

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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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

I have been thinking a great deal about
being “thankful” the last few weeks. I am
becoming more aware of gratitude welling
up in my heart. When you stop and think
about it, thanksgiving and gratitude are at
the center of Easter Worship. Jesus death
and resurrection remind us how much we
are loved and give us the freedom to make
our lives new each day. I guess that is why
Jesus calls himself “the spring of living
water.” The refreshment He gives is born
out of great sacrifice. Our only response is
a deep heartfelt “thank you.” When we hear
the sound of trumpets and pipe organ on
Easter morning we proclaim “Jesus Christ
is Risen Today-Alleluia!” We say thank
you in song, prayer, word and sacrament.

This Easter season take a moment to reflect
on all the blessings of this life. Make it a
point to write some of those long delayed
“Thank You’s” to some of your friends and
neighbors. Go for a walk; sit quietly in a
chair, read a devotional or scripture. Use
that time to say “thank you Jesus” for the
life you have given me.

Thank you people of First Lutheran for the
gracious and loving way you live out your
discipleship in Jesus Christ. You have
blessed my family and I deeply wish you
love and care. Have a blessed Easter.

God's peace,
Pastor Richard

Lessons and Themes for the Sundays in April, 2010:

4/4/10: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
 John 20:1-18

4/11/10: 2nd Sunday in Easter

Psalm 118:17-29
 Acts 5:27-32
 Revelations 1:4-8
 John 20:19-31

4/18/10: 3rd Sunday in Easter

Psalm 30
 Acts 9:1-6[7-20]
 Revelations 5:11-14
 John 21:1-19

4/25/10: 4th Sunday in Easter

Psalm 23
 Acts 9:36-43
 Revelations 7:9-17
 John 10:22-30

Praise the Lord

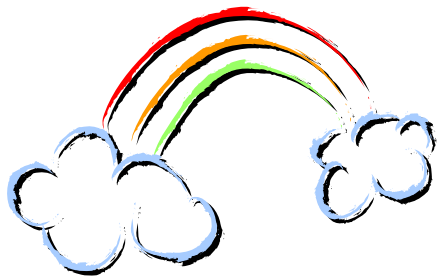
The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of February, 2010:

General Fund:

Bal. 1/31/10:	(\$8,008.31)
Inc., February	\$18,199.14
Exp., February	\$26,247.69
Bal. 2/28/10:	(\$16,056.86)

Building

Bal. 1/31/10:	\$2,113.57
Inc., February	\$2,262.00
Exp., February	\$3,356.45
Bal. 2/28/10:	\$1,019.12



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: Pat Demuth

Van Driver:

4/4	Mark Broich
4/11	Doug Frisch
4/18	Doug Konold
4/25	Byron Swart

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

4/4	8:00	Nathan Faragher Miles Veen
	10:00	Logan Rogers Katie Randgaard
4/11	8:00	Colton Poppema Sarah Waldner
	10:00	Brianna Kraft Nathan Patten
4/18	8:00	Tyler Faragher Nick Demuth
	10:00	Troy Feller Katie Randgaard
4/25	8:00	Nathan Russell Trevor Wietzema
	10:00	Logan Rogers Brianna Kraft

Ushers (Contact Person: Julia Berger)

4/4	8:00	Courtney Faragher
	10:00	Zachary Kempema
4/11	8:00	Logan Waldner
	10:00	Levi Severance
4/18	8:00	Lauren Stanton
	10:00	Jordan Gieselman
4/25	8:00	Courtney Faragher
	10:00	Rebecca Christensen

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

4/1 6:30PM Dennis & Shelly
Gieselman Family
4/2 6:30PM Jean Johnson
Joan Erickson
4/4 8:00 Doug & Julie Christensen
10:00 Merle & Pat Elsing Family
4/11 8:00 Gayden & Linda Wohlman
10:00 Al & Doris Selberg
4/18 8:00 Bob & Jean Dieter
10:00 Gene & Charlene Wachter
4/25 8:00 John & Vona Mae Vihlen
10:00 Ray & Karen Buchman

