

**REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – Sunday, November 5th**

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night!

In his book [Holding Up the Prophet's Hand: Supporting Church Workers](#)<sup>1</sup>, Rev. Dr. Bruce Hartung shares his experience with, and knowledge about, congregations going through various types of conflict. Before serving as an Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Dean of Ministerial Formation at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Hartung has served as a counselor, executive director of pastoral counseling centers, director of counseling, and parish pastor. The following are all direct quotes from Dr. Hartung found in chapter one of his book which is titled “Satan’s Strategy”, beginning with this quote from 1 Peter: *“Be sober-minded; be watchful., Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”* (1 Peter 5:8)

–“If I were to create a game plan focused on undermining the work of the Church begun by our Lord Jesus Christ, I would unleash that attack in the following order:

First, I would seek to destroy the significant relationships of church workers, their relationships with their spouses, children, friends, co-workers, parish leaders, congregation members and other church workers. Second, I would work to destroy the relationships of congregation members with one another, isolating them and fracturing community. Third, I would cause the faithful to question their beliefs.

–Armies that hope to fight successfully must be able to identify the enemy. In the same way, it is vital that Christians recognize our enemy and discern his strategy. St. Paul was certainly on target: *“<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.”* (Ephesians 6:10-13)

–Because a church worker’s vocation is to connect people to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, they are exceptionally vulnerable to Satan’s attack.

– A pastor who offers only theological abstractions in his teaching and preaching may not find himself in Satan’s crosshairs. But if that teaching, preaching, and counseling links the Gospel of Christ to his hearers’ lives, then his work poses more of a threat to the satanic game plan. If that pastor grows relationally close to his people, caring for them on a personal as well as a professional level, that threat increases more.

– In short, when church workers do what a congregation calls them to do, that is, integrate their daily leadership tasks with the

Gospel of Jesus Christ they proclaim, they put themselves in a much more dangerous position. Congregations need to understand that we ask our workers to assume a higher risk, spiritually speaking. Understanding it, we must faithfully take up the task of supporting our workers.

–Church workers along with all those who seek to connect the Gospel daily, are by virtue of their vocation, in positions of special vulnerability for satanic attack.

–The power of the Word and Sacraments make the congregation and its leaders targets for special attack.

–When a congregation does the work of the Gospel-proclaiming the Gospel in the human condition- it also places itself in greater danger. Congregations content to focus only on themselves pose less danger to the kingdom of darkness than those who intentionally become more robust in their outreach.

–The general principle, then, holds true for both individuals and congregations: The more we work to connect the Gospel to the lives of individuals, organizations, and our community, the more risk we assume.

–True danger lies in the offhand dismissal of evil.

–Satan’s primary tactic involves influencing the ways people in those congregations, and in the church as a whole, behave toward one another.

–In the Church, Satan disguises himself, using religious language on the lips of some to destroy others, to exert power and control over them, to abuse them.

–Satan is real, and his aim is to destroy the witness of every church worker and every congregation. Dismissing this reality as fanciful, far-fetched, or delusional plays into his plans. Church workers and lay leaders alike make themselves vulnerable to his attacks by forgetting or ignoring this scriptural truth. Having seen again and again the corrosive behaviors of the baptized toward one another, I have no other explanation. Satan is at work”

So, what can we do? In addition, to being on guard against Satan’s tactics, we must - each of us- humble ourselves before God and repent of all of our sins. Then, in trusting faith, we go and hear the soothing words of Christ’s forgiveness for us spoken in the Divine Service, where God also strengthens our faith in Him through His powerful Word. The Lord is faithful and has promised never to leave or forsake us. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

What’s more, as God’s forgiven children we are to be forgiving of one another and we are to build up our fellow believers. As St. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:11: “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

Staying humble and staying faithful to God’s Word, we build a united front against the attacks of our great common enemy, the devil, and we are then able to do the work the Lord has given us

to do, which is telling the Good News about Jesus to all peoples. (Matthew 28:19-20)

I would like to close with these uplifting words for us from Philippians 4: 4-7: <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Amen!

~In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch

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<sup>1</sup> Hartung, Bruce M. “Chapter 1.” *Holding up the Prophet’s Hand: Supporting Church Workers*, Concordia Pub. House, St. Louis, MO, 2011



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



- Sunday, Nov. 5** 8:00 AM – Brian Grochow / Doug Dahlke  
10:30 AM – Roger Schmidt / Lars Ide
- Sunday, Nov. 12** 8:00 AM – Warren Willcox / Joel Goche  
10:30 AM – Mark Schmidt / Joel Goche
- Sunday, Nov. 19** 8:00 AM – Mike Cisewski / Mark Schmidt  
10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen / Jason Oelfke
- Wed., Nov. 22** 7:00 PM – Brian Grochow / Warren Willcox
- Thurs., Nov. 23** 9:00 AM – Lee Terlinden / Dennis Wolter
- Sunday, Nov. 26** 8:00 AM – Joel Goche / Lee Terlinden  
10:30 AM –
- Wed., Nov. 29** 7:00 PM – Lars Ide / Mark Schmidt

