

The Compassion of Christ Compels Us

"When (Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38 (ESV)

Matthew teaches his readers that the compassion of Jesus is the source from which the apostles' work will flow. When Jesus says to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few", He is communicating to His disciples the urgency of the times, an urgency that continues for the church in the world to this day. God must send workers into the harvest! All of Jesus' disciples, then and now, are to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth faithful laborers.

In recent years the shortage of called church workers and those studying to become full time church workers has become quite evident. This shortage of available graduates from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis was a contributing factor in our not getting a candidate to fill the position of Assistant Pastor here at First Lutheran this Spring. A shortage of Director of Christian Education-Intern candidates was a factor in our not receiving a DCE Intern from Concordia University, Nebraska this year.

In the April edition of "The Lutheran Witness", Rev. Dr. James Baneck, executive director of LCMS Pastoral Education, authors an article entitled: "What can we do to get more church workers?" He lists (and also elaborates upon) six things that we can do:

1. We take our children to church.
2. We immerse our children in the Bible.
3. We instruct our children in their baptismal lives in Christ.
4. We instill in our children a love of learning.
5. We rear our children to be good stewards of their God-given body and mind.
6. We teach our children to love the church and her workers.

Thanks be to God that we are blessed at First Lutheran Church and School with the gift of children, many of which could make wonderful church workers some day!

The compassion of Jesus for lost produces His command to "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." The compassion of Jesus, placed into the hearts of all His followers, will produce this trusting prayer. God grant to the church today this prayer as well.

~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 July 2

8:00 AM- Mark Schmidt / Doug Dahlke
10:30 AM- Don Hepner / Tim Schauer

Sunday July 9

8:00 AM- Brian Grochow / Lee Terlinden
10:30 AM- Jason Oelfke / Warren Willcox

Sunday July 16

8:00 AM- Don Hepner / Fritz Schulz
10:30 AM- Tim Schauer / Dan Nikolaisen

Sunday July 23

8:00 AM- Mike Cisewski / Dave Sell
10:30 AM- Don Hepner / Brian Grochow

Sunday July 30

8:00 AM- Doug Dahlke / Lee Terlinden
10:30 AM- Warren Willcox / Dave Sell

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



Sunday July 2 8:00 AM-
10:30 AM-

Sunday July 9 8:00 AM-
10:30 AM-

Sunday July 16 8:00 AM- Erika Goche
10:30 AM- Isaiah Nikolaisen

Sunday July 23 8:00 AM-
10:30 AM-

Sunday July 30 8:00 AM- Erika Goche
10:30 AM-

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.





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 volunteer 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#

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.



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.

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

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

FLC Annual Report



Work on our Church's Year-End Annual Report will soon begin. Group and organization leaders are invited to submit a brief report of their 2022-2023 fiscal year activities (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) no later than July 28th. Your input will be welcomed as we put together recaps for our congregation. These recaps are extremely helpful to our new members and a great way to show what exciting and fun things your group has been up to.

Reminder: Treasurers of ALL committees and organizations are asked to submit an annual financial report showing receipts and expenditures. This financial report, requested by the Audit Committee and Church Council, provides accountability, shares information of fundraising activities, and helps safeguard the Church's tax-exempt status. This report is not printed but remains on file for the annual audit.

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.



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



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT MN TWINS

WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO MAKE OUR OUTING TO THE TWINS GAME POSSIBLE. 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 eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

Reservations must be made by Sunday, July 23rd.

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

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 July, you will hear the following program topics:

July 9 **"Lean Into the Villain's Story"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Jesus changes the way we see ourselves and others, even our villains. He died and rose for them, too. (Romans 7:24)

July 16 **"Two Mindsets"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). The Law of God is a test that judges all who take it. The Gospel is the Good News that Jesus passed the test, in our place. (Romans 8:1-7)

July 23 **"Pulling for Others"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). How did two young men start out with similar circumstances but end up in such different places? Was it the choices they made or the pull that others had on their lives? (Romans 8:31-39)

July 30 **"If It Seems Slow, Wait for It"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Some ideas spread slowly. That doesn't make them bad ideas. Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about God's slow solution to setting a broken world right. (Habakkuk 2:3 Romans 10:9)

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 July thru November of 2023. We have openings and need sponsors for December 10, December 17, and December 24. 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**



Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. To sign up for our Daily Devotions via email, visit lhm.org/subscribe.

