

"Witnesses to Christ: People from His Passion"

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John tells us why he wrote his Gospel: "Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:30-31). Life! When we believe that Jesus is the Christ, God gives us life—abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life.

This Lenten season, our life in Christ has been strengthened as we have been hearing the witness of those in John's Gospel who journeyed to the cross. Please join us for our remaining worship services in this series during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday as we hear the witness of these people in John's Gospel.

Palm Sunday Services 8:00 and 10:30 AM

April 2: "The Disciples" John 12:12-19

Holy Week Services 2:00 and 7:00 PM

Maundy (Holy) Thursday, April 6: "Judas Iscariot".....John 13:21-30

Good Friday, April 7: "John, the Gospel Writer".....John 19:25-37

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday, April 9:"Mary Magdalene!" John 20:1-18

SERVICES: 6:30 AM | 8:00 AM | 9:15 AM | 10:30 AM

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

On Sunday, April 9th we celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! The resurrection shows Jesus to be the true conqueror of sin and death, and His victory is shared with all Christians! Because Jesus rose from death, never to die again, we who trust in Him will also live with Him forever! As St. Paul says, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20).

Easter is what we call the day on which we especially celebrate Jesus' resurrection. However, did you know the word "Easter" does not appear anywhere in the Bible? The word "Easter" actually comes from the Middle English word "Ostern", meaning the direction from which the sun rises. Christians in the early Church typically used the word "Pascha" to refer to the festival day of Jesus' resurrection. This is why some of our hymns refer to Easter as the "Paschal Feast." "Pascha" comes from "Pesach," the Hebrew word for Passover.

Easter was first celebrated in the early second century and, by the third century it was followed by a period of 50 days focusing on the resurrection. This is the tradition we continue to follow today as we celebrate the 50-day Church season of Easter which leads us up to and includes Day of Pentecost.

Please join us for services at 6:30, 8:00, 9:15, and 10:30 on Sunday, April 9th as we celebrate the Day of Resurrection, the Paschal Feast, Easter!

In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch



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

Sunday Apr. 2	8:00 AM - Brian Grochow / Michael Cisewski
Palm Sunday	10:30 AM - Joel Goche / Dan Nikolaisen
Thurs. Apr. 6	2:00 PM - Mark Schmidt / Jon Lemke
Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM - Dan Nikolaisen / Doug Dahlke
Friday Apr. 7	2:00 PM - Joel Goche / Jason Oelfke
Good Friday	7:00 PM - Joel Goche / Jon Lemke
Sunday Apr. 9	6:30 AM - Joel Goche / Mike Cisewski
Easter	8:00 AM - Don Hepner / Doug Dahlke
	9:15 AM - Lars Ide / Lee Terlinden
	10:30 AM - Mark Schmidt / Jason Oelfke
Sunday Apr. 16	8:00 AM - Brian Grochow / Michael Cisewski
	10:30 AM - Tim Schauer / Lars Ide
Wednesday, Apr. 19	
Public Review	7:00 PM - Dean Scheele / Warren Willcox
Sunday Apr. 23	8:00 AM - Lars Ide / Lee Terlinden
	10:30 AM - Roger Schmidt / Warren Willcox
Sunday Apr. 30	8:00 AM - Joel Goche / Warren Willcox
Confirmation	10:30 AM - TBD

The PROMISES of ...

I keep my **E**yes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8

"Do not be **A**fraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." Matthew 28:5-6

"For God **S**o loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

I can do all **T**hings through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Above all, love **E**ach other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

"I am the **R**esurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." John 11:25





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

- Sunday Apr. 2** 8:00 AM- Matthew Orloff
10:30 AM- Cody Michaelis
- Thurs. Apr. 6** 2:00 PM -
Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM-
- Friday Apr. 7** 2:00 PM -
Good Friday 7:00 PM-
- Sunday Apr. 9** 6:30 AM -
Easter 8:00 AM- Alex Cisewski
9:15 AM - Cody Michaelis
10:30 AM -
- Sunday Apr. 16** 8:00 AM - Bennet Goff
10:30 AM -
- Wednesday. Apr. 19**
Public Review 7:00 PM-
- Sunday Apr. 23** 8:00 AM-
10:30 AM-
- Sunday Apr. 30** 8:00 AM -
Confirmation 10:30 AM -



The Flames Boosters would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Annual Silent Auction and meal. Over \$30,000 was raised to help support the educational needs of the students

at First Lutheran School! Whether you participated by donating auctions items, bidding on the on-line or live auctions or sharing a meal with us we appreciate each and every one of you!!

