

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

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Pam Fleming--Worship Planner & Visual
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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

When the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, who had seen Paul in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd. They seized him, shouting, "Fellow Israelites help! This is the man who is teaching everyone everywhere against our people, our law and this place; more than that, he has actually brought Greeks in to the temple and defiled this Holy place." Acts 21:27-28

How difficult and challenging it is to reach out to and embrace those who are different from us. When I read this passage I was reminded of my own childhood in Lisbon, Maine. Our town was predominately white, Catholic and French. The only person of color in the whole school system was an African American whose last name was Shaw. I never had a conversation with him. I never knew where in town he lived. I didn't even know if he was from a large or small family. Rumors about the family surfaced in conversation from time to time but I never knew what was gossip and what wasn't. I guess I was just a little scared or shy about knowing him because he seemed so different from me.

You can see from the reading above that Paul encountered great resistance when he dared to extend the Good News of Jesus to those outside of his community. It is still a challenge to engage, to reach out to those who are so different from you and I. This City of Worthington is ground zero for living out the mission of FLC to "make disciples" of all people. There are no quick answers or easy recipes for doing this. We simply must respond to God's call in our own heart and trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Yes, these are challenging times but as you can see from the story of Paul in Acts these are also times filled with great opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

God's peace, Pastor Richard

**Lessons and Themes for the
Sundays in June, 2010:
6/6/10: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

Family News

Psalm 30
1 Kings 17:17-24
Galatians 1:11-24
Matthew 10:1-16

6/13/10: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Family Identity

Psalm 32
2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15
Galatians 2:15-21
Matthew 16:13-21

6/20/10: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Family Dynamics

Psalm 22:19-28
Isaiah 65:1-9
Galatians 3:23-29
Matthew 20:1-16

6/27/10: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Family Matters

Psalm 16
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Matthew 25:34-40

Praise the Lord

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

General Fund:

Bal. 3/31/10:	(\$12,285.36)
Inc., April	\$27,053.05
Exp., April	\$30,025.84
Bal. 4/30/10:	(\$15,258.15)

Building

Bal. 3/31/10:	\$1,623.59
Inc., April	\$16,456.00
Exp., March	\$12,926.39
Bal. 4/30/10:	\$5,153.20



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:

6/6	Midg White
6/13	Mike Burns
6/20	Mark Broich
6/27	Dennis Selberg

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

6/6	8:00	Miles Veen/Nathan Russell
	10:00	Katie Randgaard Nathan Patten
6/13	8:00	Nathan Faragher Trevor Wietzema
	10:00	Troy Feller/Brianna Kraft
6/20	8:00	Tyler Faragher/Miles Veen
	10:00	Logan Rogers Nathan Patten
6/27	8:00	Colton Poppema Nick Demuth
	10:00	Troy Feller Katie Randgaard

Ushers (Contact Person: Julia Berger)

6/6 8:00 Lauren Stanton
 10:00 Levi Severance
 6/13 8:00 Courtney Faragher
 10:00 Jordan Gieselman
 6/20 8:00 Lauren Stanton
 10:00 Rebecca Christensen
 6/27 8:00 Logan Waldner
 10:00 Zachary Kempema

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

6/6 8:00 Brenda Stanton
 10:00 Marlene Swanson
 6/13 8:00 Arnold Waldner
 10:00 Nancy Myrom
 6/20 8:00 Leroy Merkel
 10:00 Al Selberg
 6/27 8:00 Linda Towne
 10:00 Glennis Pearson

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

6/6 8:00 Ron & Winora Hallstrom
 10:00 Ryan & Rebecca
 McGaughey Family
 6/13 8:00 Joan Doeden/Agnes Cross
 10:00 Curt & Glennis Pearson
 6/20 8:00 Florence Hinsch
 Cindy Russell
 10:00 Matt & Teresa Widboom
 Family
 6/27 8:00 Gene Christensen Family
 10:00 Al & Doris Selberg

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

6/6 Leroy & Rosie Merkel
 Bob & Jean Dieter
 6/13 Jim & Mary Kraft
 Ron & Winora Hallstrom
 6/20 Robert & Bonnie Bents
 Loren & Dorothy Bauman
 6/27 John & Nora Leinen Family

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

6/13 8 & 10 Lisa Waldner
 6/27 8:00 Matt Russell
 10:00 Ed Philipp

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

6/6 8:00 Leroy Merkel
 10:00 Ryan McGaughey
 6/20 8:00 John Vihlen
 10:00 Rich Liapis

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

6/13 8 & 10 Cindy Swart
 6/27 8:00 Brenda Stanton
 10:00 Nancy Myrom

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

6/6 8:00 Pat & Lynette Demuth
 10:00 Nancy & Alyssa Berg
 6/13 8:00 Winora Hallstrom
 Adeline Larson
 10:00 Lola Geisendorfer
 Marilyn Frisch
 6/20 8:00 Ruth Yeske
 Norma Woodbury
 10:00 Gene & Charlene Wachter
 6/27 8:00 Carrie Adams
 Nicole Kempema
 10:00 Merle & Pat Elsing

