

## "New School Year, New Creations"

"Ready or not, here I come!" That's the sound of a brand-new school year that is now suddenly upon us!

As we quickly head into the Fall, feelings of excitement, anticipation, and even feelings of being overwhelmed are common, and it's not only students that feel this way, but also parents, teachers, and administrators, too!

When the first day of school arrives, many young members of First Lutheran Church will disperse to various schools and colleges. I pray God's richest blessings to all of our young members wherever they may be learning.

With the coming of a new school year, I am reminded of this verse: **"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."** (2 Corinthians 5:17- ESV)

There are certainly many new things at First Lutheran School this year: a new principal, two new teachers, new students, new classes, and new beginnings.

What's more, at First Lutheran Church we have some new Sunday School teachers and helpers and also new volunteers who are stepping up to help out in many other areas of Christian Education, as well, such as youth groups.

Speaking of Christian Education, we are blessed with several Bible study groups for adults and older youth, as well. If you're not attending one, I strongly encourage you to do so. You won't regret it! What a blessing to have all of these ways for people of all ages to grow in the faith of Jesus Christ.

As we begin this new academic year, and as we think of all of the many and various changes in our lives - and sometimes those changes can be very challenging to us - we can be very thankful that "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). He Who loves us, Who died for us and rose again for us, also watches over us and He does not change. He will never leave us. He makes these promises to us in our Baptism.

Jesus made ordinary water into a special blessing when it is used with His Words of grace and promise. He told His disciples to baptize all nations in "the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19). Jesus promised "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:16)

Today in Baptism, our Lord uses His divine power to give spiritual life to those who are dead in sin. Those who are baptized are born again to a new life. Through His Word and Baptism, Jesus gives us new life, a life in which we think of Him and His love for us each moment.

St. Paul explains: "Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a **new life**" (Rom.6:3-4).

This is the daily importance of Baptism for each of us as a child of God. Our Baptism reminds us of the fact that every day, no matter what changes or challenges that day may bring, God has made us His own dear children. By our daily repentance and sorrow for sin, our sinful self is drowned as if it were held under water. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we arise as a new person with power from God to live according to His will. This is how God makes and keeps us His own.

Every morning, as we wake up, we remember God is our Father, Jesus is our Savior, and God's Spirit gives power to live as children of God. As we remember our Baptism, every day is a new experience in the grace and love of God.

What wonderful news we have to share with others, too! As we live the life of a baptized child of God, we join our fellow Christians in telling others of the love of God shown through Jesus' death and resurrection so that they, too, might be brought into His family and enjoy life as a new creation in Christ!

*~In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch*

## The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation

On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> you are invited to join us as we begin a ten-week **Sunday Morning Bible Study** series called **The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation**.

In this series we will explore God's plan of salvation as it unfolds through the Old Testament and is fulfilled in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This study is designed to introduce the Bible to congregational members who have never read the Bible before and to help focus those who have read the Bible to see the overarching theme of God's Word, which can be called, "God's Epic Plan of Salvation."

The first five weeks will focus on the Old Testament, while the last five weeks will feature lessons in the New Testament.

We will begin with creation and the fall into sin, which brought all the evils we experience into this world. Then we will look at the unfolding of God's promise to send His Son with lessons on Abraham, Moses, King David, and Daniel.

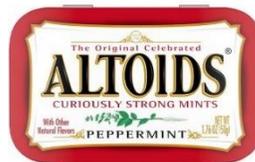
Then, in the second half of The Tree of Life, we will focus on Jesus' coming as our Savior. We will look at His birth, Baptism, ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and His promise to return on the Last Day to judge the living and the dead.

By the end of these ten weeks, you will be refreshed with the Bible's overarching theme and storyline, equipped with the tools for unlocking the full riches of each page of Holy Scripture.

**The Tree of Life: God's Promise of Salvation** is all about answering the question of how this world God created came to be in such a terrible, confused state and how God stepped forward with a plan and a promise to send His Son, Jesus Christ, to fix it all. Each week, we will explore Bible accounts that guide us through this epic story of salvation from creation, to the cross, to Christ's return on the Last Day.

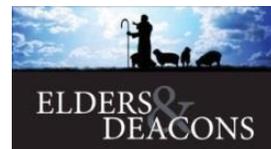
Our weekly themes are as follows:

- The Beginning of Our Story: Genesis 3:1-15 (September 18<sup>th</sup>)
- God's Plan for Abraham: 22:1-14 ( October 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- The Passover Lamb: Exodus 12:1-13 (October 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Slaying the Giant: 1 Samuel 17 ( October 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Delivered from the Lions: Daniel 6:1-24 (October 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Jesus is Baptized into God's Plan: Matthew 3:13-17 (October 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Jesus Preaches the Kingdom of Heaven: Matthew 4:3-11 (November 6<sup>th</sup>)
- God's Plan of Salvation Completed: Luke 23:26, 32-46 (November 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Jesus Conquers Death: John 20:11-18 ( November 20<sup>th</sup>)
- The End of Our Story: Revelation 21:1-8 (November 27<sup>th</sup>)



**DONATION NEEDED!** Do you have any empty ALTOIDS tins? The Kindergarten class is in need of a few more. They can be dropped off in the Church Office. THANK YOU

