

February 2022 Newsletter

“Sharing Christ Changing Lives”



What It Looks Like to Be Part of the Body of Christ

St. Paul uses a remarkable visual for explaining what the Church is like and how we interact with one another. He calls us the Body of Christ:

1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 18 ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

Ephesians 4:15-16 ¹⁵..., speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Romans 12:3-5 ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another

In these verses we see how Christ unites us as one. He has brought us together by His love and mercy. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection not only give us new life but they also give us our new identity as part of His body, the Church. All this is His doing by grace through faith.

He's united us together in our Baptism. He keeps us united as He brings us together to hear His Word. This is an essential part of our life together: To be nurtured by God's Word. In much the same ways that a human body needs proper nourishment and hydration to function properly and survive, so too, we as members of Christ's body, the Church need to be nourished by God's Word in order to function properly.

Furthermore, our Lord keeps us united as we receive together Holy Communion, the body and blood of Christ given with the bread and wine not only does that give us forgiveness but it also brings us together as a united body of believers. Through Word and Sacraments, the Spirit of God unites us and keeps us united as the Body of Christ! He brings us together as a team that is one in Him!

In Christ, we fit together, each as a part of His Body. We care about each other just as we know God cares for us. Paul puts it like this in Ephesians 5:1-2: “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” Every one of us belongs on this team, and just as a team celebrates when the final victory is at last achieved, we know what the outcome will be in heaven where we will celebrate forever the victory Christ has won for us!

In Christ ~ Pastor Welch



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

Sunday	Feb. 6	8:00 AM - Joel Goche/ Fritz Schulz 10:30 AM - Brain Schuch/Dave Sell
Sunday	Feb. 13	8:00 AM - Fritz Schulz/Lee Terlinden 10:30 AM - Mark Schmidt/Lars Ide
Sunday	Feb. 20	8:00 AM - Joel Goche/Jon Lemke 10:30 AM - Dean Dahlke/Dave Sell
Sunday	Feb. 27	8:00 AM - Brian Grochow/Ryan Ortloff 10:30 AM - Brian Schuch/Richard Jannusch



Your faithful service is what continues to make First Lutheran Church a wonderful place to worship, fellowship and serve together!

Sunday	Feb. 6	8:00 AM - Nick Hanson 10:30 AM - Grady Schuft
Sunday	Feb. 13	8:00 AM - Elizabeth Grimm/Madison Dahlke 10:30 AM - Ella Dahlke
Sunday	Feb. 20	8:00 AM - Hayden Terlinden 10:30 AM - Matthew Martin
Sunday	Feb. 27	8:00 AM - Dylan Bargmann 10:30 AM - Matthew Martin

The Side of Truth

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

"You don't want to be on the wrong side of history." This is an idiom that is often repeated these days. Or it can go this way, "You want to be on the right side of history." Both ways have the same meaning, which is to persuade the person to follow the prevailing winds of the culture.

But what about being on the side of truth? Truth is never mentioned. Instead, truth is replaced by feelings, which is opinion. What about remaining loyal to the one true God?

In today's secular world, the truth has been replaced by opinion. These days, immoral living is seen in a positive light, while moral living is not. What has happened?

The Pew Research Center in December 2021 released its findings from a study on religious affiliation in the United States. In the study, Pew found that the secularizing shifts in the United States are not going to slow down any time soon as it found that self-identifying Christians now outnumber religious "nones" by a ratio of a little more than two-to-one. Back in 2007, Pew found that Christians outnumbered "nones" by almost five-to-one.

As more and more people are no longer affiliated with Christianity, society's change has become more secular. As America becomes more secular, the more the culture's morality has deteriorated. And among practicing Christians, according to this Pew study, only 26 percent said they attend a religious service at least once a week.

Now, none of this is a shock. We all live in 2022. But, this is alarming. Where is truth to be found? God is truth. Jesus is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No person is saved from sin, death, and hell apart from Christ.

In the world we live in today, there is a search for truth, but this search does not include Jesus Christ. In a world without truth, we don't know who we are. In a world without truth, grammar is destroyed in order to apply "my pronouns." In a world without truth, nothing matters. This is a world of nihilism where nothing has meaning.

