



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Glencoe, MN**  
**April 2020 Church Newsletter**  
**“Sharing Christ Changing Lives”**

**“Hope for Our Time”**

God made a reassuring promise to His servant, Joshua. “I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you” (Joshua 1:5). Joshua was about to begin the daunting task of leading God’s people, the Israelites, into the promised land of Canaan and to defeat all of Israel’s enemies there. But Joshua was not to fear, God would be with Him always.

In Your Baptism, God made a reassuring promise to you: “I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). God gave you His Holy Spirit and put His name on you. Wherever His name is, there He is to bless (Numbers 6:27). You are baptized into Jesus’ death and resurrection. You are a beloved and forgiven child of God. He will never leave you or forsake you!

What comfort this is most especially at this unprecedented time in history. We face the daunting task of living in the world filled with anxiety over the Coronavirus along with the sufferings and loss it has inflicted on many, as well as, the safe-distancing isolation it has forced us all into.

Speaking to the matter of sufferings, St. Paul writes in Romans 5:3-5: (W)e rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Here, Paul is not giving us a checklist of virtues that we will achieve on our own through our works. Rather, these are effects of the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives as Christians. As God helps us through suffering (and He does-even now!), He teaches endurance, He develops character in us, and He gives us hope.

There is no escaping suffering in this sinful, fallen world, but we have God’s word that our suffering is transformed by our relationship with Him. What’s more we have God’s promise to us in Romans 8:28: “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”

God’s blessings and peace be with you as we continue to journey together (from a safe social-distance!) during relatively brief uncertain time until that day when we are able to meet together to worship our God as His people! And just as God guided Joshua and the Israelites into the promised land of Canaan, we know that through all this God is leading us for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ to one day stand together in the Promised Land of heaven!

*~In Christ, Pastor Welch*

**ANGEL SEEDS**

The Abundant Table has been selected as the Angel Seeds recipient for donations received from April through June.

Abundant Table is a free Community Meal served at Christ Lutheran Church on the first Wednesday of each month for all in our community and surrounding areas. The meal served from 5:00-6:30pm and is open to families and children, elderly, and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand. It is not only about the meals, but about building community. In addition, it is also about decreasing isolation and providing a coordinated but loving response to people in need.

Thank you for prayerfully considering donating to this important mission endeavor!



**e-Giving**

Members & Visitors - It’s easy to support FL with e-Giving. In just seconds, you can make a weekly offering, respond to an appeal or pay for events, programs and other activities.

- Give anytime, anywhere
- Donate to your favorite funds
- Make your gifts recurring
- Donations are safe & secure

Ways to e-Give:

1. Give online via: [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org)  
(Click on “Giving” and then “Online Giving.”)
2. Give Plus Church – Mobile App  
(Download the app and search for FL)
3. Text to 855-976-9619

If you’d like help with any of the e-giving options, please call the church office. You’ll see just how easy it is!

## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Ecclesiastes 3:1–8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

God's Word is for all times and seasons as He says "a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing." This fits well with today, as God's Word always does! But, know this, God is always in control! Trust in Him. He will get us through this!

On March 17, the Church Council decided to postpone all corporate services at First Lutheran beginning Sunday, March 22 due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, upon the advice of the LCMS Minnesota South District and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

First Ev. Lutheran Church then had its last corporate service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18. As the Lenten midweek service ended, I noticed that everyone in the pews kept sitting. Normally, there is a rush to leave. But, not that Wednesday. We were all wondering the same thing: What is next?

We never expected that we would be exiled from worshipping together at the Divine Service.

So, here we are. What are we to do next?

Well, first trust in God with all your heart and with all your soul and will all your mind and with all your strength. Second, love your neighbor as yourself. This is the two tables of the Law. This is what Jesus teaches us to do in Mark 12:29-31.

None of us remember it, but we made it through the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic. This is what the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is being compared to, since both viruses spread so quickly. Back in 1918, businesses, schools and churches closed. Now, in 2020 we see much of the same. But, this time, we have widespread communication, so we remain connected with phone, radio, television, and the internet. We are more "connected," and yet, we are disconnected from much one-on-one interaction during this time.

So, during this time of social distancing, we can continue to be connected to each other through the phone, media and social media. This is a great time for the Church as we show the love of Jesus to the world as we care for our neighbor in need!

