

Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” [John 13:34-35, English Standard Version (ESV)]

“Loving the ‘Unlovable”

Have you ever met someone whom you find it very difficult to like, let alone love, as Jesus commanded? Perhaps that person has said or done something mean or hurtful toward you or a loved one and you really want to get revenge. Or, maybe, he or she is simply not a very nice person to be around. Other than trying to stay as far away from him or her as possible, what should you do in regard to that person?

I once heard a celebrity being interviewed. She had had her ups and downs in her career and in her personal life. Some made fun of her. Some said terrible things about her. The interviewer asked, ‘Do you hate those people who say such mean things about you?’ This celebrity who happens to be a Christian said, “No. I pray for them. You can’t hate anyone you are praying for.”

Jesus Christ once spoke these words: “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:43-44, ESV).

Jesus could speak with authority on the subject of loving one’s enemies and praying for those who persecute you. Our sins had made us enemies of the Holy God, but instead of taking revenge on us Jesus, God’s Son, came to lay down His perfect life to cover our sins, so that we would no longer be God’s enemies. He even prayed for His persecutors as He was being nailed to His cross. How fortunate we are that instead of staying far away from us, as we tend to do in regard to our enemies, Jesus came to Earth, died, and then rose again for us so we can live with Him and His Father in heaven forever.

So, pray for those who persecute you. Yes, pray for those whom you don’t like. Even pray for those who hate you. Having been loved by God when we were “unlovable” because of our sins, we love our enemies who sin against us. We also pray for them, because after all, you “can’t hate anyone you are praying for.” Then wait and see the positive changes God will make both in you and in those for whom you are praying!

~In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32, ESV)

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



Sunday Aug 6

8:00 AM – Mark Schmidt / Joel Goche
10:30 AM – Jason Oelfke / Warren Willcox

Sunday Aug 13

8:00 AM – Mike Cisewski / Dean Dahlke
10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen / _____

Sunday Aug 20

8:00 AM – Joel Goche / Brian Grochow
10:30 AM – _____ / _____

Sunday Aug 27

8:00 AM – Dean Scheele / Lee Terlinden
10:30 AM – Dean Scheele / _____

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



Sunday August 6

8:00 AM - Brody Wendolek
10:30 AM - _____

Sunday August 13

8:00 AM - Erika Goche
10:30 AM - _____

Sunday August 20

8:00 AM - Ivanna Schultz
10:30 AM - _____

Sunday August 27

8:00 AM - _____
10:30 AM - _____



FLC Annual Report

Work on our Church’s Year-End Annual Report has begun. Your input is

welcome as we put together recaps for our congregation. These recaps are extremely helpful to our new members and a great way to share what exciting and fun things your group has been up to. If you have comments or ideas of information you’d like to see included, please contact Becky in the Church Office.

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



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



EXTRA GARDEN PRODUCE?

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



ENDOWMENT/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Gifts of a Lifetime

Have you checked out the brochure on Endowments & Special Gifts? This brochure is located on the entrance stands to the Sanctuary. You can also find it on our web site at www.firstglencoe.org (click the Giving tab). Consider a gift in your estate planning, as a memorial, in honor of a loved one, to commemorate a special occasion, or simply give to the Glory of God! Any questions can be directed to the Church Office or a member of the Endowment/Finance Committee – Wayne Ahlbrecht, Joyce Aul, Becky Edwards, Cindy Eggersgluess, Roger Gronholz, Ryan Ortloff.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY

When we visit the graves of loved ones, we like to see that it has been neatly mowed and trimmed, but have you considered who does the mowing and trimming or who pays for that service for your cemetery?



The Cemetery Board hires someone to mow and maintain the First Lutheran Cemetery. Not only does it take time to mow and trim around each of the gravestones, but it also requires a substantial amount of money for upkeep, especially during the spring/summer/fall mowing months.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation for the ongoing upkeep of the cemetery this year. You can do so by noting "Cemetery Care" on your offering envelope or by accessing the link below to access our secure payment portal:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YHG0/campaign/C-ZB94>

First Edition Book Club

First Edition Book Club will meet on Thursday, September 19th in the seating area outside the church office 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.