But we do matter! God says we matter! God created mankind in His image as He created us all male and female. He created us, because He loves us. He knitted us together in our mother's wombs. We are all fearfully and wonderfully made by God and He never makes mistakes.

God not only created us, but He also redeemed us from the powers of sin, death, and Satan through Him becoming man as He suffered, died, and rose from the dead — for us! This is the truth! And we all need to hear this wonderful truth as much as we can, or else we could fall away.

We are being catechized every second of our lives. The only question is how are we being catechized? Are we being catechized by the secular world (with waiting with bated breath as daytime co-hosts discuss "hot topics," with idolizing rose ceremonies, and joining TikTok challenges), which always ends in despair and nothingness. Or are we being catechized by the one true God, who gives us hope that is sure and certain. We certainly live in the secular world, but don't let the secular world become

your false idol of worship. Always remember that the secular world's goal is to sway us away from truth.

Just like we matter to God, truth matters. It is so easy to give in to popular trends, but in the end truth prevails, because God prevails. God is truth.

In Christ ~ Pastor Adelsen

Happy February

Colossians 1:13-14

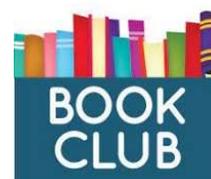
¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

With the high school youth group, we are going through the book of Colossians. This book is rooted in the understanding that Jesus has supremacy over all people and is sufficient for us in our lives. These verses stood out to us as we discussed the video Bible study that we are going through. One of our adult leaders made a great point about our faith lives that I would like to share. Have you ever stopped to look back and see how God has worked in your life? On that week that you didn't think you could get through, the family fight or illness, financial struggle, the prayer answered with no or not yet. When those very real and very difficult situations go on, it is sometimes difficult for us to see how Jesus is with us amidst our darkness and struggle. When we look back, we can see the light shining in the darkness, guiding us, teaching us, and molding us through the battle. As we go through each day, week, month, and year, my encouragement to you is to stop and look back and reflect on how Jesus has impacted your life since then. What things have you learned? What questions have been answered? How have you been cared for through the process? Let the hope that this can strengthen you to know that you are not alone through your struggles.

In Christ- Tori Kidd, DCE

Snow Plowing During Storms

REMINDER: Church members need to be aware that parking lots at the church are not plowed during snowstorms but done after the snow has stopped. The exceptions to this are worship services and special events, such as weddings and funerals. Please be cautious if you need to come to the church during a snowfall!



First Edition Book Club

First Edition Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 7 p.m. on the north side of the Fellowship Center. The group will discuss the book: Sensible Shoes: A Story about the Spiritual Journey (Sensible Shoes Series book 1 of 4) by author Sharon

Garlough Brown. First Edition book club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.

ANGEL SEEDS

The St. Croix Hospice Foundation was selected for the Jan-March 2022.

St. Croix Hospice has branches that service the McLeod and Sibley county in MN. Not all hospices are the same. At St. Croix Hospice, we listen to patients and families to understand their individual wishes for the end-of-life journey. With a focus on comfort and quality of life, our teams across the Midwest provide care with dignity and respect. Talk to an expert to see how our award-winning teams can serve you, wherever you call home.

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

ST. CROIX HOSPICE



First Lutheran School Wish Tree

A huge THANK YOU to all who generously donated to the FLS Wish Tree this year. A total of \$3,267 was received! Items that will be purchased include Art supplies, STEM supplies, school library books, items for the school kitchen, and miscellaneous classroom and office supplies.



E-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.

Vanco Mobile Faith – Mobile App

Text \$ (your \$ amount) to 855-976-9619

Give online via www.firstglencoe.org

You might also complete a paper authorization with the office

Lutheran Night at the MN Twins

Tickets are reserved for the 6:40 pm game on Tuesday, August 2nd against the Detroit Tigers. Seats are located in Section 213 (Home Plate Terrace) at a cost of \$36 each. Bus transportation from First Ev. Lutheran Church in Glencoe will depart at about 4 pm, at a cost of approx. \$12 per person. Please contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com to reserve your spot!



