

From the Pastor:

A beautiful hymn of comfort from our hymnal, Lutheran Service Book, is "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake." I'd like to share stanzas 1, 2, and 5 with you here:

688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake  
**1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,**  
**"All in My way abiding;**  
**Deny yourselves, the world forsake,**  
**Obey My call and guiding.**  
**O bear the cross, whate'er betide,**  
**Take My example for your guide.**

**2 "I am the light, I light the way,**  
**A godly life displaying;**  
**I bid you walk as in the day;**  
**I keep your feet from straying.**  
**I am the way, and well I show**  
**How you must sojourn here below.**

**5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,**  
**And take the cross appointed**  
**And, firmly clinging to His Word,**  
**In suff'ring be undaunted.**  
**For those who bear the battle's strain**  
**The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

No matter what cross you are appointed to bear, always remember that God is in control. Rely on Him to guide you. Turn to His Word, the Bible. Draw near to Him as He draws near to you. Come what may, remember that these loving promises from God are definitely for you: "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:31-32 and 38-39).

With this in mind, please read the words of stanza 5 again:

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**And take the cross appointed**  
**And, firmly clinging to His Word,**  
**In suff'ring be undaunted.**  
**For those who bear the battle's strain**  
**The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

We pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for placing us here as a congregation, a family of believers at First Ev. Lutheran. Help us to follow you, take up our crosses, and firmly cling to your Word. Until that day in heaven when you will grant the Crown of Life to all of your faithful people, please continue to watch over us and grant us Your peace as we sojourn here below. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

*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 Oct. 1** 8:00 AM – Dean Scheele / Doug Dahlke  
10:30 AM – Lars Ide / Warren Willcox
- Sunday Oct. 8** 8:00 AM – Mark Schmidt / Brian Grochow  
10:30 AM – Jason Oelfke / Lars Ide
- Sunday Oct. 15** 8:00 AM – Mike Cisewski / Doug Dahlke  
10:30 AM – Lars Ide / Dave Hoesse
- Sunday Oct. 22** 8:00 AM – Dean Dahlke / Lee Terlinden  
10:30 AM – Roger Schmidt / Kermit Terlinden
- Sunday Oct. 29** 8:00 AM – Don Hepner / Fritz Schulz  
10:30 AM – Don Hepner / Kermit Terlinden

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



- Sunday Oct. 1** 8:00 AM – Erika Goche  
10:30 AM – Jordon O'Dell
- Sunday Oct. 8** 8:00 AM – Nolan Vinkemeier  
10:30 AM – Jordon O'Dell
- Sunday Oct. 15** 8:00 AM – Brody Wendolek  
10:30 AM – Jordon O'Dell
- Sunday Oct. 22** 8:00 AM – Ivanna Schultz  
10:30 AM – Bradley Sullivan
- Sunday Oct. 29** 8:00 AM – Nolan Vinkemeier  
10:30 AM – Bradley Sullivan

## **ANGEL SEEDS**

The McLeod Emergency Food Shelf has been selected as the Angel Seeds recipient for donations received from October through December.



The McLeod Emergency Food Shelf (MEFS) is a non-profit agency which was organized in 1983 to assist residents of McLeod County, Minnesota in the area of hunger relief.

MEFS receives financial donations and food support donations from the individuals, organizations, civic groups, businesses, food rescue partners, and faith partners of McLeod County.

Since 1983, millions of meals have been provided by the generous support of the local community. In the first year, 109 households were served with the number stretching over the years to as many as 1,857 distinct households. More than a half million pounds of food are distributed each year!

Thank you for helping to feed the hungry in McLeod County! We appreciate your support of this local resource!



Blood donors of all blood types are urgently needed now to ensure patients at hospitals across the country continue to receive critical medical care.

First Lutheran Church has been selected as the host site for a blood drive in memory of Judy Schuch.

Consider giving blood on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-7:00 PM and help save others. Individuals need to sign up for an appointment time. There's no code for the blood drive, but it is on the Red Cross App or online at RedCrossBlood.org. Simply search by zip code in the "find a blood drive" section.

