

## Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 11-13 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup> I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup> also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man."

It's May and it is definitely "a time to plant" (v.2). Just ask any farmer around here, and I'm sure they'll tell you it was already time to plant several weeks ago. If only the weather would have cooperated!

The weather will always be uncertain, but this much is certain: none of us are in control of it. The same holds true for many other areas of life. In Ecclesiastes chapter 3, the Lord shows us how we are subject to times and changes in life over which we have little or no control. He, on the other hand, is eternal and all-powerful. God, in His wisdom, predetermines all of life's activities. For proof of that just take a look back at verses 2 through 8 above!

In verse 11, we are made to realize that God's beautiful but tantalizing world is too big for us, yet its satisfactions are too small. Since we were made for eternity with God, the things of time cannot permanently and completely satisfy us.

Verses 12 and 13 show us that in the end God's people find meaning in life when they cheerfully accept it from the hand of God: "I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man."

In other words, we are to comfort one another, cheerfully receive God's gifts, and help those around us with our generosity. These verses show us that joy and purpose in life come by self-giving, a lifestyle that imitates God's ways. And nowhere are the loving ways of God seen more clearly than in Jesus Christ, whom God sent to us at just the right time to be our Savior from sin and death. As Paul writes in Galatians 4:4-5: "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law."

While we are not in control of the weather, time, or lot of other things in life, we do know the One Who is in control of all things. May Christ's peace be with you through all the changes, times, and seasons of your life, until we see Him face to face in eternity!

*~In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch*



The Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Center.

All First Ev. Lutheran Church members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend. Among other business, the 2022-2023 Budget will be reviewed.

This is an opportunity for our congregation members to be heard, please prayerfully consider attending this and all Voters' Assemblies. YOU, the "Voters" have the final say after recommendations come through the Boards and Church Council. Because all of the Staff, Boards, and Committees report their activities, it's an excellent way for everyone to keep in touch with our Congregation's happenings.

Look for the Agenda Packet and the 2022-2023 Budget Requests to be on the entrance stands May 22<sup>nd</sup>.



This Mother's Day we pray for ALL MOTHERS including those who have lost a mother, the mother who has lost a child, for the one who longs to be a mother. We pray that they know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and every day!

## **Christians in a Woke World**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

What comes to mind when you hear the following words: systemic racism, privilege, political correctness, woke, anti-racist, and social justice? These words are common in the world we live in today. But are we able to accurately define them? What do they mean?

A brother LCMS pastor Rev. Paul Dare asked those questions after he realized that society as he knew it had changed. He wrote, "I saw members of society wanting to be a victim. If they succeeded at becoming a victim, they derived power from it." From this, a culture of "canceling" had developed. Since he saw society changing, he began to research in an attempt to understand the changing culture. From his research, Pastor Dare developed a Bible Study that is a Biblically-grounded response to the "woke" movement that confronts the church at present.

Beginning on Sunday, May 1, we will begin a new adult Bible Study titled "Christians in a Woke World." Each study will begin with a short video led by Pastor Dare and then we will dig deeper through Bible Study. The study's goal is a call to Christian courage, confession, and love.

So, if you have wondered what is going on in today's culture, please attend this upcoming Sunday Morning Bible Study as we will attempt to better understand our world.

Themes discussed in the Bible Study:

- Cultural Marxism
- Victimhood and Social Justice
- Political Correctness
- Liberation Theology
- Scripture on Racism
- Self-righteousness
- Christian Courage

The Lord bless you and keep you in His grace!

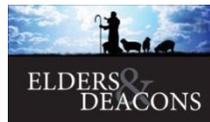
*In Christ, Pastor Adelsen*

## **RADIO BROADCAST of First Lutheran Services**

Sponsoring a Radio Broadcast is a wonderful opportunity to remember a loved one or honor a special event or person. The cost of sponsoring a Broadcast on KDUZ Radio is \$190 for a monthly service or \$210



for a special Thanksgiving or Christmas service. Thanksgiving and Christmas are still available. We have also started booking into 2023. Please contact the Church office for more info or to schedule a broadcast.



