

Coming Soon: God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace

On Sunday, June 18th we will begin a special seven-week congregational study at First Lutheran called "God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace" (© 2022 Concordia Publishing House. Scripture: ESV).

God's Living Water will include a seven-week sermon series and adult and high-school-age Bible class lessons.

God's Living Water examines how God uses water throughout the Bible to reveal His mercy and grace for lost sinners through His Son, Jesus Christ.

We will focus on three water accounts in the Old Testament and four in the New Testament that show us God's gifts of faith, life, and salvation in Jesus Christ, His Son.

June 18th- Lesson 1: We begin with God creating the first man and woman and placing them in the well-watered Garden of Eden. When Adam and Eve disobey God, He drives them from the provision of the garden but promises a Savior who will be with them always.

June 25th- Lesson 2: Next, we see God lead Israel from slavery in Egypt, through a parched wilderness, on the way to the Promised Land. When the people cry out to Him in thirst, He brings water out of a rock for them. That rock is Christ, who is always with us to forgive us and provide for all our needs.

July 9th- Lesson 3: In the third lesson, a Syrian official with leprosy is brought to the prophet Elisha, who commands him to go and wash in the Jordan River. That official (Naaman) is angry at first and refuses the prophet's instruction, but he later relents and finds healing in God's Word joined with water. We enjoy great benefits of peace and salvation when we receive His cleansing in the water of our Baptism.

July 16th- Lesson 4: In this lesson, Jesus stops at a well in Samaria, where He asks a Samaritan woman to give Him a drink of water. Jesus turns the conversation from His physical thirst to her much deeper spiritual thirst, promising her life-giving water, which will forever satisfy her spirit's thirst.

July 23rd- Lesson 5: In this lesson, Jesus drops to His hands and knees to wash His disciples' feet as they sit around the table for His Last Supper. He sets an example to love and serve one another and demonstrates His love for the world—the love that leads Him to the cross and empty tomb.

July 30th- Lesson 6: In Lesson 6, the risen and ascended Jesus pours out His Holy Spirit upon the apostles. Peter preaches Jesus crucified, dead, and risen to the large crowd, of which three thousand believe and are baptized.

August 6th- Lesson 7: In this final lesson, the apostle Paul and his missionary partners meet a group of Jewish women gathered by a riverside for prayer. After hearing the Good News of Jesus' salvation, Lydia welcomes the missionaries to her home and brings her entire household to be baptized.

I am looking forward to being "refreshed and keeping cool" in God's Word with you this summer through "God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace"!

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 June 4 8:00 AM- Mike Cisewski / Fritz Schulz
10:30 AM – Dean Dahlke / Don Hepner

Sunday June 11 8:00 AM-Dean Scheele / Lee Terlinden
10:30 AM- Jason Oelfke / Tim Schauer

Sunday June 18 8:00 AM- Brian Grochow / Doug Dahlke
10:30 AM- Jon Lemke / Dan Nikolaisen

Sunday June 25 8:00 AM- Dean Dahlke / Mike Cisewski
10:30 AM- Dean Dahlke / Dan Nikolaisen



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

Sunday June 4 8:00 AM- Brody Wendolek
10:30 AM – TBD

Sunday June 11 8:00 AM- Ivanna Schultz
10:30 AM- TBD

Sunday June 18 8:00 AM- Erika Goche
10:30 AM- Isaiah Nikolaisen

Sunday June 25 8:00 AM- TBD
10:30 AM- TBD



BACCALAUREATE
S E R V I C E

Baccalaureate Service: All 2023 Graduating seniors from high school and college are invited to the 10:30 AM service on June 4th. Please wear your gown, no cap!

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!



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 ground 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.



First Edition Book Club



First Edition Book Club will meet on Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss the book: "What She Left for Me" by author Tracie Peterson. First Edition book club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.

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



FLS GARDEN CLUB

Activities have begun for the First Lutheran School Garden Club. The garden is located on the School campus at the corner of 15th Street and

Knight Ave. Potatoes, onions, zucchini, and cucumbers have been planted with much more to be added very soon. Thank you to Jamie & Zachary Peterson for helping with planting the garden and putting up the fencing. We invite our community and congregation members to stop by anytime and check it out. ATTENTION The garden needs CLEAN grass clippings. Please contact Mrs. Scheele with any questions.