You have the power to save a life!

## **Bible Verses for Farmers**

The threshing places will be full of grain; the pits beside the presses will overflow with wine and olive oil. I will give you back in the years when swarms of locusts ate your crops. Joel 2:24, 25.



I look to the mountains; where will my help come from? My help will come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121: 1,2.

Those who are too lazy to plow in the right season will have no food at the harvest. Proverbs 20:4.

## **CEMETERY BOARD**

The Cemetery Board will perform their annual clean up at the Cemetery on Saturday, October 7th. We ask that you kindly remove flowers and other



memorials from the cemetery prior to the fall clean-up. Thank you in advance for your efforts and helping to keep our Cemetery looking beautiful year-round!

The Cemetery Committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at church.

If you have any questions, contact Charlie Czcycalla.

## **CHURCH LIBRARY**

Stop by and check out these books that have been added to the church library.



"Sisters by the Sea: 4 Short Romances Set in the Sarasota, Florida, Amish Community" by Wanda Brunstetter  
"Daughter of Eden: Eve's Story" by Jill Eileen Smith  
"A Place to Land" by Lauren Denton

Thanks to generous donations, we have been able to add many new books to our library for your reading enjoyment.

## **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](http://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 2023 Endowment-Finance Committee – Wayne Ahlbrecht, Joyce Aul, Becky Edwards, Cindy Eggersgluess, Roger Gronholz, and Ryan Ortloff.

## **First Edition Book Club**



The First Lutheran Book club will meet on Tuesday, October 24 in the seating area outside of the church office at 7:00 PM. The group will discuss the book "The Dead Don't Dance" by author Charles Martin. This is book one of a two book series. First Lutheran 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.

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Text \$ (your \$ amount) to 855-976-9619

Give online via [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org)



## FLC Prayer Chain

Is the Holy Spirit touching your heart regarding the Prayer Chain?

New leaders AND new members are needed to keep our PRAYER CHAIN going! 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 request be known to God.” Thank you to all of our current members for their commitment to prayer – to confidentiality, discretion, and listening to the Holy Spirit.

How does it work?

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

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



## GARDEN BOUNTY

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.



## FLAMES OF FAITH KIDS CLUB

Flames of Faith Kids Club is the before and after school student care program at First Lutheran School. It is for children Age 5 through Grade 6. Your child does not have to be a member of FLS to participate. The morning (6:30-7:45 AM) session is \$8.00 and the afternoon session (until 6:00 PM) is \$10.00 or both sessions are \$15.00. 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
2. Madison's PERSONAL CELL NUMBER: (320) 296-2546
3. PERSONAL EMAIL: mrrmathews01@gmail.com
4. Visit the church/school website at [www.firstglencoe.org](http://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.

## GIVING TUESDAY IS NOVEMBER 28th



Giving Tuesday – November 28th

Everyone has something to give and every act of generosity counts!

Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a global movement that inspires people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. It's a simple idea: whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts, and everyone has something to contribute toward building the better world we all want to live in.

This year, Giving Tuesday falls on November 28th. Watch for upcoming info on how you might participate!

 **Glencoe**  
American Legion Post 95 

**ANNUAL FALL SUNDAY BRUNCH**  
Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023  
8:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

 Take-Outs Available

**Glencoe City Center**  
**North Ballroom**  
1107 11th St. E., Glencoe

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Applesauce, Juice & Coffee  
Adults: \$14.00 • 12 & Under \$7.00  
Proceeds support Veterans, GSL Scholarships and Community Projects.

## **Homegrown! It's a Good Thing!**

The Farm to School Dept of Ag grant monies we received are used to purchase locally grown and raised foods (beef, pork, poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits) for our school lunch program.

Thank you to Common Cup Ministries for the donation of a small freezer (which they were no longer using). This will make our preserved frozen produce easily accessible for Homegrown meals during the school year!

