



FIRST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**August 2019  
Newsletter**

## **Be Rich Toward God... In How We Manage Our Possessions**

*He (Jesus) told them a parable: "The land of a certain rich man produced very well. He was thinking to himself, 'What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?' He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods.'" (Luke 12:16-18)*

The manager of the baseball team enters the stadium as he does every day. Every day is the same as he serves the team. He is confronted with the question of what to do with the players he manages. It is his job to organize those players into positions on the field and spots in the batting order. When he sits down and begins to write out his lineup for the day, he puts each player in the spot that is best for the whole team. The job of managing isn't easy, especially when you have many talented players which the owner of the team has provided.

The rich man in Jesus' parable had a good problem to have. His land produced a very abundant harvest. He was faced with the question of how to manage what his fields had produced. His solution was to build bigger barns to store his crops. His initial managing strategy was good and well thought out. Although as the parable continued, Jesus shows this rich man's bountiful harvest led him to complacency, laziness and a false trust.

We are confronted every day with the question of how to manage what God has graciously given to us. How are we to use and direct the blessings God has given us - blessings which are really still God's? We look at the possessions we have been entrusted with, rejoicing that God has given them to us in the first place for our benefit. Thankfulness fills our hearts that he would care not only for our souls by giving us Jesus, but also for our body and life. Just like faithful managers, we want to make the wisest and best decisions when it comes to our possessions. Our desire is to manage them to God's glory, giving him thanks - all while serving him and our families. Each lineup may be different as each one of us has different possessions to manage. But faithful managers always demonstrate wisdom of the heart rich toward God by wisely managing their possessions

### **Prayer:**

"We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be. All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee." Amen (CW 485 vs. 1)

This is the fourth 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 Evangelical Lutheran Church Information

## Worship Services/Classes.

- **Thursday:** Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.  
Service – 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday:** Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
- **Saturday:** Men's Breakfast Bible Study – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday – 8-9 a.m.  
Women's Bible Study – Saturday after Ladies' Book Club – 8-9 a.m.

## Installation Service & Continental Breakfast

We will be holding an installation service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. We will install Ms. Kathy Szmanda as our 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and Mr. Michael Falk as our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and principal. After the service, the Ladies Aid will be serving a continental breakfast. We encourage all members to attend, to support our school and introduce yourselves to our newest staff members.

## Guest WELS musician

Stephen Bautista is a full-time Christian Music Missionary who lives on the road seeking to "enlighten the lost and encourage the found" with his original, Christ-centered music. He tours the country with his wife and their nine "roadschooled" children, living in a travel trailer they pull behind a Chevy Express van. Stephen will be here to accompany and enhance our worship services on Thursday, August 8 and Sunday, August 11. We thank him for being with us here at First that weekend. A free will offering will be gathered to support him in his music ministry sharing the Gospel of our crucified and risen Savior. More information about Stephen can be found on his website - <http://www.stephenbautistamusic.com/>

## Blood Drive

We are hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 6 p.m. To reserve a time, please call the office or use the link on our website.

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

All moms with preschool age or younger are welcome to join our mom's group. The first meeting of this school year is on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Meetings will then be held the first Monday of every month through May. If school is not in session on a first Monday, the meeting will be held the second Monday. Other activities are also planned during the year.

*Volunteers are needed to help with childcare* during the meetings. A sign-up sheet for the year is on the brown door. We would like to have at least 2 volunteers signed up 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 or call/text 1-920-222-1510 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your time and support!

### **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.

### **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 then 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.

### **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!

### **Meals on Wheels**

We help 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.

### **Helping Institutional Ministries**

WELS Institutional Ministries is in need of hotel/travel size shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes. These hygiene supplies are given out to returning citizens after incarceration. Please place these donated items in the box marked "Institutional Ministries" in the narthex. Thank you for your help.

