

A Blessed Mother's Day

May 14th is that very special day this year when we pause and give thanks to God for, and to give thanks to, our moms. If you're a husband, it's also a day to give thanks to the amazing woman who does so much to make life better.

For mothers and wives, we especially give thanks to God on Mother's Day. I'm extremely blessed to have Amy as my wife, my best friend, helpmate, and so much more, including Mom of our four children, and Grandma of our Granddaughter.

When I was a boy, I remember my Mom often used to say, "Some people's kids!" I don't remember why she said that so much, but I'm sure I gave her some plenty of good reasons, like when I would say or do something silly or maybe even a little embarrassing. But, with love and respect I would often respond to her "Some people's kids!" with my phrase: "Some kids' people!" So, on Mother's Day I can say with love and admiration, "Some people's Moms!"

I've heard it said that being a Mother is the toughest job in the world. I couldn't have been blessed with a wonderful Christian wife and a wonderful Christian Mother, and I couldn't ask for more. I'm sure many of you share similar sentiments about that special Mom and/ or wife you have had in your life. I wouldn't dispute that point. Being a mother entails so much hard work, diligence, patience, endurance, wisdom, and most of all love. But I would contend that being a **Christian** Mother is one of if not toughest job in the world. I say that because on top of all the hard work of raising children, it's even harder to raise children in such a way that they will grow up strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus in a world that is becoming increasingly hostile to Him and His followers.

So, let us be thankful for, and show our love for, our Mothers this Mother's Day and especially be thankful for all Christian Mothers and Wives.
In Christ,

~In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch

A Prayer on Behalf of Our Mothers:

Dear heavenly Father, You have said through Your prophet, "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). We thank You for Your infinite love which so exceeds human understanding that to make it more real to us You compared it with a mother's love for her child. On the strength of this assurance, we know that we shall have Your constant guidance, help, support, and protection.

On this day, set aside to honor mothers, we thank You especially for the gift of Christian mothers. Bless them always. Give them grace to set a good example for their families. Make them constantly aware that their children are a sacred trust from heaven. Hold Your protecting hand over them, and give them

strength for every job, courage for each trial, and trust in You that each day grows stronger.

We thank You particularly for the gift of our mothers and for their love, which has often comforted us. May we never do anything that would grieve their hearts. May we always follow the path that they have charted- the path which leads to You. Guide our footsteps that we walk in the love of Jesus, who set an example by His love for His mother. This is our prayer in His name. Amen.



The Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 30th at 7:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Center.

All First Ev. Lutheran Church members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend. Among other business, the 2023-2024 Budget will be reviewed.

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

Look for the Agenda Packet and the 2023-2024 Budget Requests to be on the entrance stands May 21st.



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

ANGEL SEEDS

The Common Cup Ministry has been selected as the Angel Seeds recipient for donations received from April through June.

The mission of Common Cup Ministry is to gather and share spiritual and financial resources into one "Common Cup" so that we may minister to those in need.

Through a voucher system Common Cup funds are administered by volunteers, to help those who fall between the cracks of other assistance. Common Cup Ministry volunteers provide spiritual ministry as well as financial and emotional resources and support.

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



Church Library

Thank you to the LWML members and Quilting Ladies for their generous cash donations to the library fund. New books will be arriving soon just in time for summer reading. Some of the books have been ordered in large print for those who find it easier to enjoy reading in that format. Watch the newsletter for the new titles or stop by the bookshelves in the sitting area and check out the display.



Bible Verses for Farmers (and the rest of us)

The one who plants and the one who waters work together for the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. I Corinthians 3:8.



In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both will be good. Ecclesiastes 11:6.

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sexuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these things come from within and they defile a person. Mark 7, 21-23.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. Psalm 145:8.

Cemetery News

For years, the Cemetery Board has worked hard to honor and respect all the families that have chosen First Lutheran Church Cemetery as the final resting place for their loved ones. One of the ways in which we do so is by pursuing the highest standards in grounds maintenance with goals to constantly improve and preserve the appearance.

In November, we asked that you prayerfully consider contributing to the First Lutheran Cemetery Care Fund.

We have received generous donations and want to personally thank each and every one of you for your contributions!

Your continued support is necessary to ensure that monies will always be available for maintenance and upkeep (lawn care, tree trimming, general beautification) in the years to come.