FLS APPAREL

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

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



IMPORTANT DATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Mark Your Calendar

Dates to Remember

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12th	
3:30-4:45 PM	Confirmation Practice (All Students)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19th	
3:30-4:45 PM	Confirmation Practice (All Students)
7:00 PM	Public Review / Questioning
SUNDAY, APRIL 30th	
9:30 AM	Confirmation Photos
10:30 AM	Confirmation Service

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S POPCORN SALES

Please help by participating in the 2023 Popcorn Fundraiser. This is an excellent way to support our school! Sales will begin on Monday, April 3rd and continue through Friday, April 14th.



Popcorn orders can be placed with FLS students or in the church office. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran School. Thank you for your support and continuing to make this fundraiser a success!



Lutheran Night at MN Twins

We're getting excited for another season of baseball! Tickets are reserved for the 6:40 pm game on Tuesday, August 15th against the Detroit Tigers. Seats are located in

Section 213 (Home Plate Terrace) at a cost of \$37 each. Bus transportation from First Ev. Lutheran Church in Glencoe will depart at about 4 pm, at a cost of approx. \$15 per person. Please contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

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.





Year after year, Neubarth Lawn Care & Landscaping donates their time, energy, and resources. At no expense to the church, they maintain the lawn and remove the snow from the lots at First Lutheran Church and School.

In years past it's been estimated that the generosity of the Neubarth's has saved the congregation an average of \$10,000 annually. With the snow we've already received this year, it's anticipated that it will be one of the top 10 heaviest seasonal snowfalls.

While we do our best to show our appreciation with a thank you gift of \$1,600 each year, that amount is incomparable to the thousands of dollars they save our congregation. Recently a congregation member contacted the church office and inquired about making a personal contribution (above and beyond the \$1,600) to help off-set the cost of fuel. A request that was acknowledged and agreed upon.

We encourage you to show your appreciation to Neubarth Lawn Care & Landscaping for the services they provide. Consider sending a thank you note, supporting their local business, or even dropping off a monetary donation at the church office (we'll gladly get it to them).



72nd Annual Pancake & Sausage Dinner

The First Lutheran 72nd Annual Pancake & Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 16 from 9 AM

to 1 PM. This is the Sunday after Easter. You'll be able to Dine-In or Take-Out.

The Menu will again include your choice of authentic German potato pancakes, regular pancakes, sausages, applesauce, cheese, and beverage.

Advance Tickets can be purchased for \$14 for Adults and Children under 10 years for \$6. When you purchase your advance tickets, you'll be asked to select your meal time – the choices are 9 AM–10 AM, 10 AM–11 AM, 11 AM–12 PM, or 12 PM–1 PM. Advance tickets are available at the Church office.

In addition, we will have tickets available at the door at a cost of \$15 for Adults and \$ for Children under 10 yrs.. All take-outs will be at the Adult price.

We are offering free Delivery to our members who are homebound. If you would like a meal delivered to your home, please contact the Church Office before April 7th. We will schedule your meal and collect the \$15 at time of delivery.

Please spread the word to your family and friends. The event has usually been held earlier in the season and some people may have thought they missed it. We need your help telling others. We hope to see everyone enjoying pancakes on April 16th!



BIBLE VERSES FOR FARMERS ~ AND THE REST OF US

Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense. Proverbs 11:12.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. James 1:26.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! I Chronicles 16: 32-34.

NOURISH
your local food shelf

Find your local food shelf or donate at gmcc.org/march-campaign
FEB 27–APRIL 9, 2023

Major Minnesota FoodShare Supporters: General Mills Foundation, AgriBank, BlueCross BlueShield Minnesota, Land O' Lakes, Inc., Old National, UnitedHealth Group, Furniture Mart.

March Campaign Sponsors and Major Supporters: AgriBank, BlueCross BlueShield Minnesota, CenterPoint Energy, Furniture Mart, Land O' Lakes, Inc., Old National, UnitedHealth Group, gmcc.org/march-campaign.

2023 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

Since 1982, Minnesotans have come together to support their communities and local food shelves during this annual Campaign. The Board of Evangelism will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf during the month of March and first part of April to "Pack the Baskets". Baskets will be placed at all church entrances.

If you prefer to donate cash instead, cash donations greatly multiply the Food Shelf's ability to purchase healthier fresh, frozen, and perishable foods. For every \$1 cash donation, the Food Shelf can buy \$4 worth of food through their access to discount products and programs. Cash donations can be made through your offering envelopes using the "other" line and writing in "Food Shelf" (or place cash/check in a plain envelope with "Food Shelf" written on outside; include name to include this on your annual offering statement). You can also make monetary donations online through the Give Plus app, through the church's website, or directly to the food shelf at www.mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org/donate.

