

"Knee-High by the Fourth of July!"

That's the old benchmark of growth for field corn. Most years that standard is met here in the Glencoe area, even during a very warm, dry summer like the one we've just had.

So, here's a question: Would we be satisfied if the corn were still knee-high come Labor Day? Of course not. In the same way, we must never be satisfied with thinking we've already grown enough in our faith in Jesus Christ. It's just the opposite, we are to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)

When the apostle Peter writes these words in the very last verse of his second and final letter the word "grow" that he uses is a command word, an imperative. It is not a request and it is not optional. What's more, in the original Greek language it says for us to be "continually growing" in the grace and knowledge of Christ. In other words, never stop.

No matter how big or small, old or young we are, God wants us to grow and keep on growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. He has so many blessings to give to us and He doesn't want our sinful desires to stunt our growth. This is why He says to grow in the grace and knowledge that is ours in Christ. And it's all a gift. Grace is "God's Riches At Christ's Expense." We have the forgiveness of all of our sins, eternal life with Christ in heaven, and so much more given to us free of charge. The knowledge of Christ that Peter also talks about comes to us as we continue to study, read, and hear God's holy Word. 'Keep growing in that knowledge and grace,' is God's command to us.

As we enter into the Fall season, we have many opportunities to do this growing here at First Lutheran through Bible studies, Sunday School, Catechism (Confirmation) classes, youth Bible studies, devotional materials located on the welcome stands at church, and more. What a blessing we've been given through our Church and through our Day School to help us to continue to grow in our faith.

We live in an ever-changing world, and not all of that change is for the better. Thankfully we have as our Savior, the changeless Christ who is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) to guide us. So please join us this as we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as God's family!

We pray: "O Lord, come to me, and strengthen me through Your Word, that I may grow in Your grace and knowledge and proclaim Your glory forever. 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 September 3

8:00 AM – Joel Goche / Brian Grochow
10:30 AM – Jason Oelfke / Jon Lemke

Sunday September 10

8:00 AM – Mike Cisewski / Lee Terlinden
10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen / Fritz Schulz

Sunday September 17

8:00 AM – Dean Dahlke / Doug Dahlke
10:30 AM – Fritz Schulz / Warren Willcox

Sunday September 24

8:00 AM – Mike Cisewski / Mark Schmidt
10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen / David Sell

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



Sunday September 3

8:00 AM –
10:30 AM –

Sunday September 10

8:00 AM – Kyler Pokornowski
10:30 AM – Jordon O'Dell

Sunday September 17

8:00 AM – Nolan Vinkemeier
10:30 AM – Isaiah Nikolaisen

Sunday September 24

8:00 AM – Nolan Vinkemeier
10:30 AM – Jordon O'Dell

LWML 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!



ANGEL SEEDS

Angel Seed offerings for the months of July, August, and September are designated for Matongo Lutheran Theological Seminary in Kenya, Africa. The seminary is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) which is in full altar and pulpit fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS.) Rev. Vance Becker, former pastor here at First Evangelical, is currently serving as missionary-teacher at the seminary where pastors, evangelists, and deaconesses from several countries in east Africa are trained.

The Lutheran Church in Africa is growing. They love to worship boldly with expressive singing and processions. They love for their worship leaders and choirs to wear colorful robes and vestments.

Our own First Ev. Lutheran recently donated our no-longer-used choir gowns to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, who produces and distributes quality printed materials and other worship items in a variety of languages throughout the world. They are currently requesting choir robes. We asked if ours could go to the seminary where Pastor Becker teaches. The answer was a definite "no." Their collection is going to Sudan, Africa to be distributed to Lutheran groups in South Sudan. There is no way (no roads) to get them from the ocean port in Sudan to Pastor Becker's Matongo Seminary in Kenya.

Our "Angel Seed" money will be used to purchase brand new, tailor-made choir gowns from a local tailor in a near-by town for the Matongo Lutheran Theological Seminary. This tailor recently made a high-quality vestment/robe for Pastor Becker at a cost of \$30. They need about 35-40 gowns for their choir. Our goal is to send \$1200.

If you want to be a part of this project, mark the amount of your gift in the "Angel Seed" blank of your regular offering envelope for the months of July, August, and September. Or you may drop off a check at the church office. God bless us as we help enhance the worship at Matongo Lutheran Theological Seminary in Africa!



