

*“And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in the manger, because there was no room for them in the inn”*

## **“Arise and Shine”**

A Series of Special Sunday Services for Advent and for Christmas Eve

Christmas is a season of light. Lights are everywhere—outlining the rooflines and windows of homes, shining softly on Advent wreath candles, and sparkling in bright colors on Christmas trees. We enjoy the lights, but those same colorful decorations remind us that we need the light. Our world is often a very dark place, and not just after sunset. The darkness—of sin and guilt, violence and fear—often threatens to overwhelm us. But God sent His Son into the world to be its Light, to be our Light. During Advent we celebrate the fact that the Light has come and we look forward to the day when Jesus our Light will come again and “night will be no more” (Revelation 22:5).

On our Sundays in Advent this year, we prepare to welcome the Christ Child, Jesus, who is the Light of the World. In celebration, we, in turn, shine with the light of Christ in various ways for all the world to see the brightness of his love. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the light of Christ and how we are enlightened by him throughout our lives. The theme verse for the entire series is: “Arise, shine, for your light has come” (Isaiah 60:1).

**Week 1 (November 27<sup>th</sup>): Rising Light** (Isaiah 60:1) In our worship for the first week in Advent we will celebrate the rising light. Living in the light of Jesus, we prepare to celebrate his birth. Repenting of our sins, we put away the works of darkness and dress in the armor of light.

**Week 2 (December 4<sup>th</sup>): Reflected Light** (Zechariah 9:16) In our worship for the second week in Advent we will celebrate Jesus as the Light of the world and how we reflect his light in our daily lives.

**Week 3 (December 11<sup>th</sup>): Healing Light** (Malachi 4:2) In our worship for the third week in Advent with repentant joy we anticipate the birth of our Savior. We listen to his Word and live according to it until he comes again.

**Week 4 (December 18<sup>th</sup>): Eternal Light** (Daniel 12:3) In our worship for the fourth week in Advent we look forward to Jesus’ Second Advent, when we will be raised in glory to live in his presence and shine like stars forever.

**Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM, 5PM, and 7 PM): Glorious Light** (Isaiah 9:2) This night we celebrate the glorious light that filled the dark sky over Bethlehem and the glory of the Lord revealed in the Christ Child born to us. Candlelight, carols, Scripture, a message, and prayers reveal the Good News that the

Light of the World has come. With shepherds and angels, let us rejoice!

Please join us again on **Christmas Morning, Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM** as we once more celebrate the birth of the Lord in the Divine Service with Holy Communion, and we will hear more Good News of the birth of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World!

*~ In Him, Pastor Dan Welch*



## **Midweek Advent Services for 2022** **Prepare the Way! Stir Up our Hearts! Rejoice!** **God Changes Everything!**

Our midweek services this Advent season will help prepare our hearts to receive anew the Lord Jesus as we celebrate His birth in Bethlehem at Christmas. We pray that as we do this, that God would stir up our hearts and lead us to rejoice that through Jesus, God Changes Everything!

On **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** the theme for our midweek worship with Holy Communion is “**Prepare the Way!**” Our text is **Matthew 24: 36-44**.

On **Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** we have our Advent Choral Service with special music provided by several of the choirs of First Lutheran School and the First Lutheran Church Senior Choir. The Bible reading for our brief meditation on God’s Word is **Malachi 4:1-2** with the theme “**Stir Up our Hearts.**” There will be a special supper served before service on this evening by the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders of FLS.

On **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** we also have a special light supper served by the IMPACT Youth group before our 7 PM Advent Service. The theme of the message will be: “**Rejoice! God Changes Everything!**” based on **Isaiah 35:1-10**.

In addition, please be sure to join us on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM for the First Lutheran School Christmas service!

## ***CELEBRATE Christmas WITH US!***

**WED. Nov. 30** 7:00 PM

Advent Worship Service with Holy Communion

**SAT. DEC. 3** 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Quilt & Craft Sale (sponsored by FLC Quilting Ladies)

Bake Sale (sponsored by FLC LWML)

Lunch (sponsored by FLC LWML)

**WED. DEC. 7** 7:00 PM

Advent Choral Service

**WED. DEC. 14** 7:00 PM

Advent Worship Service

**SUN. DEC. 18** 10:30 AM

Sunday School Christmas Service

**WED. DEC. 21** 7:00 PM

FLS Children's Christmas Service (Preschool – Grade 8)

**SAT. DEC. 24**

Service of Song and Praise 2:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 7:00 PM

**SUN. DEC. 25** 9:00 AM

Christmas Day Worship –with Holy Communion  
(Live Radio Broadcast)

**SAT. DEC. 31** 5:00 PM

New Year's Eve Worship with Holy Communion



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

**Sun. Dec. 4** 8:00 AM – Brian Grochow / Joel Goche

10:30 AM – Tim Schauer / Rich Jannusch

**Wed. Dec. 7** 7:00 PM – Ryan Ortloff / Dean Dahlke

**Sun. Dec. 11** 8:00 AM – Don Hepner / Lee Terlinden

10:30 AM – Dean Dahlke / Rich Jannusch

**Wed. Dec. 14** 7:00 PM – Ryan Ortloff / Doug Dahlke

**Sun. Dec. 18** 8:00 AM – Mark Schmidt / Ryan Ortloff

10:30 AM – Don Hepner / Warren Willcox

**Wed. Dec. 21** 7:00 PM – Joel Goche / Kermit Terlinden

**Sat. Dec. 24** 2:00 PM – Lester Schauer / Kermit Terlinden

5:00 PM – Dean Scheele / Brian Schuch

7:00 PM – Brian Schuch / Doug Dahlke

**Sun. Dec. 25** 9:00 AM – Dennis Wolter / Dean Scheele

**Sat. Dec. 31** 5:00 PM – Brian Grochow / Roger Schmidt



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

**Sunday Dec. 4**

8:00 AM – Bennet Goff

10:30 AM – Landon Mathews

**Wed. Dec. 7**

7:00 PM – Matthew Ortloff

**Sunday Dec. 11**

8:00 AM – Alex Cisewski

10:30 AM – Cody Michaelis

**Wed. Dec. 14**

7:00 PM – Matthew Ortloff

**Sunday Dec. 18**

8:00 AM –

10:30 AM – Landon Mathews

**Wed. Dec. 21**

7:00 PM – Sydney Witthus

**Sat. Dec. 24**

2:00 PM –

5:00 PM – Connor Neid

7:00 PM – Bennet Goff

**Sun. Dec. 25**

9:00 AM –

**Fri. Dec. 31**

5:00 PM –

## **ANGEL SEEDS**

Concordia Theological

Seminary has been selected

as the Angel Seeds recipient

for donations received from

October through December.