You may contribute electronically via the website at www.firstglencoe.org, note "Cemetery Care" on your offering envelope or drop off a donation in person at the church office.

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.



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

Sunday May 7 8:00 AM- Dean Scheele / Lars Ide
10:30 AM- TBD / Dan Nikolaisen

Sunday May 14 8:00 AM- Dennis Wolter / Lars Ide
10:30 AM- Jason Oelfke / Dan Nikolaisen

Thursday May 18 (Ascension Worship Service)
7:00 PM – Mark Schmidt / TBD

Sunday May 21 8:00 AM- Mike Cisewski / Fritz Schulz
10:30 AM- Dean Dahlke / Mark Schmidt

Wednesday May 24 (8th Grade Graduation / Pre-Memorial Day Service)
7:00 PM- TBD / Lars Ide

Sunday May 29 8:00 AM- Dennis Wolter / TBD
10:30 AM- TBD / TBD



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

Sunday May 7 8:00 AM- Nolan Vinkemeier
10:30 AM -

Sunday May 14 8:00 AM- Erika Goche
10:30 AM- Jordan O'Dell

Thursday May 18 (Ascension Worship Service)
7:00 PM –

Sunday May 21 8:00 AM-
10:30 AM-

Wednesday May 24 (8th Grade Graduation / Pre-Memorial Day Service)
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10:30 AM- Jordan O'Dell

We are taking the opportunity to honor our 2023 High school AND college graduates! If you know a graduating senior, have them fill this out and email a picture for use to:

christianedflc@gmail.com

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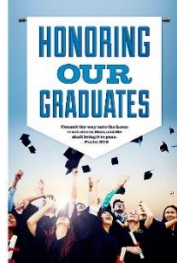
Favorite Bible Verse:

High School Activities/Sports:

High School Achievement:

Plans after graduation:

Most excited for after high school:



72nd ANNUAL POTATO PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER

"THANK YOU" for supporting our 72nd Annual Pancake & Sausage Dinner on Sunday, April 16th. Diners enjoyed potato and regular pancakes, sausages, applesauce, cheese stick, and beverage. An estimated 650 meals were served! More than 100 volunteers worked in all phases and stages of the event.

We are grateful for the donations and discounts from CorTrust Bank, Glencoe Co-Op Assn., KWIK Trip, Michael Foods, Security Bank & Trust, the Thrivent Action Team Program, and several volunteers.

Any unused supplies were returned as allowed and what remained was donated to FLS or to MEFS.

Proceeds totaled \$8689 and expenses \$3735. This left us with a profit of \$4954.

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

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

First Edition Book Club



First Edition Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss the book: River's Edge (Cape Refuge Series

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

FLS APPAREL

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

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



Lutheran Witness Subscription



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

each month for only \$23.16 per year. To renew your subscription or to be added to the subscription list, stop by the Church office with your payment OR put your \$23.16 in your offering envelope (separate check please) and note "Lutheran Witness" on the outside of the envelope. The deadline is Friday, May 19th.

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!

The Glencoe Concert Association

is pleased to present its 2023-2024 season of quality performances for the entire family.

Glencoe concerts include:

- "Divas 3" features three female singers with powerhouse voices singing the biggest hits of the greatest divas in music history. This vibrant show spans four decades (60's – 90's) with hits by Aretha Franklin, Carole King, Celine Dion, Whitney Houston, Cher, Dolly Parton, Donna Summer, ABBA, and more. Individuals have all starred in shows in Las Vegas - Sunday, September 24 – 4 PM
- "Yesterday Once More" features Joanne O'Brien and her velvety voice, bringing the sounds of the 1970's through the music of Karen Carpenter. Through a cavalcade of iconic classics, Joanne illuminates the musical diversity, pop, culture, and political climate of that time in history when the world first fell in love with the magical sound of Karen & Richard Carpenter – Sunday, November 19 – 4 PM
- "Derik Nelson Songs & Stories" - Join award-winning singer/songwriter Derik Nelson for an intimate acoustic performance that will take you behind the music like never before! Hear the personal stories that inspired Derik's stylistic range of original songs and enjoy renditions of songs by the Eagles, Sting, James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Fleetwood Mac, The Beatles, and more – Sunday, April 28 - 4 PM