If you've listened to the radio or watched TV at all during the last month you've likely heard and seen "new year, new you!" Here at First Lutheran it seems "new year, new committees" or "new year, new projects" might seem more fitting!

A DCE Call Committee has been formed consisting of Taylor Bernstein, Melissa Cisewski, Caitlin Freberg, Cindy Mathews, and Annika Schafer from the Board of Christian Education; Lester Schauer and Roger Schmidt from the Board of Deacons; Cindy Eggsgluess and Barb Tessmer congregation members at large; and Pastor Welch as an advisor. This committee has been meeting weekly to explore options for filling the DCE position including applying for an intern from Concordia University, Seward Nebraska. Over the past few weeks they have spent time reviewing and updating job descriptions, determining the pros and cons of both a called DCE and a DCE intern, discussing salary information, considering a congregational survey, and more.

A Principal Call Committee has been formed consisting of Mindy Dressel, Grant Grochow, Kari Nikolaisen, Erik Plath, and Jennifer Pokornowski from the Day School Board; LuAnn Schmidt, Gina Schuft, and Joe Streufert congregation members at large; and Pastor Welch as advisor. The committee has been meeting weekly. Over the past few weeks, they've met with Sean Martens (LCMS Assistant to the President, Education & Commissioned Ministers) who shared with them the process for calling a principal and taught them how to navigate the database. They have begun the process of narrowing down the list of candidates with hopes of beginning the interview process in the coming weeks.

Please pray for guidance as these committees navigate this process and determine what's best for the congregation as a whole.

If you see these committee members, please thank them for their time, patience, and diligence!

Becky Edwards ~ Business Manager

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 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."

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.

How to Watch Facebook WITHOUT Having an Account

Did you know that you can watch Worship Services, Events, Bible Studies, Videos and see Pictures and Posts on First Ev. Lutheran's Facebook page without having your own Facebook account? Here is how you do it:



From your computer's internet browser, go to the First Lutheran website at: www.firstglencoe.org

From the home page, click on the slide "Watch Worship Services Online" on our Facebook page. The First Ev. Lutheran Facebook page will open in a new tab and you will see a picture of the south entrance of our building (to properly identify). On the left-hand side of the page you will see "videos". Click on videos and scroll down until you see the specific video (Divine Services, Behind the Hymn, Children's Messages, etc.).

You can also search for First Ev. Lutheran School and see School related posts. These are "public" pages and so you can peruse without becoming a Facebook member.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Becky for further direction.



15th Annual Silent Auction & Meal



SILENT AUCTION:

This year's silent auction will once again be held via the online platform. Visit <https://www.32auctions.com/fls2022> to set up your account and start viewing items! Bidding will begin Sunday, February 27th,

2022 at 12:00pm and will conclude on Sunday, March 6th, 2022 at 12:00pm. There will be 3 different dates available to pick up and pay for your items (cash, check and card accepted). The Flames Booster Club is now accepting donations for this year's event. Items can be dropped off at the church office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. The final date to drop off donated items will be Friday, February 25th.

DRIVE THROUGH MEAL:

Instead of our normal luncheon, we will be having a drive through meal event on March 5th, 2022. You will need to pre-order your meal online at least one week ahead of time. More details will be shared soon. Also new this year, you'll have the option to pre-order dessert from the food truck Cookie Dough Bliss!

BASKET/DONATION IDEAS:

Gift Certificates in any amount from: Walmart, Target, Kwik Trip, Coborns, Subway, Dairy Queen, Burger King, Unhinged Pizza, ITUNES, Other Restaurants & Gas Stations

Experiences: Golf, Nickelodeon Universe, Movie Tickets, Valley Fair, Bowling, Game Tickets, MN Zoo

Electronics

Health & Fitness Basket (water bottle, protein bars, yoga mat, weights, videos, etc.)

Spring Cleaning Basket (cleaning items, cloths, bucket) **BBQ/Tailgating Basket** (grill, utensils, sauces, marinades, rubs, etc.)

Freezer Meals Basket (freezer ideas/items, freezer bags, recipes)

Mark your calendar and plan to join us! We are extremely blessed to have First Lutheran School! Please come show your continued support!

