

# August 2016

# "First in Focus"

The Newsletter of  
**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
925 13th St. East, Glencoe, Minnesota  
*"Sharing Christ Changing Lives"*

OFFICE: 320-864-5522

COMMON CUP: 320-864-5511

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK -



E-MAIL: [office@firstglencoe.org](mailto:office@firstglencoe.org)

WEBSITE: [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org)

First Ev. Lutheran --- LIKE US!

## "SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – AUGUST 17"

### From the Pastor...

*"Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior" (Isaiah 45:15)*

During times of discouragement or persecution, God seems very far away -hidden from us. While He was suffering on the cross, Jesus hid His divine nature from the world. There He was serving us, though, in the most decisive and powerful way: *"For our sake (God) made (Jesus) to be sin who know no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21)* While Jesus' divinity was hidden on the cross He was earning the forgiveness of sins and eternal life for you. When Jesus rose again from the dead, this showed that God the Father had accepted His sacrifice for the sins of the world and that all who trust in Him will also have eternal life.

When the Lord seems far away from you, know that He is near, and confess His glory. Yes, He is most especially near to you in your Baptism, in the Lord's Supper and in His powerful Word. God may seem hidden from us at times, but He never, ever forsakes us!

#### In God, My Faithful God

1. In God, my faithful God,  
I trust when dark my road;  
Great woes may overtake me,  
Yet He will not forsake me.  
My troubles He can alter;  
His hand lets nothing falter.
2. My sins fill me with care,  
Yet I will not despair.  
I build on Christ, who loves me;  
From this rock, nothing moves me.  
To Him I will surrender,  
To Him, my soul's defender.

3. If death my portion be,  
It brings great gain to me;  
It speeds my life's endeavor  
To live with Christ forever.  
He gives me joy in sorrow,  
Come death now or tomorrow.
4. O Jesus Christ, my Lord,  
So meek in deed and word,  
You suffered death to save us  
Because Your love would have us  
Be heirs of heav'nly gladness  
When ends this life of sadness.
5. "So be it," then, I say  
With all my heart each day.  
Dear Lord, we all adore You,  
We sing for joy before You.  
Guide us while here we wander  
Until we praise You yonder.

(Hymn #745 from Lutheran Service Book - Public domain)

In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch

### CONFIRMATION

### ORIENTATION

#### PARENT AND STUDENT

Wed, August 31, 7 PM

Grades 5 & 6 (Midweek Only)  
&

ALL Public and FLS  
Grades 7 & 8

Church Fellowship Center

Should you be unable to attend, you **MUST** contact the Church Office at 864-5522. Orientation for parents & students is necessary before confirmation instruction begins.

### Fish Boil Dinner

First Ev. Lutheran and the Glencoe LLL Zone are hosting a Fish Boil Dinner on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Center.

Menu includes:

Fish – Pollock, Potatoes, Onions, Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce, Bread, Butter, Dessert & Beverage

Price of the dinner is a freewill donation for the Orphan Grain Train. Contact John Scheidt 864-3356.



### Important FLS Dates

First Lutheran School families: Mark the following important dates on your August & September calendars:

**Thursday, Aug. 25**  
Preschool 3's & 4's,  
K-8 Registration Day  
3-5 PM & 6-7:30 PM

**Sunday, Aug. 28**  
K-8 First Lutheran School  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
10:30 AM Service

Supplies "Drop-Off"  
Open House/Meal @ FLS  
Following 10:30 AM Service

**Monday, Aug. 29**  
Preschool 4,  
K-8 First Lutheran School  
First Day of Classes  
7:55 AM – 3:00 PM

Opening Chapel Service  
8:15 AM

**Thursday, Sept. 8**  
Parent/Teacher Open House  
7:00 PM

**First Ev. Lutheran School**  
1015 14<sup>th</sup> St. E., Glencoe, MN 55336  
[www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org)



## Pre-K3 through Grade 8

Especially for families who would like to consider a Christian education for their child.

**NURTURING SPIRITUAL & ACADEMIC GROWTH!**  
**Be Part of Our Christ-Centered Family**

**NOW Providing ALL DAY Preschool**  
for both 3- and 4-year olds with Licensed Teachers!

### We Provide:

- ◆ Christ-centered education stressing God's love in all areas
- ◆ Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ◆ Student-Teacher ratio 15:1
- ◆ iPad Integration/Computer Lab
- ◆ Bus/Title 1/Health Services
- ◆ **Financial Aid Available**
- ◆ Member of MN Lutheran Athletic Association Conference



\*Kindergarten - Grade 8 Coupen\*  
**10% Discount for All Transfer Students!**

*First Lutheran is a Christ-centered school where every child is nurtured spiritually and academically in a faith-filled, caring family. To learn more about our school, please call (320) 854-3317 or visit our website at [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org).*



Caring for Others



Outdoor Classrooms



iPads in Everyone's Hands

Child(ren)'s Name(s) & Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## National Youth Gathering (NYG)