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



- Sunday, Nov. 5** 8:00 AM – Erika G. / Ivanna S.  
10:30 AM – Bradley Sullivan
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**Poinsettia Fundraiser**  
2025 LCMS Youth Gathering Group

<p>6" Poinsettia: \$15.00.</p> <p>October 24th-November 13th</p> <p>Pick Up Date: November 30th</p>	<p>Colors available: -Red</p> <p>Available for purchase: In between services October 30th, November 6th, &amp; November 13th, in the office, or by a youth attending</p> <p>Make checks to: FLC NYG</p>
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## Celebrate All Saints Day



Sunday, November 5th is All Saints' Sunday, a time to celebrate all the faithful who are now in heaven. At First Lutheran, we remember the loved ones of our families who have passed away during the

past 12 months. Each of the following names will be read during the worship services:

Darlean Brinkman 10/20/22  
 Edwin Brelje 10/22/22  
 Elroy Bargmann 11/7/22  
 Jane Bauer 12/18/22  
 Judy Schuch 11/17/22  
 Rhodella Engelmann 1/6/23  
 Ralph Bulau 1/21/23  
 Harold Kunkel 2/14/23  
 Duane Stuewe 2/21/23  
 Maynard Zebell 4/3/23  
 Evelyn Dittmer 5/3/23  
 Bernice Wolter 7/27/23  
 Betty Mahnke 8/25/23  
 Duane Klaustermeier 9/24/23  
 Norman Grack 9/15/23  
 Marianne Breyer 9/18/23  
 Jeri Ring 9/18/23  
 Janet Brelje 9/20/23

## ANGEL SEEDS

Concordia Theological Seminary has been selected as the Angel Seeds recipient for donations received from October through December.



The CTSFW Student Adoption Program provides additional financial assistance to needy students and allows students to correspond with their specific donors. Many end up borrowing and incur debt as they pursue the vocation of pastor or deaconess. To help ease this burden our future servants face, the Student Adoption Program was established to help connect donors directly with students in need.

By participating in the CTSFW Student Adoption Program you will not only gain first-hand awareness of the realities and struggles of our students, but you'll help offset some part of their expenses, enabling them to focus more fully on the studies to which God has called them. Your support will encourage and sustain them throughout their seminary journey.

Thank you for prayerfully considering donating to this important mission endeavor!

Dear friends at First Lutheran,  
 We have received your special donation of \$1468 Angel Seed money. What a wonderful gift! Thank you to the "angels" of First Lutheran and especially to the choir for initiating this. The original plan was to use it to purchase gowns for the choir, but, because of another unexpected donation by way of other missionaries here, not all of it will be needed for that. With your approval, here is our plan for using the money. Part will be used for bookshelves for hymnals. Because of increased enrollment at our sister teacher's college, which worships with us on Sundays, we need to double our number of hymnals to 250. Part will be used to allow the choir to accept invitations to travel to sing at area churches. This is a good thing to do but coming up with any more than \$1 each to pay for transportation is very difficult for our students. We expect that there will be enough left to pay for an electronic piano for the choir loft in the new chapel which is now under construction. God's blessings to all you are doing there.

Rev. Vance Becker



## Altar Guild

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity to help at church? The Altar Guild can use your Time, Talent, and Treasures! We welcome all new members to join.



We will provide training. You work one month out of the year with 2 other members. If interested in serving the church through helping to prepare the altar, occasionally decorate the church for holidays, and set up for Communion for our church services, please contact Deb Tessmer or the church office. Instead of our normal November meeting, we will be decorating the Sanctuary on Giving Tuesday (Nov. 29), beginning at 5 PM.

We encourage members of the congregation to join the Altar Guild at any time. If you see us working after the worship services, we invite you to join us and see what we are up to.

## The Cemetery Board

The FL Church Cemetery Board is accepting bids for lawn mowing, weed spraying, and fertilizing at the First Lutheran Church Cemetery for the 2023 calendar year. The bid should include



mowing, trimming, and blowing off headstones before five major holidays: (Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4th of July and Labor Day). In addition, please include pricing for spring and fall spraying, as well as spring fertilizing. A copy of liability insurance and applicator's license should be included with the bid. Sealed bids will be accepted until December 31st and should be submitted to the church 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](http://www.firstglencoe.org)

## Men's Network

"That which has been is what will be, That which is done is what will be done, And there is nothing new under the sun.

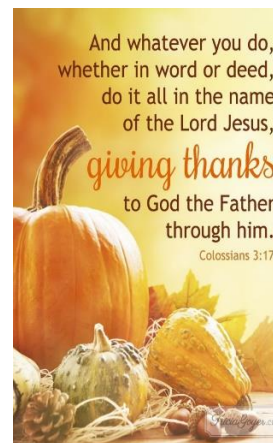
Ecclesiastes 1:9

Our Lord Jesus Christ has guided His Church throughout all of history protecting it from the assaults of the devil and the world. Come join the Men's Network every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at St John's in Plato as we look back at how Christianity has overcome in times of political and social turmoil, plague and famine, as well as false teachers within and outside of the Church.