The CTSFW Student Adoption Program provides additional financial assistance to needy students and allows students to correspond with their specific donors. Many end up borrowing and incur debt as they pursue the vocation of pastor or deaconess. To help ease this burden our future servants face, the Student Adoption Program was established to help connect donors directly with students in need.

By participating in the CTSFW Student Adoption Program you will not only gain first-hand awareness of the realities and struggles of our students, but you'll help offset some part of their expenses, enabling them to focus more fully on the studies to which God has called them. Your support will encourage and sustain them throughout their seminary journey.

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



## **Altar Guild**

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity to help at church? The Altar Guild can use your Time, Talent, and Treasures! We welcome all new members to join.

We will provide training. You work one month out of the year with 2 other members. If interested in serving the church through helping to prepare the altar, occasionally decorate the church for holidays, and set up for Communion for our church services, please contact Deb Tessmer or the church office.

We encourage members of the congregation to join the Altar Guild at any time. If you see us working after the worship services, we invite you to join us and see what we are up to.

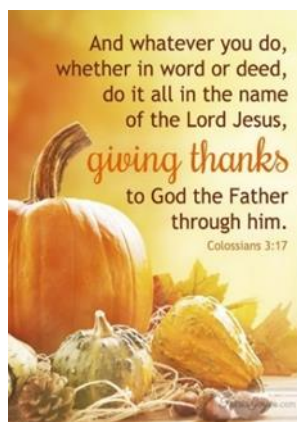


## **Red Kettle – Ringers Needed!**



The Salvation Army is in need of Red Kettle Bell Ringers. Businesses and individuals are welcome. Ringing continues to Dec 24<sup>th</sup>. Shifts are 2 hours. Bell ringing is at Coborn's

or Dollar Fresh. All donations stay in McLeod County. To ring, contact Annette at 320-864-5231 or 320-510-3006 text only.



## **BLESSING BAGS**

Thank you to all that donated items and helped pack the Thanksgiving Blessing Bags. We brought in 53 bags which equaled 410 pounds of food for the McLeod County Food Shelf. Keep the families that will be utilizing those bags in your prayers during this Thanksgiving season.



## **Cleaning Crew**

Early this year, it was mentioned that storage spaces were limited here at First Lutheran. If you're like me, you're probably wondering how can that be?! We have a big, beautiful facility with many rooms, closets, and other storage areas.

In an effort to find a solution and identify spaces for all groups, boards, and committees a crew of volunteers was organized. They began by performing a walk through of the facility and constructing a detailed list of areas that needed attention. Their findings were presented to the Board of Trustees along with a plan to clean, organize, and create spaces that functioned well for all boards, groups, and organizations.

Volunteers met on an "almost" weekly basis (with the exception of the summer months) to perform the tasks at hand. It didn't take long for them to realize, much like our homes, things accumulate over the years. In a congregation of this size, the transition in board members, committee members, and staff makes it even more difficult.

Not only are the results of their commitment and hard work rewarding but even more rewarding was seeing the fun and fellowship they shared over the duration of this time. Some weeks even included a lunch date to round out the day.

I am extremely grateful for this group of volunteers and their servant hearts. If you see them, please THANK them!

*With Love ~ Becky Edwards*



## **The Cemetery Board**

The First Lutheran Church Cemetery Board is accepting bids for lawn mowing, weed spraying, and fertilizing at the First Lutheran Church Cemetery for the 2023 calendar

year. The bid should include mowing, trimming, and blowing off headstones before five major holidays: (Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4th of July and Labor Day). In addition, please include pricing for spring and fall spraying, as well as spring fertilizing. A copy of liability insurance and applicator's license should be included with the bid. Sealed bids will be accepted until December 31st and should be submitted to the church office.

## **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 weekly offering contributions 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.

**GIVE+**Church

Vanco Mobile Faith – Mobile App

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

Give online via [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org)

## **Note from the office**

Would you find it helpful to your offerings debited directly your bank account, as you probably do with other

obligations? That is one of the reasons we offer electronic giving options that allow you to contribute tithes and offerings even when you can't attend services.

If you have plans to travel over the holidays, set up your recurring contributions now through our online, app, or text options. Thank you for all you do to support our mission during the holidays and throughout the year!



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## FLAMES OF FAITH KIDS CLUB

Flames of Faith Kids Club is the before and after school student care program at First Lutheran. It is for children Age 5 through Grade 6. Your child does not have to attend 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) 298-2546
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.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### OFFERING:

This year our offerings will be collected on a quarterly basis. For September, October, and

November we collected money for Heifer International! Our first goal was to purchase chickens which was reached! Our next goal was to purchase ducks, which was also accomplished. Thank you!

## DCE CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the September 26, 2022 Voters' Meeting, the Voters approved issuing a Call to Amy Heuer to be our DCE. Amy Heuer is currently serving as DCE at Zion Lutheran Church in Dallas, TX. She visited First Lutheran Church in Glencoe in late October. On November 4, we received notice that she declined our Call as she feels that God wants her to stay in Texas.

The Committee has agreed to meet after the start of the new year to again begin searching for either an Intern or a called position.

