



First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Glencoe, MN

August 2020 Church Newsletter

“Sharing Christ Changing Lives”

“On Starry Nights, Stress, and Faith”

I have always loved summer evenings, even if it is warm and muggy and I have to swat at a mosquito or two before running to get a can of bug spray. On these summer nights, I enjoy going outside, looking up and beholding the amazing beauty that is the clear night sky. Not only is it a nice way to leave behind the stresses of the day, but it also reminds me of these words from the book of Hebrews: “By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible” (Hebrews 11:3).

So far this year we have experienced so many disruptions and so much uncertainty due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic and societal unrest that it may lead some people to doubt God’s love and even His existence. Yet, God through His holy Word has promised never to leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). Through that same Word He gives you faith to believe that this is true.

Faith believes that the one true God who made every star and planet in the beautiful night sky, everything in this amazing world - even mosquitos! - made you, too. God says you are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14).

Faith is a gift from God which comes to us through His powerful, creative Word. As we read in Romans 10:17, “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” By God-given faith we know that through His death and resurrection Jesus Christ has redeemed us from the powers of sin, death, and the devil. He has given us the faith to believe this and so receive eternal life.

St. Paul puts it this way in Romans chapter 5, “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Romans 5:1-2). Having faith in God through our Lord Jesus means that we are at peace with Him. Having faith in God is what gives us true inner peace as well, and helps us to get through any crisis, any trouble, any hardship that may come our way in life until we get to our ultimate destination which is to be in the presence of God forever in heaven. St. Peter describes it like this in 1 Peter 1:5, “through faith (you) are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.”

To stay strong in this saving faith it is important to continue to remain in God’s powerful, faith-creating and faith-sustaining Word. Not only is God’s Word ‘a lamp to our feet and a light for our path’ (Ps. 119:105), but it is the means through which God, the Holy Spirit works in our hearts.

Paul writes in 2 Timothy that God’s Word is “able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

Our faith needs to be fed in order to stay strong. We need to stay in God’s Word to keep saving faith in Him alive. So, I encourage you to be in His Word, through daily Bible reading and/or devotions, like “Portals of Prayer”. Also, it is extremely important to be faithful in receiving God’s Word and the Lord’s Supper in Sunday Divine Services.

I hope you are able to enjoy these fast-fleeting days of summer and perhaps also, like me, gaze into the sky on a starry night and thank God for all of the wonders of His creation and most of all for His love shown to us through His Son by whom we are saved by grace through faith! “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

~In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch



Let's Get Back to the Basics

This month, I debated on what my article would be. I had two themes I wanted to write about. Originally, what you are about to read was going to be my "Pastor's Corner" submission for the August 12th McLeod County Chronicle. So, my second theme will be in the August 12th newspaper. So, onto the August newsletter:

Why do bad things happen to good people? How would you answer this question? Take a moment to think before reading on.

Why is there so much crime? Why are there so many shootings? Why is there hate? Why is there racism? Why this? Why that?

While these answers may seem unanswerable, there is an answer. The answer is: sin. Now, what is sin? As the culture around us has eliminated sin from our collective conscience, some may wonder "what exactly is sin?"

Today, many sins have become accepted — or even praised — by society. But, according to the one true God, humanity cannot just eliminate sins. If humanity had this power, we would step into God's office. So, again, what is a sin? Well, the one true God tells us in His Ten Commandments. Ever since the fall of Adam in the Garden, humanity has been destined to death, hell, and damnation. Every human being is under the curse that Adam set forth, since every human being is descended from Adam, so "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

But, didn't God reveal the Ten Commandments to Moses? Didn't Moses live well after Adam? Yes, but before the Law was revealed, the Law was written on our hearts — beginning with Adam. So, Adam, like you and me, was bound by God's Law.

God reveals to us that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23a). So, are we just doomed? No! Why is this? "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23b).

But, what can Jesus do? Isn't He like us — a descendant of Adam? Well, Adam was created by God. While, Jesus is God Himself. Jesus is the Creator. You see, Jesus is like us in every way, except Jesus never sinned. How is that possible? The answer lies in the good news, or the Gospel, that was revealed to us in the New Testament and is also revealed to us in the Creeds.

You see, the Creeds (Nicene, Apostles', Athanasian) reveal this good news short and sweet. Although, Jesus is man, He is also fully God. He is fully God in that His mother Mary did not become pregnant via a descendant of Adam, but she became pregnant by God Himself. The Nicene Creed puts it this way: "And [I believe] in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man."

This free gift of eternal life is found only by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. By faith, we receive this grace through Christ's perfect life, His sacrificial death for our sins upon the cross, and His bodily resurrection from the dead for our

justification. This same Jesus is reigning in heaven at the right hand of God the Father.

Until, Christ comes again to judge the living and the dead, we pray as He has taught us to pray in the Lord's Prayer. We pray to God the Father and ask Him confidently about all our needs of body and soul. We are able to ask these petitions through the person and work of Jesus Christ, who is the only mediator between God and man.

So, why do bad things happen to good people? Well, according to God, there are no good people on their own merit. We are all just lost and condemned sinners. But, through believing, trusting, and following Jesus, we become good. In Christ alone, we are made good. In Christ alone, we receive forgiveness of sins, salvation, and life everlasting!

~In Christ, Pastor Adelsen

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

Ironically, last year this was the verse that I used for the newsletter article, and I found it to be very fitting for this summer as well. We may have not been on the national youth gathering this year but in the times that we are living in this reminder is truly comforting. We started out this summer with a lot of unknowns because of Covid, so clinging to this message we read in Psalm 46 should bring us comfort. As the summer went on in our little bubble of Glencoe, I have thankfully been able to have some youth programs safely! We may have not been able to go on the mission trip that we planned for, but I pray that we have eyes to see how we can serve here in Glencoe.

Also, we got to run our virtual VBS this year. What a change that is, but what a blessing it will be for families to be able to experience and talk about the Bible stories together as a family!

