

Wounds Now Healed- Jesus and Yours

Wounds. We all have them. Some of us are battling terrible physical trials. Even if the wounds you carry around are *not* physical ones, they drain the life out of you just the same. Rejection can be a terrible wound. You try hard to be accepted by people at school or by someone you like or by the person you married or by your own parents or by your children. When you want to be accepted and appreciated, rejection can cut deep. Sometimes we feel pressure to do things we know we shouldn't do. Peer pressure at school, the pressure of job security or making commission—pressure leaves its mark. Even worse, at times we wound ourselves. We cut ourselves away from God when we let the little temptations lead us down dangerous paths. There are many things that cut us down in this world.

Whatever your wounds are, look to Easter. On the first Easter morning, out of a tomb walks One who suffered the deadliest of wounds. With several fatal wounds, Jesus should have stayed dead, but He came out of the tomb. He came out of the tomb to be back in the world where we need Him most.

Jesus rose from the grave which means our sin is atoned for, the devil is defeated, and death is overcome in victory! The wounds He endured on Good Friday are healed forever.

Easter isn't just a then-and-there event. Easter happened almost two thousand years ago, and it comes to you today. Jesus' resurrection is here for you now. Jesus overcame all His wounds so that He may bring healing to *yours*.

Through His powerful Word and Sacraments, Jesus comes to be with you so that you know that no matter what wounds you suffer, no matter what disasters come your way, no matter what pain and suffering you bring on others or on yourself, you have One Who is with you Who overcomes all wounds.

Through His Word and Sacraments, Jesus will always come to us until the Last Day, when He will empty every grave.

*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	Mar. 3	8:00 AM- Joel Goche / Doug Dahlke 10:30 AM- Dan Nikolaisen / Brian Grochow
~ Wed.	Mar. 6	2:00 PM- Dean Scheele / Roger Schmidt 7:00 PM- Jon Lemke / Lars Ide
~ Sunday	Mar. 10	8:00 AM- Brian Grochow / Mike Cisewski 10:30 AM- Tim Schauer / Dean Dahlke
~ Wed.	Mar. 13	2:00 PM- Dean Scheele / Brian Grochow 7:00 PM- Jon Lemke / Dennis Wolter
~ Sunday	Mar. 17	8:00 AM- Joel Goche / Mark Schmidt 10:30 AM- Dan Nikolaisen / Justin Petterson
~ Wed.	Mar. 20	2:00 PM- Brian Grochow / Kermit Terlinden 7:00 PM- Dennis Wolter / Dean Dahlke
~ Palm ~ Sunday	Mar. 24	8:00 AM- Dean Scheele / Fritz Schulz 10:30 AM- Dan Nikolaisen / Justin Petterson
~ Maundy ~ Thursday	Mar. 28	2:00 PM- Mark Schmidt / Kermit Terlinden 7:00 PM- Brian Grochow / Jason Oelfke
~ Good ~ Friday	Mar. 29	2:00 PM- Jason Oelfke / Kermit Terlinden 7:00 PM- Tim Schauer / Doug Dahlke
~ Easter ~ Sunday	Mar. 31	6:30 AM- Mike Cisewski / Jon Lemke 8:00 AM- Jason Oelfke / Doug Dahlke 9:15 AM- Tim Schauer / Dean Dahlke 10:30 AM- Will Freberg / Kermit Terlinden

**Schedule and Sermon Plan for the Remaining Special Lenten,
Holy Week, and Easter Services:
Wednesday Lenten Services, 2:00 and 7:00 PM**

- 3/6 **Midweek of Lent 3:** "Grieving for Joseph" Amos 6:6
- 3/13 **Midweek of Lent 4:** "Locust Here, Locusts There, Locusts Seem to Be Everywhere" Amos 7:1-6
- 3/20 **Midweek of Lent 5:** "Lion Alert!" Amos 7:10-17

Holy Week Services 2:00 and 7:00 PM

- 3/28 **Maundy (Holy) Thursday:** "The Taste Test" Amos 8:11-14
- 3/29 **Good Friday:** "Buried!" Amos 9:1-6

Easter Services 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, and 10:30 AM

- 3/31 **The Resurrection of Our Lord:** "Come to the Feast" Amos 9:11-15



Easter Lilies

The Mary Martha Altar Guild will again order lilies for the Easter worship service. Would you like to purchase a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, person, or group? Acknowledgements of these donations will be made in the Easter bulletin notes.

Sign-up tables for the lilies will be available Sundays starting February 18th and Wednesdays before & after services. Members will be available to assist with sign up.

The cost will be \$11 per lily. Contact Cheryl Scheidt at 864-3356 jcscheidt68@gmail.com with any questions.

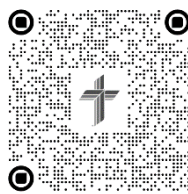
FROM THE DCE DESK...

John recorded in his gospel once when Jesus had asked the twelve if they wanted to leave (like some of the other followers were doing) and Peter responded by saying “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (6:68b). I can’t wait to meet Peter in heaven. From what I know of him by reading about him in the Bible, he was either spot-on or batting a thousand, and not frequently anywhere in the middle. This time—spot-on and that made me wonder...when we, as parents, face hard times concerning the rearing of our children, where do we turn? I propose we take a hint from Peter and boldly state, “Lord, You have the words of eternal life, we will reorient ourselves (and therefore our families), toward You through the Word and Sacraments You have so graciously given us this side of heaven!”

Wouldn’t that be great?! It’s true too, the Word that God has revealed to us is a 66-book library of the best resources. We have examples of people who have done it right—we can imitate them. We also have prime examples of what not to do! When we take our God-given vocations as parents seriously, we are in the Word. After all, He has provided it for us to learn from and it is literally the words of eternal life!