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

<b>Sunday May 1</b>	8:00 AM - Lester Schauer / Doug Dahlke 10:30 AM - Dennis Wolter / Roger Schmidt
<b>Sunday May 8</b>	8:00 AM - Ryan Ortloff / Warren Willcox 10:30 AM - Jon Lemke / Lars Ide
<b>Sunday May 15</b>	8:00 AM - Lester Schauer / Joel Goche 10:30 AM - Dennis Wolter / Richard Jannusch
<b>Sunday May 22</b>	8:00 AM - Jon Lemke / Doug Dahlke 10:30 AM - Mark Schmidt / Lars Ide
<b>Wednesday May 25</b>	(8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation / Pre-Memorial Day Service) 7:00 PM - Mark Schmidt / Dean Scheele
<b>Thursday May 26</b>	(Ascension Worship Service) 7:00 PM – Dennis Wolter / Warren Willcox
<b>Sunday May 29</b>	8:00 AM - Joel Goche / Lee Terlinden 10:30 AM - TBD / Lars Ide

## **DCE News**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

This past month has been filled with beautiful moments of those people brought up in the faith. Earlier in the month, we rejoiced as two First Lutheran School students were baptized in front of their peers during chapel. We praise God for the work that he has done in those kids and the work that he will continue to do in their lives. Secondly, we thank God for the 17 students that confirmed their faith in Christ. Teaching has always been one of my favorite parts of what I get to do here at First Lutheran. To have the opportunity to influence the faith lives of the future leaders of our church is a blessing.

As we continue into the month of May keep the future leaders of our church in mind. When we make decisions on the school and church, we are paving the way for them. My prayer is that we continue to create opportunities for youth and families to continue to grow in their faith. As we do that, they go out into the world and share that love with others.

*-Tori Kidd, DCE*



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

- Sunday May 1** 8:00 AM - Xander Plath  
10:30 AM – Matthew Ortloff
- Sunday May 8** 8:00 AM - Alex Cisewski  
10:30 AM - Ethan Dahlke
- Sunday May 15** 8:00 AM - Bailey Betsinger  
10:30 AM - Ethan Dahlke
- Sunday May 22** 8:00 AM - Xander Plath  
10:30 AM - Ethan Dahlke
- Wednesday May 25** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation)  
7:00 PM- Cody Michaelis
- Thursday May 26** (Ascension Worship Service)  
7:00 PM - TBD
- Sunday May 29** 8:00 AM - TBD  
10:30 AM - Brooke Mickolichek

**1 year, 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8760 hours**

As I reflect on the last year as business manager here at First Lutheran, so many thoughts, feelings and words run through my head...

FAST-We know that there are 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, and 8760 hours in a year. How does it go by so fast?!? Maybe it's the old saying "The days are long, but the years go by fast!"

CHALLENGE - With change often comes challenge. I don't think anyone could've prepared me for the challenges that I'd face in the past year! Yet with each and every challenge, I found myself seeking and asking God what I was supposed to learn....

GROWTH-This last year has been filled with many opportunities for growth, not only in my professional life but in my personal life and my faith life as well. "Growth takes place when you seek grace and knowledge" 2 Peter 3:18

STRENGTH -On the days when it might feel easier to just give up, to walk away, God has given me the STRENGTH to persevere. To continue to do the work He has called me to do. "But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded" 2 Chronicles 15:7

PATIENCE- to wait on God's timing. "But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience" Romans 8:25

TRUST- isn't it interesting how God's timing teaches us to trust Him! "Trust in the Lord with your whole heart and do not lean on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5

As I close this first chapter (year #1) and turn the page to the second chapter (year #2), I pray that God will provide myself and ALL the leaders at First Lutheran Church & School with the wisdom and courage to do ALL that He has called us to do!

*With love - Becky Edwards*



**ANGEL SEEDS**



Each year the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

Grade students from First Lutheran School spend a week in February learning and enjoying God's beautiful creation on their class trip to Wolf Ridge. In recent years, they've even managed to make a few stops along the way at Canal Park in Duluth, a train station, and hiked around Gooseberry Falls.

Wolf Ridge is an international leader in environmental education. Established in 1971, Wolf Ridge was the first environmental learning center in the country to be accredited as a K-12 school. Our experienced naturalists work with school groups looking for outdoor, hands-on learning. We offer over 50+ fully-accredited classes year-round that build awareness, curiosity, and sensitivity to the natural world.

