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"First in Focus"

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"JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE - JUNE 15"

From the Pastor...

It's Growing Season!

Summer is great time to relax, take it easy a bit and just enjoy some beautiful weather. Yet summer is also a time for growing! Let the crops, flowers, and even our lawns be examples for us that we too should continue growing... growing in our faith, that is. As the Bible says, *"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 3:18).

Beginning June 5th, join us in the Fellowship Center in-between Sunday Services for a Ten-Part Video Series that tackles the tough questions that surround us all. The name of our study will be:

"From Confusion to Clarity: Big Questions, Biblical

Answers", this video Bible Study Series is great for both adults and youth. The presenter, Brad Alles, teaches Senior Religion at Milwaukee Lutheran High School and is an adjunct instructor at Concordia University, Wisconsin. Known for his ability to break down Scripture so it's easily understood and applied, adding humor along the way, he is a frequent Bible study teacher at Milwaukee area churches. In addition, he is a featured speaker at state and national youth gatherings, as well as youth worker, teacher, and pastor conferences. His passion for God's Word comes through clearly in his teaching style.

Go from Confusion to clarity with the help of God's Word. Using short, memorable acrostics, Brad helps viewers get answers to some of life's biggest questions:

1. *Why study the Bible?*
2. *Does science confirm the Bible?*

3. *Does human life have value?*
4. *Why listen to the Bible about sex & marriage?*
5. *What is the purpose of life?*
6. *Why believe in a 6-day creation?*
7. *Does the age of the earth matter?*
8. *Did dinosaurs & humans live together?*
9. *What about the missing link?*
10. *From where did the different races come?*

Each Sunday that we meet this summer, we will watch approximately a 10-minute video and follow that up with some large and (brief) small group discussion questions. We will also have time to answer questions you may have on that morning's topic.

Each week is a stand-alone lesson, so if you miss one or more, you won't be behind. Just come and join us as together we *"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 3:18). In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch

starting to show its age and some corrosion has developed, so it's time to be replaced. Fifty years of use = approximately 625,600 people were communed from these trays.

Sunday, June 5 at the 8:00 AM service the blessing of our new communion ware will be spoken and the Lord's Supper will be distributed.

Our group, Mary Martha Altar Guild has been blessed in receiving monetary gifts from the Sarah Terlinden Family Memorial and First Ev. Lutheran Men's Club, both requesting their gifts be used to purchase new communion ware.

A huge "THANK YOU" goes to all the Guild Workers, Pastors, and Deacon's for the fifty plus years of care and gentle handling.

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Psalm 100:2

Blessings, Mary Martha Altar Guild

Brat Stand at Coborn's First Lutheran NYG

Thursday, June 2, 11 AM - 6PM

Sat. June 4, 10 AM - 5 PM

Please come and support our youth that are heading to New Orleans this July with a delicious meal for dinner and/or supper!

A First Lutheran Milestone Has Arrived

The Mary Martha Altar Guild is happy to announce the purchase of new communion ware.

First Lutheran's communion ware is well over fifty years old. It is

Attention VBS Campers!

Children finishing 3 year old preschool thru 4th grade, get ready for a fun filled week at **Barnyard Round up VBS!** Camp begins on **Sun, July 31st - Thurs, Aug. 4th.** The week will be filled with Jesus, barnyard fun, and more! Registration forms will be on the entrance stands, in the church office, or on our church website www.firstglencoe.org. Please return your form to the Church Office.

Be on the lookout for more information in the next month! If you have any questions, or want to help volunteer please call Tori Kidd at the church office!

Ladies Salad Supper Mon. June 6 at 6:30 PM

All women of the congregation are invited to a Salad Supper hosted by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We will begin with devotions by Darlene Dammann. We'll continue with supper including a variety of salads. We'll then proceed into the sanctuary to meet Mr. Luke Dahl. Mr. Dahl, teacher at First Ev. Lutheran School, is one of our many talented organists here at First Lutheran. He will tell us about our fine organ and treat us to some special organ music. ALL LADIES of the congregation are welcomed! Please join us. Don't have a friend to walk in with? We'll meet you at the door and make sure you have a place with a dear sister in Christ. Special guests will be women from Good Shepherd and St. John's, Plato. We'll inform you about some of our LWML projects. Member, guest, volunteer, friend or stranger - ALL are welcomed to this fun evening. (You may wish to bring items for mercy kits. See the Mercy Kit announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.)

NYG GARAGE SALE First Lutheran Church Fellowship Center

- Wednesday, June 8, Noon-6pm
- Thursday, June 9, 9am-5pm
- Friday, June 10, 9am-5pm

The NYG group has 20 youth heading to New Orleans this July and they are organizing and running a garage sale. Please consider dropping by to support the youth from our church. We will accept donation items for the sale on Tuesday, June 7th from Noon until 5PM. Any questions, contact Scott and Cindy Litzau 864-5025 or beeancow@embarqmail.com.