I also found this message fitting as we approach the school year, and more unknowns come with that. I think during this time we pray for the leaders that will have to make the hard choices of what to do about our school year. Whatever choice is made there will be people that are outraged. During this time, pray for graceful hearts on those leaders that are making tough calls. Pray for Christian education and what that will look like in the coming months. I hope and pray that you find comfort in a loving God that is with us through all of the change and unknowns. Let us find comfort in a never changing God, as we live in the ever-changing world.

I hope and pray that you all have a great August!

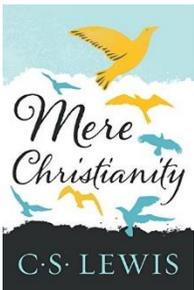
Blessings ~ Tori Kidd



Pastor Ron is pictured above at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg, where he currently serves as Vacancy Pastor.

Pastor Mathison celebrated 50 years of service to our Lord and Savior on July 12th, 2020. His faithful devotion to preaching and teaching God's Word has encouraged and inspired so many – what a blessing he has been to us at First Lutheran! We are thankful that he continues to lead our Tuesday morning Bible Study! May the Lord continue to bless his ministry for many more years to come. Congratulations and God's Richest Blessings!

Christian Book Study to Resume in Fall



Beginning this Fall, Pastor Adelsen will lead a study on C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity, which is one of most popular books on Christian doctrine ever written. The ironic thing is that Mere Christianity was not originally a book, instead the contents were first given on the BBC Radio airways. The study will also conclude last year's book Embracing Godly Character by Kenneth Kremer. Stay tuned for more information when the Christian Book

Study resumes. If you are interested and for more information, please contact Pastor Adelsen.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

We want to remind everyone of our "Amazon Smile" account for First Lutheran School. Every time you place an order through Amazon Smile, a portion of the sales will go directly to support First Lutheran School! There is a link on Fast Direct to easily access Amazon Smile. Just click on the link, log into your account, and select First Evangelical Lutheran Church as your charitable organization. (First Lutheran School is not listed, so look for First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. There are several other churches with the same name.)

If you are not one of our parents who have Fast Direct, you can sign on to Amazon Smile when you go to your account the next time you place an order. After you set it up the first time, it will automatically pop up for future orders. Funds will automatically be deposited into the school's checking account each quarter. It is an easy way to support our school, and there is no extra cost to you. Thanks for your help!

We desire to be a church that loves and serves Jesus Christ and loves and serves our community. We are especially thankful for our greeters who help us spread the love each worship service!



Sunday Aug 2

8:00 AM – Bruce & Linda Donnay / Jon & Mary Sellnow
10:30 AM – Melissa Adelsen / Brian & Sara Dammann

Sunday Aug 9

8:00 AM – Joan Wandrei / Les & LaNaye Schauer
10:30 AM – Bruce & Deb Bergmann / Marilyn Vorbeck

Sunday Aug 16

8:00 AM – Neil & Cindy Eggersgluess / Dean & Sheila Scheele
10:30 AM – Amy Welch / Robert & Sandy Rannow

Sunday Aug 23

8:00 AM – Jeri Ring / Janel Fischer
10:30 AM – Lynn Exsted / Shawn & Jessica Sullivan

Sunday Aug 30

8:00 AM – Irene Grochow / Grant & Allison Grochow
10:30 AM – Jon & Mary Sellnow / Kim & Cassidy Rislund

ANGEL SEEDS

The July – September Angel Seeds will be donated to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf which was organized in 1983 to assist residents of McLeod County, Minnesota in the area of hunger relief.



MEFS receives financial donations and food support donations from the individuals, organizations, civic groups, businesses, food rescue partners, and faith partners of McLeod County.

Since 1983, millions of meals have been provided by the generous support of the local community. In the first year, 109 households were served with the number stretching over the years to as many as 1,857 distinct households. More than a half million pounds of food are distributed each year!

In addition to hunger relief, MEFS focuses on providing community support service information.

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

ANNUAL REPORT

FLC Annual Report

We have started work on our Church's Annual Report. Groups and organizations who have not yet submitted a report of their 2019-2020 fiscal year activities (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) are asked to do so. We must receive it from your president, secretary or group leader no later than Friday, August 17th. It's very helpful to our new members, and it's a good way to show what exciting and fun things you've been up to in your groups.

REMINDER: Treasurers of ALL committees and organizations are asked to submit an annual financial report showing receipts and expenditures for the dates of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This financial report, requested by the Audit Committee and Church Council, provides accountability, shares information of fund-raising activities, and helps safeguard the church's tax-exempt status. This report is not printed but remains on file.

E-Giving – Electronic Giving

Members and Visitors – We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give electronically, in just seconds you can make a weekly offering or pay for events/activities. e-Giving allows you to give anytime and anywhere, donate to your favorite funds, and make your gifts recurring. You can give via a smartphone app, texting, or online.



GivePlus Church – Mobile App
Text \$ (your \$ amount) to 855-976-6919
Give online via www.firstglence.org



We are especially thankful for all you do to bring glory to God through the various ministries here at First Lutheran Church!

Sunday Aug 2

8:00 AM – Don Hepner / Doug Dahlke
10:30 AM – Mark Schmidt / Dave Uecker

Sunday Aug 9

8:00 AM – Don Hepner / Lars Ide
10:30 AM – Brian Witte / Rich Jannusch

Sunday Aug 16

8:00 AM – Dean Scheele / Warren Willcox
10:30 AM – Dave Uecker / Dave Hoes

Sunday Aug 23

8:00 AM – Lester Schauer / Rich Jannusch
10:30 AM – Dean Dahlke / Brian Schuch

Sunday Aug 30

8:00 AM – Don Hepner / Mark Schmidt
10:30 AM – Brian Schuch / Dave Hoes

EXTRA GARDEN PRODUCE?

If you have extra garden produce that you would like to share, bring it to Sunday services and drop it at the table in the main entry. If any is left over, it will be taken to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.



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.