NEW, LIKE-NEW, or GENTLY USED items. You may begin your crafting now!

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

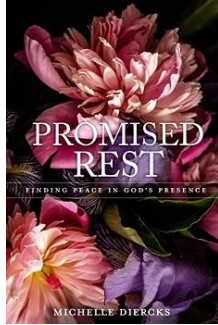
PROMISED REST

A Women's Retreat

"Finding Peace in God's Presence"

September 15-16, 2023

Come get away, relax, and be comforted by God's real and present peace as author and speaker Michelle Diercks leads us in her Bible study *Promised Rest* at Camp Omega in Waterville. This one-day retreat (with optional Friday night activities) is open to ALL WOMEN Junior High age or older. It is sponsored by Minnesota South District LWML, but you do not need to be an LWML member to attend. \$50 registration includes programming, materials, and a noon meal on Saturday. Deadline is August 25.



Please go to mnslwml.org. Click on "District," "Events," "2023 District Retreat" for more details and online registration. For those without computer access, come to the church office for help registering.



Happy July Birthday to Lutheran Women in Mission honorary members Bernice Wolter, Lucille Kraemer, and Marjorie Duenow. A \$5 gift to LWML mission grants "mites" has been given in honor of each of you.

Some Bible verses about ANGER:

For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. Psalm 30:5

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. James 1:19-20


Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools. Ecclesiastes 7:9

A quick-tempered man does foolish things. Proverbs 14:17



Crafters! Bakers! Eaters! Shoppers!

Start looking ahead to December 2 for the annual First Ev. Lutheran Christmas Bazaar, Bake Sale, and Meal. We'll be asking for donations of baked items, homemade items, country-store-type items, crafted items. Something new this year: a table of



Lutheran Women in Mission Salad Luncheon Fundraiser

Friday, September 29th | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Watch for more details in the August newsletter!

Library News:

The *Cape Refuge Series*, Volumes 1 -4 by Terri Blackstock has recently been added to the library. This series follows the lives of the people of the small seaside community of Cape Refuge, as two sisters struggle to continue the ministry their parents began; helping troubled souls who come to Hanover House for solace.



Also recently added are *Remember Me* by Tracie Peterson and *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate.

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.



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!

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.



UPDATES TO THE SEATING AREA

Have you noticed the updates to the seating area just outside the Church Office? The Harold Kunkel Family generously donated memorials to purchase this beautiful new furniture. We are extremely grateful for congregation members (like the Kunkel family) who choose to give back to FIRST!

There is an opportunity to purchase additional pieces that have been selected for this space. If you might be interested in donating memorials or offerings to help purchase these items, please contact the Church Office.

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√ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$126 for FLC and \$37 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 recently had several members step up to let us use their Action Teams toward landscaping maintenance 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 July 25 at 6 pm at the Emagine Willow Creek Theater in Plymouth and again 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 / eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com – Your Congregational Volunteer

Giving Options

You can remember the ministries of First Lutheran Church and School through a wide variety of gifts. Keep in mind; this is only a partial list of the many ways for you to make charitable gifts.



Traditional IRA Gifts. Funds in a traditional IRA can be given to a charity through your IRA beneficiary designation. The IRA funds pass to your designated charity after death, escaping the income tax due on the remaining funds. Your estate may receive an estate tax deduction as well.

Zero Estate Tax Gifts. Your will or trust can be designed to pass along the maximum amount of estate assets to your children after death, estate- tax- free, through a family testamentary bequest. The remaining assets are then transferred to a charity through a bequest, also estate- tax-free. This plan may result in a zero estate tax due on your estate.

Charitable Remainder Trusts. Give money or property to an irrevocable charitable remainder trust in exchange for an income during your life and/or the life of your survivor. After death, any remainder value in the trust passes to the charity or charities you've selected. You could defer, reduce, or eliminate capital gains tax otherwise due on sale of the assets. You also may receive an immediate charitable income tax deduction on the remainder interest of the property that passes to charity. Finally, the assets in the charitable remainder trust may escape some estate tax after your death as well.