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



### **Sunday September 4**

8:00 AM – Joel Goche / Doug Dahlke  
10:30 AM – Brian Grochow / Dave Sell

### **Sunday September 11**

8:00 AM – Dean Scheele / Dave Sell  
10:30 AM – Brian Schuch / Rich Jannusch

### **Sunday September 18**

8:00 AM – Lester Schauer / Fritz Schulz  
10:30 AM – Dean Dahlke / Don Hepner

### **Sunday September 25**

8:00 AM – Dean Scheele / Fritz Schulz  
10:30 AM – Ryan Ortloff / Dave Hoes

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



### **Sunday September 4**

8:00 AM –  
10:30 AM – Brooke Mickolichek

### **Sunday September 11**

8:00 AM – Alex Cisewski  
10:30 AM – Cody Michaelis

### **Sunday September 18**

8:00 AM – Xander Plath  
10:30 AM – Connor Neid

### **Sunday September 25**

8:00 AM – Bailey Betsinger  
10:30 AM –

## **ARE YOU MUSICALLY INCLINED?**

We are looking for an individual that would be interested in directing the Handbell Choir this year. Past experience is not required, just a desire to serve! Please contact Brian Grochow for more information!

Anyone interested in sharing their musical talents (vocal or instrumental) during worship services are encouraged to contact Brian Grochow at [briangrochow@gmail.com](mailto:briangrochow@gmail.com).

It is good to Praise the Lord and make music in His name!



## EXTRA GARDEN PRODUCE?

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



## 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 requests be known to God." Thank you to all of our current members for their commitment to prayer – to confidentiality, discretion, and listening to the Holy Spirit. How does it work?

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

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.

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 612-840-6308




## FALL FUN






**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st – 4:30 PM**

**JOIN US FOR A HAYRIDE, BONFIRE, AND MEAL**

**ROBERT & GINA SCHUFT FARM (44612 180TH ST, ARLINGTON)**

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND - RSVP TO 864-5522 –

\*Check FLC Facebook page for schedule updates on day of event\*

(SPONSORED BY FIRST EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH – BOARD OF EVANGELISM)

## Fare For All

A program of the food group  
What's available for sale?

Mega Meat Pack - \$25

7-9 hard frozen meat items. May include chicken, turkey, pork, beef and/or fish

Mini Meat Pak - \$11

3-5 hard frozen meat items. May include chicken, turkey, beef and/or fish (NO pork)

Produce Pack - \$10

Typically consists of 3-4 types of fresh fruit and 3-4 types of fresh veggies

Combo Pack - \$20

A combination of the Mini Meat and Produce Packs – save \$1

"Hot Buy" Specials

Timely deals on individual items or special packs – including Holiday Packs in Nov & Dec.

Remaining Dates for 2022 – Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 2

3:30 – 5:30 PM – Oak Heights Covenant Church – 1398 S Grade Road SW, Hutchinson

No pre-registration required – just come at above dates and time



## First Edition Book Club



First Edition Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss the book: "The Ladies Mine" by Francine Rivers.

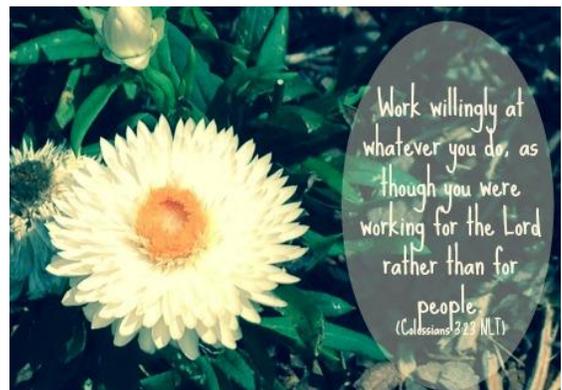
First Edition book club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.

## FLAMES OF FAITH KIDS CLUB

Flames of Faith Kids Club is the before and after school student care program at First Lutheran School. It is for children Age 5 through Grade 6. Your child does not have to be a member of FLS to participate. The morning (6:30-7:45 AM) session is \$8.00 and the afternoon session (until 6:00 PM) is \$10.00 or both sessions are \$15.00. Our program director and contact person is Madison Mathews. To register or for more information, you may contact Madison through the following contact information:



1. FLS FAST DIRECT
2. Madison's PERSONAL CELL NUMBER: (320) 296-2546
3. PERSONAL EMAIL: mrmathews01@gmail.com
4. Visit the church/school website at [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org) for more information or to register.
5. Flames of Faith Kids Club Handbooks are available to pick up at each of the entrance stands.



## FLC QUILT TYING MINISTRY

We give thanks for the volunteers and the many hours spent making warm, comforting, and beautiful quilts. Recently, (27) quilts were donated to the RSVP program, (29) quilts were donated to the Orphan Grain Train program, and an additional (46) quilts and (18) lap robes were donated to the Boys & Girls Ranches in ND and MT. The McLeod County Food Shelf also received a number of quilts and lap robes to be distributed to those in need.



## FLAMES BOOSTER CLUB

The Flames Booster Club is an organization of parents with the goal to encourage enthusiastic support and interest in First Lutheran School, to contribute to the advancement and needs of all programs at the school, and to lend support to the staff faculty at the school. We have supported various programs by funding areas that cannot be fully covered by the school. We provide additional support to all programs at First Lutheran School through volunteerism and financial support.