Please Mark Your Calendars: Important Information for Confirmation

Confirmation Classes are just around the corner! The first day of class is set for Wednesday, September 20th. Public School Confirmation Classes for Grades 5 through 8 will be right after school from 3:30-4:45 PM. First Lutheran School Confirmation Classes will be during the school day on Wednesdays.

A Mandatory Parent/Student Teacher Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM at First Lutheran Church. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please notify the church office. More information will be forthcoming to the families of confirmation students.

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 2023 Endowment-Finance Committee – Wayne Ahlbrecht, Joyce Aul, Becky Edwards, Cindy Eggersgluess, Roger Gronholz, and Ryan Orloff.



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.



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.



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. It is for children Age 5 through Grade 6. Your child does not have to be a member of FLS to participate. The morning (6:30-7:35 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: 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.

GLENCOE CONCERT ASSOCIATION



The Glencoe Concert Association kicks off its 2023-2024 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.

FLAMES BOOSTER CLUB

The Flames Booster Club is an organization of parents with the goal to encourage enthusiastic support and interest in First Lutheran School, to contribute to the advancement and needs of all programs at the school, and to lend support to the staff faculty at the school. We have supported various programs by funding areas that cannot be fully covered by the school. We provide additional support to all programs at First Lutheran School through volunteerism and financial support.



Flames Booster Club is **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** and has various ways for members of the congregation and parents to get involved. If interested please send a Fast Direct message to Flames Boosters or reach out to one of the following Booster members, Taylor Bernstein, Mindy Dressel, Allison Grochow, Shauna Gruber, Sarah LaMott, Stephanie Lewin, Micky Neubarth, Amy Edwards, Candace Stiles, Annika Schafer, or Molly Schiller.

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.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



Our Hope and Future A Bible Study of Jeremiah 29:11-12 Monday, September 11, 2023 | 7:00 PM

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."

This Bible Study presents the question: Are you concerned about the future? This study helps us gain insight by replacing the worries of the world with God's truth and reassurance. Discover God's plans for a life of hope, faith and support in Him.

All women of the congregation are welcomed to join us in this four-part series during the regular meeting time of Lutheran Women in Mission. The study is written and produced by LWML. You will receive a printed copy of the study when you come. It's also available on-line at LWML resources if you want to preview it. There is no charge for this Bible Study.

We will begin with part 1 "God's Plans" on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. The following 3 lessons are "Prosperity and Protection," "Hope and a Future," and "Call Upon the Name of the Lord." Each lesson follows the previous theme, but each one can also stand as a lesson on its own. You don't have to come to all four. Refreshments will be served.

If you do not regularly attend these Bible Studies, a reply to the church office is appreciated but not mandatory. Just so we know about how many refreshments to prepare! Please come. Bring a friend.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY to honorary Lutheran Women in Mission members Serena Stradtman, Eldonna Soeffker, Anita Thiesfeld, Darlene Matuska. A \$5 gift to LWML Mission Grants (mites) has been given in honor of each of you.



Some Bible verses about COMFORT



God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Psalm 46: 1-3

I have told you these things so that you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:2. (What is the "horn" of salvation? In ancient Israel, a horned animal was a symbol of strength.)

For He has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help. Psalm 22:24

MARY MARTHA ALTAR GUILD



The Mary Martha 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 Engemann or leave a message with the church office.



It was a beautiful evening at Target Field for our community outing to cheer on the MN Twins for Lutheran Night on August 15th. Our group of (57) had a wonderful time and several participated in singing the National Anthem with the Lutheran choir. We won 5-3 over Detroit...and even saw a grand-slam home run! Thank you to the Thrivent Action Team program and all who joined in this fun outing!

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 September, you will hear the following program topics:



September 3 "Entryway" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence. (Psalm 26:8)

September 10 "Not Just a Formality" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality. (Psalm 32)

September 17 "The Problem of Praise" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Message based on Psalm 103.

September 24 "High Ground" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Message based on Psalm 27.

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 September thru November of 2023. We need one sponsor for December 24. Please contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or e-mail richstreufert@embarqmail.com to sponsor the December 24 broadcast.

