to thank First Lutheran Church, its Scholarship Committee and its parishioners, for awarding me a scholarship for the 2011-12 college year. The award will help defray expenses during my junior year at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD.

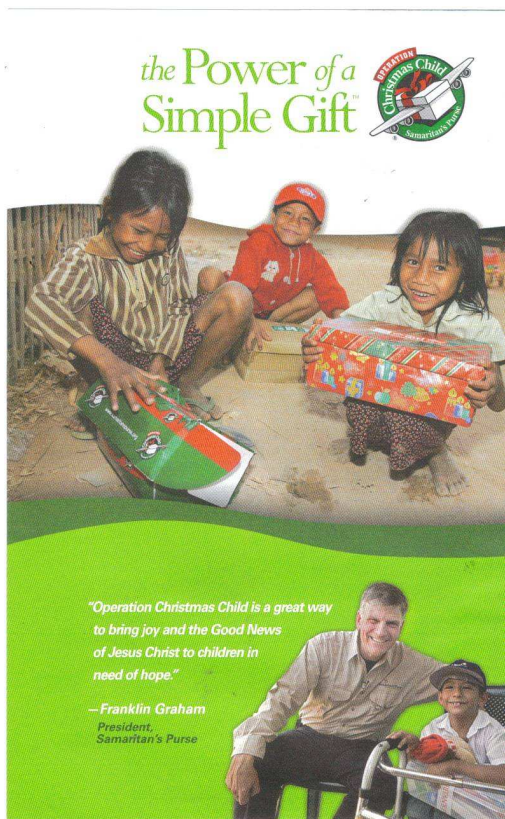
This award is special to me, not only for the monetary reasons, but that it comes from my home church and signifies your faith in me that I can excel in college.

More importantly, your award furthers my connection with First Lutheran Church.

Sincerely, Adam Vosburgh

**Someone has** said that if Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Did you know that during WWII there was an adviser to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace? There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate: Every evening at 9:00 PM Eastern Time (8:00 PM Central) (7:00 PM Mountain) (6:00 PM Pacific), stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, and for a return to a Godly nation. If you know anyone else who would like to participate, please pass this along. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have.

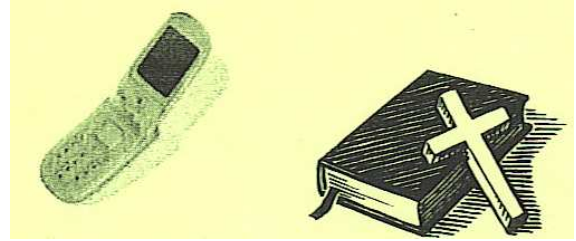
## Operation Christmas Child



**Watch for the Shoe Box display in Centennial Hall starting in October.**

**Shoe boxes will be available for you. The brochures will help you with suggestions, etc. for the boxes.**

**Please join us in this mission! We have 200 shoe boxes and hope to fill all of them!**



### Cell Phone vs. Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone.

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go...hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing,

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think "where are my priorities?"

And no dropped calls!

### Soup & Pie Supper First Lutheran Church Dundee, MN

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

5:00 pm Until Gone

#### Serving:

Delicious Cream Chicken over Baking

Powder Biscuits

Vegetable Soup

Chili

Bread

Pies & Desserts

#### Price:

Adults - \$7.00

Children 6 -12 - \$3.00

Preschool - Free

## WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN WHEN WE PRAY?

This is one of the nicest e-mails I have seen and is so true:

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, ' This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section, my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed." How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments"

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. "

"And if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness .. You are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day. "

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation ... You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world."

"If your parents are still alive and still married ....you are very rare."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair....."

Ok, what now? How can I start?

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Have a good day, count your blessings, and if you care to, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are

ATTN: Acknowledge Dept.

"Thank you Lord, for giving me the ability to share this message and for giving me so many wonderful people with whom to share it."



**Be a Hero!** Become a literacy volunteer. Community Education is looking for volunteers to help prepare someone for the citizenship exam. Help an adult improve their reading and writing skills and assist with teaching preschool children. If you are interested contact Justin at [Justin.stevenson@isd518.net](mailto:Justin.stevenson@isd518.net) or 507-372-1219. No teaching or tutoring experience required. Training is provided.