First Edition Book Club



First Edition Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss the book: Southern Storm (Cape Refuge Series book 2 of 4) by author Terri Blackstock. First Edition book club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.

A Message of Hope on The Lutheran Hour

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 April, you will hear the following program topics (most current information available):

April 2 "**Hell: No One Has to Go There**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

Hell is a serious word, meant to be taken seriously. However, hell doesn't have to be one's inevitable destination. (Matthew 26:20-29)

April 9

"**He Is Risen, Indeed**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Christ's resurrection affects everyone—even those who don't believe it happened. (Matthew 28)

April 16 "**Raising the Praise**" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. (John 11)

April 23 "**The Man Who Will Be King**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. (1 Peter 1:13)

April 30 "**Topic to be Announced**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We are blessed to have broadcast sponsors for the upcoming Sundays in April, May, and June of 2023. We have openings and need sponsors for July 23, August 13, August 20, and September 17. Please contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or e-mail richstreufert@embarqmail.com to verify available dates.

The cost for sponsoring a broadcast during 2023 is \$96.00. 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

April 15 MN South District Supporters Convention

Lutheran Hour Ministries invites you to join with supporters at their MN South District Convention on Saturday April 15, 2023 at Martin Luther High School, Northrop, Minnesota.

The morning convention sessions begin at 10 am. During the afternoon you can choose to attend the activity or topic of your choice. Afternoon activity and breakout sessions begin at 1 pm, 2:15 pm, and 3:30 pm.

Orphan Grain Train volunteers will be packaging Mercy Meals at all three afternoon activity sessions. The Mercy Meals will be sent to aid the Ukrainian refugees in Romania. This will be a second

shipment sent from Minnesota South and we are thankful to be able to continue to help the relief efforts in Romania for the refugees. Dr. Phil Johnson will be speaking at the three afternoon breakout sessions. The session topics are entitled "The Depth or History of the International Lutheran Laymen's League", "Rural and Small Town Ministry Outreach", and "Lutheran Hour Ministries Gifted For More!".

At 4:30 pm you are invited to hear Jayson Matasovsky, guest pianist. Martin Luther High School Principal Paul Steinhaus will be the guest speaker at the evening banquet which begins at 5 pm.

You can create your own group of 16 to help package the Mercy Meals. The cost for the convention is \$10.00 for lunch and \$20.00 for the banquet. To create your own packaging group or to register for the convention contact Doyle Benson at doylebenson321@gmail.com or 320.583.7695. Doyle Benson is the current Orphan Grain Train Minnesota South Branch Manager and the current District President for the Lutheran Hour Ministries MN South District.

LWML Monthly Meeting

JOIN US FOR A CRAFT PROJECT

Lutheran Women in Mission will meet

April 3 at 7:00 p.m. We'll be doing a mission-related craft project. Once you learn the craft, you'll probably enjoy continuing it at home. Please bring a scissor and 5 or 6 (or more!) plastic grocery bags. You don't have to be a "member" to come. ALL WOMEN are welcomed to come and learn this craft. Bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.



Happy April Birthday to Honorary "Lutheran Women in Mission" members Dorothy Rose and Verda Wittenberg. A \$5 gift to LWML Mission Grants "mites" has been given in your honor.



Also, Happy April Birthday to Pastor Mathison, former "Lutheran Women in Mission" counselor.

PROMISED REST

SAVE THE DATE – FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

- September 16, 2023 in the new Omega Lodge at beautiful Camp Omega in Waterville.
- This is a one-day retreat on Saturday, with optional activities offered Friday evening.
- We will study with author, speaker, and podcast host Michelle Diercks.
- Invite your girlfriends, neighbors, and relatives to join you for this relaxing time in the WORD.
- You don't have to be Lutheran or an LWML member to attend.
- Registration and hotel details will be released this summer.
- Retreat site is mobility friendly! No stairs to access the new Omega Lodge.
- Contact vpchristianlife@mnsfwml for more information.



**Lutheran Churches in Africa
Request Choir Robes
First Ev. Lutheran Choir Robes
going to Africa!**

The number of Lutherans in Africa is growing! The average Lutheran in the world today is 19 years old, female, and living in Africa. Lutherans in Africa worship boldly.