Wealth Replacement. Also called an irrevocable life insurance trust (ILIT), this living trust is created outside the donor's estate and is set up to own life insurance on the donor. The amount of life insurance the trust owns usually is less than or equal to the amount of property you plan to give to a charitable cause. Upon your death, your heirs, who usually are the trust beneficiaries, can receive the insurance proceeds from the trust both income and estate tax free.

Always consult a financial, legal, or tax professional before putting a gifting plan into action.

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

2023 Endowment Committee - Joyce Aul, Becky Edwards, Cindy Eggersgluess, Roger Gronholz, Ryan Ortloff, Dawn Schauer



We would like to extend a big THANK YOU to Jayson Neubarth. Jayson and his employees donate hundreds of man-hours to First Lutheran Church & School every year in the form of snow plowing and lawn care. We've been so blessed with his work and quick snow removal response when there are funerals or the early hours it takes to clear a way for us to get to worship on Sundays. Please extend your appreciation to him whenever possible!

God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace

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



God's Living Water includes a seven-week sermon series and adult and high-school-age Bible class lessons. What is more, this is also the theme of our Vacation Bible School this year which goes from Sunday, July 16th through Wednesday, July 19th.

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.

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



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 awaiting delivery of equipment (freezer/cooler) that we were able to purchase (50/50 match) under the AGRI Equipment grant program.

In mid-June, we purchased local fresh-picked strawberries from Victory Produce in Dassel. These delicious, sweet, and juicy berries were frozen for use in upcoming school lunches. **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, 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, might anyone be willing to help clean and freeze produce that we purchase?** Many hands will make the task easier and fun!

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

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
eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com



For the Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows Of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows Of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows Of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden Is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme for God
2. Thyme for Each Other
3. Thyme for Family
4. Thyme for Friends

Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love. There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap What You Sow.

-submitted



A sincere thanks to the volunteers who helped move the books from the north campus to the FLS library at the south campus. Many hands make light work! We are grateful for your willingness to lighten the load: Joan Wandrei, Brenda Reed, Miriam Randt, Yvonne Schuette, RaNay Lentsch, Alan & Brenda Birkholz, Amanda Wruck, and Jaeden, Dawson, & Amelia Eiden.

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

Anyone who wants to
be first must be the
very last, and the
servant of all.

MARK 9:33

Summaries from Our Boards and Committees



Church Council | June 15th

No Summary Submitted

Christian Education Board | June 13th

No Summary Submitted.

Day School Board | June 6th

First Lutheran is currently seeking a candidate for a 6th grade teaching position. Updates were received from principal Ms. Thiesfeld with approximately 158 students registered for the 2023-2024 school year. The board reviewed options for an electronic sign. Modifications were made for the upcoming school calendar and new math curriculum will be implemented in the lower grades.

Board of Deacons | June 1st

We had discussion about the outdoor service when and where. Fellowship serving on June 25th will be an open house celebration for the 25 years of being an Ordained Minister for Pastor Dan Welch. Deacon Jason Oelfke volunteered to be on the nominating committee. Discussed going to 1 Sunday morning Church Service, and after discussing the pros and cons of the issue it was decided to continue with the 2 Services at 8:00 & 10:30 AM. Discussed getting Pastor Welch more much needed time off.

Board of Evangelism | June 6th

No Summary Submitted

Board of Stewardship | June 8th

No Summary Submitted

Board of Trustees | June 5th

An inspection of the church and school buildings and grounds was completed at the June meeting and areas that need repair were noted. Travis Uecker and Matt Hins have started summer cleaning at the schools. Stucco repair on the south campus school building will take place in August. Quotes will be gathered for seal coating the church parking lot.

First Lutheran Financial Report

2022-2023 Financials: JULY-MAY (YTD)

GENERAL FUND INCOME (April):		<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Envelopes	\$ 708,963.36	\$ 768,977.89
Debt Reduction	9,343.00	5,890.00
Thrivent "Choice" <i>Member Elections</i>	8,255.00	5,243.00
McLeod Cares \$	- 0 -	617.00
Rebates	- 0 -	1,252.56
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	420.00	1,800.00
School Tuition	216,873.06	267,587.66
MN DHS – Preschool Grants	47,071.90	- 0 -
Miscellaneous Income	<u>9,801.98</u>	<u>13,161.22</u>
	\$ 1,000,728.30	\$ 1,064,529.33

