



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## October 2019 Newsletter



Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m.

Fall Family Festival with food and activities to follow...

ALL members of First Lutheran Church are welcome *home!*

## **Be Rich Toward God... Knowing What Is Worth Storing Up**

*But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared.' That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasures for himself and is not rich toward God. (Luke 12:20-21)*

Getting ready to move is a good time to sort through all the treasures you have accumulated at home. As you are packing up everything in your homes, you are faced with the decision of which treasures are worth keeping and which ones you really do not need. It all comes down to the item's value and "take-ability". It is wiser to keep those items you know are important and you are able to take with you. Clothing, furniture, and bedding are better to store up because they are important, and they can be taken with you.

When we sort through the treasures that are in our possession, our sinful nature tends to place too much value on earthly treasures, things that we can put in our homes or in the bank. Those treasures appear to be worth storing up. The rich man in Jesus' parable thought it was better to store up his harvest and then kick back, thinking he had everything that was needed. He was wrong. Those treasures he stored up for himself were treasures were not as valuable nor were they "take-able".

What do we have that has value and "take-ability"? The riches of God's grace in Christ is worth storing up. Just look at the wealth that God has given to you. It has value. It offers you the valuable forgiveness from your sins and the salvation you desperately need. No treasure of this world can offer that to you. The riches of God's grace in Christ also has "take-ability". While every treasure we could foolishly store here cannot go with us when leave this world, the grace of God offers a treasure that goes with us. Through Jesus we have life in heaven, all because we have been given the forgiveness of sins. Being rich toward God means knowing what is worth storing up. Treasures for ourselves are neither valuable in the perspective of eternity, nor are they "take-able" compared to what really is worth storing up. The richness of God's grace is of greatest worth to store up through as we grow in faith through Word and Sacrament.

### **Prayer:**

O God who is rich in grace, lead me to see the true value and "take-ability" of what Jesus has given me. Help me to be rich toward you by daily desiring to store up those treasures. Amen

This is the sixth of seven devotions Pastor Heuer was asked to write for *Meditations* based on Luke 12:13-21 for the week of August 25-31, 2019.

# FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

## Schedule of Events

Wed., Oct. 2	1 <sup>st</sup> qtr. Mid-Term Grades 3-4 visit the library Soccer @ Antioch vs. Faith – 4:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 4	Soccer @ home vs. Trinity – 4:30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 7	Picture Day
Wed., Oct. 9	Grades 4K – 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Royal Oak Farm Orchard Grades 3-8 to Retzer Nature Center and Horowitz Planetarium
Sat.-Sun., Oct. 12-13	LLAC Soccer Tournament
Sun., Oct. 20	<b>Welcome Home</b> Service – grades 4K – 8 sing in 9:00 a.m. service
Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 24-25	No School – Teacher's Conference

*Be sure to check out our website - [www.firstelkhorn.com/school](http://www.firstelkhorn.com/school) – and access the most up to date calendar for school events! You can also sync the calendar to your Google calendar.*

*Click on School - News+Events to see/print copies of the Wednesday News and/or monthly calendar.*

## Soccer

Our soccer season is coming to a close. The second weekend of October is the LLAC tournament. Thank you to Mr. Ted Glodowski and Mr. Nick Wills for sharing their time and talents in coaching our soccer players.

## Coaches/Sports Season Help

First Lutheran School is looking for help. We are in need of a Boys' B Team Basketball coach. Please see Mr. Glodowski with any questions or if you would be able to help. We are also in need of help with the game clock (for home games) and record book (for all games). Please see Mr. Glodowski if you can share some time at a game (or 2!)

The school is also looking for 2 Robotics coaches. Shoreland Lutheran High School has a robotics program and is encouraging grade schools to get involved. Please see Mr. Falk with any questions or if you are interested in helping.

## Save for your School

First Lutheran School participates in a variety of promotions to help fund our school's non-budgeted expenses; classroom learning aids like TIME for Kids, Spanish, special programming, and more. Please save and turn in Frank's Piggly Wiggly receipts. The BoxTops program is changing – a few products will still have the BoxTops attached, but they have rolled out a new app where you scan your receipt and upload it for BoxTops credit. Note our enrollment number when checking out at Office Max for us to gain credit for supplies. We also participate in SCRIP – purchasing and/or ordering gift cards to use as gift or your everyday purchases. An information sheet is located under the stairs near the green SCRIP order sheets. If you order from Amazon, use AmazonSmile and designate First Lutheran Church for a percentage of your purchase to go back to the school. Watch for information on *Market Day*, which is making a comeback! If you have questions regarding any of the programs, please contact the office. *Thank you for helping your school!*

## Christian Education Assistance Fund

No member of First Lutheran will be denied a Christian education in our school because of need. First Lutheran School has a Christian Education Assistance Fund to assist families with tuition costs. The Board of Education distributes fund based on the application and need. If you would care to contribute to this fund or need a tuition assistance application, please contact the office. Gifts can be given at any time. Thank you for supporting Christian Education.