The singing is vigorous, with or without instruments. They like processions. Swaying and moving with the music is important to their worship. They want their pastors and leaders to wear vestments. And they love to wear choir robes! Lutheran Heritage Foundation, a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, brings the Good News of Jesus the Savior to over 90 countries and over 140 languages around the world. They are also collecting and distributing choir robes and vestments for the growing Lutheran church in Africa. Remember those beautiful royal blue choir robes here at First Ev. Lutheran in Glencoe? They had not been used in some time. Though a little outdated, they were still in good condition. The choir made the decision to donate our no-longer-used choir robes to Lutheran groups in Africa. They have been boxed in the required way and will be trucked to an "Orphan Grain Train" warehouse in Nebraska. They will be held there, along with other donated robes and vestments, until a shipping container is filled. They will then make the long trip on a barge to South Sudan, Africa. And once again they will be used for praising Christ Jesus and proclaiming His redeeming love! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

**Christians Wrestle with Suicide – Gospel
Comfort**

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:28)

April 15, 2023
8:30 a.m. to Noon

Rev. Peter Preus, well known speaker and Lutheran pastor, will be presenting "Christians Wrestle with Suicide – Gospel Comfort" Saturday April 15 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 800 Bluff Street North, Hutchinson.

Rev. Preus is the author of the thought-provoking book And She Was a Christian: Why Do Christians Commit Suicide? that ably addresses the suicide of a Christian and the stigma attached to suicide. He writes and speaks from a solid, scriptural perspective.

This event is open to **ALL**: women and men, pastors and laypersons at no charge. Free will offering plate available. Coffee will begin at 8:30, presentation begins at 9:00 a.m. Light lunch following the presentation. Sponsored by McLeod Zone LWML. Replies are appreciated but not mandatory to church office at 320-587-3318 by April 7. See the flyer on the church bulletin boards for more information.



**Site Coordinator Needed –
Glencoe Meals**

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is seeking a Site Coordinator for their Meal program in Glencoe. Candidates should be

community focused and will be responsible for getting meals out to the folks in Glencoe. Hours are Monday-Friday 9-12 pm. The pay is hourly. Meals are cooked in the Hutchinson kitchen and transported to Millie Beneke apartments. The Site coordinator sets up volunteers to then deliver to home bound seniors and also hosts the bistro dining right at the apartment. Minimal dishes and cleanup is required and daily meals must be recorded. This is a great opportunity for a Senior worker; LSS also partners with the MET program (senior community service employment program). LSS is looking to fill this position ASAP. Please call 320-905-2528 to learn more.

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

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.

Vanco Mobile Faith – Mobile App
Text \$ (your \$ amount) to 855-976-9619
Give online via www.firstglencoe.org

WAYS TO GIVE

You can remember the ministries of First Lutheran Church and School through a wide variety of gifts. Gifts come in many ways and sizes.



Some of these planned gifts can even provide significant financial and tax benefits to you.

Appreciated Securities (stocks, bonds, and mutual funds) can allow you to take a deduction for the current market value on the date of the gift and avoid capital gains tax.

Gifts of Real Estate will allow you to receive the maximum tax deduction allowed by law, bypass capital gain tax, provide you an opportunity to establish a gift that provides an income for life, and make a substantial donation to your favorite ministry.

A Bequest (Wills & Trusts) provision in your will or trust will allow you to make a significant gift without reducing your current income.

You can make a gift by changing the beneficiary of your Life Insurance policy – or by transferring ownership of the cash value.

Your Qualified Retirement Plans (IRA, Keogh, 401K, 403B, RMD's) can be gifted.

Life Income Agreements are available for people who want to make an irrevocable gift that allows donors to retain an income interest during their lifetime or for a term of years.

Charitable Gift Annuities can provide annuity payments for life and then support your favorite ministry. Deferred gift annuities allow you the option to make the gift today and receive the annuity later in life.

Charitable Remainder Trust allows you to make the gift and receive income from the trust.

Donor Advised Funds are like a charitable investment account, for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations you care about.

Upcoming newsletters will continue to explore "Giving Options." Always consult a financial, legal, or tax professional before putting a gifting plan into action.

Pick up the brochure "Gifts of a Lifetime" available on an Entrance Stand. Feel free to share with your family and friends. God's Abundant Grace Enables Abundant Giving!

2023 Endowment Committee - Wayne Ahlbrecht, Joyce Aul, Ryan Ortloff, Bill Brickzen, Cindy Eggersgluess, Roger Gronholz, and Dawn Schauer



Woodpeckers can wreak havoc on building enclosures. They are very territorial and defend their domain by tapping on materials that produce the "right sound". EIFS is one of those materials. Not only is damaged EIFS an eyesore, it can also make a building vulnerable

to water intrusion, mold, and pest infestation. Generally speaking, woodpeckers will return annually, causing damage year after year. Even if they don't return, other small birds will often make a nesting site on any large enough hole that is not repaired.