Flames Booster Club is **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** and has various ways for members of the congregation and parents to get involved. If interested please send a Fast Direct message to Flames Boosters or reach out to one of the following Booster members, Allison Grochow, Stephanie Lewin, Micky Neubarth, Amy Edwards, Candace Stiles, Annika Schafer, Molly Schiller, or Mindy Dressel.

## FREE Healthy Meals Available

Thanks to a grant from Second Harvest Heartland and the MN Dept of Ag, LSS (Lutheran Social Services) is providing free community meals.



### Who is Eligible?

Anyone who is 60 years or older and in need of nutrition can receive bundles of ten meals at each pick-up event on a first-come, first-served basis. You can also pick up meals for others in your household. The pick-up location is the Glencoe location of MEFS.

### About the Meals

The homestyle meals are produced at a local LSS Meals kitchen and individually portioned with a balance of proteins, carbs, and spices to taste great. They will be sealed and given out in reusable bags.

Upcoming distribution dates are Sept 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, and Dec 7 – between 8:30 AM and 3 PM.

Contact Lennie Albers at the Food Shelf for future distribution dates and times – 864-2088. It's simple and easy – great access to (10) healthy meals each month!



## SELF STUDY / PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE:

Per the First Lutheran Church By-laws, the Church Council will be appointing 6 congregational members to serve on the Pastor Call/Self-Study Committees. Any

congregational member 18 years or older interested in being considered for possible appointment to the committees, should contact the church office.



**Glencoe Concert Association**  
 The Glencoe Concert Association will hold its first concert for the 2022-2023 Season, "How Sweet It Is," on Sunday, Sept 11 at 4 pm at the Glencoe City Center. Nashville-based Steve Leslie is an awarded

singer/songwriter/guitarist who will perform the music of one of his greatest influences, James Taylor. In an authentic and spellbinding concert event, his warm baritone and exceptional guitar technique will have audiences singing along!

The cost of an adult membership is \$55 and a family membership if \$120; this membership allows you to attend a total of (6) concerts in Glencoe and Hutchinson. The 2022-2023 Season line-up is:

Glencoe Concerts (Glencoe City Center)

- Sun, Sept 11 – 4 pm - How Sweet It Is
- Thurs, Feb 23 – 7 pm – Dan Miller Cowboy Review
- Tues, Mar 28 – 7 pm – Backtrack Vocals

Hutchinson Concerts (CrossPoint Church)

- Thurs, Sept 15 – 7 pm – B2wins
- Sun, Nov 6 – 4 pm – The Holy Rocka Rollaz
- Thurs, Apr 13 – 7 pm – The String Showdown

Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Cindy E at 612-840-6308 or the night of the concert.

The Glencoe Concert Association is a 501©(3) organization. The support of our members and business and organization donors emphasizes the desire and need to provide outstanding affordable family entertainment for our community!

LIKE "Glencoe Concert Association" on Facebook too!



Photo L to R: Principal Scheele, Cooper Foss, Jaeden Eiden, Traevin Buckley



Enjoying delicious homemade potato chips – Jaeden Eiden, Connor Donnay, and Traevin Buckley

**FLS GARDEN CLUB HAPPENINGS**

Harvest of the FL School Garden began in August! Despite the earlier dry weather, the garden looks good. One challenge this season has been potato bugs! Members have picked and squished hundreds of bugs and Principal Scheele has also sprayed. Those potato bugs are very persistent!

At the Aug 11 Club meeting, members began harvest of potatoes (russets, reds, kennebecs, and Yukon golds), cabbage, climbing green beans, collard greens, onions, tomatoes, banana peppers, and green peppers.

Potato Chips were fried up to taste the difference between the varieties. Potatoes are high in carbohydrates, fiber, Vitamin C, B6, potassium and manganese. All varieties were delicious – club members really enjoy taste testing!

School gardens provide food to improve diets and nutrition, areas for learning, places for pleasure and recreation, as well as a continuing lesson in environmental stewardship and civic pride.

We invite our congregation and entire community to stop by and check out the garden located on the NE end of the school campus.



Washing Collard Greens – Cooper Foss

-Submitted by Cindy Eggersgluess

## Homegrown! It's a Good Thing!

In early 2022, First Lutheran School was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the MN Department of Agriculture Farm to School program! We already began and will continue to use these monies throughout the 2022-2023 school year to purchase locally grown and raised foods (beef, pork, poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits) for our school lunch program. This summer the First Lutheran School Garden Club also grew a large variety of produce that will be utilized. We nicknamed this initiative Homegrown! It's a Good Thing. Our School Nutrition Director, Gina Mackenthun, includes locally produced foods in the school lunches as much as possible. Beginning again with the new school year, we will try to feature two Homegrown! school lunches each month. This Fall, we will feature pork from the hog that was processed over the summer, along with other seasonal produce. Our students are enthused to eat local and we are using this program as a teaching tool so they learn about what they are eating, how it was raised, and how it was prepared. We continue to source local vendors that we can purchase from. If anyone would like to help or has any questions, please reach out to First Lutheran School Secretary Michelle Alsleben at 864- 3317 or Program Coordinator Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840- 6308 or [eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com). We look forward to continuing this "Good Thing!"