Glencoe Concert Association

The Glencoe Concert Association kicks off its 2023-2024 season on Sept 21st in Hutchinson and in Glencoe on Sept 24th. Become a member for only \$55 and enjoy (3) Glencoe concerts and (3) Hutchinson concerts. For details and more info, contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or visit Glencoe Concert Association on Facebook.



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.

FLAMES OF FAITH KIDS CLUB

Flames of Faith Kids Club is the before and after school student care program at First Lutheran School. Your child does not have to be a member of FLS to participate. The morning session is from 6:30-7:45 AM and the afternoon session goes until 6:00 PM. Our program director and contact person is Madison Mathews. To register or for more information, you may contact Madison through the following contact information:



1. FLS FAST DIRECT or Michelle Alsleben 320-864-3317
2. Madison's Personal Cell Number 320-298-2546
3. EMAIL: mrmathews01@gmail.com
4. Visit the church/school website at www.firstglencoe.org for more information or to register.
5. Flames of Faith Kids Club Handbooks are available to pick up at each of the entrance stands.

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.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
3RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH | 10AM SHOTGUN
Glencoe Country Club
1325 1st St E, Glencoe, MN 55336

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SIGN SPONSORSHIP | \$100

Website & Facebook Event Advertisement
Company Logo Sign At One Hole

SIGN & TABLE SPONSORSHIP | \$150

Website & Facebook Event Advertisement
Company Logo Sign at One Hole
Business Table & Game of Choice at One Hole
Two Post Golf Tournament Meal Tickets

PAYMENT DUE AUGUST 18TH

Head to our site or contact the FLS booster for more information: flsboosters@gmail.com

<https://first-lutheran-annual-golf-tournament.square.site>



Library News:

Thank you to the member that donated several books to be added to our collection. Some of the titles are "Moonlight on the Millpond" by Lori Wick, "One Tuesday Morning" and "Beyond Tuesday Morning" by Karen Kingsbury, and "Beginnings" by Kim Vogel Sawyer. Stop by the library and pick out a few titles to take along on your summer getaway. Happy reading!



Outdoor Musical Garden

I am exploring the possibility of adding instruments to the First Lutheran School playground. The Trustees are aware of this interest. There have been some initial conversations with Jayson at Neubarth Lawncare & Landscape. Some possible grants have been identified. Tentatively, pieces would be added as funds became available through fundraisers, grants, and private donations. The first pieces to be purchased may include tuned drums, a metallophone, and a marimba. This musical garden would serve the Glencoe community; and benefit cognitive and emotional needs of children. If you have ideas or have interest in pursuing this endeavor, please contact Linda Donnay.



The Journey of a First Lutheran Quilt



The journey of a First Ev. Lutheran quilt starts in the compassionate heart of the quilter. She (and some "he's") cut fabric and begin sewing blocks at home. The journey continues in the west room of the church

basement where the quilt is assembled, tied, and securely boxed. It then makes its way to a storage facility in Mayer, Minnesota, but not for long. When there are enough quilts and human-care items to fill a pick-up truck and trailer, a volunteer drives the quilts to the large Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Norfolk, Nebraska. Our quilts will wait there, but not for long. When the need arises, large shipping containers will be filled and taken by semi-trucks to areas of need (disaster areas) here in the United States. Some of them will go by ocean barge to needy people in far-away lands. From the port of entry, quilts and other items are transported to distribution sites. Every step of the process is overseen by Orphan Grain Train. Some quilts are also given to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Both Dakota Boys and Girls ranch and Orphan Grain Train are Recognized Service Organizations (RSO) of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

When our First Ev. Lutheran quilters make a quilt, they never know exactly where it will end up. But they know that after a long (or short) journey it will be a beautiful blessing made with the love of Christ and the love of Christians to the person who receives it.