Now, pandemics are not a new thing. Martin Luther lived through a pandemic. Back then, the common name was "plague." In his letter to another pastor, Luther reminded this man that during these times, we are to continue to love our neighbor. We love by supporting our neighbor by not hurting or harming our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need (Luther's explanation to the Fifth Commandment in his Small Catechism). If you would like to read Luther's entire letter, it is available in the church office and at: <https://blogs.lcms.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Plague-blogLW.pdf>.

This letter was also referenced in the sermon on March 22, which is available at: <http://firstglencoe.org/?id=sermons>.

Also during this time, First Ev. Lutheran Church is continuing to be the place where God's Means of Grace are found. Each Sunday, you can watch First Lutheran's Sunday Divine Service live at 8 a.m. or recorded at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranGlencoe/>. The Sunday Divine Service is also available on Glencoe Cable Channel 10 at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 5:30 p.m. Friday. The Lenten midweek services are also be available on the church Facebook page.

Remember, this pandemic will pass and when it does, we will be back worshipping together each Sunday morning!

You may be in fear, but know this: God casts out all fear! He is always with you!

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Today and always, we have the sure and certain hope of eternal life, salvation and forgiveness of sins, since we are saved by grace through faith in Christ alone! We live in this sure and certain hope, since Christ who was slain is alive, indeed! This certain hope is shared in the hymn "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" (LSB 467):

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,  
See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness,  
Comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid  
Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light  
Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The foe in triumph shouted  
When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But lo, he now is routed,  
His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free;  
In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save  
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens—  
What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens  
The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake,  
No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God's own Son  
In love for me has won.  
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*~In Christ, Pastor Adelsen*

## First Edition Book Club

First Edition Book Club does not have an April meeting scheduled at this time. The March meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date. The book that will be discussed is *Smoke Screen*, by Terri Blackstock. Further information will be included in the bulletins/newsletter when a meeting time is determined. In the meantime, as we all practice "social distancing" – keep reading! Especially the greatest book, our Bible!



## FROM YOUR DCE:

James 1:2-4

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

As I read those verses it brings me comfort, but also frustration. There are so many trials that we have faced prior to this that have shaped us. These things have helped us grow in our faith, and press on. I know right now you might not feel as though pressing on is possible, but I promise that The Lord is near to us. He promises that he will never leave us or forsake us. In this time we are creating a new normal, but know that this isn't forever. As our lives change daily, cling to the constant of Jesus that he is the same yesterday, today and forever. Please know that even though we are remote, we are all still here for you. I am praying for us as a congregation at this time.

Christian Education looks a bit different during this time of being socially distant. Monday through Friday I make a family devotion video that consists of 2 songs and devotion read from CPH. A long with this, I reach out to kids weekly to see how they are doing, and find out how I can pray for them!

*Much Love ~ Tori*

## Library News:

Recent Additions: Non-fiction  
“MISSOURI in MINNESOTA” by Glenn W. Offermann, District Archivist – a centennial history of the Minnesota South District. (1882 – 1982)

This book is about remembering. The focal point is historical events which were a part of the experiences of the congregations, congregation members, pastors, teachers, and other people and agencies associated with what is now known as the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

This book is an overview of the major developments in the history of MN South District upon the centennial of its formal organization as a separate district within the Missouri Synod in 1882.

Included are some familiar names such as: A.H. Fellwock, Harvey Kath, Layton Lemke, Bill Niebuhr, Della Wolf, Clarence Schultz, Reuben Meissner and other familiar names.

Also contains stories of Early Congregational Life, Women in MN South District History, and Christian Education. A good read for history buffs.

Also added are:

“What You Can Say, When You Don't Know What to Say” - Lauren Briggs

“The Essential Grandparent” - Dr. Lillian Carson

“Healing for Damaged Emotions” - David A. Seamands



## 2020 Minnesota FoodShare Campaign Extended

Since 1982, Minnesotans have come together to support their communities and local food shelves during this annual Campaign. The Board of Evangelism will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf during the month of March and first part of April to “Pack the Baskets”. Baskets will be placed at all church entrances.