Young Investors Club...

...The Young Investors Club stamp program (for ages 0-18) has wrapped up for another school year.

Thank you to all our young savers who are taking their first steps in practicing financial management, investing for future needs, and supporting ministry. Young Investors can earn "extra credit" for good grades and participating in community service projects (up to \$25 per year). Parent forms can be found at lcef.org. Plus, the Y.I. Club's interest rate on the first \$1,000 is 3.5%! Did you know that adults can be an LCEF investor, too? Visit lcef.org for the online "Fast Form" or call 800-843-5233. (Lynn Exsted Y.I. Club coordinator at FLC, 320-510-2020).

Men's Club Picnic will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016 Oscar Olson Park 6:00 PM Fellowship 6:30 PM Meal

Men's Club will provide meat and beverages.

All pancake volunteers and their families and the wives of past members are all urged to attend.

Please bring a dish to pass and eating utensils. See you there.

Financial Aid is Available for all First Ev. Lutheran School Students

Through donations, Thrivent money designations, etc., the school has set aside Tuition Aid for all students, whether they are members of First Ev. Lutheran Church or not. These funds are calculated using the Adjusted Gross Income from your tax form 1040. There are applications available in the Church or School offices. All incomes are eligible, it is based on a formula, so everyone gets "something". With the application we need the first page of your tax form 1040. All applications are kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Ramirez, Business Manager, at 320-864-5522; or Principal Dean

Scheele or Michelle Alsleben,
School Secretary, at 320-864-3317.

Mercy Kits

At our last LWML meeting, we assembled 20 complete mercy kits! Praise God! Our kits will be distributed to people in need through Orphan Grain Train, a human care ministry of Lutheran Hour Ministries. They will go to tornado or other disaster victims here in the United States or foreign countries. Because of the many recent weather disasters, the supply of kits is low. We had so much fun putting the kits together we decided to do it again! Kits include:

- One bath towel, one washcloth both in new or like-new condition.
- One bar of soap, regular size, in original wrapper
- One tube toothpaste, regular size
- One toothbrush in original wrapper
- One comb, new, not in wrapper
- Six band aids or similar brand, regular size, secured together
- Strong string or cord to tie the kits together. Shoelaces work well.

Again, you may be a part of this ministry. Bring any or all of these kit items to church when you come to the LWML Salad Luncheon. We'll assemble them right away. It doesn't take long. You may drop off items at church on or before June 6. **Matthew 25:40** The King will reply, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Members with Unknown Addresses

We are updating our database and will be mailing out letters to help us do this. There are booklets on the Welcome Stands in the main south entrance and in the narthex. Please look to see if you have family members with an unknown address. Please fill in the correct information. This will help us get our database up to date and be able to keep in contact with our members. If you

receive a letter and shouldn't have, please accept our apologies.

Ralph & Marjorie Duenow

School's Out...Let's Eat!

All children can come to these locations and have a nutritious summer meal at no cost!

Adults are welcome to join their child(ren) for a meal. Breakfast price \$2.25, lunch price \$4.00.

Helen Baker Elementary School
405 E. 16th St., Glencoe

June 6-July 14 (Closed July 4th)
Breakfast 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
Lunch 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

GSL Lakeside Elementary School
229 Lake Ave., Silver Lake

June 6-July 14 (Closed July 4th)
Lunch 11:15 AM to 11:45 PM

Call the GSL
District Office: 320-864-2491

Find a site near you:

Text 612-516-FOOD

Call: 211 or 1-800-543-7709

This is a great opportunity to feed a lot of children. If you know of anyone who would consider volunteering to help with this program that would be great. We are looking for people to supervise the lunchroom during the meals. Even one time would help. Please call Becky Dahl, GSL Schools at 320-864-2494 to be put on the calendar.

A "Blessed" Thank You!

Ralph & Marjorie Duenow would like to give a heartfelt thank you to so many for the love shown in memorials, cards, phone calls and prayers at the time of our daughter Brenda Warnke's passing.

A special thank you to Pastor Welch and Pastor Mathison for their time with us at home and prayers in church. God Bless this beautiful church family.

47th Annual Summer Benefit Sale For Mayer Lutheran HS 305 Fifth St E, Mayer

This year there is no "Outdoor Lot". Bring your clothing, flea market and household items (no outdoor items) to MLHS on Saturday, June 11, from 1 PM – 7 PM or Monday, June 13 from 1 PM – 7 PM. The school will be open for you to place your donations in their designated place during these times.

Public Sale Days:

Tues., June 14, and Wed., June 15,
9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Thurs., June 16, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Half-Price Sale

Thurs., June 16, 4:00 – 7:00 PM
Donation, Clearance Sale

Again, this year the bake sale will run throughout the sale. You can bring your baked goods and garden produce to the school Mon., June 13 from 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

Please check the schedule for your church's volunteer shift. Your partnership is much appreciated.