**I.M.P.A.C.T.** Students in grades 8 – 12 are invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 6:30-8:00 PM! We meet at The Lighthouse (located above the downtown Temple Service Center located at 628 11<sup>th</sup> Street East). Join us for snacks, games, fellowship, and Bible Study. Pastor Welch and Mackenzie Thiesfeld are leading the group. **Our first meeting of the new school year will be on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.** We look forward to seeing you!

## Lutheran Hour Ministries Supper and Presentation

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
September 24, 2022 | 5:00 PM  
Doors open at 4:15 pm  
Please join us at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe on September 24<sup>th</sup> to learn more about "Lutheran Hour Ministries." Special speaker will be Rev. Peter Kirby, from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Rev. Kirby serves as the Lutheran Hour Ministries Regional Director for Europe, Central Asia, & Jamaica. Hear how God is working through Lutheran Hour Ministries - Current Lutheran Hour Ministries Outreach Efforts - Updates and information about the Lutheran Hour Broadcast.

There is no charge for this event. Doors open at 4:15 pm. Meet and greet Rev. Peter Kirby prior to a "Light Meal" supper provided to all who attend. The meal begins at 5:00 pm.

There will be a free will offering to help sponsor future Lutheran Hour broadcasts on KDUZ Radio. Replies (one week prior) are

appreciated but not mandatory. We want to have enough food so no one leaves hungry. (320) 864-5522 or [office@1stglencoe.org](mailto:office@1stglencoe.org). Questions? Contact Rich Streufert at (320) 864-6884 or [richstreufert@embarqmail.com](mailto:richstreufert@embarqmail.com).

## SEPTEMBER LUTHERAN HOUR SERMON TOPICS

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 September, you will hear the following program topics:



Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 9:00 am on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio.

During September you will hear the following topics:

**Sep 4** "Count the Cost" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus offers a gracious buyout, even as He speaks of counting the cost of following Him. (Luke 14:25-35)

**Sep 11** "Lost and Found" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When Jesus told stories about lost sheep and lost coins, He was really talking about lost people. (Luke 15:1-10)

**Sep 18** "Fresh Start" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What does the canning of a corrupt and incompetent accountant teach us about the undeserved mercy of God? Hear Jesus' Parable of the Shrewd Manager. (Luke 16:9)

**Sep 25** "Take This Personally" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus wants us to take His Word seriously, not as a personal attack but as a word of warning—and promise. (Luke 16:19-31)

Thank you for supporting the KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour broadcasts with your gifts and your prayers. We have been blessed with sponsors through December and the first three Sundays in January 2022. Please call or e-mail to inquire about available dates in 2022 to sponsor a broadcast in honor of a birthday / anniversary or to remember a family member or friend as a memorial.

The current cost for each broadcast is \$94.00. Contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or e-mail [richstreufert@embarqmail.com](mailto:richstreufert@embarqmail.com). Checks should be made out to "KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast". Send checks to "KDUZ Lutheran Hour Supporters", First Lutheran Church, 925 13th Street East, Glencoe, MN 55336.

***God's Word provides the light we need. Psalm 119:10***

## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Lutheran Women in Mission LWML will meet **Monday September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Opening devotions will be led by Sharon Schauer. Special guest speakers will be Wanda and Lyle Honebrink from Mayer telling some of their congregation's recent mission trips to Africa. Guests are welcomed. See the information on page \_\_\_\_\_. Executive board and any other interested members come at 6:30.

### **When You Feel Overwhelmed**

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore (Psalm 121:1-2 7-8).*

Life is hard. So many things want to knock us down and take our breath away. There is pain, worry, anxiety, death, brokenness, and fear that makes life hard. There are times when things feel so low, stressed. Or overwhelmed that there seems to be no way out. But there is.

Psalm 121 reminds us that our help is in God, the Creator of the universe, and not in the things of this world. I have clung to this Scripture in recent months as I combat the things in this world that have been trying to overwhelm, consume, and define me. But even when I feel broken and weakened by all of that, I cling to the One from whom my help comes. The One who made me, knows me, and wants what is good for me. God has promised His help to us and gives it freely.

He wants us to lift our eyes to Him in the valleys of life, and to worship and praise Him when we are on the mountain tops. He is there through it all *both now and forevermore* (Psalm 121:8 NIV).

**Prayer:** Creator God, You are bigger than the things of this life. You know me and You define me. Guide me to live my life with that knowledge and lean on You to take on the brokenness of the world. For You are good. You are kind. And You are God. Amen. (Published by Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 2021. You can find more devotions similar to this one at lwml.org.)

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY to honorary Lutheran Women in Mission members Serena Stradtman (100), Eldana Soeffker, Anita Thiesfeld and Darlene Matuska. A \$5 gift to LWML mission grants "Mites" has been given in honor of each of you.



## **Bible Verses for Farmers (and all the rest of us)**

- Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17: 7,8
- Enjoy life with the wife that you love, all the days of your vain life that He has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might. Ecclesiastes 9:9, 10a.
- And He will give rain for the seed with which you sow the ground, and bread, the produce of the ground, which will be rich and plenteous. In that day your livestock will graze in large pastures. Isaiah 30:23.