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

- "Minor Mischief a Capella," - fresh faced quintet of musical veterans! Highly energetic, with a fun relaxed stage presence, and a vast variety of dazzling arrangements, this group is sure to have you singing and swaying along the night through. – Thursday, September 21 - 7 PM
- "The Holy Rocka Rollaz," – Have a festive and rockin' Merry Christmas with Minnesota's own The Holy Rocka Rollaz! See and hear this experienced '50's music trio perform classic yuletide songs, along with spirited renditions of treasured carols – Sunday, Dec 3 at 4:30 PM
- "Country Roads: A Tribute to John Denver" – Tribute show to one of America's best-loved performers, John Denver. Backed by a fantastic six-piece band, headliner Dennis Curley's renditions of the music of John Denver are sure to bring a smile to audiences of all ages – Sunday, April 4 at 7 PM

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

For the past 49 years, the Glencoe Concert Association has provided world-class entertainment for the Glencoe area.

The support of the Glencoe Concert Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, emphasizes the desire and the need for such an organization to provide top quality performances for the entire family.

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

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



THANKFUL HEARTS

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be,
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

The Endowment/Finance Committee is grateful to announce that Larry Stepien has made a special gift of \$50,000 in honor of his children and in loving memory of his beloved wife of over 72 years, Donna Stepien who died March 31, 2020 joining her Lord in heaven.

This generous gift will be used to begin a new Endowment fund with the purpose of supporting special church projects.

We are inspired and encouraged by the generosity of Larry Stepien. Compassionate contributors, like Larry, play a key role in the support of our ministries. God has blessed us, and we are very grateful.

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

-Submitted by the 2023
Endowment/Finance Committee –
Wayne Ahlbrecht, Joyce Aul, Ryan
Orloff, Becky Edwards, Cindy
Eggersgluess, Roger Gronholz, and
Dawn Schauer.



RADIO BROADCAST of First Lutheran Services

Sponsoring a Radio Broadcast is a wonderful opportunity to remember a loved one or honor a special event or person. The cost of sponsoring a Broadcast on KDUZ Radio is \$195 for a monthly service. We have also started booking into 2024. Please contact the Church office for more info or to schedule a broadcast.



LWML Monthly Meeting

I Have Called You by Name;
You Are Mine (Isaiah 43:1)
May 1, 1:30 p.m.
Volunteer Appreciation Party



Lutheran Women in Mission welcomes ALL women of First Evangelical Lutheran to a volunteer-appreciation party. If you have:

- Volunteered here at church in the past.
- Plan to volunteer in the future.
- Just want to learn about some of the volunteer activities available.

... this party is for you!

We'll follow a Mother's Day theme. We will be entertained by First Ev. Lutheran Kindergarten school children, we will examine some Bible Verses and about belonging to God, and we will do a project involving your name. We will also recognize honorary LWML member Dorothy Rose who turned 100 years old last month.

You may bring a guest. Dessert and coffee will be served.

PROMISED REST

Finding Peace in God's
Presence
Women's Retreat
September 15-16, 2023



- Fall Women's Retreat at the new "Omega Lodge" at Camp Omega in Waterville
- One-day retreat on Saturday with optional activities offered Friday evening.
- Presenter is author, speaker and podcast host Michelle Diercks, leading lessons from her Bible Study "Promised Rest."
- Invite your girlfriends, neighbors and relative to join you for this relaxing time in the Word.
- Registration and hotel details will be released this summer.
- Mobility friendly! No stairs to access the Omega Lodge.
- Go to www.mnslwml.org for more details. Click on "events" "district."
- Registration and hotel details released this summer.
- Retreat sponsored by LWML. (You don't have to be a rostered LWML member to attend.)

Pastor Call Committee

I received an e-mail from the MN South District Office on Friday April 15th letting me know that we will not be receiving a Seminary Graduate from Concordia Seminary St Louis. I will be gathering information on what our next steps will be, to fill the Assistant/Associate Pastor here at First Ev. Lutheran. With this information I am reminded of the 1st Commandment; You shall have no other god's. What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. God will send us the Assistant/Associate Pastor that He wants here, we need to trust His will for us. Psalms 37:4-7a NIV says: Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this. He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently on Him. Now as a Congregation we need to continue working with Pastor Welch and his family, the staff both Church & School, the Leadership of this Congregation, the DCE Call, the Pastor Call Committees, with your support, prayers, and encouragement. In closing: The LORD gives strength to his people, the LORD blesses his people with peace. Psalms 29:11 NIV
~ Thank-you , Roger Schmidt (Chairman Pastor Call Committee)

Stories of Faith

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

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God of all Creation, we give you thanks for those who cultivate the earth, for those who wake before dawn and labor in the fields, for those who care for livestock, for those who plant and tend with care. We pray they know they are appreciated beyond measure.