We ask for your continued prayers through this time of consideration. Feel free to contact committee members: Taylor Bernstein, Melissa Cisewski, Cindy Eggersgluess, Caitlin Freberg, Cindy Mathews, Annika Schafer, Les Schauer, Roger Schmidt, Barb Tessmer, and Pastor Welch.



## Help bring joy this season

Buy your gifts at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)  
or with AmazonSmile ON in the app  
and Amazon donates  
[amazon.com](http://amazon.com)



Make a difference this holiday. Shop for gifts at [smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0724073](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-0724073) to generate donations for First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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

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

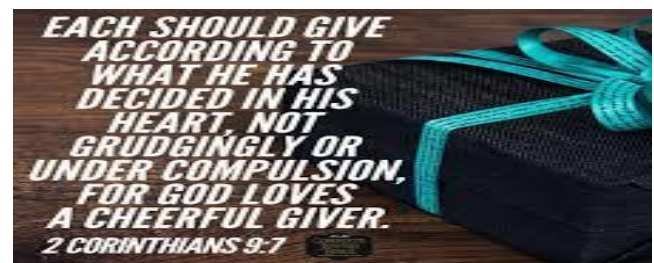
## GIVE FROM YOUR IRA

If you have a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and are 70-1/2 years old or older, you can take advantage of a unique tool - a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) - to support First Evangelical Lutheran Church's mission in sharing the love of Christ within our church, school, and community.



Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution through your IRA is just another way to support FL with an asset you already own. A QCD transferred directly to an eligible charity like FL can also help you reach your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) up to \$100,000.

Please contact Business Manager, Becky Edwards with any questions.



## Young Investors

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity? Might you be available on Thursdays around 8:45-9:00 AM for approximately 30 minutes?



Each week at the conclusion of First Lutheran School's chapel, students have the opportunity to participate and contribute to their LCEF Young Investors savings account.).

Becky Edwards has been the coordinator for a number of years; however, her schedule has changed and doesn't always allow for her to be available. Therefore, a volunteer is needed to help ensure this program continues.

If you or someone you know is willing to help, please contact Becky in the church office.



## 16th Annual FLS Silent Auction & Meal

Plans are underway for the Annual Silent Auction and Meal taking place in early March. The Auction will be held on-line again this year so you will have a full week to bid on the fantastic items! Details will be coming soon for the meal. Mark your calendar for early March & plan to support FLS!



Donations are being accepted for this year's event now and can be dropped off at the Church Office from 8 AM – 4 PM Monday – Friday. All donations are appreciated and will help to ensure this year's event a great one! To volunteer or make a donation, please contact the Church Office at 864-5522 or a member of the Flame Boosters Club



This Christmas come and visit a "Living Nativity" presented by Glencoe area churches and community volunteers.

Drive-thru Oak Leaf Park and view six different scenes depicting the Good News of Jesus' birth on earth. Hand crafted scenery, live animals, biblical characters, and music will provide a memorable Christmas experience for the whole family!

Saturday, December 10th  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Oak Leaf Park, Glencoe, MN

Enter from Southern-most Entrance and turn left at Vollmer Field  
FREE ADMISSION

Boy Scouts will accept Donations for MEFS (McLeod Emergency Food Shelf)

Event support provided by Thrivent Financial Action Team program  
(If inclement weather, event will be postponed until Sat, Dec 17)



## First Edition Book Club

First Edition Book Club will meet on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss the book: Only by Death by author Kathy Herman, it is the second book in a Trilogy. First Edition book club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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





## LIBRARY NEWS

Check out our newest addition "Not by Sight" a suspense novel by Kathy Herman.

The little girl she spotted outside a store in Foggy Ridge had to be her long-lost sister. Abby Cummings is almost certain, but her family has dashed her hopes before after her father and sister have been missing for five years. Abby knows too much to turn back but too little to uncover the truth. The only weapon she has is **blind faith**....is it enough?



Recovering from surgery? Homebound? Difficult to shop? Just can't cook for yourself? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, Meals on Wheels may be for you!

Volunteer drivers deliver nutritious, well-balanced hot meals for lunch Monday – Friday.

Each meal consists of a cooked meat; potato, rice, or pasta; a vegetable; bread; butter; salad; and dessert. Special diet meals are also available.

Meals may be free, at a reduced cost, or for a free-will offering. Please call 320-864-5728 for more information and details. If answered by voicemail, leave a message and your call will be returned.

## SENIOR CHOIR

The First Lutheran Senior Choir meets on Wednesday evenings in the church balcony for rehearsal. Practice begins at 6:15 PM and ends at 7:00 PM. The choir sings at about three worship services a month. Returning and new voices are always welcome! Won't you consider being a part of this group for all or part of the church year?  
To God Alone Be the Glory!



## For Farmers & the rest of us

Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty. Proverbs 21:5

But ask the animals what they think - let them teach you; let the birds tell you what's going on. Put your ear to the earth - learn the basics. Listen - the fish in the ocean will tell you their stories. Isn't it clear that they all know and agree that God is sovereign, that He holds all things in His hand? Job 12:7-12

Give thanks to God - He is good and His love never quits. 1 Chronicles 16:34



## Lutheran Women in Mission | Christmas Party

Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 FLC

Fellowship Center | 12:00 PM

Special Guest Speaker Rev. Mike Moss  
from Lutheran Heritage Foundation



First Ev. Lutheran Women in Mission

will meet at **Noon on Monday December 5**. We will begin with devotions and a meal. Special guest speaker is **Rev. Mike Moss** from **Lutheran Heritage Foundation**. LHF is a recognized service organization of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Their mission is to translate, produce and distribute quality Lutheran materials (Bibles, Catechism books, Book of Concord, hymnals, etc.) in a variety of languages and for a variety of ages, from child through Seminary level. They work with missionaries throughout the world. Recently they have done a lot of **work in Ukraine**, where the Gospel had been nearly silenced for decades during Communist control and has in recent years been open for Christianity to grow again. Even during the current war in Ukraine, several of the local Lutheran pastors and their families have stayed to continue proclaiming Christ.