## **LUTHERANS IN AFRICA**

September 12  
7:00 p.m.

First Evangelical Lutheran Fellowship Center Members at Zion Lutheran, Mayer, have made several mission trips to "Lutherans In Africa" mission there lead by Pastor James May. Wanda and Lyle Honebrink have been on some of those trips and will be speaking here on **September 12 at 7:00 p.m.** Lyle, a recently retired dairy farmer himself, has some interesting stories to tell about helping one local guy increase the milk production of his one and only cow. The next time he went, he helped direct the construction of a building for animals. Wanda sewed curtains for some of the classrooms. Others used their talents to build roads.

Their informal presentation will be especially interesting to those who know about farm animals or dirt moving. **WE HOPE YOU COME. All are welcomed: women and men, boys and girls.** This presentation is sponsored by Lutheran Women in Mission. Refreshments will be served. If you do not regularly come to these events, a reply to the church office is appreciated.

You can read more about Lutherans in Africa at [www.facebook.com/LutheransInAfrica](http://www.facebook.com/LutheransInAfrica).

## **MARY MARTHA ALTAR GUILD**

The Mary Martha Altar Guild will be meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022 starting at 7:00 PM. We welcome new members to join us. No special talents are required. Just a willingness to share your time, talents, and treasures. Members are scheduled to work one month throughout the year. You will never work alone; you will be working with 2 or 3 others during the month. We also will try to meet four times as a group between September and May. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Deb Tessmer or leave a message with the church office



## **NEW MEMBER CLASS STARTING SOON**

If you or someone you know of is interested in joining First Ev. Lutheran Church, please have them contact the church office to sign up (864-5522 or [office@1stglencoe.org](mailto:office@1stglencoe.org)). Our next new member classes are set to begin on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:45-8:00 PM and will run for six Monday evenings in a row (Except for October 31<sup>st</sup>) and each session will be an hour and fifteen minutes in length.

### **New Member Class Schedule**

Monday, October 10	6:45 PM to 8:00 PM
Monday, October 17	6:45 PM to 8:00 PM
Monday, October 24	6:45 PM to 8:00 PM
Monday, November 7	6:45 PM to 8:00 PM
Monday, November 14	6:45 PM to 8:00 PM
Monday, November 21	6:45 PM to 8:00 PM



## **POLKA SERVICE**

It has been an ongoing annual tradition to host Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers at First Ev. Lutheran Church. From year to year, members eagerly anticipate the polka service.

We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to the members of our congregation for their generous contributions. This event would not be possible without your support and generosity!

We ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution to ensure that this tradition continues for years to come! You can do so by noting "Polka Service" and the dollar amount on your offering envelope, mailing a check to the church office, or making a payment online via the website [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org). Please contact Becky Edwards in the church office with any questions.

## **Retirement Come & Go Reception**

First Lutheran Church is invited to a Come and Go Retirement Reception for Pastor Harold Storm on September 11, 2022 from 2-4 PM at St. John's-Mountville Gaylord, MN. Refreshments, cake, and ice cream will be served.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Family Bingo  
Sunday October 9th - 2-4 PM

Sponsored by Board of Evangelism  
Watch for details to come!



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING:**

This year our offerings will be collected on a quarterly basis. For September, October, and November we are collecting money for Heifer International! Our goal is to collect \$20 to purchase a flock of chickens for a needy family in another country. Next goal is to collect another \$20 to purchase a duck!



## **We need your help to stay connected with everyone in our First Lutheran family!**

These days, people change cell phone numbers and email addresses even less than their physical mailing addresses. After all, their email address and cell phone are how they communicate with and access the most important people (family, friends, coworkers) and things (banks, social networks, bills, etc.) in their life. We rely on them more than any other communication channel. So, we don't change them much anymore.

Will you share your email address and cell phone number (and landline if you still have) with us please? We want to keep you updated and informed with all of our news and info. This will allow us to reach you in a cost effective, quick, and easy way.

What's next? Please email your info to Robyn at [office@1stglencoe.org](mailto:office@1stglencoe.org). Also, if you know of fellow family or friend members, please ask them to do the same. Your info will be kept securely and used only for First Lutheran communications. Thank you for your assistance!

## **Sunday School Carnival!**

The 2022-2023 Sunday School year is about to begin. On Education Sunday, September 11th, from 9:00-10:00 AM, the Christian Education Board and Sunday School teachers' welcome children and their parents to attend our annual carnival taking place in the Fellowship Center. Parents will register their children while the children play games, meet their teachers, and have a snack. All children ages 2 through 8th grade are encouraged to attend! We are working on a new Sunday School program. Please come check it out! **Please watch our Facebook Page for a link to Sign-up Genius**, to get registered. Paper forms will also be available at the carnival if needed.



## 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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There was a moment when Moses had the nerve to ask God what his name is. God was gracious enough to answer, and the name he gave is recorded in the original Hebrew as YHWH.

Over time we've arbitrarily added an "a" and an "e" in there to get YahWeH,

presumably because we have a preference for vowels.

But scholars and Rabi's have noted that the letters YHWH represent breathing sounds, or aspirated consonants. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing.

YH (inhale): WH (exhale).