First Edition Book Club

The book club will not meet until further notice due to Covid 19 safety precautions. In the meantime - keep reading, especially that greatest book, our Bible!





Financial Peace University Returns in the Fall

How have you been handling finances during the COVID-19 pandemic? How were you handling your finances before the pandemic? Would you like to live and give like no one else? The sooner in life we plan for our financial future, the better financial future we will have!

Planning for the future is hard when you are still paying for the past! There is a better way! Join Financial Peace University (FPU) and you will learn how to beat debt and make a plan for your future! Interested? Classes will tentatively begin at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 16. You can sign up for FPU at fpu.com/1121286, or at the church office. The first 14 days of FPU are free! For more information, please see Pastor Adelsen.

Flames of Faith Kids Club



Flames of Faith Kids Club is the before and after school student care program at First Lutheran School. It is for children Age 5 through Grade 6. Your child does not

have to be a member of FLS to participate. The morning (6:30-7:45 AM) session is \$6.00 and the afternoon session (until 6:00 PM) is \$8.00 or both sessions are \$13.00. Our program director and contact person is Nancy Ahlers. To register or for more information, you may contact Nancy 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 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 include: Healthy, low sugar snacks, Low sugar drink or drink mixes, Clorox wipes, small paper cups, gently used board games, and Legos.



Polka Service

The Polka Service will be on Sunday, August 23rd at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. Music will be led by Chuck Thiel and his band. Songs will include both familiar hymns and polka tunes with worship-style lyrics.

Endowment Committee

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 have 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.

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

~ Submitted by 2020 Endowment Committee Members:
Les Engelmann, Wayne Ahlbrecht, Tammy Mathews,
Sheryl Mumm, Stephanie Schlauderaff, Cindy Eggersgluess,
Dawn Schauer, and Debi Ramirez

New Lunchroom Tables for FLS

Our current tables continue to be used; however, future replacements are on the horizon. They must be mobile and able to be folded up, fit through doorways, and easy to move and clean under. (No specific tables have been identified, but we are showing an example of a photo above.) We were extremely fortunate to find one "just like new" at an auction sale. We are not sure if that will happen again, but it is certainly possible. The price of a new 12' table is around \$1300. Please prayerfully consider donating!



A huge THANK YOU to Gary Schauer who has been volunteering an enormous amount of his time at First Lutheran Church and School these past months! Gary has an eye for detail and a willingness to do all kinds of things – caulk, paint, fix, clean, repair, etc. He is not afraid of heights – have you seen him in his boom lift up on top of the church roof.....or on top of the School flagpole?



Here's Gary working on one of our really hot and humid days! He has trivia questions for us.....How many total window panels are in this window and what is the total height? How tall is the school flagpole? What is the circumference of the Rose Window in Balcony? (See Page 10 for the Answers)



FLC Prayer Chain

New members are needed to keep our PRAYER CHAIN going! You can join either a Phone or an E-Mail Chain. Participation is simple, but so powerful! The Bible says in Phil 4:6, "But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God." Thank you to all of our current members for their commitment to prayer – to confidentiality, discretion, and listening to the Holy Spirit.

How does it work?

Phone Chain – Simply receive a phone call from another prayer chain member with a request. When you receive the call, write down the prayer request word for word as dictated to you. Pray immediately and then call the next person on your chain passing on the dictated info. If you are unable to reach that person, leave a message relaying the information. Continue phoning on down the list until you reach a person or the end of the chain.

E-Mail Chain – Simply receive the email from the prayer chain leader and pray immediately.

Have questions, want to join, or have a prayer request? Prayer requests are confidential and may even be made anonymously. Feel free to contact the church office or one of the prayer chain phone numbers: 320-864-3892 or 320-238-2148.



Please Mark Your Calendars: Important Information for Confirmation

Confirmation Classes are just around the corner! The first day of class is tentatively set for Wednesday, September 16th. Public School Confirmation Classes for Grades 5 through 8 will be right after school from 3:40-4:55 PM. First Lutheran School Confirmation Classes will be during the school day on Wednesday.

A Mandatory Parent/Student Teacher Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9th at 7 PM at First Lutheran Church. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please notify the church office. More information will be forthcoming to the families of confirmation students.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has been diligently working to fill board positions starting Jan 1, 2021. We are grateful that so many have already agreed to serve. We are still recruiting for the following 2 yr terms:



- Executive Board** – Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary
- Deacons:** (Supervision of Public Worship, Assisting Pastors, Congregation Spiritual Life)
- Elders:** Assist Deacons (this is a 1-year term)
- Christian of Education/Youth:** (Supervise and promote Christian Educ)
- Day School Board:** (Supervise Day School Christian Educ)
- Stewardship Board:** Initiate programs Developing Good Stewardship in the Congregation While Insuring the Financial Stability
- Board of Evangelism:** (Promote awareness of and interest in the Gospel and FLC)
- Board of Trustees:** (Supervise the properties, building mtc. & office staff)

Please prayerfully consider joining one of these Boards and sharing your time and talent with our Congregation. If you know you'd like to join, or know a person you think may be good for one of the Boards, please contact the office at 864-5522 or any Nominating Committee member. Thank you. – The 2020 Nominating Committee: Deb Bargmann, Becky Edwards, Cindy Eggersgluess, Irene Grochow, Noreen Schuette, and Dennis Wolter.

Sunday School Carnival!



The 2020-2021 Sunday School year is about to begin. On Education Sunday, September 13th, from 9:00-10:00 AM, the Christian Education Board and Sunday

School teachers' welcome children and their parents to attend our annual registration & carnival taking place 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 8th grade are encouraged to attend! We are working on a new Sunday School program. Please come check it out! Watch the bulletin for continued updates about Sunday school and any changes that may affect the Sunday School carnival due to Covid.



NEW TEACHER AT FLS

We are so excited to announce that we have a new teacher at First Lutheran School this upcoming year! Ben Browne will be teaching 8th grade and all upper level math classes. Here is a little bit about him:

Ben is a graduate of Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska. He majored in Elementary Education with an Emphasis in Middle Level Education, as well as receiving his Lutheran Teaching Diploma. Concordia was also where he met his wife, Aubrey. They have been married since August 2017 and she currently is serving at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chaska as their Director of Family Life Ministry.

