

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

1200 4th Avenue

Worthington, MN 56187

(507) 376-6148

Fax: (507) 376-6149

Email: felcwgtn@frontiernet.net

Web Site: felcwgtn.org

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

GARY GERDES, PRESIDENT –

(507) 376-3574

LISA WALDNER, VICE PRESIDENT -

(507) 372-4597

MARY LARSON, SECRETARY –

(507) 376-9182

CHURCH STAFF

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

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one
from a human point of view, even though
we once knew Christ from a human point of
view, we no longer know him in that way.
So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new
creation: everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new! 2 Corinthians
5:16-17)*

*Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of
your living Word, that those who are
washed in the waters of baptism may be
given new life. To you be given honor and
praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and
forever. Amen (ELW Holy Baptism page 230)*

Happy New Year! It's that time of year
again for saying goodbye to the past year
and welcome to the new year. It's the time
for taking stock of the past and looking
toward the future. It's the time for new
beginnings and resolutions. The new year is
a time for starting over and beginning
again. Yes, it is a wonderful and hopeful
time of the year BUT guess what – we
Christians don't have to wait 365 days to
start anew. We are always new in Christ.
Paul says, "We are a new creation in
Christ." We are "washed in the waters of
baptism and given new life." Celebrate
New Years and make all the resolutions
you want BUT know that you are always
"New" in Christ and through your baptism
you are made "New" each day. Everyday is
a "New" day for you as a forgiven and
loved follower of Jesus!! For you everyday
is New Years day!

God's peace,
Pastor Richard

**Lessons and Themes for the
Sundays in January, 2010:
The Jesus Mosaic**

We've just finished celebrating the amazing birth of a child named Jesus. Now the question becomes: "Who is this Jesus, and what does his birth and life mean for us?" Too often we think we know the answer to that question, but the Word continues to reveal new dimensions of our Lord and Savior that inform not only who we are, but how we can live. As we continue our journey through the New Testament we'll come to see Jesus ... and ourselves ... in new ways. These texts will help us to see Jesus from different perspectives, through different eyes and from different contexts, giving us a "Jesus Mosaic" for reflection, inspiration and transformation.

1/3/10: 2nd Sunday in Christmas

Our Life

Psalm 147:12-20
Colossians 3:1-7
John 1:1-18

1/10/10: Baptism of Our Lord

Our Lord

Leviticus 16:6-16
Hebrews 4:14-5:10
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

1/17/10: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Our Example

Psalm 36:5-10
Hebrews 12:1-13
John 13:1-20

1/24/10: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Our Leader

Psalm 19
1 Timothy 4:6-16
Luke 47:14-21

1/31/10: 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Our Faith

1 Corinthians 13:1-13
James 2: 14-26
Luke 4:21-30

Praise the Lord

The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of November, 2009:

General Fund:

Bal. 10/31/09:	(\$7,964.70)
Inc., November	\$29,248.79
Exp., November	\$25,808.92
Bal. 11/30/09:	(\$4,524.83)

Building

Bal. 10/31/09:	\$4,103.53
Inc., November	\$2,652.00
Exp., November	\$3,656.87
Bal. 11/30/09:	\$3,098.66



DEATH & SYMPATHY: Donald Mahlberg died December 7, 2009 at the age of 88 years. His memorial service was held at First Lutheran on December 10, 2009. We extend our Christian sympathy to his family.

Holy Baptism



BAPTISM: We welcomed Aaden Daniel Wagner, son of Dan & Tanya Wagner, as a fellow member of the family of God through Baptism on December 6, 2009. Sponsors are Jon Lang & Tracie Luinenberg. Welcome to the Lord's family, Aaden.

BAPTISM: We welcomed Jasmine Marie Ober, as a fellow member of the family of God through Baptism on December 6, 2009. Sponsors are Joann Kruse & Kelly Meyeraan. Welcome to the Lord's family, Jasmine.

BAPTISM: We welcomed Alan George Olhausen, as a fellow member of the family of God through Baptism on December 6, 2009. Sponsors are Barb DeGroot & Kelly Meyeraan. Welcome to the Lord's family, Alan.