Unfortunately, woodpeckers have done just that and created significant damage to the exterior (EIFS) on the north and east side

of the school building at the south campus. The Board of Trustees strives to lower maintenance costs and keep the aesthetics of the buildings top notch. With that in mind, they are currently seeking proposals for the necessary repairs and exploring products that might deter this from happening in the future.

More details will be shared as they are available.

Homegrown! It's a Good Thing!

The Farm to School Dept of Ag grant monies are used to purchase locally grown and raised foods (beef, pork, poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits) for our school lunch program. In addition, we are currently identifying needed equipment to purchase (50/50 match) under the AGRI Equipment grant program.

On March 9th, the school lunch featured Chicken Wild Rice Soup. Our FLS cook, Gina, cooked up a delicious recipe using Chicken from the Matt & Shauna Gruber Farm and Wild Rice from Northern MN. On March 23, we enjoyed a delicious Potato and Ham Casserole. We utilized the Hams that were processed from the hog that we purchased last year. Our bread comes from Pan-o-Gold Bakery in St. Cloud.

After each Homegrown meal, the students sing 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!

We will be tasking our student council to come up with ideas to help reduce lunch food waste. In addition, we'd like to better utilize the composting bin located by our school garden. We're looking forward to seeing what kind of thoughts and solutions are generated!

Looking ahead, we are planning a Homegrown Meal for the Chapel Family Picnic on May 25th. Might there be a few willing Dad's or Grandpa's that could come and grill burgers and hotdogs? It would be only a couple hour commitment of time. Please consider!

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 whom we can purchase from.

We are currently searching for sources for next year's lunches. Might anyone be willing to grow some vegetables that we might purchase in late summer? We are especially looking for Delicata Squash, Green Beans, Cucumbers, Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Zucchini, Acorn Squash, Berries, Apples, and more.

We will, of course, grow some things in our School Garden this summer; but we can utilize more which can be frozen for year-round use. We are also considering purchasing a beef, however, this presents a challenge as freezer space is limited.

Also, do you have a favorite MN grown food menu item? Share your recipe with us and we'll invite you to lunch that day!

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. We look forward to continuing this "Good Thing!"



Seeking Rhubarb - Is anyone willing to share some fresh RHUBARB for a Muffin Cake recipe we'd like to make for an upcoming Homegrown meal?. We would need the rhubarb by May 2nd. We're hoping that Rhubarb will be up and ready by then! If not, we'll be seeking some frozen rhubarb. Please contact Cindy if you're able to help!

Stories of Faith



The Public Relations (PR) Team invites members to share their stories related to situations or events in which they experience

God's love and providential care.

Cindy Eggersgluess238-2148 eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection?

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see.. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!

Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it..

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table.

The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done'.

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because..... The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

He is coming back!



√ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$692 for FLC and \$2067 for FLS. We also received a charitable Giving Grant of \$650! Visit (www.Thrivent.com/choice) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars." Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the church office.

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

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

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

EVERY Thrivent member is eligible to lead two Action Teams per calendar year. IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR ACTION TEAMS, PLEASE LET CINDY OR THE OFFICE KNOW! All Thrivent members have 2 Action Teams! Involve others – it's all about your friends, family and community coming together to make a positive impact!

√ **Facebook page for Thrivent Network** – Be sure to check out and "Like" to stay updated on exciting new opportunities and newly created events!

√ **Thrivent Member Network - Twin Cities Region** works hard to create fun and educational content that you can engage in from the comfort of your own home. There are also some great on-demand webinars (variety of topics) that you can view anytime. **Guests are welcome!** Please feel free to share these events with your friends, family, and community. See all the info and resources at: <https://www.thriventfinancial.com/member-network/twin-cities/>

Cindy Eggersgluess – 612-840-6308 / eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com – Your Congregational Volunteer

BOARDS, COUNCIL & COMMITTEES SUMMARIES:

Church Council | March 16th

Meeting canceled due to weather.

Christian Ed Board | March 13th

No Summary Submitted



Day School Board | March 7th

First Lutheran silent auction ending on March 5 was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who donated, shopped, and supported the school. We are very thankful to continue to nurture spiritual and academic growth through God's word. Playday is scheduled for May 19 at Zion. Hiring committee is starting the process to fill the open teacher position for 6th and 7/8th grade. March 24th students in grades 5-8 are invited to the middle school 70's dance happening here at FLS. K-2 have been working hard on their parts for the Operetta planned for March 23rd.

