

## **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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### **CHURCH STAFF**

**RICHARD RICKER--Pastor**

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Lola Geisendorfer--Parish Visitor

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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**

Once upon a time in a beautiful paradise there was a store that sold expensive gold chains. The owner of the store was always looking for the best possible deals on gold chains. She found a supplier in a far off land who would provide her chains of the best quality at a low cost. She traveled to the supplier, purchased the chains, packed them up and returned home. Life can be busy as I am sure you know. She placed the chains in a box to deliver to the store and was distracted by a family emergency for several days. When she was ready to deliver the chains she discovered to her dismay that she could not find them. She searched everywhere, but alas the chains were nowhere to be found. One day, several months later, she dropped her car keys on the floor of her van and bent over to pick them up. Lurking under the car seat was a box and in it were the gold chains. She was overjoyed to find them but when she opened the box she found them hopelessly tangled together. Unwilling to lose all she had invested she took them to her store and asked her sales staff to untangle them. They worked tirelessly whenever they had time wiggling a lose corner or link here and there and gradually over several months untangled the chains.

The moral of this story (well, actually there are two morals). Don't give up if you keep looking you never know what you might find. Look for what wiggles, work with it and you may untangle many things.

In your daily walk with Jesus do you sometimes feel lost, alone? Does your prayer life ebb and flow? Are you stuck at times and hopelessly tangled? Keep looking. Keep reflecting and look for that part of you that wiggles. Discoveries in your faith life await you. Don't worry; Jesus will guide you.

God's peace, Richard

**Lessons and Themes for the  
Sundays in July, 2010:**

**7/4/10: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**“Handling Freedom Responsibly”**

Galatians 2:19-3:4

Mark 5:35-43

**7/11/10: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**“Tenderness for Tough Times”**

2 Timothy 1:3-14

Mark 6:45-56

**God’s Great Good News  
Revealed: Revelation**

While considered to be controversial and difficult, the last book in the New Testament is a message of hope to seven churches in Asia Minor: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. John the Apostle wrote the book while in exile on the island of Patmos in approximately 95 A.D. In this series we will attempt to demystify these writings and see if the revelation contains a word of promise and warning for the times in which we live. This is a book of letters, seals, trumpets, angels, dragons, beasts and bowls. It is filled with mystery, metaphor, judgement, triumph, and God’s great good news for us today.

**7/18/10: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**“Mysterious Visions”**

Revelation 4:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

**7/25/10: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**“Silence is Golden”**

Revelation 8:1-5

Mark 2:1-12



**Independence Day**

**Praise the Lord**

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

**General Fund:**

Bal. 4/30/10: (\$15,258.15)

Inc., May \$18,255.06

Exp., May \$22,680.31

Bal. 5/31/10: (\$19,683.40)

**Building**

Bal. 4/30/10: \$5,153.20

Inc., May \$5,153.20

Exp., May \$1,270.50

Bal. 5/31/10: \$6,423.70



**DON'T FORGET  
TO TITHE WHILE  
YOU'RE AWAY**

**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:**

- 7/4 Doug Frisch
- 7/11 Doug Konold
- 7/18 Byron Swart
- 7/25 Jim Hudson

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

7/4 8:00 Nathan Russell  
Sarah Waldner  
10:00 Brianna Kraft  
Troy Feller  
7/11 8:00 Miles Veen  
Nathan Faragher  
10:00 Logan Rogers  
Nathan Patten  
7/18 8:00 Colton Poppema  
Trevor Wietzema  
10:00 Troy Feller  
Katie Randgaard  
7/25 8:00 Tyler Faragher  
Nick Demuth  
10:00 Brianna Kraft  
Logan Rogers

**Ushers (Contact Person: Julia Berger)**

7/4 8:00 Logan Waldner  
10:00 Levi Severance  
7/11 8:00 Courtney Faragher  
10:00 Jordan Gieselman  
7/18 8:00 Lauren Stanton  
10:00 Rebecca Christensen  
7/25 8:00 Courtney Faragher  
10:00 Zachary Kempema