### New Orleans, Louisiana

**THE ATTENDEES** at the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans are:

**YOUTH** – Ariel Brelje, Austin Brelje, Elizabeth Brelje, Blake Dahlke, Morgan Dahlke, Destiney Exsted, Alex Haflund, Katy Kunkel, Paul Lemke, Haley Lukes, Madison Mathews, Morgan Mathews, Abby Maunu, Courtney Richer, Jill Schmidt, Jacob Schuch, Mackenzie Stradtman, Savannah Stradtman, Nathan Welch, Stephanie Welch; Pastor Welch; **SHEPHERDS** – Cindy Litzau, Scott Litzau, Teresa Brelje, Kathryn Brelje, Tori Kidd;

### **COMMUNITY LIFE BUILDERS**

**(CLB's)** – Dean Scheele, Sheila Scheele; **YOUNG ADULT**

### **VOLUNTEER (YAV's)** – Brent

Litzau, Samantha Welch. Thank you to everyone who has supported this group in any way. Visit LCMS website starting Saturday at <http://lcmsgathering.com/> to see the opening ceremony.

## Flames Of Faith Kids Club News...

To register or for more information, you may contact her through the following contact information:

1. FLS FAST DIRECT
  2. Nancy's PERSONAL CELL NUMBER: 320-510-0905
  3. PROGRAM EMAIL: flamesoffaith2015@gmail.com
  4. Visit the church/school website at [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org) for more information or to register.
  5. Flames of Faith Kids Club Handbooks are available to pick up at each of the entrance stands.
- PROGRAM DONATIONS** needed for Flames start up in August: Clorox wipes, Juice Boxes, white paper: tablets or loose leaf, 13 gallon kitchen bags, sidewalk chalk, gently used CD player, Playdoh, 5 ft. household extension cord. Thank you for all of your support! \*Flames of Faith Kids Club is the Before/After school care program at First Lutheran School. We offer a caring, Christian environment for school-age children.

## First Lutheran School Opens August 29

Classes at First Lutheran School begin Monday August 31. An opening service led by Pastor Welch will be at **8:15 AM** at church. Parents are encouraged to attend the service at **8:15 AM**. Classes will meet for a full day, with the school day running from **7:55 AM to 3 PM** for grades K-8.

### **The teaching staff for the 2016-17 school term includes:**

Dean Scheele: Principal/7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bill Husberg: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Joe Fountain: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Luke Dahl: Music/5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sheila Scheele: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade

morning combined, 3<sup>rd</sup> afternoon

LuAnn Schmidt: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

morning, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> afternoon combined

Katie Nord: 1<sup>st</sup> Grade morning/4<sup>th</sup> grade afternoon

Linda Donnay: Kindergarten

Deb Bargmann All Day Preschool

Amy Welch 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade boys and

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade girls Health, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>

Grade and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade boys

Health, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Art, 2

hours aid time morning, 1 hour aid time afternoon.

Annette Bernstein: Morning Aid

Sue Nord: Morning Preschool Aid

Michelle Alsleben: School

Secretary

## It's Back To School Time!

For **safety** and **liability** reasons, doors will be locked during the school day. The only door open in the north building (**grades 3-8**) will be the **main center** door. In the south building (**PS-2**), the open door will be the **front entrance by the church office** (south side) which is open from 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM unless arrangements are made ahead of time to stay open longer.

**All parents and visitors need to check in at the office before proceeding to classrooms.**

All students arriving before **7:45 AM** will be admitted into the building during bad weather, but will not be able to go to their classrooms until 7:45 bell or until buses arrive.

## BIBLE STUDY UPDATE:

**This Summer...** join us in the Fellowship Center in-between Sunday Services for the rest of 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"***

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. The schedule of videos is as follows:

6. Why believe in a 6-day creation? (July 31<sup>st</sup>)
7. Does the age of the earth matter? (August 7<sup>th</sup>)
8. Did dinosaurs & humans live together? (August 14<sup>th</sup>)
9. What about the missing link? (August 21<sup>st</sup>)
10. From where did the different races come? (August 28<sup>th</sup>)

Each Sunday that we meet this summer, we will watch an approximately 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 P.S. Dates may be subject to change, please check weekly bulletin announcements for any changes.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS GOOD NEWS!

The boiler in the School is repaired & ready for use. After the inspection, it was stated that it was an excellent machine and will last for years to come. The Board is very happy with the workmanship as well. You are welcome, as members of First Ev Lutheran Church, to look for yourselves. Now, as promised, the Board is selling those forced-air furnaces

that were used temporarily from February through May (roughly).

The models are: Evcon, Model GM9S080C16DH, horizontal unit, 75,000 BTU's & a Bryant Pulse 90T series, Model 352AAV, vertical unit, 100,000 BTU's. Original price; \$1,900 each & used for 3-4 mos. The owner's manuals for each unit are in my office. You're welcome to look if you'd like.

They are accepting the best offers. If interested and want to make a bid, email me at [dramirez@firstglencoe.org](mailto:dramirez@firstglencoe.org). They'll take bids until August 7th. The bids will be kept private. If you don't have access to a computer, please call 320-864-5522 and ask for me. Blessings, Debi Ramirez, Business Manager

## **Adult Membership Classes Coming Soon**

There will be a couple of options for new membership classes coming soon. One class will be scheduled for this fall on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 AM in mid-October and another set of classes for mid-January 2017 in the evening. Start dates have not been decided yet. Both sets of classes will be six sessions and meet with Pastor Welch.