Too often, we overlook the gift of farmers as we grow ever more distant from the processes that bring food to our tables. We pray that we see and know those who do the planting, tending, and harvesting. They are a community of Sowers on whom our survival and flourishing depend.

So, for farmers who keep food on the shelves and make plenty a possibility, we give thanks. Guide them and bless them, O God of Abundance. We pray for favorable weather, abundant crops, communities of support, fair economic practices, and strength and perseverance as they live into your calling that we tend to the gift of creation, stewarding life in celebration of each new day.

Amen.



Lutheran Hour Topics for May

A Message of Hope heard 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 May, you will hear the following program topics:



May 7 "**Sojourn**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Prosperity preachers promise health, wealth, and happiness -- but that's not what Christians should expect. (1 Peter 2:11-12)

May 14 "**Reason to Hope**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). (1 Peter 3:15)

May 21 "**Responses to Suffering**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). (1 Peter 4:12)

May 28 "**A Timely Invitation**" with Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe](#). (John 7:37-39)

We are blessed to have broadcast sponsors for the upcoming Sundays in May, June, and July of 2023. We have openings and need sponsors for August 13, September 17, and October 22. 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 119:10



Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Klaus Called To Glory March 24, 2023 Lutheran Hour Ministries

The Rev. Dr. Kenneth R. Klaus, Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour® radio program, died March 23 at his home in Texas. He served as Speaker of The Lutheran Hour from 2002 until his retirement at the end of 2010. Following his retirement as full-time Speaker, he continued recording one sermon a month for The Lutheran Hour before returning as interim Speaker in 2017 and 2018. Using stories, parables, and common-sense messages, Pastor Klaus was known by listeners for one thing: preaching Christ crucified and risen.



In addition to his weekly sermons on The Lutheran Hour, Pastor Klaus initiated the writing and recording of Lutheran Hour Ministries' popular Daily Devotions, a resource that shares God's love in Jesus Christ with readers and listeners worldwide. He also developed and hosted several LHM Bible studies, spoke at conferences and events across the United States and Canada, led ministry tours internationally, and published many works, including volumes one and two of Stories from The Lutheran Hour: A Changeless Christ in a Changing World and two prayer books (one for use by people in the military and a companion

book for loved ones at home).

"Tens of thousands of listeners have been blessed to learn from and be strengthened in the faith through the powerful messages delivered by Pastor Klaus," says LHM President & CEO Kurt Buchholz. "We give thanks for his faithful service as we remember his family and friends in our prayers."

"In 2004, I was serving in the military, praying to see if God wanted me to be a pastor," says Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour since 2018. "Hearing Ken Klaus on The Lutheran Hour and seeing some of the materials he had written for military members encouraged me to take the next steps to become a preacher."

Before taking the Speaker's microphone, Pastor Klaus was administrative pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas, and served the International Lutheran Laymen's League as its pastoral advisor from 1996 through 2000. During his more than 30 years of parish ministry, he held pastoral positions at Lutheran churches in Texas, Minnesota, Illinois, and South Dakota.

Pastor Klaus is survived by his wife, Pam, and three adult children, Kurt, Kirsten, and Kristianna. He was a beloved grandfather as well as a friend to many people around the world.

FLC Prayer Chain

New members are needed to keep

our PRAYER CHAIN going! You can join either a Phone or an E-Mail Chain. Participation is simple, but so very powerful! The Bible says in Phil

4:6, "But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God." Thank you to all of our current members for their commitment to prayer – to confidentiality, discretion, and listening to the Holy Spirit. How does it work?

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

Phone Chain – Simply receive a phone call from another prayer chain member with a request. When you receive the call, write down the prayer request word for word as dictated to you. Pray immediately and then call the next person on your chain passing on the dictated info. If you are unable to reach that person, leave a message relaying the information. Continue phoning on down the list until you reach a person or the end of the chain.