The Angel Seeds contributions from April through June will be help to fund this important mission endeavor! Thank you for prayerfully considering donating.

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.



**The Glencoe Historic Preservation Society**

History Book Committee needs our help! In an effort to record Glencoe's history from 1975-2025, they have reached out asking First Lutheran Church and School to collaborate an article(s) describing our part of history in Glencoe. This information will be kept on file at the Glencoe Historical Preservation Society for future reference. In addition, some of the content may be used in the new Glencoe History book.

The committee has provided a project overview as well as some questions to consider for writing the historical outline. If you or someone you know might be willing to help fulfill this request, please contact the Becky Edwards at 320-864-5522 or [bedwards@1stglencoe.org](mailto:bedwards@1stglencoe.org).

We are taking the opportunity to honor our 2022 High school AND college graduates! If you know a graduating senior, have them fill this out and email a picture for use to:

[tkidd@1stglencoe.org](mailto:tkidd@1stglencoe.org)

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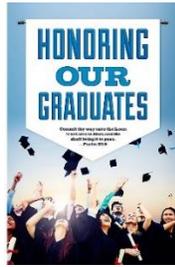
Favorite Bible Verse:

High School Activities/Sports:

High School Achievement:

Plans after graduation:

Most excited for after high school:



## GLENCOE CONCERT ASSOCIATION

The Glencoe Concert Association is pleased to present its 2022-2023 season of quality performances for the entire family.



Glencoe concerts include:

- "How Sweet It is," featuring Steve Leslie, an awarded singer/songwriter/guitarist performing the music of James Taylor – Sept 11 at 4 PM.
- "Dan Miller Cowboy Review," has been entertaining audiences around the world with their first-class musicianship and family-friendly production – Feb 23 at 7 PM.
- Backtrack Vocals," a 5-person professional a cappella singing group that transforms familiar pop, funk, Motown, and Broadway songs – March 28 at 7 PM.

Because the Glencoe and Hutchinson associations have reciprocity, members can also attend the Hutchinson Concert Association concerts:

- "B2winds," led by high-energy violinists from Rio de Janeiro who combine a plethora of genres into a live show captivating audiences with their unique sound – Sept 15 at 7 PM.
- "The Holy Rocka Rollaz," features rock 'n roll music that will take you on a trip back to the '50s – Nov 6 at 4 PM.
- "The String Showdown," a dueling string duo who amaze audiences with favorite hits from radio, TV, and movies – April 13 at 7 PM.

Members can attend all six concerts, with the purchase of an adult (\$55) or family membership (\$120).

For the past 48 years, the Glencoe Concert Association has provided world-class entertainment for the Glencoe area. The support of the Glencoe Concert Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, since 1974 emphasizes the desire and the need for such an organization to provide top quality performances for the entire family.

Board Members are also needed for the upcoming season. People of all ages, who are interested in a variety of musical performances, are encouraged to volunteer.

For more information, contact Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or Louise Carlson at 320-864-5261. You are also invited to "LIKE" the Glencoe Concert Association Facebook page.

## 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](http://www.firstglencoe.org)

## First Edition Book Club



First Edition Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss the book: Barefoot (Sensible Shoes Series book

3 of 4) by author Sharon Garlough Brown. First Edition book club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.

## FLS APPAREL

Did you know that First Lutheran School has an apparel store with Squadlocker? If you are looking for a fun way to support our school, check out the Squadlocker website!

We have a wide range of items, name brands and price points for you to choose from. And if you don't see something you are looking for, please let me know and we can probably have it added. Simply go to [www.squadlocker.com](http://www.squadlocker.com), click on "Find Your Store" search for First Lutheran School Glencoe, MN and shop the store. All items ordered will be shipped directly to your home. Contact Michelle Alsleben 864-3317 if you have any questions.



## Lutheran Witness Subscription



Try a subscription to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod family magazine, the Lutheran Witness. You can review the latest issue on an end table in the south main entry sitting area. Have this magazine delivered to your door

each month for only \$19.68 per year. To renew your subscription or to be added to the subscription list, stop by the Church office with your payment OR put your \$19.68 in your offering envelope (separate check please) and note "Lutheran Witness" on the outside of the envelope. The deadline is Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Lutheran Night at the MN Twins

We're getting excited for baseball and reservations are starting to come in! Tickets are reserved for the 6:40 PM game on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4:00 PM, at a cost of \$14 per person (bus transportation prices increased this year, but we are able to offset with a Thrivent Action Team). Please contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or [eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com) to reserve your spot!