### **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.

### **ACH 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.*

**Pastoral Acts:** Baptism – Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>: Andrew Ringling Coerper – by *Pastor Meier*



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**Council Hosts:**

8:00 M. Schwark J. Sulik  
Aug. 4 T. Stech B. Holtz  
Aug. 11 M. Hoyord M. Dorn  
Aug. 18 J. Kuehl P. Rote  
Aug. 25

**Ushers:**

8:00 8:30 9:30  
D. Mangold S. Beaver  
R. Smith C. Collins  
D. Hintz M. Yunker  
C. Greving M. Papenfus

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>4</b> Communion Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Ladies Aid - 1:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> Bible Class - 9 a.m. Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>9</b> Bible Class - 9 a.m. Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> Strategies and Ac- tion Plan Workshop - 8:45 am-12:30 pm
<b>11</b> WELS musician S. Bautista, guest Worship Service-8 am Installation Service - 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast after installation	<b>12</b> Board of Elders - 6:30 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> School Registration Night - 4 - 7 p.m.	<b>15</b> Bible Class - 9 a.m. Communion Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Communion Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	<b>19</b> Blood Drive - 2-6 pm Board of Ed. - 6 p.m. Board Meetings - 6:30 p.m. Church Council-7pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Ladies Book Club - 7:00 p.m.	<b>22</b> Bible Class - 9 a.m. Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Women's Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.
<b>25</b> Worship Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	<b>26</b> 4K Orientation Night - 6:15 p.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bible Class - 9 a.m. Communion Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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	<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>
August 4	M. Schwark	J. Sulik
August 11	T. Stech	B. Holtz
August 18	M. Hoyord	M. Dorn
August 25	J. Kuehl	P. Rote

## Ushers:

<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>
D. Mangold	S. Beaver
R. Smith	C. Collins
D. Hintz	M. Yunker
C. Greving	M. Papenfus

## Greeters:

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>9:30</u>
August 4	Chester & Linda Kreft	Matt & Kristy Barker
August 11	Glenda Schellin	Kent & Kay Meyer
August 18	Marlene Schoenbeck	Scott & Amy Beaver
August 25	Aaron & Anna Mertes	Gene & Patty Lauderdale

## Birthdays: shut in members are in **bold print**

1- Nolan Beaver	15- Nathan Peterson
2- Quentin Kayser	Courtney Sharp
Mark M. Hartwick	Amy Beaver
3- Frances Schmidt	16- Virginia Knutsen
Michael Thomas	Roger Clapper
Wesley Lauderdale	17- Rebecca Kayser
4- Caleb Olson	18- Mary Johnson
6- Deborah Clark	Leroy Lauderdale
Eva Lauderdale	20- Jean Carlo Stech
10- Anita Papcke	21- Raymond F. Becker
Pamela Gepford	William Holtz
Helen Schweinler	Daniel Lauderdale
Cathryn Heuer	22- Jean Willms
11- Kaitlin Schroeder	Ric Drake
12- Wally Holder	Molly Brugger
13- Herbert Papenfus	Max Garcia
Michelle Lemke	23- Emilie Lemke
Kate Hommen	Oliver Behling
14- Jacob Schwark	25- Laina Papenfus
Madison Voss	Mackenzie Adamson
Chelsea Barry	26- Travis Meinen
	27- Jason Walbrandt
	Elianna Heuer

## Anniversaries:

Joshua & Heidi Kuehl, August 4, 2007
Roger & Gladys Clapper, August 13, 1994
Tom & Kelly Stech, August 15, 1987
Paul & Morena Rote, August 15, 2015
David & Bonnie Nommensen, August 17, 1974
Fred & Carla Baudais, August 17, 1974
Steven & Holly Adamson, August 17, 2005
Benjamin & Brooke Dahlberg, August 18, 2012
Steven & Linda Godfrey, August 19, 1972
Michael & Sharee Yunker, August 19, 2005
Michael & Diana Lambert, August 21, 2004
Steve & Kim Schultz, August 28, 2004
Tim & Christine Wills, August 29, 1987