If you prefer to donate cash instead, cash donations greatly multiply the Food Shelf's ability to purchase healthier fresh, frozen and perishable foods. For every \$1 cash donation, the Food Shelf can buy \$4 worth of food through their access to discount products and programs. Cash donations can be made through your offering envelopes using the “other” line and writing in “Food Shelf” (or place cash/check in a plain envelope with “Food Shelf” written on outside; include name to include this on your annual offering statement). You can also make monetary donations online through the Give Plus app, through the church's website, or directly to the food shelf at [www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org/donate](http://www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org/donate).

All food and financial support received by 8:00 PM **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, is eligible for additional grant funds from MN State FoodShare and their sponsors.



The board of Evangelism delivered 143 pounds of donations during the month of March. Please continue to prayerfully donating to this important mission endeavor!



## Lutheran Night at the MN Twins



I think many of us are looking forward to watching the MN Twins! We are still hoping that Lutheran Night at MN Twins will happen as currently scheduled, however we will have to wait and see.

Tickets are reserved for the 7 PM game on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> against the Los Angeles Dodgers. Seats are located in

Section 217 at a cost of \$36 each. Bus transportation from First Ev. Lutheran Church in Glencoe will depart at 4:15 PM, at a cost of about \$12 per person. Please contact Cindy at 238-2148 or [eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com) to reserve your spot! All community members are welcome!



In October Mr. Scheele challenged FLS students to raise \$9400 or more during their Nonpublic School Marathon. The students surpassed that goal. On Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> FLS Principal Dean Scheele made good on his promise to "jump in a lake".



## Lutheran Hour Topics for April

Each Sunday during April at 12:30 pm listen to the Lutheran Hour broadcast on radio station KDUZ 1260 AM. This month you will hear the following program broadcast topics:



**April 5** "There's Still Time" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. People can be unreceptive to God's love because they are very bad-or because they think they are very good. (Exodus 11-12)

**April 12** "You Haven't Lost Me" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Sermon based on Exodus 14.

**April 19** "Rescue, Test, Rest" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Sermon based on Exodus 16.

**April 26** "TBD" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Thank you for supporting these broadcasts with your gifts and your prayers. We have been blessed with sponsors through August of 2020. Call ahead to inquire about open Sundays available in 2020. The current cost for each broadcast is \$94.00. Contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or e-mail [richstreufert@embarqmail.com](mailto:richstreufert@embarqmail.com) with your sponsorship requests. Checks should be made out to "KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour Broadcast". Send your checks to "KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters", % Rich Streufert, 1620 Knight Ave. N., Glencoe, MN 55336

## SENT Radio

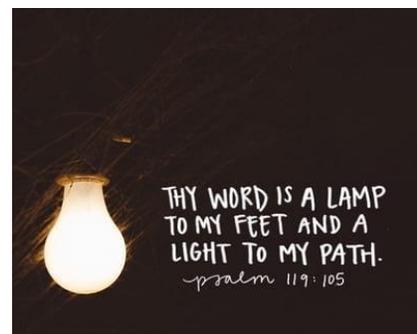
Access inspirational messaging anytime you need it by listening to SENT Radio, the online radio stream from Lutheran Hour Ministries. SENT Radio broadcasts the Gospel of Jesus Christ worldwide twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. SENT Radio can be found at <https://www.lhm.org/sentradio/>.



Every hour SENT Radio features sermons from former Lutheran Hour Speakers, as well as scripture readings, hymns and instrumentals. Morning prayer and Evening Vespers can be heard each day at 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM respectively.

Daily Devotions can be heard four times daily: in the 9 AM hour and 9 PM hour following Morning Prayer and Evening Vespers respectively. Additionally, at 3 AM and 3 PM at the top of the hour. Please note that all times listed are Central time zone.

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



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

A Message from First Lutheran LWML  
President Melissa Adelsen



Dearest LWML Members, Volunteers  
and Friends,

After prayerful consideration, it is in everyone's best interest to cancel the April LWML meeting. We should be wise about protecting ourselves, and about protecting the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ around us. Pastor Adelsen and I urge you to follow the "social distancing" concept urged by our government. Please don't hesitate to call me at home (864-3522) with ANY questions, comments or concerns. Or if you just need someone to talk with!

As of this time, we still plan to have our May LWML meeting. If that changes in the future we will let you know. I am praying for all of your safety and health! I will be using this "at home" time to draw close to God and study His Word to bring us peace and comfort. Here are some comforting verses God has given to meditate on. Please share them with others if you'd like.

