



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

June/July 2019 Newsletter

REGISTRATION FORM

For students 3 years old through entering 7th grade

“Miraculous Mission” - Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 21 - Thursday, July 25 ---- 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone: _____

Child's name: _____ Grade entering: _____

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Do any of the children listed above have any food allergies or medical issues we should be aware of?

Extra registration forms are available on the cart under the stairs or on our website - firstelkhorn.com - please share with friends!

Please return forms to the office, mail to First Lutheran Church, 415 S. Devendorf Street, Elkhorn, or email to secretary@firstatthecross.com - registration ensures we have enough materials for all children. To help defray the cost of Bible stories and craft materials, a suggested donation of \$5.00 is appreciated, but is not mandatory for attendance.

An adult and youth Bible study is also offered at the same time - registration not necessary.

Please note - children *must* be potty-trained to enroll. *Thank you!*

Be Rich Toward God... On Your Guard Against Greed

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? Then he said to them, "Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man's life is not measured by how many possessions he has." (Luke 12:13-15)

The guard stands watch at the edge of the camp. He has an important job to do. The other soldiers depend upon him to stay awake and alert. It is his duty to man his post, always watching for the approaching enemy. If a guard were to stop watching because his eyes got heavy, the results could be dangerous for him and his fellow soldiers in the camp. The enemy could come, and no one would be ready to stand against them.

This man who came to Jesus that day was angry that his brother wouldn't share the inheritance with him. Greed filled his heart. Greed is a sin of the heart. It flows from a lack of contentment. It is a sinful desire for more and more stuff, not being satisfied with what God has given. When you get right down to it, greed robs us of our true richness. Greed takes away from our trust in God and places it in the riches this world can offer.

Jesus tells us to watch out and be on our guard against all greed. It is a dangerous enemy that lurks around our hearts just waiting for the time to slip in and attack. Just as the guard on duty is watching out for the enemy, we guard our hearts against sinful greed. It is an enemy that tricks us and traps us with the temptation to get richer, never being satisfied. The greedy heart has then placed riches as its god instead of the true God who gives all riches.

When we stand guard against the approaching enemy, it is only by treasuring the richness of God's grace that we are able to vigilantly keep watch. He has poured out on us true riches through Jesus our Savior. He has already given us all that our hearts really need – forgiveness, life, and salvation. We are rich beyond our wildest imaginations. Our trust is in his providing grace to, as we say in the Lord's Prayer, "give us today our daily bread". We are content. We are satisfied with all that God has given us.

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, fill my heart with joy and contentment in the richness of your grace to always stand guard against the enemy of greed. Amen

This is the second 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 with Christ – 7:30 p.m.
- **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 – 2nd Saturday – 8-9 a.m.
Women's Bible Study – Saturday after Ladies' Book Club – 8-9 a.m.

Summer Worship Series

Some of our first encounters with God's Word as children often were through Bible stories. We remember stories that tell about people like Abraham, Joseph, Joshua, Jonah, Elijah and many more. This summer, we gather together around some of those familiar narratives as well as ones that may not be familiar. Hear these stories which hold lasting spiritual value for us from those who lived them growing together in our faith and life as families throughout the summer.

Farewell Service and Meal

We will be holding a special farewell service (9:30) and luncheon on Sunday, June 9th, thanking Ben and Sara Schramm and Kristi Stueber for their years of service to First Lutheran Church and School. Invitations have been placed in mailboxes and are also on the cart under the stairs. Sign up for attending is on the brown door. RSVP's for the lunch need to be in the office by noon on Sunday, June 2nd. Please contact the office with any questions.

Missionary Speaker/Invitation

The Ladies Aid will not have a June meeting, instead we have been invited on Wednesday, June 5 at noon to Zion Lutheran Church in Bristol to lunch and an afternoon with our WELS missionary from India, Rev. Guy Marquardt and his wife, Linda. EVERYONE, not only Ladies Aid, is invited to go and hear them speak about their incredible mission adventures and the work God is accomplishing through them. Free lunch will be provided. We will carpool. Please contact Carla Baudais (302)547-8321 if coming by Wednesday, May 29.