It was great to welcome the students back for a new school year with several delicious Homegrown meals! They've enjoyed juicy watermelon (Farmers' Market), beef burgers (Brownton City Meats), tacos (ground beef from Brownton City Meats and fresh tortillas from Olga Pineda of Glencoe) with all the fixings (peppers, diced tomatoes, and freshly canned salsa from School Garden), sliced radishes, cantaloupe, sweet YELLOW watermelon (Farmers' Market), and lots of yummy pears and apples from Shimanski Orchard in Silver Lake.

September harvests have been fruitful, and we are grateful for all the produce that has been donated for future school lunches. Thank you to Larry & Donna Kunkel (50# tomatoes, zucchini), Mr. Scheele and the FLS Garden (67# tomatoes, peppers, green beans), Tina & Kenny Fillbrandt (apples), Brenda Birkholz (apples), and Jackie Busse (huge cabbage). We have preserved the extra produce and are looking forward to using it throughout the school year. Here's what we processed so far this summer..... (10) quarts salsa, (5) quarts sliced strawberries, sweet corn (students helped shuck the corn purchased from Seneca), sliced apples, (24) quarts stewed tomatoes with celery/onion/peppers, green beans, cubed & shredded zucchini, diced jalapeno & bell peppers, and diced onions. Thank you to Becky Ostlie for helping blanch, cut, and dice tomatoes, etc. to prepare the preserved chili starter!

**If you have extra produce and would like to help with preserving it, please reach out! Do you have a favorite MN grown food menu item? Share your recipe with us and we'll invite you to lunch that day! We need your ideas!**

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 from whom we can purchase. 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](mailto:eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com). We look forward to continuing this "Good Thing!"

LWML Crow River Conference

# Fall Rally

All are welcome!

## "Why Lutheran Schools are Essential"

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ (Colossians 2:8).

Presented by: Mr. Joel Landskroener, Executive Director, Mayer Lutheran High School

Free to attend!

**St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church**  
124 Maple St. N Lester Prairie, MN

**October 7, 2023**  
Registration and coffee/treats at **9:00 am**  
Program begins at **9:30 am** followed by lunch.

**Please RSVP by 10/2 to Karen Gensmer. Text or voice mail to (320) 583-4419 or email [kmgensmer@yahoo.com](mailto:kmgensmer@yahoo.com)**

Gifts from the Heart: Tied quilts (any size) for Mayer Lutheran Student Mission Trip to Mexico. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Checks payable to LWML Mcleod Zone.

## **MARY MARTHA ALTAR GUILD**

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer at church? The Altar Guild welcomes any interested lady communicant members to join us at any time. No special talents required ~ just a willingness to share your Time, Talents, and Treasures! Our motto of service has remained the same for 70+ years: "Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:40



We prepare the altar, set up for Communion for our church services, and occasionally decorate the church for holidays. We will provide training. You work one month out of the year with 2 or 3 other members; you will never work alone. We meet as a group four times between Sept and May (Sept, Nov, Jan, and May). If you are interested or have questions, please contact Charleen Engelmann, or leave a message with the church office.



Our HOPE & Future  
 Prosperity and Protection  
 "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you." (Jeremiah 29:11b)

All women of the congregation are welcomed to this Bible Study on Monday October 2, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. In today's world we face many difficult challenges including societal changes, civil unrests and increasing murder rates. Thankfully, the world does not determine our outcome. God does! Bring your own Bible or use one in the fellowship center. Copies of the study will be available at no charge. Learn how God, and not the world, plans to prosper and not harm you. Refreshments will be served. There will be a SHORT business meeting. Gloria Hilgers will lead a devotion.

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY** to honorary Lutheran Women in Mission member Mabel Stradtman. A \$5 gift to LWML Mission Grants "mites" has been given in your honor.