1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you."

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6: 25-28 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin."

Matthew 6: 34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Philippians 4:6-7 "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Take care, dear sisters and brothers in Christ.  
God's blessings, Melissa Adelsen

# CANCELLED

The McLeod Zone LWML Rally scheduled for April 18 at St. Paul Lutheran, Lester Prairie, has been canceled.

**QUESTION:** The CDC (Centers for Disease Control) wants me to wash my hands thoroughly for a full 20 seconds. What can I do during that time?



**ANSWER:** Sing "The Doxology" aloud or quietly to yourself! That takes about 20 seconds.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

Praise Him all creature here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

(The Lord's Prayer also takes about 20 seconds.)

## FLC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:

We hope everyone is enjoying and using our new Church Pictorial Directory! What a great way for our members to put faces to names and a wonderful tool to help our new members feel connected!



If you were photographed and haven't yet received your free directory, please contact the Church Office.

We also ordered extra directories which are available to purchase for \$10 each. Our Church Library collection also has a copy that is available to checkout.

If you have ANY corrections or updates to our member contact information, please notify the office (office@firstglencoe.org). We will use this information to update church records. During this last month, email addresses were especially important.

This directory can be updated regularly.....so If you or someone you know would like to be included in our next Photo Directory, please contact the office to get on the "List." Once we have (20) additional families ready to be photographed, Lifetouch will visit First Lutheran to take the photos and then reprint new Directory books for everyone!

Becky Edwards & Cindy Eggersgluess – Church Pictorial Directory Committee



## **Stories of Faith**

The Public Relations (PR) Team invites members to share their stories related to situations or events in which they experienced God's love and providential care.

Cindy Eggersgluess	238-2148	
	eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com	
Jeri Ring	864-4029	jring8655@aol.com
Lynn Exsted	864-6452	lexsted14@gmail.com

Do you have something you are willing to share? Or if you do, but aren't sure how to put it together, just reach out to one of the PR team members. We would really appreciate your input!

I was especially grateful to have access to so many online resources this past month. Did you know that Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has hundreds of free or low-cost outreach resources available? Explore the selection of booklets, video Bible studies, etc. (lhm.org/outreachresources).

LHM also offers free mobile apps for Daily Devotions, The Lutheran Hour, Men's NetWork, and Project Connect (visit lhm.org/apps). Please check out all these comforting and inspiring tools available through your computer or mobile devices.



## **FLC Prayer Chain**

We're always looking for new members to join our Prayer Chain! We have both a Phone Chain and an E-Mail Chain. You can join anytime. Participation as a member is simple, but so very powerful! The Bible says in Phil 4:6, "But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be known to God." If anyone would like to join the Prayer Chain or make a prayer request, please contact the church office or one of the prayer chain phone numbers: 320-864-3892 or 320-238-2148.



## **Thank you to our Volunteers!**

1 Peter 4:10 – God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.

## **Maximize Charitable Giving**



You can remember the ministries of First Lutheran Church and School through a wide variety of gifts. Gifts come in many ways and sizes. Some of these planned gifts can even provide significant financial and tax benefits to you.

Giving is important to you. It's good for the soul, and for your financial life, too. People make charitable donations for a number of reasons. Among the most common are to leave a lasting imprint. But, don't be ashamed to list tax breaks among your reasons for giving. Our country's well-being relies on public donations, which is why the U.S. government provides taxpayers with these benefits. Gifts that Give Back. Give happily. There are many ways to give and not all of them involve writing a check. Some forms of charitable gifts commit cash and other assets to future purposes, while assuring the donor continued income. Yes, you can continue to earn interest on monies promised to your favorite cause.

**Life Income Gifts.** Consider establishing a life income gift such as charitable gift annuities and remainder trusts. These assets are irrevocably transferred to an organization to be managed for a term of years or until the end of a donor's or beneficiary's life. In exchange for this commitment, you secure annual income for yourself or other beneficiaries, as well as substantial tax and charitable advantages. What's more, with good management and favorable market conditions, the original value of your gift can increase over the term, which means you'll actually be giving a larger gift when the time comes.

**Charitable Gift Annuities.** Charitable gift annuities typically involve transferring cash or property to a charitable organization in exchange for the charity's contractual promise to make fixed annuity payments to the donor (and/or spouse) for life. Payments can begin immediately, or the start date can be delayed to coincide with a particular event, such as retirement. This is a great way to simultaneously generate income and give charitably.