Congregational Rummage Sale

We will have a congregational rummage sale in the gym on Saturday, June 15th 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 by June 6th to make sure we have enough tables on hand for the event. Set up is on Friday evening, June 14th. Please contact Vickie Mueller at 262-728-9554 with questions.

Blood Drive

We are hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, June 17th from 2 – 6 p.m. To reserve a time, please call the office or use the link on our website.

Summer Celebration

We will hold this year's Summer Celebration on Friday, June 28th, 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. A sign up for help at the celebration will be posted on the brown door.

Congregational Long Range Ministry Plan

The long-range ministry plan has been presented to council. An open forum will be held on Sunday, June 30th after the 2nd service for discussion by First Lutheran members on the proposed plan. All members are encouraged to attend and offer feedback. A printed plan will be available for review – they will be located in the tract rack the beginning of June.

WELS Night at Miller Park

This year's WELS Night at Miller Park will be held on Friday, July 12th. Game time is 7:10 p.m. Please contact the office if you are interested in sitting with other members from First Lutheran Church that are attending the game. Group tickets will be ordered if enough people show interest. If you would like to order tickets on your own or order a special "WELS Night at Miller Park" T- shirt, please go to the WELS website – www.wels.net.

5th Sunday Potluck

We will hold our 5th Sunday Potluck on Sunday, June 30th after the 9:30 service. Please watch for more information to be posted on the brown door.

Voters' Meeting

Our quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 14th after the 9:30 service. All members are encouraged to attend.

Vacation Bible School

Join us on a "Miraculous Mission" July 21st – 25th from 6 – 8 p.m. Registration forms are available on the cart under the stairs or there is a link on our website. Invite family and friends! An adult Bible Study will held at the same time – no registration is necessary for the study.

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.

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.*

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.

Pastoral Acts: Confirmation – Sunday, May 5th:

Gabriel B., Emma H., Jacob M., Evan M., Alex P., Landon Y.

Baptisms – Sunday, May 19th:

Ireland S.

Logan S.

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Schedule of Events

Mon., June 17	Board of Education – 6:00 p.m.
Fri., June 28	Summer Celebration – 5 – 8 p.m.
Mon., July 15	Board of Education – 6:00 p.m.
Sun., July 21 – Thurs., July 25	“Miraculous Mission” Vacation Bible School – 6 – 8 p.m.

Be sure to check out our website - 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.

Graduating Class

We pray that the Lord will continue to guide our graduates – Jacob M., Evan M., Alex P., and Landon Y. – in His Word and continue to bless them in all their future endeavors.

Farewell

We thank Miss Kristi Stueber for her 22 years of service to First Lutheran School. Her love of her students and her Lord was shown every day.

We thank Mr. Ben Schramm for his 5 years of service to First Lutheran School. His guidance and leadership enriched his students and all of First Lutheran School.

Please join us as we bid them farewell on Sunday, June 9th in the 9:30 service. A luncheon will be held following the service in the gym.

Save for your School

*Although school is not in session in June, July, and August, please continue to **Save for Your School!** We collect and submit items all year long!*

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 the office. *Thank you for helping your school!*

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	<u>Council Hosts:</u>		<u>Ushers:</u>	
June 2	8:00	9:30	8:00	9:30
June 9	M. Schwarz	J. Sulik	D. Mangold	S. Beaver
June 16	T. Stech	B. Holtz	R. Smith	C. Collins
June 23	M. Hoyord	M. Dorn	D. Hintz	M. Yunker
June 30	J. Kuehl	P. Rote	C. Greving	M. Papertfus
	T. Stech	B. Holtz	R. Smith	C. Collins