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

7/4 8:00 Julia Berger  
10:00 Karen Lewis  
7/11 8:00 Cindy Russell  
10:00 Daniel Anderson  
7/18 8:00 John Vihlen  
10:00 Robert Bents  
7/25 8:00 John Widboom  
10:00 Lola Geisendorfer

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

7/4 8:00 Kevin & Arlene Lowe  
Family  
10:00 Darcy Poppema Family  
7/11 8:00 Bob & Jane Benson  
10:00 Keith & Mary Larson

7/18 8:00 Roger & Marjorie Larson  
10:00 Gene & Charlene Wachter  
7/25 8:00 Dennis & Judy Selberg  
10:00 Jeff & Sandy Randall

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

7/4 Todd & Robin Dolliver Family  
7/11 Bob & Jane Benson  
Bill & Sylvia Jacobson  
7/18 Mike & Gwen Peil  
Arond & Shaila Peil  
7/25 Roger & Marjorie Larson  
Byron & Cindy Swart

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

7/11 8 & 10 Margaret Erickson  
7/25 8:00 Leroy Merkel  
10:00 Ryan McGaughey

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

7/4 8:00 Leroy Merkel  
10:00 Volunteer  
7/18 8:00 Ryan McGaughey  
10:00 Lonnie Myrom

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

7/11 8 & 10 Cindy Swart  
7/25 8 & 10 Brenda Hurlbut

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

7/4 8:00 Linda Towne  
Paula Laffrenzen  
10:00 Gary & Marless Milbrath  
7/11 8:00 Diana & Dana White  
10:00 Doris Selberg/Mary Larson  
7/18 8:00 Debbie Koob/Jane Benson  
10:00 Ryan & Rebecca  
McGaughey  
7/25 8:00 Lynnea Faragher Family  
10:00 Janet Patten/Carol Seivert

# July Birthdays

1 Ray Frazee Jr.  
 1 Adeline Larson  
 2 Travis Thiner  
 3 Viola Johnson  
 4 Angie Randgaard  
 4 Daniel Shipley  
 4 Arnold Waldner  
 5 Devin Frodermann  
 5 Shari Nelson  
 6 Russell Miller  
 7 Crystal Severance  
 9 Cindy Rogers  
 9 Matthew Russell  
 9 Pam Stewart  
 10 Jordon Rogers  
 11 Dennis Christensen  
 11 James Engelson  
 11 Kimberly Kraft  
 13 Gene Wachter  
 13 Valeri Wilkening  
 15 Nicholas Dieter  
 15 Linda Hudson  
 15 Heidi Randall  
 16 Jeff Johnson  
 17 Courtney Faragher  
 19 Dorothy Akerson  
 19 Sara Barber  
 19 Trigg Bryngelson  
 19 Katelyn Frodermann  
 20 Zachary McGaughey  
 22 Jim Black  
 22 Cody Buchman  
 23 Jerome Anderson  
 23 Cheyanne Slinger  
 24 Bethel Sanderson  
 24 Krista Van Note  
 25 Brian Baker  
 25 Charles Schadt  
 25 John Widboom  
 26 Irene Eisele  
 26 William Jacobson  
 26 Wynn Kirkeby  
 27 Alice Hall  
 27 Debra Thueson  
 27 Nancy Zuehlke  
 28 Daren Bauman  
 28 Emily Nienkerk

28 Curt Pearson  
 28 Rod Poppema  
 29 Sheila Hawkinson  
 30 Jeremy Berger  
 31 Olivia Adams  
 31 Gwen Peil

**Seasoned Citizens of FLC:** We will be meeting on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am in Centennial Hall. We will be heading to the YMCA for a tour of the facility and then to the Pizza Ranch for lunch. Please sign up in the church office so that we know how many drivers will be needed.

**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%. As of May, 2010, a total of **\$18,171.58** has been put into the general fund.