First Ev. Lutheran quilters meet on Mondays and various other times during the week to assemble and tie quilts in the west room of the church basement. You can help with this process:

Become a quilter! Pray for the quilt makers, the quilt receivers, Orphan Grain Train and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Donate fabric. Large pieces are appreciated. Donate batting. Make a \$ donation to help with shipping. Phone the church office at 864-5522 or Joyce at 864-3920 for more information.

SALAD LUNCHEON

Friday, September 29th

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Free will offering

Salad Luncheon fundraiser includes variety of salads, homemade buns and butter, coffee and dessert. Take-outs available. Express line for those needing to get back to work. Proceeds will be used for mission projects that proclaim Christ both here at home and far away. Donations of desserts are appreciated!



Happy August birthday to **Lutheran Women in Mission** honorary members Harriett Bergs and Ruth Karg. A \$5 gift to LWML Mission Grants "Mites" have been given in your honor.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League

PROMISED REST

Lutheran Women's Retreat

"Finding Peace in God's Presence"

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Camp Omega, Waterville

ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS NOW

OPEN for "Promised Rest." Join your

sisters-in-Christ at beautiful Camp Omega

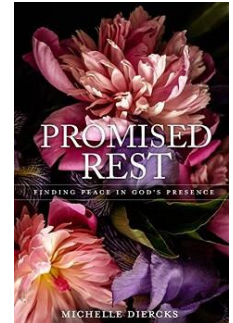
near Waterville at their "Omega Lodge"

retreat facility for adults. The new, air-

conditioned building is fully handicapped accessible. Food

provided by Camp Omega kitchen with REAL cooks is well known

for delicious, crowd-pleasing meals.



Come get away, relax, and be comforted by God's real and present peace as author and speaker Michelle Dierks leads us through her recently published Bible Study "Promised Rest" at this one-day retreat (optional Friday evening activities) sponsored by Minnesota South District LWML. It is for ALL WOMEN Jr. High age and older. Bring your friend, sister, daughter, or granddaughter. Or come alone and make a friend there! YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN LWML MEMBER TO ATTEND.

Online registration is now open. Go to mnslwml.org. Click on "District," "Events," 2023 for more information and to register.

Deadline for registration is AUGUST 25. A large crowd is expected so register early. The \$50 fee includes delicious noon meal, snacks and access to Camp Omega walking trails and amenities.

For those without computer access, come to the church office for help registering.

Some Bible verses about OBEDIENCE

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death, and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commands, decrees, and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. Deuteronomy 30: 15, 16.

Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows and death is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I am only joking!" Proverbs 26:18, 19.

If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in His love. John 15:10.

For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Matthew 12:50.

Lutheran Hour Topics for August

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
August, you will hear the following program
topics:



Aug 6. **"Who is Jesus?"** with Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Jesus never needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do. (Matthew 16:13b-16)

Aug. 13 **"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"** with Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. The God who knows everything about you is also the God of grace who forgives on account of Christ. (John 1: 48-51)

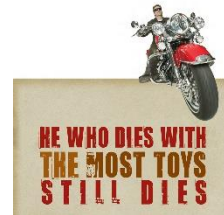
Aug. 20 **"The Latest Polls"** with Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. What people think about something--that's a poll. What that something actually is--that's the truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)

Aug. 27 **"Raising the Praise"** with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. Every day and everywhere they go, the followers of Jesus bring the "echo" of Easter with them. (1 Peter 1:3)

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 August thru November of 2023. We have openings and need sponsors for December 17th and December 24th. 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



LHM Video-Based Bible Studies & Resources

The Lutheran Hour Ministries downloadable online Bible study videos are written by pastors and other professionals. Each study has a discussion guide expanding the video footage with supporting Scripture, commentary, questions, and other features to maximize the topic. Search for: "Video-Based Bible Studies & Resources – Lutheran Hour Ministries" on the internet.



