

# March 2016

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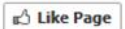
## The Newsletter of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## "APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - MARCH 16"

### From the Pastor...

Every eighteen months, somewhere around the world, the sun goes black in the middle of the day. One minute the day is bright and sunny; the next minute the sun goes dark, and you can even see the stars of night in the middle of the day. A solar eclipse is absolutely beautiful. However, a total eclipse lasts only about seven minutes. It's beautiful, but rare and is soon over.

What's much more rare is when the sun literally fails to shine. When the sun rose on that first Good Friday, Jesus was in front of men who wanted to do dark things to Him. All through the night, they had been harassing Him and mocking Him and trying to condemn Him of crimes they had thought of in midnight councils. They waited until dark to arrest Jesus, and through the night they did not leave Him alone. Finally, as the sun rose, they took Him to Pontius Pilate and did the darkest thing of all. They demanded that Pilate put Jesus to death on the cross. Not three hours after the sun's light flooded the land, Pilate gave the order for their dark demands. Jesus was nailed to that cross on that first Good Friday. The sun rose higher in the sky, shedding its light on all those with dark plans in their hearts, and finally it reached its highest point—noon. There, from its highest point, the brightest place from which the sun could shine down, "the sun stopped shining" (Lk 23:45). It stopped shining for three hours, until the last dying breath of Jesus was breathed out. The sky was black. This was no eclipse. This was an act of God. It was as if the sun, which was created through Jesus, was reeling at how creation had rebelled against its Maker. Here God was judging sin. He was judging your sins and my sins, which were nailed to that cross in the

body of Jesus. There God was judging sin and He was setting His people free. He was setting you free from your sins and giving you life through the death of His Son.

Jesus had said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12). That light, Jesus Christ, was now put in a dark hole called a tomb, and He was left there to stay. Yet in the darkness of that grave, our light shone again. The tomb could not hold Him. That light shone too brightly. And when the stone over the tomb was rolled away, the world could see that the light was still shining brightly. Death could not hold Him in. Death could not keep its dark grip on Jesus, for He truly is the Light of the World.

Jesus shines today, because Jesus is the light of the world. In the Book of Revelation (1:16), we see Jesus, our light, standing and talking to John. His whole body is shining, but John especially mentions Jesus' face—it shines like the sun. That is the light we have in the face of the darkness of death. That is the light we have looking at Jesus' death today. That is the light we have when we look at our own death. That light, Jesus, comes for His people. By the darkness that our light, Jesus, suffered we have been healed.

In Christ,  
Pastor Welch

### Easter Lilies

The Mary Martha Altar Guild will again order lilies for the Easter worship service.

Would you like to purchase a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, person, or group? Acknowledgements of these donations will be made in the Easter bulletin notes.

Sign-up tables for the lilies will be available Sundays and Wednesdays

before & after services until Mar. 20. Guild members will be available to help sign up.

The cost will be \$9 per lily. Contact Cheryl Scheidt at 864-3356 or jcscheidt68@nutelecom.net for any questions.

### SPRING FORWARD!

Daylight savings time is Sunday, March 13. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead 1 hour on Sat. evening.

### LENT - 2016

Places of the Passion

*Mar. 2 ~ Midweek 3*

✠ **The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love**~~~Luke 22:47-53

*Mar. 9 ~ Midweek 4*

✠ **The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal**~~~Luke 22:54-62

*Mar. 16 ~ Midweek 5*

✠ **The Trial: A Place of God's Will**~~~ Luke 22:63-23:25

*Mar. 24 ~ Maundy Thursday*

✠ **The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness**~~~Luke 22:7-23

*Mar. 25 ~ Good Friday*

✠ **Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love**~~~Luke 23:44-49

Lenten worship services are at 2 PM and 7 PM through Wed. Mar. 16.

✠ **DESSERT** will be provided and served by the LWML at 2:45 PM after the 2 PM Lent service.

### Holy Week Worship

**Maundy Thursday**, March 24  
2 PM & 7 PM - Comn. both

**Good Friday**, March 25  
2 PM & 7 PM ~ Comn. both

**Easter Sunday**, March 27  
6:30 AM

8:00 AM ~ Communion

9:15 AM

10:30 AM ~ Communion

# FLS 9<sup>TH</sup> Annual Silent Auction & Luncheon

Join us for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual SILENT AUCTION & LUNCHEON on...

Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in the Church Fellowship Center  
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Silent Auction

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Pulled Pork Sandwich Luncheon  
1:00 PM Live Auction

Please help us by making a donation/sponsorship and/or attending our Silent Auction and Luncheon. Keep in mind ALL DONATIONS must be NEW and can be dropped off at the church office. The Silent Auction is the largest fundraiser we have at FLS.

It is a great way to show your support for our mission, get to know other families, socialize, have fun, and be a part of something that is meaningful. Everyone's participation is extremely important! Thank you for considering ways you can help. If you have any questions about this year's event, email

[flsflamesboosters@gmail.com](mailto:flsflamesboosters@gmail.com), or visit [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org) for more information. Below is a list of ideas or basket donations that have been received in the past:

→**GIFT CERTIFICATES:** Various \$5 OR \$10 Gift certificates such as: Walmart, Target, Shopko, Coborns, Subway, Dairy Queen, Burger King, Unhinged Pizza, ITUNES, Other Restaurants & Gas Stations.