Board of Trustees | March 6th

Randy Bussler has taken over the part-time custodian position at the school. An anonymous donation was given to Neubarth Landscaping by a congregation member in appreciation for all of the snow removal this winter. Approval was given to the Kunkel family to use memorial money to replace the furniture in the narthex sitting area. The current furniture will be relocated.

Board of Evangelism | March 9th

No Summary Submitted

Board of Deacons | March 2nd

Pastor Welch opened with an expose on the book of Daniel followed by a prayer. Motion made and seconded to approve the February meeting minutes. Carried. Motion made and seconded to remove the Assimilation and Technology committees from the policy manual. Carried. Motion made and seconded to have the next deacon's meeting on April 13th. Carried. There was discussion on having an outdoor church service during the summer. The Evangelism Board is asked to develop a plan for this. Motion made and seconded to have the confirmation review on April 19th. Carried. There was discussion about whether to have continuous line communion at some church services. Facebook service viewing was discussed.

Board of Stewardship | March 7th

No Summary Submitted

GET TO KNOW

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

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

Responsibilities:

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

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

Michael Cisewski	320-295-6696
Dean Dahlke	510-4315
Joel Goche	320-444-3859
Brian Grochow	952-412-1696
Dan Nikolaisen	952-594-4149
Jason Oelfke	320-296-4260
Dean Scheele	952-250-1149
Roger Schmidt	864-6523
Dennis Wolter	510-0206



- April 2 | Palm Sunday
- April 6-11 | No school - Easter break
- April 12-13 | Optional Parent Teacher Conferences
- April 9 | Easter Sunday
- April 16 | Potato Pancake Breakfast
- April 30 | Confirmation Sunday
- May 3 | Fine Arts Festival | 6:30 pm
- May 19 | Play Day @ Zion Lutheran, Mayer MN
- May 26 | Last Day of School | Dismissal at 11:00

thank you

- Everyone who donated to our 16th annual Silent Auction as well as all the great folks who purchased the meal and those who bid on items. Your love for FLS is greatly appreciated!
- All of the fantastic parents who support FLS by sending their children to our school.
- Candace Stiles, Micky Neubarth, Annika Schafer, Taylor Bernstein, Mindy Dressel, Shauna Gruber, Sarah LaMott, Stephanie Lewin, Brenda Brelje, Amy Edwards, Allison Grochow, Molly Schiller, Crystal Pierson, and Molly Zimmermann for heading up the Flame Boosters Silent Auction events and all the others who pitched in. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!
- Mrs. Willett, Mrs. Donnay, and Ms. Kuras for their hard work preparing for the Operetta and to everyone who came out to the Operetta!
- Ms. Lilienthal and Michelle for their efforts in organizing the School Dance.

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Together we pray for:

- Lutheran Bible Translators and those who are translating the Bible so more people can hear the Good News of Jesus!
- Everyone who is ill and needs our Heavenly Father's healing hand.
- The Silent Auction Committee and all involved thanking God for all of their hard work before, during, and after the big event.
- Those families that are considering sending their children to FLS that they might be led to realize the importance of a Christ centered education.
- A penitential and grateful heart during Lent and Holy Week.
- Our committees at First Lutheran as we continue to search for a DCE and Assistant Pastor.
- Cindy Eggersgluess for her hard work on planning Homegrown Meals!
- Joel Goche and all that he does to keep our website fresh!



Popcorn Fundraiser

Everyone's favorite fundraiser will be taking place from April 3-14th.

Order forms will be sent home with your child and orders can be placed in the church office or from a student. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran School. Popcorn will be available for pick up early May.



1st Grade

We have been SO SO busy in First Grade! We have been working very hard in every subject. When I asked students what they think we have worked really hard on in school recently, many of them said math! We have been learning how to tell time, fractions, adding and subtracting, reading a calendar, measuring inches, and so much more every single day! Many students also brought up reading, as we LOVE reading here in First Grade. We read and listen to stories very often and really enjoy having guest readers come to our classroom! These students are awesome with religion lessons and praying. This entire school year we have been learning and coming up with ways to be kind to others, and within the next few weeks we will be working on showing kindness whenever and wherever we can. I am so proud of this class, and we are excited for spring to really start so that we can be outside more!

Blessings,
Ms. Cora Kuras



3rd Tri Chapel Offerings

Our third trimester chapel offerings are going to Lutheran Bible Translators. This organization translates Bibles into home languages for those who do not have access to a Bible in their language! Making disciples for life!

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April, 2023

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



\$200 for free!