MARY MARTHA ALTAR GUILD

The Mary Marth Altar Guild will be meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023 starting at 7:00 PM. We welcome new members to join us. No special talents are required. Just a willingness to share your time, talents, and treasures. Members are scheduled to work one month throughout the year. You will never work alone; you will be working with 2 or 3 others during the month. We also will try to meet as a group four times between September and May (Sept, Nov, Jan, and May). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Charleen Engelmann or leave a message with the church office.



Sunday School Carnival!

The 2023-2024 Sunday School year is about to begin. On Education Sunday, September 10th, from 9:00-10:00 AM, the Christian Education Board and Sunday School teachers' welcome children and their parents to attend our annual carnival taking place in the Fellowship Center. Parents will register their children while the children play games, meet their teachers, and have a snack. All children ages 2 through 8th grade are encouraged to attend! We are working on a new Sunday School program. Please come check it out! Please watch our Facebook Page for a link to Sign-up Genius, to get registered. Paper forms will also be available at the carnival if needed.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Our community group trip to Target Field will depart First Lutheran Church at 4 pm on Tuesday, August 15th. (Motorcoach Bus begins loading at 3:45).

After a pickup stop in Plato at the C-Store, we'll be on our way to see the MN Twins play the Detroit Tigers. At Target Field, the bus will drop off and pick up along 7th Street (Gate 14) – we will ALL need to assemble at our spot at game close for the return trip home. Our seats are located in Section 213 (Home Plate Terrace).

Attendees are permitted to bring the following into Target Field – Single-compartment, soft-sided containers, and bags 16"x16"x8" or smaller. All bags will be searched prior to entering. (Guests will be scanned upon entry.) Sealed, bottled water 32 oz. or less, and soft-sided, single juice or milk containers for children are the only outside beverages permitted. The Twins also allow you to bring an empty water bottle as there are Pentair water filling stations within Target Field. Food items are permitted, as long as they are not brought in hard-sided containers and are consumed in the general seating areas.

The Twins welcome support as demonstrated by homemade signs and banners.

Please also plan to bring a credit or debit card for Target Field purchases. Cash is no longer accepted at the stadium.

Cindy will distribute game tickets upon departure from Glencoe/Plato - please bring your payment with you (\$37 for game and \$15 for bus). Contact 612-840-6308 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



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. As this newsletter goes to press, we are still awaiting delivery of equipment (freezer/cooler) that we were able to purchase (50/50 match) under the AGRI Equipment grant program.

In mid-July, we chopped and froze some zucchini for upcoming school lunches. Does anyone have any extra rhubarb that we might freeze? We have already talked with Shimanski Orchard concerning pears and apples and Cindy & Scott Litzau concerning local honey. In addition, we've ordered some MN grown oatmeal and black beans. **We continue to search for additional sources. Might anyone be willing to grow some fruits and vegetables that we might purchase? We are especially looking for Delicata Squash, Green Beans, Cucumbers, Watermelon, Cantaloupe, Acorn Squash, Berries, 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, an individual has stepped forward to help clean and freeze produce that we purchase – thank you! Anyone else?** Many hands will make the task easier and fun!

Is anyone aware of available freezer space if we should purchase a beef or pig?

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!

After each Homegrown meal, the students sing a little ditty:

*Homegrown's all right with me
Homegrown is the way it should be
Homegrown is a good thing
Plant that bell and let it ring!*

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 also tasking our students to work on composting and less food waste.

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 Eggsgluess at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com. We look forward to continuing this "Good Thing!"



We need your help to stay connected with everyone in our FL family!

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

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

What's next? Please email your info to office@1stglencoe.org. Also, if you know of fellow family/friend members, please ask them to do the same. Your info will be kept securely and used only for FL communications. Thank you for your assistance!

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 612-840-6308
eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com

A church in Atlanta was honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, the introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak....

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me...

The only thing that would comfort was this verse....

"Jesus loves me this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
We are weak but He is strong.....
Yes, Jesus loves me....
The Bible tells me so."