**36th Annual Minnesota Lutheran Free Conference**  
 (At a free conference, the speakers are free, free to speak as individuals, not as representatives of a church body.)  
 Saturday, October 28, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
 "Christian Piety: What's a Lutheran to Do?"  
 Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2719 3rd Street, St. Cloud, MN  
 Hosted by Minnesota North Confessional Lutherans and Other Friends and Supporters

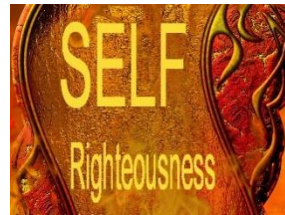
**SPEAKERS:**  
 Rev. Dr. Carl Beckwith, Professor of Historical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fr. Wayne, IN. "Living According to God's Word: Luther's Ordinary Piety for the Christian life," and "Struggling with Blessing & Trial: Luther's Pastoral Insights on the Life of Jacob."

Rev. David Buchs, Pastor, Concordia Lutheran Church, Fairhaven, MN. "Getting Down on One's Knees: Individual Piety & Handing Down the Faith," and "The People Called by Your Name: Corporate Piety & Handing Down the Faith."

**Cost:** \$30/person; \$10/high school or college student (includes coffee, roll, & lunch). Though the fee is not due until you attend, for meal and refreshment planning, please RSVP to

Redeemer on or before Monday, October 23rd: (320)-252-8171 or [office@redeemerstcloud.org](mailto:office@redeemerstcloud.org).

Though Redeemer is the host congregation, it does not plan this conference. A committee of pastors from the MNS and MNN Districts of the LCMS is responsible. Therefore, questions about it are not to be directed to Redeemer or her pastor, but to committee member Rev. John Grein (320) 583-7788 or [johngrein84@gmail.com](mailto:johngrein84@gmail.com)



**Some Bible verses about Self-Righteousness:**

"But you have said in my hearing – I heard the very words – 'I am pure and without sin; I am clean and free from guilt.'" Job 33:8-9

"Do you think this is just? You say, 'I will be cleared by God.'" Job 35:2

Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight. Isaiah 5:21

Indeed, God does not listen to their empty plea; the Almighty pays no attention to it. Job 35:13

Do you see a man who is wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him. Proverbs 26:12

If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. Galatians 6:3

But, "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord." For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends. 2 Corinthians 10:17-18



**NYG MEETING**

We will be having a NYG meeting Sunday October 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Center at FLC. Please be in attendance as we have a fundraiser beginning and need to discuss.



### **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 October, you will hear the following program topics:

Oct 1 "The Way Through the Maze" with Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy. When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out. (Psalm 25:4-5)

Oct 8 "Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!" with Guest Speaker Pastor Keith Habersock. "The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful. (Psalm 23)

Oct 15 "Help the World Rejoice" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Message based on Psalm 81.

Oct 22 "Matching Pace" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Message based on Psalm 96:13.

Oct 29 "Topic To Be Determined" with Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Message information not available in time for newsletter.

### **The Good News of the Gospel on KDUZ in 2024**

We are blessed to have broadcast sponsors for the remaining KDUZ Lutheran Hour broadcasts during October, November, and December of 2023. Thank you for sponsoring the broadcasts during this past year. We are setting up the calendar for 2024. The cost to sponsor a broadcast in 2024 will not change and will remain at \$96.00. We will be sending out letters to congregations, congregation service groups, and past sponsors during October with the broadcast information for 2024. Thank you for your support.

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. Please contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or e-mail richstreufert@embarqmail.com to verify a date to sponsor the broadcast. 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***

### **SENIOR CHOIR**

The First Lutheran Senior Choir is meeting on Wednesday evenings in the church balcony for rehearsal. Practice begins at 6:15 PM and ends at 7:00 PM. The choir sings at about three worship services a month. Returning and new voices are always welcome! Won't you consider being a part of this group for all or part of the church year? To God Alone Be the Glory!



### **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

"Without prayer, we're trapped by the troubles of life; when we pray, God turns those troubles into tools for accomplishing His will." – Robert Morgan



Our outdoor displays have been beautifully updated for Fall! A heartfelt THANK YOU to Dennis Wolter for his continued dedication and the stunning displays!



