

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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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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

“How To Get Untattooed”

A newspaper columnist reported on a
program for removing unwanted tattoos—
especially gang-related tattoos.

A surprising thing happened after the
column appeared. Over a thousand letters
flooded in from young people all over the
country, asking more about the program.

This remarkable response inspired the
Los Angeles School District and a local
cable television company to produce a film
called *Untattoo You*.

It told about the dangers of amateur
tattooing and showed how difficult it was
to remove small tattoos from arms and
faces and larger tattoos from chests and
backs.

The stars of the film were young people
themselves. They talked frankly about why
they were tattooed to begin with and why
they now wanted the tattoos removed.

The film won a national award and is
now distributed throughout the country.

The story behind the film *Untattoo You*
illustrates an important point.

All of us have done things in our lives
that we now regret and would like to erase.
And this is what this love of Jesus Christ is
all about. It comes from His loving heart to
our hearts. I love you says Jesus. You are
forgiven. What a graceful blessing.

In Christ,
Pastor Richard

Lessons and Themes for the Sundays in September, 2011:

9/4/11: 12th Sunday after Pentecost
 “Ezekiel...Repentance Leads to Reconciliation”

Psalm 119:33-40
 Ezekiel 33:7-11
 Romans 13:8-14
 Matthew 18:15-20

9/11/11: 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 103:1-13
 Genesis 50:15-21
 Romans 14:1-12
 Matthew 18:21-35

9/18/11: 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 15:11-32

9/25/11: 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 25:1-9
 Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
 Philippians 2:1-13
 Matthew 21:23-32

Praise the Lord

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

General Fund:

Bal. 6/30/11: (\$16,458.92)
 Inc., July \$23,548.29
 Exp., July \$24,726.49
 Bal. 7/31/11: (\$17,637.12)

Building Fund:

Bal. 6/30/11: \$19,562.69
 Inc., July \$1,146.00
 Exp., July \$1,005.00
 Bal. 7/31/11: \$19,703.69

Holy Baptism



BAPTISM: We welcomed Charley Matthew Widboom, son of Matt & Teresa

Widboom, as a fellow member of the family of God through Baptism on Sunday, July 31, 2011. Sponsors are Brock Dagel and Amber VanderVeen. Welcome to the Lord’s family, Charley.

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:

9/4 Doug Frisch
 9/11 Doug Konold
 9/18 Bob Burmeister
 9/25 Byron Swart

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

9/11 8 & 10 Cindy Swart
 9/25 8 & 10 Brenda Hurlbut

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

9/4	8:00	Kourtney Bauman
		Natalie Demuth
	10:00	Kimberly Kraft
		Landon Rogers
9/11	8:00	Jon Faragher
	10:00	Olivia Adams
9/18		Country Western Service
9/25	8:00	Matthew Schroeder
		Baily Kruse
	10:00	Gina Huber
		Jonathan Raley

Ushers (Contact Person: Julia Berger)

9/4	8:00	Nathan Russell
	10:00	Logan Rogers
9/11	8:00	Tyler Faragher
	10:00	Troy Feller
9/18		Country Western Service
9/25	8:00	Sarah Waldner
	10:00	Trevor Wietzema

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

9/4 Bob & Jean Dieter
Greg & Nicole Kempema
9/11 Leroy & Rosemary Merkel
Todd & Robin Dolliver
9/18 Country Western Service
9/25 Bruce & Robin Livingston
Agnes Cross/Julia Berger

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

9/4 8:00 Travis Frazee
10:00 Ryan McGaughey
9/11 8:00 Marie Mews
10:00 Rich Liapis
9/18 Country Western Service
9/25 8:00 Leroy Merkel
10:00 Matt Widboom

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

9/4 8:00 Kevin & Arlene Lowe
Family
10:00 Kim & Nancy Hellstrom
9/11 8:00 Doug & Julie Christensen
10:00 Dennis & Janet Zierke
9/18 Country Western Service
9/25 8:00 Bob & Jean Dieter
10:00 Gary & Judy Gerdes

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

9/4 8:00 John Vihlen
10:00 Jacob Holck
9/18 8:00 Leroy Merkel
10:00 Ryan McGaughey

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

9/11 8 & 10 Lisa Waldner
9/25 8 & 10 Margaret Erickson

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

September – Lynette Demuth
October – Dana White
November – Pam Fleming

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

9/4 8:00 Ruth Yeske
Norma Woodbury
10:00 Marj Broich/Tami Rogers
9/11 8:00 Pat & Lynette Demuth
10:00 Ryan & Rebecca
McGaughey
9/18 Country Western Service
9/25 8:00 Lynnea Faragher Family
10:00 Janet Patten/Carol Seivert