If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Welch or register through the Church Office.

## **FLC Prayer Chain**

We're always looking for new members to join our Prayer Chains! We have both a Phone Chain (take a phone call request, pray, and phone it forward to the next name on the chain list) and an E-Mail Chain (simply receive an email message with a prayer request and pray). You can join anytime. All prayer chain members use Christian discretion and you can even make your prayer request anonymously. To join either Prayer Chain or to make a prayer request, please contact the church office or one of the prayer chain phone #'s listed on all weekly bulletins.

## **Common Cup Ministry School Supply Drive**

Here we are in the month of August already! Therefore, school is about a month away. The Common Cup Ministry along with the Salvation Army will once again supply the less fortunate children with their basic needs.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
Common Cup relies on individuals for these supplies or monetary contributions. We do appreciate all, as we would not like to keep anyone from receiving help. We are accepting donations thru Monday, August 15.

A list of needed supplies as well as application forms for individuals needing help in receiving their back to school needs are located in the south church main entrance. Wed., Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> from 5PM – 8PM and Thur., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9AM – 11AM are the days for distribution at Lincoln School.

Can you help bring a smile to a child's face? God has blessed us well so we can be a blessing to others.

## **Come One Come All... To the Sunday School Carnival**

**Church Fellowship Center!  
Sun, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 AM**

The 2016-2017 Sunday School is about to begin. On Education Sunday, September 11th, 9:00-10:00 AM, the Christian Education Board and Sunday School teachers will welcome children and their parents to a registration carnival in the Fellowship Center. Parents will register their children while the children play games, meet their teachers and have a snack. All children ages 2 through high school are welcome. **It's Grandparents Day, too! So grandparents, bring your grandchildren to the carnival to enjoy the fun.**

## **Thank You From...**

...**The** Custodian, Louie Tessmer, and the Business Manager, Debi Ramirez, would like to thank Loren Engelmann, Randy Bussler, Harlan Mathews, and all the Trustees for all of the donated hours they have put in again this year: Office desks and cabinets, stools for the office, boiler hours, fixing fans & anything electronic, shoveling sand out of the street gutters, and basically anything we ask. Harlan thanks for your work on the gravel run off and planting. Randy for leveling and seeding the area after the building was demolished. Loren has even gone a step further, and is helping Tori Kidd and the Christian Education Board with Vacation Bible School this summer building props. The Trustees are always here when we call and always with a kind word and a smile. Please forgive me for what I've missed; but I can't list all of the things and all of the men involved...there's just too many examples.

These men donate their time and talents and go beyond what's expected to help make it easier on our budget. In effect, they are lowering our indebtedness by lowering our expenses. Please give them a nod or pat on the back when you see them. Thank you.

## **ANGEL SEEDS July - September Goes to Common Cup**

The mission of Common Cup Ministry is to gather and share Spiritual and financial resources of area churches into one "Common Cup" so that we may minister to those in need. About CCM Common Cup Ministry currently consists of thirty member churches, twenty-six volunteers, an eight member Board of Directors and a Common Cup Representative Council. For more information on how to volunteer or become a member church, email us or please call the Common Cup Ministry office at 320) 587-2213.

## First Ev. Lutheran "Lutheran Women's Missionary League"

### 103 WOMEN ON A MISSION

**One-hundred-three women** of First Ev. Lutheran serves the Lord through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We are **volunteers, honorary members and rostered members.** Our goal is to **serve the Lord with gladness** through local, zone, district and national projects. We are affiliated with the National Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the official women's auxiliary organization of LCMS. Our magazine is "The Lutheran Women's Quarterly". It deals with contemporary Christian issue of interest to women or men.

Officers:

President – Ruth Terlinden

Vice president – Rosie Karg

Treasurer – Sharon Schauer

Kitchen Replacement Fund

Treasurer – Sharon Schauer

LWML Delegates – Joyce Schiroo,

Helen Becker

Alternate Delegates – Darlene

Matuska, Darlene Dammann

Advisor – Pastor Mathison

We meet monthly for **devotions, Bible Study and mission inspiration.** Programs:

Jeannie Von Berg, reporting on National LWML Convention in Des Moines

Christmas Party with ornament exchange and K, 1st & 2nd FLS children entertaining

LWML skit – "Jesus is the Light of the World"

"Jesus, the Bread of Life" and

bread making demonstration

"Antiques Road Show" with

Pines-N-Tiques antique evaluations

Pipe organ demonstration and

explanation by Mr. Luke Dahl

**Bible Studies at meetings:**

- "Seedy Characters" about Bible characters and how God used them
- "19 Minutes with Luther – the Law"
- "Wanted – Workers in God's

Harvest"

- "The Gospel – the Nature of God"

Members attended Zone events at Our Savior, Hutchinson "Being Christian in a Non-Christian World" and Peace, Hutchinson "Hippos Excavation – a second century Christian Church."

Members also attended the District LWML Convention "The Living Word" and the District LWML Retreat "Current Challenges to Christian Living."