Thank you for your support of the Mission and Ministry of Mayer Lutheran High School.

LYF Valleyfair Day **Monday, June 27**

Youth of all ages are invited to join us for the Annual Lutheran Youth Fellowship Day at Valleyfair. On Monday, June 27, from 10 AM to 10 PM, a special day is planned for all ... unlimited fun and thrills on the rides and water park, ... opportunities to meet over 2,000 other youth from the upper Midwest region!

FLC's group will leave the church parking lot at 9:15 AM on Monday, June 27. Carpooling will be provided. (Parents --- we need your help for this ... if you are able to be a "carpooler", please let us know at sign up time!) The event is open to

all family members of FLC. You must have completed grade 6 by the end of this school year to attend on your own. Youth younger than this will need an adult to accompany them. We will return to Glencoe around 11 PM. Make sure your ride is waiting for you! If you register before June 21, the cost is \$35 (\$30) entrance (\$5) transportation. After June 21, the cost is \$40.

Sign up with Tori in the Church Office or with Joe Fountain. You will need an emergency form filled out, as your ticket to ride.

ANGEL SEEDS

April - June

"Families Moving Forward"

Families Moving Forward is the emergency shelter program of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative. The Program is a successful combination of staff expertise plus volunteer dedication and passion. Volunteers from 65 congregations throughout the Twin Cities metro area create shelter space at their congregation sites. Each congregation welcomes between 4 and 8 families overnight for a week or two at a time, several times during the year. They open their doors to provide nightly shelter and nutritious meals, and offer welcome and hospitality to families during a difficult time in their lives.

But shelter is a temporary solution, and families work hard to find permanent housing with the support of our staff. We offer a spectrum of supportive housing options for eligible families exiting shelter. Each has a different level of support – rent subsidy, mentoring and staff support – to meet families' diverse needs.

Nearly 800 people live in almost 500 apartment homes built or preserved by Beacon, more than half with supportive services that help tenants achieve housing stability. They serve families and individuals who have experienced homelessness, including youth and young adults on their own. With our support, they'll reach their goal of

1,000 affordable, high-quality homes by 2020.

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

"First Lutheran Sunday School completed its 2015-2016 school year. The faithful and talented staff teaching the students in grades nursery thru high school were: LuAnn Schmidt - 2 Year Olds and parents, Katelyn Schauer and Samantha Lange - Pre-School, Tammy Martin - Kindergarten, Angie Grimm - Grades 1 & 2, Tori Kidd - Grades 3 & 4, Verona Bussler & Julie Uecker - Grades 5 & 6, Gabrielle Fountain & Amanda Streufert - Grades 7 & 8, Cindy and Scott Litzau - High School Bible Class, Glenda Schuft - Music, Jackee Fountain, Superintendent. The Board of Christian Education served as Craft Teachers, Pastor Welch taught Adult Bible Study.

These dedicated teachers shared with the students, their faith, biblical knowledge, and love for God every Sunday. Thank you teachers! May God bless your summer and continue to strengthen your faith in and love for Jesus.

Anyone interested in teaching/team teaching please contact Jackee Fountain.

Education Sunday and the beginning of a new Sunday School year is September 11, 2016.

Sunday School Student Milestones

Since the fall of 2006, First Ev. Lutheran Church has kept attendance records for all Sunday school students. The following children thru their milestones demonstrate faithfulness in learning God's Word.

350 Sundays
Grace Litzau

250 Sundays
Maggie Schuft

200 Sundays
Ebony Schuch
Jacob Schuch
Beau Christensen
Nicholas Schauer

190 Sundays
Cavin Streufert
Madison Schuch

170 Sundays
Breann Goff

180 Sundays
Caden Lang
Allison Willcox

Dylan Richards

160 Sundays
Mikayla Beneke
Ben Grimm
Caden Neid

140 Sundays
Jordon Grack

120 Sundays
Grady Schuft

110 Sundays
Mariah Wendolek
Breana Templin
Shayne Brelje
Rebekah Welch
Maelee Streufert
Zac Dahlke

80 Sundays
Haley Schultz

60 Sundays
Jackson Mackenthun
Connor Neid
Madison Dahlke
Kole Christensen
Isaiah Nikolaisen
Lauren Brinkmann
Derek Trippel

40 Sundays
Hannah Schroeder
Jenna Trippel
Bennet Goff
Kyler Pokornowski
Braxton Rose
Claire Geib
Cody Michaelis
Jacks Werth
Colton Geib

20 Sundays
Bennett Vinkemeier
Nolan Vinkemeier
Oscar Freberg
Dalilah Mackenthun
Aubrey Schmidt
Ayla Pokornowski
Elijah Werth

We regret any error in this publication

CHRISTIAN LIFE DAY

Friday, June 24, 2016

"Equipped by Scripture for
God's Good Works"