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

4/1 6:30PM Vona Mae Vihlen
4/4 8:00 John Widboom
10:00 Mary Larson
4/11 8:00 Jeff McNickle
10:00 Brandon Berger
4/18 8:00 Lisa Waldner
10:00 Daniel Anderson
4/25 8:00 John Vihlen
10:00 Teresa Widboom

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

4/4 Easter Breakfast
4/11 Dennis & Judy Selberg
Robin Stoyke/Evelyn Lambert
4/18 Youth
4/25 Jim & Paula Laffrenzen
Vernon & Marie Mews

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

4/11 8:00 Rich Liapis
10:00 Lisa Waldner
4/25 8:00 Matt Russell
10:00 Ed Philipp

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

4/4 8:00 Leroy Merkel
10:00 Ryan McGaughey
4/18 8:00 John Vihlen
10:00 Sara Ricker

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

4/11 8 & 10 Katie Fleming
4/25 8:00 Brenda Stanton
10:00 Nancy Myrom

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

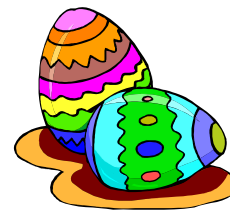
4/4 8:00 Ruth Yeske
Norma Woodbury
10:00 Marilyn Frisch
Lola Geisendorfer
4/11 8:00 Carrie Adams
Nicole Kempema
10:00 Gene & Charlene Wachter
4/18 8:00 Jeff & Amber McNickle
10:00 Nancy & Alyssa Berg
4/25 8:00 Pat & Lynette Demuth
10:00 Merle & Pat Elsing

April Birthdays

1 Alan Olhausen
2 Janice Berger
2 Florence Hinsch
2 Mike Johnson
3 Pearl Aaker
3 Patricia Kaskie
4 Sydney Burns
4 Deb Koob
4 Norma Woodbury
5 Catherine Hurley
6 Walter Witzel
7 Grace Barber
7 Jon Faragher
7 Theresa Rotert
7 Jim Russell
8 Edna Marsh
9 Emily Anderson

- 9 Lindsey Potts
- 9 Aldyne Robinson
- 10 Sarah Price
- 11 Bob Burmeister
- 12 Arlene Zeiner
- 14 Eric Milbrath
- 15 Robert Schreiber
- 16 Jason Johnson
- 17 Gregory Amundson
- 17 Kendra Frodermann
- 18 Stephanie Bauman
- 18 Paul Severance
- 20 Adam Gavin
- 20 Jill Hansen
- 21 Laura Frerichs
- 21 Beth Heikkila
- 21 Barbara Olson
- 22 Daren Christensen
- 22 Jean Dieter
- 22 Mary Johannsen
- 22 Sandra Jones
- 22 Norman Larson
- 22 Shawna Rogers
- 22 John Vihlen
- 23 Dustin Hurlbut
- 23 Rebecca McGaughey
- 24 Sarah Frerichs
- 24 Alan Seivert
- 25 Julie Christensen
- 26 Shelby Faragher
- 26 Kevin Lowe
- 27 Katie Fleming
- 28 Richard Ricker
- 29 Lance Hellstrom
- 29 Joshua Wasmund
- 30 Christopher Black

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 use them. As of February, 2010 a total of **\$17,387.58** has been put into the general fund.



The office will be closed on Friday, April 2nd & Monday, April 5th for the Easter holiday.

Seasoned Citizens: We will not be meeting in April due to Maundy Thursday.

NEEDED: The kitchen is looking for good used silverware. We are running out of everyday silverware. If you have some that you would like to donate, please drop it off in the kitchen. Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for the \$300 scholarship that I received this year. The money helps me to pay for school and is greatly appreciated. I will be graduating this May from St. Olaf. And because of your help and support, I've been accepted into graduate school for social work. Thanks again so much for making my past four years at St. Olaf possible!