Members served the GRHS Long Term Care Birthday party, supervised the church kitchen cleaning, helped un-decorate the fellowship hall Christmas trees, supervised the dessert fellowship on Wednesday afternoons in Lent, maintained the church library, and served funerals. We are also available to serve other special functions.

At the request of the trustees, we manage the kitchen replacement fund. All groups using the kitchen donate to the replacement fund to provide kitchen supplies and maintain the equipment.

Members who serve on the Zone LWML level are Glenda Schuft, McLeod Zone president and Rosie Karg, McLeod Zone vice-president. Glenda Schuft also serves with National LWML "Gifts of Love" as an advocate for planned giving through the LCMS Foundation.

We set a goal to assemble 10 "**Mercy Kits**" including a bath towel, washcloth and several toiletry items. We were delighted to obtain items to complete **51 kits!** They will be distributed through Orphan Grain Train, an LCMS Human Care organization, to people in need.

We carefully and prayerful contribute financially to local, district and national LWML projects.

Every month we collect "**mites**". These offerings go to District and National mission projects. LWML, on all levels, carefully examines the projects, making sure they are worthy of support. **Our contributions for national and district mission projects for this year was \$2017.12.**

We also carefully and prayerfully contributed to projects of our own:

- \$600 – Orphan Grain Train (postage, storage and distribution funds)
- \$300 – Lutheran Heritage Foundation (publishes quality material, variety of languages)
- \$300 – Trinity First Lutheran School, Mpls. (reaches many un-churched families)
- \$500 – Lutheran World Relief
- \$300 – Mayer Lutheran HS
- \$500 – FLS 7th and 8th grade trip to Wolf Ridge
- \$100 – Addie Luehrs (Mission trip to Mexico)
- \$100 – Lutheran Hour Broadcast
- \$995 - "Strength for the Day" (pamphlets for pastors to give to those hospitalized)
- \$630 - "My Devotions" (devotion booklets for FLC tract racks)
- \$143 – Long Term Care birthday party (refreshments, entertainment and gifts)
- \$243 – Bulletins sent to shut-ins (postage)

**Total: \$6728.12**

**All contributions are Mission-minded and Christ-centered.** We usually don't make secular contributions. Our funds come from a Salad Luncheon in September, a Christmas Bake and Craft sale in December, serving funerals and other events and donations. **Donations from members and others are encouraged, accepted and appreciated. They are not required.**

The next National LWML Convention is July 2017. It is our society's turn to provide a voting delegate for this convention where the next biennium mission goal and mission projects will be selected.

Membership in our **LWML is open to any woman of the congregation.** Please join us as a volunteer member, rostered member or guest. You may be as active as you want. We would like to be your vehicle to "**Serve the Lord with Gladness.**" Contact any member or pastor for more information.

## Warm Coats for McLeod County 2016

It is too warm to think about winter coats but fall is fast approaching.

There will be a collection box on the side of the church office to collect good used and clean winter coats from Sept. 8 thru Oct. 9. Especially needed are children and youth sizes. We want to encourage all families to go through their winter coats with an eye toward donating outgrown or under-needed warm coats for kids and adults.

Distribution will be at the McLeod County Fairgrounds on Thurs. Oct 20 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

This project is organized by Common Cup Ministries along with McLeod Co. Social Services, Heartland Community Action Agency, Rotary, Salvation Army and numerous community volunteers. Financial support provided by Thrivent Financials for Lutherans.

We are always looking for volunteers to help sort and size coats. Please contact Common Cup at 320-864-5511 with any questions.

## GET WELL SOON

**The Board of Trustees**, Louie our Custodian, and Debi our Business Manager, we'd like to extend our prayers and good wishes to Keith Zajicek and his whole family. We hope to see you back at our meetings again really soon. It's just not the same without you. Randy Bussler, Mark Ahlbrecht, Harlan Mathews, Loren Engelmann, Dave Witthus, Dave Wendolek, Dave Wolff, Brett Brelje, Doug Schultz, and Kevin Cohrs

## Nominating Committee...

...wishes to inform everyone that they will be recruiting new board members for all of our Church Boards. These positions are to serve two years terms starting January 1, 2017.

THE BOARDS INCLUDE:

--**Board of Christian Education:** Confirmation, Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, VBS, etc..

--**Day School Board:** Supervise Day School Christian Education.

--**Board of Deacons:** Supervise public worship services.

--**Board of Evangelism:** Supervise the work of spreading the Gospel (FLC Public Relations).

--**Stewardship Board:** Initiate programs developing good stewardship in the Congregation insuring the financial stability of the Congregation.

--**Board of Trustees:** Supervise the property of the Congregation and to oversee building maintenance and office staff.

--**Youth Board:** Supervise the Christian nurture of youth in the Congregation.

--**Cemetery Board:** Maintain the cemetery property.

Prayerfully consider joining one of these Boards and share your time and talent with our Congregation. If you know, you'd like to join, please contact the office at 864-5522, or any of the Nominating Committee members. Thank you.