# thrivent®

✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$349 for FLC and \$28 for FLS. We also received a \$650 donation from a donor-advised fund. Visit ([www.Thrivent.com/choice](http://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](http://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/>

✓ **If you're a Thrivent Member who is interested in sharing Thrivent info and news/Congregational Volunteer for Thrivent, please notify the church office.**

Cindy Eggersgluess – 612-840-6308 / [eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com) – Your Congregational Volunteer

## TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Is the Holy Spirit touching your heart regarding your Time & Talents? Consider helping to rebuild the Technology Committee. A group of 5 to 7 members to address the technological needs of the congregation. The items to consider: Video Services, Radio Broadcasts, Facebook Streaming, Equipment needs of the Church & School. If interested, please contact Pam Ahlbrecht (320-864-4897 evenings).



## WEBSITE – HELP NEEDED

There are many ways you can serve Jesus and others here at FL. One way is to assist with reviewing and keeping the FL website updated. No special knowledge needed - just regular computer skills.....you'll learn things specific to the web site while doing the work. It won't take tons of time, but we're looking for someone who is willing to consistently be available to update weekly bulletins, monthly newsletters, and upcoming events, photos, etc. You'd work as a team with one or two others. If you're interested in helping or learning more, please contact the Church Office.



*"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,"* writes St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians (PHIL. 1:3).



With this same gratitude, we thank the more than 11,000 church workers who serve our Synod with the Word and mercy of Christ. Throughout this month, congregations and schools are encouraged to show their appreciation for all church workers.

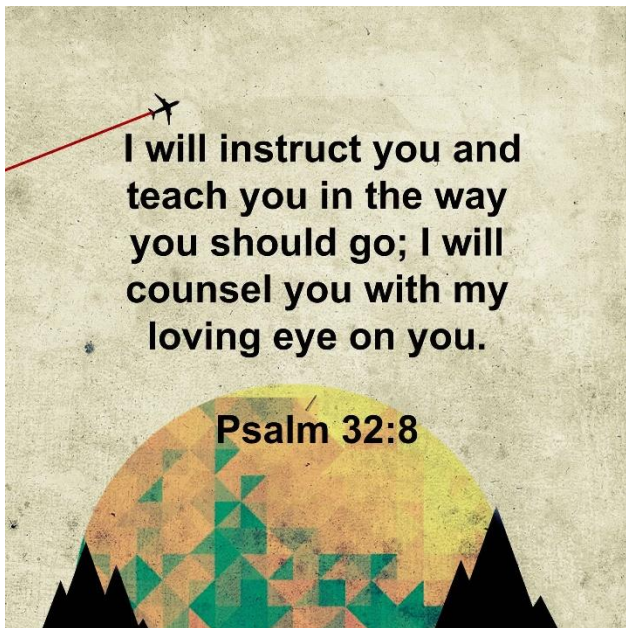


For teachers especially we give thanks, who teach God's Word to our children, dedicate countless hours to the classroom, who love the children of God they teach and who live a life of service to Christ and His church.



For all church workers, from pastors to deaconesses to directors of Christian education, parish music, family life and outreach, who teach God's Word and point us to Christ. Tell them "Thank you!" this month for all they do!

Set Apart to Serve seeks to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, school and entity. Visit [resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve](https://resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve) to learn more.



## Summaries from Our Boards and Committees



### Christian Education Board | September 12<sup>th</sup>

The Board of Christian Education is planning on this year on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm. We are also planning to hopefully start up Fun in the Son, Tweens, and Impact in October, we have some volunteers that have come forward.

### Day School Board | September 15<sup>th</sup>

Students at First Lutheran were welcomed back to school by teachers they've come to know and those who are new to FLS! Fall sports are in full swing with students participating in volleyball, cross country, and soccer. The school marathon will be held on Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> with a fundraising goal of \$20,000 to see three teachers get pie in the face!

### Deacons | September 7<sup>th</sup>

We had discussion about the Synod's recommendation to have a reconciliation Bible Study for the Church Leadership. Will bring to Church Council. Discussed Amending the Articles of Incorporation motion made, seconded, and carried to change wording. Will bring to Church Council and Voters meetings. Received a note suggesting going to 1 Sunday morning Church Service, for the summer of 2024, was discussed, will keep looking into.