June Birthdays

1 Mitchell Schoenecker
 1 Eric White
 1 Linden White
 2 Bruce Amundson
 4 Mark Ahlrichs
 4 Desmond Bixby
 4 Irene Janke
 4 Johanna Lopez
 4 Amy Schreiber
 6 Doug Frisch

- 6 Gary Gerdes
- 6 Dorothy Nord
- 8 Charlene Wachter
- 9 Robert Baerenwald
- 9 Tyler Nienkerk
- 9 Grace Rosenbrook
- 10 June Boots
- 10 Verna Lien
- 11 Logan Barber
- 11 Nicholas Nelson
- 12 Joyce Anderson
- 12 Marie Christensen
- 12 Brenda Hurlbut
- 13 Cynthia Swart
- 14 Shari Chapman
- 14 Trenton Stoyke
- 15 June DeWitt
- 15 Linda Nelson
- 16 Sarah Hoehn
- 16 Elayne Rothbarth
- 17 Dawson Frodermann
- 18 Dustin Poppema
- 19 Jane Benson
- 19 Amber Rogers
- 19 Larry Woodbury
- 20 Steven Adams
- 20 Amber McNickle
- 20 Mary Patterson
- 20 Alan Waage
- 21 Marcia Liapis
- 21 Allen Thiner
- 22 Arond Peil
- 23 Rosemary Merkel
- 24 Trysten Stamer
- 26 Laura Christensen
- 26 Robin Negrete
- 26 Joseph Ternus
- 27 Karen Lewis
- 29 Travis Frazee
- 30 Isaiah Casanova
- 30 Noah Frazee
- 30 Marilyn Frisch

Seasoned Citizens of FLC: We will be meeting on Thursday, June 3rd at 2:00 pm in Centennial Hall. Marjorie Larson will have the program on her trip to Southeast Asia. Please sign up in the church office.

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 April, 2010, a total of **\$17,858.58** has been put into the general fund.

Join the Fun at VBS



All children age 3 yrs. old – 6th grade, are invited to join us for a week of fun at VBS.

VBS will be held June 7th – 11th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Watch for more information around the church. Snacks will be provided for the children. Each student is asked to bring \$3.00 instead of cookies. A lunch & program will be held on the last day (June 11th). Hope to see you there!



CHANGE OF DATE: First Lutheran will be serving at the Banquet in Sioux Falls on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, instead of Thursday, June 3. If this date does not work for you, please cross your name off of the list. If it does work for you, we would appreciate you signing up and going with us.

**Bible Readings
For
June, 2010**

1	II Kings	4-6
2	II Kings	7-9
3	II Kings	10-12
4	II Kings	13-15
5	II Kings	16-18
6	II Kings	19-21
7	II Kings	22-23
8	II Kings	24-25
9	II Chronicles	1-3
10	II Chronicles	4-6
11	II Chronicles	7-9
12	II Chronicles	10-12
13	II Chronicles	13-15
14	II Chronicles	16-18
15	II Chronicles	19-21
16	II Chronicles	22-24
17	II Chronicles	25-27
18	II Chronicles	28-30
19	II Chronicles	31-33
20	II Chronicles	33-36
21	Acts	1-3
22	Acts	4-6
23	Acts	7-9
24	Acts	10-12
25	Acts	13-15
26	Acts	16-18
27	Acts	19-21
28	Acts	22-24
29	Acts	25-26
30	Acts	27-28

These continue to be the historical books of the Bible. This month includes Acts, which is the history of the early church.

**Psalms
For
June, 2010**

1	PSALM	70
2	PSALM	71
3	PSALM	71
4	PSALM	72
5	PSALM	72
6	PSALM	73:1-14
7	PSALM	73:1-14
8	PSALM	73:15-28
9	PSALM	73:15-28
10	PSALM	74
11	PSALM	74
12	PSALM	75
13	PSALM	75
14	PSALM	76
15	PSALM	76
16	PSALM	77
17	PSALM	77
18	PSALM	78:1-20
19	PSALM	78:1-20
20	PSALM	78:21-51
21	PSALM	78:21-51
22	PSALM	78:52-72
23	PSALM	78:52-72
24	PSALM	79
25	PSALM	79
26	PSALM	80
27	PSALM	80
28	PSALM	81
29	PSALM	81
30	PSALM	82

Read the Psalms 'prayerfully' and let God's Spirit move through the words and thoughts with you.

High School Seniors and Current College Students

We have put together two information sheets regarding college scholarship financial assistance. Both sheets are reproduced here. Additional copies are available from the church office.

One is for the “First Evangelical Lutheran Church” (FELC) Scholarship Fund” which is potentially available to students attending ANY institution of higher learning.

The other is for the “First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Worthington, Minnesota Scholarship Fund “– commonly called the “LEE ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND”. Eligibility includes college sophomores or higher attending a LUTHERAN COLLEGE OR SEMINARY. Even though freshman are not eligible, they SHOULD still complete an application in July after their high school graduation so their name is put on the list for future consideration. This is explained more on the information sheet. Stop in or call the church office (376-6148) for additional copies of either or both information sheets. They contain more information about submission date deadlines and other details.