The 2016 Nominating Committee: Mark Schmidt, Mary Gronholz, Jenny Dahlke, Dennis Wolter, Rosie Karg, Cindy Eggersgluess, and Quinn Beneke

## FLC Sunday School Sponsoring Ethiopian Child

The First Lutheran Church Sunday School is sponsoring an Ethiopian child through the Compassion International organization. Abdi is a toddler who lives with his mother in central Ethiopia. One of Abdi's needs is to continue to receive developmental and healthy support from his local child development center. Abdi's also needs to hear about Jesus and how he is loved by our God. The Sunday School children will be given opportunities to communicate with Abdi, support Abdi's needs with gifts of Sunday School offerings, and pray for a new friend.

## Reimbursed Senior Volunteer Positions

In Glencoe & Hutchinson areas: Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is looking for volunteers (age 55 & older) to serve in its Senior Companion Program, assisting the staff with activities with their clients. Our volunteers receive a tax-free hourly stipend, as well as mileage reimbursement, and other benefits. If you are interested, contact: Gail Sumerfelt at 507.530.2295 or Gail.Sumerfelt@lssmn.org

## Charitable Gift Options

You can remember the ministries of First Lutheran Church and School through a wide variety of gifts. Keep in mind; this is only a partial list of the many ways for you to make charitable gifts.

❖ **Will or Trust Bequest.** Create a bequest by including a charitable gift provision in your will or trust document. Your estate could receive a charitable deduction for the value of the bequest.

❖ **Beneficiary Designation Gifts.** Name a charity as the beneficiary of your life insurance, annuity, trust, or IRA. Your estate could receive a charitable deduction for the value of your assets transferred to the charity.

❖ **Life Insurance Gifts.** Purchase and gift a new contract to a charity, or gift an existing contract. The contract's value and premiums might qualify you for an income tax deduction. Upon your death, the insurance proceeds go to the charity.

❖ **Investment Gifts.** Transfer your ownership of an investment (for example, land, a mutual fund, or a stock) to a charity. If you itemize tax deductions, you could receive a deduction for the gift you've made. You may be able to reduce or eliminate capital gains and estate taxation through this type of gift as well.

❖ **Gift Annuity.** Transfer money or property in exchange for a fixed income for your and/or a survivor's lifetime. Generally, you

can receive an income tax deduction for the difference between the market value of the gift and the value of the retained annuity.

Upcoming newsletters will continue to explore "Giving Options." Always consult a financial, legal, or tax professional before putting a gifting plan into action.

Submitted by 2016 Endowment Committee Members: Bruce Donnay, Rosie Karg, Stephanie Schlauderaff, Debi Ramirez, Wayne Ahlbrecht, Brian Grochow, Kermit Terlinden and Roger Gronholz

## **First Edition Book Club**

The next book is Karen Kingsbury's Timeless Love series; book one, "A Time to Dance". A meeting and discussion is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm at Brenda Birkholz' home (8262 130<sup>th</sup> St., Glencoe).

In "A Time to Dance", John and Abby are ready to call it quits, but is it ever too late to love? They're the perfect couple--envied by their friends, cherished by their children, admired by their peers. John and Abby Reynolds know they're just pretending to be happy. In fact, they're waiting for the right time to tell the kids they're going to divorce. At the family meeting where they plan to tell their children, Nicole shares a surprise of her own: she's getting married. How can they spoil her joy with their announcement? They can pretend a little longer--until after the wedding. Questions begin to haunt them as the date draws nearer. What happened to the love and commitment that held them together for so long? Is it still there somewhere under all the pain and misunderstanding? Is it still possible, alone in the moonlight on an old wooden pier, to once more find...a time to dance?

This is the first novel in Karen Kingsbury's celebrated series about the resiliency of love, the power of commitment, and the amazing faithfulness of God. The other novel in this series is "A Time to Embrace".

## **McLeod County Relay For Life**

Please join The Bumps Stop Here team at the Annual American Cancer Society McLeod County Relay for Life:

Friday, August 5, 2016 At 3 PM  
Masonic West River Park,  
Hutchinson

**Les Kouba Drive Highway 7 West  
(behind the Days Inn – formerly  
the Best Western Victorian Inn).  
Hutchinson, MN**

*Help honor cancer survivors and  
remember those who have lost their  
battle.*

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement symbolizes hope and our shared goal to end a disease that threatens the lives of so many people we love. If cancer has touched your life, **participating in a Relay For Life event** is a way to take action and help finish the fight. This is your opportunity to honor cancer survivors, remember those you have lost, and raise funds and awareness to fight back and help end cancer forever.

For more information, contact Mary Cassem [Mary.cassem@cancer.org](mailto:Mary.cassem@cancer.org) or call 507-380-5189 or visit their website at [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=en&fr\\_id=67329](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=en&fr_id=67329).

## **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](mailto:loiswinter@yahoo.com) for brochure.

## **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!

Cindy Eggersgluess 238-2148

[eggsglueescindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggsglueescindy@gmail.com)

Jeri Ring 864-4029

[jring8655@aol.com](mailto:jring8655@aol.com)

Lynn Exsted 864-6452

[lexsted14@gmail.com](mailto:lexsted14@gmail.com)

We especially appreciate it when our young members share their personal writings!