→**GOLF BASKET:** 9/18 Holes of Golf, Golf Tees, Golf Balls.

→**BABY BASKET:** Clothes, Blanket, Bibs, Wipes, Diapers, Burp Cloths, Rattles, Toys, Nukes, Socks, Onesies.

→**HEALTH & FITNESS BASKET:** Water Bottle, Protein Bars, Yoga Mat, Weights, DVD's, Towels, Pedometer.

→**SPRING CLEANING BASKET:** Swiffers (floor & duster), Pledge, Mr. Clean, Scrub Brush, Toilet Cleaner, Toilet Brush, Candle.

→**BBQ/TAILGATING BASKET:** Small Charcoal Grill, Charcoal, Sauces, Marinades, Rubs, Seasonings, Utensils, Grill Brush, Grill Mitt, Lighter, Corncob Skewers, Pickles.

→**FREEZER COOKING BASKET:** Reynolds Baking Pan, Ziploc Bags,

Sharpie Markers, Freezer Tape, Cookbook (Freezer Ideas).

→**BAKING BASKET:** Cake Pan, Pam Cooking Spray, Sprinkles, Spatula, Frosting, Cake Mix, Decorating Kit, Cookie Cutters, Wisk, Hot Pad, Cookbook (Cupcake/Cake/Cookies), Measuring Cups, Measuring Spoons, Hand Towel.

→**SLOW COOKER BASKET:** Crockpot, Recipe Book (slow cooker), Measuring Spoons, Measuring Cups, Hand Towel, Washcloths, Slow Cooker Liners, Utensils.

You can see what has been donated at [firstglencoe.org](http://firstglencoe.org) and then click on Silent Auction.

Letter and a donation receipt are on there to download as well.

**PLEASE HAVE DONATED ITEMS IN BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2.**

***ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!***

**\* \* Live Auction \* \***

**Sunday, March 6  
1:00 PM**

Following the Silent Auction at First Ev. Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Center

Sampling of items that may be on the LIVE AUCTION (subject to change):

- Pair of Chanhassen Dinner Theatre Tickets
  - Bakers Square Pies
  - Gift Cards
- Patio Table and Chairs with Cushions

Join us and let our children be the **BIGGEST WINNERS!**

All donations are greatly appreciated. All monies go to the First Lutheran School.

## LWML Prayer Service

Wanted: Workers in God's Harvest Field"

The LWML annual Prayer service will be Monday, March 7 at 7:00 PM and offers a time of worship revolving around the various tools He provides to bring about a bountiful harvest. The service was written by Rev. John Heckmann, LWML counselor. He is also author of some of the Bible

Studies we've used in the past. The service offers opportunities for:

- singing
- learning a little bit about farming through the ages
- confession and absolution
- very small group discussion
- prayer

God allows us to tend and nourish His earthly acres for a bountiful harvest. He also allows us, with and through His means of grace, to tend and nourish His holy "field" of souls for a holy harvest of faithful souls to heaven.

All ladies of the congregation are welcomed. Executive board will meet at 6:30 PM. We'll conclude with refreshments and visiting.

## PLEASE JOIN US!!

WHAT: Tip Night  
WHERE: UNHINGED! Pizza, Glencoe  
WHEN: Mon, Mar. 7  
TIME: 4 PM - 8 PM  
WHY: To raise funds for our upcoming NYG Trip to New Orleans, LA in July!

WHAT WE RECEIVE:

\*10% of all buffet sales from 4-8 PM

\*100% Proceeds from our tip jars

WE WOULD LIKE TO **THANK OUR CONGREGATION, FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR ALL OF YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR OUR TRIP THIS SUMMER! WE ARE TRULY BLESSED!!**

NYG YOUTH

**In Christ Alone #NYG2016**

## Palm Sunday Processional

All children from the congregation are invited to join in this year's Palm Sunday procession.

The children may walk in together at either the 8:00 or 10:30 service and will sing with the Senior Choir on Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please meet in the Fellowship Center before each service to receive a palm branch and someone will direct you with instructions. After walking to the front of the church and singing, the children may be seated with their families. Thank you.

## Pastry Puffins & Puffcrust Pizza:

The NYG Youth of our church will be selling puffins and pizza from Sunday, February 21 thru Sunday, March 6 with a delivery date of Monday, March 21. Cost of the puffins is \$12.00.

Flavors include: Cinnamon, Strawberry Cream, Blueberry Cream, Apple, Cherry, and Caramel. This year they will be also selling Puffcrust Pizza. Cost of the pizza is \$13.00.

Flavors include: Pepperoni and Sausage. If you have any questions, or to place an order, call Teresa at 864-3286 or email farm.princess@hotmail.com.

## Easter Breakfast

March 27, 2016

7:00 AM - 10:30 AM

### Menu

- Scrambled Eggs
- Ham
- Coffee Cake
- Fruit/Cheese
- Orange
- Juice/Milk/Coffee

### Cost: Free-will Offering

Funds raised support our youth attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2016.

## The Men's Network

During March, we continue the series of topics developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled *GodConnects*. Each topic of the 12 session video-based course begins with a short video and provides a guide for discussion.

There are times in each of our lives when we ask, "God, are You listening? We need to talk. I need to see You and speak with You!" In our group study and discussion, we learn that God connected with us thru His Son Jesus who came to be one of us. God connects with us as we study His Word individually and as a group.