## Edition Book Club

First Lutheran Book club will meet on Tuesday, November 28 in the seating area outside of the church office at 7:00PM. The group will discuss the book " Maggie" by author Charles Martin. This is book two in a two book series. First Lutheran book club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.



## Thanksgiving Blessings Bags

**For the Mcleod County Food Shelf**

We are collecting the specific food items mentioned to be able to bless families with a the ability to have a Thanksgiving meal!

**Things needed:**

- Boxed Stuffing
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Gravy
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Cake and Frosting

\*Checks should be made to FLC\*

**We need the donations by: November 6th!**

**We will be packing them during the Sunday School hour on November 13th!**

Bring your donations to the Church office by November 5<sup>th</sup>.



**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 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 on down the list until you reach a person or the end of the chain. (NEW MEMBERS ARE NEEDED IF THE PHONE CHAIN IS TO CONTINUE)

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.

### **Giving Tuesday Service Project – 1:30 PM Transforming Plastic Bags into Sleeping Mats**

Join together for a service project to reuse plastic bags and craft them into sleeping mats for Orphan Grain Train, a recognized service organization of LCMS. This is a wonderful project (both women and men welcomed) to combine creativity, talents, and labor to help individuals in need! The mats will be distributed into disaster areas for use as sleeping mats. **Please bring or drop off your excess plastic shopping bags (like those from grocery stores).** Direction will be provided - there will be bag straightening, folding, cutting (need some to bring scissors), looping, and crocheting (need some to bring crochet hook). There will be a task for everyone! Refreshments will be provided!

### **Bible Verses for Farmers (and the rest of us)**

The farmer knows just what to do, for God has given him understanding. . . the Lord of Heaven’s Armies is a wonderful teacher and He gives the farmer great wisdom. Isaiah 28:26, 29.

I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. Jeremiah 29:11.

May God give you of heaven’s dew and of earth’s richness – an abundance of grain and new wine. Genesis 27:28.



Have you stopped to admire the Fall decorations and beautiful mums as you walk into First Lutheran Church? Thank you, once again, to Dennis Wolter for spearheading beautifying our church entrance areas. Thank you also to Tammy & Kevin Mathews for the pumpkins, Jason Neubarth for the flowers, and Thrivent Action Team monies designated by Dennis Wolter and Barry Boesche. Please take a moment to enjoy these beautiful displays!

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

# #GIVING TUESDAY

## Giving Tuesday is Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

GIVING TUESDAY is a global-giving movement that bring millions of people together to support and champion the causes in which they believe and the communities in which they live. We have two days designated for shopping and getting deals – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. GIVING TUESDAY follows and is now on the annual calendar as the opening day of the “giving season.”

Every act of generosity counts, and each means even more when we give together. Everyone has something to give. You can give time or expertise, monetary donations large or small, simple acts of kindness, food, or clothing.

At First Lutheran, we will offer a variety of ways that you might participate on Tuesday, Nov 28<sup>th</sup>. You may have questions or some other ideas, too. Let us know, call Cindy at 612-840-6308. We welcome your suggestions!

### ANYTIME .....

1. Work on a “crafty” or “tasty” donation for the LWML/Quilting Group Dec 2nd Sale.
2. Drop off a new pair of “undies” or socks” (any size, age or gender) and we’ll donate to Orphan Grain Train.
3. Sponsor Milk Break for an FLS student – cost is 40 cents daily and roughly \$8 per month, Any size donation is welcome!
4. Become a Volunteer Driver in Glencoe for Meals on Wheels. Contact 864-5728 for schedule and details.
5. Sign up to be a Salvation Red Kettle Bell Ringer this Holiday Season. Contact Annette at 864-5231 or text 320-510-3006.

### SCHEDULED EVENTS.....

6. 7:30 – 10:00 AM - Browse books at the FLS Book Fair. Volunteers will be on hand to help you make your purchase.
7. Stop by anytime for coffee – Enjoy Fellowship & Give Friendship!
8. 10:30 AM - Help write Christmas cards to our shut-ins and Veterans. We’ll provide the supplies. We’ll

begin work at 10:30 AM and go until about 12:30. (FLS students will be supplying Christmas coloring page)

9. Noon to 3 PM - STOP BY COBORNS and make a contribution to the Salvation Army Red Kettle. FLS Students will be ringing the bells from Noon until 3 PM!
10. 1:00 PM - Join (or watch) the Quilters in action! They start quilting at 1 PM.
11. 1:30 PM – Service Project - Transform Plastic Bags into Sleeping Mats – both women & men welcome!
12. 5:00 PM – Altar Guild Members will be Christmas decorating!
13. 6:00 PM – Help stuff envelopes for Keep It Happening mailing AND Package Candy Canes for Christmas distribution.