**"Like Job"**

**Fatigue, darkness –**

**That is what I feel**

**I am fading from the path**

**The one I used to cling to**

**I used to clutch to hope**

**Hope for me is fleeting, fading –**

**Where has it gone?**

**Life is hard**

**So hard without your light, Lord**

**I feel much like Job**

**Struggling to keep my faith alive**

**Trying to believe better days are**

**coming**

**Reach out your hand to guide me,**

**Lord**

**I need your help now**

**Help me to see the better days to  
come.**

**- by Katy Kunkel**

## **Coborn's "Labels For Learning"**

Did you know that at the bottom of your Coborn's receipts, there is a portion that says "Food Club – Top Care – Full Circle – Paws, "Labels for Learning"? Every time you buy one of Coborn's generic brands, the register calculates points on your Purchase. Those points, when turned in to Coborn's corporate office, earn our school 1 cent each. We recently sent in over 200,000 points... That means a \$2,000.00 income for practically doing nothing!

These coupons **DO NOT** expire! Yes, there is an expiration date on them; but Coborn's corporate office has assured us that they **DO NOT** expire. In fact, the programmers at the corporate office are in the process of taking the expiration date off the printed coupon.

Coborn's Stores stop issuing them during the summer because it was started as a "school" project.

Again, the Coborn's "Labels For Learning" **DO NOT** expire, so don't throw them away! They can still earn our school a "penny a point"!

What is the moral of the story? Shop at Coborn's; buy the generic brands Food Club (grocery), Top Care (over the counter Pharmacy), Full Circle (organic foods), and Paws (pet products); & bring your points to the church and drop them in the drawer marked Coborn's located behind the south entrance Welcome Center. Help earn valuable points for First Lutheran School. If you have any questions, please call Debi at 864-5522.

## **Bulletins of the Boards**

**Church Council Meeting June 16.** Board minutes reviewed. Check into reviewing optional lines of credit through Lutheran Church Extension Fund. We currently work with First MN Bank.

**Christian Education Board, July 7.** This month's Board of Christian Education meeting included Jennifer Goff, Julie Uecker, Tammy Martin, Tori Kidd, Donna Kunkel, Laurie Schauer, Angela Grimm and Jackee Fountain. Our exciting Vacation Bible School event has almost arrived! It starts July 31st through August 4th. Please see the VBS donation tree in the south entrance for supply requests still needed. We've made all the VBS preparations and can't wait for all the children to join in the fun. It's not too late to register!! We also have begun planning for the 2016-2017 Sunday School year. The next Christian Ed Board meeting is August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Trustees, July 11.** Reviewed and updated the inspection checklist from the June meeting & inspection. The boiler

repairs are complete. None of the tubes needed replacing. The annual inspection was conducted and last year's checklist was reviewed and updated.

The Security is installed and running. Josh Olson will be back to conduct some training this week. We discussed the cabinet in the Business Manager's office and the possibility of having a custom made cabinet for that space to house the monitor for the main floor's eight cameras. It was suggested to call James Mathews for this. The office carpeting was discussed. We have received a quote for carpet squares. Another quote will be requested. General consensus was that we need to replace the carpet in at least the front office and hallway for now. There is some repair required to the Church boiler as well. Looked at & discussed a quote received. Discussion will continue.

**Special Voters' Assembly of June 20 – A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED** to pass the Church Fiscal budget.

**Day School Board, July 12.** Mr. Scheele enrolled two new students. Approved the start of all day preschool for 3 and 4 year old's to be taught by Mrs. Bargmann and the cost for this program. We approved the purchase of 24 new Chromebooks for the 7th and 8th grade classrooms. Planning on updated the Microsoft Office software for the school's computers after a few more questions are answered. We approved the placement of a full-page ad in Glencoe Guide Book for the school.

**The Board of Evangelism & Assimilation, July 5.** No summary given.

**Board of Deacons, July 7. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND passed to mail a letter including our bylaws to an inactive member with questions. Polka service for July 16th 2017 is booked - youth involvement in ushering, working with Tori.**

**Board of Stewardship, July 7.** A letter was revised for enclosure in the fiscal statement this month.

Pastor Mathison will reformat and give to the office for printing. Board received a thank you from Feed My Starving Children for a donation.

There was discussion about emphasis on the 3 T's with teapots on September 18<sup>th</sup> for Stewardship Sunday. We could possible give candy and stickers to the children with the logo on them.

**Youth Board, July 5,** the board heard that the youth Slip and Slide Kickball event was well attended with about 25-30 youth in attendance. The board continued to discuss making changes to the NYG/Youth checkbook account in the near future. Also, the Wi-Fi extender device purchased last month did not work out as hoped; the board is looking into other options. The board also discussed the impending NYG trip and heard details regarding the finalized plans for the trip. New Business: The board selected three dates to server Fellowship, October 16<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> 2016 as well as June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017. Due to summer schedules/vacations etc. the board decided not to meet in August, the next regular meeting of the Board of Youth will be Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7:00. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. **Church Council, July 28.** No summary given due to newsletter deadline.