Have questions, want to join, or have a prayer request? Prayer requests are confidential and may even be made anonymously. Feel free to contact the church office or 612-840-6308



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 April 13, 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. There were also ham sandwiches with ham from the Brownton Meat Market and bread from Pan-o-Gold Bakery in St. Cloud. Everyone enjoyed a parfait with yogurt from Old Home in Bloomington, strawberries from Sharon Schauer's garden (frozen), and granola made with JD's Pure Maple Syrup from Glencoe. On April 20, we enjoyed a delicious Pork & Bean Chili. This featured the last of the pork that we had processed last summer. It also contained tomatoes and peppers from our school garden (frozen). Our sandwiches featured Peter Pan peanut butter, another MN product! On April 24, hamburgers from Alsleben Meats in Glencoe were enjoyed!

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 bells and let it ring!

We are 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 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!"

Student Scholarships Available

Concordia University Students

The College Scholarship Endowment Fund provides Scholarship funds for students enrolled in Concordia Colleges, Universities, or Seminaries of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Information and an application form are available from our website at www.firstglencoe.org or upon request.



First Lutheran School Students

Unfortunately, FLS Scholarship funds are not available for the 2023-2024 academic year. This is due to the market downturn this past year, as no Scholarship earnings were generated by the Edwin & Ella Ponath Education Fund, Melvin & Marlys Tessmer Fund, and the FLS Scholarship Fund.

First Lutheran School Tuition Aid may be available to all students in Grades Kindergarten – 8th Grade. . The amount of aid is calculated with a formula based on Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Please complete the application form available on our website www.firstglencoe.org and turn in the page of your tax form 1040 that includes your AGI to the Church/School Office.

All information is treated with utmost confidentiality.

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



Trust in the Lord
with all your heart; do
not depend on your
own understanding.
Seek his will in all you do,
and he will show you
which path
to take.

-Proverbs 3:5-6



✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$1893 for FLC and \$2342 for FLS. We also received a charitable Giving Grant of \$650! We appreciate everyone who made sure to designate their 2022 \$ before the March 31 deadline! 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/>

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BOARDS, COUNCIL & COMMITTEES SUMMARIES:

Church Council | April 20th

DCE Call Committee, Roger Schmidt reported Caitlin Freberg is looking into CMIF (MN South District) for other candidates, committee is meeting again on May 2nd.



Self-Study/Pastor Call Committee, Roger Schmidt reported on April 14th he was notified that we will not be receiving a Seminary Graduate from Concordia Seminary St Louis. The Call Committee and Pastor will be meeting on how to proceed with the process.

Bible Study / GAP Analysis, Pastor Welch and Bill Brickzen are working with District on their recommendations for our Church/School.

At the request of 5th and 6th grade confirmation students, Amy Welch will continue offering 5th and 6th grade confirmation classes in the month of May as she did last year. May classes are open to Public and First Lutheran School 5th and 6th students.

The South District is offering hiring Webinars in the next few months. Information was handed out and shared by Pastor Welch. There are three dates when the webinars will take place for anyone who wishes to take part. Becky will email the website for Council members information also.

Christian Ed Board | April 11th

No Summary Submitted

Day School Board | April 4th

First Lutheran School has some great spellers, they took 5th place in the Mayer Lutheran spelling bee contest. Popcorn sales have begun. Playday is planned for May 19 at Zion Mayer. Prayers for a warm, dry day! Teacher call committee is working diligently for the hiring of a 6th grade teacher and 7/8th grade teacher position. Keep them in your prayers as they continue the process.

Board of Trustees | April 3rd

The Board of Trustees approved the hiring of two part-time summer custodians for the school. Quotes have been requested for an upgrade to the internet service. The board is waiting on final quotes for exterior building repair and insurance. These will be reviewed at the May meeting. All Elements has been out to repair roof leaks.

Board of Evangelism | April 4th

No Summary Submitted

Board of Deacons | April 13th

There was discussion about the Easter services. The confirmation service will be April 30th at 10:30. There was discussion about how communion distribution would be handled. Motion made and seconded to approve the deacons 23-24 operations budget. Carried. The possibility of an outdoor service and its details were discussed. Motion made and seconded to move the Deacon Fellowship serving from November 19th to the 12th. Carried. The new acolytes have received instruction. Pastor Welch shared information about the lack of candidates in the ministry field and how to correct this trend.