### SCHEDULED EVENTS.....**YOU MUST SIGN-UP (612-840-6308) TO PARTICIPATE so we can count on you coming!**

14. 10:45 AM – Read to the Preschool Class
15. 2:40 PM – Read to the Kindergarten Class
16. 1:05 PM - Read to the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class
17. 1:30 PM – Read to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class
18. 11:00 AM – Read to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class
19. 12:35 AM – Read to the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

### TBD (time yet to be determined) EVENTS....(If interested, please call Cindy at 612-840-6308. We’ll then coordinate and set the time.)

20. Wipe/clean chairs in the Fellowship area.
21. Wipe/clean pews in the Sanctuary.

### ALL DAY.....

22. Make a monetary donation to the FLC Cemetery Association. You might:
  - Drop off a check or cash at the church office (Note – if anyone would like to make a donation challenge, please contact Cindy)
  - Give through your electronic device using the Vanco Mobile Access app
  - Donate via the Giving Button on our website – [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org)

**Will you tell others about Giving  
Tuesday at First Lutheran? Spread the  
word!  
Refreshments will be provided for all  
Volunteers!**





**Lutheran Women in Mission**

Lutheran Women in Mission LWML will meet Monday Nov. 6 at 2:30 p.m. This is an important meeting. Mission donation recipients will be selected. We will continue the Jeremiah Bible Study "I Know the Plans I Have for You." You don't have to be a member to attend these Bible Studies – all women of the congregation are welcomed. Lesson guides are provided. Refreshments will be served.

On September 29, 2023 , the LWML of First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glencoe, MN held a community Salad Luncheon. Profits raised went for far away and at home missions proclaiming Christ-crucified.

Pictured are LWML Members L to R: Sharel Hoops, Yvonne Schuette, Sharon Schauer, Gloria Hilgers, Ronny Schuft, Birdie Stuewe, Glenda Schuft, Miriam Randt, Joyce Schiroo, Noreen Schuette, Charleen Engelmann, Rosie Karg



**First Lutheran Church**  
**Craft, Quilt, Brunch & Bake Sale**  
 Sat, Dec 2nd  
 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Beverage & Pastry - \$5  
 Coffee Only - Free Will Donation  
 Brunch - Egg Bake, Fruit, Pastry, Juice, Coffee - \$10

Sponsored by Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) & First Lutheran Quilters

First Ev. Lutheran Church  
 925 13th St., Glencoe  
 www.firstglencoe.org

**Bell Ringers Needed!**



The Salvation Army is in need of Red Kettle Bell Ringers. Businesses and individuals are welcome. Ringing continues to Dec 24<sup>th</sup>.

Shifts are 2 hours. Bell ringing is at Coborn's or Dollar Fresh. All donations stay in McLeod County. To ring, contact Annette at 320-864-5231 or 320-510-3006 text only.

## **SENIOR CHOIR**

The First Lutheran Senior Choir meets 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!



## **Garden Bounty**

Thank you to everyone who shared their Garden Bounty this season. This sharing is a wonderful Blessing to many!



**Lutheran Social Services** Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is seeking volunteers age 18 and older to provide a break for family caregivers. Share your skills and talents, meet new people and make a positive impact in your community by giving a few hours weekly. No prior experience required, and training is provided. Learn More 866.787.9802 or [lssmn.org/volunteer/caregiver](http://lssmn.org/volunteer/caregiver)

## **QUILTING MINISTRY**

The Quilting Ministry at First Ev. Lutheran Church in Glencoe, MN meets several afternoons each week. Quilts/proceeds are donated to various organizations. They are currently working on projects for the upcoming sale on December 2<sup>nd</sup> – be sure to come and see all that's available!



Pictured L to R: Lucille Kraemer, Linda Duenow, Sharel Hoops, Ardeen Graupmann, Joyce Schiroo, Madrienne Weber, Sharon Gerde, Ida Rutske, Joanne Samuelson. Missing from the photo are: Linda Ranzau, Doris Jungclaus, Pat Bartels

## **DONATE SOCKS & UNDIES – ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**



We are collecting NEW underwear and socks for Orphan Grain Train to send to needy people. Men's, women's, boy's, and girl's – all sizes are needed. Simply drop your donation off in the box located in the South Entrance. Please also pray for those who will receive these gifts of undies and socks.

Donations will be accepted until November 28th



## **THANK YOU!**

The Board of Evangelism would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Bob & Gina

Schufft and family once again for hosting the First Lutheran Church & School hayride! We had a good turn out of about 60 children and adults! Thanks to all those who ventured out to the Schufft farm to enjoy family, friends, and farm fun!







Recovering from surgery? Homebound? Difficult to shop? Just can't cook for yourself? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, Meals on Wheels may be for you!

Volunteer drivers deliver nutritious, well-balanced hot meals for lunch Monday – Friday.