September Birthdays

1 Kourtney Bauman
2 Alyssa Berg
2 Dennis Gieselmann
4 Ray Buchman
4 Pam Thiner
5 Robert Benson
5 David Dieter
6 Jeff Randall
6 Tami Rogers
6 Dianne Sanderson
8 Jean Johnson
8 Mary Kraft
8 Robin Stoyke
12 Brittany Berger
12 Joanne Elabedi
12 Ryan Morrison
14 Stacy Broich
16 Jessica Bicknese
16 Sara Broich
16 Brittany Frisch
16 Harold Hallstrom
17 Jackie Feller
17 Gary Frodermann
17 Nathan Lowe
20 Todd Dolliver
20 Craig Patten
22 Ashley Veen
22 Vona Mae Vihlen
23 Charles Veen
24 Jan Kruse
24 Sandy Rogers
25 Nora Leinen

- 26 Jack Bryngelson
- 26 Kevin Fleming
- 27 Bonnie Bents
- 27 Chelsey Frazee
- 27 Bridget Huber
- 27 Wanda Thueson
- 28 Mike Burns
- 29 Paula Laffrenzen
- 30 Chris Loker
- 30 Sophie Selberg



**Get Ready for Our
Country Western Sunday on
Sunday, September 18, 2011!!**

We will be holding this community service at 8:00 & 10:00 am at Pioneer Village. Mark the date on your calendar, join in the service as part of our community choir, and be sure to bring your friends and neighbors to share this special time together.

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 July 31, 2011, a total of **\$23,607.50** 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 July 31, 2011, a total of **\$397.44** has been put into the general fund.

The Robinson Family, at the time of Merlin's passing, experienced the love and comfort of the First Lutheran Family. Thanks for all the help given us on the day of the funeral.

The Robinson Family

Seasoned Citizens: We will meet on Thursday, September 22nd at 2:00 pm. Watch the bulletin for more information.



**Monday, Sept. 5th
the office will be
closed for the Labor
Day Holiday.**

Be part of the Card Ministry. We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. No skill is needed! If you can color, cut, and like to have fun please join us. Cards we make are being sent out to people in our church with special birthdays, anniversaries, our shut-ins, thank yous, and more. If you would like to purchase a special card they are in the church office. Contact Darcy Poppema or Mary Larson for more information if you would like to be part of this fun group. All ages are welcome.

The Kids Corner is open! The Kids Corner has new books and movies available for preschool through early elementary children to check out. It is located in the corner of the Fellowship Hall so children can "read" books while parents are having coffee or at meetings and you can still keep an eye on them. Please encourage your children to check out items for during church or to take home. Thank you to everyone for providing books, Kathy and Don Craun for the table and chairs, Joan Doeden for the book shelf, Darcy Poppema for making the sign, and Memorial and Gifts for funds to purchase some new books and DVD's. Happy reading!



Sunday School Kickoff is September 11th. Join us as we kick off this

Sunday School year.

Marriage Rocks!

Whether your marriage is rocky or rock solid, you will be glad you attended a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. Engaging presentations by both lay and clergy leaders give you tools and information while exercises and conversations with your spouse in the privacy of your hotel room deepen your understanding, communication and compassion.

The Fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 14-16 in Duluth and November 18-20 in Brooklyn Center. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

Beginning Experience of Southwest

Minnesota, a peer ministry support group for widowed, separated and divorced people is offering a Weekend Retreat - "A Path to Healing" - A weekend providing an individual with the opportunity to encounter self and to grow with a purpose to achieve inner peace. The experience is to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. The weekend retreat will be held at Shetek Lutheran Ministries and is scheduled for September 9-11, 2011. Early registrations are encouraged. Please contact Karen at 507-532-0922 email: kmpokey@hotmail.com, Shirley at 507-829-3106 email: bbm@mvtvwireless.com, Gene at 507-215-1362 or Kathy at 507-215-2361.

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention all 7th and 8th Graders:

Confirmation Orientation meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 pm for you and your parents.

All 10th graders will meet with their parents in the lounge on Sunday, September 25th between services to prepare for Confirmation on Sunday, November 13th at the 10:00 service.

Thank You – Special thanks to Loren & Dorothy Bauman and Dennis & Judy Selberg for caring for the court yard and keeping it so beautiful.