We are pleased to announce that **chicken tenders have been donated by KWIK TRIP** for this meal. Salads, buns, and Christmas cookies will also be served. We'll hear some Christmas songs and recitation from First Ev. Lutheran School grades K, 1 and 2. We'll also pass the "Red Stocking" to receive donations for Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

ALL WOMEN of the congregation are welcomed to come for this special Christmas event. You'll get a tasty meal, hear from some cute children, enjoy Christian fellowship with your sisters in the Faith, and learn about God's work through Lutheran Heritage Foundation.  
**PLEASE COME!**

## **First Ev. Lutheran Still Serves Funeral Meals**

Many congregations have discontinued serving funeral meals. Some congregations have only catered funerals. Here at First Evangelical Lutheran in Glencoe funeral meals are still served by church members. Women from "Lutheran Women in Mission" LWML will work with you and the funeral home to serve a funeral meal of your choice. Most families choose to purchase a hotdish/casserole or cold cuts and bread from a local store or restaurant. We will make the sandwiches and coffee in the church kitchen. Some families ask their friends and relatives to bring bars, cakes, or salads. We will serve them for you.

We serve buffet-style with four lines. Within a few minutes the entire roomful of guests is served and eating. Your guests who are unable to walk a buffet line will be assisted. You will be free to visit with your funeral guests while we do all of the serving, kitchen clean-up and Fellowship Hall clean-up. Then we will pack up all of your leftovers for you to take home.

Most families pay the funeral home's suggested serving fee. Some families are so appreciative of the service received they give a generous extra donation. You are assured that all of the money received by Lutheran Women in Mission LWML is used for proclaiming Christ here in Glencoe and far away. None of it is used for kitchen up-keep. (There's a different fund for that.) None of it is used frivolously.

### **Members of First Ev. Lutheran: Are you interested in helping serve funerals?**

Call the church office and let us know. You can specify what times work for you. Example: "Not on Tuesdays," "only on weekends," not January-March." You will never work alone and there will be someone in charge to show you what to do. Helping serve funeral meals is a good way for you to show the love of Jesus to your grieving brothers and sisters in Christ.



## **2022 Mission Grants \$1800**

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption First Evangelical Lutheran women in Mission is pleased to announce the selection of our mission grants for 2022.

**Lutheran Heritage Foundation** (translates and distributes quality Lutheran teaching materials in a variety of languages from child to seminary level) **\$300** (plus what is received from the Christmas Red Stocking donation)

**Jonathan Chapa** Jon is a student studying to be a pastor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He is married to Stephanie and is the son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. Welch. **\$400**

**FLS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade** Winter outdoor education trip at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, Minnesota. **\$400** They study outdoors. (Brr.) They get to sleep and do their devotions inside where it's warm.

**"Lutherans in Africa"** A Lutheran mission in Kenya. Members at Zion, Mayer, continue to do lots of volunteering there. **\$300**  
**FLS Tuition Aid** for qualifying students. **\$400**

**Happy December Birthday** to honorary "Lutheran Women in Mission" member Lilah Mackenthun and Verdella Moehring. A \$5 gift to LWML mission grants (mites) has been given in your honor



## **Listen to the Lutheran Hour**

### **A MESSAGE OF HOPE**

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 9:00 am on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. During the month of December, you will hear the following program topics:



Dec 4 **"Paradise Restored"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#).

If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath? (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Dec 11 **"Beauty We Can't See"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#).

We often feel our need for God's presence only when we see what it looks like when He's absent. (Isaiah 28:5)

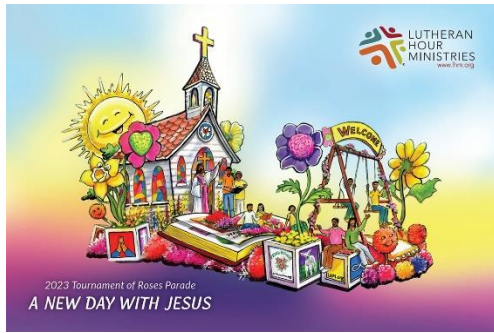
Dec 18 **"Gestures of Hope"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Dr. Zeigler shows how even the smallest acts of kindness can go a long way, by God's grace. (Isaiah 7:14)

Dec 25 **"A Shoot from the Stump"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). A shoot springs forth from the stump of Jesse. Is it a sign of hope--or a threat? (Isaiah 11:1)

Thank you, sponsors, for supporting the KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour Broadcast with your gifts and your prayers. We are thankful for God's abundant blessings in providing us with sponsors for all 52 broadcasts in 2022.

[A reminder that in 2023 the cost to sponsor a broadcast increases to \\$96.00. Please contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or e-mail \[richstreufert@embarqmail.com\]\(mailto:richstreufert@embarqmail.com\) to verify the date\(s\) you are interested in sponsoring. As of December 1st, 36 of the 53 Sunday broadcasts in 2023 have been sponsored.](#) 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**



## **Lutheran Hour 2023 Rose Parade Float**

In keeping with its "Never on Sunday" tradition followed since 1893, the 134th Tournament of Roses Parade will be held on Monday, January 2, 2023, in Pasadena, California, under the theme of "Turning the Corner." The iconic annual parade begins at 8 a.m. Pacific Time.

Lutheran Hour Ministries will participate for the 72nd time with a float entry titled "A New Day with Jesus." A new day is dawning on this year's float, as the sun rises from behind a church and families gather. The steeple directs our eyes upward to the cross of Christ and the stained-glass windows tell the story of how God is making all things new. Jesus stands at the open doors of the church ready to welcome everyone into His fold, where He promises to make Himself known in the gathering of His people, the reading and proclamation of His Word, and participation in His Holy Baptism and Communion. With this year's float, viewers are invited to meet-or meet anew-the Source of hope and joy that cannot be taken away by anything that the world throws at us.