FLS POPCORN FUNDRAISER

The FLS 2023 Popcorn Fundraiser was a tremendous success! We sold 804 tubs of popcorn this year! Thank you to everyone who purchased! A huge thank you to Kelly Hoefs and Sarah LaMott for tallying the orders. Jessie Stradtman, Cindy Eggersgluess, Angela Grimm, Taylor Bernstein, and the 7th grade class for sorting the orders. The school's profit was over \$4,100. Thanks for supporting our school! LAST CHANCE - A variety of leftover popcorn remains available for \$10 per tub. Stop by the office if you'd like to purchase any!



THANK YOU



A sincere thank you to James & Becky Mathews (Mathews Cabinet & Woodwork) for donating the vanity and the mirror in the basement women's bathroom (between the Flames of Faith area and the Music Room).

We are grateful for Gary Schauer, Randy Bussler, and Loren Engelmann for utilizing their time and talents to ensure the installation was achieved with a few special touches.

We thank each and every one of them for their generosity!

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 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.



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.

Budget requests and agenda packets are available on the entrance stands.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will soon be recruiting new board members for all of our Church Boards. These positions are to serve two-year terms beginning January 1, 2024.

Please prayerfully consider sharing your time and talents within our Congregation. If you know you'd like to join or know a person you think may be good for one of the Boards, please contact the office.



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.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:

Summer Music Nights

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT!



SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 - 7:30 PM

June 8, July 13, August 10

EAST PARKING LOT

925 13TH ST E - GLENCOE

Bring a Chair to this outdoor event!



www.firstglencoe.org



Have you stopped to admire the lovely flowers as you walk into First Lutheran Church? Have you also noticed the large planters in front of the main/south entrance? These attractive planters were gifted to us by Mary & Roger Gronholz. Thank you, once again, to Dennis Wolter for spearheading beautifying our church entrance areas.

Some of the many plant varieties include lantanas, spikes (Dennis winters these at his house), geraniums, verbena, bidens, calibrachos, sanvitalias, dahlias, petunias, marigolds, alyssum, solanums, cycads, blood leaf, wandering jew, wax begonias, alternantheras, yellow trumpet flowers, and birds of paradise. We thank Dennis, Mark Schmidt, Sharon & Gary Schauer, and the many other volunteers for their efforts, as well as the Thrivent Action Team program. Work, all season long, is a labor of love. This year, we enjoy the colors of oranges, reds, blues, and yellows! Please take a moment to enjoy this beauty each time you pass by!

Matthew 6:29 - Jesus said, "And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."





Polka Service The Polka Service will be on Sunday, July 16th at the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. The music will be led by Chuck Thiel and his band. Songs will include both familiar hymns and polka tunes with worship-style

lyrics. This event is made possible by generous donations from our congregation members. If you'd like to see this annual event continue, please prayerfully consider contributing. Stop by the church office to learn more.

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.



Lutheran Hour Topics for June

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 June, you will hear the following program topics:



June 4 **"It's All Good--Even When It's Not"** with Guest Speaker [Rev. Dr. John Nunes](#). The key to growing closer to others is by growing closer to God. (Genesis 1)

June 11 **"Strength Out of Weakness"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). The human 'heroes' of the Bible are normal people, deeply flawed and dearly loved by the God Who made them. (Judges 6:14-16)

June 18 **"Just Around the Corner"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Dr. Zeigler discovers a place where God's love is being poured, just around the corner. (Romans 5:1-11)

June 25 **"Tears, Fires, and a Song"** with Guest Speaker [Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy](#).

Despite their tears, prophetic Christians are on fire with the Word of God and always have a song to sing. We embody both the deep sadness and the unrelenting commitment of the God we serve, and we never lack a reason for praise. (Jeremiah 20:78-13) Broadcast sponsors can dedicate a sponsorship in memory of a loved one, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, or sponsor a broadcast as a service project for their congregation organization. We are blessed to have broadcast sponsors for the upcoming Sundays in June and July of 2023. We have openings and need sponsors for August 13, September 17, October 22, and October

29. 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

Sharing the LHM Mission

"The greatest joy of being involved with Lutheran Hour Ministries is knowing that the Gospel is being shared with people around the world who previously have not experienced the hope and love of Christ. Even more than that, it is reading and hearing the personal testimonies of real people who have seen the transforming work of Jesus in their lives. It is so gratifying to know that our support of this work that God is accomplishing through LHM is saving lies for eternity." Dr. Kurt Senske, Chairman, Int'l LLL Board of Directors. From the Lutheran Layman spring edition 2023 paper.