Dear First Lutheran,

Thank you for the scholarship that was given to me. It will help me buy books this fall. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Olivia Stanton

**Bible Readings
For
September, 2011**

1	Isaiah	19-21
2	Isaiah	22-24
3	Isaiah	25-27
4	Isaiah	28-30
5	Isaiah	31-33
6	Isaiah	34-36
7	Isaiah	37-39
8	Isaiah	40-42
9	Isaiah	43-45
10	Isaiah	46-48
11	Isaiah	49-51
12	Isaiah	52-54
13	Isaiah	55-57
14	Isaiah	58-60
15	Jeremiah	1-3
16	Jeremiah	4-6
17	Jeremiah	7-9
18	Jeremiah	10-12
19	Jeremiah	13-15
20	Jeremiah	16-18
21	Jeremiah	19-21
22	Jeremiah	22-24
23	Jeremiah	25-27
24	Jeremiah	28-30
25	Jeremiah	31-33
26	Jeremiah	34-36
27	Jeremiah	37-39
28	Jeremiah	40-42
29	Jeremiah	43-45
30	Jeremiah	46-48

The readings for September cover two of the most prominent prophets in the Old Testament.

**Psalms
For
September, 2011**

1	PSALM	106:1-12
2	PSALM	106:13-23
3	PSALM	106:13-23
4	PSALM	106:24-33
5	PSALM	106:24-33
6	PSALM	106:34-48
7	PSALM	106:34-48
8	PSALM	107:1-9
9	PSALM	107:1-9
10	PSALM	107:10-22
11	PSALM	107:10-22
12	PSALM	107:23-32
13	PSALM	107:23-32
14	PSALM	107:33-43
15	PSALM	107:33-43
16	PSALM	108
17	PSALM	108
18	PSALM	109:1-15
19	PSALM	109:1-15
20	PSALM	109:1-15
21	PSALM	109:16-31
22	PSALM	109:16-31
23	PSALM	109:16-31
24	PSALMS	110 & 111
25	PSALMS	110 & 111
26	PSALM	112
27	PSALM	112
28	PSALMS	113 & 114
29	PSALMS	113 & 114
30	PSALM	115

The Psalms are prayers from the very soul of the 'pray-er.' They are also cries for help, justice, vengeance. Pray the Psalms from your soul.

YOUTH NEWS

There are a few things that really scare me. I don't mean things like scary movies, I mean things that make your heart jump into your throat and your stomach plummet at just the thought of them. Did you know that this very short person was afraid of heights? I've joked with people that that is why I only grew as tall as I did, and it's the reason why I started to rock climb so it wouldn't scare me as much. On this year's Adventure Trip one of the main two adventure activities is something that would have challenged me if I had the opportunity to participate. The high ropes course at the camp we were at would have been a challenge for me. I would have actually been terrified to do what our youth did. I have to admit that while it would have been a great challenge to me, a good majority of our youth who participated made it look easy. One of them just flew through the middle portion of the course where they had to balance sideways on a wire and grab "vines" or ropes that hung down to help keep their balance. Yeah, this youth made it look easy! I think that there are times when our youth are underestimated, not only by myself, but by a lot of people. I think this is why I am so often impressed by our youth. They are more than just students or kids as it is easy to think of them as. They are young disciples, with visions, dreams, and desires to go above and beyond expectations. A great example of this is the amazing way our youth on our Adventure Trip this year handled that ropes course.

Another great example would be the vision of a community garden becoming a reality and youth of all ages from young elementary to college age working out in that garden. A few weeks ago we were able to take in the first two harvests and collected close to 40 lbs of produce. The week after that the next church harvested 90 lbs! In two weeks that puts us at 130 lbs of food that is going out to needy people right here in Worthington. WOW! Our youth have started something amazing and I'm so proud of them not just for coming up for the idea but for being there for the planting, and then doing weeding and harvesting. Now that school has started though we need more help. Many of the youth who worked in the garden this summer are busy with school, sports, and band and there still is a plentiful harvest to be brought in. Would you be able to help? Help is greatly needed of anyone

who is able. This means youth after school, parents, older or younger siblings, confirmation teachers and mentors, grandparents, or any member who would be able to give a couple hours to help. If you can help, please let me know and we will figure out times to go to the garden. Our youth have done an amazing job serving God and this community will let us continue that service through this month!

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." ~ Matthew 9:37-38.

God's Peace,
Amy Loker

Youth Updates:

* Lifelight is September 2nd through the 4th. We will leave the morning of the 2nd and will come back the morning of the 5th. 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 the 4th are welcome to join us for the 2nd and part of the 3rd so you can enjoy both this concert and your marching band competition. Rides will be figured out. We will leave after school on the 2nd at 3:30 from church.

* There will be an interdenominational church worship on Turkey Day at Chautauqua Park. Come join us from 6:00-9:00 pm as we worship God together.

* Thrivent is hosting an event for youth on September 7th starting at 5:30 and ending at 7:00 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 who to expect there.

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