While in school, Ben found a joy and passion for teaching and serving youth. He has had the experience of teaching a plethora of grades levels. He student taught in a 3rd and 5th grade classroom. After graduation, he taught preschool in a 4's and 5's classroom. His first Called position was to St. Paul Lutheran School in St. Joseph, MO. Here he taught 6th-8th grade math, science, religion, art, health, and technology classes. He also coached 8th grade boys' basketball and coached a 5th and 6th grade boys' and girls' team along with serving as a Co-athletic director.

Ben has a passion for teaching and is always looking for ways to grow in his strategies and methodologies.

Outside of work, Ben enjoys reading, watching Marvel movies, camping, and hiking, drinking lots of coffee, and spending time with Aubrey and his dog, Poppy.

Welcome to the First Lutheran family, Ben!

WALKING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS

First Evangelical Lutheran Church | 925 13th Street, Glencoe
Saturday, August 15th at 8:30 AM

Join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we welcome home Missionary Samantha Welch! Daughter of the congregation, she will tell us about life in Cambodia. With only a few Christians in that part of the world, she will explain how she is walking in His footsteps at the Stronghold mission in Kampot where she brings the love of Jesus to disadvantaged children and their families through education, meals, and before/after school help programs.



Also speaking is daughter of the congregation and former missionary Mary Kay (Schuft) Mages. She will reminisce about her experiences 25 years ago as a missionary at the Lutheran High School in Tisovec, Slovakia, reopened after the fall of communism. She will also explain how she is still walking in His footsteps and how LWML "Lutheran Women in Mission" is a good home for her missionary heart.

- Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Follow the 6 feet apart footsteps on the sidewalk as you make your way into the south entryway. You will receive a name tag and go directly into the sanctuary where there will be entertainment. Covid 19 precautions per MDH recommendations will be followed. There will be no group singing.
- Masks are encouraged for the safety of all present. Those assisting will be masked. If you are unable to tolerate a mask for the duration, there is much space available in the sanctuary for distancing.
- No food will be served in the building. You will receive a "Grab and Go" lunch as you leave.
- All are welcome – teens, adults, men, and women. If you are uncomfortable joining us in person, please join us electronically! The entire event will be livestreamed on www.facebook.com/FirstLutheranGlencoe/. Anyone can watch it. You do not have to be a Facebook member to watch.
- There is no charge for this event. Offerings for both Stronghold Mission and LWML will be received. (Cash, credit card or check). Make all checks payable to McLeod Zone LWML.
- Replies to the church office 320-864-5522 or office@firstglencoe.org are appreciated but not mandatory. We want to make sure there is a "Grab and Go" lunch for you!

This event is sponsored by McLeod Zone LWML, First Ev. Lutheran LWML, and First Ev. Lutheran Board of Evangelism.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Even though we are not meeting in person during these months of staying at home to help prevent spread of disease, First Ev. Lutheran Women in Mission are continuing to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

Offerings for mission grants are still being prayerfully collected.

Even though we are not serving large funeral meals and special events (our main source of funds) families are still donating memorial gifts to LWML in memory of their loved ones now praising God in heaven. THANK YOU! Prayers are prayed the old-fashioned way – from our mouths straight to God. Communication among members is done by phone and by e-mail. With help from Board of Evangelism and volunteers, a large mission event "Walking in His Footsteps" is being planned for August 15th.



Happy August birthday to **Lutheran Women in Mission** honorary members Harriet Bergs and Ruth Karg. A \$5 gift to LWML mission grants have been given in honor of both of you.



Summer means long to-do lists for Custodial and Maintenance Staff

Summer provides time and space to undertake important projects that help keep our church and school safe and clean for the upcoming year. Louie Tessmer, our Maintenance Manager, and his summer crew are hard at work deep cleaning, waxing floors, cleaning walls, touching up paint, etc.) They have only a short time to accomplish all these essential undertakings. This season we were very blessed to welcome back both of our summer employees for the 3rd consecutive year in a row.

Mark Meyer resides in Trimont, MN. He is a 5th and 6th grade teacher at Our Savior's Lutheran School in Crookston. In addition to teaching, he also helps with the science club and foreign food club at Our Savior's. When Mark is not teaching, he enjoys reading (specifically history, western, or science fiction books) and chatting with family. You may wonder why Mark would choose to spend his summers in Glencoe. He is grateful that his aunt Linda & Bruce Donnan extend an offer to stay with them each summer.

Zach Herout is a Glencoe native. Zach graduated from Glencoe-Silver Lake High School and is currently attending North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota majoring in HVAC. He finds himself looking forward to graduating from college and beginning his career in the HVAC industry. You may recognize Zach as he also works part-time at Coborns. When he is not studying or working, he enjoys playing basketball.

So, though you might think things are restful and relaxed just because school is out, that is far from the truth! A sincere thank you to our dedicated and hard-working custodial staff!

Lutheran Hour Topics for August

Each Sunday during August 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::



August 2 "Christ's Resurrection Makes

Everything New" from a sermon archive with former Lutheran Hour Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. There is power in doing good works for the sake of others, but that kind of civic righteousness cannot compare with the perfect righteousness of God which covers us through faith in Jesus Christ. In this broadcast Dr. Oswald Hoffmann shares the power of Christ's resurrection that overcomes death.

August 9 "Over the Darkness, God Hovers" from a sermon archive with former Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. A 5-year-old boy once observed, "God has the whole world in His hands-but sometimes He drops it." Hear how Dr. Dale Meyer responded to that young philosopher in the broadcast message titled "Over the Darkness, God Hovers".

August 16 "A Wrong Comparison" from a sermon archive by former Lutheran Hour Speaker: Dr. Wallace Schulz.

August 23 "Fear and Faith" from a sermon archive by former Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

August 30 "It's Not Over 'till Jesus Says It's Over" from a sermon archive by former Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz.