How is God calling you to become His witness through involvement in Lutheran Hour Ministries? In the McLeod, Meeker, and Carver County areas volunteers are needed to support LHM in your congregation. Anyone can help. Your age makes no difference. To volunteer your help or find out more about LHM's Ambassador program for your congregation call Mike Willmsen (Ambassador at St. John Lutheran, Arlington) 507-380-4430, Doyle Benson (Ambassador at St. Peter Lutheran, Gibbon) 320-583-7695, or Rich Streufert (Ambassador at First Lutheran, Glencoe) 320-864-6884. LHM Ambassadors take great inspiration in their work from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians: "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20).



God's blessings and congratulations to our 2023 Confirmands! Sunday, April 30th at the 10:30 AM service, they came forward and publicly confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus, Who said: "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven"(Matthew 10:32). Please join us in praying God's blessings to be upon them!



Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

will meet **Monday June 5 at 7:00 PM**

for devotions, prayer, and fellowship. We'll have a skit depicting a dialog between an African Christian woman and an American Christian woman. We will discuss current and future mission projects. ALL WOMEN of the congregation are welcomed to join us. The meetings are informal and friendly. You don't have to be a rostered member to attend! Refreshments will be served.

Women's Retreat PROMISED REST

Finding Peace in God's Presence
September 16, 2023

Join your sisters in Christ for a one-day retreat at Camp Omega, Waterville, at their brand new "Omega Lodge" building. This one-day Saturday retreat (with optional activities Friday evening) will feature Bible study author Michelle Diercks leading lessons from her new study "Promised Rest." The building is mobility-friendly! No stairs to access "Omega Lodge!" During breaks you may enjoy walking trails, relaxing, visiting with sisters in Christ, renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Registration information will be released this summer. Save the date now. See the PROMISED REST posters on the church bulletin boards.



*The WORD of the LORD
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Explore each passage of the Bible with a Christ-centered, cross-focused perspective.

The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily, 15 minutes, verse by verse Bible study. Join Pastor Will Weedon as he teaches from God's Word, shares from the Church's great teachers across the centuries, and helps the Scriptures to become, as Jeremiah put it so well, "the rejoicing of the heart." (Jer. 15:16). You can find it at www.thewordendures.org or wherever you get your podcasts. Hear what the Church, past and present, has to say about God's Word and Christ for you. Come share with Pastor Weedon in Christ's joy, His peace, His life.



Happy June Birthday to honorary Lutheran Women in Mission members Anna Mathews. A \$5 gift in honor of each of you has been given to LWML Mission Grants "mites."



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT MN TWINS

We're getting excited for another season of baseball! A few reservations are starting to come in – BUT WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO

MAKE THIS HAPPEN. The entire community is invited to join, so please help spread the word!

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 eggsglueccindy@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

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 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



You Belong to God

For You formed my inward parts;
You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.



Psalms 139:13, 14

I have called you by name; you are mine. **Isaiah 43:1**

As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. **Isaiah 62:5**

Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wing, and you would not! **Luke 13:34**

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness. **Jeremiah 31:3**

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.

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 Eggersgluess 238-2148 eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com



Save the Date(s)!

Coming Soon: God's Living Water Vacation Bible School

During the early evening hours of Sunday, July 16th through Wednesday, July 19th from 5:45-8PM, First Lutheran will hold a special Vacation Bible School called God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace. This VBS examines God's plan of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. Each session of this VBS explores the way one Bible account uses water to remind us of our need to be in a saving relationship with God our Creator through His Son, Jesus Christ. Be sure to join us for fun lessons, music, crafts, snacks, and activities to learn how the Good News of Jesus Christ satisfies our thirsty souls and fills us with love to serve our neighbors' needs to the glory of God our Father. We welcome all students 3 years old (potty trained) through those that have completed 3rd grade. Please sign up using the link below and tell your friends to come and learn about God's Living Water!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caaaf2ca2f8c25-2023#/>

Too old to attend VBS but want to join in the fun? Come bolt with us! Anyone who has completed 4th grade and older is invited to help. Whether you're a student, college age, parent, or grandparent we can find a job for you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caaaf2ca2f8c25-20231#/>



Stop by the bookshelves in the sitting area and checkout the new arrivals for your summer reading.