## 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](http://mainstreetliving.com).

## LWML Monthly Meeting

LWML will meet Monday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center where Pastor Welch will be leading a bible study called "Balancing Life's Challenges", which can be found in the Spring edition of LWML Quarterly. All woman are welcome to join. Refreshments will be served after the study.



## Missionary Speaker and Luncheon

Rev. Vance Becker, former pastor here at First Ev. Lutheran, will be the featured speaker at a Salad Luncheon on Monday June 13 in the Fellowship Center. Pastor Becker and his wife Linda are currently serving as LCMS missionaries at Matongo Lutheran Seminary in Kenya, Africa. Pastor Becker teaches African men studying to be pastors. Linda helps with music and helps train women in the Deaconess program. They will be on furlough in the mid-west this summer, speaking and preaching about mission work in Africa. Mark your calendar NOW so you don't miss this chance to see

We will begin at noon with devotions and a meal. Their presentation will follow. **ALL women and men, are welcomed to attend.** It will be fun to meet and greet the Becker's. There is no charge for this meal. An offering for the Matongo Lutheran Mission will be received and you are encouraged to give generously. Make checks payable to First Ev. Lutheran LWML or Vance Becker.

You may donate to Pastor Becker's mission any time through the church office or at [www.lcms.org/becker](http://www.lcms.org/becker). At that site you will see a short biography of the Becker's and a current photograph of them in Africa. Beautiful! Lots of flowers! (And he has no beard.)

At this Salad Luncheon we will also be acknowledging three of our current honorary members who are turning 100 this year: Frances Downer, Serena Stradtmann and Bernice Wolter. Birthday cake will be served. Please phone the church office if you are planning to come. We want to make sure everyone gets salad and cake.

Happy May Birthday to Honorary "Lutheran Women in Mission" members Alice Donnay. A \$5 gift to LWML Mission Grants "mites" has been given in your honor.



## Lutheran Hour Topics for May

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 12:30 pm on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. During the month of May you will hear the following program topics:



May 1 **"Three C's of Christian Witness"** with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Competence, Conversation, and Caring--the three C's of Christian witness. (Daniel 3:28)

May 8 **"What the Bible Is Like"** with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Bible is like an encyclopedia, a love letter, a self-help book, and a Good News article--but these comparisons all fall short. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

May 15 **"What the Bible Is About"** with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)

May 22 **"What the Bible Is For"** with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. (1 Timothy 4:13)

May 29 **"Imagine That!"** with guest speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasy. (Revelation 22:1-7)

Thank you for supporting the KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour broadcasts with your gifts and your prayers. We have been blessed with sponsors through July of 2022. We have openings and need sponsors for August 28, and September 4 plus a number of openings in October, November, and December. Please call or e-mail to inquire or verify available dates in 2022. Contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or e-mail [richstreufert@embarqmail.com](mailto:richstreufert@embarqmail.com). The cost for sponsoring a broadcast during 2022 is \$94.00.

Broadcast sponsors 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 for their congregation organization. Checks should be made out to "KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast". Send checks to "KDUZ Lutheran Hour Supporters", % First Lutheran Church, 925 13th Street E, Glencoe, MN 55336.

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



This year's Gospel Adventure is **Zambia Bound!** Kids will be introduced to kids just like them living in Zambia who carry their faith with them through day-to-day life. We look forward to spotting God's goodness with you during *Gospel Adventures: Zambia Bound!* To learn more see the following *Gospel Adventures information video clip*: <https://vimeo.com/363332341> . Start your *Gospel Adventures journey* at <https://www.gospeladventures.org/>.

**And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9**



### 71st Annual Potato Pancake Dinner

"Thank You" for supporting our 71st Annual Potato Pancake & Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 27! This year, we were once again able to dine in the Fellowship Hall and we also served approximately 200 take-out meals.

Diners enjoyed potato and regular pancakes, sausages, applesauce, cheese stick, and beverage. An estimated 725 meals were served! More than 100 volunteers worked all phases and stages of the event.