### Evangelism Board | September 12<sup>th</sup>

No summary submitted.

### Stewardship Board | September 5<sup>th</sup>

No summary submitted.

### Trustees Board | September 11<sup>th</sup>

Pending voter's approval, the Board of Trustees has accepted a bid from Jet-Black to sealcoat the church parking lot. The board approved the use of the church for a Schuch Family Memorial Blood Drive. A bid was accepted to replace the damper actuator on the boiler in the school building. Tom Bleichner has been hired as the part-time custodian at the North Complex.

### YOUTH EVENTS:



#### Fun and the SON (Grades K-3)

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
3:00-4:30 PM



#### TWEENS (Grades 4-8)

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
3:00 -4:45 PM

REGISTRATIONS DUE Oct 9<sup>th</sup> To church office



## 2023-2024 Financials: AUGUST (YTD)

GENERAL FUND INCOME (August):		<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Envelopes	\$ 121,753.66	\$ 112,220.36
Debt Reduction	1,100.00	745.00
Thrivent "Choice" <i>Member Elections</i>	1,572.00	77.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	4,050.00	50.00
School Tuition	66,668.07	62,629.84
Miscellaneous Income	<u>24,064.16</u>	<u>9,001.62</u>
	\$ 219,207.89	\$ 184,723.82

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (August):		<u>Last Year</u>
Staff	\$ 140,966.10	\$ 141,454.72
Employer Payroll Expenses	341.63	878.51
Buildings	13,945.75	15,259.53
Operations	3,323.51	4,618.50
Interest On Line of Credit	<u>- 0 -</u>	<u>- 0 -</u>
	\$ 158,576.99	\$ 162,211.26

2023-2024 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:		
	\$ 1,857.00	\$ 2,042.00

<b>August 31<sup>st</sup> GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:</b>	(\$ 54,153.11)
<b>Last Year's August 31<sup>st</sup> General Fund Indebtedness:</b>	(\$ 133,588.03)



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PRAYER

**Please Pray For:**

- Our school and church as we partner together to share the love of Jesus to a world that thinks it is not necessary.
- A school year in which students, families, and teachers work together to build loving, lasting relationships with each other and their Lord and Savior.
- A safe hunting season for all of the people who are taking part in this activity.
- Eyes to see the best in people.



**Student Council**

The First Lutheran student council representatives have been voted on. Student council is led by Ms. Payton Lilienthal, the 5-8 Social Studies teacher. Each class from grades 5-8 have two representatives. They are:

5th - Griffin B. and Kinley S.  
 6th - Jaeden E. and Ruby G.  
 7th - Hadley B. and Beau B.  
 8th - Erika G. and Isaiah N.

Throughout the year they will be volunteering in different ways and being advocates from their class to problem solve any issues.

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welcome  
TO THE FAMILY

We would like to offer a warm welcome to our new families! We are so happy that you have chosen First Lutheran School. We pray that all of our students will grow in their faith as they develop a closer relationship with their Savior. If you are a new family please reach out to staff members or "veteran" families if you have questions about anything at school. We are ALWAYS here to help!



It's all happening in the 7th/8th homeroom! Our first homeroom party, Celebrations of Fall, will take place on October 31, 2023, focusing on the provision, sovereignty, and goodness of God. We are loading up the buses on November 30, 2023 and heading to the Guthrie to see A Christmas Carol! HUGE shout out to Mr. Dean Scheele for agreeing to help me continue the tradition of taking our 7th/8th graders to Wolf Ridge - stay tuned for more details on class sessions, dates, volunteer opportunities, and fundraisers.