A few of the newly added titles are, "Windswept Way" by Irene Hannon; "The Tapestry of Grace"

by Kim Vogel Sawyer; "The Bridge" by Karen Kingsbury; and "The Hearts Frontier" by Lori Copeland.

If you have gently used Christian based books that you would like to donate to the library, please drop them in the church office.

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 May 4, the school lunch featured an Egg Bake (eggs from Michael's Foods) with Pork Sausage (from City Meats in Brownton). Eggs are a "superfood" because they contain a little bit of everything our bodies need. Pork is an excellent source of protein, niacin and thiamine, vitamins B6 and B12, iron, and zinc. We also baked Rhubarb Coffee Cake. Since the rhubarb was barely peeking out of the ground, we are grateful to Deb Schleeter, Sue Plath, and Sharon Schauer for supplying us with frozen rhubarb from last season. Rhubarb is rich in Vitamin K1 – did you know that rhubarb is not a fruit but a vegetable? That day we also conducted a taste test with cheese curds (plain and taco flavored) from Bongard's Creamery. Ask a FLS student which they liked best!

On May 18, we enjoyed ham sandwiches (ham from City Meats in Brownton and buns from Pan-O-Gold Bakery in St. Cloud). We also cut rhubarb into chunks, sprinkled it with sugar, and had the student's taste. Some thought it was too sour, others loved it!

On May 25, we'll hold our final Homegrown Meal of this school year – it'll be a picnic! Jim & Jan Plath have volunteered to grill burgers (from Alsleben Meats in Glencoe) and wieners. Michelle and Cindy will be dishing out yogurt (from Old Home) topped with a rhubarb compote (from Cindy's garden).

As we conclude this school year, we want to thank everyone who helped in any way with our Homegrown efforts!

Our students are enthused to eat locally, 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 from whom we can purchase. We are also tasking our students to work on composting and less food waste.

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.

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"!

Thank you to Gina Mackenthun for serving delicious meals year round – and always with a smile!

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✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$0 for FLC and \$11 for FLS. We also received a \$650 donation from a donor-advised fund. 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 / eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com – Your Congregational Volunteer



Coborn's MORE Rewards

As of 4-21-23 (the latest update on Coborn's website), there are 655 entities currently entered on Coborn's list!

The top positions are held by Sartell-St Stephens PreK-5 with 181,287.72 points and Watford City (ND) Elementary PTO with 169,054.41 points.

FLS is in 17th position of the top-20 listed point-earners (out of 655!), with 74,991.36 points!

That is outstanding for our little school and its supporters/shoppers!!

- *Coborn's, Inc. is committed to donating \$150,000 to the program during the 2022-2023 school year (September 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023). No points are awarded or earned between June 1 and August 31. The points your school earns will help grow their share of the \$150,000 total. It's like a pie - the size of your school's slice will depend on how many points they have received. Reward checks will be issued by June 30, 2023.*
- ***Coborn's, Cash Wise, and Marketplace Foods** store brands (Food Club, Full Circle, Top Care, @ease, Paws, Tippy Toes, and more!) earn points for your school. There are more than 3,000 qualifying items!*
- *Schools should encourage their supporters to register for their location at [moreRewards.com](https://www.moreRewards.com).*

FLS received a \$1248.85 check for last year's "cut of the pie"! Kudos to the shoppers for the excellent job of supporting the school!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY

Our cemetery guidelines ensure peace and respect for all. At First Lutheran, we want to honor and respect all of the families that have chosen us as the final resting place for their loved ones. We also want to ensure that our cemetery is a place where any family member or friend can come to cherish the life of a loved one. With that in mind, please review the guidelines shown below. These guidelines, along with photos/examples of acceptable and unacceptable displays, are also available on our web site at www.firstglencoe.org/about/cemetery. Please note that cleanup date has been extended to Fall – this means that floral displays may now remain out until OCTOBER 1st.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY GUIDELINES

First Lutheran Cemetery has the following rules and regulations in place for the safety and maintenance of the landscape.