We held down our costs through donations and price checking. We are grateful to receive donations and discounts from CorTrust Bank, Glencoe Co-Op Association, Kwik Trip, Michael Foods, the Thrivent Action Team program, and several volunteers. Any unused supplies were returned as allowed and what remained was donated to FLS or to the MEFS.

Proceeds totaled \$7,778 and expenses \$3,011. This left us with a Profit of \$4767, to be split between the upcoming NYG trip and Roof Repair expenses.

We thank each and every one of you for the part you played! This is a well-loved event and we are blessed to continue the tradition!

### 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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**We need YOUR input! We are happy to assist you with your Story if you'd like.**

## Student Scholarships Available

### **Concordia University Students**

The College Scholarship Endowment Fund provides Scholarship funds for students enrolled in Concordia Colleges, Universities, or Seminaries of the Lutheran Church – Missouri



Synod. Information and an application form are available from our website at [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org) or upon request.

### **First Lutheran School Students**

The Edwin & Ella Ponath Education Fund Scholarships are again open for the 2022-2023 academic year. All First Lutheran Church members with students enrolled in First Lutheran School are eligible for scholarships. Scholarship awards are based on financial need AND on the amount of available funds (approximately \$12,000).

Applications will be mailed in April to all member students in Kindergarten through Grade 7. (Prospective member students should also apply.) The application forms are also available from our website at [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org) or upon request. Completed applications must be returned by June 17, 2022 in order to be considered for the 2022-2023 academic year.

First Lutheran School Tuition Aid may also be available. All are eligible for this aid. The amount of aid is calculated with a formula based on Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Please turn in the page of your tax form 1040 that includes your AGI to the School Office any time before the new school year begins.

Please contact School Secretary Michelle Alsleben, or Business Manager Becky Edwards for questions or concerns regarding First Lutheran School Scholarships or Tuition Aid.

All information is treated with utmost confidentiality. Any questions should be directed to the Business Manager at (320) 864-5522 [bedwards@1stglencoe.org](mailto:bedwards@1stglencoe.org)

## YOUNG INVESTORS CLUB

The Young Investors Club program (for ages 0 to 18-years-old) will wrap up for the year very soon. Thank you to all of our young savers who are taking their first steps in practicing financial management, investing for future needs, and supporting ministry. We can't forget about the parents who help encourage them and even send money with them on a weekly basis.



Young Investors can earn "extra credit" for good grades and participating in community service projects (up to \$25 per year). In addition, the Y.I. Club's interest rate on the first \$1,000 is 2.0%! Visit [lcef.org/young-investors-club](http://lcef.org/young-investors-club) for more information or contact Becky Edwards (Y.I. Club coordinator at First Lutheran) at 320-864-5522 or [bedwards@1stglencoe.org](mailto:bedwards@1stglencoe.org)

## Thankful for Miss Frieda Perschau

For all your saints, O Lord,  
Who strove in you to live,  
Who followed you, obeyed, adored,  
Our grateful hymn receive.

Miss Perschau, worked for 38 years in the teaching profession as an elementary educator. In 1990, Miss Perschau created a Trust that was managed by Security Bank and Trust. According to the terms of her Trust, each year the income generated was awarded as scholarships, on a financial need basis, to FL students who attended Mayer Lutheran High School. In the event that not all monies were used, the balance was awarded as scholarships, on a financial need basis, to FL students who attended First Lutheran School. After 30 years, the remaining Trust assets have been distributed to MLHS and the Trust has been closed. The earnings from this Trust have helped support the tuition of so many students throughout the years – what a blessing this has been to First Lutheran!

We are continually inspired and encouraged by the generosity of all of our donors. Compassionate contributors play a key role in the support of our ministries. God has blessed us and we are very grateful.

All honor, praise and thanksgiving be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To God be all the glory!

*-Submitted by Endowment Committee*

### **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.



√ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$12,303 for FLS and \$1,328 for FLC. THANK YOU TO THE NEW DONORS WE HAD THIS TIME! Visit [www.Thrivent.com/choice](http://www.Thrivent.com/choice) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say “Choice Dollars.” Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the Church office.

√ **Thrivent Action Teams** – A Thrivent Action Team is a simple, flexible way for you to bring people together to make a positive difference.....you might hold a fundraiser, conduct a service activity, or hold an educational event. Each year, every Thrivent member has (2) Action Teams to use!