**REMINDER: On Monday, July 5th the office will be closed for the July 4th Holiday.**

**TOY RUN:** This year the Toy Run will be a little different than in years past. They can no longer take stuffed toys at the institutions, so this year we are going to raise money and prepare food for starving children around the world. You can pick up a 'sleeve' of M&M's and then you can fill the 'sleeve' with quarters to help feed the children. If you would like to participate in this, please stop in the church office during the week to pick up a 'sleeve' of M&M's. The sleeves will need to be turned into the office by Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Bible Readings  
For  
July, 2010**

**Psalms  
For  
July, 2010**

1	Ezra	1-3	1	PSALM	82
2	Ezra	4-6	2	PSALM	83
3	Ezra	7-8	3	PSALM	83
4	Ezra	9-10	4	PSALM	84
5	Nehemiah	1-3	5	PSALM	84
6	Nehemiah	4-6	6	PSALM	85
7	Nehemiah	7-9	7	PSALM	85
8	Nehemiah	10-11	8	PSALM	86
9	Nehemiah	12-13	9	PSALM	86
10	Esther	1-3	10	PSALM	87
11	Esther	4-6	11	PSALM	87
12	Esther	7-8	12	PSALM	88
13	Esther	9-10	13	PSALM	88
14	Ephesians	1-2	14	PSALM	89:1-14
15	Ephesians	3-4	15	PSALM	89:1-14
16	Ephesians	5-6	16	PSALM	89:15-29
17	Philippians	1-2	17	PSALM	89:15-29
18	Philippians	3-4	18	PSALM	89:30-45
19	Job	1-3	19	PSALM	89:30-45
20	Job	4-6	20	PSALM	89:46-52
21	Job	7-9	21	PSALM	89:46-52
22	Job	10-12	22	PSALM	90
23	Job	13-15	23	PSALM	90
24	Job	16-18	24	PSALM	91
25	Job	19-21	25	PSALM	91
26	Job	22-24	26	PSALM	92
27	Job	25-27	27	PSALM	92
28	Job	28-30	28	PSALM	93
29	Job	31-33	29	PSALM	93
30	Job	34-36	30	PSALM	94
31	Job	37-38	31	PSALM	94

## YOUTH NEWS

It is a month of celebration! I would expect many, if not all of you reading this to be aware that later on this month I will become Amy Loker! I am excited about my marriage and about this next phase in my life. God has blessed me with a man who is not only passionate about spreading the love of Christ, but who is very supportive of youth work and of me. God has given me all I have asked for and needed in Chris. As we enter this next stage of our lives, Chris and I want to invite you to celebrate with us on August 1<sup>st</sup> as we hold a dessert/dancing reception here from 7:00-11:00 pm. If you want to dress up to celebrate you are welcome to, as I will be wearing my dress again. When something costs that much money you should be able to wear it more than once! Also, I am going to try to have a copy of the actual service for those attending to watch right at 7:00 pm. There will be limited seating available so there is space to dance, so please be respectful of those who may need to sit down. Please feel free to come and go whenever it is convenient for you.

Another thing to celebrate this month is my certification as a youth minister. As many of you may know, I have been taking classes for the past 18 months from Youth Leadership. These classes have helped me to be a better youth minister, to work with our youth and

their families to the best of my ability. While I plan to continue to educate myself I am proud to be certified for youth ministry this month.

The final thing to celebrate is that this month is the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our pastor being ordained! I know, I am blessed to have Pastor Richard as someone to work with and to learn from. He has been an inspiration to me these past three and a half years. So please, celebrate the gift of his presence here this month by joining me in saying thank you to our Pastor.

God's Peace,  
Amy

### **Youth Updates:**

\* Amy will be out of town for her wedding and honeymoon from July 13<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>.

\* Our Adventure Trip service is on July 11th at 10:00 am. All youth attending the trip should plan to attend.

\* August 1<sup>st</sup> is the Worthington reception. Come at 7:00 pm to see a movie of the ceremony, eat cake, and dance the night away. You are welcome to dress up if you feel like it!