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (July-May):		<u>Last Year</u>
Staff	\$ 835,493.68	\$ 889,756.83
Employer Payroll Expenses	3,724.16	3,213.23
Buildings	93,082.98	97,398.74
Operations	24,456.67	31,633.21
Interest On Line of Credit	- 0 -	- 0 -
	<u>\$ 956,757.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,022,002.01</u>

2022-2023 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:		
	\$ 14,526.00	\$ 12,596.00

May 31st GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:	(\$ 115,271.44)
Last Year's May 31st General Indebtedness:	(\$ 169,845.08)



July, 2023

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



- July 4 | Independence Day
- August 14 | Teachers report
- August 22 | Preschool Orientation
- August 23 | K-8 Back to School Event | 5:00-7:00
- August 27 | Blessing of the Backpacks | 10:30 service
- August 29 | 1st Day of school
- September 6 | Parent Information Night | 5:30-7:00



The nation wide LCMS school theme for next school year is "Connected through Christ" based on the Bible verses John 15: 1-5. Throughout the year we will find ways to be connected to one another because we are brothers and sisters in Christ. What an exciting year ahead of us!



\$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!

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3rd Tri Chapel Offerings

Our third trimester chapel offerings went to Lutheran Bible Translators. Together, the students raised \$758.93! 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!



3rd Annual Golf Tournament

Join us for the 3rd annual golf tournament! Not a fan of golfing? That's okay - live music and a meal will happening from 4-7 at the Glencoe Golf Course. Tickets are \$15 a meal. Sign up using [this link](#).



Together we pray for:

- Our teachers and other staff 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 and enjoy God's creation!
- 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 parents who are seeking a Christian education for their child, that they may choose First Lutheran
- Good weather that the gardens and crops may flourish!
- FLS that we might find a quality 6th grade teacher for the open teaching position, as well as an Associate Pastor and DCE

thank you

- Travis Uecker, Matt Hins, and Andy Danielson for getting our floors ready for next school year!
- Gary Schauer and Loren Engelman for working on tedious school upkeep projects
- Board of Education for their continued efforts in ensuring the Christian faith is being taught at First Lutheran
- All of those who volunteered to help in the parade or made donations
- Michelle for all of her hard work in the school office



Flames of Faith

Summer Kids Club

The summer kids club has been off to a great start! Every day the students have a Devotion as they continue to grow in their faith. The kids enjoy time outside playing and building up a community of believers! 4-H comes in once a month to do activities with them. In June, they went to the Como Zoo. In July, they will be going to the Children's Science Museum. They continue going to the Glencoe Pool as a refreshing afternoon in the hot summer heat! Since these kiddos are always so busy playing, they work up quite an appetite! If you feel led to donate, Madi is always looking for snacks to feed them.

Here are things the kiddos like:




- Gold Fish (all around fan favorite)
- String Cheese
- Fruit Cups & Apple Sauce
- Popcorn
- Juice Boxes/Individually Wrapped Snacks (for pool days)

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July 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTAR GUILD WORKERS: Deb Tessmer 320-510-0288 Shannon Schuch 320-864-6614 Cheryl Scheidt 320-864-3356 	Church Contacts: 925 13th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320-864-5522 office@1stglencoe.org	School Contacts 1015 14th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320-864-3317 mthiesfeld@1stglencoe.org				1
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8:00 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN 10:30 AM - Divine Service	Church Office Closed	 Church Office Closed		7:00 PM - Deacons		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion 6:00 PM - NYG Meeting	Church Office Closed 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:00 PM - Salary Review 6:30 PM - Trustees	9:30 AM - Glenfields 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - Christian Education 6:30 PM - Day School Board 6:30 PM - Evangelism	Flames of Faith Field Trip	2:00 PM - Grand Meadows 6:30 PM - Summer Concert Series 7:00 PM - Cemetery Board		
16 POLKA SERVICE	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:00 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Deacons/Elders 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service 5:45-8:00 PM - VBS	1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 5:45-8:00 PM - VBS	1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 5:45-8:00 PM - VBS				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Christian Ed 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion 1:00 PM - GlenFields	2:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:00 PM - Endowment / Finance Committee	1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 11 AM to 12:30 PM - Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center		NO Church Council Meeting	August Newsletter Deadline	
30	31					
8:00 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion						