Thank you for supporting these broadcasts with your gifts and your prayers. We have been blessed with sponsors through October of 2020. There are three open Sundays left in 2020 which we need sponsors: November 15, December 13, and December 27. Call to sponsor one of those Sundays or to inquire about sponsoring a KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour Sunday broadcast in 2021.

The radio broadcasts are made possible through the support of LCMS congregation members in the KDUZ radio broadcast listening area. Congregation members can dedicate a sponsorship in memory of a loved one, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, or sponsor a broadcast as a service project by their organization.

The current cost for each broadcast is \$94.00. Contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or e-mail 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

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

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

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. Any item not on the approved list below must receive prior approval from the Church Council, acting on behalf of the Voters' Assembly. 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. 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. 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, 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)

FLS Garden Club

The First Ev. Lutheran School Garden Club continues to meet to weed, water, tend, and harvest their garden. The garden is located on the School campus at the corner of 15th Street and Knight Ave. When school resumes, students' curriculum will incorporate lessons on "home grown food to table" and much of the grown food will be used in the school lunch program.

Pollinators have recently been added into an area designated as the Butterfly Garden. Check out the Sunflowers, Menardo (Bee Balm), and Cone Flowers!

When asked what the club members enjoy most, responses included:

"We get to eat what we grow!"

"I get to see other kids over the summer!"

"I like cooking up and tasting what we raised!"

"Free Food!"

"I get to take a sample home of what we harvested each time to show my family!"

During a beautiful July morning, Club members harvested some of Mustard Greens, Collard Greens, Onions, and Turnips. Principal & Mrs. Scheele advised and assisted in preparing the produce into new and tasty dishes. This allowed the students to try vegetables that they were not normally used to eating. Greens are an excellent source of Vitamin A, C, K and Calcium and a good source of Iron, Vitamin B-6, and magnesium. Turnips are full of Calcium, Folate, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Potassium, and Vitamin C.

Here is the recipe the Garden Club used to make the Greens – you might like to try them too!

Southern Greens

Thoroughly wash and rinse the greens. Cut away the tough stem and slice the greens into thick ribbons.

Cook bacon and break into small pieces.

Add chopped onions and sauté with the bacon in the bacon fat.

Add chicken stock, salt, pepper, vinegar, and sugar.

Mix in the Greens and Simmer until tender (30-60 minutes).

Enjoy!

ANSWERS TO GARY'S TRIVIA QUESTIONS FROM PAGE 6

50 Short window panels and 20 Long - It's 32' high

Flagpole is 38' high

Rose Window Circumference is - 9' 4" or 112"



PHOTO - L to R - Principal Dean Scheele instructs Xander Plath, Kole Christensen, and Erika Goche on harvesting the large leaves from collard and mustard greens.



After cooking up some of the harvested greens, Club Members enjoyed a taste test. Shown Left to Right are Erika Goche, Xander Plath, Grady Schuft, Cole Plath, Cody Michaelis, Cooper Foss, and Kole Christensen

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.



August 2020 News Thrivent Financial

✓ Thrivent Choice

Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$44 for FLS. Visit 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 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 is all about your friends, family and community coming together to make a positive impact!

✓ Facebook page for Thrivent Network

Be sure to check out and Like this Facebook page to stay updated on exciting new opportunities and newly created events!

✓ Thrivent – Online Events

Be sure to sign up to receive e-mails regarding upcoming free educational events and other Thrivent opportunities. Contact TwinCittiesTMN@Thrivent.com to sign up!

✓ Thrivent Member Network

Twin Cities Region has been working hard to create fun and educational content that you can engage in from the comfort of your own home. Below is a listing of what is coming soon. Guests are welcome! Please feel free to share these events with your friends, family, and community.

Thursdays (through October 8th) @ 12:00PM:

Show Up Strong with Lisa Graft

Thursdays (through August 6th) @ 7:00PM:

Called to Act: 5 Uncomplicated Disciplines for Men with Vince Miller

Cindy & Neil Eggersgluess - 320-238-2148 / eggsglueescindy@gmail.com
Linda Becker, Charles Jensen, Verna & Harold Kunkel, Pastor Mathison, Amy Welch – Your Congregational Volunteers



Stories of Faith

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

Cindy Eggersgluess

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lexsted14@gmail.com

I recently participated in a remarkably interesting webinar. The event speaker reiterated the need at this time for God and the Gospel, now more than ever. People are looking for that ray of sunshine... that bit of hope to grab on to. He suggested challenging everyone to bring a friend to a Service. Maybe making it a special service for "bringing a friend to Church Sunday" or sharing with a friend on Facebook, maybe doing a "watching the service party"... whatever that looks like in these Covid-19 times.

He told the story of the 82% and the 2%...

There was a study of "un-churched" people and one of the results was that 82% of them said that they would attend the service of a trusted friend if they invited them. When a study was performed of "churched" people, only 2% of them answered "yes", they would ask their friends. Is it really as easy as just asking?

When I started here, I would have to say that I was one of the "un-churched"... There was a wonderful lady in the Congregation who asked me to join her and her husband at Church on a Sunday morning at 8 am and told me where they usually sat. Before she asked, I was so uncomfortable going to church. I did not know hardly anyone, but she made all the difference. Now I am going to services and bible studies, which she also introduced me to... who would have thank it!

In my experience, it was that simple... just ask. We never know what their heart is needing. You may just fill a void as this wonderful lady did for me.

-Thank you, Debi Ramirez, for sharing your Story of Faith with us!