Lutheran Women's Missionary
League, Minnesota South District, is

150 Sundays
Mikayla Husted
Crystal Richards

130 Sundays
Autumn Schuch
Brianna Tabbert
Emma Malz

100 Sundays
Ella Malz
Gracey Templin
Katelyn Lemke

90 Sundays
Alex Martin
Lizzy Grimm
Cody Schauer

70 Sundays
Matthew Martin

50 Sundays
Erika Brinkmann
Elijah Liestman
Beth Wendinger
Anthony Suess
Abigale Boetel

30 Sundays
Amelia Boetel
Ella Dahlke
Bentlee Ondrachek
Brody Brinkmann
Ethan Dahlke
Rolin Schmidt
Clara Willcox

10 Sundays
Kate Grimm
Khloe Petron
Brody Wendolek
Braxton Schmidt
Ashley Schauer
Audrina Schrnag

hosting a "Christian Life Day" on Friday, June 24, during the 26th biennial convention at the Verizon Center in downtown Mankato. This day will include four sessions concerning our use of God's Holy Word - **Teaching, Rebuking, Correcting, and Training in Righteousness**. The goal is to grow in faith, through the Word and be equipped to carry out the mission of our Lord in our families, congregations and communities. In addition to inspirational learning, there will be interactive sharing, joyful praise sing-a-longs, fellowship with Christian sisters, and lots of fun! There will be no business meetings during Christian Life Day.

You don't have to attend or pay the entire convention to attend Christian Life Day. You don't have to be an LWML member to attend. Go to www.mnslwml.org to learn more and to register. *"All Scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* 2 Tim. 3:15-17

3M Provides Volunteer Grant to FLS

The 3M Foundation has donated \$250 each to First Lutheran School in recognition of Roger Schmidt's and Dorothy Voigt's commitment to community. As volunteers, both Dorothy and Roger have completed many invaluable tasks for the school over the past year.

As a part of the 3M Volunteer Match, the 3M Foundation will donate \$250 to eligible non-profit organizations for which a 3M employee volunteers 20 hours or a 3M retiree volunteers 25 hours or more per calendar year.

For more info. about the program, please contact 3M Community Affairs at 651-733-0144 or visit

www.3Mgiving.com.

Thank you, Roger and Dorothy, for your gifts of service and for making the Volunteer Match gifts possible!

Being a good steward is:

What you do after you say: "I believe."

Common Cup Ministry School Supply Drive

Starting Thursday, June 16th thru Monday, Aug. 15th, the Common Cup Ministry will once again start collecting school supplies for the 2016-17 school yr.

The south entry will have a list of school supplies needed as well as application forms to be filled out by any child(ren) in need.

All supplies will be distributed the week of August 15th. Your help will benefit many children. Thank you.

Lutheran Night at the MN Twins

Less than 20 tickets remain for the Tuesday, July 26th 7pm game against the Atlanta Braves! Seats are in the Skyline Deck at a cost of \$28 each. Bus transportation will cost about \$12 per person and will leave from First Lutheran at about 4:30 pm. If you would like to reserve your spot, please contact Cindy at 238-2148 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com.

2016 LCMS National Offering Day

Every three years, our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod gathers in convention to determine mission and ministry priorities for the coming three years. This year, we will gather in Milwaukee under the theme "Upon This Rock."

As part of the run-up to the triennial convention, LCMS households, congregations and organizations are invited and encouraged to participate in a synod-wide gathering of special gifts called the National Offering.

On Sunday, June 12, you are invited to join all of the LCMS as we approach the convention by participating in the 2016 LCMS National Offering – an opportunity to

offer a monetary gift to support the work we've been tasked with as a Synod. All gifts received in this National Offering will go directly to various projects and programs identified by the Offices of International and National Mission, Pastoral Education and the Joint Seminary Fund.

Each dollar will be put to work toward the one goal of building others up into living stones "Upon this Rock," so that people here and around the world who do not yet know the love of Christ may find him the "solid rock" on which they may stand.

*****Participating in the National Offering*****

Make an online donation

☞ Call 888-930-4438 and make a contribution with a credit or debit card

☞ Mail check — *Make payable to "The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod;" write "2016 LCMS National Offering" on memo line.*

☞ *Mail to:* The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
2016 LCMS National Offering
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

☞ Make a gift of appreciated securities, property or other assets by contacting The LCMS Foundation: (800) 325-7912 or lcmsfoundation.org

Gifts for the 2016 LCMS National Offering are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Whenever possible, individual tax-deductible receipts will be issued to the donor making the gift. Reports on our Synod's response to the National Offering will be made available here.

To learn more about the 2016 National Offering, or to receive help with your questions, please call Mission Advancement's Donor Care Line at 888-930-4438.