The cost for sponsoring a broadcast during 2023 is \$96.00. We have not yet received information for the 2024 broadcast costs. 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

"THE CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR" OUTDOOR SIGNS"

Does your church have a "The Church of the Lutheran Hour" exterior outdoor sign? At the end of each KDUZ Lutheran Hour radio broadcast listeners are invited to attend a "Church of the Lutheran Hour" in their area for services. Does your church have an existing sign which needs to be upgraded, repainted, or replaced? If you do not have a sign, would your



congregation be interested and like to help install a new sign on your property? The Lutheran Hour Ministries Glencoe Zone is getting quotes for new signs and developing ideas to raise funds for new signs or for upgrading / replacing existing signs and would

like to hear from you (the congregations) in the KDUZ Radio listening area. The goal would be to have all the information together and funds raised for a proposed spring 2024 project installation. A list of interested congregations is needed for putting together a project budget.

Please call Mike Wilmsen (507) 380-4430, Doyle Benson (320) 583-7695, Carl Belz (612) 242-5188 or Rich Streufert (320) 864-6884 by September 30 with questions and to include your congregation in the project. Thanks!

POLKA SERVICE

It has been an ongoing annual tradition to host Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers at First Ev. Lutheran Church. From year to year, members eagerly anticipate the polka service.



We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to the members of our congregation for their generous contributions. This event would not be possible without your support and generosity!

We ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution to ensure that this tradition continues for years to come! You can do so by noting "Polka Service" and the dollar amount on your offering envelope, mailing a check to the church office, or making a payment online via the website www.firstglencoe.org. Please contact Becky Edwards in the church office with any questions.

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.



FLS GARDEN CLUB

We have some parent helpers this year in the garden. Thank you to Jamie and Zach for all their help in the garden. The garden is growing well with potatoes, onions, tomatoes, green beans, peppers, squash, sweet potatoes, and cucumbers. Some green beans have been harvested and frozen for school use. Since it has rained, we could use grass clippings.



√ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$160 for FLC and \$17 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 were able to use (3) Action Teams from our members for the landscaping maintenance updates – THANK YOU Brenda Birkholz, Sandy Boesche, and Ardeen Graupmann!**

√ **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 Danny Gokey Virtual Concert & Interview in honor of Life Insurance Awareness Month. Join Thrivent for a special virtual concert with Grammy nominated singer-songwriter, Danny Gokey. With a journey that began on Season Eight of American Idol, Danny Gokey has won the hearts of millions of fans worldwide. **Don’t miss this free special virtual event full of encouragement and hope available for 10 days only – from September 1 – September 10th.**

Another upcoming event is Heart for Hunger Gopher Movie Night at Huntington Bank Stadium. Join Thrivent on the home field of the MN Gophers for an outdoor movie showing of **Sonic the Hedgehog** on the stadium’s massive videoboard. Register for your free tickets and invite your friends to enjoy an evening filled with generosity and fun. **Gates open at 6 and the movie begins at 7 PM on September 22.**

Another offered Virtual Event takes place on Tues, Sept 26 at 11 AM and 7 PM. It is Longevity Risk in Retirement: Steps to Retirement Security with Tom Hegna. Will your retirement income last as long as you do? Find out how to plan ahead for income you cannot outlive and care you may eventually need.

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

STORIES OF FAITH

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



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If God could close the lion’s mouth for Daniel, part the Red Sea for Moses, make the sun stand still for Joshua, open the prison doors for Peter, put a baby in Sarah’s arms, and raise Lazarus from the dead.....then He can certainly take care of you. **Have faith in Him.**



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Lori Schiroo for helping with the finishing touches on the school library. Her creative ideas for decorating and making the library comfortable are wonderful and appreciated. The library is functional and super inviting. Thank you to Loren Engelmann for making additional book stands to display even more books. They are in use already and add a special touch to the library.

Thank you volunteers for helping with a variety of classroom items. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Joanne Samuelson, Joan Wandrei, Miriam Randt, Yvonne Schuette, Lois Tritz, RaNay Lentsch, Lori Schiroo, Becky Edwards, Travis Uecker, Andy Danielson, and LuAnn Schimdt. Thank you to all the people who are praying for my recovery. Linda Donnay

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. Last month, we received some new equipment (freezer/cooler) that we purchased (50/50 match) under the AGRI Equipment grant program.

