



FIRST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

**November 2019  
Newsletter**

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## **Be Rich Toward God... Balancing Your Riches**

*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)*

Lives can get very busy. Between the desire to worship and be in the Word, you need to find time for work in order to provide for your family's earthly needs, time with your spouse so that your marriage remains strong, and time with your children so that they grow in all aspects of their lives. All this and somehow still finding time for yourself leaves you struggling to balance the time you have in this world. How does one find balance among all those things? It takes prioritizing and reordering your life based on what truly is important. At times, balancing life means leaving out one of the children's activities in order to do something that is of higher priority, such as spending time together as a family in worship and the Word.

When each one of us looks at all the riches that God has given us, we might have a hard time ordering our lives and finding proper balance. Everything looks important. We have been given earthly treasures, but then we look even deeper to see we have heavenly treasures, too. When we take stock of all our riches, there is always a need to daily prioritize and balance our riches, based on which are of higher importance. The rich man in Jesus' parable placed a higher priority on what his fields produced. Jesus, on the other hand, tells us to be rich toward God.

It is God, through Jesus, who has made us rich beyond anything this world could ever give us. Rich toward God means balancing our riches placing his grace and growing in his grace as a greater priority on our heart than any riches gained from this world. Both are from God. Both are gifts he has entrusted to us, but the richness of God's grace and mercy is far more important to store up. Lives that are truly in balance are always rich toward God.

### **Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, order my heart every day so that I am able to properly balance all the riches I have received. May my life always place the highest priority on seeking to be rich toward God. Amen.

# 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.

(not on Thanksgiving, November 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Thanksgiving Eve Service** – Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m.

~ *Sparks & Flames will play the handbells before the service*

~ *choir sings*

## 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.

### **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, Nov. 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, Nov. 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.

### **Christmas Decorating**

Altar Committee has scheduled the Christmas Season church decorating for Monday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. All members of First Lutheran are welcome to help. If anyone is interested in joining Altar Committee, this is a great opportunity to meet many of the members. Please contact Alice Lembach, Altar Committee chairperson, at 723-8277 with any questions.

### **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!

### **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 November 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<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.

### **Christmas Memories Tree**

Light Reservations will be taken through November 27<sup>th</sup> for our annual Christmas Memories Tree, which supports CEA, Altar, and Advent by Candlelight. Information and reservation forms will be available on the cart under the stairs. Please see Laina in the office with any questions.

### **Christmas Parade**

First Lutheran will have a float in the Elkhorn Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would care to help, please contact Joe Kuehl, Richard Nowak or Ray Manthe. Please watch for more information to be posted about the parade.

### **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 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!

### **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**

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.





# FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

## Schedule of Events

Fri., Nov. 1	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter
Sat., Nov. 2	Thanks & Giving Festival – 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Mon., Nov. 11	No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
Tues., Nov. 12	Veterans Day Program – 12:45 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 18	Board of Education – 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 19	Grades 3-8 Field Trip to Madison
Fri., Nov. 22	Special Meal
Sun., Nov. 24	4K – 2 <sup>nd</sup> sing in 8:00 service Handbell choir plays in both services
Mon., Nov. 25	Kindergarten “Turkey Walk” – all are welcome to help by donating food for them to take to the Food Pantry!
Wed. - Fri., Nov. 27-29	No School – Thanksgiving Break

*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.*

## Winter Sport Season Begins

Basketball and cheerleading practices are beginning. Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to participate. Be sure to watch our school’s weekly newsletter – posted online and on the school bulletin board – for games and updates. The Google school athletic calendar is also a resource for game locations and times as well as updated last minute changes. Come and cheer on our Badger athletes!

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## Save for your School

First Lutheran School participates in a variety of promotions to help fund our school’s non-budgeted expenses; Spanish class, classroom learning aids like TIME for Kids, 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 there is a new app where you scan your receipt and upload it for BoxTops credit. 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 the office. *Thank you for helping your school!*

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## Council Hosts:

	<u>8:00</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Nov. 3	M. Schwark	M. Dorn
Nov. 10	T. Stech	B. Holtz
Nov. 17	M. Hoyord	M. Dorn
Nov. 24	J. Kuehl	P. Rote

## Ushers:

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

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Service - 6:30 p.m.: M. Hoyord & R. Smith

## Greeters:

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Nov. 3	Jim & Vickie Mueller	Doreen Grams
Nov. 10	Dennis & Terri Carnes	Bill Holtz
Nov. 17	Alice Lembach	Deb Buelow
Nov. 24	Mike & Marsha Schwark	Gordon & Nancy Haak

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

3- Madison Garcia	20- Michael Dorn
David Duwe	23- Jocelyn Kopac
Michael Gilbert	24- Ronald Bidlack
4- Jon Cucchi	Margaret Heller
5- Carolyn Schafer	Rachel Nolte
Corinne Sanders	25- Megan Erickson
Allison Syverson	26- Trista Heuer
8- Kristen Barker	27- Betty Flitcroft
Everett Stech	28- Barney Brugger
9- Laura Lauderdale	29- Donna Ames
Joseph Lembach	30- Betty Grant
11- Max Greving	Benard Brellenthin
Logan Schultz	Mike Falk
Faith Hintz	Ethan Fink
12- Jamie Walbrandt	Samantha Hoyord
13- Matthew Barker	
Paul Rote	
15- Peggy Schafer	
Johnny Helfvogt	
16- Nathan Duwe	
Kimberly Collins	
18- Dani Brellenthin	
19- Kerry Schafer	

## Anniversaries:

Tim & Dani Brellenthin, November 6, 1965  
Aaron & Anna Mertes, November 11, 2000  
David & Donna Duwe, November 13, 1999  
Ray & Jeannine Kayser, November 16, 1968



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<b>3 Reformation</b> Communion Services - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. ~choir sings-both services Family Bible Hour - 9:15 a.m.	<b>4</b> No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences Elders - 6:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> MOM - 9:30 a.m. Choir - 6:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> Toddler Open Gym - 9-10:30 am Ladies Aid - 1:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am CBC - 6:00 pm Worship Service- 7 pm	<b>8</b> FLS Chapel - 7:45 a.m.	<b>9</b> Men's Breakfast Bible Study - 8-9 a.m.
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<b>17</b> Communion Services - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Family Bible Hour - 9:15 a.m.	<b>18</b> Board of Ed. - 6 pm Board Meetings - 6:30 pm Church Council - 7:00 p.m.	<b>19</b> Choir - 6:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> Toddler Open Gym - 9-10:30 am Ladies Book Club - 7 p.m. @ K. Stech's	<b>21</b> Bible Class - 9:00 am CBC - 6:00 pm Worship Service- 7 pm	<b>22</b> FLS Chapel - 7:45 a.m.	<b>23</b>
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NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break-----