Emanuel Lutheran's
RIB FEST XV
Saturday, August 22, 2020

Emanuel Lutheran Campus
Hamburg, MN



PICK-UP DRIVE THROUGH
2:00 – 6:00 pm



**Hot and Ready to Eat
BABY BACK RIBS**

\$22.00 per Full Rack of Ribs
Wrapped TO GO

-- LIMITED QUANTITY --
Purchase Advance Tickets to Guarantee Your Order

Advance Tickets can be purchased at Emanuel, Plato C Store,
Security Bank & Trust Co. of Hamburg, Chameleon Salon & King Pin Pub

Summaries from Our Boards and Committees



Christian Education / Youth Board | No July meeting

Day School Board | July 7th

We are excited to announce that Mr. Browne has official been hired for the upcoming school year and will be teaching 7th and 8th grade. Enrollment is currently around 103 students. Plans for this school year will not be official until early August. First Lutheran Soccer for grades Kindergarten through Second has started. 25 students have registered and the first week was a success! If someone you know is interested, please contact Ms. Thiesfeld. Lastly, the school is looking to have a new and updated website for the 2020-2021 school year.

Deacons

No Summary Submitted

Evangelism Board | July 7th

The Evangelism Board met in person in the Fellowship Center on July 7th, practicing social distancing for seating arrangements. Most of the usual activities the Board is involved in during summer and fall, have been cancelled or are tentative at this time. This includes the hayride and the Lutheran Hour Ministry (LHM) KDUZ Radio Broadcast speaker and dinner. LHM Broadcasts are currently funded through October 2020 with some additional future Sunday broadcasts funded at this time. LHM KDUZ Radio broadcast information and request for future sponsorship will be sent to 30+ area congregations. Broadcasts on KDUZ radio cost \$94 at this time. The Board will assist the Lutheran Women in Mission (formerly the LWML) with their August 15th event featuring missionary Samantha Welch and Mary Kay (Schuft) Mages speaking of their mission experiences. A ¼ page ad for First Lutheran Church and School will again be included in the new edition of the Glencoe Guidebook. This guide will be available to campers at Oak Leaf Park who may be looking for churches during their stay. The Board spent 54.62% of the total year's budget at fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Work has begun on the Greeter schedule for 2021 and some initial calls made to area residential facilities related to Christmas caroling.

Stewardship Board | No July Meeting

Board of Trustees | July 13th

The buildings and grounds inspection lists were discussed. Some board members have volunteered to complete many of the areas that need attention. The steeple roof dormers need a closer inspection as it appears, they are rusting. Window and door caulking failures will be addressed. There are a lot of them. The fellowship hall has been rented for a two-day training event scheduled for October 8-9, 2020, for \$250 per day plus kitchen use. The school freezer failed and was repaired.

Visitor Gifts



The Board of Evangelism is pleased to offer visitor gifts for people attending our worship services as

guests. The gift consists of the following: Canvas grocery bag, Pen with stylus, Magnetic clip, and a devotional. All items, except the devotionals have First Lutheran Church and School inscribed on them. These items have been nicely packaged, and each gift includes a Thank-You letter that also includes church service and bible study information. If you brought or know of someone visiting our church, please suggest they fill out a welcome card found in the cardholder slot in each pew and encourage them to stop by the welcome center to pick up their visitor gifts - as our token of appreciation for worshipping with us!

Visitor gifts are available (set out) on top of the welcome centers at both the south and west entrances and they can just help themselves to one.

GET TO KNOW

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Purpose: Assist the pastors in maintaining proper decorum during worship services, assist the pastors in the work of church discipline, and make decisions for the spiritual life of the congregation.

Responsibilities:

- Attend monthly meetings of the Board; one member to attend monthly church council meetings
- Work at worship services on a rotating basis assisting with ushering, offerings, and communion
- Concern for the spiritual well-being of church members
- Review the needs, salary, and performance of the pastoral staff, music staff, and the DCE
- Prepare and submit an annual budget

Should you or someone you know have questions or concerns, please contact one of the board members listed below:

Dean Dahlke	510-4315
Don Hepner	612-655-0953
Terry (Lars) Ide	510-0519
Les Schauer	864-3666
Dean Scheele	952-250-1149
Roger Schmidt	864-6523
Brian Schuch	864-6614
Dave Uecker	510-1884
Brian Witte	320-300-8940

Encouragement

We need words of encouragement for ourselves, we also need to give them to our pastors, teachers, staff personnel, congregation members, friends, and family. These words are found in the Bible, God's Word. We find some in Jude:

Jude: v 24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Jude emphasizes that salvation is not based on our own reason or strength but it is wholly the Father's work in Christ. As the Lord grants you opportunity, share the message of salvation with boldness, for it truly comes from the Lord and he truly works through that testimony, leading those who repent to great joy.

And also 1st Peter:5 v.6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Peter encourages these persecuted Christians to stand firm in the one thing that is truly trustworthy; God's grace in Christ. Jesus suffered for us at the hands of evil men. Yet He trusted in his Father with unswerving faith. Whatever trials or difficulties we may face, we can likewise rely on the true grace of God and on the bond of love in our Christian family. Through Jesus, we truly have peace.

We Pray: Lord Jesus, may we always rely on your Word and your strength, that we may confidently believe in you and always follow your ways. Amen.

Bible Study: Following Through taken from the Lutheran Witness, April 2005
Bible verses from Lutheran Study Bible. [ESV]
Study notes from The Lutheran Study Bible. [ESV]

Roger Schmidt shared these words of encouragement at the July deacons meeting. They were so reassuring that we wanted to share them with YOU!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY:

The cemetery board would like to acknowledge the positive and negative comments and concerns regarding the recent First Lutheran Cemetery annual cleaning of fallen branches and loose flowers. Our sincere apologies for any confusion or misunderstanding with this process to help maintain a clean and safe cemetery for you, your families, and our lawn service. The board recognizes the need to re-evaluate our bylaws sharing process, procedures, and allowed site memorial items at our next meeting. Forthcoming information will be shared as it is available. Thank you for your patience and understanding!





First Lutheran School

Flames Flash ~ August 2020



Please Pray For

- All parents seeking a quality Christian education, that they may choose FLS.
- Mr. Ben Browne as he begins his service to FLS.
- Mr. Boeder as he eases into retirement and scheduling visits to the grandchildren.
- 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.
- An end to the pandemic.