## **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 you 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?

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



## **Stories of Faith**

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

Cindy Eggersgluess 238-2148 [eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com)

## **Year-end Giving (& Receiving) Options**

For many, giving back is a priority. Giving creates a positive change in people, institutions, and communities. Plus, it makes us feel good to know we can do our part to make our world a little better place for future generations. And whether your goal is to make a big impact or a modest gift, charitable giving can play an important role in your year-end planning too.



In fact, there are a number of ways to make charitable giving part of your overall financial plan and choosing wisely among them can be the key to making the biggest impact while also minimizing present and future tax liability. Outright gifts of cash or stocks, naming charities among your life insurance beneficiaries, creating trusts that produce income for yourself and your favorite causes, and even establishing private foundations are among the many ways to give smartly.

Giving can mean Saving. With the right approach, you can support your favorite causes and, in return, get:

- A reduction in your taxable income
- A reduction in your capital gains tax liability
- A reduction in your taxable estate

Talk to your financial advisor about your options, especially now as you begin your year-end planning. Because when done right, giving can help satisfy required minimum distributions (RMD's) without increasing your tax situation!

We are also here to assist you with your questions and concerns. Please contact the office at 864-5522 if you'd like a confidential and personal meeting.

2022 Endowment Committee – Wayne Ahlbrecht, Bill Brickzen, Roger Gronholz, Mary Lemke, Joyce Aul, Dawn Schauer and Cindy Eggersgluess.





## Thrivent Financial News

✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, \$102 Choice funds were received for FLC and \$238 for FLS. Visit ([www.Thrivent.com/choice](http://www.Thrivent.com/choice)) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say “Choice Dollars.” Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the Church office.

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

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

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

EVERY Thrivent member is eligible to lead two Action Teams per calendar year. IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR ACTION TEAMS, PLEASE LET CINDY OR 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/>

Cindy Eggersgluess – 612-840-6308 /

[eggsglueescindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggsglueescindy@gmail.com)

## Homegrown! It's a Good Thing!

In November, we held two Homegrown meals, continuing to utilize the \$5,000 grant monies awarded from the MN

Department of Agriculture Farm to School program! These grant monies are used to purchase locally grown and raised foods (beef, pork, poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits) for our school lunch program.

On November 3, we had a delicious egg bake that included bacon (from the pig we processed), and potatoes, peppers, and onions (from our school garden). We purchased the eggs from Tangletown Gardens from Plato. Gina also made pumpkin muffins with pumpkins from Mrs. Donnay.

On November 17, Hot Cheesy Chicken Sandwiches were served. The chickens came from the Matt & Shauna Gruber Farm and the buns from Pan-o-Gold Bakery in St. Cloud. Chicken is filled with high-quality proteins and is low in fat. Chicken also contains Vitamin B which fills your body with energy! Our carrot sticks, which were a beautiful yellow color, were from Tangletown Gardens. Our apples came from Shimanski's Orchard in Silver Lake.

After each Homegrown meal, the students are singing a little ditty: 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!

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 [eggsglueescindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggsglueescindy@gmail.com). We look forward to continuing this Good Thing!



The staff at First Lutheran Church and School wishes you a very Merry Christmas! Each and every one of us is blessed to perform the work God has called us to do here at FIRST! Christmas brings family and friends together. It helps us to appreciate the love in our lives that we often take for granted. May the true meaning of Christmas fill your heart and home with many blessings!

# DECEMBER



## ADVENT MEALS

First Lutheran Church |  
Fellowship Center | 4:30-6:30  
(or until food gone)

all proceeds directly benefit the groups providing the meals



### Summaries from Our Boards and Committees

#### Church Council | November 15<sup>th</sup>

No Summary Submitted

#### Christian Education Board | November 8<sup>th</sup>

No Summary Submitted

#### Day School Board | November 8<sup>th</sup>

First Lutheran School exceeded the marathon goal by raising over \$21,000. The students will enjoy a pool and pizza party on November 29<sup>th</sup> as well as sliming their teacher of choice. The goal was achieved and Miss Thiesfeld will be sleeping on the school roof this school year. Grandparents' day is planned for November 23, with a scholastic book fair also happening. 5th and 6th grade boys will be having a basketball team this winter. Christmas service is planned for Dec 21 and Wolf Ridge will be happening Feb 8-10 for students in 7th and 8th grade.

#### Board of Deacons | November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Motion made and seconded to approve the 2023 worship schedule. Carried. The deacon's service signup for church services is being finalized. Pastor's performance review was shared. The 2023 Fellowship schedule for the deacons has been set. Motion made and seconded to approve paying for Amy Heuer's visit through moving expenses. Carried.

#### Board of Evangelism | November 1<sup>st</sup>

No Summary Submitted

#### Board of Stewardship | November 1<sup>st</sup>

No Summary Submitted

#### Board of Trustees | November 7<sup>th</sup>

The board approved a request by the Flames of Faith to have storage cubbies built in the hallway by their classroom. They also approved the use of the school gym for an event by the Board of Stewardship on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pictures were donated to the church and will be hung in the family room by the West Narthex.