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: Dean Swanson

Van Driver:

1/3 Dennis Selberg
1/10 Mike Burns
1/17 Mark Broich
1/24 Doug Frisch
1/31 Terry Bramel

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

1/3 8:00 Nathan Russell
Colton Poppema
10:00 Nathan Patten
Katie Randgaard
1/10 8:00 Nathan Faragher
Tyler Faragher
10:00 Logan Rogers
Brianna Kraft
1/17 8:00 Trevor Wietzema
Sarah Waldner
10:00 Troy Feller/Nathan Patten
1/24 8:00 Miles Veen/Nick Demuth
10:00 Katie Randgaard
Logan Rogers
1/31 8:00 Colton Poppema
Tyler Faragher
10:00 Brianna Kraft/Troy Feller

Ushers (Contact Person: Julia Berger)

1/3 8:00 Logan Waldner
10:00 Rebecca Christensen
1/10 8:00 Courtney Faragher
10:00 Zachary Kempema
1/17 8:00 Lauren Stanton
10:00 Levi Severance

1/24 8:00 Logan Waldner
10:00 Jordan Gieselman
1/31 8:00 Courtney Faragher
10:00 Rebecca Christensen

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

1/3 8:00 Dave & Robin Stoyke
10:00 Dennis & Janet Zierke
1/10 8:00 Florence Hinsch
Cindy Russell
10:00 Karen Lewis/Shirley Frisch
1/17 8:00 Kevin & Arlene Lowe
Family
10:00 Ray & Karen Buchman
1/24 8:00 Doug & Ardys Jacobson
10:00 Curt & Glennis Pearson
1/31 8:00 Keith & Brenda Stanton
Family
10:00 Rich & Marcia Liapis

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

1/3 8:00 Matt Russell
10:00 Teresa Widboom
1/10 8:00 Travis Frazee
10:00 Ryan McGaughey
1/17 8:00 Marie Mews
10:00 Brenda Hurlbut
1/24 8:00 Leroy Merkel
10:00 Rich Liapis
1/31 8:00 Bob Dieter
10:00 Ed Philipp

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

1/3 John & Nora Leinen
Bill & Sylvia Jacobson
1/10 Todd & Robin Dolliver
Robert & Bonnie Bents
1/17 Bob & Jane Benson
Loren & Dorothy Bauman
1/24 Keith & Brenda Stanton
Gene Christensen
1/31 Annual Meeting

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

1/10 8:00 Matt Russell
10:00 Rich Liapis
1/24 8:00 John Vihlen
10:00 Ed Philipp
1/31 8 & 10 Margaret Erickson

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

1/3 8:00 Leroy Merkel
10:00 Margaret Erickson
1/17 8:00 Ryan McGaughey
10:00 Lonnie Myrom

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

1/10 8 & 10 Katie Fleming
1/24 8 & 10 Cindy Swart
1/31 8 & 10 Brenda Hurlbut

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

1/3 8:00 Linda Towne
Paula Laffrenzen
10:00 Doris Selberg/Mary Larson
1/10 8:00 Julie Bauman
Theresa Rotert
10:00 Gary & Marless Milbrath
1/17 8:00 Olivia Stanton
Kassie Wilkening
10:00 Marj Broich/Tami Rogers
1/24 8:00 Diana & Dana White
10:00 Ryan & Rebecca
McGaughey
1/31 8:00 Debbie Koob/Jane Benson
10:00 Janet Patten/Carol Seivert