## Bible Readings For October, 2011

1	Jeremiah	49-50
2	Jeremiah	51-52
3	Lamentations	1-4
4	Ezekiel	1-3
5	Ezekiel	4-6
6	Ezekiel	7-9
7	Ezekiel	10-12
8	Ezekiel	13-15
9	Ezekiel	16-18
10	Ezekiel	19-21
11	Ezekiel	22-24
12	Ezekiel	25-27
13	Ezekiel	28-30
14	Ezekiel	31-33
15	Ezekiel	34-36
16	Ezekiel	37-39
17	Ezekiel	40-42
18	Ezekiel	43-45
19	Ezekiel	46-48
20	Daniel	1-3
21	Daniel	4-6
22	Daniel	7-9
23	Daniel	10-12
24	I Timothy	1-3
25	I Timothy	4-6
26	II Timothy	1-4
27	Philemon	1
	Titus	1-3
28	Hosea	1-3
29	Hosea	4-6
30	Hosea	7-9
31	Hosea	10-12

The readings this month are from prophetic books in the Old Testament and some of the smaller letters in the New Testament.

## Psalms For October, 2011

1	PSALM	115
2	PSALMS	116 & 117
3	PSALMS	116 & 117
4	PSALM	118:1-14
5	PSALM	118:1-14
6	PSALM	118:15-29
7	PSALM	118:15-29
8	PSALM	119:1-8
9	PSALM	119:1-8
10	PSALM	119:9-16
11	PSALM	119:9-16
12	PSALM	119:17-24
13	PSALM	119:17-24
14	PSALM	119:25-32
15	PSALM	119:25-32
16	PSALM	119:33-40
17	PSALM	119:33-40
18	PSALM	119:41-48
19	PSALM	119:41-48
20	PSALM	119:49-56
21	PSALM	119:49-56
22	PSALM	119:57-64
23	PSALM	119:57-64
24	PSALM	119:65-72
25	PSALM	119:65-72
26	PSALM	119:73-80
27	PSALM	119:73-80
28	PSALM	119:81-88
29	PSALM	119:81-88
30	PSALM	119:89-96
31	PSALM	119:89-96

Most of the time this month will be spent in Psalm 119. The subject of this Psalm is God's Word. Each grouping sings praises about God's Word. Let His Word become alive in your life.

## YOUTH NEWS

“Has it been that long?” This is something that I’ve actually heard quite a bit this year. Why? Because I’ve now been serving here at FLC for five years! Can you believe how quickly the time has passed? I have had the privilege and honor to watch many of our youth grow in their faith and become strong leaders. It is amazing what can happen in five years. Here are just a few of the things our youth have done. We’ve served in North Carolina, Montana, Arkansas, and Wisconsin on Mission Trips, started a community garden that has produced over 1,000 pounds of food for the needy in our community, collected over 1,000 pounds of food with pirates for the pantry, packaged up 2,400 meals for Kids Against Hunger (not including meals packaged on our Mission and Adventure Trip in 2010), sponsored 3 children through Compassion International, purchased more than 5 animals for the Heifer Project, helped put together quilts with Lutheran World Relief, sent over 60 Operation Christmas Child boxes out to children around the world, painted the Sunday School rooms, started an Elementary youth room, and have had many youth make leaps and bounds in their faith. Five years can go by quickly, and there is so much that we have done. I’m looking forward to all that we will do in the future to serve God, our community, and all of His children.

God’s Peace,  
Amy Loker

### **Youth Updates:**

\* Pirates for the Pantry will be on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We invite our middle school and senior high youth and parents to join us as we collect food for those in need in our community. We will be meeting at 9:30 am at the Max 493 and will be ending at noon with pizza. Any parents and youth interested in helping should rsvp to Amy.

\* Our annual pancake breakfast has been moved from the spring to the fall and is on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am - noon. Youth and families should sign up outside of Amy’s office for a shift. This fundraiser will help our youth raise money to help pay for summer trips and many of the other trips we take by putting money in their accounts. Help is greatly needed!

\*There will be no Buzz or Y.F.C. on October 19<sup>th</sup> due to MEA. McPrayer will be held the morning of October 19<sup>th</sup> instead of at its usual time.

\*Any parents interested in helping out with Buzz in November, December, and January should contact Amy. Help is needed to assist in leading games, crafts, songs, and Bible study.

\*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 9<sup>th</sup>, we still need help going out to purchase items on October 6<sup>th</sup> after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service.