## FIRST LUTHERAN FINANCIAL REPORT

### 2022-2023 Financials: July-October (YTD)

#### GENERAL FUND INCOME (July-October)

		Last Year
Offering Envelopes	\$ 220,033.20	\$ 233,211.50
Debt Reduction	4,499.00	1,790.00
Thrivent "Choice" Member Election	1,688.00	702.00
McLeod Cares	- 0 -	617.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	100.00	150.00
School Tuition	87,391.25	252,353.22
Miscellaneous Income	12,493.09	35,268.56
	\$ 326,204.54	\$ 488,206.72

#### GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (July-October)

		Last Year
Staff	\$292,994.75	\$299,505.11
Employer Payroll Expenses	1,375.30	1,277.20
Buildings	26,396.61	29,015.24
Operations	10,206.29	18,816.78
Interest on Line of Credit	- 0 -	- 0 -
	\$ 330,972.95	\$ 348,614.33

2022-2023 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS: \$ 4,492.00 \$ 5,397.00

October 31<sup>st</sup> GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS: (\$ 154,111.91)

Last Year's October 31<sup>st</sup> General Indebtedness: (\$ 151,106.49)

## FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

On Monday, November 28th at the Quarterly Voters Meeting the Endowment/Finance Committee provided a financial presentation. The goal of this presentation was to inform congregation members of the current deficit, cash assets, designated funds, and restricted funds.

The General Fund balance has a deficit of - \$154,111. Without the various designated funds "propping up" the checkbook, our checkbook would be in the negative.

This is a real problem.

The designated fund donations were given by donors for a specific purpose and should not be used to cover Operating Expenses. According to the LCMS Church Treasurer's Manual, a church should NEVER borrow from Designated Funds to cover Operating Expenses.

Included below is a copy of the handout that was presented. Additional copies are available at the entrance stands. We're asking you to think and pray about this. We're looking for your ideas and input. Please take time to examine the financials, ask questions, and think of possible solutions. Our next Voter's meeting will be in February, and we hope to share ideas then.

Feel free to contact anyone on our committee: Wayne Ahlbrecht, Bill Brickzen, Mary Lemke, Joyce Aul, Roger Gronholz, Cindy Eggersgluess, Dawn Schauer, and Becky Edwards



**Current Statement****CORTRUST Checkbook**

General Fund	-\$154,111.91	
Building Upkeep & Repair	\$60,950.58	Move to LCEF Account - entitle FLC & FLS Upkeep & Repair Fund
Heating Replacement	\$55,109.72	Move to LCEF Account - entitle FLC & FLS Upkeep & Repair Fund
Designated Projects Fund - \$66,308.70		
Designated Projects - Kirchoff	\$47,141.78	Move into General Fund as no donor stipulations
Designated Projects - Lighthouse	\$1,238.83	Move into General Fund as LH expenses are paid from GF
Designated Projects - Technology	\$8,838.09	Combine with Surveillance & move to LCEF
Designated Projects - Handbells	\$9,090.00	Move and Combine with other Handbell Checking account at LCEF
Roof Repair Fund	\$33,875.47	Move to LCEF Account - entitle FLC & FLS Upkeep & Repair Fund
Surveillance System Fund	\$4,054.36	Combine with Technology & move to LCEF
Flames of Faith	\$16,036.46	Account at CorTrust
<b>TOTAL in CORTRUST Checkbook</b>	<b>\$82,223.38</b>	

Petty Cash \$255.39

**LCEF Checking-Steward Accounts**

Memorial Fund Savings	\$33,996.40	RENAME Ponath Radio Broadcast Fund to match bequeath
FLS Bldg. Const & Update Fund	\$115,659.32	
<b>TOTAL LCEF Investments</b>	<b>\$149,655.72</b>	

**SECURITY BANK & TRUST Checkbook**

FLS School Checkbook \$295,342.96

**THRIVENT Investments (Restricted)**

Renae & Charles Jensen Endowment	\$31,592.32	Can use GAIN only for upkeep & repair of FL buildings
Arnold Schauer Memorial	\$3,834.57	Can use GAIN only on mtc of building structures
Melvin & Marlys Tessmer Endowment	\$26,768.02	Can use 1/2 of GAIN for FLC member FLS tuitions
Praise Fold Music Trust	\$2,303.52	Can use GAIN only contemp music or estab contemp choir
Leona & Anne Stoeckman Fund	\$44,472.39	Can use for captial improvements for Church only
Perpetual Gen Debt Reduction	\$273,499.64	Can use 1/2 of GAIN for Debt reduc/EMERGENCY stipulations
Ponath Debt Reduction	\$181,352.83	Can use 1/2 of GAIN for Debt reduction
Endowment Scholarship Fund	\$25,837.01	Scholarships for Fulltime students at LCMS school
Endowment FLS Scholarship Fund	\$1,508.84	Can use GAIN only for FLC member FLS tuitions
Edwin & Ella Ponath Educ Fund	\$122,366.34	Can use GAIN only for FLS tuitions
LaVonne Schleeter Bequest	\$7,642.57	No stipulations
<b>TOTAL THRIVENT Investments</b>	<b>\$721,178.05</b>	(Note - NO ANTICIPATED GAINS FOR 2022)

**TOTAL CASH & INVESTEMENTS** \$1,248,655.50

To comply with LCMS Treasurer Guidelines & donor wishes.....  
Endowment/Finance Committee Recommendations

**Recommended Statement Restructure****CORTRUST Checkbook**

General Fund -\$105,731.30

Petty Cash \$255.39

**CORTRUST Checkbook**

Flames of Faith \$16,036.46

**LCEF Checking-Steward Accounts**

Ponath Radio Broadcast Fund	\$33,996.40
FLS Bldg. Const & Update Fund (cap imp)	\$115,659.32
Technology/Surveillance Services	\$12,892.45
FLC & FLS Upkeep & Repair Fund	\$149,935.77
Handbells	\$9,090.00
<b>TOTAL LCEF Investments</b>	<b>\$321,573.94</b>

**SECURITY BANK & TRUST Checkbook**

FLS School Checkbook \$295,342.96

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## The CHRISMONS that decorate our CHRISTMAS TREE

**Chrismon**, is a combination of two words: **CHRIST** and **MONogram**. A Chrismon is an ornament (always in white and gold to symbolize the purity and majesty of the Son of God), which depicts some divine attribute of Christ or reminds one of a divine gift that Christ bestows. The Chrismon Tree is a visual sermon in which the believer sees the blessed message of the Christmas Gospel – that Christ came as man's Savior. It is our hope that this brief description of some of the various symbols used on the ornaments will make our Chrismon Tree more meaningful.