Each meal consists of a cooked meat; potato, rice or pasta; a vegetable; bread; butter; salad; and dessert. Special diet meals are also available.

Meals may be free, at a reduced cost, or for a free-will offering. Please call 320-864-5728 for more information and details. If answered by voicemail, leave a message and your call will be returned.

### **Meals on Wheels - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Drivers are needed to deliver lunchtime Meals on Wheels in Glencoe. If you have one or more hours each month to help, please call 320-864-5728.

### **FREE Healthy Meals Available**

Thanks to a grant from Second Harvest Heartland and the MN Dept of Ag, LSS (Lutheran Social Services) is providing free community meals.



#### **Who is Eligible?**

Anyone who is 60 years or older and in need of nutrition can receive bundles of ten meals at each pick-up event on a first-come, first-served basis. You can also pick up meals for others in your household. The pick-up location is the Glencoe location of MEFS.

#### **About the Meals**

The homestyle meals are produced at a local LSS Meals kitchen and individually portioned with a balance of proteins, carbs, and spices to taste great. They will be sealed and given out in reusable bags.

Contact Lennie Albers at the Food Shelf for future distribution dates and times – 864-2088. It's simple and easy – great access to (10) healthy meals each month!



The **Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting** will be held on **Monday, November 27th 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.

Full agendas and meeting packets can be picked up from any of the entrance stands starting Sunday, November 19, 2022.



October 26 blood drive results.

We had a fantastic turn out!

Here's the stats:

**We beat our goal for the drive!**

**35 units collected:**

**\*15% of individuals were first time blood donors**

**\*11% of donors hit a milestone (milestones are measured by gallon)**

Thank you and everyone who helped make this event a success and for the use of the Fellowship hall for this great community event. We had this drive in memory of our mom, Judy Schuch, we know she would be smiling for all the individuals who donated blood to save lives. One blood donation can save up to 3 lives.



## **Summaries from Our Boards and Committees**

### **Deacons Board | October 5<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, needs to be addressed soon. We discussed going to 1 Sunday morning Church Service, for the summer months of 2024, after receiving this request last month and with a month to think about and get input, it was decided to keep with 2 Services. Getting the word out October is Church Worker Appreciation Month, members have many ways to show their appreciation to all our Church Workers here at First Ev. Lutheran. Had a request from Altar Guild to look at their Constitution, By-Laws.

### **Evangelism Board | October 3**

Betty Witthus summarized the October 3 2023 meeting. Hayride coming up on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Robert & Gina Schuff's farm. Hayride starting at 4:30 with hot dog roast following. Greeters list and substitutes have been distributed. Thanksgiving Blessing Bags for Food Shelf cutoff on November 5<sup>th</sup> to allow time to get the items to the Food Shelf for distribution. A motion was made by Ryan Ortloff, seconded by Kari Nikolaisen, motion passed.

### **Day School Board | October 3**

Principal Thiesfeld summarized the October 3, 2023 Day School Board meeting. The Marathon was held Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> raising \$16,000.00, which did end up a bit short of their goal to raise \$20,000.00. Recommend adding a 9:00 a.m. FLS children's Christmas program in addition to the 7:00 p.m. Nuvera was at school today, October 19<sup>th</sup> to get the school computers internet switched over to high speed. Tuition aide (FLS & FLC) was designated at \$30,675.00 for the 2023-2-24 school year. \$28,301.00 was awarded to FLS students for 2023-2024 school year. \$2,374.00 will be carried over to be issued into the 2024-25 academic year. \$27,238.82 was paid from the FLS checking account. The two new drinking fountains with filters at FLS have been delivered and are being installed. A motion was made by Betty Witthus, seconded by Cindy Matthews, motion passed.

**Christian Ed Board | October 10** Cindy Mathews summarized the October 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Trunk of Treat is set for Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a German meal fundraiser that day as well from 5-7 for the Wolf Ridge trip for FLS 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Students wanting to attend the National Youth Gathering can do three service projects in the church and get a \$50.00 credit towards their NYG fund. The Board also approved putting \$1,000.00 a year towards the NYG fund for chaperones. They agreed to put \$2,000.00 towards that fund this year, since last year's \$1,000.00 was not used. Motion was made by Kari Nikolaisen, seconded by Ryan Ortloff to approve the minutes, motion passed.

### **Stewardship Board | October 3**

Sue Betsinger summarized the October 3, 2023 meeting. Church Worker Appreciation Luncheon on November 19 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Mailing of the offering envelopes will change in 2024, members will receive six mailings of offering envelopes. A motion was made by Dave Aul, seconded by Kari Nikolaisen, motion passed.

### **Trustees Board | October 2**

New security cameras are currently being installed. Nuvera will be updating the internet service during MEA break. The Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Business Manager Becky Edwards. The board sincerely thanks Becky for her hard work and dedication to First Lutheran Church and School. Applications will be accepted for the position through October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Church Council | October 19**

Slate of Candidates from the 2023 Nominating Committee is due at the November 16<sup>th</sup> Church Council Meeting.