So a baby's first cry, his first breath, speaks the name of God.

A deep sigh calls His name – or a groan or gasp that is too heavy for mere words.

Even an atheist would speak His name, unaware that their very breath is giving constant acknowledgment to God.

Likewise, a person leaves this earth with their last breath, when God's name is no longer filling their lungs.

So when I can't utter anything else, is my cry calling out His name?

Being alive means I speak His name constantly.

So, is it heard the loudest when I'm the quietest?

In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs.

In joy, our lungs feel almost like they will burst.

In fear we hold our breath and have to be told to breathe slowly to help us calm down.

When we're about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage.

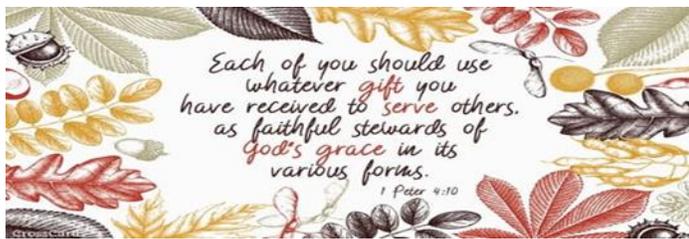
When I think about it, breathing is giving him praise. Even in the hardest moments!

This is so beautiful and fills me with emotion every time I grasp the thought. God chose to give himself a name that we can't help but speak every moment we're alive.

All of us, always, everywhere.

Waking, sleeping, breathing, with the name of God on our lips.

-Submitted



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√ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, \$77 Choice funds were received for FLC. 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!

√ **Heart for Hunger** - At Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities, hope begins with a meal. For the many people who lack food each day, the Mission provides meals no questions asked. Thrivent Members and friends of members can help by dropping off a full bag of Thanksgiving groceries from a provided grocery list or donating \$35 to fund a bag. For every full bag of groceries or donation of \$35, you will receive 2 tickets to celebrate the impact at the November 12 MN Gopher football game vs. Northwestern Wildcats. Contact Financial Rep Eric Werlinger at 864-2022 or 612-324-2287 for more details.

√ **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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## VOTERS' MEETING

A Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on Monday, September 26th 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 annual report will be presented and the Officers Slate of Candidates and the Board's Slate of Appointees will be approved.



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 Packets and the Annual Report to be on the entry stands on September 17th.

## 211 IS HERE TO HELP

It can be difficult to find help to put food on the table, find a safe place to live, or access affordable healthcare. No matter what you or someone you care about needs right now, 211 can help you find available services and resources.

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Call 2-1-1

Toll Free: 800-543-7709

Local 651-291-0211

Text your zip code to 898-211

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## **Summaries from Our Boards and Committees**



**Christian Education Board | August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
No Summary Submitted

**Day School Board | August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

First Lutheran School is excited to welcome Cora Kuras and Zoey Fleming to our staff for 1st and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Current enrollment for 2022-2023 school year is at 168 students. Blessings of the backpack will be August 28 following the 10:30 service with root beer floats. Teachers are looking into new math curriculum and other options for Iowa Basic testing. FLS Marathon is being planned for October 14.

**Board of Deacons | August 4<sup>th</sup>**

The worker performance review process was discussed. The visitation pastor update and schedule was shared and discussed. Motion made and seconded to approve the visitation schedule. Carried. Communion distribution protocol was discussed and it was decided that on services with communion a third deacon will be used for distribution. The DCE call committee report was given and they have decided to offer two names to the voters to fill the position with a Divine call.

**Board of Evangelism | August 9<sup>th</sup>**

No Summary Submitted

**Board of Stewardship | August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

No Summary Submitted

**Board of Trustees | August 1<sup>st</sup>**

The board continues to advertise for applicants to fill the custodian/maintenance position and the part time school custodian position. As a security measure a Ring Doorbell will be installed the school building. Thank you to those volunteers who have been putting in many hours completing building maintenance projects at the church and school.





## "Sharing Christ, Changing Lives"

*How are we doing that here at First Lutheran?*  
One way is through Youth Groups and Sunday School for Our Youth!

**FUN IN THE SON:** For children in grades Kindergarten to Third, we meet in the Church Fellowship Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:30. September dates are 9/13 and 9/27.

Our theme is "Delivered: God's Gifts of Grace." Bible Stories include: Jesus Welcomes the Children, Jesus Gives the Great Commission, Jesus Forgives a Woman, and Jesus Appears to the Disciples. We will also have snack, games, and crafts.

Amy Welch and LuAnn Schmidt are the leaders. Volunteers are welcomed!

\* If you have any questions or would like to help, you may contact Amy at 320-510-4583 or at [dovechocolate25@gmail.com](mailto:dovechocolate25@gmail.com).

**TWEENS:** For children in grades Fourth to Seventh, we meet in the Youth Room (downstairs west-end classroom at church). We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:45. September date is 9/20. We will NOT meet on 9/6.

On a more advanced level, we will also learn how God delivers His Gifts of Grace. We will enjoy snack and minute to win it games, as well.

Amy Welch is the leader. Volunteers are welcomed! \* If you have any questions or would like to help, you may contact Amy at 320-510-4583 or at [dovechocolate25@gmail.com](mailto:dovechocolate25@gmail.com).