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

January: Kathy Craun

January Birthdays

1 Eric Koob
1 Chol Opiew
1 Amot Othow
2 Terry Entinger

4 Jessica Frodermann
5 Cindy Russell
7 Timothy Bents
7 Gary Stewart
8 Gage Wasmund
9 Adelia Hawkinson
9 Kristina Pineda
9 Ayden Schaffer
10 Karen Almjeld
10 Carmen Kamm
10 Alvin Kuehl
10 Robin Livingston
11 Emily Kirkeby
11 Tonya Langland
11 Jeff Murray
12 Kellie Dagle
12 Helen Wachter
13 Marlys Wasmund
14 Veronica Cuperus
14 Julie Krommendyk
15 Julie Bauman
15 Brandon Berger
15 Shirley Frisch
15 Jacob Livingston
15 Nathan Russell
15 Linda Wohlman
16 Evelyn Lambert
16 Mary Smith
16 Hope Stanton
17 Jessica Anderson
17 Julian Casanova
17 Peggy Konold
18 Doris Selberg
18 Kent Wilkening
19 Ron Hallstrom
20 Russell Hawkinson
20 Brianna Kraft
21 Helen Johnson
21 Troy Olson
21 Diane Ushinski
22 Rebeccah Larson
23 Byron Swart
24 Dennis Peterson
26 Wayne Radenbaugh
28 Caiden Mason
29 Kathy Craun
29 Gary Peterson
29 Dean Swanson
30 Dennis Baker
30 Hailey Como
31 Dorothy Hallstrom

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 purchase them. As of November 30, 2009 a total of **\$17,030.83** has been put into the general fund.

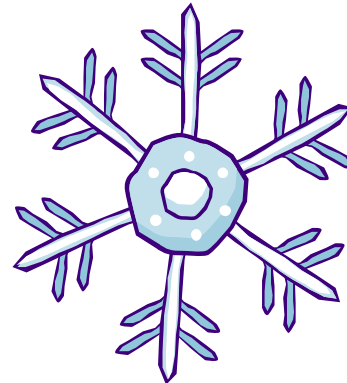


The 2009 Annual Meeting of First Lutheran Church will be on Sunday, January 31, 2010. There will be a potluck dinner following the 2nd service with the Annual Meeting to follow the dinner.



The office will be closed on Friday, January 1st for the New Year's holiday.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Your offering envelopes for 2010 are in your mail box. If you didn't get a box but would like envelopes, please contact the church office.



Recipe for a Happy New Year

Clean thoroughly 12 whole months. Divide into 365 parts; set aside, preparing only one part at a time, as follows:

Mix well into each day:

1 part patience, 1 part work, 1 part courage

Add to each day:

1 part each of hope, faithfulness, generosity and kindness

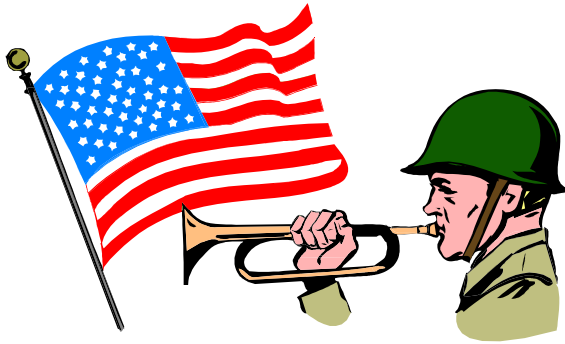
Blend with:

1 part prayer, 1 part mutation, and 1 part good deed

Season the mixture with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cup of good humor.

Pour mixture into vessel of love. Cook over radiant joy, garnish with a smile. Serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheer.

Yield = 1 Happy New Year



Honor Flight is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices. We transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. free of charge to visit and reflect at **their** memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill.

Honor Flight is asking veterans in the Nobles, Rock, Murray and Pipestone Counties area who are interested to contact the Worthington Chamber of Commerce at 507-372-2919 for more information on this free opportunity to see these historic memorials. This project is privately funded and your help is needed. Contact the Worthington Chamber to see how you can contribute to this important project.

Of all of the wars in recent memory, it was World War II that truly threatened our very existence as a nation—and as a culturally diverse, free society. Now, with over one thousand World War II veterans dying each day, our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

2009 Contributions must be received in the church office by 4:30 pm on Monday, December 28th to have them posted on your contribution statements for this year. Thank you.

Attention to returning students or 2010 graduating seniors who will be attending Augustana College in Sioux Falls for the 2010-2011 school year. Please notify the church office by February 15th that you will be attending so that we can turn your name in for scholarship funds.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: For security reasons the front doors of the church will be locked during the week. Please use the parking lot door.