This is the Life - TV Program

Starting in the late 1950's, Lutheran Hour Ministries aired a TV program, called "This is the Life" in their efforts to bring Christ to the nation. It was a critically acclaimed show that used story and drama to convey eternal truths from God's Word. It featured actors that were just getting started in their careers. Recently, Lutheran Hour Ministries in partnership with Main Street Living re-mastered and brought to HD quality about 50 of these programs. Even though the props and styles are of the 1960's and 70's, the subject matter is still very relevant.



In the Twin Cities area, This is the Life airs every Sunday at **9:00** and **9:30** on both Channel 29 and Channel 9-2. (set your DVR).....or you can also watch it anytime online at mainstreetliving.com.

Library News:

Non-fiction

GROWING UP LUTHERAN by Janet L Martin and Suzann J Nelson

An autobiography of their "Growing Up Lutheran" remembrances, written to poke fun of their Lutheran heritage. Both authors are speakers at many Lutheran churches of various synods throughout the year. Countless Lutherans have related their endearing, and often hilarious stories. Many of which are included in the book and help capture the "Lutheran Experience."

This book is a combination of memories and pictures with other Lutherans who grew up in the 40's - 60's, rather like an old-fashioned Lutheran Church basement hot dish.

Written generously salted and peppered with gentle humor, this will "fill" you with smiles and remembrances of the good old days. "This is most certainly true."



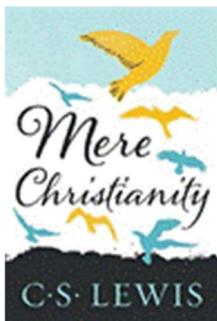
Study on C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity Continues on February 15

The Christian Book Study on C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* meets next on Tuesday, February 15 at 6 p.m., when the Christian Book Study group will finish C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. The study will attempt to meet every second Tuesday of each month through May.

C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity

C.S. Lewis has been called by many "The apostle to the skeptics" and was one of the intellectual giants of the 20th century. His book, that was originally his broadcast talks of the war years, has become one of the most popular introductions to the Christian faith ever written. In his book titled *Mere Christianity*, Lewis sets out to "explain and defend the belief that has been common to nearly all Christians at all times."

Please contact Pastor Adelsen for any more information.



PRAYER REQUESTS

To ensure your prayer request is included in our weekly bulletin notes and the prayers of the church during Sunday worship services, please contact the office by 4:00 PM on Thursdays.

Lutheran Hour Topics for February

A Message of Hope on The Lutheran Hour
Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 12:30 pm on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. The following topics for the month of February were available at the time of the newsletter deadline:

Feb 6 "How Christians Can Admire the Jewish Sabbath" with speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

Dr. Michael Zeigler says the Jewish practice of observing the Sabbath is sort of like being in a long-distance relationship. (Luke 6:1-11)

Feb 13 "The Unexpected" with guest speaker: Rev. Roland Syens. Jesus said those who are poor in spirit are blessed. Pastor Roland Syens says poverty is not a problem in God's economy. (Luke 6: 17-20)

Feb 20 "Topic not available at newsletter deadline"

Feb 27 "Topic not available at newsletter deadline"

Thank you for supporting the KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour broadcasts with your gifts and your prayers. We have been blessed with sponsors through June of 2022.

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

Lutheran Hour Broadcast Coordinator Position Open on May 1st

On May 1, 2022 the KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters have an opening to fill for the volunteer broadcast coordinator position. The position calls for a group, an individual or individuals with hearts for wanting to share the Good News of Jesus Christ each week on the KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour broadcast.

You will work with like minded Christians who are members of LCMS churches in the KDUZ Radio listening area. In your position you will communicate with the area congregations and interested sponsors, send out confirmation letters to sponsors who have sent in their contribution, keep track of the Sundays sponsors have requested, monitor the Sunday broadcasts, and work with KDUZ Radio by sending the sponsor dedications in to the radio station prior to each month's broadcasts. Arnie Alsleben serves as the volunteer treasurer, deposits the checks, and sends in payment to the radio station each month for the broadcasts.