As soon as you know that you plan to attend an institution of higher learning (even though you may not have yet selected a specific school) please call the church office to enable Natalie to get your name on the list so she can send applications to all interested students. Natalie usually sends out scholarship application forms in July. You only need to complete ONE application – it will be used by both scholarship committees if you are attending a Lutheran school.

FELC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Each year any student from FELC is eligible to apply for a FELC scholarship. The student needs to be attending an institution of higher education such as vo-tech, a state college, or a private four year college, etc.

The amount of the scholarship awarded is contingent upon the activity of the investments during the preceding year. Principal amounts for these investments have come from bequests by various members, memorials and personal donations.

High school graduates continuing their education can apply for a scholarship as well as currently enrolled students at higher education institutions. Students do need to apply every year by mid October to obtain a scholarship for the second semester of their academic year. Only second semester scholarships are given. Applications may be obtained at the church office.

Note: This scholarship fund is NOT THE SAME as the “Lee Anderson Scholarship Fund.

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church of
Worthington, Minnesota Scholarship
Fund (FELCWMSF)**

Also known as the “Lee Anderson
Scholarship Fund”

1. This scholarship is for students attending any Lutheran Bible School, Lutheran College or Lutheran Seminary.

2. This is available AFTER your freshman year.

3. Application forms will be sent out in July to:

A. Recent high school graduates- even though college freshman are not eligible yet, you should at least notify the church office as to what college you are planning to attend for your freshman year. By doing so, your name will be on our list so we can include it on the potential scholarship recipient names that we send to the colleges in the spring of your freshman year. Most colleges that we have worked with have matching funds programs but they want names of possible students as early as March 1st PRIOR to the school year for the scholarship award.

B. Current college students – students must re-apply each year. NOTE that those completing an application as directed in the preceding paragraph would NOW be required to complete a new application for their sophomore year.

4. Scholarship awards are normally sent directly to the college in January, AFTER we know the calendar year end financial status of the investment fund and have then determined the amount of the awards. In some of the years past, no awards were available as the market slumps left the fund balance below a required minimum amount.

5. Trustees of the FELCWMSF are Dennis Selberg (a member of FELC) and Linden Olson (a member of American Lutheran Church)

Please contact either of the above for more information. Again, application forms will be sent out in July each year to recent high school graduates and current college students that we are aware of. Therefore, please contact the church office at 507-376-6148 to make sure you are on Natalie’s mailing list for sending out applications. Do this as soon as you know you plan to attend a Lutheran school.

YOUTH NEWS

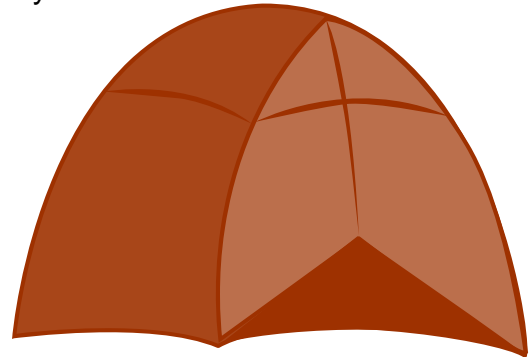
Mission and Adventure! This month is all about mission and adventure. Our mission here at First Lutheran is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, and to make disciples of all people. This month our youth will be working towards that.

Our Senior High Youth will be working hard this month at a camp that serves over 2,000 youth each summer and 3,000 each winter in retreats. Our youth will be reaching out to make a place available for these youth and families to have the opportunity to hear the good news. At the same time our youth will also be growing as disciples. They will daily have the opportunity to hear the good news of Christ and to experience his love as they work hard in a place that so beautifully displays God's creation. They will experience it as they witness a Christ hike, a drama that goes all around camp displaying scenes from the life of Jesus; from his baptism to his crucifixion. Our Senior High Youth are excellent examples of disciples as every year they desire to reach out to others. Yes, they have fun doing it, but as they have fun and grow as disciples they are living out the mission of our church and of Christ himself!

Our Middle School Youth will be eight of the 2,000 who will benefit from the work our Senior High Youth do. They will receive the chance to work together and to grow together as they learn about Christ, God's creation, and whose they are. Paddling a giant canoe together is going to be hard work, but it is also going to cement our youth together as a strong team. One of the main purposes of our Adventure

Trip is to bond the youth as a team. Why do we want that to happen? So that when they are in high school they may work well together to fulfill our mission of making disciples as they serve on Mission Trips. I look forward to these trips, to seeing first hand our youth grow as disciples.

God's Peace,
Amy



Youth Updates:

* There is an Adventure Trip parent meeting at 11:15 am on June 6th in the lounge. All youth attending the trip and their parents should plan to attend.

* Our Mission Trip service is on June 20th. Come see and hear what our youth did on their trip at both services.

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