**Bible Readings
For
January, 2010**

1	Genesis	1-3
2	Genesis	4-6
3	Genesis	7-9
4	Genesis	10-12
5	Genesis	13-15
6	Genesis	16-18
7	Genesis	19-21
8	Genesis	22-24
9	Genesis	25-27
10	Genesis	28-30
11	Genesis	31-33
12	Genesis	34-36
13	Genesis	37-39
14	Genesis	40-42
15	Genesis	43-45
16	Genesis	46-48
17	Genesis	49-50
18	Exodus	1-3
19	Exodus	4-6
20	Exodus	7-9
21	Exodus	10-12
22	Exodus	13-15
23	Exodus	16-18
24	Exodus	19-21
25	Exodus	22-24
26	Exodus	25-27
27	Exodus	28-30
28	Exodus	31-33
29	Exodus	34-36
30	Exodus	37-38
31	Exodus	39-40

These lessons for January are for the month of beginnings. These books – Genesis and Exodus are the books of ‘beginnings’ for the people of God – of which we are a part.

**Psalms
For
January, 2010**

1	PSALM	1
2	PSALM	1
3	PSALM	2
4	PSALM	2
5	PSALM	3
6	PSALM	3
7	PSALM	4
8	PSALM	4
9	PSALM	5
10	PSALM	5
11	PSALM	6
12	PSALM	6
13	PSALM	7
14	PSALM	7
15	PSALM	8
16	PSALM	8
17	PSALM	9
18	PSALM	9
19	PSALM	10
20	PSALM	10
21	PSALM	11
22	PSALM	11
23	PSALM	12
24	PSALM	12
25	PSALM	13
26	PSALM	13
27	PSALMS	14 & 15
28	PSALMS	14 & 15
29	PSALM	16
30	PSALM	16
31	PSALM	17

Keep this page with your Bible for easy reference. The key to this program is faithfulness and patience. Each day will take you further and further into God’s Word.

YOUTH NEWS

Happy New Year! I can't begin to describe to you how excited I am about 2010! Not only is it a big year for me personally, but it is going to be a great year for the youth here at FLC. There is a change in what our youth call themselves. On Wednesday nights we used to have youth group, now we have a time of fellowship, biblical study, prayer, fun, mentoring, service, growth, and much more with our Elementary group Buzz, and our Middle and Senior High group YFC or Youth For Christ. We are not just a youth group, but a group of youth with a higher purpose. They came up with the names themselves. Buzz is a play off of FLY or First Lutheran Youth. And YFC won out in the vote showing that our older youth are centered around Christ.

This year our Senior High Youth will be heading to Sugar Creek Bible Camp in Ferrysville Wisconsin to help prepare a Bible Camp for summer. Each year hundreds of youth go through this camp to deepen their understanding of Christ. There is a lot of work to do at camp to get it ready for the summer and our youth will be doing just that! Our Middle School Youth will be some of the hundreds of youth to experience all that this camp has to offer as they canoe in voyager canoes down the Mississippi, and enjoy the benefits of camp.

Our youth are going on our 4th Annual Ski Trip on January 17th. Every year we go to Mt. Kato and attack the slopes. Our youth enjoy this time of bonding with each other and the adults who come along. I know I love spending time with the ones who join me tubing. Each year we race down the hill, or team up and there is always something to laugh about. I tube every

year because that is the best option for an accident prone person like myself.

Next month we will be starting our annual silent auction and quilt raffle. This is always our best fundraiser. Thanks to the people in this congregation and the local businesses that donate. It is our hope that this fundraiser can pay for a one-fourth of our summer trips this year.

God's Peace,
Amy

Youth Updates:

* 2010 Schedules for Buzz and YFC are posted outside Amy's office, on the board between the bathrooms, and on our church website. Take a look and see what are youth will be doing and learning on Wednesday nights. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Amy.

*Our Annual Ski Trip is on January 17th. Please sign up and put your payment in the box outside of Amy's office by the 10th. Ski lift is \$16, rental for skis or snowboards is \$16, and 6 hours of tubing is \$28.

* There is a box outside of Amy's office for dropping off forms or payments. This is an attempt to better track trip payments and fundraiser donations. Please do not hand forms or checks to Amy, rather put them in the box.