As a continuing incentive, First Lutheran is offering \$200 to any school or church family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for this school year. If you get two families to register, you get \$400! Spread the good news that First Lutheran School is a great place to learn about God's love and the awesome world he has given to us!



Fruit of the Spirit - Self Control

The fruits of the spirit are the characteristics of Jesus. It is through the Holy Spirit, that we, as Christians, are given them and able to live them out.

This month's fruit of the spirit is self control. Having self control is the ability to regulate your emotions and control your own actions. Someone with self control does not show anger. They are typically very responsible Christians.

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Perfect Church Attendance

Back Row: Erika Goche, Isaiah Nikolaisen, Connor Donnay, Griffin Bargmann, Emerson Edwards, Brock Zimmermann, Autumn Gruber, and Oliver Peterson
Front Row: Phoebe Nikolaisen, Riley LaMott, Maddie Zimmermann, Camden LaMott, Raelynn Strobel, Huxton Edwards, Axel Gruber, and Eve Peterson



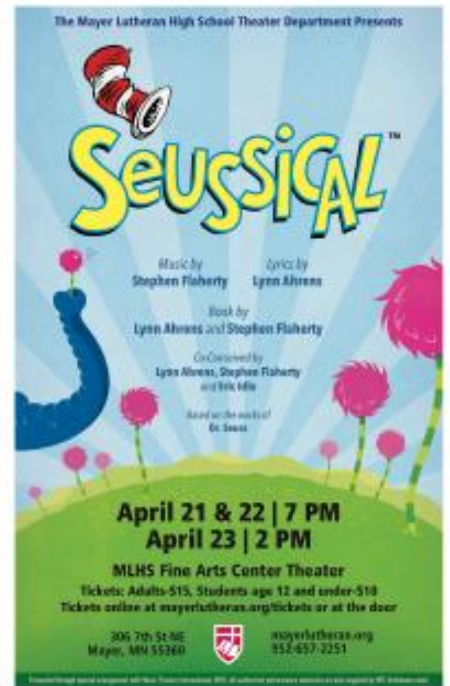
"A" Honor Roll

Back Row: Kryptan Wisch, Ivanna Schultz, Tristan Quast, Erika Goche, Bennet Goff, Cooper Foss, Alex Cisewski, Isaiah Nikolaisen, Owen Busse, Cody Michaelis, and Brooke Mikolichek
Middle Row: Lilly Petterson, Connor Donnay, Jaeden Eiden, Oscar Freberg, Yandel Perez, Hadley Busse, Clara Wilcox, Ruby Graf, Kira Lewin, Kate Grimm, Beau Brelje, and Cole Plath
Front Row: Claire Geib, Traevin Buckley, Gemma Goff, and Oliver Peterson
Not pictured: Avery Schultz



"B" Honor Roll

Back Row: Marek Lewin, Harper Neubarth, Annie D'Amour, Xander Plath, Summer Blazinski, and Jady Stuewe
Front Row: Macie Stradtman, Ayla Pokornowski, Caylee Weidendorf, Priya Wisch, Sam Betsinger, Kizer Busse, Landon Grochow, and Kyler Pokornowski



Seussical the Musical

Looking for something fun to do with your family? Mayer Lutheran presents "Seussical" the Musical! Every child at First Lutheran will be bringing home a coupon to attend the musical for FREE!



Homegrown Meals

Cindy Eggersgluess, Michelle, and Gina continue to work hard on developing, planning, and making home grown meals that are made from locally sourced foods. How can we do this? FLS has been receiving grant money from the state of MN to help make this financially possible. Thank you ladies for all of your hard work! Some of our delicious meals have included: pork burgers, chicken wild rice soup, egg bake, and many more!

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First Lutheran Financial Report

2022-2023 Financials: FEBRUARY (YTD)

GENERAL FUND INCOME ONLY (February):		<i>Last Year</i>
Offering Envelopes	\$ 486,812.84	\$ 531,041.14
Debt Reduction	7,119.00	3,160.00
Thrivent "Choice" <i>Member Elections</i>	3,720.00	1,529.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	345.00	1,105.00
School Tuition	136,969.94	200,747.56
MN DHS – Preschool Grants	47,071.90	- 0 -
Miscellaneous Income	<u>15,642.23</u>	<u>21,734.78</u>
	\$ 697,680.91	\$ 759,317.48

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (February):		<i>Last Year</i>
Staff	\$ 591,565.45	\$ 632,368.88
Employer Payroll Expenses	2,229.48	3,199.70
Buildings	69,448.58	67,100.11
Operations	18,365.73	21,474.72
Interest on Line of Credit	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
	\$ 681,609.24	\$ 724,143.41

2022-2023 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:
\$ 9,002.00
\$ 11,187.00

February 28th GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS: (\$ 136,250.12)
Last Year's February 28th General Indebtedness: (\$ 181,390.09)



First Lutheran Financial Facts

- General Fund contributions are down \$61,637 (year-to-date).
- General Fund expenses are down \$42,534 (year-to-date).