### **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 arrange 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](mailto:imhis38@gmail.com)



## Stewardship Newsletter Article

### *Jesus Accepts and Perfects Our Gifts*

As sinful people, we are incapable of giving God what He deserves from us. However, we can be confident that our gifts are acceptable to God through Jesus. To illustrate this point, there is a story about a wood-carver who early in his life was a renowned carver. He passed on his craft to his son. Later in his life, the old man's eyes began to dim, and his hands began to tremble. He could no longer carve the perfect figures of his youth. He would mar the figure, and imperfections blighted his work. His fading eyes could no longer see the flaws.

During the night, as the father was sleeping, the son would sneak down and correct his father's flaws in the newly carved wood. When the figures passed through the hands of the son, they were made perfect again.

In the same way, we may bring our imperfect gifts with the confidence that, as they pass through the hands of Jesus, they will all be placed before the Father in absolute perfection.

In the beginning, we, as the centerpiece of God's creation, were created in God's image so we were without sin. Just as the early woodcarvings were flawlessly created, so were we. Because of sin, everything changed. Since the act of rebellion in the Garden, mankind has lived in darkness and separated from God. To reconcile us to Himself and to bring us out of darkness into His wonderful light, God sent His Son to live among us and to take our sin with Him to the Cross. Through His death and resurrection, we are forgiven, and He has adopted us as His children.

Because of our relationship with God through Jesus, God is pleased with our works and gifts that are offered in faith. Prompted by faith and love, we give with changed hearts that seek to do God's will. Our gifts express our gratitude to

Him and are used to worship Him. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we give generously and cheerfully. God receives our gifts and uses them to provide for His churches, to help the needy, to provide for our Christian schools, to support missionaries, and a host of Christian organizations and causes. Jesus accepts our gifts, perfects them, and magnifies them so God's purposes are accomplished. Praise God for His wonderful grace that He would choose to work through us.

### August 2016 - News Thrivent Financial

© **Thrivent Choice** – Last month, we received \$20 Choice Dollars for FLS and \$63 for FLC! 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 \$ to! Eligible members will continue to receive Choice \$ on a quarterly basis. Be sure to keep checking and making your designations. 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 to 8 pm or Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact the church office.

© **Thrivent Action Teams** - Located on the entrance/exits are flyers entitled "101 Action Team Ideas." It might help to spark action!

There are 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.

If you've already led a team, please consider sharing your story. Each Thrivent member is eligible to lead two Action Teams per calendar year.

When you're 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).

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!

WHAT IF each of our 460 Thrivent members led two Action Teams per year? That would calculate to 920 Action Teams that each received \$250 Seed Money. So... 920 Action Teams x \$250 = \$230,000! What a difference we could make in our church and community!

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

Cindy & Neil Eggersgluess - 320-238-2148  
[eggsglueescindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggsglueescindy@gmail.com)  
Linda Becker, Charles Jensen, Verna & Harold Kunkel, Pastor Mathison, Amy Welch  
– Your Congregational Advocates

## Special Gifts Received

Leroy & Adele Suttles (in memory of Dale Sickmann)	\$10 FLS Heating Fund
Ken & Gwen Wendinger (in memory of Dale Sickmann)	40 FLS Heating Fund
Willis & Lois Herrmann (in memory of Reuben Willmsen)	10 Debt Reduction
Sylvia Luehrs (in memory of her brother, Virgil Schilling)	50 FLS Heating Fund
Quilting Ladies	510 General Fund

### 2015-16 Financials: July-June (12-mo Fiscal Year)

GENERAL FUND INCOME (July-June)	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Envelopes	793,006.27	752,902.98
Thrivent "Choice" Member Elections	17,077.00	7,241.00
CHP – Be Well Rewards	1,135.00	33,045.95
School Heating Fund	14,478.00	--
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	16,179.30	19,428.75
School Tuition	<u>132,193.43</u>	<u>151,695.47</u>
	\$ 974,069.00	\$ 964,314.15

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (July-June)	<u>This Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Staff	883,656.06	861,520.06
CHP – Be Well Rewards	62.09	11,633.50
Buildings	80,636.03	78,396.99
Operations	41,810.63	43,585.63
School Heating Fund	9,052.25	
School "Keep it Happening" Fund	13,521.00	--
Interest on Line of Credit	<u>250.00</u>	<u>266.70</u>
	\$ 1,028,988.06	\$ 995,402.88

**MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:**      \$ 22,294.44                      \$ 30,342.66

June 30, 2014 GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS: (\$ 79,792.86)

June 30, 2015 GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS: (\$127,996.06)

June 30, 2016 GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS: (\$183,180.96)

(The report prepared before year-end entries. Look for a more complete report in the Annual Report.)

## First Lutheran School Flame Flash ~ August Newsletter

### Please Pray for:

- All parents seeking a quality Christian education, that they may choose FLS.
- Those families that continue to travel this summer that they may arrive at their destination safely.
- Seasonal weather that our fields and gardens might flourish.

### Blessing of the Backpacks

All students and their families are invited to attend the 10:30 worship service on Sunday August 28. During this service, students will be asked to bring their backpacks to the front of church where pastor will have a blessing and prayer to kick off the school year. After the service, students will be able to drop off their supplies in the classrooms. There is a possibility of a picnic lunch to follow. More on that to come later.