Men, you are invited to attend any one or all sessions. We meet on Tuesday nights at First Lutheran from 7-8 pm. These are meaningful topics for men whether you are in your twenties or eighties. We will not meet when there is a snowstorm and school

has been canceled for that day.

**God's Word provides the light we need. Psalm 119:105**

**When God leads, you get where you need to be.**

*"Commit your way to the LORD. Trust in Him and He will do this."*

*-Psalm 37:5*

## First Lutheran Book Club

... First Edition women's book club will be reading Karen Kingsbury's "Cody Gunner" series books one and two for the next two months' selections. All women are welcome to join the discussion for book #1 "**A Thousand Tomorrows**" on Mon., March 14<sup>th</sup> in the church main entry seating area, and book #2 "**Just Beyond the Clouds**", on Wed., April 20<sup>th</sup> in church room 111 (the room at the bottom of the stairs off the main entry area); 7 pm is the starting time for both meetings. This book series' main character is "Cody Gunner", a talented but angry cowboy. In book one "A Thousand Tomorrows", he meets Ali Daniels, a lovely and mysterious barrel-racer. The two are national champions, top of their game, alone and intent on staying that way. Cody has rejected everything about his past, and only has room for his little brother, Carl Joseph, born with Down Syndrome. Ali embraces life, making the most of every moment because of a secret she keeps hidden from the public, connecting her with a sister who died before she had a chance to live. Before their paths intersect, competing is all they need, but what fears must they face if together they ignite a love that burns brighter than both of them?

## Lutheran Night at the MN Twins

Tickets are reserved for the **Tuesday, July 26, 7 pm game** against the Atlanta Braves. Seats are in the Skyline Deck at

a cost of \$28 each. If we have enough interest, we can also arrange bus transportation from Glencoe, at a cost of about \$12 per person. If you would like to reserve your spot, please contact Cindy at 238-2148 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com.

## "Time With Me" Children's Club...

...is a club for children ages 2 to 4 years old to spend time with their parent(s)/guardian. We will nurture little ones' spiritual and academic growth here at First Lutheran.

There are 2 sessions remaining with one in the First Lutheran School gym where we will exercise our big muscles and the other will be in the Fellowship Center at First Lutheran Church.

Our theme this year is "God takes Care of Me". Come play, try some activities and exercise.

Both sessions will include devotions, activities, and singing. Both sessions will be from 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Our sessions are:

**Wednesday, March 30:** Gym activities @ FLS gym \*Bring a tricycle and water bottle.

**Wednesday, May 17:** God Helps Me Grow. Come play, sing, do some planting and make a cool butterfly.

## Parents of Confirmands, mark your calendars

Junior Confirmation is Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. The Oral review will be Wednesday, April 20, at 7 PM.

Confirmation information will be mailed out mid March.

We are also looking for one or two seventh grade parents to organize the volunteers who are needed for serving cookies and juice on Public Review night. Please contact the church office if you are interested!

## Crow River Habitat for Humanity...

...The 2016 Build Schedule for Home # 24 will start on May 19 and go through Nov 12<sup>th</sup>. Build days are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:30 – 3:30. Build hope by contacting 320-587-8868 or deb@crhf.org to volunteer as an individual or part of a group.

## FLC Prayer Chain

We're always looking for new members to join our Prayer Chain! We have both a Phone Chain and an E-Mail Chain. You can join at any time. Participation as a prayer chain member is simple, but so very powerful! The Bible says in Phil 4:6, "But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be known to God." If anyone would like to join the Prayer Chain or make a prayer request, please contact the church office or one of the prayer chain phone #'s listed on all weekly bulletins. All prayer chain members use Christian discretion and you can even make your prayer request anonymously.

## Emanuel Lutheran Church & School Dinner & Silent Auction...

...is Saturday, March 12, 2016. Turkey or smoked pork chops will be served from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM with the live auction starting at 8:00 PM. Hundreds of items are up for bid including dining, home and garden, electronics, sports and leisure and much more!  
Ticket price is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. They can be purchased from the school, Chameleon Salon or State Bank of Hamburg.

## First Lutheran Church Library

### Recent Additions:

#### Fiction:

A FAITH OF HER OWN by Kathleen Fuller – Ever since Anna Mae's childhood friend Jeremiah left their Amish community, she's

questioned her own place in the Amish world. But she's never told anyone that she longs for a tiny taste of freedom – freedom that could be very costly. When Jeremy suddenly reappears in Middlefield to help his mentor, veterinarian Dr. Miller, new questions surface for Anna Mae. Should she stay, remaining loyal to her Amish family, or does God have a bigger plan? The answers do not come easily, and God's plan may lead in different directions....for both of Anna Mae and Jeremiah.

HER BROTHER'S KEEPER by Beth Wiseman – Charlotte Dolinsky is not above playing dress-up and telling a few lies to find out what happened to her only brother. In fact, that is exactly what she's come to Lancaster County to do. Now, calling herself Mary and slipping on a *kapp*, Charlotte will lie her way into the confidence of anyone who knows why Ethan had to die. Unless she gets found out first. As Charlotte digs deeper into the mystery of Ethan's death, she finds more than she'd bargained for in the community he once called home. But will she ever learn the truth? And what will the community and her new family do if they learn the truth about *her*?

## Stories of Faith

The Public Relations (PR) Team has invited members to share their stories related to situations or events in which they personally experienced God's presence.