The joy of knowing that the seeds of the Gospel are planted each week makes this a unique and satisfying position to serve in. God nurtures the seed growth - we will never know this side of heaven where the seeds of faith have sprouted and are growing.

Interested groups or individuals should contact Mike Wilmsen, (507) 380-4430, mikewil1@hotmail.com or Rich Streufert, (320) 864-6884, richstreufert@embarqmail.com.



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Family Shield Pilot Broadcast Ends Jan 29

The Family Shield broadcast pilot program, which aired on Saturday mornings on KGLB Radio, ended on January 29. The program generated interest among the LCMS congregations in the KGLB Radio listening area. Twelve congregations signed up for the monthly newsletter. The program topics were well received. The funds generated during the five months of broadcasting were not enough to keep the program on the air. You can continue to hear the broadcast podcasts at the Family Shield website www.familyshieldministries.com. Thanks for listening!

Take up the shield of faith. Ephesians 6:16



Radio Broadcasts --- Help get our Sunday Services heard!

Do you listen to the Sunday morning radio broadcast aired once a month on KDUZ?



Did you ever notice that often times a member will sponsor these broadcasts to honor a special occasion or in memory of someone special?

If you've ever thought of sponsoring a broadcast, now is the time...we still have some unsponsored broadcasts in the coming months. Can you help?

The cost to sponsor the broadcast for one month is \$185. The sponsorship announcement would include the words "Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by...." If you are interested in sponsoring, please call or stop in the church office.

This ministry is possible thanks to the generosity of our sponsoring members as well as the Edwin and Ella Ponath Radio Broadcast Fund.

"Lutheran Women in Mission"

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Monday February 7, 2022 | 2:30 PM

The words to the poem "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" were written in the late 1800's by a Methodist minister in Kansas. In 1923 a different Kansas Methodist minister came across this poem and wrote a tune for it. It appeared in several pamphlets and was published, but it was of no particular significance until George Beverly Shea began singing it during Billy Graham crusades. Then it became popular. It is now a favorite among many, including many members here at First Ev. Lutheran. It's #809 in our hymnal.

ALL WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION are welcomed to join us Monday February 7 at 2:30 p.m. to study and sing this beautiful hymn. We will examine the lyrics as they proclaim God's faithfulness not only in nature, but in all spiritual blessings. God's promises to us are based on His faithfulness, not ours. You don't

have to be a rostered member or volunteer to come. There will not be a long business meeting this month, only a few announcements and devotions led by Gloria Hilgers. Refreshments will be served.



Happy February Birthday to honorary Lutheran Women in Mission members Marlys Jungclaus, Arlyce Grack, Marianne Breyer. A \$5 gift in honor of each of you has been given to LWML Mission Grants "mites."

"Lutheran Women in Mission" profits from the December Bazaar/Bruch/Bake sale were \$1239.83. That amount will go into the treasury for now. Towards the end of the year, we will decide which local and far-away missions will receive funds.

We will sponsor the February 6 Lutheran Hour Broadcast on 1260 KDUZ radio.

Slumberland Furniture donates beds to children in need through their "40 Winks" foundation. Since 1991 40,000 beds have been donated. They like to send a quilt along with the bed. Last year First Ev. Lutheran quilters provided 37 quilts! They also sent 50 to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and 20 to Montana. THANKS, QUILTERS!

Knives in the church kitchen have been sharpened by Gary Schauer. He also removed the stains on the white plastic cutting boards. THANKS, GARY!

The large kitchen coffee maker is now 22 years old and has once again been repaired by Ken Schiroo. THANKS, KEN!

All of the large kitchen appliances are 22 years old. Some of the portable roasters are even older! How long will they last? The "Kitchen Replacement Fund," managed by LWML and overseen by Board of Trustees, is ready! There is currently \$4604.73 in the fund.

Question – How is the "Kitchen Replacement Fund" funded?
Answer – Any fund-raising event that uses the church kitchen is assessed \$25 for the "Kitchen Replacement Fund." (Some groups give even more. THANKS!)

NO CONGREGATION GENERAL FUNDS ARE USED FOR CHURCH KITCHEN APPLIANCES OR UPKEEP.