FLORAL REGULATIONS

The ground planting of flowers, shrubs, or trees by the lot owner is not permitted. The Cemetery Board shall have authority to remove all floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants, or herbage of any kind from the cemetery as soon as, in the judgement of the cemetery board, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or diseased, or when they do not conform to the standards maintained. The Cemetery Board shall not be liable for floral pieces, baskets, or frames in which or to which such floral pieces are attached. The Cemetery Board shall not be liable for lost, misplaced, or broken flower vases. The Cemetery Board shall not be responsible for plants, herbage, or plantings of any kind damaged by the elements, thieves, vandals, or by other causes beyond its control.

CERTAIN ORNAMENTS PROHIBITED

The placing of boxes, shells, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, glass, wood or iron cases, and related articles upon lots shall not be permitted, and if so placed, the Cemetery Board may remove the same.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Glass vases and containers will not be allowed.
2. Cut flowers or casket sprays may be removed from the ground within seven days after burial.
3. Unsightly flowers and wreaths will be removed.
4. Live plants or plastic decorative arrangements will be allowed only in approved pots, urns, holders, shepherd hooks, or iron plant stands.
5. Wreaths will be permitted if they are attached to the monument or in approved holders.
6. All bronze cups will have to be turned down by October 1st to prevent damage and all cut and imitation flowers shall be removed by October 1st.
7. We encourage you to pull the vases/rings in the flat stone section to prevent damage during snow removal.
8. The Cemetery Board shall not be responsible for seasonal arrangements, plant stands, hooks, pots, or vases damaged in the winter (due to snow removal for funerals or damaged due to the necessary removal of such items).
9. Items in stands need to be placed in line with the monument as close to the sides within the 2' wide cement wash. Not in front of or behind the monument.
10. These rules and regulations and other information may be obtained from the First Lutheran Church Office or www.firstglencoe.org/about/cemetery.

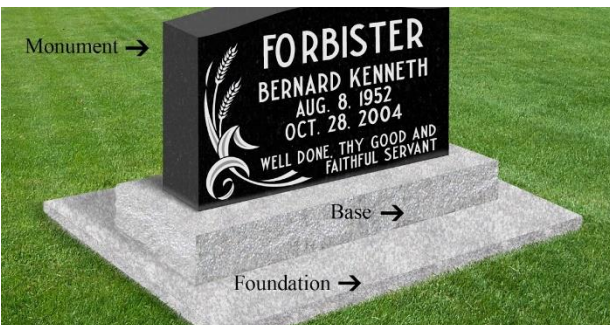
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

(Reference following page for photos of acceptable and non-acceptable displays)

ACCEPTABLE



UNACCEPTABLE



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BOARDS, COUNCIL & COMMITTEES SUMMARIES:

Church Council | May 18th

No Summary Submitted

Christian Ed Board |

May 9th

No Summary Submitted

Day School Board | May

10th

Students at FLS have been having a busy end of year.

Lots of field trips planned, track and field events, programs, and gatherings. The Fine Arts festival was held May 3 with all students showing their talents. Mayer Lutheran hosted a track and field day for students 5-8 on May 5th. Last day of school is planned for May 26th with dismissal at 11:02. The board has also been discussing the possibility of a breakfast program at the school, electronic sign and updating school policies.



Board of Deacons | May 4th

There was discussion about salary increases for supplemental pay. Motion made and seconded to increase salaries as proposed. Carried. Motion made and seconded to increase the confirmation instruction pay to \$85 per class. Carried. Motion made and seconded to approve the proposed deacon's budget. Carried. Roger will contact the business manager to share any changes in the budget. There was discussion about a date for the outdoor service. Fellowship serving was discussed and the deacons will serve Fellowship on May 21st. Pastor Andrix Will conduct the July 2nd Service. Information was shared on the number of Facebook views of church services there were. There was discussion about passing the collection plates during services. The main concern is that there is a shortage of ushers to do this.

Board of Trustees | May 1st

The board accepted a bid from Bergmann's Country Interiors for replacement of the carpet in the quilting room. The quilting ladies and a church member will cover the cost. The water meters in the church and school will be replaced to comply with the City of Glencoe's new system. A bid was accepted to repair the stucco on the exterior of the south campus school building pending voter approval.