If you are willing to share a "story of faith", contact the church office or a PR Team member. If you have a story, but would like help putting it on paper, please contact us, as we'll be

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*Strength to Endure – The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.*  
(Psalm 28:7a)

There are times in life when we cry out "I just can't handle this. I don't have the strength to get through another day." Jesus hears our cries. He knows our anguish. He feels our pain. He acts by sending His Holy Spirit to us with the assurance that our

Father is strong enough to shield and protect each one of us. The psalmist's words encourage us when he writes, ***my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.*** God's promise – ***I can do everything through him who gives me strength*** (Phil 4:13) – isn't a magic wand. We can't change other people or life's circumstances. We can't suddenly leap tall buildings in a single bound. It is God's assurance that He will help us face the challenges of each and every day. He will be our strength when our own strength fails. He will carry us safely through the storms of life. God's strength and shield provide us with hope – hope that a brighter tomorrow will eventually come. Because of our God-given hope, we know that... ***with God all things are possible*** (Matt 19:26b).  
-from LWML Daily Devotions

## NEW LOOK For Coborn's Receipts ~ NEW Instructions...

...When you shop at Coborn's, have you noticed the new look of their receipts? The ham stamps are at the bottom and the Labels for Learning are above that. Check out the **new instructions** for these receipts in order for everything to qualify.

☞ Have your ham card stamped immediately at the register and turn in any extra cards that you have. If you do not get your card stamped we can only accept **WHOLE RECEIPTS – DO NOT CUT APART** or the ham stamps will not count for points.

☞ Turn in whole receipts and we will have someone get them stamped on cards and then we will cut off the Labels for Learning.

On behalf of Common Cup Ministry, please collect your ham stamp cards or **WHOLE RECEIPTS** and bring them to the church's main entrance and put them in the box.

## BECOME A HOST FAMILY:

International high school exchange students will be arriving in the U.S. in time to study in American high schools for the 2016-2017 school year. These students would like to integrate themselves into a loving and caring family with the goal of experiencing American culture as an American high school student does. In turn they will provide insight into their own culture. The host family provides a separate bed, family meals and a loving and caring environment. The students have their own spending money and health insurance. Please call Local Coordinator, Kari Becker, at 320-234-3475 to learn more about this enriching opportunity. You may also email her at [karibeckersts@gmail.com](mailto:karibeckersts@gmail.com). For additional information the STS Foundation please visit: [STS Foundation](http://STSFoundation.com)

### March 2016 – News...Thrivent Financial

\***Thrivent Choice** – Last month, we received \$2,178 Choice Dollars for FLC and \$1,421 for FLS! Remember that as Choice \$\$ are continually disbursed throughout the year....you must keep checking and directing. It's fast and easy to do. You can visit ([www.Thrivent.com/choice](http://www.Thrivent.com/choice)) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars." Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Thurs from 7 am – 8 pm or Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact the church office.

**If you still have 2015 Choice \$, be sure to direct them (BEFORE March 31) or they will be lost!** Our congregation has 460 Thrivent members and 185 of them have Choice Dollars. Yet so far, only 66 people have utilized this program; but these 66 people have directed \$17,555 to our church and school! There are still 119 Thrivent members who have not directed their Choice Dollars – might that be you? Please ask the church office for assistance – make a difference!!! THANK YOU to all who have used this program – you are a real blessing to FL!

**Thrivent Action Teams** - Thank you to all our members who have already led a Thrivent Action Team – please share your stories with others! A Thrivent Action Team is a simple, flexible way for you to bring people together to make a positive difference.....you might hold a fundraiser, conduct a service activity, or hold an educational event. It all starts with an idea. Is there an unmet need that you want to impact? When your project is approved, Thrivent will provide resources to help you plan the event, promotional items (including Thrivent T-shirts to increase your visibility), and seed money to cover promotional and material expenses (\$250 Community Impact Card).

Each Thrivent member is eligible to lead two Action Teams per calendar year. Involve others – it's all about your friends, family, and community coming together to make a positive impact! If you need inspiration, check out the "101 Thrivent Action Team Ideas" on the Resources page of the web site or on the Literature stands here at church.

You must make your request a minimum of 3 weeks (but less than 90 days) before your event. All Thrivent members are eligible to lead Action Teams.

Visit [Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://Thrivent.com/actionteam) for more information or to complete the online application. You'll sign on using your current user name and password. When applying, you'll be asked the proposed project date and details. Once you submit your application, you'll get an email within a week letting you know if it's approved. If approved, watch your mail for your Action Team Kit.

We urge you to try this out for yourselves and then spread the word about this fantastic program. It's so simple and easy and helps get your project off and running! We've got so many service activities and fundraisers going on here at First – let's take advantage! If you have questions or need help, just ask Cindy.

**WHAT IF each of our 460 Thrivent members led two Action Teams per year? That would calculate to a total of 920 Action Teams that each receives \$250 Seed Money.**

**So.....920 Action Teams x \$250 = \$230,000!!!! What a difference we could make in our church and community!!!**

**Help Wanted!** We are in need of a Thrivent Member to fill our Open Congregational Advocate position. The only requirement is a willingness to spread the word to others in our congregation about Thrivent programs and opportunities. It is also helpful to be connected with the internet. If interested, please talk with Cindy.