The earliest symbols for our Savior are *letters* from the Greek alphabet. Examples are:

- X** -The first letter (chi) of the word Christ.
- IHC** or **IHS** -The first three letters of JESUS.
- ΑΩ** -Alpha and Omega, first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Rev. 22:13 calls Jesus the alpha and omega, the eternal God.
- INRI** -an abbreviation for the Latin inscription on the Cross, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". Iesus, Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum.

A **cross** is a reminder of our Lord's sacrifice to redeem us from our sins. The different forms of the cross point to the various aspects of our Saviors work. Some examples are:

-  -**TAU Cross**, salvation promised, but not yet accomplished.
-  -**Cross CROSSLET**, the spread of Christianity to the North, East, South and West, to the ends of the earth.
-  -**LATIN or PASSION Cross**, cross of suffering; with pointed ends it reminds us of the nails, thorns and spear.
-  -**Cross in GLORY**, the rising sun behind the cross symbolizes the new day, when our Lord conquered death by His resurrection.
-  -**Cross TREFLEE**, three circles on each of the ends symbolize the Holy Trinity.
-  -**GREEK or LORD'S PRAYER Cross**. All four arms of equal length.

Other *symbols* for our Lord and God include:

- CIRCLE** - eternity, God who is eternal.
- TRIANGLE** or **THREE INTERWOVEN CIRCLES** - Our Triune God; the Holy Trinity.
- STAR** - symbolizes the close relationship between the birth and death of our Lord; also the prophecy of His coming.
- FISH, IXOYC** - the Greek word for fish is an acrostic on the first letters of "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior". The fish was a secret sign used between early Christians during times of persecution.
- BUTTERFLY** - Symbol of the Lord's Resurrection.
- ROSE** - Nativity of our Lord. He was called "the Rose of Sharon".



**HAND OF GOD** - This is perhaps the most outstanding symbol of God the Father. God's hand is extended to give us His blessing and to supply our needs.



**LAMB OF GOD** - The white pennant represents the body of Christ which is attached to the cruciform staff, representing the cross on which the Lamb of God died and thru which the Risen Christ saves the world. When the Lamb is depicted lying down, reference is made to the suffering Christ. When the Lamb is standing, suggestion is given that the Lamb of God is risen triumphantly.



**THE CROWN** - The Kingship of our Lord Jesus Christ as He sits at the right hand of the Father and rules over the world and His church on earth. It also can represent the reward of the faithful Christian life.



**THE DESCENDING DOVE** - The most usual symbol of the Holy Spirit, reminding us of how the Holy Spirit appeared upon Jesus at the time of His baptism by John the Baptist.



**THE SHELL on the 8-POINTED STAR** - The shell is a symbol for Holy Baptism, as the shell was used for pouring water. The 8-pointed star is a symbol for the regeneration of the Christian through Baptism.



**THE CHALICE & WAFER on 8-POINTED STAR** - A symbol of the Lord's Supper. The 8-pointed star is called the Creator's Star, reminding us that thru the Body and Blood of Jesus we are brought back into harmony with God.



**THE WHEAT and GRAPES** - Another symbol of the Lord's Supper.

**THE FIERY CHARIOT** - As Elijah ascended into Heaven on the Fiery Chariot, so, this Chrismon reminds us of the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



## **"Sharing Christ, Changing Lives"**

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

### **FUN IN THE SON**

**Who?** Children in Grades Kindergarten to Third  
**Where?** Church Fellowship Center  
**When?** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.  
**What?** Snack, Games, Singing, Bible Stories,  
Craft, Fellowship, Fun!

**Theme?** "Delivered: God's Gifts of Grace"  
Bible Stories include: Jesus Appears to the Disciples  
and Jesus Teaches about Forgiveness

\* There are lesson tie-ins to Baptism, Forgiveness,  
God's Word, and the Lord's Supper.

**Leaders?** LuAnn Schmidt, Mindy Dressel, Amy Welch

*December meeting date is Tue., Dec. 13.  
We will NOT meet Tue., Dec. 27.*

### **TWEENS**

**Who?** Children in Grades Fourth to Seventh  
**Where?** Church, Room 111  
**When?** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
**What?** Snack, Games, Singing, Bible Stories,  
Craft, Fellowship, Fun

**Theme?** "Delivered: God's Gifts of Grace."  
Bible Stories include: Jesus Appears to the Disciples  
and Jesus Teaches about Forgiveness

\* There are lesson tie-ins to Baptism, Forgiveness,  
\* God's Word, and the Lord's Supper.

**Leaders?** Travis Uecker, Amy Welch

I have a funeral on Tue., Dec. 6, so NO Tweens.  
\* Instead, we will have Tweens on  
THURSDAY, December 8.

### **I.M.P.A.C.T.**

**Who?** Young People Grades Eighth to Twelfth  
**Where?** The Lighthouse, above The Temple Cleaners  
**When?** 1st & 3rd Sundays from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**What?** Snack, Games, Bible Stories, Fellowship, Fun!

**Theme?** Overview of the Bible  
**Leaders?** Mackenzie Thiesfeld, Pastor Dan

### **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!

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

**Two's and Parents:** Flames of Faith space in basement  
Teacher - LuAnn Schmidt

**Preschool:** Flames of Faith classroom in basement  
Teacher - Madi Mathews and Mindy Dressel

**Kindergarten:** Mrs. Bargmann's Preschool Room  
Teacher - Amy Welch and Sara LaMott

**1st/2nd Grade:** Ms. Kora's 1st Grade Room  
Teacher - Grace Brickzen

**3rd/4th Grade:** Mrs. Willett's 2nd Grade Room  
Teacher - Amy Edwards

**5th/6th Grade:** Church, Room 111  
Teacher - Julie Uecker and Carrie Donnay

**7th/8th Grade:** School Library  
Teacher - Travis Uecker

**High School to Adults:** Church Fellowship Center  
Teacher - Pastor Dan

**Sundays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.**



The Sunday School Christmas Service  
will be on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10:30 a.m.  
\* Please join us!