Board of Evangelism | May 2nd

No Summary Submitted

Board of Stewardship | May 2nd

No Summary Submitted

2022-2023 Financials: APRIL (YTD)

GENERAL FUND INCOME (April):

		<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Envelopes	\$ 639,266.17	\$ 683,697.89
Debt Reduction	9,093.00	3,630.00
Thrivent "Choice" Member Elections	7,605.00	5,196.00
McLeod Cares \$	- 0 -	617.00
Rebates	- 0 -	1252.56
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	395.00	1,375.00
School Tuition	191,715.56	238,779.70
MN DHS – Preschool Grants	47,071.90	- 0 -
Miscellaneous Income	<u>17,369.93</u>	<u>23,549.67</u>
	\$ 912,516.56	\$ 958,097.82

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (April):

		<u>Last Year</u>
Staff	\$ 756,249.34	\$ 805,078.18
Employer Payroll Expenses	3,416.17	2,961.33
Buildings	844,977.28	84,040.80
Operations	23,214.65	28,530.81
Interest On Line of Credit	- 0 -	- 0 -
	<u>\$ 867,857.44</u>	<u>\$ 920,611.12</u>

2022-2023 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:

\$ 12,464.00	\$ 14,054.00
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April 30th GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:

(\$ 109,311.49)

Last Year's April 30th General Indebtedness:

(\$ 175,783.76)

June, 2023

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



- May 26 | Last day of school, dismiss at 11:02AM
- May 31 & June 1 | Faculty Meetings
- June 14 | Flag Day
- July 4 | Independence Day
- August 14 | Teachers report
- August 29 | 1st Day of school



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! Together we are making disciples for life!



Together we pray for:

- Our teachers that they may have a restful, rejuvenating, and relaxing Summer.
- All the people who are traveling this summer, that they may reach their destinations safely.
- The people in our area who are without a church home, that they may be moved by the Holy Spirit to find a church that fulfills their spiritual needs and that we might be courageous enough to share God's Word with them.
- All of the farm families in our area that they may be safe and that they might have good weather for planting.
- Sarah Albachten and Benjamin Browne as they move on from First Lutheran
- FLS that we might find quality teachers for the open teaching positions.



The faculty and staff would like to thank all of our FLS parents for allowing us the privilege and honor of teaching your wonderful children! It is always a blessing to see the new faces and families join our FLS family and just as importantly our fantastic "veteran families." We hope and pray that as they were a blessing to us, our instruction might be a blessing to them. We pray that our students would keep their Savior close to their heart this summer and throughout their lives. We pray for God's protecting hand over all of you and look forward to the beginning of another year (after a refreshing summer break) of "Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth" this coming August 29!

In Christ ~ FLS faculty and staff



\$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!



Preschool

As our school year is winding down, it is time to reflect on the successes we have accomplished. When we started the school year, everyone wanted to play, play, play. Slowly the teachers helped them become learners. Mrs. Wiedendorf, Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Plihal and myself, Mrs. Bargmann, worked hard to get everyone ready for the next step.

This year we learned all about Jesus and how he came to save each of us. We filled a manger with straw to prepare for the birth of Jesus, got to see some items that Jesus might have used as he grew and tasted some foods he might have eaten, acted out the entrance to Jerusalem, had the 'Last Supper' together, had pentecost flames on our heads and learned about the man with two names-Saul/Paul. We ended the year knowing that Jesus is with us always.

We learned many songs that everyone enjoyed singing. Besides the Christmas program, we sang as a group three other times. Our favorites were action songs and sometimes a spontaneous start of a song would start while the children were doing other activities and soon everyone was singing along. This reminded me that preschoolers are very spontaneous and random at times-bringing smiles to all who work with them.

Our learning time helped us learn the names of the months, the seasons, and count down the days of the month. Our favorite character was 'Zero the Hero' who helped us watch for days that had zeros in them. The best part were the treats Zero brought for everyone. Besides calendar time, we heard many stories that went with our weekly themes. We learned about so many things- apples, scarecrows, pumpkins, Thanksgiving, Christmas, hibernation, animals tracks, snowmen, valentines, weather, fish, birds, and gardening. In March we planted seeds- marigolds, beans, and grass. It was fun to watch the seeds grow and take plants home for families to see.