First Lutheran Church & School Website

It's been almost 1 year since we launched the new website! Are you accessing it for information on upcoming events, Church & School news, bulletins/newsletters, sermons, and much more? Volunteers work hard to keep things current and relevant. Please keep our Facebook pages and Website in mind for any activities that your group/board is doing. We want to include the activity in the Event Calendar as well as other spots, so everyone has a "go to place" to stay updated at First!



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.

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Jeri Ring 864-4029 jring8655@aol.com
Lynn Exsted 864-6452 lexsted14@gmail.com

The Difference

I got up early one morning
And rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbled about me,
And heavier came each task;
'Why doesn't God help me?' I wondered.
He answered, 'You didn't ask.'
I wanted to see joy and beauty
But the day toiled on gray and bleak.
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, 'But you didn't seek.'
I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys in the lock.
God gently and lovingly chided,
'My child, you didn't knock.'
I woke up early this morning,
And paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
That I had to take time to pray.

-Author Unknown

Potato Pancake & Sausage Dinner Sunday, March 27th

The date has been sent for this 71st Annual Event which will offer both Eat-In and Take-Out Meals. Details are just beginning to be pulled together, so watch the bulletin, web-site, and next newsletter for further information. But please mark your calendars now.



Many volunteers will be needed in various capacities. This event is a long-standing tradition here at First Lutheran and is fun to work at! Please contact the Church office if you're willing to help!

√ Thrivent Choice –

Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$315 for FLS. **Thrivent Choice 2021 TOTAL designations for FLC and FLS were \$12,090!** Isn't that great! Remember that you have ONLY UNTIL THE END OF MARCH to use your 2021 Choice \$ - after that date you will no longer have access to them. 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! **In 2021, FLC & FLS benefitted from (36) Action Teams – this means we received \$9,000 in seed money (\$250 per team) towards our Action Team projects!**

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 THE OFFICE KNOW! This is a new year – so all Thrivent members again have 2 Action Teams! Involve others – it's 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" to stay updated on exciting new opportunities and newly created events!

√ Thrivent Member Network - Twin Cities Region works hard to create fun and educational content that you can engage in from the comfort of your own home. There are also some great on-demand webinars (variety of topics) that you can view anytime. **Guests are welcome!** Please feel free to share these events with your friends, family, and community. Upcoming events include: Feb 17 – Virtual Event – Money Canvas, a free coaching service to help build healthier budgeting, saving, and spending habits. Feb 22 & 24 – Virtual Event – Retirement & Taxes with Ed Slott On-Demand Event – The 5 Love Languages with Dr. Gary Chapman. See all the info and resources at: <https://www.thriventfinancial.com/member-network/twin-cities/>

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

VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Let's give our support and encouragement to our Board members as they start or continue to serve Christ and the Congregation. The Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on Monday, February 28th at 7:00 PM. Reports will be heard from all the boards and committees regarding the projects in place and updates on their progress. If you are a communicant member of First Lutheran, age 18 or older, please attend.



Executive Board: Wayne Ahlbrecht, President; Bill Brickzen, Vice-President; Joyce Aul, Recording Secretary; and Mary Lemke, Treasurer.

Agendas will be available at the entrance stands Sunday, February 20th.

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Special Gifts Received in January

Mark & Cheryl Schmidt (In Memory of Charles Jensen)	\$10	General Fund
Elmer & Yvonne Schuette (In Memory of Charles Jensen)	\$20	Roof Repair
Mopsy Karg (In Memory of Charles Jensen)	\$15	General Fund
Elmer & Yvonne Schutte (In Memory of Karen Covington)	\$20	Roof Repair
Family & Friends of Karen Covington (In Memory of Karen Covington)	\$20	Roof Repair
Family & Friends of Del Rutske (In Memory of Del's Jan 5 th Birthday)	\$100	Roof Repair
Ida Rutske (In Memory of Chuck Jensen)	\$10	Roof Repair
Pastor Peter & Melissa Adelsen (In memory of Jennifer Lindahl)	Anonymous	General Fund
Germaine Winter (In Memory of Jennifer Lindahl)	\$20	Roof Repair
Joan Gruenwalt (In Memory of Jennifer Lindahl)	\$20	FLS
Quilting Ladies	\$200	Portals of Prayer
Quilting Ladies	\$200	FOF Supplies
Quilting Ladies	\$200	Wolf Ridge
Quilting Ladies	\$100	FLS Milk Program
Quilting Ladies	\$700	General Fund
Larry & Edna Lindemann (In Memory of Michael Hartmann)	\$10	General Fund
Anonymous	\$1000	Organ Repair