Come to Polka Services July 17, 2016

On Sunday, July 17, at the 8 and 10:30 services of worship, music will be led by Chuck Thiel and his band. Songs will include both

familiar hymns and polka tunes with worshipful lyrics. Invite your neighbors & friends to this unique worship service.

CEMETERY NOTICE

Please remove all flowers and other memorials, (except those in permanent stands) from First Lutheran Cemetery by July 5. Items left after that date will be disposed of, by the First Lutheran Church Cemetery Board.

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. For additional information about the STS Foundation, please visit: [STS Foundation.org](http://STSFoundation.org)

CHRISTIAN TOUR OF SCANDINAVIA

Join LC-MS pastor, Rev. Clifford and Lois Winter of Wichita, KS on a 12-day **BEST OF SCANDINAVIA TOUR** through Denmark, Sweden, and Norway Sept. 14-25, 2016. Copenhagen, Stockholm, Uppsala, Bergen, Oslo, plus mighty fjords, cathedrals, castles, villages, and most meals! \$3,989 from Chicago (air/land tour price is \$3,369 plus \$620 government taxes/airline surcharges). This includes round-trip airfare from Chicago, guide, hotels, deluxe motor coach, portage, and all admissions,

airline surcharges, and taxes. Daily devotions by Pastor Winter. Call 316-942-5811 or email loiswinter@yahoo.com for brochure.

Biblical Tour of Greece & Turkey...

October 4-14, 2016 – “Following the Apostle Paul” to Corinth, Athens, Philippi, Thessalonica, etc. The trip includes a Cruise of the Greek Islands to Patmos & Ephesus for \$3,854 from New York. This includes all the flights, cruise, meals, lodging, guides, tips, entrance fees, etc. We will even make arrangements for the flight to New York from your home! Brochures are available. Contact Darold Reiner, retired LCMS Pastor & former International LWML Pastoral Counselor 406-890-1149 or imhis38@gmail.com

BULLETINS from the BOARDS, COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

The Church Council, Apr. 21.

The next step in the Child Day Care Center project is to develop job descriptions for the Center. A Board should be developed. An on-line survey will be conducted May 2-17 for the feasibility study. The Constitution Committee will get together to address the position of the Board after the survey results have been received. The Flames of Faith Kids Club won't run through the summer this year. Principal Scheele reported that the Fine Arts evening will be May 4th, graduation will be May 18th, May 20th is the last day of school, and June 3rd is the Crawfish Boil. Enrollment deadline for next year is May 1st. Pastor Welch reported that Tori Kidd accepted the call to become the new DCE starting August 1st. Tori, DCE Intern, reported that her high school group has grown to over 30 and the 'Lock-In' was very successful with about 110 children in attendance. The Council discussed the minutes from the Church Finance Committee. It was

suggested that we have a summary from all boards at the Voter's Assemblies in the future to better inform the Congregation of activities, etc. School Boiler options, final budgets for the Fiscal Year 2016-17, and the 2016 Nominating Committee are tabled until the May meeting. Next Council meeting will be May 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Next Voters' Assembly will be May 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

The Board of Stewardship, May 3, Discussed our emphasis for the year. We will be working on an educational poster with regards to Time, Talent and Treasure. We discussed possibility of having story telling as part of the poster with examples of people giving their time, talent and treasures or maybe having biblical verses on the poster.

The Youth Board, May 3, At the May 2016 meeting of the Board of Youth, the board discussed furnishings in the Youth Room. It was decided to see about removing the old metal desk and office chair (which is unsafe). Extending the WiFi from the fellowship hall down to the Youth Room was also discussed. The board then reviewed the final draft of the 2016-2017 budget and a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the figures in the provided worksheet for next year's budget -- New Business: The board learned that Tori (DCE Intern) will move to the upstairs apartment in her existing building which will save a little money in rent as she completes the internship. Tori also reported that her supervisor from Concordia Seward will be in town for her evaluation, three board members volunteered to fill out evaluation forms and participate in the visit on May 14th. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

The Day School Board, May 3, Addressed non-payment and behind in payment of tuition issues. ITBS results back and have been emailed to the parents. Last day of school dismissal at 11:30AM - there is NO busing. We discussed the staff and student dress code and the need to present it again to them. We also discussed combining of

more classes to cut back on hours. Up and coming events: Fine Arts Festival, 8th grade graduation, Crawfish boil and a retirement party for Mrs. Husberg. 94 students are already enrolled for next year.

The Board of Evangelism, May 3, no overview given.

The Board of Trustees, May 2, School boiler will be repaired when school recesses for summer. The board hired Karr Tuck-pointing to repair the church chimney and to look at the bell tower repair needs. Church parking lot will be re-stripped after the chimney repair is done. Principal's house has been demolished. Board looking at updating the phone system. Approved the salary review committee recommendations.

The Board of Deacons, May 5, EMT kit now by oxygen, MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED passed to update our minuteman message policy. Followed salary review recommendations on wages and more usher groups are needing to be filled.