In August, we sliced and froze apples for upcoming school lunches. Does anyone have any extra garden produce?...we would be happy to freeze it and use it during the school year. Our first Homegrown meal for the school year will happen in mid-September – we're planning on tacos featuring home-made shells, local ground beef, and fresh tomatoes and onions. Students will also enjoy fresh apples and pears from Shimanski Orchard. Happily, we were able to find a source for some Delicata Squash; we're looking forward to see how the students like them! Doesn't that all sound healthy and delicious!

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 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 eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com. We look forward to continuing this "Good Thing!"

VOTERS' MEETING

A Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on Monday, September 25th at 7:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Center. All First Ev. Lutheran Church members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend.



This is an opportunity for our congregation members to be heard, please prayerfully consider attending this and all Voters' Assemblies. YOU, the "Voters" have the final say after recommendations come through the Boards and Church Council.

Because all of the Staff, Boards, and Committees report their activities, it's an excellent way for everyone to keep in touch with our Congregation's happenings. Look for the Agenda Packets and the Annual Report to be on the entry stands on September 17th.



SEPT
24TH

BINGO & BAKE SALE

2 PM-
3 PM

The Board of Evangelism would like to invite you to join us for a fun afternoon of BINGO in the Church Fellowship Center from 2pm-3pm on Sunday, September 24, 2023. BINGO is FREE to play, but we will be accepting free-will donations. Winners will get their choice of a candy prize. Free-will donations will also be accepted for bake sale items we will have available. You can choose to enjoy these items while we play or to bring them home with you after the games are finished. We look forward to seeing you, your family, and friends on Sunday, September 24th, 2023.

STUCCO REPAIRS

At the May Voters' assembly, it was approved to accept a bid from Legacy Stucco, LLC in Delano to repair the stucco on the exterior building at the south campus. Repairs began in mid-August and were wrapped up just in time for school to start. We encourage you to drive by and check it out if you haven't already done so!



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.

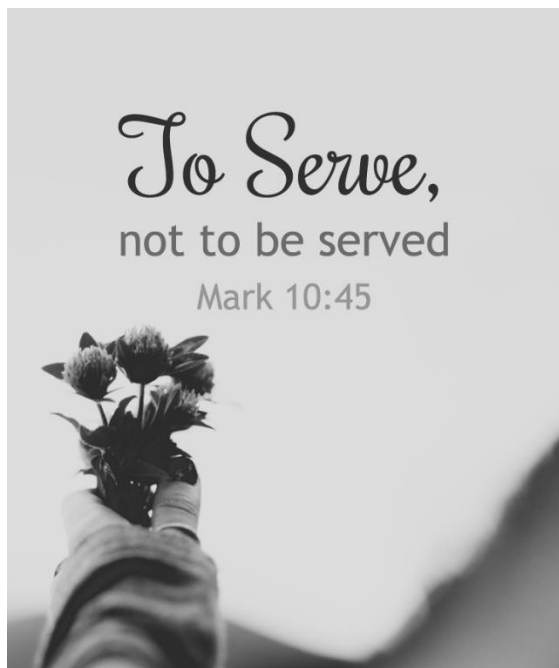


The items to consider:

- Video Services
- Radio Broadcasts
- Facebook Streaming
- Equipment needs of the Church & School

Members' talents could be directly related to the use of this equipment and/or how it's used. Also, their abilities to research these processes for update and financing.

If interested, please contact Pam Ahlbrecht (320-864-4897 evenings). Thank you for your consideration.



Summaries from Our Boards and Committees



Church Council | August 17th

No Summary Submitted

Christian Education Board | August 8th

The Board of Christian Education is getting ready for the start of Sunday School. Education Sunday is September 10th which will be the day of the annual Sunday School Carnival. The first day of Sunday School will be September 24th. The Sunday School offerings will be going to Heifer International again this year.

Day School Board | August 8th

The Board of Education will be serving root beer floats following the Blessing of the backpacks 10:30 service on August 27. Teachers are busy preparing classrooms now that all summer cleaning is finished. Updates will be made to the security cameras at the north campus. Amy Welch will be the 6th grade teacher and a 1st grade teacher is currently pending. Many great things are happening at FLS.