It is hard to believe that we have been connecting, growing, and learning together for over a month now. It has been great getting to know your students a little more each day. As we move into Fall, may we continue to bring honor and glory to God in all things!  
 - Mrs. Lisa Korthals



\$10,000



\$15,000



\$20,000



LUCKY WINNER

**School Marathon**

The nonpublic school marathon will be held on Friday, Oct. 6th. The purpose of the Marathon is to enable those who support and advocate Nonpublic Education to make a public demonstration of their belief and involvement. Parochial schools and church education programs make a real contribution to the total community. Participants also raise funds in a fun activity for First Lutheran. The pledge drive has already started. This year the majority of the money will be used to improve our new technology needs, as well as purchases of classroom and textbook materials. Last year we raised over \$21,000. As the major incentive this year, if students raise over \$10,000, the school will host a pizza and pool party for all students and their families. AND if they raise over \$15,000 the school will host a lyceum for the students to enjoy AND at \$20,000 three teachers will get pied in the face! Let's see who can garner the most pledges since there are prizes for the top individual students too!!! There will be special recognition for those individuals and businesses donating sums of \$250, \$150, or \$75 amounts.

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*thank you*

- Everyone who is considering a donation for our School Marathon as well as all the people who are soliciting.
- Coborns for collaborating with FLS in their school rewards program.
- The anonymous donors who have contributed to our tuition assistance and lunch funds.
- All the church and community members who support FLS through their time, talents, and financial contributions.
- The coaches and volunteers for our Extracurricular Activities! (4-6 Volleyball, 6-8 Robotics, K-3 Soccer, 3-8 Cross Country).
- The School Board for their often-thankless work of maintaining a quality school.
- Michelle Alsleben for her dedicated effort in the school office as she works hard to make sure many different tasks are accomplished.
- Eric and Candace Stiles for all of their hard work putting on the Golf Tournament! Also to everyone who helped and supported in other ways!
- All of the hardworking men who keep our school in tip top shape!



**REWARDS**

get more, save more.

- Coborns Rewards. Designate rewards to First Lutheran [here](#)



Fall sports are in full swing here at First Lutheran School! We are proud of our amazing, young athletes and how much they have grown so far this season! Our 4/5/6 grade girls, coached by Ms. Flemming, had their first **volleyball** game versus Redeemer Wayzata. They played their hearts out and glorified God! They have a tournament coming up at Emanuel, Hamburg September 30th. Their season wraps up around the end of October. Our **cross country** team, coached by Ms. Lilienthal, has been working hard and continues to show growth at each meet! They have the state meet, held at Mayer Lutheran High School, is on October 7th. Our K-3 grade **soccer** teams are coached by great parent volunteers and Ms. Thiesfeld. Their season has been off to a great start! There has been a lot of improvement from last year to this year! Did you know First Lutheran is the only local Lutheran grade school that has a robotics team? **Robotics** will be starting up here shortly. Our fearless coaches for that are Mike Cisewski and Dan Nikolaisen. We thank them for all of their hard work developing and continuing to run this program! What a blessing it has been to see our programs grow each year! We love to have lots of cheering at our events, so come on out and support our FLS teams this season! We give thanks to God for these athletes, their coaches, and for a fun start to the season! Go Flames! In Christ, Ms. Flemming | FLS A.D.



### Upcoming Events

- October 21 | Fall Fun Festival @ Bob & Gina Schuft's
- October 6 | School Marathon
- October 17 & 18 | Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 19-22 | No school | MEA
- October 28 | Trunk-or-Treat & Wolf Ridge Meal | 4-7pm
- November 22 | Grandparents Day



### Golf Tournament Recap

A huge thank you to Candace and Eric Stiles for their hard work in putting on the 3rd Annual Golf Tournament! We had 19 teams come out and join us golfing. A fun day was had at the Glencoe Golf Course raising funds for First Lutheran School as we continue to make it a thriving school where Christ is honored and spiritual and academic growth are our main priorities. Together, they raised over \$6,000 for First Lutheran. What a blessing! Mark your calendars for next year, September 7th, 2024 for the 4th Annual Golf Tournament, held at the Glencoe Golf Course! We would love to have more families come out and enjoy a beautiful day of golfing, fellowship, and fun while helping out First Lutheran!