The Christian Education Board, May 2. Present: Jennifer Goff, Julie Uecker, Tammy Martin, Tori Kidd, Donna Kunkel, Laurie Schauer, Angela Grimm. We are working on final plans for our Barnyard Roundup theme for Vacation Bible School. The registration forms are now available on the church website, at the office and on the entrance stands. Please mark your calendars for this fun-filled event on July 31st - August 4th. Thank you for bringing your children to First Lutheran and all the fun activities offered at our church where they can grow their love for Jesus. The last Sunday School class is May 22nd and the children will sing at the 10:30 service. The next Christian Ed Board meeting is June 6th at 7:00 p.m.

The Church Council, May 19. Scheduled meeting was after newsletter deadline.

Charitable Giving: Where Head & Heart Meet

How can a person support organizations that help people in need? Some may choose to give their time and abilities through volunteer service, while still others provide financial support. Charitable giving provides an opportunity to engage both head and heart in making a difference.

Give generously and wisely. From wills, living trusts, charitable gift annuities, endowments and mini-foundations to gifts of appreciated stock, retirement funds or real estate, there are many vehicles through which individuals can make charitable gifts. Special care should be used to determine the option that meets one's financial circumstances. Gifting some assets to IRS-recognized charities may potentially reduce capital gains tax. Life insurance may also be an excellent option to magnify a gift.

When moved to make a difference, donors should remember there are many options for making a financial gift. Just be sure to explore the options and enlist appropriate support along the way. By fully planning a charitable gift, a person can ensure that both head and heart are satisfied.

Always consult a financial, legal, or tax professional before putting a gifting plan into action.

Submitted by the 2015 Endowment Committee:
Kermit Terlinden, Brian Grochow, Bruce Donnay,
Rosie Karg, Debi Ramirez, Wayne Albrecht, and
Darlene Polzin

June 2016 news Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Choice

Last month, we received \$32.00 Choice Dollars for FLC and \$202.00 for FLS! The FL Early Childhood Center is now also enrolled as a participating organization in Thrivent Choice! This means you have (3) First Lutheran organizations that

you can designate your Choice Dollars to! Eligible members will continue to receive Choice Dollars on a quarterly basis. Be sure to keep checking and making your designations. Visit (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 7AM to 8PM or Friday from 7AM to 6PM. If you would like assistance, please contact the church office.

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 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 Lutheran – let's take advantage! If you have questions or need help, just ask Cindy. WHAT IF each of our 460 Thrivent members led two Actions Teams per year? That would calculate to 920 Action Teams that each received \$250.00 Seed Money. So...920 Actions Teams x \$250.00 = \$230,000.00! What a difference we could make in our church and community!

Have you met Jeff Rotz, our new Thrivent Financial Rep? Jeff and his family relocated from Rochester and we're excited that they will represent our Glencoe area. The office is in the same location (old Star Motel building). Jeff's wife, Katie, will handle office administrative responsibilities. Office hours are Mon – Friday from 10AM – 3PM and also by appointment.

Thrivent has several free workshops that we could offer at First Lutheran. Some that might be of interest are: Financial Planning Basics, Retirement Basics, Retirement Income, Roth Conversion, Investment Basics and Social Security. Please let Cindy know your interest, and we will get something scheduled!

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 to Cindy. Cindy & Neil Eggersgluess - 320-238-2148 /

eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com
Linda Becker, Charles Jensen, Verna & Harold Kunkel, Pastor Mathison – Your Congregational Advocates

Church Library

Recent Additions:

Fiction:

📖 Blessings in Disguise by Lauraine Snelling – The Bjorkland family has received word that Augusta Bjorkland is on her way from Norway to join them in North Dakota. When the train arrives in the town of Blessing with no Augusta aboard, the worried family hopes she will be on the train in the morning. But only her trunk arrives, so Bridget Bjorkland insists that Hjelmer, Augusta's brother, go find her.

Augusta, after discovering her intended bridegroom had married someone else, decided to leave her broken heart in Norway and start a new life in America. But knowing no English, Augusta misunderstands a ticket agent's direction in St. Paul, MN, and in the harried confusion, she boards the wrong train. When she arrives at the end of the line, she is met by a handsome young rancher, Kane Moyer, waiting for his Norwegian mail-order bride...Book 6 of the Red River of the North series. (Thanks Becky) **Read & Return, Responsibly!**

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 happy to assist!

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"Alzheimer's disease" The very words bring sadness, fear and

dismay. The disease has an effect on both the afflicted and the caregivers. Simple tasks become difficult, then impossible. Familiar names and places become jumbled and blurred. Life seems to be not a day of trouble but rather a long sequence of troubles. What then? Christians turn to God and His Word. They take comfort in His promises. *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you..." (Isaiah 41:10a).*

Alzheimer's blurs memories, destroys abilities, and changes personalities, but the Holy Spirit's love does not change. The victim of Alzheimer's may not remember Him, but the Father still knows and loves His child. Jesus Christ's loving hands reach out to support, strengthen, and reassure.