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

When your project is approved, Thrivent will provide resources (Action Team Kit) to help plan the event, promotional items (including Thrivent T-shirts to increase your visibility), and seed money to cover promotional and material expenses (\$250 Community Impact Card).

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

√ **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 complimentary events with your friends, family, and community. 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

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our church has a volunteer cleaning committee to assist with keeping up the storage areas that have been forgotten as time marches on or that are used by multiple groups. Some have become a dumping ground for cardboard boxes with few items in them, we are hoping to open up new storage possibilities.



This group currently consists of Sandy Kunkel, JoAnn Wandrei, Charlie & Sharon Czycalla, Kermit Terlinden, and Myrna Frauendienst. We meet casually to tackle a project of the day, which has been determined by our many walk throughs looking at the troubled areas.

So far, we have several areas that have got complete makeovers and in our eyes are quite an accomplishment. One is the dry pantry area in the kitchen. The other is west classroom South closet. Some comments from the pantry have been “wow, they must have changed the lighting – it’s so bright in here”. It was just removing all the cardboard boxes that contained leftover items from past projects and combining them into clear labeled totes – which now makes everything easy to find. Check it out! The West end classroom had become a tangles web of stuff, which was sorted, folded, rearranged, and put back into labeled totes, and we discovered more space. Please make sure to not cross the yellow line on the floor- we need access to the electrical box at all times! This room held many past treasures, which have found new homes and will be put to good use. We also discovered an entrance point for some unwanted visitors, which was covered and closed to avoid future entry!

We have also tackled some smaller areas – drawers and cupboards with “old” materials to gain more space for groups. We keep moving on with this project and realize it's on-going. Everyone can help by putting things away and labeling boxes/totes you cannot see into.

All the totes that we have used are from a Thrivent Action Team Grant. We were able to purchase 52 totes for \$250 to complete the projects.

The committee may remove items and they are placed in a corner of the downstairs music room area to be looked at by groups/individuals to determine if still useful and worth storing. This committee does not throw away items without approval of the board of Trustees unless items are obviously damaged or are a health and safety hazard. These items are disposed of when cleaning the area.



God's blessings and congratulations to our 2022 Confirmands! Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM service, they came forward and publicly confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus, Who said: “Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven”(Matthew 10:32). Please join us in praying God's blessings to be upon them!

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

### **Church Council | April 21<sup>st</sup>**

No Summary Submitted



### **Christian Ed Board | April 12<sup>th</sup>**

On June 5th there will be the Baccalaureate service for the 2022 College and Highschool Graduates- Congratulations to all of you. We will also be providing goodie bags for all graduates. We are discussing summer activities, stay tuned for upcoming announcements! VBS theme for this summer is God's Wonder Lab. We look forward to planning activities for lots of fun!

### **Day School Board | April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Popcorn sales will be starting soon. 156 students are registered for 2022-2023. Children will be singing National Anthem at the Twins game April 28. Operetta is planned for Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board of Trustees | April 4<sup>th</sup>**

A presentation was given by the Flames of Faith Kids Club asking for approval to use the church building for a summer program. The maximum number of participants is 20, ranging from age 5 through 6th grade. It was recommended that the Church Council approve this request. The board was informed that Louie Tessmer will be retiring as of May 31, 2022. It was recommended that the Church Council approve the 2nd step salary increase for the Business Manager. This was negotiated at time of hiring. Materials for the roof project have arrived and are currently being stored.

### **Board of Evangelism | April 12<sup>th</sup>**

No Summary Submitted

### **Board of Deacons | April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Discussed wages for part-time and music workers, motion made, seconded, and carried to keep wages the same for 2022-2023 Budget. Discussed DCE Tori Kidd's request and will review at May meeting. Discussed Service Recognition coming up in next few months: Pastor Welch 10 years, to be held on June 12th Pastor Adelsen 5 years, to be held on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Discussed DCE Tori Kidd's Send-off Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> between Services Discussed 5th grade students request for 4 more classes with their teacher Mrs. Welch Motion made, seconded, carried to approve their request. Discussed request from the 2 Deacon members on the salary review board for support of a proposal. Motion was made, seconded, and carried in support of their request. Reports were reviewed. Motion made, seconded, and carried to pay the monthly bills.