Board of Stewardship | April 4th

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

2022-2023 Financials: MARCH (YTD)

GENERAL FUND INCOME (March):

		<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Envelopes	\$ 567,322.96	\$ 615,394.61
Debt Reduction	7,943.00	3,375.00
Thrivent "Choice" Member Elections	5,062.00	3,868.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	370.00	1,350.00
School Tuition	181,274.61	229,113.70
MN DHS – Preschool Grants	47,071.90	- 0 -
Miscellaneous Income	16,786.19	16,761.16
	\$ 825,830.66	\$ 869,862.47

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (March):

		<u>Last Year</u>
Staff	\$ 673,658.59	\$ 720,361.88
Employer Payroll Expenses	2,720.28	3,281.93
Buildings	77,004.82	74,978.03
Operations	20,533.08	25,079.78
Interest On Line of Credit	- 0 -	- 0 -
	\$ 773,916.77	\$ 823,701.62

2022-2023 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:

\$ 10,552.00	\$ 12,888.00
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March 31st GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:

(\$ 101,545.46)

Last Year's March 31st General Indebtedness:

(\$ 168,377.11)



"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? Kindergarten to Grade 3
Where? Fellowship Center
When? Tue., May 9, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
What? Snack, Games, Singing, Bible Stories, Craft, Fellowship, Fun!
Leaders? Mindy Dressel, Madi Mathews, LuAnn Schmidt, Amy Welch



TWEENS

Who? Grades 4 to 7
Where? Church, Room 111
When? Tue., May 2 from 3 to 5 p.m.
What? Snack, Games, Bible Stories, Fun
Leaders? Travis Uecker, Amy Welch



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

Who? Grades 8 to 12
Where? Lighthouse, above Temple Cleaners
When? Sunday, May 7 from 6 - 8 p.m.
What? Snack, Games, Bible Stories, Fellowship, Fun!
Theme? Overview of the Bible
Leaders? Mackenzie Thiesfeld, Pastor Dan

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.

5th and 6th Grade Bible Study

Who? Grades 5 and 6
Where? 5th & 6th Grade Catechism Room
(School Library)
When? Wednesdays, May 3, 10, 17
after school to 4:45 p.m.
What? Snack, Bible Story, Card Games
Leader? Amy Welch

- Same time / Same place
as 5th/6th Grade Catechism
- GSL students walk to
church from Lincoln



SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.
Last Day - Sunday, May 21

May, 2023

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



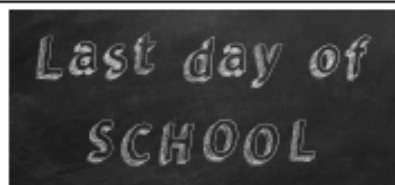
- April 30 | Confirmation Sunday
- May 3 | Fine Arts Festival | 6:30 pm
- May 5 | Mayer Lutheran Grade School Track Meet
- May 9 | 3-4 Field Trip | Fort Snelling
- May 9 | 5-8 Field Trip | Feed My Starving Children
- May 16 | 5-6 Field Trip | Fort Snelling
- May 14 | Mother's Day
- May 18 | 7-8 Field Trip | Valley Fair Science Day
- May 19 | Play Day @ Zion Lutheran, Mayer MN
- May 22 | Preschool Fishing Day
- May 24 | 8th Grade Graduation | 7:00 pm
- May 26 | Last Day of School



Together we pray for:

- Lutheran Bible Translators and those who are translating the Bible so more people can hear the Good News of Jesus!
- Zion Lutheran School in Mayer as they continue the work of coordinating playday schedules, participants, and workers.
- Seasonable weather for our area farmers.
- Those families that are considering sending their children to FLS that they might be led to realize the importance of a Christ centered education.
- A successful playday on May 19th.
- Our 8th graders as they graduate and move on to other schools that they may always be courageous witnesses.

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"Last Day of school" talk already?!
The First Lutheran schedule for May 26th is as follows:
8:00 - 9:00 AM - students go to their classrooms for final clean up and wrap up
9:00 - 10:00 AM - 8th grade presentations including wills, skits, and valedictorian and salutatorian speeches (This has been extremely entertaining in the past, so you won't want to miss it.)
10:00 - 11:00 AM - End of year chapel and awards
11:02 AM - Dismissal
**There will be no GSL busing home on this day so please arrange for transportation!