- from LWML Daily Devotions

June 2016

Stewardship Article

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son" (John 3:16). "God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays his life down for the sheep" (John 10:11). Love means sacrifice. Sacrifice means a humbling of oneself for the good of another. And this is what the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us: Love means sacrifice.

We love our families. And we love them by sacrificing ourselves for them. We put their needs before our own. We sacrifice our own wants and desires for their good and for their needs.

We love our country. And we love it by pledging our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to defend her. We ask not what our country can do for us, but what we can do for our country. We make sacrifices for our country's good and we do it because we love her.

We love our church. And we love our church by giving of ourselves, by sacrificing our time, talents, and

treasures in service to it. We volunteer to teach Sunday School, VBS, and other various boards. We help out cleaning and fixing what needs to be cleaned and fixed at the church property. And we give a portion of the income God has given us, so that the lights will go on, and the heat and air conditioning may run; so that a pastor will preach to us both law and gospel and administer baptism and the Lord's Supper; so that the Word will go forth into all the world through the missionaries we call and send out.

God has called us into these three spheres of family, country, and church. He puts the solitary into a home. No one is an island unto himself. Everyone is put into a family, a country, and a church. In these spheres, God cares for all our needs of body and soul. He employs other members of these spheres to ensure that we have everything we need for this body and life and for the next.

These callings place a claim upon us, a claim upon our presence, our prayers, our time, talents, and treasures. They give us a duty. That duty is to love. And love means sacrifice. And sacrifice means that we humble ourselves for the good of another.

So then, "let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this, the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:7-11). And love means sacrifice

\$100 for Free

First Lutheran is offering \$100 to any school family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for the current or upcoming 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 us!

Chapel Offerings

Our third trimester chapel offering will go to the Rooted, Celebrating, Growing campaign at Camp Omega. Camp Omega has a long history of serving adult and family retreat groups. In order to continue to meet the demand of adult and family guests, Camp Omega is launching a capital campaign to build a new Adult & Family Retreat Center. This new facility will offer higher comfort with 25 hotel-style rooms, personal bathrooms, large group gathering space and a beautiful view of God's creation. As an extra incentive for every \$1 donated by our school during this trimester, a generous donor will give \$2 thereby tripling our offerings!

School Garden Update

We need grass clippings to put between rows and keep our weeding down. Save them for us and bring them over to the garden anytime.

Calendar Notes

- June 3 Crawfish Boil
- July 4 Independence Day
- August 25 Registration, supply drop off-Tentative
- August 29 First day of school

Ongoing Fundraisers

We are collecting: Box Tops, Coborn's receipts, Campbell Soup labels, Kwik Trip milk tops, and Country Hearth labels. Our last check was for over \$320 from the Box Tops program and we are expecting a check for over \$2,000 from our Coborn's receipts. Keep up the good work!

School Updates

The iPads are here and the students and the teachers have been using them extensively. The teachers will continue attending workshops this summer to develop the most effective ways to use iPads as well as Chromebooks in the classroom. The 27 iPad minis have apps installed that will enhance the learning process at all grade levels but primarily PS3 through 4th. A fresh load of wood chips is in the plans for the playground and the teachers are planning on spending hours sorting and discarding items that were cluttering up storage areas and closets.

Asbestos Notification

- Our school has been re-inspected (or a period surveillance has been done) for asbestos materials according to the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. That re-inspection took place on February 9, 2016, and was completed by a state certified asbestos inspector.
- Our school building does have some asbestos containing building materials in it, as do most schools in this country. These materials are in good condition and we have an asbestos management plan in place to help maintain them and keep them from becoming a health hazard. We do regular six-month surveillances of these materials to insure that they are staying in stable condition.
- By law, we must notify staff and parents once each year of the availability of our asbestos management plan. The plan is available for your examination by contacting: Simon Kangas whose phone number is 218-766-3213.

Kindergarten News

As the Kindergarten teacher at First Lutheran, I would like to say that each year I learn so much and together we grow stronger in our faith walk. I asked the Kindergarteners to tell me what their favorite things to do in class this year were, so here is what they said. At Jesus' time, they enjoyed hearing God's Word and singing songs with the guitar. Chapel services where the music was played on guitar was a plus for them. In Reading class they enjoyed "Read to Self" time where they read on their own from leveled books they picked and put in their reading bags. Everyone enjoyed exercising and the activities they liked were doing planks, mountain climbing, running laps, dribbling the ball, and trying sack races. Dramatic play centers were a big hit! Favorite centers included the pet shop, A&W restaurant, and the Bakery where the teacher sewed pretend donuts. Counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s was a fun activity and their favorite Math games were Kindergarten Yahtzee, Garbage Can, and Skip-Bo. When we used I-pads, we favored going to the Cool Math games app and the Bible for Kids app. At music class with Mr. Dahl, they enjoyed coloring the instruments and singing "Jesus in the Morning". Watercolor painting was so relaxing. They liked art projects where they were making collages and mosaics. Finally, in Science and Social Studies, we liked learning about bugs, birds, water, animals, ancestors, manners, and honoring the flag of the United States. The book by Robert Fulghum titled "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" states it all. "Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be; I learned in Kindergarten," says Mr. Fulghum. In Kindergarten, we touch on a wide variety of concepts, try many new activities, practice, practice, practice, and enjoy learning.