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Linda Becker, Charles Jensen, Verna & Harold Kunkel, Pastor Mathison – Your Congregational Advocates

## Stewardship Message *Counting the Cost*

*"Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be My disciple"* (Luke 14:33), spoke Jesus to His listeners about the cost of following Him. He said we must hate our families and even our own lives if we want to be His disciples. He said that, unless we carry our crosses and follow Him, we cannot be His disciples (Luke 14:25-27).

Jesus is one of those true leaders who commanded only what He Himself was willing to do. He gave up His family; He left the close fellowship with His Father in Heaven to come to Earth. Here He had a family – brothers who ridiculed Him and *"did not believe in Him"* (John 7:5). Here He had fellowship with twelve disciples, one of whom betrayed Him (Luke 22:48) another who disowned Him (Luke 22:60-61), and the rest who fled in the face of danger.

And He picked up His cross and carried it to Calvary so that those family members and friends and we, too, might be forgiven for our sins of betrayal and denial and desertion. He carried the cross in our place, for it is we who deserve to die (Ezekiel 18:4). But, *"you see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly"* (Romans 5:6).

What can we say to the reality of such great love? How can we count the cost of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins? We obey His command to deny ourselves and get rid of all encumbrances, and we pick up our

crosses and follow Him. He does not place an unreasonable burden on us. He tells us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light (Matthew 11:30). Like those early disciples who, by God's grace, were reinstated after their failures, we, too, are forgiven our sins and renewed in mind and spirit to witness for our Savior, rejoicing that we are counted worthy to suffer, if need be, for His Name (Acts 5:41).

During this Lenten Season may God grant us repentant hearts and the strength to live in ways that give Him glory.

**BULLETINS from the BOARDS, COUNCIL and COMMITTEES**  
**The Board of Deacons**, Jan. 7. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED to approve minutes from December. A MOTION WAS MADE to appoint a few more deacons. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED to approve starting the communion registry as changed. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED, to have deacon helpers as needed for services. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED to purchase 20 Hymnals for \$519.80.

**The Board of Deacons**, Feb. 4. The Deacons agreed to send out postcards for Easter week with times and dates of services. It was also decided to continue with our inactive list and reach out to the next 30 on the list. A lot of discussion about our Technology Committee and who needs to be involved. We will be welcoming 5 new members as the class completes. The Deacons serve Fellowship on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>.

**The Board of Trustees**, Feb. 4, An emergency temporary repair was done on the school boiler to keep the building warm. Two temporary furnaces will be installed in the school. The Board requested clarification of the security system bids from the contractors before a final decision can be made. Waiting for second bid for office carpet replacement. We have a member volunteer to refinish the communion rail, lectern and pulpit. Demolition of the principal's house will take place in spring.

**Christian Ed**, Feb. 4, The Board of Christian Education meeting included Jennifer Goff, Julie Uecker, Tammy

Martin, Tori Kidd, Donna Kunkel, Laurie Schauer, Angela Grimm and Jackee Fountain. We discussed and planned many exciting upcoming events and activities: Sunday School crafts, Easter gift for children, Silent Auction basket, Baptismal medallions, Confirmation crosses, Confirmation ceremony, Vacation Bible School. We meet the first Thursday each month at 7:00 PM. We welcome your suggestions and we thank you for sending your children to Sunday School. The next meeting will be on Mar. 3. Respectfully submitted, Tammy Martin.

**Day School**, Feb. 4, We discussed the current fundraisers - Magazine sales done, popcorn sales currently going on, silent auction coming up. Wolf Ridge trip coming up next week - kids are excited. Open House scheduled for February 23rd. Glencoe Expo February 21st - Tonya and Kim are setting up info boards. Discussed the boiler repairs needed and the options being taken into consideration.

**Evangelism**, Feb.9, With the Assimilation Committee, we will be welcoming our new members (through classes, affirmation of faith, and transfers) on February 14 during Fellowship and during the 10:30 church service. Along with the Day School Board, we are working on the Expo booth for February 21 (9 AM - 4 PM). We are also calling and scheduling our Greeters for the coming year; we hope to have the new schedule available the last week of February. Please consider being a Greeter—we will accommodate your schedule! Last, we are working on some ideas for Easter.

**Stewardship**, Feb 9, No summary given.

**Youth Board**, Feb. 9 No Summary Given

**Church Council**, Feb.18, no summary available due to meeting being scheduled after newsletter deadline.

**Early Childhood Committee**, started meeting in early 2014. We were formed to explore the possibility of beginning a daycare center at First Lutheran. We meet at least once a month. For 2016, we are meeting the second Tuesdays of the month at 7:00. We have proposed a 'Plan A' to the Voters for approval of a building

for the daycare center. This plan was designed in conjunction with the New Building Committee. Plan A has passed the Voters Assembly to keep moving forward in the planning. The New Building Committee is no longer meeting at this time. An Early Childhood Finance committee has been formed to pursue how First may fund this project. Our committee has submitted to the finance committee what information we would need from a feasibility study in order to put together a business plan for the daycare center. At this point, our committee has determined that we are in need of a Board of Directors and a Daycare Director (part-time for now) to continue with planning for the daycare center. We need to write the business plan, the job description book, the daycare center handbook, and put together other business forms for the day-to-day operations. Additionally, we will need to submit various licensing forms to the correct agencies so that we may open as a non-profit business. If you are interested in the planning of the daycare center or for any questions you may have, please contact Amy Welch at 864-2753 or email to revwelch@hotmail.com. As always, please keep the new daycare center in your prayers. Thank you.