### **Board of Stewardship | April 5<sup>th</sup>**

No Summary Submitted

# 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
Joel Goche	320-444-3859
Brian Grochow	952-412-1696
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Dennis Wolter	510-0206



# First Lutheran School

Flames Flash ~ May 2022  
"Nurturing Spiritual & Academic Growth"



## Please Pray For:

- Sarah Albachten, Ben Browne, and other staff members as they continue the work of coordinating playday schedules, participants, and workers.
- Seasonable weather for our area farmers.
- Those families that are considering sending their children to FLS that they might be led to realize the importance of a Christ centered education.
- A successful playday on May 13th.
- The people of Ukraine that the war may come to an end.
- Our 8th graders as they graduate and move on to other schools that they may always be courageous witnesses.

## Thank You To:

- All the people who have agreed to work at playday.
- All of the fantastic parents who support FLS by sending their children to our school.
- Kathy Weidendorf, Sue Nord, Amy Welch, and Mrs. Bargmann for keeping the preschool running smoothly.
- The Flames of Faith Club Summer Program Committee for all of their hard work in developing a program that will benefit our First Lutheran families as well as the community at large.
- Everyone who volunteered this year whether for field trips, classroom activities, or other needs. We really appreciate it!
- Glenn Cohrs for tilling the school garden again this year.

## Calendar Notes:

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| <b>May 4</b>  | Fine Arts Festival 6:30                 |
| <b>May 6</b>  | 5-8 Grade School track meet at MLHS     |
| <b>May 13</b> | Playday                                 |
| <b>May 25</b> | 8th grade graduation service, 7:00PM    |
| <b>May 27</b> | Last day of school, dismiss at 11:02 AM |

## Last Day of School Schedule

The First Lutheran schedule for May 27<sup>th</sup> is as follows:  
**8:00 - 9:00 AM** students go to their classrooms for final clean up and wrap up  
**9:00 - 10:00 AM** 8th grade presentations including wills, skits, and valedictorian and salutatorian speeches (This has been extremely entertaining in the past, so you won't want to miss it.)  
**10:00 - 11:00 AM** End of year chapel and awards  
**11:02 AM** Dismissal  
There will be no GSL busing home on this day so please arrange for transportation!

## Kindergarten News

Our Kindergarten class loves to chatter! They are excited about learning and growing in their love for the Lord! Soon we will be able to read small sections of Scriptures on our own and we are glad all our hard work this year has paid off. From now till the end of the year we will be working on reading words with the Long vowel sounds. In Math, we are working on addition and subtraction; tangrams; and measurement. We love animals and are excited to spend the rest of the year learning about animal groups. For Social Studies we are learning about change in communities, changes in our nation, changes in our needs and wants, and changes in how or what jobs people do. In all of our lives there is continual change, but God has promised to be with us. We are looking forward to some fun events including the K-2 grade garage fun sale; singing the national anthem at the Twins Game; Play day; a field trip to the Como Zoo and Children's Science Museum; and Kindergarten graduation. We are daily enjoying this beautiful world the Lord has given us to explore; appreciate; and grow in! As First Lutheran grows, and changes may we be reminded that the Lord is holding our hand and is with us through life's changes too.

## \$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!

## Third Trimester Chapel Offerings

Chapel offerings for the third trimester are going to the Glencoe Regional Health Prairie Trail, a wonderful community project for all to enjoy. This walking path will feature a monarch waystation; a helping hands garden; and a Veteran's Memorial. Local school groups can visit and learn about monarchs; help in the flower and food gardens; and reflect and remember veterans. Our funds will help purchase flowers, garden boxes, planters, seeds, tools, prairie grasses, trees, bike racks, and benches for the area.

### Important dates for the 2021-22 School Year

Here are some important dates that you may want to keep in mind. A more complete calendar will be available later in the year. August 30-first day of school, Sept. 2-6 no school-Labor Day, Oct. 20-21 no school-MEA, Nov. 24-28 no school-Thanksgiving break, Dec. 22-Jan. 2 no school-Christmas break, Jan. 16 no school-MLK day, Feb. 20 no school-Presidents day, March 6 no school, April 6-11 no school-Easter break, May 26 last day of school.

### Lutheran Elementary School Spelling Bee Results

Congratulations to the following students who placed at the Lutheran School spelling bee on April 9 at Mayer Lutheran High School. Oscar Freberg-10th, Isaiah Nikolaiasen-9th, Grady Schuft-10th, Xander Plath-9th.