Board of Deacons | August 3rd

No Summary Submitted

Board of Evangelism | August 8th

No Summary Submitted

Board of Stewardship | August 1st

No Summary Submitted

Board of Trustees | August 7th

Interviews were conducted for the Church Secretary position. Jamiee Johnson was hired and started her duties on August 21st. Advertisements have been posted for a part-time custodial position at First Lutheran School. Bids were reviewed for sealcoating the church parking lot. More information was given to the board on the proposed musical park at the school playground. If approved, it would be paid for by grants and fundraising.

September, 2023

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"

Upcoming Events

- **September 1-4** | No school | Labor Day
- **September 6** | Parent Information Night | 5:30-7:00
- **September 9** | 3rd Annual Golf Tournament @ Glencoe
- **September 10** | Education Sunday | K-8 Sing in church at 10:30
- **September 13** | Picture Day
- **October 6** | School Marathon

Thank you

- All the parents and families who have made the commitment to bring up their children in a God pleasing way by having them attend FLS. Proverbs 22:6
- Michelle Alsleben for handling most of the new family inquiries, processing lunch funds, dealing with state DHS and hot lunch requirements (including workshops and piles of paperwork) and the multitude of other demands that fall on a school secretary.
- The teachers who have worked tirelessly preparing for the upcoming school year.
- The staff at church who make the entire First Lutheran operation run smoothly.
- Loren Engelmann & Gary Schauer (and his grandson) for his hard work fixing things and other maintenance around the school.
- Andy, Matt, and Travis who have worked hard to wax the floors and prepare the school for students.



Please Pray For:

- Our school and church as we partner together to share the love of Jesus in a world that thinks it is not necessary.
- Appropriate weather that the crops and gardens might flourish, and the harvest might be plentiful.
- A school year in which students, families, and teachers work together to build loving, lasting relationships with each other and their Lord and Savior.
- Our teachers and staff as they prepare for the year, that they may lean into the Word for a Christ-centered classroom.



Maui

Our first trimester chapel offerings will be going to the LCMS Hawaii District as they work diligently to clean up the mess from the fires that destroyed much of Maui. We know that at the end of the day, God is still good! Students will continue to hear more about how the one LCMS church in Maui is trying to get back on their feet after much of their church building is destroyed. We are the church, a building is just our meeting place.



School Lunch

Lunch & Breakfast:

K-8: Free

Milk: \$0.40 @ 20 for \$8

Seconds: \$1.25 @ 20 for \$25

Adult: \$4

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

eighth GRADE

Things are off to a great start for our 7th/8th graders! It is only the first week of school and we are already growing and learning together. This year we will focus our Literature readings and ELA writings on how we can impact our world for Christ; to this end, we will complete a variety of service assignments and projects. A highlight of our year will be reading *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens and taking a field trip to the Guthrie Theatre to see their performance of this timeless tale of repentance and redemption. Stay tuned to the 7/8th grade monthly newsletter *The Vine* for all of our updates, service projects, and celebrations! May God dwell in our minds, hearts, and souls as we journey together this year!

-Mrs. Lisa Korthals

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"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



Flames of Faith Extended Care is a before and after school program for your school aged child to attend. After school, the students do homework, enjoy a snack, and play with friends while still being immersed in a Christian setting. If you have any questions about the program, please reach out to the director, Madi Mathews | 320-298-2546

You're Invited!

Parent Informational Night

Our Parent Informational Night will be on Wednesday September 6, from 5:30-7:00 PM in your child's homeroom classroom. During this time, teachers will be going over classroom expectations, important parent notes, and so much more! We ask that at least one parent from each family attends this event. Teachers will have 3 different sectionals, each lasting approximately 20 minutes:

- 5:30-6:00
- 6:00-6:30
- 6:30-7:00

During each sectional time in the Fellowship Center, I will also be having a presentation on First Lutheran School expectations and important information regarding our school year. This event is to set each child up for success in the classrooms and answer lots of parent questions so that we can all have a blessed and successful school year, Connected through Christ!