## Welcome to our Newest Members here at First Lutheran...

### *JOINING OUR FIRST FAMILY IS:*

**Jennifer Mathews:** Husband: Scott, Children: Madyson (9), Landon (7). She has lived in Glencoe for 30 years and was previously a member at St. John's Lutheran Church in NYA, MN. Scott works at Seneca Foods in the canning room and volunteers for the Glencoe Fire Department. Jenn works full time at Security Bank as a Personal Banker and works part time at Little Dukes. They enjoy bike-riding, going to the pool in the summer, and spending time with family. She attended First Lutheran Church & School growing up. She loved that it was a "hometown church" and you knew everyone in the congregation. They hope to get the children involved in Sunday School and Mid-week classes.

**Evelyn Truesdale:** Evelyn is a sister of Les Ranzau and lives at Grand Meadows Assisted Living in Glencoe. She has two grown daughters with families of their own; one lives in California and the other in the Orono/Wayzata area. She has 9 great grandchildren! She has lived in Glencoe for 72 years. She was most recently a member of First Congregational Church but was a member of First Lutheran before that. Evelyn is retired and enjoys traveling, watching a good movie and reading. She is considering joining LWML.

**Sarah (Witte) Hueser:** Husband, David Hueser. Sarah's husband David has been a member here since he was a child. Sarah has lived in Glencoe for 1-1/2 years. She was previously a member at Glen Cary Lutheran Church in Ham Lake, MN. Sarah is an Analytic Consultant and David farms. They enjoy traveling, Minnesota Wild hockey games and country concerts. Sarah hopes to attend Bible Study here.

**Ann Rauch:** Ann has lived in Glencoe for 1-1/2 years. She has two grown sons that live in Hutchinson. She previously was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. Ann is retired and enjoys crafts. She decided to join First Lutheran because she has other family members that

attend here. Ann is considering all possible activities here.

**Luke Dahl:** Luke is single and the oldest of four children, two brothers and one sister. He is the uncle to six nephews and nieces. He currently lives in Howard Lake and teaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade and music here at First Lutheran School. Luke previously was a member at St. James Lutheran Church in Howard Lake and taught at St. James Lutheran School. Prior to that, he was a teacher and member at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fulda, MN. Luke's parents, Rev. Jack and Barbara Dahl, live in Waseca, MN. Rev. Dahl is retired from full time called ministry and currently serves as visitation pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville, MN. Mrs. Dahl spends her time volunteering at Trinity as well as putting her master gardener skills to good use. Luke's brother, Andrew and wife Jill, and their three children, Erik, Jens and Kjerstin live and farm near Plainview, MN. His sister, Elisabeth, lives in Amery, WI and is an abstractor. His brother, John and wife Kaaren, and their three children, Niklas, Elin and Sonja live in Waconia, MN. John is a bid writer in the steel industry. Luke enjoys home improvement projects and spending time with family. Besides teaching, he plays the organ and piano at church services. He would also hope that if there are any other needs at First Lutheran, he would be able to share his gifts and talents appropriately.

**Westley & Keri Tessmer and children Dani (14) & Breanna (9):** Westley and Keri have two other children; Jordan (18), Kambri (16). They have lived in Glencoe for 7 years. Wes is a CNC Machinist at TORO and Keri is a PCA at Divine House and Universal Worker at Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society. Their family enjoys hunting and fishing. They were attracted to First Lutheran for our strong fellowship, being close to home, and their girls love it here. "Honestly, the people are just friendly there".

**Michelle Lynn Nemitz & Zachary:** No information available at this time.

**Christina (Tina) Teubert and children, Devin (12), Aleisha (10), Garrett (8) & Brenden (5):** Husband: Peter. Tina has lived in Glencoe for about 11 years. She previously was a member at St. John's Lutheran

Church in NYA, MN. Tina is a part time bus driver and Pete is self-employed with farming and construction. Their family enjoys camping, baking, watching movies, sports and spending time together. They decided to join First Lutheran because Devin started confirmation classes here.

**Jon Rose.** Fiancé: Janessa Ide. Jon and Janessa are both from Arlington. He was previously a member of Zion Lutheran in Arlington. Jon works construction for Vos Construction and Janessa is a dental hygienist in Arlington. They enjoy playing with their yellow lab, Koby, motorcycle riding, spending time with family and hunting. He decided to join First Lutheran when Janessa brought him here with her grandparents for a Christmas Service. Janessa's family has always attended here. She has always loved this church and when we came to that Christmas Service, I really enjoyed it as well.

**Mark & Linda Gueningsman:** Mark and Linda have lived in Glencoe for 2 years and were previously members of Holy Trinity in Winsted. Mark is a welder and Linda is a paramedic. They enjoy fishing, camping, four wheeling, and the outdoors. They like First Lutheran because everyone is friendly and welcoming and it offers many family oriented events. They hope to be active in weekly services and do volunteer work.

**Shane & Nicole Hill:** Shane has lived in Glencoe for 2-1/2 years and Nicole for 3-1/2 years. Shane was a previous member of WELS St. John's Lutheran Church of Lewiston, MN. Shane works maintenance at Elkay in Waconia and Nicole is an EMT on the Glencoe Allina Ambulance. They enjoy hunting, fishing, camping, and ATV riding. They decided to join First Lutheran after attending a few services "we enjoyed both pastors and their messages and we like that there is a school." Nicole hopes to join hand bells and do volunteer work.