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 Communion Services 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	3	4 Alive with Christ - 7:30 p.m.	5 Mission Luncheon - Zion, Bristol - carpool @ 11 a.m.	6 Bible Study -9:00 am Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	7	8 Men's Breakfast Bible Study - 8-9 a.m.
9 Worship Service-8 am Schramm & Stueber Farewell service - 9:30 a.m. Farewell luncheon following 2nd service	10 Board of Ed. - 6 pm Elders Meeting - 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Bible Study -9:00 am Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	14 Rummage Sale set-up - 5 - 8 p.m.	15 Congregational Rummage Sale - 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
16 Communion Services 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	17 Blood Drive - 2-6 pm	18	19	20 Bible Study -9:00 am Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Women's Bible Study - 8 - 9 a.m.
23 Worship Services 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	24 Board Mtgs -6:30 pm Church Council - 7:00 p.m.	25 Alive with Christ - 7:30 p.m.	26 Ladies' Book Club - 7:00 p.m. @ B. Nommensen's	27 Bible Study -9:00 am Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	28 5-8 p.m.	29
30 Worship Services 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Ministry Plan Open Forum after 2nd service 5th Sunday Potluck to follow forum						

Be Rich Toward God... Knowing He Is Our Greatest Possession

"Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man's life is not measured by how many possessions he has." (Luke 12:15)

King Solomon is known as the wisest and richest king in the history of Israel. He had amassed great wealth all by God's gracious blessing. Life for Solomon in this world was certainly good, as he was rich with possessions. The temptation to think of those possessions as the greatest possession of his life was always there. Yet he looked back over his life, examining all that he had. He put them into perspective. "Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind. Nothing was gained under the sun." (Ecclesiastes 2:11) God was the one who made him wealthy, but Solomon recognized those possessions were really nothing. They were meaningless. One day he would leave this world, and he would possess them no more. At heart, he understood what Jesus was telling us today that "life is not measured by how many possessions he has."

Some people are blessed with many earthly possessions, while others are not. No two people are blessed in exactly the same way. Yet as Jesus said, "Life is not in the abundance of possessions". It doesn't matter how many cars you have, the size of your house, or the number of dollars in your bank accounts. You can spend countless hours working to gain more so that you can have all those things, possessing everything this world could offer you, but those possessions are nothing. Life is not in them. Our life here - the life that is to come - is not in how much we have or even in what we possess. Life is in **who** you possess.

Our life is found in Jesus. He is the greatest possession we could ever have. It is he who gives us life in heaven through the forgiveness of sins. He is a possession which we do not keep chasing after in a futile effort to gain life. We already have him. By faith we possess him as our life-giving Savior. When we possess Christ, our lives are abundantly blessed with the best possession of all, a possession that can never be taken away from us.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you are the best possession I could ever have. When I have you, I have life. Amen



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Council Hosts:	Ushers:
8:00 July 7 M. Schwarz July 14 T. Stech July 21 M. Hoyord July 28 J. Kuehl	9:30 J. Sulik B. Holtz M. Dorn P. Rote
8:00 D. Mangold R. Smith D. Hintz C. Greving	9:30 S. Beaver C. Collins M. Yunker M. Papenfus
Vacation Bible School Closing Service - Thursday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m.: J. Sulik & C. Greving	

July 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 (No Worship service)	5	6 Men's Breakfast Bible Study - 8-9 a.m.
7 Communion Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	8 Elders meeting - 6:30 p.m.	9	10 Ladies Aid - 1:30 pm	11 Bible Study - 9:00 am Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.	12	13
14 Worship Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. Voters' Meeting after 2nd service	15 Board of Ed. - 6 pm Board Meetings - 6:30 pm	16	17	18 Bible Study - 9:00 am Communion Service - 7:00 p.m.	19	20
21 Communion Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	22	23	24	25 Bible Study - 9:00 am VBS Closing Service - 7:00 p.m.	26	27
28 Worship Services - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.	29	30	31			

MISSIONS
Vacation Bible School 6-8 p.m.