Spelling Bee

On Saturday, April 1st, eight students from First Lutheran attended the Lutheran Grade School Spelling Bee hosted by Mayer Lutheran High School. There were numerous other Lutheran Grade Schools that were also in attendance. First Lutheran walked away with a Fifth Place Ribbon! Congratulations to these students who were representing First Lutheran:
front row: Eleanor Heldt, Oliver Peterson, Nora Cohrs, Dalis Montanye, and Oscar Freberg
back row: Xander Plath and Erika Goche
(not pictured): David "Johnny" Hoefs



Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been an exciting place to be all year. We have learned a variety of Christian songs from hymnal favorites to contemporary. As we walk to and from the two buildings it is very common for a Kindergarten student to break out in song and for others to jump right in. During the year, we have done a variety of mosaic artwork which you can see in our hallway or at the Fine Arts Program in May. This winter we went to Lowry nature center and walked the trails in snowshoes while learning about God's amazing world. Currently, we are reviewing how to count by tens and fives to 100; and working on counting by twos. Story problems with addition and subtraction is going well as we work as a team to figure them out. We just started learning to read long vowel words and it has been a smooth transition from short vowel words. This year we have been finding out that learning can be fun and that school is all about practice, practice, practice. Most every Tuesday morning we have been reading books to Mrs. Randt and Mrs. Schuette. On Thursday afternoons we have library time with Miss Reed. It has been wonderful to have Mrs. Wruck, Miss Mathews, and Mrs. Weidendorf help in our classroom at various times during the day. With a large class comes many opportunities to guide students to form strong school work habits; to care for personal needs; and opportunities to forgive or show love to others. Thank you also to the August helpers who prepared many materials before the year started including Mrs. Ranzau, Mrs. Wandrei, Mrs. Schuette, and Mrs. Randt.

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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. A few upcoming meals include: hamburgers from Alsleben meats, peanut butter sandwiches with Peter Pan Peanut Butter made in MN and bread from the St. Cloud Bakery. We are still looking for a few grillers to help out with the school picnic on May 25th! Let the school office know if you're able!



Fruit of the Spirit - Goodness

Ahhh yes, we are going backwards in the Fruits of the Spirit! Goodness will be our last spirit award for this academic school year (and what a good one to end on)!

Goodness comes from the heart through the Holy Spirit. One who shows goodness does not do it to be thanked, but does it as a way to serve God. Someone who has goodness is not serving for inward happiness or outward recognition, but rather because they know the ultimate and GOOD sacrifice Jesus made for all people on the cross.

"For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." -1 Samuel 16:7b

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Kindergarten cont'd

I am pleased with the success the Kindergarteners have found. Thank you, parents, for all your help during the year and for sharing your children with me.

-Easter Blessings, Mrs. Donnay

thank you

- All of the fantastic parents who support FLS by sending their children to our school.
- Kathy Weidendorf, Sue Nord, Amy Welch, and Mrs. Bargmann for keeping the preschool running smoothly.
- RaNay Lentsch, Taylor Bernstein, Bill Husberg, and Amy Welch for the continued willingness to sub and help out at First Lutheran when needed!
- The Flames of Faith Club Summer Program Committee for all of their hard work in developing a program that will benefit our First Lutheran families as well as the community at large.
- Everyone who volunteered this year whether for field trips, classroom activities, or other needs. We really appreciate it!
- Glenn Cohrs for tilling the school garden again this year.
- Mrs. Reed for her hard work and dedication in the school library for our Preschool-2nd grade students!

Play Day

Zion Lutheran School in Mayer is hosting Playday this year. A schedule for the day can be found [here](#). Devotions will start at 8:45 and the day will conclude after the all school relay at 1:30. Concessions will be available all day for purchase. Please note that there will NOT be busing from First Lutheran to Zion, Mayer that day. You, the parent, will be responsible for getting your child to and from Zion that day. If transportation to and from will be an issue, please reach out to your child's teacher or Ms. Thiesfeld.



\$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!



Principal for a Day

Ms. Hadley was the lucky auction winner for "Principal for a day". Her and Ms. Thiesfeld enjoyed an afternoon of lunch together and ended the day with ice cream. The two of them also popped into classrooms to observe what each class was doing throughout the day. Hadley's favorite part of the day was "just spending time with you, Ms. Thiesfeld." Thank you for spending the day with me, Ms. Hadley (future principal)!



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!