**I. M. P. A. C. T.:** For young people in grades Eight to Twelfth. Pastor Dan and Ms. Thiesfeld are working out the details. Watch for more information to come!

**DONATIONS REQUESTED:** If you would like to help, we are asking for donations, please, for drink boxes, prepackaged snacks, and healthy alternatives.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** "Let the Little Children Come to Me." Jesus urges all of us, from the youngest to the oldest, to come to Him to learn, to receive forgiveness, and to serve one another. He doesn't say to ever stop coming!

We have classes for Two's and Parents, Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st/2nd Grade, 3rd/4th Grade, 5th/6th Grade, 7th/8th Grade and High School / Adults. Pastor Dan teaches the High School / Adults. Sunday School is 9:15 to 10:15.

Teachers and Assistants are being finalized. Carnival / Rally Day is Sept. 11. First day of Sunday School is Sept. 18. Please meet in the Church Fellowship Center.

Activities include Snack during Church Fellowship Hour, Opening, Music Time, and Lesson Time which includes a true story from the Bible, crafts, and games.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING:** This year our offerings will be collected on a quarterly basis. For September, October, and November we are collecting money for Heifer International! Our goal is to collect \$20 to purchase a flock of chickens for a needy family in another country. Next goal is to collect another \$20 to purchase a duck!

*Please keep the process of finding a new D.C.E. in your prayers! Until then, you may contact Amy Welch at 320-510-4583.*

### Upcoming Events

- August 28 | Blessing of the backpacks | 10:30 AM service
- August 30 | First day of school
- Aug. 30-Sept. 1 | Parent Drive days
- September 2-5 | No school | Labor Day
- September 11 | Education Sunday | K-8 Sing in church at 10:30
- October 6-7 | No school | LEA
- October 14 | School Marathon

*thank you*

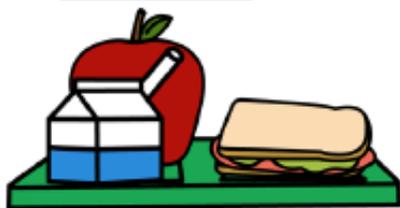
- All the parents and families who have made the commitment to bring up their children in a God pleasing way by having them attend FLS. Proverbs 22:6
- Michelle Alsleben for handling most of the new family inquiries, processing lunch funds, dealing with state DHS and hot lunch requirements (including workshops and piles of paperwork) and the multitude of other demands that fall on a school secretary.
- The teachers who have worked tirelessly preparing for the upcoming school year.
- The staff at church who make the entire First Lutheran operation run smoothly.
- Gary Schauer (and his grandson) for his hard work fixing things and other maintenance around the school.
- Loren Engelmann for his willingness to build various items for teachers.
- Mr. Scheele and Travis who have worked hard to wax the floors and prepare the school for students.

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### School Preparation

- Order your school apparel [HERE](#)
- Check out your child's [school supply list](#)
- [School Calendar](#)



### School Lunch

K-3: \$2.50 @ 20 for \$50  
Grade 4-8: \$2.60 @ 20 for \$52  
Milk: \$0.40 @ 20 for \$8  
Seconds: \$1.25 @ 20 for \$25  
Adult: \$4

\*Lunch and milk must be paid with a separate check since the Hot Lunch is totally self-supporting and not connected with congregation funding.



### Hearts for Jesus

Our first trimester chapel offerings will be going to "Hearts for Jesus" which is a mission that supports Ukraine refugees. LCMS Mission Central is making sure that the missionaries are getting food, clothing, and health supplies to those who need it most in Ukraine. Their missionaries also are working hard to share the joy and hope that they have in our dear Savior Jesus.



### Please Pray For:

- Our school and church as we partner together to share the love of Jesus in a world that thinks it is not necessary.
- Appropriate weather that the crops and gardens might flourish, and the harvest might be plentiful.
- A school year in which students, families, and teachers work together to build loving, lasting relationships with each other and their Lord and Savior.
- Our teachers and staff as they prepare for the year, that they may lean into the Word for a Christ-centered classroom.

## eighth GRADE

School is rapidly approaching and there is much to look forward to in 8th grade. This year, we're focusing our science units over Earth and Life Science. In the coming months we'll study the amazing design of God's creation in our universe though the immense scale of a microscopic cell to a planetary object!  
Another new activity taking place in 7/8th grade will be "He-brews" Bible study, where we'll dive into His Word in the morning while enjoying our favorite comfort beverages. May God bless our year for learning this year!  
- Mr. Ben Browne

First Ev. Lutheran School | 1015 14th St. E, Glencoe MN 55336 | 320-864-3317



Flames of Faith Extended Care is a before and after school program for your school aged child to attend. After school, the student do homework, enjoy a snack, and play with friends while still being immersed in a Christian setting. If you have any questions about the program, please reach out to the director, Madi Mathews | 320-298-2546

### Open House and Registration

Our Orientation/Final Registration Day will be on Thursday, August 25th, from 3:30-7:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Center. On this day information will be shared about the opportunities available for parents, Fast Direct updates can be made, forms will be available to fill out, and student tuition payment arrangements will be made including any late registration fees. Students are also welcome to meet their teacher, visit their classrooms, and unload any school supplies.