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Security & Doors

For safety and liability reasons, doors will be locked during the school day. If you need to get into the north building and the day has started please ring the Doorbell and someone will open up the door for you. In the south building (PS-Grade 2) the open door will be the front entrance by the church office (south side). All parents and visitors should check in at the office before proceeding to classrooms. Students will not be able to get into the north building until 7:45 am or when buses arrive.



Fishing with the Principal

At the end of each year, one lucky student gets picked to go Fishing with the Principal! How do they get their names in the hat you may ask? If a student has perfect church Attendance for the WHOLE school year, their name is put in the hat 10 times. All other students get their name put in the hat once. Although students hear the Word of God every day in their classrooms, attending church as a family is strongly encouraged. This is one way that we can continue to nurture spiritual growth at First Lutheran.



Connected

Our theme for the upcoming school year is "Connected". This theme is picked by Lutheran School Ministry and is used at Lutheran Schools all over the world. Our chapels and National Lutheran Schools Week will all revolve around the Bible Verse: John 15:1-5. We are excited to continue to hear about how we are connected through God and to one another.



Most parents, students, and teachers are using our Fast Direct (FD) communication system extensively and have become very familiar with it. Parents can view grades, calendars, lunch accounts, and many other valuable items on our system. The office and most of the teachers send out information via FD. If you are unable to access a computer to view FD, please contact the office ASAP to ensure that all families are receiving this vital information. To update your Fast Direct information or to change your notification settings go to your homepage and click "View/Edit Parent Information" near the top of the page. Once there, you will be able to update all of your information so that in an emergency the teachers or the principal will be able to reference important contact numbers etc.. Thank you!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>ALTAR GUILD WORKERS</p> <p>Kathy Strobel 612-719-3775 Sue Terlinden 510-0488 Julie Willcox 320-864-6589</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>			1	2
	www.firstglencoe.org				<i>FLS - No School</i>	
<p>3 </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service 1:00 PM - GlenFields</p>	<p>4 LABOR DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY LABOR DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>FLS - No School Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>5 </p> <p>4:45 PM - Stewardship 6:30 PM - Evangelism 7:00 PM - Men's Network Bible Study @ Plato</p>	<p>6 </p> <p>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - Salary Review</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Ms. Thiesfeld) 2:00 PM - Grand Meadows 7:00 PM - Deacons</p>	<p>8 </p>	<p>9 </p> <p>10:00 AM - FLS Golf Tournament @ Glencoe Country Club</p>
<p>10 EDUCATION SUNDAY</p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Day School 9:00 AM - Sunday School Carnival 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion (Grades K-8 Sing)</p>	<p>11 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:30 PM - Trustees 7:00 PM - Altar Guild 7:00 PM - LWML 7:00 PM - Lutheran Hour Ministries Glencoe Zone Board</p>	<p>12 </p> <p>9:30 AM - GlenFields 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - Christian Ed</p>	<p>13 </p> <p>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 6:15 PM - Senior Choir 6:30 PM - Day School 7:00 PM - Mandatory Confirmation Meeting Grades 5-8</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>FLS Picture Day</i></p>	<p>14 </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Ms. Lilienthal)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor's circuit- Immanuel Brownton</i></p>	<p>15 </p>	<p>16 </p>
<p>17 </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Stewardship 9:15 AM - Bible Study 10:30 AM - Divine Service</p>	<p>18 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying</p>	<p>19 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - First Edition Book Club</p>	<p>20 </p> <p>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 3:30-4:45 PM - 1st Day of Public School Confirmation 6:15 PM - Senior Choir</p>	<p>21 </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Mrs. Scheele) 7:00 PM - Church Council</p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23 </p>
<p>24 </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Evangelism 9:15 AM - Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 2:00 PM - Grand Meadows 2:00 PM - BINGO @ Fellowship Center</p>	<p>25 </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 7:00 PM - Quarterly Voters Assembly</p>	<p>26 </p> <p>11 AM to 12:30 PM - Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center 1:00 PM - Staff Meeting</p>	<p>27 </p> <p>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Public School Confirmation 6:15 PM - Senior Choir</p>	<p>28 </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Joel Landskroener)</p>	<p>29 </p> <p>11:00 AM - 1:00 PM LWML Salad Luncheon</p>	<p>30 </p>