**Jake Schiller:** Wife: Molly. Jake and Molly are expecting a child in May. He has lived in Glencoe for 2 years and was a previous member of St. Anastasia in Hutchinson. Jake is employed as a General Manager. They enjoy watching tv and going to the cabin. Molly is already a member here at First Lutheran.

## 2015-16 Financials: JANUARY (YTD)

GENERAL FUND INCOME (January):		<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Envelopes	\$ 429,959.60	\$ 400,345.03
Thrivent "Choice" <i>Member Elections</i>	12,521.00	3,203.00
CHP – <i>Be Well Rewards</i>	1,135.00	20,108.16
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	11,105.00	12,983.00
School Tuition	<u>94,479.67</u>	<u>104,129.45</u>
	\$ 549,200.27	\$ 540,768.64

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (January):		<u>Last Year</u>
Staff	\$ 503,100.05	\$ 503,100.05
CHP – <i>Be Well Rewards</i>	9,875.78	9,875.78
Buildings	48,182.76	48,182.76
Operations	26,068.16	26,068.16
Interest on Line of Credit	<u>266.70</u>	<u>266.70</u>
	\$ 587,493.45	\$ 587,493.45

2015-16 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:  
 \$ 11,603.35      \$ 14,918.25

January 31st GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:      (\$ 122,420.63)  
*Last Year's January 31st General Indebtedness:*(\$ 113,340.67)

### Special Gifts Received

Dennis & Joan Wandrei (in memory of Ruth Wandrei)	\$20 FLS
Edwin Brelje & Dorothy Voigt (in memory of Carl Selchow)	10 Debt Reduction
Norman & Arlyce Grack (in memory of Dennis Grack)	25 Early Childhood Center
Lanette Grenke (in memory of Edwin Becker)	15 Debt Reduction
Melvin & Ruth Dose (in memory of Carl Selchow)	10 Debt Reduction
Stewart & Jacquelyn Selchow (in memory of Carl Selchow)	100 Debt Reduction
Vern & Marlys Lindeman (in memory of Dennis Grack)	10 Debt Reduction
Lilah Mackenthun (in memory of Ruth Wandrei)	10 Debt Reduction
Anonymous	500 FLS New Heating System
Willis & Lois Herrmann (in memory of Dale Peters)	10 Debt Reduction
Terry Ide (in honor of The Confirmation Class of 1975)	75 FLS boiler
Jeff, Teresa, Ariel, Austin & Janet Brelje (in memory of Dale Peters)	10 FLS Keep it Happening
Lilah Mackenthun (in memory of Brenda Warnke)	20 Debt Reduction
Marilyn Vorbeck (in memory of Brenda (Duenow) Warnke)	20 FLS
Anonymous	500 FLS New Heating System
Ken & Joyce Schiroo (in memory of Brenda Warnke)	15 Debt Reduction
In Loving Memory of Brenda Warnke	10 FLS
Norman & Carol Dose (in memory of Kenneth Picha)	10 Debt Reduction
Sid & Joanne Samuelson (in memory of Brenda Warnke)	10 FLS
Ruth Templin (in memory of Carl Selchow)	3 General Fund
Dale & Linda Duenow (in memory of Brenda Warnke)	10 Early Childhood Center
Ken & Ruth Terlinden (in memory of Brenda Warnke)	10 FLS Keep it Happening
Melvin & Ruth Dose (in memory of Brenda Warnke)	10 Debt Reduction
Melvin & Ruth Dose (in memory of Dale Peters)	10 Debt Reduction



# First Lutheran School

## Flame Flash ~ March Newsletter

### **Please Pray for:**

The Heifer International group, our chapel offering recipients, as they work to help ease poverty through their animal donation project.

The Silent Auction Committee and all involved as they prepare for the big event.

Our Open House that those parents who are looking may choose a Christian Education for their children.

A successful Silent Auction.

### **Thank You to:**

Dawn Hagen, Dawn Schauer, Annette Bernstein, Wes Tessmer, Lori Ehrke, Sherri Boozikee, and Mike Meyer for chaperoning our Wolf Ridge trip.

Louie Tessmer for his dedicated efforts in keeping the school warm during all the trials and tribulations of the boiler odyssey.

The LWML and Men's Club for donating funds for our trip to Wolf Ridge.

Mrs. Erickson for setting up the appearance of J.R.

Murphy and T.C. the bear of the Minnesota Twins in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom.

All the trustees who put in extra hours while they worked to keep the school comfortable and found solutions to the heating problems.

Mike Meyer for arranging the bus as well as driving for our Wolf Ridge trip.

Nick Edwards for picking up the crawfish in Mankato and delivering them for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mardi Gras celebration.

### **Calendar Notes:**

- March 4                      No school
- March 6                      Silent Auction
- March 25                     Good Friday, no school
- March 27                     Easter Sunday, He Is Risen!!
- March 28                     No school

### **Wolf Ridge Round up**

On Wednesday, February 10th, twenty-eight 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and chaperones set off at 6:00AM for a big 3 day educational adventure at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in the north woods of MN. Once there the students were immersed in outdoor activities including- Animal Signs, Frozen Lakes Study, Winter Survival, Superior Snowshoe, High Ropes Course, Raptor study, and Night Hike. Most courses lasted 3 hours with about 2 1/2 hours outside enjoying the elements. The students were challenged to push themselves mentally and physically in many of the classes as well as facing and overcoming fears.

