



FIRST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**May 2019**  
**Newsletter**

## **Be Rich Toward God... In What Jesus Shares With You**

*Someone from the crowd said to him (Jesus), "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me a judge and arbitrator over you?" (Luke 12:13-14)*

Sharing is a skill that all of us need to learn, especially children. Parents often struggle with teaching their little children to share toys with their siblings or with friends who have come to play. Lack of sharing leads to fighting and bickering. Sharing is a hard lesson to teach when the natural instinct is not to share, but to be selfish. It is often a lesson that needs to be taught and retaught many times.

Someone in the crowd came to Jesus with his own sharing problem. He was upset that his brother would not share the inheritance with him. He needed someone who had an authoritative voice, and that voice was Jesus. This man wanted him to solve the problem by commanding his brother to share. He wanted what was rightfully his, but both he and his brother were focused on an earthly inheritance. Jesus would use this man's request as an opportunity to teach him, the crowd, and us what it means to be rich toward God. Being truly rich means trusting the inheritance that Jesus shares with you.

Jesus did not need to be taught or told to share what was rightfully his. Yet Jesus willingly shares an inheritance that is greater than gold or any other possession this world can offer us. His inheritance has eternal value. Jesus made himself poor. He left all his heavenly inheritance behind coming to this world, to live as our brother in flesh, and die on the cross for our sins so that we might be heirs with him. Jesus makes us rich by sharing with us the inheritance of heaven.

What an inheritance we have! What wondrous sharing Jesus our brother does with us! Trusting that inheritance, makes you truly rich – rich in forgiveness, rich in life. Therefore, you are rich toward God. That is an inheritance worth sharing with others.

### **Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, thank you for sharing with us the glorious inheritance of heaven through your death on the cross. Help me to share this inheritance with others, so many more may be rich, too. Amen

This is the first 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.

- **Tuesday:** Alive in Christ – 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday:** Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.
- **Sunday:** May 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> - Services - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.  
May 26<sup>th</sup> – *summer schedule begins* – 2<sup>nd</sup> service is at 9:30 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.

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## Confirmation

On Thursday, May 2 during our regular 7:00 p.m. service, we will hold an interactive church service which includes examination of our confirmands. Communion will not be a part of the service. Confirmation will be held in the 10:30 service on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Communion will be celebrated in both services. Sunday school and choir will sing.

## Plant/Seed Exchange

A congregational plant/seed exchange will be held on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to bring plants/seed or want to get some free ones are invited to meet in the grassy area between the school and gym doors on the east side of the building. If you bring plants/seeds, please be sure to bring a note stating what they are, how big they grow and if they need sun or shade. You do not have to bring something to take something home. This opportunity is great for those just starting to create gardens, or if you would like to try something new in your garden. If you bring plants/seeds and there are items left, please be sure to take them home after services on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Mueller at 262-728-9554 or Pam Hoyord at 262-728-5532.

## Schramm Family Farewell

Please watch for more information regarding a special service and meal to follow as we say goodbye to the Schramm family, and thank them for 5 wonderful years of service here at First.

### **Toddler Open Gym**

This program is for children age 0 – 5, along with the parent/caregiver and is held from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the school gym on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. May 16<sup>th</sup> will be the final Toddler Open Gym for this school year. The program is open to our members as well as the community. Please invite friends! There is open play in in the gym with various toys as well as games, crafts, coloring, an area just for babies, and more! During the hour, we will also have a devotion and snack. *As this outreach program is a non-budgeted expense, monetary donations are appreciated!*

### **Congregational Rummage Sale**

We will have a congregational rummage sale in the gym on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. All members are welcome to bring items and have a “booth” at the sale. Please sign up on the brown door so we are sure to have enough tables on hand for the event. Set up will be on Friday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Please direct any questions to Vickie Mueller at 262-728-9554.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Please mark your calendars for this year’s Vacation Bible School. We will be going on a “Miraculous Mission to Outer Space!” July 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be available at the end of May.

### **Summer Celebration**

We will hold this year’s Summer Celebration on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with Elkhorn’s Star Spangled Celebration. If you have any ideas for the event, please contact a member of the Stewardship/Evangelism Committee – Tom Stech, Richard Nowak, Ray Manthe, Wally Holder or Joe Kuehl.

### **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 see Mr. Schramm.

### **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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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: Funerals:** Kathryn (Katie) Roberts, age 90 – April 9, 2019  
Gerald Boettcher, age 81 – April 10, 2019

# FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

## Schedule of Events

Wed., May 1	Forensics Meet @ SLHS
Thurs., May 2	K-4 to LPS Play
Fri., May 4	Breakfast & Bible Bites – 7:15 a.m. Open House – 7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Mon., May 6	Grades 5-8 Track Meet @ St. Matthew's, Janesville
Thurs., May 16	Grades 3-4 to Webster House Museum
Fri., May 17	Entertainment Night – 6:30 p.m.
Sun., May 19	Piano Recital – 3:00 p.m.
Mon., May 20	Board of Education – 6:00 p.m.
Tues., May 21	Grades 3-4 fishing field trip
Mon., May 27	Memorial Day – No School
Thurs., May 30	FLS Awards Presentation – 1:30 p.m. Ascension/Graduation Service – 6:30 p.m. ~ Grades 4K – 8 sing Graduate reception following service
Fri., May 31	Last Day of School – 11:00 picnic/noon dismissal (no bus service)

*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.*

## Forensics

The Forensics meet is at Shoreland Lutheran High School on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Breakfast & Bible Bites and Open House

We will host our final Breakfast & Bible Bites on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The doors will open at 7:15 and all students and parents are invited to enjoy breakfast together. An Open House will then be held beginning at Chapel Time – 8:00 a.m. – until 12:30 p.m. Parents are invited to stay for the morning until lunch, or come back after chapel to enjoy Dominos lunch with their child. All members of First are welcome to Friday's chapel and to view school in session.