#### EDUCATION FEES:

- **First Lutheran Church Member:**
  - 1st child: \$1,450
  - 2nd child: \$1,250
  - 3rd child: \$1,000
  - 4th child: \$850
- **Community Member:**
  - 1st child: \$2,675
  - 2nd child: \$2,300
  - 3rd child: \$1,850
  - 4th child: \$1,000



#### Security & Doors

For safety and liability reasons, doors will be locked during the school day. If you need to get into the north building and the day has started please ring the Doorbell and someone will open up the door for you. In the south building (PS-Grade 2) the open door will be the front entrance by the church office (south side). All parents and visitors should check in at the office before proceeding to classrooms. Students will not be able to get into the north building until 7:45 am or when buses arrive.



Classes at First Lutheran School will begin on Tuesday, August 30th. An opening service, led by Pastor Welch, will be held at 8:15 AM in the church sanctuary to kick off the new year. Parents are encouraged to attend this opening service. Our school day for Grades K-8 and all-day preschool is 8:00 AM-3:00 PM; half-day preschool is 8:00-11:00 AM. Three-year-old preschoolers will begin school on Wednesday, August 31st.

### Making Disciples for Life

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Our theme for the upcoming school year is "Making Disciples for Life". This theme is picked by Lutheran School Ministry and is used at Lutheran Schools all over the world. Our chapels and National Lutheran Schools Week will all revolve around the Bible Verse: Matthew 28:19 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."



Most parents, students, and teachers are using our Fast Direct (FD) communication system extensively and have become very familiar with it. Parents can view grades, calendars, lunch accounts, and many other valuable items on our system. The office and most of the teachers send out information via FD. If you are unable to access a computer to view FD, please contact the office ASAP to ensure that all families are receiving this vital information. To update your Fast Direct information or to change your notification settings go to your homepage and click "View/Edit Parent Information" near the top of the page. Once there, you will be able to update all of your information so that in an emergency the teachers or the principal will be able to reference important contact numbers etc..Thank you!



# September 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>ALTAR GUILD WORKERS</b></p> <p>Kathy Strobel 612-719-3775 Sue Terlinden 510-0488 Julie Willcox 320-864-6589</p>	<p><b>Church Contacts:</b> 925 13th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 5522 <a href="mailto:office@1stglencoe.org">office@1stglencoe.org</a></p>	<p><b>School Contacts:</b> 1015 14th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 3317 <a href="mailto:mthiesfeld@1stglencoe.org">mthiesfeld@1stglencoe.org</a> Principal: Ms. Thiesfeld</p>		<p>1 </p> <p>6:30-7:30 Summer Concert Series 7:00 PM - Deacons</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>FLS - Parent Drive Day</i></p>	<p>2 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>FLS - No School</i></p>	<p>3 </p>
<p>4 </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service</p>	<p>5  <b>LABOR DAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>FLS - No School Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>6 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - Evangelism 6:30 PM - Day School 6:30 PM - Trustees 7:00 PM - Stewardship</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>6:00 PM - Endowment Finance 7:00 PM - Mandatory Meeting Confirmation Grades 5-8</p>	<p>8 </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Ms. Thiesfeld) 2:00 PM - Grand Meadows</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor's Circuit - Peace Hutchinson</i></p>	<p>9 </p>	<p>10 </p> <p>8AM-2PM - Private Rental 9AM-6PM - FLS Golf Tournament @ Winthrop Golf Course</p>
<p>11  Education Sunday</p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Day School 9:00 AM - Sunday School Carnival 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 1:00 PM - GlenFields 4:00 PM - Glencoe Concert Association @ Glencoe City Center</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:00 PM - Flames Booster Club 7:00 PM - Altar Guild 7:00 PM - LWML</p>	<p>13 </p> <p>9:30 AM - GlenFields 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00-4:30 PM - Fun &amp; The Son 6:30 PM - Christian Ed</p>	<p>14 </p> <p>3:30-4:45 PM - 1st Day of Public School Confirmation 6:15 PM - Senior Choir</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>FLS Picture Day</i></p>	<p>15 </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Mr. Browne) 7:00 PM - Church Council</p>	<p>16 </p>	<p>17 </p>
<p>18 </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN 9:15 AM - Bible Study &amp; Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service 6:30 - 8:00 PM - I.M.P.A.C.T.</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying</p>	<p>20 </p> <p>9:30 AM - Bible Time &amp; Fellowship 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00-5:00 PM - TWEENS 7:00 PM - First Edition Book Club</p>	<p>21 </p> <p>3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation 6:15 PM - Senior Choir</p>	<p>22 </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Joel Landskroener)</p>	<p>23 </p> <p>7:00 PM - Glencoe Concert Association</p>	<p>24 </p> <p>5:00 PM - LHM Dinner</p>
<p>25 </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Evangelism 9:15 AM - Bible Study &amp; Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 2:00 PM - Grand Meadows</p>	<p>26 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 7:00 PM - Quarterly Voters Assembly</p>	<p>27 </p> <p>11 AM to 12:30 PM - Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00-4:30 PM - Fun &amp; The Son</p>	<p>28 </p> <p>3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation 6:15 PM - Senior Choir</p>	<p>29 </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Ted Stroming)</p>	<p>30 </p>	<p>31 </p>