### **Third Grade News**

Do you know which president's wife had a pet raccoon? A third grader might know the answer. Third graders completed a web search on little known facts about certain presidents. Then they wrote what they would do if they became the president of the United States. The students are fortunate to be able to learn about the Lord's Prayer, which our Savior taught us to pray, and what each petition means. Every third grader has been working on memorizing multiplication and division facts and when they have completed their fluency testing, they enjoy a celebratory ice cream cone. Since the students have learned that people celebrate their heritage through art, they created a Huichol, Mexican yarn painting project. Our class is preparing for the Silent Auction by bringing in items for a class gift basket and we're also going to create a special auction item for sale.

### **Our Biggest "Fun"draiser**

The ninth annual First Lutheran School Silent Auction and Luncheon will take place on March 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the largest fundraiser we have. For an auction to be successful you need people who donate items and people to bid on them. Please consider being one, or better yet, both of these people. Auctions are a great way to have an enjoyable time as people get together to contribute to a worthwhile event. It will be great to see the entire church and school community pulling together for fellowship and socializing all in the support of a common cause. The silent auction runs from 9:00am to 1:00pm followed by a live auction. The luncheon (hot pulled pork sandwiches, whiskey baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert and drinks) runs from 11:00am to 1:00pm. The Silent Auction Committee is still seeking donors, helpers, and bidders for this great event. A list of donated items can be seen at our website [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org). Don't be left out. Be a part of something meaningful. Invite friends and members of the community to show what First Lutheran is doing. Each class will be asked to donate a theme basket. More information will be coming home soon about this. A portion of the proceeds will be used for technology development including possible Chromebook and iPad purchases. Consider now, ways in which you can contribute!!

### **Second Trimester Chapel Offering**

Our second trimester chapel offerings will be going to Heifer International. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38

Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. Families who receive this gift become donors as they pass on the gift to other families in their communities. For our 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester, First Lutheran students will be sending Chapel offerings to Heifer International.

Heifer International's mission to help the hungry become self-reliant first began in 1944 when a church leader and Midwestern farmer named Dan West rallied the support of his congregation for families in need.

### **School Cancellations or Early Out Information**

School closings and late starts are carried on KDUZ, KARP, and WCCO radio stations and on television stations WCCO (4), and KARE (11). First Lutheran follows the Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools for all weather closings. Parents should use their judgment (ESPECIALLY WHEN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION) on travel safety when the public school has not been closed. During inclement weather, parents may take their child(ren) home at any time during the day by reporting to the school office by phone or Fast Direct.

The dismissal time announced on radio and TV stations is the time the first building dismisses. If the announced time is 12:00, First Lutheran dismisses at 11:50. On mornings with late starts scheduled classes (band, chapel, etc.) that meet before 10:10 are canceled for the day. You may dial 864-2499 (1) for cancellation or postponement of the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District. Parents should have a plan devised in advance with their children on what to do when school is dismissed early due to weather.

### **\$100 for Free**

As a continuing incentive, First Lutheran is offering \$100 to any school or church family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for this school year. If you get two families to register you get \$200! Spread the good news that First Lutheran School is a great place to learn about God's love and the awesome world he has given to us!

### **Ongoing Fundraisers**

Target is discontinuing their Take Charge of Education program next year. They will still run the program this year and to help schools out, they will have an additional payout in May 2016. So please use your Target Card and give FLS the credit at least through June 2016. Target donates an amount equal to 1% of REDcard (Target Visa and Target Card) purchases made at Target and Target.com, and ½% of Target Visa purchases elsewhere. Just register at a Target store or online at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com). First Lutheran School's ID# is 9340. FLS has received over \$20,000 over the years through this program!

We are also collecting: Box Tops, Coborn's receipts, Campbell Soup labels, Kwik Trip milk tops, and Country Hearth labels. Recent checks received are \$530.90 from Box Tops and \$96.65 from Country Hearth.

### **Youth Investors Program**

The Youth Investors Program (formerly K.I.D.S. Stamps) has resumed. Students can bring their deposits on Thursdays and carry out transactions after chapel services in the church. YIP is a way for kids to save money and help our Church Extension Fund as well.

### *Inspirational Thoughts:*

1. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
2. Dear God, I have a problem – it's me.
3. Growing old is inevitable, growing UP is optimal.
4. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open
5. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
6. Do the math – Count your blessings.
7. Faith is the ability to not panic.
8. Laugh every day, it's like inner jogging.
9. If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.
10. As a child of God, prayer is kind of like calling home every day.
11. Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape.
12. The most important things in your home are the people.
13. When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
14. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
15. He who dies with the most toys is still dead.
16. We do not remember days, but moments.
17. Life is moving too fast so enjoy your precious moments.
18. Nothing is real to you until you experience it; otherwise it's just hearsay.
19. It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
20. Surviving and living your life successfully requires courage. The goals and dreams you're seeking require courage and risk taking. Learn from the turtle, it only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.
21. Life is uncertain; eat dessert first.
22. Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is who you really are, while your reputation is merely who others think you are.