## Piano Recital

First Lutheran School students that take piano lessons with Mrs. Schneider will have a piano recital on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

## Entertainment Night

This year's Entertainment Night is a Talent Show! Come and see the students perform individually and as classes for what promises to be a very entertaining evening. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

## 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 General Mills Boxtops and Frank's Piggly Wiggly receipts. 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. If you have questions regarding any of the programs, please contact Mr. Schramm or the office. *Thank you for helping your school!*

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May 5 M. Schwark  
May 12 T. Stech  
May 19 M. Hoyord  
May 26 J. Kuehl

**Council Hosts:**  
8:00 J. Sulik  
10:30/9:30 B. Holtz  
M. Dorn  
P. Rote(9:30)

**Ushers:**  
8:00 D. Mangold  
R. Smith  
D. Hintz  
C. Greving

10:30/9:30 S. Beaver  
C. Collins  
M. Yunker  
M. Papenfus (9:30)

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>5</b> Communion Service - 8:00 a.m. Confirmation Communion Service - 10:30 a.m. ~Sunday school sings Sunday School - 9:15	<b>6</b> MOM - 9:30 a.m.	<b>7</b> Choir - 6:30 p.m. Alive with Christ - 7:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> Ladies Aid - 1:30 pm	<b>9</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am Christian Book Club - 6:00 p.m. Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am Christian Book Club - 6:00 p.m. Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study - 8-9 am
<b>12</b> Worship Services - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	<b>13</b> Elders - 6:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> Choir - 6:30 p.m. Alive with Christ - 7:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> Ladies Book Club - 7:00 p.m. @ K. Stech's	<b>16</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am Toddler Open Gym - 9:30 a.m. Christian Book Club - 6:00 p.m. Communion Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am Toddler Open Gym - 9:30 a.m. Christian Book Club - 6:00 p.m. Communion Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>18</b> Women's Bible Study - 8 - 9 a.m. Congregational Plant Exchange - 2 - 3 p.m.
<b>19</b> Communion Services - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. FLS Piano Recital - 3:00 p.m.	<b>20</b> Board of Education - 6:00 pm Board Meetings - 6:30 p.m. Church Council - 7 pm	<b>21</b> Choir - 6:30 p.m. Alive with Christ - 7:30 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am Christian Book Club - 6:00 p.m. Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	<b>24</b> FLS Entertainment Night - 6:30 pm	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	<b>27 Memorial Day</b> No School	<b>28</b> Choir - 6:30 p.m. Alive with Christ - 7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am FLS Awards - 1:30 pm Ascension-Graduation Communion Service - 7:00 pm ~K-8 sing ~graduate reception following service	<b>31</b> Last Day of School	Thurs, May 2 - 7 pm Confirmation Exam Service: J. Kuehl & C. Greving Thurs, May 30 - 7 pm Ascension/ Graduation Communion Service: M. Schwark & C. Collins

# May 2019

## Council Hosts:

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:30/9:30</u>
May 5	M. Schwark	J. Sulik
May 12	T. Stech	B. Holtz
May 19	M. Hoyord	M. Dorn
May 26	J. Kuehl	P. Rote (9:30)

## Ushers:

<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:30/9:30</u>
D. Mangold	S. Beaver
R. Smith	C. Collins
D. Hintz	M. Yunker
C. Greving	M. Papenfus (9:30)

Thursday, May 2 - Confirmation Examination Service - 7:00 p.m.: J. Kuehl & C. Greving

Thursday, May 30 - Ascension/Graduation Communion Service - 7:00 p.m.: M. Schwark & C. Collins

## Greeters:

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:30/9:30</u>
May 5	Glenda Schellin	Doreen Grams
May 12	Barb Schinke	Bill & Mary Schomburg
May 19	Mike & Marsha Schwark	Gordon & Nancy Haak
May 26	Doris Salem	Bill Holtz

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

1- Tillman Drake	20- Mindy Bartelt
2- Seth Voisin	Ethan Bartelt
3- Madeline Schwark	21- Verna LeNoble
4- <b>Marge Smith</b>	22- Cassandra Helfvogt
David Krewal	23- Terri Carnes
Lia Greving	Lawrence Basinski
5- David Peterson	24- Cassandra Skogsberg
6- Gene Lauderdale	26- William Sekeres Jr.
Alexander Bartelt	Katie Rudolph
9- Kathy Meier	28- Masha DuBois
11- Barbara Schinke	29- James Mueller
Angela Hartwick	31- Norman Papcke
Katie Nolte	
13- Dorothy Papenfus	
14- Marilyn Desing	
15- Adam Lambert	
17- Maddie Coletti	
Gabriel Behling	
19- Kathryn Duwe	

## Anniversaries:

Jon & Mary Cucchi, May 11, 1991  
Matt & Kristy Barker, May 15, 1993