Outside time is always the best. Our playground sandbox gets heavy use. This year, most of the children wanted to cover themselves with sand bringing most of it back into the class even after I ask them to dust themselves off and empty shoes- I am sure the janitor shakes his head each day he vacuums the carpet. This winter, the snow hill was a challenging mountain all tried to scale. If you were out and about around 11:30, you would have seen Mrs. Welch and Mrs. Bargmann up on the hill with the children. Someone had to supervise the kings of the hill!

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Ongoing Fundraisers

We are collecting Box Tops and Country Hearth labels. Our last check was for over \$200 from the Box Tops program, and we usually receive a large check from our Coborn's receipts that are now done automatically through More Rewards. Thank you for your continued efforts in these easy, ongoing fundraisers!



Garden Club

Come join!! This year the garden club will include having students: weed, water, preen, and mulch areas of the garden. Obviously, that is the work part. In a more enjoyable experience, students will learn about various garden vegetables and herbs, they will help with harvesting and tasting as they learn to prepare some of the foods in the kitchen. Students will be able to take some of the produce home with them, but we will also harvest the crops to use in the school kitchen next year. Some of the garden has been planted already, but we will need some help over the summer. We will work to develop a schedule for club members that could include meeting on a weekday morning at around 9:00AM. Grass clippings for the garden are always welcome. They can be placed on the northwest corner of the garden.

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Preschool cont'd

We got to go on a few field trips throughout the year. We traveled to Hopkins Stages Theater in December to see 'Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer' and ate lunch at McDonald's after. Months after the trip, children were still talking about this and asking when we see it again. January brought the 4's group to Unhinged Pizza to tour and make our own pizza. "Best Day Ever!" was what I heard often that morning. Preschool won the most donations at the Silent Auction day which meant that had pizza delivered and got to go play at the "big kid playground" in the afternoon. Another BEST DAY EVER!

The 4's group finished their school year with a fishing afternoon at Bruce Bergmann's pond- thanks Bruce!! The next day we had a Track and Field day that had games, relays, and an obstacle course. A morning outside is always the best.

This year had challenges, conflicts and lots of giggles as we learned to be a team and work together and know that Jesus is at the center of it all!

Mrs. Bargmann - Preschool Teacher

thank you

- Everyone who volunteered this year, whether for field trips, classroom activities, or other needs including donations. We really appreciate it!!
- Zion, Mayer for hosting us for Play Day and running a smooth event for our students and families to enjoy!
- Becky Edwards for her hard work in keeping track of our school and church's finances.
- Our wonderful parents for the support they have given to our teachers during this school year.
- Our awesome faculty for their professional dedication to our student's education and sharing God's Word in multiple situations.
- Andy Danielson, Michelle Alsleben, and Gina Mackenthun for their efforts in making things at FLS run smoothly all year.
- Pastor Welch for his guidance throughout the year!
- All of the teachers and aides for making it a memorable year for the students!



Cost of Education

As we look to close out another school year, we want to thank the members of First Lutheran Church for the continued financial support of our school. It's obvious that FLC sees their school as their largest mission project and has for over 136 years. The cost to educate a single student is over \$4,500 a year. While some of this is paid through registration fees, tuition, gifts, and fundraising, the majority is paid by FLC. With this in mind, it's easy to see that our church donations and decisions made at voters' meetings directly impact our school. We want to encourage FLC member parents to be actively involved in the mission of our church as well as our school. We also want to remind members to give to FLC, that through the grace of God our school may continue to be a blessing.



Flames of Faith Kids Club

Did you know First Lutheran offers before and after school care, as well as a summer kids club? Every day the students have a Devotion to continue to grow in their faith. The kids enjoy time outside playing and building up a community of believers! This summer, Flames kids will go to the Glencoe pool, MN Zoo, among some other places. During the year students have a snack, work on school work, and play together.

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June 2023

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
ALTAR GUILD WORKERS Sharel Hoops 864-4665 Noreen Schuette 864-4223 Nelda Klausmeister 864-3475 		Church Contacts: 925 13th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 5522 office@1stglencoe.org www.1stglencoe.org		School Contacts: 1015 14th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 3317 mthiesfeld@1stglencoe.org				1 7:00 PM - Deacons FLS Faculty Meetings		2		3	
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