**Life Insurance Legacy.** Naming your favorite charity as beneficiary of a life insurance policy may be a low-cost way to give that can go a long way to minimizing the final taxes payable upon your passing. There are a few fairly straightforward ways you can use a life insurance contract as a form of charitable giving. You can, for example, name an organization as a life insurance beneficiary. This may be a good option for donors whose beneficiaries have preceded them in death or whose beneficiaries are covered by other life insurance contracts or assets. Donors may receive an estate tax deduction for the donated proceeds of the contract, but no tax benefit during their lifetimes. You can also donate a life insurance contract that has been paid up. Gifts completed more than three years prior to your death are generally not included in your estate for federal estate purposes. As a result, your estate may be subject to lower taxes

As always, we make ourselves available for your questions. 2020 Endowment Committee Les Engelmann, Wayne Albrecht, Tammy Mathews, Sheryl Mumm-Touailat, Stephanie Schlauderaff, Dawn Schauer, Cindy Eggersgluess, and Deb Ramirez

## **April 2020 News Thrivent Financial**

✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. So far in 2020, we've received \$2353 for FLC and \$1843 for FLS. 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 – Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the church office.



✓ **Thrivent Action Teams** - 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. Each year, every Thrivent member has (2) Action Teams to use!

Visit [Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://Thrivent.com/actionteam) to complete an online application (minimum 3 weeks before your event). If you are unable to make your request via computer, you can phone Thrivent and make your request via Customer Service – call 1-800-847-4836.

When your project is approved, Thrivent will provide resources (Action Team Kit) to help 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).

EVERY Thrivent member is eligible to lead two Action Teams per calendar year. IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR ACTION TEAMS, PLEASE LET CINDY OR BECKY KNOW! Involve others – it's all about your friends, family and community coming together to make a positive impact!

✓ **Thrivent 2021 Wall Calendar** – Plans for next year's Wall Calendar are already under way – and we need your help! The theme for our next calendar is "Gratitude." Gratitude is about focusing on what's good in our lives and being thankful for the things we have. Gratitude is pausing to notice and appreciate the things that we often take for granted. Research shows that regularly expressing gratitude makes us healthier and happier. As you reflect on your life, family, church, community, and the gifts you've been given by God, what makes you feel grateful? How do you express gratitude?

We're looking for original photos, reflections, Scripture passages, or photos of original artwork that capture this theme. For more info about how to submit entries and/or to pre-order the 2021 calendar, visit [Thrivent.com/calendar](http://Thrivent.com/calendar). The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2020.

✓ **Thrivent – Online Webinars** – Be sure to sign up to receive e-mails regarding upcoming free educational events and other Thrivent opportunities. Contact [TwinCititiesTMN@Thrivent.com](mailto:TwinCititiesTMN@Thrivent.com) to signup! Upcoming Webinars include:

### **Thurs, May 7 – 7:30-8:30 pm – Money & Marriage – Online Webinar**

Whether you are bringing two budgets together in marriage or have had the same "money argument" for 30 years, learn tools and tactics to get on the same page and write a (financial) love story together. The intended audience are those who are engaged or married and seeking to create a solid foundation for money management in their relationship. But as always, all are welcome.

### **Thurs, June 4 – 7:30-8:30 pm – Multigenerational Generosity for Christian Leaders – Online Webinar**

If you are a pastor, or leader of a Christian community, you've watched the landscape of generosity sprawl to span five unique and complex generations. This webinar aspires to inform your understanding of how these different generations view generosity and fuel your creativity with tactical solutions for how to engage all generations.

Cindy & Neil Eggersgluess - 320-238-2148 / [eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com)

Linda Becker, Charles Jensen, Verna & Harold Kunkel, Pastor Mathison, Amy Welch – Your Congregational Volunteers

## **Student Scholarships Available**



### **MAYER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Frieda Perschau Educational Trust provides scholarship funds for LHS students, based on financial need. Pick up application forms from the church or school offices. Forms must

be returned by **Tuesday, May 15th** in order to be considered for the 2020-2021-academic year.