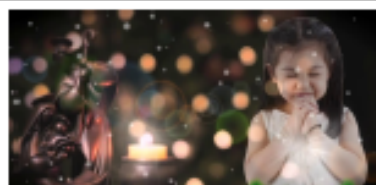


December, 2022

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



- December 7 | Wolfridge Advent Meal | 4:30-6:30
- December 7 | 3-8 Choral Service | 7:00 p.m
- December 10 | Live Nativity .
- December 14 | Youth Group Advent Meal | 4:30-6:30
- December 21 | Teacher Advent Meal | 4:30-6:30
- December 21 | Christmas Program | 7:00 p.m. (Preservice music starts at 6:30 p.m.)
- December 25 | Jesus' Birthday
- December 22-January 2 | No School | Christmas Break



#### Please Pray For:

- For those who are experiencing any form of loss this Christmas season
- Thankful hearts, that we may never take what we have been given by our Heavenly Father for granted.
- Those people whose lives are in need of a kind word and the message of Christ's love during the Christmas season. Help us to share that message.
- The families of friends and relatives who can't be with a loved one during this holiday season.
- The Christmas Program, that the message of our Savior would be shared and the Holy Spirit would work through the students and in the hearts of anyone who might be hearing this message for the first time.

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- All the people who supported the 7th and 8th graders in their Trunk or Treat meal.
- The wonderful people who donated to our Nonpublic School Marathon.
- All the thoughtful people who supported the 7th and 8th graders by purchasing take and bake pizzas.
- Cindy Eggersgluess for her continued work to make our Home Grown meals a reality.
- Randy, Loren, and Gary for their continued hard work in keeping our school maintained and running!



#### Advent Meals

During the month of December there are Wednesday night Advent services at 7:00 PM. Before the services there will be meals provided with a free will donation. The various groups providing dinner are mentioned above.

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#### 5th Grade

Time flies, it's already almost Christmas! 5th grade enjoyed their field trip with 6th grade on November 4th to the MN Zoo. In religion, we are working our way through our third unit, which is about topics included in the First Article. In health, we are learning about the amazing body God has given us and how each system works. We are using models for adding and subtracting decimals in math, as well as practicing our problem solving with money. In social studies we finished a chapter on the history of Native Americans in our nation and are just beginning a new unit on exploration and settlement of the world in the 1400s and on. We are currently reading How to Eat Fried Worms for literature. As we read we are practicing comprehension skills and finding literary elements throughout the book. With joyful hearts, we remember and celebrate Christ's birth this Christmas season. Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

- Ms. Payton Lilienthal, 5th grade teacher



#### 7&8 Pizza Sales

Pizzas can be picked up in the Fellowship Center on Tuesday, December 6th. More information to follow.

December, 2022

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



### Chapel Offerings

November marked our final month for chapel offerings. Over \$600 will be going to Ukraine for the refugees. The LCMS is overseas working with missionaries to ensure the money is being distributed appropriately.

Next trimester our chapel offerings will be going to missionaries in India. This is part of a program called "Gospel Adventures" that LCMS puts on for students. During National Lutheran Schools Week our students will be learning about India and the work that God is doing there.



### Fruit of the Spirit - Patience

Can you imagine the patience that the Prophets of the Old Testament had waiting for the birth of Jesus? Or the patience that we have waiting Jesus' second coming? Patience allows us the opportunity to endure trials and tribulations in life without questioning if God is really faithful and loves us. God answers our prayers in three different ways: yes, no, and not yet. The "not yet" answer can be difficult to hear sometimes, but we are reminded that our God knows us better than we can ever imagine. What a great reminder to remain patient this Christmas season.

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### Cost of Education

By the Grace of God and through the generous support of First Lutheran Church, First Lutheran School has been able to educate children in the Love of Christ for 138 years. It is estimated that it costs about \$6500 to educate one child at FLS for a year.

Tuition pays between 10% and 38% of that cost. Our many fundraisers pay some of the bills; however, the vast majority is supported by First Lutheran Church. To that end, we ask all members of FLC and especially those who send their children to FLS, to consider these figures when they are donating to their church. Thank you to all of your support as we grow the kingdom of God through the work of the Holy Spirit!

Great things are happening at FLS. Let's keep it happening for another 138 years!



### Christmas Wish Tree

FLS Wish Tree ~ A Great Way to Donate  
A Christmas Wish Tree sponsored by First Lutheran School to help provide items for the classrooms and school has been put up next to the Church Office with paper "ornaments". Each ornament has a "wish item" & cost written on the back. Choose your ornament(s), put it in the provided envelope with your donation & place the sealed envelope in the box under the tree.

Checks may be made payable to First Lutheran School or First Lutheran Church.



School closings and late starts are carried on KDUZ, KARP, and WCCO radio stations and on television stations WCCO (4), and KARE (11). First Lutheran follows the Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools for all weather closings. Parents should use their own best judgment on travel safety during poor weather conditions. During inclement weather, parents may take their children home at any time during the day by reporting to the school office by phone or Fast Direct. The dismissal time announced on radio and TV stations is the time the first building dismisses. If the announced time is 12:00, First Lutheran dismisses at 11:50. On mornings with late starts, scheduled classes (band, chapel, etc.) that meet before 10:10 are canceled for the day. You may dial 320-864-2499 (1) for cancellation or postponement of the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District. Parents should have a plan devised in advance with their children on what to do when school is dismissed early due to weather.



### Preschool Donations

Preschool brought items to the food shelf before Thanksgiving. They had 136 pounds! What a blessing that was to the Food Shelf before the Thanksgiving holiday. Great work, preschool!

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