Erica Berger



**Bible Readings
For
April, 2010**

**Psalms
For
April, 2010**

1	Judges	7-9
2	Judges	10-12
3	Judges	13-15
4	Judges	16-18
5	Judges	19-21
6	Ruth	1-4
7	John	1-2
8	John	3-4
9	John	5-6
10	John	7-8
11	John	9-10
12	John	11-12
13	John	13-14
14	John	15-16
15	John	17-18
16	John	19-20
17	John	21
18	I Corinthians	1-3
19	I Corinthians	4-6
20	I Corinthians	7-9
21	I Corinthians	10-12
22	I Corinthians	13-14
23	I Corinthians	15-16
24	II Corinthians	1-3
25	II Corinthians	4-6
26	II Corinthians	7-9
27	II Corinthians	10-11
28	II Corinthians	12-13
29	Galatians	1-2
30	Galatians	3-4

1	PSALM	41
2	PSALM	41
3	PSALMS 42 & 43	
4	PSALMS 42 & 43	
5	PSALM	44
6	PSALM	44
7	PSALM	45
8	PSALM	45
9	PSALM	46
10	PSALM	46
11	PSALM	47
12	PSALM	47
13	PSALM	48
14	PSALM	48
15	PSALM	49
16	PSALM	49
17	PSALM	50
18	PSALM	50
19	PSALM	51
20	PSALM	51
21	PSALM	52
22	PSALM	52
23	PSALMS 53 & 54	
24	PSALMS 53 & 54	
25	PSALM	55
26	PSALM	55
27	PSALM	56
28	PSALM	56
29	PSALM	57
30	PSALM	57

This month we finish the story of the conquest of Canaan in Judges and move on to John and Paul. They tell the story of God's conquest of sin through Jesus Christ.

Remember to read the Psalms 'prayerfully.'
It is God praying with us in these words.

YOUTH NEWS

I feel like this spring is a season of busyness. We have so much going on this spring! With the good weather finally here we are able to awaken to the spring season and all of the youth activities. Aside from Easter there is a concert, a time for relaxing on roller skates, a speaker, training for trips, a camp service, our flower fundraiser-blooms for bucks, and our usual Wednesday evening activities for youth grades 6-12. With all this going on I wonder if anyone else is feeling as busy as I am.

Here are some details on a couple of things that will happen in the first half of this month. The first exciting event aside from Easter is the LifeLight concert on April 7th. Yes, it's a Wednesday night concert. There will be three bands coming here to Worthington to celebrate their God given talents and to spread a message of hope. This concert is edgier than any that have been to town before. Children 18:3 is a punk band many of our youth have seen at summer concerts and is one of the two opening bands along with Classic Crime. The headliner or main act is Brian Welch otherwise known as Head. I know it's a strange name. Some people will recognize him from the popular hard rock/metal band Korn. Well, if you know the band Korn you know that they are not a Christian band at all. Brian will share his story of going from a life of drugs and despair to becoming a Christian with hope in his life. If you want a sneak peak go to the LifeLight website and watch the video clip labeled "I Am Second". Believe me it is quite a testimony. If you are interested in hearing it in person the concert is at

WHS. Doors open at 6:30 and the music starts at 7:00. Keep in mind this is some hard rock/punk music, but the message with it is always the same, there is hope to be found in Jesus Christ.

The second really cool thing happens on April 14th. Yes another Wednesday! We will have the privilege of having Jeffery Dean, a Christian speaker, at the high school from 6-8. From 6-7 the youth will get a chance to hear his message. Then from 7-8, he will have a parent seminar while the youth enjoy pizza and a time of worship/fellowship in the cafeteria. I strongly encourage you to go especially if you are a teen or are a parent of teens. We will not have normal Wednesday evening activities so you can participate in this event.

God's Peace,
Amy

Youth Updates:

* On April 25th Kristin from Camp Shetek will be joining us for a camp Sunday. Come to service and praise God like our youth do at camp!

* Roller skating with American Lutheran is on April 11th. Keep your eyes open for more information

*Thank you to all the youth, parents, and congregation members who made our silent auction a success!

* There is a Mission Trip training meeting on April 18th for all youth and adults going on the Mission Trip. Meet in the lounge at 11:30 am. We should be done by 1:30 pm and food will be provided.