### Ongoing Fundraisers

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

### Big News!



First Lutheran School has a great teaching staff, and we are committed to continuing to make our school a wonderful place for ministry and learning for our students. Thinking about that commitment, we have some exciting news!

Miss Mackenzie Thiesfeld has accepted the position of principal that was offered to her by the voters of First Lutheran Church. She will transition into that position soon with the official start date of July 1. Also, earlier this month, Ms. Thiesfeld received word that she has been accepted into the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod "School Leadership Development Project" (SLeD Program). She is one of only 35 LCMS educators from around the nation that will be taking part in "SLeD22".

SLeD is a comprehensive, two-year program that prepares individuals for leadership and administration positions in our LCMS schools. During that time, Mackenzie will be working on multiple projects that will impact our school for the better.

### Homegrown! It's a Good Thing.

First Lutheran School has received a \$5,000 grant from the MN Department of Agriculture Farm to School program! The MN Dept of Ag awarded a total of \$741,619 in grants to (46) schools across the state to allow the purchase of Minnesota grown and raised foods for school meal programs. First Lutheran School, one of the grant recipients, will use these monies now and throughout the 2022-2023 school year.

We're excited and eager to initiate efforts to make deliberate LOCAL choices for student's school lunches and have named this initiative Homegrown! It's a Good Thing. We're working with Gina Mackenthun, our School Nutrition Director, to plan lunch menus to include locally produced foods. Our plan includes the purchase of locally raised and processed meats – beef, pork, and poultry. Season dependent, we'll also access local markets for vegetables – Spring and Fall varieties, as well as fruits from local orchards.

On Wednesday, April 27, First Lutheran School served its second "Homegrown" lunch featuring hot dogs purchased from Alsleben Meats/US 212 Beef and whole wheat buns baked at the Pan-O-Gold Baking Company in St. Cloud. Students also enjoyed carrot sticks from Tangletown Gardens in Plato; the carrots were raised last season and stored this winter.

Students will be learning a little song that goes like this ---  
Homegrown's all right with me  
Homegrown is the way it should be  
Homegrown is a good thing  
Plant that bell and let it ring

It is a "good thing" for our students to know that some of the foods they are served at lunch come from local farms and fields. It will also be a "good thing" to make purchases from our local farmers and businesses – helping them financially and reducing supply chain transportation costs. We are beginning to work on cultivating relationships with both the producers and processors in our community. We know that our students are enthused to eat local; we will also use this program as a teaching tool, so they learn about what they are eating, how it was raised, and how it was prepared. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming involved or learning more, please reach out to Principal Dean Scheele or Secretary Michelle Alsleben at 864-3317 or Program Coordinator Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or [eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com).

# MAY 2022

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
1   8:00 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: FOF Summer Program 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service 6:30-8:00 PM - I.M.P.A.C.T.	2   6:00 PM - Special Voter's Meeting 7:00 PM - Trustees 7:00 PM - LWML	3   1:30 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00-5:00 PM - TWEENS 6:30 PM - Evangelism 6:30 PM - Day School Board 7:00 PM - Stewardship	4   6:15 PM - Senior Choir 6:30 PM - Fine Arts Festival	5   8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Pastor Adelsen) 7:00 PM - Deacons	6   FLS 5th-8th Graders Track Meet at MLHS	7							
8   <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>  8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Christian Ed 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion	9   7:00 PM - Altar Guild	10   <b>NO Bible Study</b> 9:30 AM - GlenFields 1:30 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00-4:30 PM - Fun and The Son 6:30 PM - Christian Ed Board	11   6:15 PM - Senior Choir	12   8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Ms. Lilienthal) 1:30 PM - Chapel at Grand Meadows	13   FLS Play Day @ Oscar Olson Park	14							
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22   8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Deacons/ Elders 9:15 AM - Bible Class 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion	23	24   1:30 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00-4:30 PM - Fun and The Son	25   7:00 PM - FLS 8th Grade Graduation	26   7:00 PM - Worship Service w/Communion - Ascension	27   8:30 AM - Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 AM - FLS Chapel (Pastor Welch) 11:02 AM - FLS Dismissal	28							
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