December Church Council date is December 21<sup>st</sup>, thoughts on cancelling the meeting being it is so close to Christmas.

Self-Study/Pastor Call Committee reported waiting on the By-Laws Committee to get the changes made and filed.

DCE Call Committee reported they will be meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2024.

The Marathon was held Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> raising \$16,000.00 a bit short of the goal to raise \$20,000.00. Recommend adding a 9:00 a.m. FLS children's Christmas program in addition to the 7:00 p.m. Nuvera was at school today, October 19<sup>th</sup> to get the school internet switched over to highspeed internet. Tuition aide (FLS & FLC) was designated at \$30,675.00 for the 2023-2-24 school year. \$28,301.00 was awarded to FLS students for 2023-2024 school year. \$2,374.00 will be carried over to be issued into the 2024-25 academic year. \$27,238.82 was paid from the FLS checking account. The two new drinking fountains with filters at FLS have been delivered and are being installed at FLS

The roof leaking issues going forward will be handled by Gary Schauer and one tech from the roofing company to keep a better handle on the repairs (what has been done and what needs to be done).

Pastor Welch has been added to the hiring committee for the Business Manager position interviews, etc. The church secretary will work all day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with flexible hours on Monday and Tuesday as needed.

November, 2023



- October 28 | Trunk-or-Treat | 4-7
- October 28 | Wolf Ridge Meal | 5-7pm
- November 22 | Grandparents/VIP Day | Dismissal at 11:30ish (no lunch)
- November 23-26 | No School | Thanksgiving Break
- December 1 | End of First Trimester | Early Release
- December 6 | 3rd-8th Choral Service | 7:00 p.m.
- December 20 | Christmas Program | 7:00 p.m. (pre-service music 6:30)

*thank you*

- Everyone who was involved in the school marathon: cookie donators, walkers, pledgers. Thank you!!
- Cindy Eggersgluess for all of her hard work and preparation for our Home Grown meals at lunch!
- The Glencoe Fire Department for giving presentations to our students during fire prevention week.
- Cindy Litzau, Linda Becker, and Lori Ehrke for presenting the Minneapolis Institute of Arts "Art Adventure" to our K-8 students during the month of October. The students said it was awesome!
- To Coborns for their generous donation of \$1,156.42 to FLS!
- To Christian Ed for putting on the Trunk or Treat event!
- To the parents who partner with 7th & 8th graders as they fundraise for Wolf Ridge.

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### Chapel Offerings

We are partnering with the Northwest LCMS district and sending our offerings to Emmanuel Lutheran in Maui, Hawaii as they continue to help those that have been affected by the wildfires.



### 6th Grade

November already? It's hard to believe! In 6th Grade we have had a busy start to the school year. In Religion we are learning the Bible stories of the Old Testament, starting with Creation and continuing to Joseph, Moses, and Samson. For Memory we have been learning selected Bible Verses, which has been going well.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe is the book which we have been reading for Literature class. We learn two vocabulary words for each chapter, in addition to concepts such as character development and conflict, setting, mood, and summarizing. After this book, our plan is to read Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief.

For Art we have been focusing on using the mediums of colored pencil, markers, and oil pastels. Next we plan to use chalk. Through these mediums we are expanding our knowledge of line design, texture, warm vs. cool colors, and perspective. For next trimester we will be exploring art through different mediums such as yarn, straws, and wire.

In Math we have learned about concepts such as order of operations, prime factorization, exponents, factor pairs, greatest common factor, and least common multiple. We are now enhancing our math skills through practice of multiplying and dividing fractions.

Science is another fun class for us in which we have been learning about classifying living organisms, plants, cells, and animal systems. Some labs we have enjoyed doing are leaf gathering and making comparisons and classifying objects.

Some of our other subject areas include Spanish, Minnesota History, Social Studies, Health, and Physical Education, Music, and Choir. These classes are taught by Mrs. Korthals, Ms. Lilienthal, and Mrs. Eng.

Additional classes with Mrs. Welch include Social Emotional Learning and Life Skills. For Life Skills we are learning American Sign Language.

In the midst of all this busyness we are working on getting along together as a 6th grade class and being respectful of God, Other Adults, Each Other, and Property. Through it, God is working with us and helping us learn to be the best version of ourselves we can be. -Mrs. Welch

### Please Pray For:

- Teachers and other staff as we teach the faith every day.
- All church workers that their words and their works might bear good fruit.
- Our students, that they may be the best version of themselves.
- A safe hunting season for all of the people who are taking part in this activity.
- Eyes to see the best in people.
- For the Sent to Serve initiative through the LCMS - that more children would be called to ministry as a Pastor, DCE, Deaconess, Teacher, etc.

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### Christmas Card Sales

Christmas Card sales have started. Christmas cards, everyday cards, inspirational greeting cards and notes, planning calendars, and other items can be ordered from a student attending First Lutheran School or the church office. This fundraiser will last until Friday, Nov. 3. Online ordering is also available [via this link](#) (ID is 787589). Delivery is expected before Thanksgiving. Please consider purchasing these items to help raise funds for our school. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Scheele at 320-296-0188.