The old pastor stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

"Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me":

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS – repeat after each verse)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME, FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

Though I am no longer young,
I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile,
Go with others the extra mile.

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song..
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won

He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

-Submitted



THANK YOU

Congregation members secured Thrivent Action Teams and generously contributed funds to update the landscaping around church with mulch. The labor was provided by workers from Neubarth Lawncare and Landscape. We are extremely grateful for the contributions and resources that help to keep First Lutheran looking top notch! From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you!



2022-2023 YEAR END FINANCIALS

The fiscal year came to a close on June 30, 2023 and together with Ryan Ortloff, FLC congregation treasurer, we are working to put together the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee/qualified accountant shall, before every annual meeting, audit the Treasurer's and the Treasurer's assistants' books. The Audit Committee/accountant shall have access to the bank records of the congregation accounts and all pertinent books and financial records of the congregation and have full power to request any data necessary to make a correct and true examination and audit of such books.

Once the audit is complete, I will finalize closing out the fiscal year and all things related.

I ask for your patience and understanding as I continue to cover the Church Secretary role in addition to performing the daily, weekly, monthly, and now year-end tasks associated with the Business Manager position.





√ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$112 for FLC and \$20 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! **We’ve had several members step up to let us use their Action Teams toward landscaping maintenance/update costs – THANK YOU!**

√ **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/>

One upcoming event is a free viewing of the Super Mario Bros. Movie with complimentary popcorn and pop. This will

be on August 22 at 6 pm at Emagine Theater in White Bear Lake. Check the above link for more info and to register.

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

Summaries from Our Boards and Committees



Church Council | No July meeting

Christian Education | July 11th

The Board of Christian Education has been busy preparing for VBS set for July 16th-19th from 5:45-8:00 PM. The theme for this year is God’s Living Water. The students will be divided by mixed age groups this year instead of by class.

Day School Board | July 11th

Teachers will be preparing for the upcoming school year with CPR training and attending continuing education at MLHS in August. Preschool teachers and staff will also be completing training. Back to school night is being planned for August 23 with more details to follow. First Lutheran school is currently seeking a 1st and 6th grade teaching position.

Deacons | July 6th

Motion made and seconded to approve the polka service for July 21st 2024. Carried. Motion made and seconded to approve Fellowship serving dates for 2024. 2/25, 5/19, 6/23, 7/21, 8/18, 10/20, 11/10. carried. Motion made and seconded to have services at 9:00AM, 2:00PM, and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday December 24th 2023. Carried. Motion made and seconded to pursue the reconciliation process suggested by Pastor Wismar with the intention of conducting meetings this fall. Carried.

Evangelism Board | July 11th

Watch the bulletin for our 3rd upcoming Bingo & Bake Sale event on September 24! Also starting in September, our Greeters are back! Anyone who would like to greet as little or as much as (s)he would like should contact the Church Office. We are looking at updating our Visitor Bags; thank you to the FLC Ladies Quilting group who donated \$100 towards this project!

Stewardship Board | No July Meeting

Board of Trustees | July 10th

At their July meeting the Board of Trustees approved a quote from Neubarth Landscaping to replace mulch in the flower gardens and pre-school playground and to fix the area on the north side of the building where water has been running into the basement. The board also approved a bid from Bradley Security to upgrade the surveillance camera system at the school building. Advertising will begin for the part-time church secretary position.

Upcoming Events

- August 14 | Teachers Report
- August 22 | Preschool Orientation | 6:30 PM
- August 23 | K-8 Back to School Night | 5:00-7:00
- August 27 | Blessing of the Backpacks | 10:30 & Root Beer floats to follow
- August 29 | First Day of School
- August 29-31 | Parent Drive days
- Sept. 1-4 | No School - Labor Day
- Sept. 9 | Golf Tournament Fundraiser in Glencoe | [Sign up here](#) for Golfing or Meal, Music, and Yard Games



Please Pray For:

- Our staff as they prepare their classrooms for students.
- Parents seeking quality education that they may choose FLS
- Those families that continue to travel over the summer that they may have safe travels.
- Seasonal rainfall so our gardens may flourish
- First Lutheran Church and School as they continue to search for staff to share the Good News of Jesus.
- Those in our lives who do not know about Jesus' love, that the Holy Spirit may work through all of us to share about Him



Mrs. Korthals - 7th&8th Grade/5-8 ELA

Mrs. Lisa Korthals is from New Germany, Minnesota. Her and her husband, Mark, have two daughters and both of them will be in college next year. This is her 9th year teaching. Her favorite Bible verse is: "Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God" - Micah 6:8



Flames of Faith

Flames of Faith Summer Club is looking for a few donations, mostly in the snack category. If you feel inclined to donate, you can drop them off in the church or school office. Thank you so much for your continued support!

- juice boxes
- gold fish
- cereal
- raisin packs
- fruits & veggies (packaged or fresh)
- Gift cards to: Target, Walmart, Coborns, or Dollar Fresh



School Preparation

- Check out your child's [school supply list](#).

thank you

- Board of Education for ensuring quality education for our students.
- Andy, Matt, Travis, and all of those who are freshening up our school in preparation for the upcoming school year.
- Gary and Loren for completing various projects around the school!
- To everyone who has made donations to our summer Flames of Faith Kids Club!
- Michelle for making the school run smoothly.
- To our families for choosing First Lutheran.
- Neubarth Landscaping for donating their time and keeping our lawn and playground looking nice!

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL APPAREL SWAP

FREE

Do you have FLS apparel that your kids don't wear? Donate it to our FLS Apparel Swap. Drop off your clean, good quality items in the dropbox near the church office today! Donated items will be available for free to anyone during Back to School Night on August 23rd.

You can also drop off unwanted soccer cleats, socks, and shin guards for our FLS soccer program or knee pads for our FLS volleyball program.

FREE

\$200 for FREE!

First Lutheran is offering \$200 to any school family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for the current or upcoming 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 us!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Students and their families are invited to attend the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, August 27th at First Lutheran. They can bring their backpacks to the front of church where Pastor Welch will bless them and our upcoming school year.

Back to School Night

Our Back to School Night will be on Wednesday, August 23rd, from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Center. On this day information will be shared about the opportunities available for parents, Fast Direct updates can be made, forms will be available to fill out, and student tuition payment arrangements will be made including any late registration fees. Students are also welcome to meet their teacher, visit their classrooms, and unload any school supplies. More information will be sent out via Fast Direct.

EDUCATION FEES:

- **First Lutheran Church Member:**
 - 1st child: \$1,550
 - 2nd child: \$1,300
 - 3rd child: \$1,075
 - 4th child: \$925
- **Community Member:**
 - 1st child: \$2,875
 - 2nd child: \$2,450
 - 3rd child: \$2,000
 - 4th child: \$1,500

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School Staffing:

- **Mrs. Bargmann:** Preschool
- **Mrs. Donnay:** Kindergarten
- **God will provide:** First Grade
- **Mrs. Willett:** Second Grade
- **Mrs. Scheele:** Third Grade
- **Ms. Flemming:** Fourth Grade
Middle School
- **Ms. Lilienthal:** 5th grade homeroom and 5-8 Social Studies
- **God will provide:** 6th grade homeroom and 5-8 Science
- **Mrs. Korthals:** 7th & 8th grade homeroom and 5-8 ELA
- **Ms. Thiesfeld:** 5-8 Specials and 3rd PE

Extras

- **Mrs. Eng:** Preschool-8th music and choir
- **Pastor Welch:** 8th Confirmation, 7/8 Religion
- **TBD:** 7th Confirmation
- **TBD:** 7/8 Counseling

Aides

- **Mrs. Plihal:** preschool
- **Mrs. Welch:** preschool and 3-8
- **Mrs. Weidendorf:** Preschool -2
- **Mrs Wruck & Ms. Mathews:** 1st grade



Fall Sports

Stay tuned for more information on the following fall sports. (All sports are subject to change based on interest).