### School Doors

For safety and liability reasons, doors will be locked during the school day. The only door open in the north building (grades 3-8) will be the main center door. In the south building (PS-2), the open door will be the front entrance by the church office (south side). All parents and visitors should check in at the office before proceeding to classrooms. All students arriving before 7:35 AM will be admitted into the building during bad weather. They will not be able to go to their classrooms until 7:45 bell or until buses arrive.

### First Day of School

Classes at First Lutheran School will begin on Monday, August 29. An opening service, led by Pastor Welch, will be held at 8:15 AM in church to open the new term. Parents are encouraged to attend opening service at 8:15 AM. Class time: Grades K-8 (7:55 – 3:00). Half day preschool 7:55-11:00AM, all day preschool 7:55AM-3:00PM.

## Financial Assistance

Financial Aid is available for those in need of assistance to help defray the cost of the educational fee. Financial aid forms are available upon request. Parents should contact Mr. Scheele concerning financial assistance forms.

## Preschool-8 Final Registration Day

Our Final Registration day will be on Thursday, August 25, 3 - 5 PM and 6 – 7:30 PM in the Church Fellowship Center. On this day, tuition assessments will be made. If the registration fee has not been paid, each child is assessed \$125.

EDUCATION FEE	Member	Community
1st Child	\$1,375	\$2,585
Additional Child(ren)	\$1,170	\$2,200
	\$965	\$1,810
	\$825	\$1,550

Second graders receive a copy of the ESV Bible as a result of the up dating to the new CPH “*One in Christ Series*” which now includes grades PK and Kindergarten. Students entering Grade 3 & transfer students will also receive a copy of the catechism used for memory work.

Transfer students receive the appropriate Bible used for their grade level. If needed, you may purchase a replacement Bible for \$13 and catechism for \$5. The Day School Board requests that families pay a minimum of 25% of their total fee on Registration Day. Families receive either a credit or deduction on your state income tax on money paid for education fees in 2016 and all fees should be paid by the beginning of May.

## School Calendar and Supply List

The 2016-17 School Calendar and Student Supply List are available on our School Website; [firstglencoe.org](http://firstglencoe.org) as well as the principal’s bulletin board on Fast Direct <http://www.fastdir.com/firstglencoe/>

## Thank You to:

- Mrs. Bargmann for taking on the School Garden Project as well as all the volunteers who are helping.
- The School Board for their tireless service and dedication.
- Mr. Tessmer, Dustin Edmison, and Eric Dahlke for their hard work in making the school look great for this upcoming school year.

## Calendar Notes:

August 25	Registration finalization day
August 28	“Blessing of the Backpacks” at the 10:30AM church service
August 29	First day of school

## Change can be Good 2016-17 STAFF

Some exciting changes are taking place as we prepare for the upcoming school year at First Lutheran School. We are looking to strengthen our efforts in providing a top-notch education as we reorganize teaching assignments. We are working to insure that all teachers are providing instruction in their strength areas. To accomplish this we have developed the following schedule:

We are offering, and **Mrs. Bargmann** will be teaching, half day and all day preschool. **Mrs. Erickson** will be teaching first grade Math, Reading, English, and Religion as well as fourth grade Math, Reading, Spelling and English. **Mrs. Schmidt** will be teaching first and second grade Social Studies, Science, Spelling, STEM, Storytime, Art, and P.E. She will also teach second grade Reading, Math, English, and Religion. **Mrs. Scheele** will be teaching third grade Reading, Math, Spelling and English as well as third and fourth grade Religion, Art, Science, and Social Studies. **Mrs. Welch** will be teaching fifth and sixth boys health, fifth and sixth girls health, seventh and eighth girls health seventh and eighth boys health, fifth and sixth grade Art. **Mr. Scheele, Mr. Dahl, Mr. Fountain, and Mr. Husberg** will be teaching the same subjects as last year. Our FLS Secretary is **Michelle Alsleben** and our Teacher’s Aids are **Annette Bernstein, Mrs. Welch, and Sue Nord**.

## 2016-17 Lunch/Milk/Seconds

<p><u>K – Grade 3</u>                      \$2.25 @ 20 for \$45                      Milk                      \$0.40 @ 20 for \$8                      Seconds                      \$1.25 @ 20 for \$25                      Lunch</p>	<p><u>Grade 4 – Grade 8</u>                      \$2.35 @ 20 for \$47                      Lunch                      \$0.40 @ 20 for \$8                      Seconds</p>
--	--

Lunch and milk must be paid with a separate check since the Hot Lunch is totally self-supporting and not connected with congregation funding. Adult lunch is \$4 and Reduced Price lunches are \$0.40.

**The number of Free and Reduced Price lunches is used to determine the school’s allotment of Federal funds for the Title I. Title I is the program where students receive extra help in math and reading.**

## 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 \$320.00 from the Box Tops program and we are expecting a check for over \$2000.00 from our Coborn’s receipts And Kwik Trip tops \$166.35. Keep up the good work!