### **FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Edwin & Ella Ponath Education Fund scholarships are again available for the 2020-2021 academic year. All First Lutheran Church members with students enrolled in First Lutheran School are eligible for scholarships. Scholarship awards are based on financial need AND on the amount of available funds.

Application forms were mailed to all member students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 the last week of March. Forms must be returned by **June 15th** in order to be considered for the 2020-2021 academic year. Questions on either of these scholarships should be directed to Debi Ramirez, Business Manager at (320) 864-5522 or [dramirez@firstglencoe.org](mailto:dramirez@firstglencoe.org) or Michelle Alsleben, FLS Secretary at 320-864-3317 or [malsleben@firstglencoe.org](mailto:malsleben@firstglencoe.org).

**First Lutheran School** also offers tuition aid. Anyone and everyone is eligible for this aid. The amount of the aid is calculated with a formula based on Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Please turn in the page of your tax form 1040 that includes your AGI to the School office any time before the new school year begins. You may also include the Form 1040 with your Ponath application. You'll automatically be eligible for aid. Your information is treated with the utmost privacy. Any questions, please contact Principal Dean Scheele, School Secretary Michelle Alsleben, or Business Manager, Debi Ramirez.

## Time with Me Children's Club

"Time with Me" Club is an activity group for 2, 3, and 4 year olds with their parent(s)/guardian(s). This year's theme is Trusting God's Care for Us.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Watch the weekly bulletin for a upcoming dates.



For more information, please contact Linda Donnay, Kindergarten teacher at First Lutheran School. Friends are always welcome. Join us for any or all sessions. We hope to see you there!



## First Lutheran Church & School Web Site

A committee has been formed to begin investigating a new Web Site. Our current web site was set up 13 years ago and this platform is outdated. New website technology will allow us to be properly seen on mobile devices, better organize info so we are more user-friendly, and to improve our "hit" ratio so we come up in more searches. The goal is to increase school and church attendance, excite and involve our members, and to engage the community.



## **BOARDS, COUNCIL & COMMITTEES SUMMARIES:**

### Church Council | March 19<sup>th</sup>

No Summary Submitted

### Christian Ed / Youth Board | March 10<sup>th</sup>

No Summary Submitted

### Day School Board | March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thank you to all who participated in our annual silent auction. This year we raised more than \$20,000. Moving forward we have several important events coming up, however there is a chance they may be postponed or canceled in the days ahead. The fine arts festival will be held May 9th at 6:30 PM. The Playday track and field event will be held May 15th at Oscar Olson. Lastly, Glencoe Days Parade will be June 27th. As of late, Lego Robotics has been going very well and we encourage visitors to stop by anytime. The 8th graders also had a successful Wolf Ridge trip- thank you to all those involved. If anyone is interested in receiving more information about any of the upcoming dates or volunteering, please contact Mr. Scheele or the church office. God's Blessing!

### Board of Trustees | March 2<sup>nd</sup>

The school boiler had multiple flame failures and needed it's "ignition transformer" replaced. Some of the church LED light bulbs have been ordered. The Trustees and staff will perform change-overs when it fits Bussler Electric's scheduling. Had an update on the school utility building project from Gary Schauer. The flat roof has had multiple leaks. Tim Proehl has sourced a much closer located and less expensive repair company that we can contact next time.

### Board of Evangelism | March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Evangelism Board received a request to assist LWML with a rally event next summer and heard several other ideas for joint service projects. Heard about "Life Groups" ministry approach that a former FLC young adult member participated in while a member at a Wisconsin LCMS. Put plans into place for the March Food Shelf Campaign, "Pack the Baskets" and learned that a \$1 cash donation buys \$4 worth of food through the Food Shelf vending sources (so cash is greatly appreciated). Palms are ordered for distribution to children for processional on Palm Sunday. Serving Fellowship Time on Palm Sunday. Planning underway for Lutheran Hour Ministry (LHM) event on 9/20/2020, with Pastor Peter Kirby, LHM's Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, scheduled to attend. Through last year's LHM event and ongoing communication, funds are available to provide the Lutheran Hour radio broadcast on KDUZ through August 2020.