First Lutheran Financial Report

2021-2022 Financials: DECEMBER (YTD)

GENERAL FUND INCOME ONLY (December):	<u>Last Year</u>	
Offering Envelopes	\$ 415,266.58	\$ 373,053.33
Debt Reduction	2,195.00	10,598.00
Thrivent "Choice" Member Elections	1,443.00	1,370.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	625.00	1,250.00
School Tuition	<u>250,839.10</u>	<u>99,381.85</u>
	\$ 670,368.68	\$ 485,653.18

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (December):	<u>Last Year</u>	
Staff	\$ 468,080.57	\$ 487,070.30
Employer Payroll Expenses	(2,332.90)	(2,025.15)
Buildings	46,894.29	35,735.72
Operations	26,716.18	15,333.89
Interest on Line of Credit	- 0 -	(4.96)
	<u>\$ 539,358.14</u>	<u>\$ 536,109.80</u>

2021-2022 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:
\$ 8,878.00 \$ 8,540.00

December 31st GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS: (\$ 126,063.08)
Last Year's December 31st General Indebtedness: (\$ 371,484.92)



First Lutheran School

Flames Flash - February 2022
"Nurturing Spiritual & Academic Growth"



Please Pray for

- Lutheran Hour Ministries -Zambia, our chapel offering recipients, as they work to help spread the Gospel of Christ in a very needy part of the world.
- The Silent Auction Committee and all involved as they prepare for the big event.
- Our country, that it might thrive and accomplish God's will here on earth

Thank You to:

- All who attended the FLS Christmas Worship service. There were a record breaking 597 attendees.
- Louie Tessmer for his tireless efforts keeping the church and school immaculate.
- Our substitute teachers, LuAnn Schmidt, Yvonne Schuette, Miriam Randt, Bill Husberg, Lori Schiroo, Amy Welch, and Tori Kidd for keeping the FLS ship afloat during some "bad weather".
- The great supporters of FLS who have contributed to the Wish Tree. Your contributions have enabled us to purchase items that we normally wouldn't be able to afford. This year's donations totaled over \$3,181 !
- Everyone who has donated to our "Keep It Happening" drive. It's inspiring to see the support for our school. So far, we have received over \$7855!
- All the people who have or are planning on donating to our Silent Auction.
- Mrs. Bargmann, Mrs. Nord, Mrs. Welch, and Mrs. Weidendorf for their dedication to our preschool program and it's smooth operation!

\$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!

Calendar Notes:

Jan.31- Feb. 4	7th and 8th grade on Wolf Ridge trip
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day... God loves you more
February 21	No School Presidents Day
Feb. 24	Preschool registration- tentative
February 27	Silent Auction on-line bidding opens
March 5	Silent Auction meal pick up 4:00-6:00 PM
March 6	FLS Silent Auction closes
March 7	No School

Young Investors Program

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

Our Largest School Fundraiser

The 15th annual First Lutheran School Silent Auction will take place on February 27th through March 6th. This is by far the biggest fundraiser we have. For an auction to be successful, you need people who donate items and people to bid on them. Please consider helping our children out by being one, or better yet, both of these people. Auctions are a great way to have an enjoyable time as people work together to contribute to a worthwhile event. The meal this year will be a drive through affair with 3 options to choose from. Pick up times and full menu details are still being worked out with complete information coming soon. The Silent Auction Committee is still seeking donors, helpers, and bidders for this great event. A list of donated items can be seen at our website www.firstglencoe.org. Don't be left out. Be a part of something meaningful. Invite friends and members of the community to show what First Lutheran is doing. A portion of the proceeds will be used for STEM and art development as well as updating needed items for the classrooms. Consider now, ways in which you can contribute!