### 7&8 Pizza Sales

FLS 7th & 8th Grade students will be selling ready to bake at home Unhinged Pizzas and other food items in November. Pizzas can be picked up at church. A date is still TBD. The funds raised will go for their class trip to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in February. Please help support their trip to Wolf Ridge. Watch for students selling pizzas between services at church on Sundays in November or call the school office; 320-864-3317. An order form will also be available in the Church Office. -Mrs. Korthals



**\$10,000**



**\$15,000**

### School Marathon - \$16,077.00

WOW! Thank you to everyone who helped support our school marathon! We were just shy of our goal this year, with a total of \$16,077.00. The students earned a free Pizza and Pool Party Night hosted at the GSL pool (a date is still being determined). In addition, First Lutheran School will be hosting a lyceum that will be picked out by our teachers. We praise God for all of the donations that were made to First Lutheran School where we continue to nurture spiritual and academic growth. Majority of the money raised will be used for upkeep on our technology, to purchase textbooks to stay up-to-date in curriculum, and various classroom needs.

Congratulations to our top 5 families: Ivanna S., Isaiah and Phoebe N., Eleanor H., Kyler and Ayla P., Riley, Camden, and Lauren L., and Oscar, Annabelle, Milo, and Walter F.!

The following are premier medal donors:

**Gold (\$250):** Bruce & Monica Freberg, Will & Caitlin Freberg, Brian & Irene Grochow, Matt & Shauna Gruber, Ken & Shirley Krienke, LeRoy & Sylvia Lewin, Bob & Sue Neid, Ryan & Micky Neubarth, Dan & Kari Nikolaisen, Justin & Danielle Petterson, Steve & Sue Plath, Chad & Jennifer Pokornowski, Doug & Flavia Schultz, Travis & Jessie Stradtman

**Silver (\$150):** Aaron Anderson, Leonard & Carrie Donnay, Mitch & Amy Bargmann, Nick & Erica Fehlandt, Grant & Allison Grochow, Kent Krienke, Brady & Sarah LaMott, Dale & Ardyce Nikolaisen, Chris & Lisa Thole, Gerald & Terri Wiblemo, Dave & Betty Witthus, Dean & Janel Zimmerman, Nate & Marie Zimmerman

**Bronze (\$75):** Aaron Anderson, Jim & Kandy Barthel, Aaron & Jackie Busse, Loren & Julie Busse, Gracie Castille, David Cohrs, Lauren Cox, Nancy Cox, Neal & Sue DeMars, Mike & Mindy Dressel, Brody & Amy Edwards, Paul & Renee Edwards, Greg & Cindy Ettl, Julie Fehlandt, Michael & Brooke Freund, Chuck & Lana Goff, Dave & Missy Goff, Jose & Juanita Gomez, Melanie Grack, Chris & Becky Graf, Matt & Jackie Graf, Jared & Kristen Heldt, Derek and Stephanie Lewin, Lisa Lewin. Bill & Karen Mackenthun, Tim & Anna Mackenthun, Zach & Jamie Peterson, Erik & Andrea Plath, Jim & Jan Plath, Roger & Kim Pokornowski, Antonio Ramos, Mark and Suzanne Reinert, Brent & Laura Schmalz, Cheryl Schmalz, Mark & Lisa Strobel, Rachel Strobel, Eeva Traxler, Eric Villnow, Paul Villnow, Stephen & Brea Wiblemo, Warren & Julie Willcox, Monte & Debora Wood, Ryan & Molly Zimmerman



### Grandparents/VIP Day

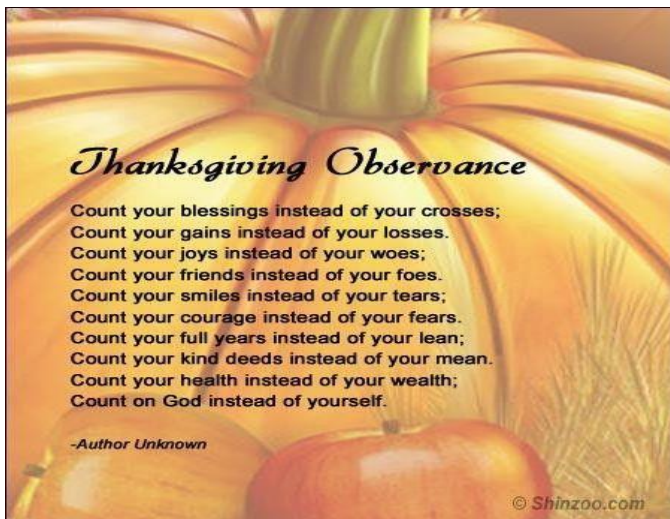
Grandparents and VIP (Very Important Person) Day will be held on Wednesday, November 22nd. Students and their guests will start the day with chapel at 8:10 and participate in various activities throughout the day. There will NOT be lunch. Students are encouraged to go out to lunch with their grandparents. More information will be provided shortly!