# First Evangelical Lutheran Church Information

## Worship Services/Classes.

- **Thursday:** Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.  
Christian Book Club – 6:00 p.m.  
Service – 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** Services - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Family Bible Hour – 9:15 a.m.
- **Saturday:** Men's Breakfast Bible Study – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday – 8-9 a.m.  
Women's Bible Study – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday – 8-9 a.m.

## Welcome Home Sunday

Save the date for Welcome Home Sunday - October 20 at 9:00 AM. Worshiping our God - listening to him speak to us in his Word and responding with our praise - is always special. However, it can be especially joyful when the house is packed. Think of the singing on Christmas Eve... or the way we need to set up chairs for the children's Christmas service. Yet, even on those days, we have members who are out of town. The goal of Welcome Home Sunday is a day when everyone that is part of our Christian family comes together. After all, church is supposed to be a home, and believers are kin. Our focus of worship that day is the blessing of Christian community. Thus, we want 100% of our members here. Please do everything possible to set that date aside so that we can pack the house that day. That weekend there will only be one service so that we can come together as a Christian family. After the service, we will have a Fall Family Festival with food and activities for all.

## Voters' Meeting

We will hold our quarterly voters' meeting on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. We encourage all members of First to attend.

### **Veterans Day Lunch and Program**

To show our appreciation for those who have so unselfishly served our country, First Lutheran School is hosting a Veterans Day program on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Working with our local VFW, the school has invited veterans from the community to join us for lunch and the program. We would also like to extend a special invitation to all our veteran First Lutheran Church members and veteran School family members and their spouse to the luncheon at noon on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The program will then begin at 12:45 p.m. All members of First are welcome to attend the program in the gym. Please see the sign up on the brown door to RSVP for the luncheon. Any questions can be directed to Deb Buelow or Principal Mike Falk.

### **MOM (Moms of Might)**

All moms with preschool age or younger are welcome to join our mom's group. Meetings will be held the first Tuesday (instead of Monday) of every month through May. If school is not in session on a first Tuesday, the meeting will be held the second Tuesday. Other activities are also planned during the year.

*Volunteers are needed to help with childcare* during the meetings. A sign-up sheet is on the brown door. We would like to have at least 2 volunteers to help for each meeting, with a 3<sup>rd</sup> signed up as a backup if needed. Please contact Trista Heuer [tsheuer@gmail.com](mailto:tsheuer@gmail.com) or call/text 1-920-222-1510 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your time and support!

### **Toddler Open Gym**

This program is intended for children age 0 – 5, along with their parent/caregiver and will take place from 9 – 10:30 in the school gym on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from September through May. This month's TOG dates are October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. This program is open to our members as well as the community. Please invite friends! There is open play in the gym with various toys as well as games, crafts, coloring, and area just for babies, and more! We will also have a devotion and snack during the playtime. As this is a non-budgeted outreach event, your support is appreciated! Please contact Allison Lauderdale 262-945-7951 with any questions.

### **Thanks & Giving Festival**

We will be hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Thanks & Giving Festival on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30-11:30 a.m. This family friendly event focuses on giving back to and showing our appreciation for the local non-profits that enrich our community. We will have different activities, food, and a special presentation by Kohl's Wild Theatre. A silent auction will be held with all proceeds going to Open Arms Free Clinic. All members are invited – and please invite friends and neighbors! We are looking for family-friendly gift baskets for the silent auction. Please see Laina Papenfus or Allison Lauderdale if you would like to contribute. If you are unable to attend the event, but would still like to support Open Arms Free Clinic, donations or wish list items that they have listed on their website - [openarmsfreeclinic.org](http://openarmsfreeclinic.org) - can be given to Laina in the office.

### **Advent by Candlelight**

First Lutheran's Advent by Candlelight will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Ladies, please mark your calendars. Please watch for the sign up to attend as well as a hostess table sign-up to be posted. Please contact Trista Heuer with any questions.

### **The Giving Tree**

A giving tree will be placed in the narthex in early November to collect hats, mittens, scarves and socks for those in need. All sizes and colors are needed. The tree will be up through the middle of December, and then all items collected will be shared with Twin Oaks Homeless Shelter and the Elkhorn Food Pantry. Any questions can be directed to Vickie Mueller at 262-728-9554. Thank you for helping those less fortunate!

### **Prayer Chain**

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain and pray for members and present their needs, requests and/or praises to God, contact Kelly Stech - 262-728-8020 or Suzanne Manthe - 262-725-6131. If *you* have a specific prayer request, bright green forms are available in the tract rack - please indicate if you would like the prayer public in church, kept within the prayer chain, or if you only want the pastor to know. Please place prayer requests in the "church" box near the tract rack. *"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."* James 5:16

### **Christian Assistance Fund**

A Christian Assistance Fund has been created for our congregation to follow Christ's directive to "love one another". Contributions to this account are appreciated, please use the Designated Gift Envelopes, available in the rack on the side of the member mailboxes. If a member has need for assistance, applications are available from pastor. Requests are kept in the strictest confidence.