Thank You to:

- Gary Schauer, Loren Engelmann, and others for their tireless work sprucing up the school and church!
- The School board for their continuing service and dedication.
- Those teachers who continued their efforts to be the best they can be through learning and by preparing for this coming school year.
- The interview team of Gina Schuft, LuAnn Schmidt, Kari Nikolaisen, and Grant Grochow for giving up some nights and putting in extra hours to find the best candidate to fill a teaching opening.

Calendar Notes

August 17	Teachers report for meetings
August 25	Preschool 3 & 4 Registration / Orientation at 6:30 PM
August 27	Orientation / Registration Day 3:30-7:00PM
August 30	Blessing of the backpacks at the 10:30 AM worship service
September 1	First day of school
September 2-5	No school

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.

New Teacher

We would like to welcome Mr. Ben Browne to our staff. Mr. Browne grew up in Billings Montana and graduated from Concordia University Nebraska. He is synodically trained and has taught the past two years in St. Josephs, MO. Mr. Browne will be teaching various math, science, technology, writing, P.E., art, and health classes. Ben and his wife Aubrey currently live in Chaska with their dog Poppie.

Kindergarten – 8th Grade Orientation/Final Registration Day

Our Orientation/Final Registration day will be on Thursday, August 27th, from 3:30-7:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Center. On this day: information will be shared about the opportunities available for parents, Fast Direct updates can be made, forms will be available to fill out, and student tuition payment arrangements will be made including any late registration fees.

<u>EDUCATION FEE</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Community</u>
1st Child	\$1,400	\$2,625
Additional Child(ren)	\$1,200	\$2,250
	\$1,000	\$1,850
	\$ 850	\$1,000

Second graders receive a copy of the ESV Bible that is used with our CPH "One in Christ" Religion Series. Students entering Grade 3 and transfer students will also receive a copy of the catechism used for memory work. Second through eighth grade transfer students will receive a new ESV Bible as well. If needed, you may purchase a replacement Bible for \$10 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 2020 and all fees should be paid by the beginning of May.

Blessing of the Backpacks

All students and their families are invited to attend the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, August 30th. During this service, students will be invited to bring their backpacks to the front of the church where the 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. Additional details to come.

School Calendar & Supplies List

The 2020-21 School Calendar and Student Supply List are available on our School Website; [firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org) as well as the principal's bulletin board on Fast Direct <http://www.fastdir.com/firstglencoe/>

First Day of School

Classes at First Lutheran School will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 1. An opening service, led by Pastor Welch, will be held at 8:15 AM in the church sanctuary to kick off the new term. Parents are encouraged to attend this opening service. Our school day for Grades K-8 and all-day preschool is 8:00 AM 3:00 PM; half-day preschool is 8:00-11:00 AM. Three-year-old preschoolers will begin school on Wednesday, September 2nd.

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-Grade 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 but will not be able to go to their classrooms until 7:45 AM bell or until buses arrive.

Staffing for 2020-2021

Our teaching staff members will have the following teaching assignments: Mrs. Bargmann will be teaching all our preschool classes. Mrs. Donnay will be teaching all our Kindergarten classes. Miss Thiesfeld will be teaching first grade Math, Reading, English, and Religion as well as teaching fourth grade Math, Reading, Spelling and English. Mrs. Willett 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. Mr. Browne will be teaching fifth through eighth grade Math, fifth and sixth Science, Health, Writing, and Art, and seventh and eighth Health, P.E. and Writing. Mr. Scheele will be teaching third and fourth grade P.E., fifth and sixth grade Social Studies as well as seventh and eighth grade Science and Social Studies. Miss Albachten will be teaching fifth and sixth grade Religion, Literature, English, P.E., Spelling, Writing, and Keyboarding as well as seventh and eighth grade English and Spanish and Mr. Husberg will be teaching seventh and eighth grade Art, Literature, and Spelling. Our excellent FLS Secretary is Michelle Alsleben and our Teacher's Assistants are Michelle Alsleben, Amy Welch, Taylor Bernstein, and Sue Nord.

2020-2021 Milk/Lunch/Seconds

LUNCH	<u>K Grade 3</u> \$2.35 @ 20 for \$47	<u>Grade 4-8</u> \$2.45 @ 20 for \$49
MILK	\$0.40 @ 20 for \$8	\$0.40 @ 20 for \$8
SECONDS	\$1.25 @ 20 for \$25	\$1.25 @ 20 for \$25

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.

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

\$200 for FREE

First Lutheran is offering \$200 to any school family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for the current or upcoming school year. If you get two families to register, you get \$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 us!

Ongoing Fundraisers

We are collecting: Box Tops, Coborns MORE Rewards, and Country Hearth labels. Our last check was for over \$320 from the Box Tops program and we are expecting a check for over \$2000 from our Coborns MORE Rewards. We are also a part of the Amazon Smile program where a percentage of your order goes to First Lutheran School. Just select First Lutheran Church & School as the recipient. Keep up the good work!

FAQ for Starting with On Site Education

Will we start on September 1? Yes, that is our plan and intent at this time. If needed, due to an outbreak in the area, we could move to distance learning for a period of time.

Will there be busing? That depends on what the public school does. Stay tuned for more information.

Will students be required to wear masks? Preschool students will NOT be required to wear masks. At this time, according to the Minnesota Department of Health, the governor's office, and the Minnesota Department of Education, other students (grades K-8) and teachers will need to have masks on when they enter the building. Face Shields will be available for students when masks are problematic. Exceptions exist for recess, choir, band, physical education, and for some medical conditions as denoted by the Governor's order. As mandates and guidance change, we may adjust expectations with respect to mask use. Guests and visitors to the school will have limited access to the buildings and will be required to wear masks.

What will FLS do to maintain a safe environment? FLS will ensure adequate supplies are available to support healthy hygiene practices and to routinely clean and disinfect objects and surfaces that are frequently touched. The document titled: "First Lutheran School Covid-19 Grade K-8 Preparedness Plan" will be available soon for more details.