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## The Complete Thanksgiving/Advent/Midweek/Events Schedule

<b>WED., NOV. 22</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Thanksgiving Worship – Communion
<b>THURS., NOV. 23</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Thanksgiving Worship – Communion
<b>WED., NOV. 29</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Advent Worship Service with Holy Communion
<b>SAT., DEC. 2</b>	<b>9:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b>	Quilt & Craft Sale (sponsored by FLC Quilting Ladies) Bake Sale (sponsored by FLC LWML) Lunch (sponsored by FLC LWML)
<b>WED., DEC. 6</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Advent Worship Service w/ Choral Concert
<b>WED., DEC. 13</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Advent Worship Service
<b>WED., DEC. 20</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	First Lutheran School Children’s Christmas Service (Pre-K – Gr. 8)
<b>SUN., DEC. 24</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	Service of Song and Praise
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
<b>MON., DEC. 25</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Christmas Day Worship –with Holy Communion
<b>SUN., DEC. 31</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	New Year’s Eve Worship with Holy Communion



**JOIN OUR TEAM:** We're seeking friendly, dependable, and highly motivated individuals with good communication skills and attention to detail for 2 positions serving in our church office.



Business Administrator and Secretary positions are open.

For more information, please contact us via email and send your resume to: [lesahueser@gmail.com](mailto:lesahueser@gmail.com)



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SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>5</b>   All Saint's Sunday <b>8:00 AM</b> - Divine Service w/Communion (Senior Choir) <b>9:00 AM</b> - Fellowship: OPEN <b>9:15 AM</b> - Bible Study & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> - Divine Service	<b>6</b>   <b>1:00 PM</b> - Quilt Tying <b>2:30 PM</b> - LWML (Vote) <b>6:30 PM</b> - Trustees	<b>7</b>   <b>3:00 - 4:30 PM</b> - Fun and the Son <b>6:00 PM</b> - DCE Call Committee <b>6:30 PM</b> - Day School <b>6:30 PM</b> - Evangelism Election Day	<b>8</b>   <b>10:00 AM</b> - Staff Meeting <b>3:30-4:45 PM</b> - Public School Confirmation <b>6:15 PM</b> - Senior Choir	<b>9</b>   <b>8:10 AM</b> - FLS Chapel (Carmel) <b>9:00 AM</b> Pastors Circuit Meeting @ St. John Cedar Mills	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>12</b>   <b>8:00 AM</b> - Divine Service <b>9:00 AM</b> - Fellowship: OPEN <b>9:15 AM</b> - Bible Study & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> - Divine Service w/Communion <b>1:00 PM</b> - GlenFields	<b>13</b>   <b>1:00 PM</b> - Quilt Tying <b>7:00 PM</b> - Altar Guild	<b>14</b>   <b>9:30 AM</b> - GlenFields <b>6:00 PM</b> - Christian Ed	<b>15</b>   <b>10:00 AM</b> - Staff Meeting <b>3:30-4:45 PM</b> - Public School Confirmation <b>6:15 PM</b> - Senior Choir	<b>16</b>   <b>8:10 AM</b> - FLS Chapel (Linda E.) <b>7:00 PM</b> - Church Council	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	Veteran's Day
<b>19</b>   <b>8:00 AM</b> - Divine Service w/Communion (Senior Choir) <b>9:00 AM</b> - Fellowship: OPEN <b>9:15 AM</b> - Bible Study & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> - Divine Service	<b>20</b>   <b>1:00 PM</b> - Quilt Tying	<b>21</b>   <b>3:00 - 4:30 PM</b> - Fun and the Son <b>7:00 PM</b> - Men's Network @ Plato	<b>22</b> Grandparents Day <b>8:10 AM</b> - FLS Chapel (Mackenzie) <b>10:00 AM</b> - Staff Meeting <b>11:30 AM</b> - FLS Dismissal <b>3:30-4:45 PM</b> - PS Confirmation <b>6:00 PM</b> - Senior Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> - Thanksgiving Eve Service (Senior Choir Sings)	<b>23</b>   <b>No School</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Thanksgiving Service  THANKSGIVING DAY	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b>   <b>8:00 AM</b> - Divine Service <b>9:00 AM</b> - Fellowship: OPEN <b>9:15 AM</b> - Bible Study & Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> - Divine Service w/Communion	<b>27</b>   <b>1:00 PM</b> - Quilt Tying <b>7:00 PM</b> - Voters Assembly	<b>28</b>   <b>11 AM to 12:30 PM</b> - Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center <b>7:00 PM</b> - First Edition Book Club	<b>29</b>   <b>10:00 AM</b> - Staff Meeting <b>3:30-4:45 PM</b> - Public School Confirmation <b>6:00 PM</b> - Senior Choir <b>7:00 PM</b> - Advent Service				