"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 Kindergarten to Grade 3

Where? Church Fellowship Center

When? Tue., April 11, 3 to 4:30

What? Snack, Games, Singing, Bible Stories, Craft, Fellowship, Fun!

Theme? Easter Party

Leaders? Mindy Dressel, Madi Mathews, LuAnn Schmidt, Amy Welch

* We could use donations of healthy snacks and drink boxes, please. *



TWEENS

Who? Children in Grades 4 to 7

Where? Church, Room 111

When? Tue., April 18 from 3 to 5 p.m.

What? Snack, Games, Bible Stories, Fun

Theme? SEaster Party

Leaders? Travis Uecker, Amy Welch

* We could use donations of healthy snacks and drink boxes for Tweens, please. *



Please keep the continued process of calling a new D.C.E. in your prayers!
Until then, you may contact Amy Welch at 320-510-4583 or dovechocolate25@gmail.com or on Fast Direct.

I.M.P.A.C.T.

Who? Young People Grades Eight to Twelve

Where? The Lighthouse, above Temple Cleaners

When? Sun., April 2 & 23 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

What? Snack, Games, Bible Stories, Fellowship,

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, receive forgiveness, and serve one another. His stories are the best!

Activities for the children include:

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

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

Preschool: Flames of Faith classroom in church basement, Teacher - Madi Mathews & Mindy Dressel

Kindergarten: Mrs. Bargmann's Preschool Room, Teacher - Amy Welch and Sarah 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.



April 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTAR GUILD WORKERS Norma Mathews 864-4813 Jeanne Schauer 320-779-3382 Molly Streu 612-716-0848 						
2 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship:OPEN 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service 6:00-8:00 PM - IM.P.A.C.T.	3 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:00 PM - Flames Boosters 6:30 PM - Trustees 7:00 PM - LWML	4 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 4:45 PM - Stewardship 6:30 PM - Evangelism 6:30 PM - Day School Board NO TWEENS	5 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Pastor Welch) 3:30 to 4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation 6:30 PM - Salary Review	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY 2:00 PM - Worship w/ Communion 6:00 PM - Senior Choir 7:00 PM - Worship w/ Communion FLS - No School		8 10:00 AM - GlenFields 2:00 PM - Worship w/ Communion 7:00 PM - Worship w/ Communion No School - Church Office Closed
9 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 AM - Worship Service w/Communion 8:00 AM - Worship Service 9:15 AM - Worship Service 10:30 AM - Worship Service w/ Communion 11:30 AM - 5PM - Private Rental No Sunday School/Bible Study	10 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying No School - Church Office Closed	11 9:30 AM - GlenFields 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00 - 4:30 PM - Fun and the Son 6:00 PM - Christian Ed 6:30 PM - Evangelism FLS - No School	12 CONFIRMATION PRACTICE 3:30 to 4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation Parent/Teacher Conferences	13 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Mr. Browne) 2:00 PM - Grand Meadows 7:00 PM - Cemetery Board 7:00 PM Deacons Pastor's Circuit @ St. John's CM Parent/Teacher Conferences		15 1:00 PM - Pancake Dinner Setup No School - Church Office Closed
16 PANCAKE DINNER 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pancake Dinner 9:00 AM - Fellowship:Choir (Albs) 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service	17 9:00 AM - Pancake Dinner Take Down 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying	18 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00-5:00 PM - TWEENS 6:00 PM - DCE Call Committee 7:00 PM - First Edition Book club FLS - No School	19 CONFIRMATION PRACTICE School Confirmation 7:00 PM - Public Review (Confirmation)	20 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Ms. Albachten - Church Council Pastor's Circuit @ St. John's CM Parent/Teacher Conferences		22 10:30 AM-4:30 PM Private Rental
23 8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship:Evangelism 9:15 AM - Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 6:00-8:00 PM - IM.P.A.C.T.	24 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:00 PM - Endowment Committee	25 11 AM to 12:30 PM - Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting NO Fun and The Son	26 6:00-7:30 PM - FLS Social Studies Fair	27 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Ms. Lilienthal)		29 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Private Rental
30 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship:Christian Ed 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion (Confirmation) 1:00 PM - GlenFields			