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### **Church Library News**

The church/school library has been updated. Feel free to check out items you'd like to read. On the clipboard sheet that is on top of the card catalog, write your name, the date, and book title. When you return the books just put them in the crate provided for returned books, and someone will re-shelve the books in their proper place. Parents – feel free to take books from the specially marked bookshelves to use with your children during church services. Please put them back on that same shelf after the church service. Feel free to enjoy the materials that are in that room!

### **WELS Radio and TV Ministry**

**Music for The Master** followed by **Message from The Master** radio program can be heard each Sunday morning on AM "JOY 1340" WJYI at 7:00 a.m. The Milwaukee television stations that air **Time of Grace** are: WBME (ME Tv) – Sunday at 7:00 a.m.; WDJT (CBS 58) – Sunday at 10:30 a.m.; WWRS – Thursday at 3:30 p.m. and WTMJ (4) – Friday at 12:05 a.m. The cable channels that air the program are Freeform on Thursdays at 5:30 a.m. and TBN (Trinity Broadcast Network) on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Please check your local provider's channel listing for more information.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Our church helps with the Walworth County Meals on Wheels program. If you would be willing and able to help, or have questions on what meals on wheels is about, please contact Doris Salem at 723-2537.

### **Offerings**

First Lutheran Church has set up an automatic payments option through VANCO Payment Solutions for member giving. Authorization forms for your gifts to the church are available in the office. If this form of giving is an option for you, please return completed forms to the office. Please contact the office or Mike Schwark with any questions.

### **Thrivent Members**

A benefit available to Thrivent members is designating Thrivent Choice Dollars to an organization. There is no additional cost to you to participate. Both First Lutheran Church and First Lutheran School are options for designation, along with a list of other organizations. Go online, log into your account, and designate funds to your choice of organization(s), call your Thrivent representative, OR call Thrivent directly at 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say, "Thrivent Choice". We encourage you to help an organization with this member benefit.

### **Food Pantry**

Our church collects non-perishable food for the Elkhorn Food Pantry. The collection bin for donations is located in the narthex. Please note that the Elkhorn Food Pantry serves Elkhorn Area School District residents and is located at 14 W. Geneva Street. Representatives of Elkhorn area churches run the pantry. Our members Bill Holtz and Fred Baudais are on the Board of Directors. Our members - Bill Holtz, Carla Baudais, Jim and Vickie Mueller, Doris Salem, and Bonnie Nommensen share their time at the pantry. The Walworth County Food Pantry, which serves the rest of Walworth County and is located at 205 E. Commerce Court, is a *separate* entity from the Elkhorn Food Pantry. Your generosity in helping the less fortunate is appreciated! *The Food Pantry always welcomes new volunteers. If you are interested in helping one morning a week (Monday, Wednesday, or Friday) each month, please contact Carla Baudais.*

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**Council Hosts:**

8:00 10:30  
 Oct. 6 M. Schwark M. Dorn  
 Oct. 13 T. Stech B. Holtz  
 Oct. 20 9:00 - M. Hoyord - M. Dorn - D. Hintz - M. Yunker  
 Oct. 27 J. Kuehl P. Rote C. Greving M. Papenfus

**Uskers:**

8:00 10:30  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> MOM - 9:30 a.m. Choir - 6:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> Toddler Open Gym - 9-10:30 a.m. Ladies Aid - 1:30 p.m. Sparks & Flames -	<b>3</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am CBC - 6:00 p.m. Communion Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>4</b> FLS Chapel - 7:45 am	<b>5</b> Fall Cleanup - 8 - noon
<b>6</b> Communion Services - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Hour - 9:15 a.m.	<b>7</b> Dartball here - 7:30p.m.	<b>8</b> Choir - 6:30 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am CBC - 6:00 p.m. Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> FLS Chapel - 7:45 am	<b>12</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study - 8-9 am
<b>13</b> Worship Services - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Voters' Meeting - 9:15 a.m. Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.	<b>14</b> Elders - 6:30 p.m. Dartball - 7:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> Blood Drive - First, Lake Geneva- 2-6 pm Choir - 6:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> Toddler Open Gym - 9-10:30 a.m. Ladies Book Club - 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am CBC - 6:00 p.m. No Service	<b>18</b> FLS Chapel - 7:45 am	<b>19</b> Women's Bible Study - 8-9 a.m. Fall Cleanup - 8 - noon
<b>20 Welcome Home Sunday</b> Service - 9:00 a.m. ~Choir & FLS students sing Fall Festival to follow	<b>21</b> Board of Ed. - 6 p.m. Board Meetings - 6:30 p.m.	<b>22</b> Choir - 6:30 p.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am CBC - 6:00 p.m. Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>25</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>26</b>
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