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# October 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1  </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion <i>(Senior Choir)</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - Fellowship: Altar Guild</p> <p>9:15 AM - Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM - Divine Service</p>	<p>2  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying</p> <p>6:30 PM - Trustees</p> <p>7:00 PM - LWML</p> <p><i>Pastor's Conference @ Lakeville</i></p>	<p>3  </p> <p>4:45 PM - Stewardship</p> <p>6:30 PM - Day School</p> <p>6:30 PM - Evangelism</p> <p><i>Pastor's Conference @ Lakeville</i></p>	<p>4  </p> <p>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation</p> <p>6:15 PM - Senior Choir 🎵</p>	<p>5  </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel <i>(Pastor Welch)</i></p> <p>7:00 PM - Deacons</p>	<p>6  </p> <p>12:35 PM - FLS Marathon</p> 	<p>7  </p>
<p>8  </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service</p> <p>9:00 AM - Fellowship: Altar Guild</p> <p>9:15 AM - Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion <i>(FLS Grades 5-8 sing)</i></p>	<p>9  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying</p> 	<p>10  </p> <p>9:30 AM - GlenFields</p> <p>3:15 PM - Staff Meeting (CPS)</p> <p>4:45 PM - Stewardship</p> <p>6:00 PM - Christian Ed</p>	<p>11  </p> <p>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation</p> <p>6:15 PM - Senior Choir 🎵</p>	<p>12  </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel <i>(Megan Polzin)</i></p> <p>2:00 PM - Grand Meadows</p> <p>7:00 PM - Cemetery Board</p>	<p>13  </p>	<p>14  </p>
<p>15  </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion <i>(Senior Choir)</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - Fellowship: Choir</p> <p>9:15 AM - Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM - Divine Service</p> <p>1:00 PM - GlenFields</p>	<p>16  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying</p>	<p>17  </p>  <p>3:00 - 4:30 PM - <i>Fun and the Sun</i></p> <p>7:00 PM - Men's Network Bible Study @ Plato</p> <p><i>FLS Parent/Teacher Conferences</i></p>	<p>18  </p> <p>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation</p> <p>6:15 PM - Senior Choir 🎵</p> <p><i>FLS Parent/Teacher Conferences</i></p>	<p>19  </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel <i>(Ms. Flemming)</i></p> <p>7:00 PM - Church Council</p> <p><i>FLS - No School</i></p>	<p>20  </p> <p><i>FLS - No School</i></p>	<p>21  </p> <p>4:30 PM - Hayride @ Schuff Family Farm</p> 
<p>22  </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service</p> <p>9:00 AM - Fellowship: Deacons/Elders</p> <p>9:15 AM - Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion</p>	<p>23  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying</p>	<p>24  </p>  <p>3:00 - 4:45 PM - <i>TWEENS</i></p> <p>7:00 PM - First Edition Book Club</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation</p> <p>6:15 PM - Senior Choir 🎵</p>	<p>26  </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel <i>(Ted Stroming)</i></p>  <p>Red Cross Blood Drive In Memory of Judy Schuch</p>	<p>27  </p>	<p>28  </p> <p>4:00 - 7:00 PM - TRUNK or TREAT</p> 
<p>29  </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service Divine w/Communion <i>(Senior Choir)</i></p> <p>9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN</p> <p>9:15 AM - Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion <i>(Senior Choir)</i></p>	<p>30  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying</p> <p>6:00 PM - Endowment-Finance Committee</p>	<p>31  </p> <p>11 AM to 12:30 PM - Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center</p>  <p>Happy Halloween</p>	<p>Church Contacts: 925 13th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 5522 <a href="mailto:office@1stglencoe.org">office@1stglencoe.org</a></p>	<p>School Contacts: 1015 14th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 3317 <a href="mailto:mthiesfeld@1stglencoe.org">mthiesfeld@1stglencoe.org</a> Principal: Ms. Thiesfeld</p>	<p>Deb Tessmer 320-510-0268</p> <p>Molly Streu 612-716-0848</p> <p>Amy Welch 320-864-2753</p> 	
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