Second Trimester Chapel Offering

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Chapel offerings are going to Lutheran Hour Ministries Gospel Adventures. This year they are spreading the good news of the Gospel to people in Zambia. Students will be viewing the videos they send out about life in Zambia and how children are learning about our Savior.

Third Grade News

Third grade students are learning about prayer and how God hears and answers all our prayers, maybe not in the way we expect, but in a way that is best for us. Studying rocks has been a hit with third grade students. They have been enjoying the rock collections here at school and they will be doing a STEM activity to learn about the rock cycle. They have been studying the parts of speech in English and are currently learning about adverbs. In math class they are starting to memorize the multiplication facts.

Ongoing Fundraisers

We are collecting: Box Tops, Coborns points, and Country Hearth labels. Our last check was for over \$28 from the Box Tops program and we usually receive a large check from our Coborns points. Keep up the good work!

School Cancellations or Early Out Information

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

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

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK January 23-29



FLS K-8 students wrote about what Jesus means to them. They are hung up all around the Fellowship Center. Go check them out!



Due to the cold weather, sledding day was postponed until later in the week and took place on Thursday, January 27th



FLS students want to thank all of those who are in our congregation at First Ev. Lutheran for supporting us. It is because of you that we are able to come to school every day and learn about Jesus. Thank you for your prayers, your donations, your kindness, and your willingness help out!

As a way of saying thank you, our students planted 150 succulents for you to take home. As you water these plants, be reminded of the faith that you are also watering in the daily lives of our students. (They were available at church on Sunday, January 30th).

A special thank you to Tangletown Gardens for the donation of succulents!!





First Lutheran School (www.firstglencoe.org)

Family Style Takeout Meal – Saturday, March 5th, 2022

FLS SERVES STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL to 8th GRADE - THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FLS!

- Meals will be available for drive thru pick up (Church South Side) Saturday, March 5 from 4 pm - 6 pm.
- All meals come ready to reheat and serve or may be frozen for eating at a later date.

All family style meals are available for pre-order until Sunday, February 27. You may pre-order your meal by contacting Robyn in the Church office (864-5522), Michelle in the School office (864-3317) or by placing your order between designated Church Services. Payment may be made with a check (payable to FLS) or charge card.



Smoked Chicken Alfredo Dinner - Serves 4: \$55 (\$13.75 per/person)

Pop this pasta tray (9x13 pan) into the oven to warm up and you'll have a delicious family dinner ready in just minutes. Meal comes complete with Smoked Chicken Alfredo Pasta, Caesar Salad & Bread.



Smoked Beef Brisket Dinner - Serves 4: \$80 (\$20.00 per/person)

Family style meal complete with 3 lbs. Smoked Beef Brisket, Caesar Salad, Cheesy Potatoes (9x9 pan) & Bread. Brisket is fully cooked and may be warmed in the oven.



Smoked Pork Rib Dinner - Serves 4: \$100 (\$25.00 per/person)

Two large racks of meaty Smoked Ribs (Rubbed with a Side of Sauce) are just waiting to make it to your table. Caesar Salad, Cheesy Potatoes (9x9 pan) & Bread will round out this special meal. The ribs are fully cooked and may be warmed in the oven.



Dessert – Order your dessert directly from Cookie Dough Bliss and pick it up at the same time as your meal! To view options and place your order, visit the link below: (*In Note Section, please state that dessert will be picked up at First Lutheran*)

https://cookiedoughblisstwincities.company.site/?from_admin=true

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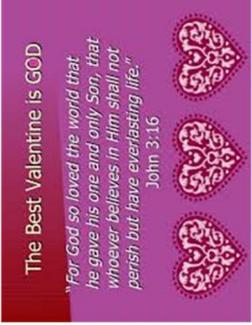
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Smoked Chicken Alfredo Dinner for 4 - \$55	Qty _____ = \$ _____
Smoked Beef Brisket Dinner for 4 - \$80	Qty _____ = \$ _____
Smoked Pork Rib Dinner for 4 - \$100	Qty _____ = \$ _____

Any and All additional donations are welcomed!

Check
 Charge

Grand Total..... = \$ _____ \$ _____ = \$ _____

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
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