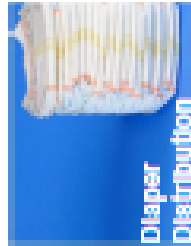
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Common Cup works with individuals and families in need throughout McLeod County in a discreet and respectful manner. We assist in areas of crisis such as utility assistance, rental help, auto fuel, and provide resource information for the clients to consult.

ALL FUNDS REMAIN IN MCLEOD COUNTY and support our community programs, such as:

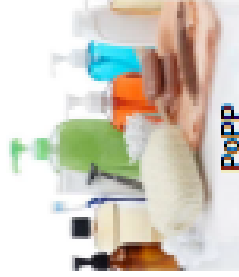


Diaper Distribution

Providing diapers for an average of 85-90 children each month in the county, distributing in both Glencoe and Hutchinson

School Supply Distribution

Serving on average 525 students each year in McLeod County Districts



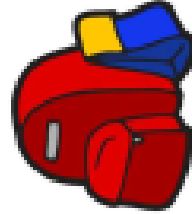
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Provision of Personal Products provided to school nurses in McLeod County and are distributed to students by request, no questions asked. Products are also stocked in county courthouses at various low-income housing facilities.



Coat Distribution

Providing warm winter coats, snow pants, boots & mittens, for all ages



Weekend Backpack Feeding Program:

Serving 250 grade school students who need food over the weekend and long school breaks and meet guidelines for Free School Lunch

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- Socks
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- Current style, Quality clothing
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- Rugs
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The staff works very hard to keep only good, clean, fresh products in the store, so your quality donations are appreciated!

Bring donations to the store any time the store is open (see hours below.) Drive thru the alley behind the store and ring the doorbell on the wall above the steps to alert the volunteer you are there.

To learn more about what donations are needed at the store call Lonna at 320-510-2043

Interested in Volunteering?

To learn more about volunteering at the Thrift Shop of CCM
Call Celine at 320-296-9083

Store Hours: Tues /Wed /Thurs / Fri 11am -3pm
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Learn more program dates and how to donate at common-cup.org

Or call Executive Director, Bev Boris 320-234-8344

The mission of Common Cup Ministry is to gather and share Spiritual and financial resources of area churches into one "Common Cup" so that we may minister to those in need.

MAY 2023



SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTAR GUILD WORKERS Charleen Engelmann 320-238-2298 Lynn Schauer 320-864-4453 	1 1:30 PM - LWML 6:00 PM - Pastor Call Committee 6:30 PM - Trustees	2 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00-5:00 PM - TWEENS 4:45 PM - Stewardship 6:30 PM - Evangelism	3 3:30-4:45 PM 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study 6:15 PM - Senior Choir 6:30 PM - Fine Arts Festival	4 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Joel Landskroener) 7:00 PM - Deacons	5 FLS 5th-8th Grade Track Meet at Mayer Lutheran	6	
7 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Choir (Sopranos) 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service 6:30-8:00 PM - IM.P. A.C.T.	8 7:00 PM - Altar Guild	9 9:30 AM - GlenFields 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00-4:30 PM - Fun and The Son 6:00 PM - Christian Ed Board	10 3:30-4:45 PM 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study 6:15 PM - Senior Choir 6:30 PM - Day School Board	11 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Ms. Lilenthal) 2:00 PM - Chapel at Grand Meadows	12 2:00 PM - FLS Grade 3 State Parade	13	
14 MOTHER'S DAY  8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Christian Ed 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion	15 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting	16 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting	17 3:30-4:45 PM 5th & 6th Gr. Bible Study 6:15 PM - Senior Choir	18 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Mrs. Scheele) 5:30 PM - Church Council 7:00 PM - Worship Service w/Communion - Ascension	19	20	
21 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Deacons/Elders 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service	22	23 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - First Edition Book Club	24 7:00 PM - FLS 8th Grade Graduation	25	26 FLS Play Day @ Zion, Mayer	27 8:30 AM - Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 AM - FLS Chapel (Pastor Welch) 11:00 AM - FLS Dismissal	
28 8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN 9:15 AM - Bible Class 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion	29 MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed	30 11:00-12:30 PM - Common Cup Diaper Distribution @ Glencoe City Center 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - Voters' Assembly	31	Last Day of School Preschool Church Contacts: 925 13th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 5522 office@1stglencoe.org www.1stglencoe.org	Last Day of School at FLS School Contacts: 1015 14th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 3317 mthiesfeld@1stglencoe.org Principal: Ms. Thiesfeld	