- K-3 Soccer
- 3-8 Cross Country
- 4-8 Volleyball (team availability based on interest)

Ms. Flemming | Athletic Director



Classes at First Lutheran School will begin on Tuesday, August 29th. An opening service, led by Pastor Welch, will be held at 8:15 AM in the church sanctuary to kick off the new term. Parents are encouraged to attend this opening service. Our school day for Grades K-8 and all-day preschool is 8:00 AM-3:00 PM; half-day preschool is 8:00-11:00 AM. Three-year-old preschoolers will begin school on Wednesday, August 30th.



School Breakfast & Lunch

K-3: FREE
 Grade 4-8: FREE
 Milk: \$0.40 @ 20 for \$8
 Seconds: \$1.25 @ 20 for \$25
 Adult: \$4

*Due to a recent change in Minnesota, all K-8 meals are paid for by the state of MN. Because of this change, First Lutheran will also be serving breakfast this year for all K-8 students. Breakfast will consist of grab and go items that students can get between 7:45-8:00 and eat in their homeroom classrooms. K-2 students will grab their breakfast items from the music room (old church kitchen) & 3-8 students from the school lunch room.

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

[*Apply for Free and Reduced Lunches here](#)
 The number of Free and Reduced-Price lunches is used to determine the school's allotment of Federal funds for the Title I program. Title I is a program where lower grade students receive extra help in math and reading. Your application helps out our school.

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August 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ALTAR GUILD WORKERS: Linda Ranzau 320-864-3395 Charleen Engelman 320-238-2298</p> 		<p>1 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 4:45 PM - Stewardship 6:30 PM - Evangelism</p>	<p>2 </p>	<p>3 </p> <p>7:00 PM - Deacons</p>	<p>4 </p>	<p>5 </p>
<p>6 </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:30 PM - Trustees</p>	<p>8 </p> <p>9:30 AM - GlenFields 6:00 PM - Christian Ed 6:30 PM - Day School</p> <p><i>FLS Teachers @ Mayer Lutheran</i></p>	<p>9 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Staff Meeting</p> <p><i>Health Consultant Training Preschool Staff</i></p>	<p>10 </p> <p>2:00 PM - Grand Meadows 6:30 PM - Summer Concert Series</p>	<p>11 </p>	<p>12 </p>
<p>13 </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Choir (Altos) 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion</p>	<p>14 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying</p> <p><i>FLS Teachers Report</i></p>	<p>15 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 3:45 PM - Twins Outing</p>	<p>16 </p>	<p>17 </p> <p>7:00 PM - Church Council</p>	<p>18 </p>	<p>19 </p>
<p>20 </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Deacons / Elders 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service</p>	<p>21 </p> <p>10:00 AM - Staff CPR Training 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying</p>	<p>22 </p>  <p>6:30 PM - Preschool 3 & 4 Orientation 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting</p>	<p>23 </p>  <p>5:00-7:00 PM FLS Back to School Event (Grades K-8)</p>	<p>24 </p>	<p>25 </p> <p>5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal Jay Neubarth & Mackenzie Wendolek</p>	<p>26 </p> <p>3:30 PM Wedding Ceremony Jay Neubarth & Mackenzie Wendolek</p>
<p>27 </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Day School 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion Blessing of the Backpacks</p>	<p>28 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying</p>	<p>29 </p>  <p>8:15 AM - FLS Opening Chapel 11 AM to 12:30 PM - Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting</p> <p>FLS First Day of School <i>FLS Parent Drive Day</i></p>	<p>30 </p> <p><i>FLS Parent Drive Day</i></p>	<p>31 </p>  <p><i>FLS Parent Drive Day</i></p>	<p>Church Contacts: 925 13th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 5522 office@1stglencoe.org</p>	<p>School Contacts: 1015 14th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 3317 mthiesfeld@1stglencoe.org Principal: Ms. Thiesfeld</p>
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