Will we be socially distancing? We will to the best of our ability.

What about lunch? The plan is for 3rd-8th graders to eat lunches outdoors or in classrooms (pods) or other open spaces. K-2nd will practice social distancing as they take their lunches in the lunchroom.

First Lutheran Financial Report

2019-2020 Financial Reports: July-June (12-mo. Fiscal Year)

GENERAL FUND INCOME (July-June)	This Year	Last Year
Offering Envelopes	749,046.99	712,626.38
Debt Reduction	50,178.41	163,717.25
Thrivent "Choice" Member Elections	7,922.00	9,405.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	2,170.00	3,116.00
School Tuition	168,653.97	137,968.92
	\$977,971.37	\$1,026,833.55

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (July-June)	This Year	Last Year
Staff	936,250.51	879,251.14
Employer Payroll Expense	1,770.17	7,892.00
Buildings	88,450.70	87,058.36
Operations	36,673.60	36,239.45
Interest on Line of Credit	970.00	-0-
	\$1,064,114.98	\$1,010,440.95

MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:	\$ 17,470.50	\$ 18,567.50
June 30, 2019 GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:	(\$170,277.13) Including the PPP Loan Income of \$164,000	
June 30, 2018 GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:	(\$260,008.51)	

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

Special Gifts Received in July

Rose Miller (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$10	General Fund
Bruce & Linda Donnay (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	Anonymous	General Fund
Melvin & Ruth Dose (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$100	Debt Reduction
Ralph & Margie Duenow (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$10	FLS
Kenneth & Joyce Schiroo (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$20	Street Assessments
Terry Ide (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$10	Debt Reduction
Carol Axt (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$100	Debt Reduction
Earl VonBerge (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$25	Debt Reduction
Mark & Cheryl Schmidt (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$20	Debt Reduction
Marilyn Vorbeck (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$20	FLS
Neil & Cindy Eggersgluess (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$20	Debt Reduction
Fred & Cathy Werth (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$40	Debt Reduction
Terry & Judy Rowan (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$15	Debt Reduction
Diane Lange & Family (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$50	Debt Reduction
Darrell & Faye Bruckschen (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$15	Debt Reduction
Dan & Betty Werth (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$50	Debt Reduction
David & Darlene Polzin (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$50	Senior Choir
Sandra Hormann (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$10	Debt Reduction
Family & Friends of Lois Herrmann (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$75	Senior Choir
Family & Friends of Lois Herrmann (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$25	FLS
Family & Friends of Lois Herrmann (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$20	LWML – Mites
Deb & Polo Ramirez (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$20	Street Assessments
Dennis Wolter (In Memory of Laverna Mackenthun)	\$20	Street Assessments
Dennis Wolter (In Memory of Donna Stepien)	\$20	Street Assessments
Dennis Wolter (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$20	Senior Choir
Dale & Jeanne Schauer (In Memory of Laverna Mackenthun)	\$10	FLS – Technology
Elmer & Yvonne Schuette (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$10	Street Assessments
Family & Friends of Lois Herrmann (In Memory of Lois Herrmann)	\$25	Debt Reduction
Debi Ramirez (In Memory of Mark Dwinell)	\$50	FLS Lunch "Adopt a Family"
Family & Friends of Laverna Mackenthun (In Memory of Laverna Mackenthun)	\$200	LWML
Family & Friends of Laverna Mackenthun (In Memory of Laverna Mackenthun)	\$223	FLS
Ruth Karg (In Honor of her 90 th Birthday on August 26 th)	\$100	Street Assessments

LETS GO

PRAYER - CARE - SHARE

Every Day Along the Way: Following Christ's model with a Prayer-Care-Share Lifestyle

By: Kathy Branzell

What's on your calendar today? Work, class, hitting the gym, running some errands, laundry, dinner plans? We all live busy lives whether we are the CEO of a world-wide company, the COO of our home, work for an hourly wage, volunteer or manage getting three children to three different after-school practices. We all fill our schedules with important things that add life, love, health and purpose to the moments, memories and meaning of our lives.

For the Christ-follower, it is essential that we are living for and through Jesus; we want to live out the purpose and plans He designed for us even before we took our first breath. Jesus said, "if you love me you will obey me." Of course, we love Him – right? Yet research shows that over 85% of Christ-followers say they have never shared their faith or "made a disciple." Jesus was not recommending this for our consideration if we could muster up the time or courage, nor would He command something we were not equipped to accomplish. Jesus overcame death, paid our sin debt and then sent the Spirit to enable us to go share this good news with everyone. So how can we realize and prioritize obedience in our already busy lifestyle? Simply put, we must follow the life that Jesus modeled and then commanded.

Every day along the way Jesus prayed, He cared for people in His path, and He shared the Kingdom message. Jesus made prayer a priority; early in the morning, late at night, after a hard day, when Satan was tempting Him or



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torturing someone on His path. Jesus talked with His Father and taught His disciples, including you and me, how to pray.

Jesus loved God and loved people. No matter where He was; on the shore, in a boat, at a well, walking through a city; wherever His day took Him, Jesus looked for people to love. Jesus listened lovingly to people and responded with truth spoken in love that made people feel safe but not sinless. He met their physical needs and then share the Kingdom message with them. Jesus said love had to be a prime part of our character because His followers would be known by their love. Show kindness and love to people throughout your day.

Jesus' conversations were filled with the Word, plans, and ways of God, and the choices we must make to follow Him. Jesus taught about relationship with the Father, abundant and eternal life, heaven and hell, His lavishing love, and His impending death and resurrection that would open the ONLY door for us to be with the Father. We can have those same conversations today and every day with the people God puts in your path.

Two thousand years ago Jesus put these three things on *your* schedule to do today and every day. Everything else on your schedule are obedience opportunities; the people and places set aside as your mission field. **Go** and make disciples, live a prayer-care-share lifestyle that overflows from what the God who was, and is, and is to come, has done, is doing, and has promised to do in your life and for all those who would believe and call Him "Lord." So let's GO!





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