### Board of Deacons | March 7<sup>th</sup>

Meeting was called to order by chairman Roger Schmidt at 7 pm. Motion made and seconded to approve the February minutes. Carried. Holy Week postcards will be sent out and Deacons will pay approximately \$14 each for the postage. Motion made and seconded to have Holy Communion on the fifth Sunday of the month. Motion made and seconded to approve proposed Deacon's operations budget. Carried. The Pastor's reports were reviewed. The statistics reports were reviewed. The budget comparison report was reviewed. The council representative report was given. Motion made and seconded to approve paying the bills. Carried.

### Board of Stewardship | March 3<sup>rd</sup>

No Summary Submitted

## **2019-2020 Financials: FEBRUARY (YTD)**

GENERAL FUND INCOME (February):		<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Envelopes	\$ 489,363.63	\$ 464,423.28
Thrivent "Choice" Member Elections	3,318.00	3,553.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	1,470.00	2,516.00
School Tuition	117,185.14	92,367.94
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	\$ 611,336.77	\$ 562,860.22
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (February):		<u>Last Year</u>
Staff	\$ 608,040.96	\$ 569,309.46
Buildings	64,630.67	56,866.99
Operations	24,723.17	33,516.26
Interest on Line of Credit	547.00	-0-
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	\$ 697,941.80	\$ 659,692.71
2019-2020 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:	\$ 12,740.15	\$ 12,134.50
February 29th GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:	(\$ 324,857.27)	
Last Year's February 28th General Indebtedness:	(\$ 231,634.94)	



## Special Gifts Received in March

Tim & Dawn Schauer (In Memory of Marilyn Sell)	\$20	Keep it Happening
Willis & Lois Herrmann (In Memory of Marlys Klautermeier)	\$10	Debt Reduction
Melvin & Ruth Dose (In Memory of Marlys Klaustermeier)	\$25	Debt Reduction
Eric & Kim Dietel (In Memory of Carrie LaMott)	\$10	Street Assessments
Lester & Linda Ranzau (In Memory of Loren Mackenthun)	\$20	FLS
Dale & Jeanne Schauer (In Memory of Carrie LaMott)	\$15	FLS – Technology
Verda Wittenberg (In Memory of Ed Wittenberg who passed away on March 31, 2010)	\$100	General Fund
Willis & Lois Herrmann (In Memory of Marcella Cohrs)	\$10	Debt Reduction
Marcella Cohrs (In Memory of my husband Vernon Cohrs)	\$25	Debt Reduction
Richard Cohrs (In Memory of my father Vernon Cohrs)	\$25	Debt Reduction
Dennis Wolter (In Memory of Marcella Cohrs)	\$10	Street Assessments
Dennis Wolter (In Memory of Vernetta Brinkmann)	\$10	Street Assessments

## Memorials and Special Gifts

1. This list of suggested memorials is made available as a guide to assist people in deciding how to designate funds given as memorials and special gifts.
2. Any item not on the approved list below must receive prior approval from the Church Council, acting on behalf of the Voters' Assembly.
3. Memorials not designated will be retained until the end of each year in a "Memorial Fund", to be dispersed at that time by the Church Council.
4. Memorials and Special Gifts are not identified with name plates or other descriptive plaques. The congregation understands that donations are given to the Glory of God.
5. Any items or property given to the church will remain the property of the church and disposed of as directed by the Church Council.

### **CHURCH**

- ☐ Any item, program, or project in the General Fund Budget (office equipment, Sunday School, VBS, etc.)
- ☐ Church Technology Fund (i.e. Radio Broadcast Equipment Upgrade, sound system/new speakers, sanctuary screens, upgraded website, etc.)
- ☐ Debt Reduction
- ☐ Radio Broadcast over KDUZ, Hutchinson the last Sunday of each month  
Full Sponsorship (\$185) & Half Sponsorship (\$92.50)
- ☐ Endowment Foundation (for gifts of \$2,500 or larger – see Brochure)
- ☐ Upkeep & Repair Fund (Building repairs, roof repairs, and maintenance.)

### **SCHOOL**

- ☐ Religion Curriculum
- ☐ Tuition Aid Fund
- ☐ FLS "Keep It Happening"
- ☐ School Technology Fund/Computers
- ☐ Classroom Equipment/Resources
- ☐ Music Curriculum
- ☐ Sports Equipment
- ☐ Flames of Faith Kids Club (Before and After School Program)

### **ORGANIZATIONS** *(special projects, if any, are noted)*

- ☐ First Lutheran Cemetery - Land and Columbarium
- ☐ Altar Guild
- ☐ Handbell Program
- ☐ Lutheran Women's Missionary League - LWML
- ☐ Senior Choir
- ☐ Youth Mission Trips and National Youth Gathering
- ☐ DCE/Youth Programs (i.e. The Lighthouse, Winter Retreat, and other special events)



# First Lutheran School Flame Flash ~ April 2020



## What is Happening at FLS

We are in the middle of some extremely challenging events and I am sure they will be remembered for the rest of our lives. These are unprecedented times but they are only for a 'season'.