Registration Form

For children finishing 3-year-old Preschool thru 4th Grade

Please register by July 6th so everyone can be in their groups. (one form per family)

First Ev. Lutheran Church VBS

925 13th St. East.

Glencoe, MN

Begins: July 31st 2016 — 5:45 PM—8:15 PM – August 4th 2016

You can register by filling out the form at the bottom and returning it to the church office
or online at www.firstglencoe.org

First & Last Name(s),
Age(s) & Grade
Completed in 2015 for
each child

Parent's Names

Street Address

City, State and Zip

Home Phone /
Cell Phone

Email Address

Number of family
members participating

Will parents be helping
in other areas of Camp
Discovery?

Where?

Emergency Contact
Name & Phone #



Allergies or other
medical needs.

Full Name of friend your
child would like to be with:

Home Church Name & Address:

A Free will offering of \$10 per child and \$20 per family is welcome.

Thank you everyone for recycling your ink cartridges with the church. The company we work with, however, has new restrictions on which cartridges will be accepted. We have researched, and this is still the best company to go with. Please check the list before bringing your cartridges to be recycled. Thanks again.



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Inkjet Price List

Prices subject to change without notice. Current prices are available [here](#).
 We only accept and pay for undamaged original inkjets that are on this list- see payment list below.

HP

	QTY.		QTY.		QTY.
C2P07AN (62XL Clr)	\$3.00	CC641WN (60XL Blk)	\$1.00	CB336WN(74XL)	\$0.25
C2P05AN (62 Clr)	\$2.00	CH562WN (61 Clr)	\$1.00	CB338WN (75XL)	\$0.25
F6U62AN (63 Blk)	\$2.00	CH563WN (61XL Blk)	\$1.00	C9361 (93)	\$0.25
F6U61AN (63 Clr)	\$2.00	CN621AM (970)	\$1.00	C8766 (95)	\$0.25
F6U64AN (63XL Blk)	\$2.00	CN621/2/3AM (971)	\$1.00	C9363 (97)	\$0.25
F6U63AN (63XL Clr)	\$2.00	CC643WN (60 Clr)	\$0.75	C6658 (58)	\$0.10
C2P06AN (62xl Blk)	\$1.50	CC640WN (60 Blk)	\$0.50	CB335W (74)	\$0.10
C2P04AN (62 Blk)	\$1.00	CH561WN (61 Blk)	\$0.50	CB337W (75)	\$0.10
CC654 (901XL)	\$1.00	CC635A (701)	\$0.50	932 / 932XL	\$0.10
C8728 (28)	\$1.00	C9351(21)	\$0.25	933 / 933XL	\$0.10
CC644WN (60XL Clr)	\$1.00	C8727 (27)	\$0.25	950 / 950XL	\$0.10
61XL Clr	\$1.00	C6656 (56)	\$0.25	951 / 951XL	\$0.10
C9352(22)	\$1.00	CB304AN (110)	\$0.25	C9362 (92)	\$0.05
C6657 (57)	\$1.00	C6615A/D (15)	\$0.25	C8765 (94)	\$0.05
CC653 / 656AN (901)	\$1.00	C8842A	\$0.25	C8767 (96)	\$0.05
C6578A/D (78)	\$1.00	51645A/D (45)	\$0.25	C9364(98)	\$0.05

Lexmark

	QTY.		QTY.		QTY.
18C0035 (35)	\$0.50	18Y0144 44/44xl	\$0.50	10N0217 (17)	\$0.25
18Y0143 43/43xl	\$0.50	10N0016 (16)	\$0.25	18C0034 (34)	\$0.25

Canon

	QTY.		QTY.		QTY.
CL-246XL	\$4.00	PG-240XL	\$2.00	PG-245	\$1.00
CL-246	\$3.00	CL-211	\$2.00	CL-241	\$1.00
CL-241XL	\$3.00	PG-210XL	\$1.50	PG-210	\$0.50
CL-211XL	\$2.50	PG-240	\$1.50	CL-41	\$0.25
PG-245XL	\$2.00				

Dell

	QTY.
T529	\$0.25

Sharp

	QTY.
UX-70B	\$0.25