School has been taking place through eLearning since Wednesday, March 18th (last day of teacher to student contact was March 16th) and the teachers have been working diligently delivering lessons to our wonderful students. Many students made the adjustment to doing courses in an online format with ease. Some of our younger grades have been combining eLearning with more traditional pencil and paper work as packets have been sent home. If any students are struggling with their classes and they don't understand something, they should contact their teacher.

Communicating with teachers is a necessity to make eLearning work, especially if students are running into problems, such as not understanding what is being taught, or how to submit assignments.

Teachers are working to ensure clear communication regarding what is expected. Understand that when they have posted information, they believe it to be clear. However, it is understood that what is clear to them may not be clear to students. When this happens, students or parents MUST reach out to the teacher and get their questions answered. Teachers will be available from 9:00-2:00 each day M-F and often much longer.

In order for students to be as successful as possible they should remember:

1. Check each of their classes every day. Follow the instructions and plan that is laid out.
2. Complete assigned work, meet assignment deadlines, and follow the teacher's directions for submitting assignments.
3. Attend all teacher to student live video classes.
4. Watch the videos teachers create and or post. They are designed to help students understand concepts.
5. Ask questions and seek help. Your teachers are there to help students, just ask.

What should we do when there is so much uncertainty and even frustration? The only answer that we can trust is one that is founded on faith, faith in God and the salvation that is ours in Christ. Consider these words from Scripture when wrestling with the feelings and questions that we have.

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

## Keeping up With FLS

Parents and congregational members are encouraged to keep up with what is happening at their school by checking out the school's facebook page. Administrators are posting events and information often to keep everyone informed and engaged.

## Please Pray For

- Our world that the virus spread might subside and joy and thanksgiving might replace fear and uncertainty.
- The Silent Auction Committee and all involved for all of their hard work before, during, and after the big event.
- Those families that are considering sending their children to FLS that they might be led to realize the importance of a Christ centered education.
- A penitential and grateful heart during Lent and Holy Week.

## Another Great Auction

The 13th annual Silent Auction and Luncheon is in the books and by most accounts, we can consider it a huge success! As of this writing, it looks like we will have earned over \$20,000! We would like to thank all of the people who helped with the auction, whether you were a person who donated, bid, or just showed up for the meal. We ask that you please patronize and thank the businesses who have donated. They are instrumental in making our auction a success. We would also like to thank the parents who sent in items with their children for their classroom baskets. They were awesome! The majority of proceeds from this auction will be used to improve the various curricular programs for our school as well as improving our STEAM lab. When everyone pitches in it can really make a difference!!

## Thank You To:

- Everyone who donated to our 13th annual Silent Auction as well as all the great folks who showed up for the meal and those who bid on items. Your love for FLS is greatly appreciated!
- Chris Pratley for cooking the delicious pork for the Silent Auction!
- The quilters who donated items for the Silent Auction!
- Alissa Hanson, Jenn Goff, Allison Grochow, Annika Schafer, Michelle Neubarth, Stephanie Lewin, Becky Edwards, Sheila Scheele, and Linda Donnay for heading up the Flame Boosters Silent Auction event and all the others who pitched in. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

## \$200 for Free!!

As a continuing incentive, First Lutheran is offering \$200 to any school or church family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for this school year. If you get two families to register, you get \$400! Spread the good news that First Lutheran School is a great place to learn about God's love and the awesome world he has given to us!

## Ongoing Fundraisers

We are collecting: Box Tops, Coborns points, and Country Hearth labels. Our last check was for over \$305.40 from the Box Tops program and we usually receive a large check from our Coborns points. Our last check from Amazon Smile was over \$105. Keep up the good work!

## Event Cancellation/ Postponed

The following events are either postponed or cancelled: Operetta, Spelling Bee, 5-8 Track Meet, and Play day