When we hit bumps in the parenting road concerning specific problems facing current teens or kiddos we often assume there isn’t anything in the Bible to help guide us. After all, what did David know about TikTok or Insta? Paul didn’t mention Snapchat in any of the epistles I’ve read. The fact is though, when we are in the Word consistently, God is reforming and shaping us into being the types of people He wants us to be. This process of being made more and more holy over time is called sanctification—it’s a painful growing process through which the Holy Spirit molds us to be more Christ-like, more fruitful (yes, you know, “be fruitful and multiply”). Because of all this, the Bible is the best book on parenting there ever was or ever will be. The living Word of God prepares us and equips us to desire the gifts offered in the Divine Service. The Holy Scriptures prompt us to seek out the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation offered at the communion rail in the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. With those powerful gifts, we are the most well-prepared parents the world will ever see; thanks be to God!

Now, I’m not saying the Bible is the *only* parenting resource there is out there—I’m just saying it’s the best. I’m including a couple of links to a few other good ones I’ve found along the way too. Axis is an organization that provides a weekly email called *The Culture Translator*. It is phenomenal to pare down the plethora of information about what current society is bombarding our kiddos with (and it even literally translates their ever-growing vocabulary of made-up words!). From recently released music to movies to pop culture news that our children are hearing about, I consider this source my “weekly presidential parental debriefing” prepping me for conversations to have with my kids. Totally free, this one is definitely worth signing up for!




This next resource is a page within the LCMS website. The Life Library is a stash of varied literature covering topics that will help parents face conflicts within child-rearing with confidence and knowledge. One of the articles, “All those Glowing Rectangles,” has already been printed for you and is available to grab off the ALL-

AGES side of the Youth Cube near the couches! Do you have littles at home? Consider taking a moment to soak in the article, “Holy Mashed Banana Gunk!” for an uplifting read.

Last up for this month is the Families Archives section of the LCMS Resources website. You can quickly find specific resources by using the A-Z tab, grabbing any of the various articles highlighted on the landing page, or going deeper into the Reading & Study section. Parents with children in Confirmation: here you can print off Catechism Memory Cards to help your students stay focused and study, device-free, in the comfort of your home, car, or wherever you may find yourself!



				Your faithful service is what continues to make First Lutheran Church a wonderful place to worship, fellowship and serve together!
Sunday	Mar. 3	8:00 AM – Khloe Petron / Kryptan Wisch	10:30 AM – Jordon O’Dell / Maxwell Johnson	
Wed.	Mar. 6	7:00 PM – Brody Brinkmann		
Sunday	Mar. 10	8:00 AM – Kyler Pokornowski / Jordon O’Dell	10:30 AM – Isaiah Nikolaisen	
Wed.	Mar. 13	7:00 PM – Colton Geib		
Sunday	Mar. 17	8:00 AM – Ivanna Schultz / Khloe Petron	10:30 AM – Kyler Pokornowski / Jordon O’Dell	
Wed.	Mar. 20	7:00 PM – Emma Gildea		
Palm Sunday	Mar. 24	8:00 AM – Kyler Pokornowski / Brody Wendolek	10:30 AM – Ivanna Schultz	
Maundy Thursday	Mar. 28	7:00 PM – Maxwell Johnson		
Good Friday	Mar. 29	7:00 PM – Khloe Petron		
Easter Sunday	Mar. 31	6:30 AM - TBA	8:00 AM – Nolan Vinkemeier / Ivanna Schultz	9:15 AM – Khloe Petron / Colton Geib
			10:30 AM – Bradley Sullivan / Kyler Pokornowski	

ANGEL SEEDS

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



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!



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight savings time is Sunday, March 10th. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead 1 hour before you head to bed on Saturday, March 9th.

17TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

Our school's biggest fundraiser is quickly approaching! The silent auction will be taking place online again from February 24-March 2. Then, on Sunday March 3 the students sing in church with a meal following the service. The boosters and FLS teachers will be serving a pork chop meal with mashed potatoes prepared by our friends at Bumps. Please share this link with your family and friends! Bidding is easier now more than ever when you can do it from the comfort of your own home! <https://www.32auctions.com/fls2024>



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Text \$ (your \$ amount) to 855-976-9619
Give online via www.firstglencoe.org

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Members and Visitors – We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts.

For those who choose to give

IMPORTANT DATES FOR CONFIRMATION



Wednesday, March 6th

– FLS & Public School Confirmation students will be measured for their gowns. It is important that your child wear the shoes he/she is planning to wear the day of Confirmation to

ensure that the gown is the appropriate length.

Wednesday, April 17th – 3:30 PM-4:45 PM Confirmation Practice (All 8th Grade Students) and Confirmation Photography Order Forms will be distributed.

Wednesday, April 24th – 3:30 PM-4:45 PM Confirmation Practice (All 8th Grade Students). 7:00 PM Public Review / Questioning, Confirmation Photographs (Individual & Group) will be taken after.

Sunday April 28th – Confirmation Sunday at 10:30 AM Service

To ensure your prayer request is included in our weekly bulletin notes and the prayers of the church during Sunday worship services, please contact the office by 4:00 PM on Thursdays.



FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB



First Edition Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the lounge area at FLC. The group will discuss the book: "Every Good Work" book 3 and final in the series, by

author Urcelia Teixeira. First Edition book club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S POPCORN SALES

Please help by participating in the 2024 Popcorn Fundraiser. This is an excellent way to support our school! Sales will begin on Friday, March 22nd and continue through Monday, April 8th.



Popcorn orders can be placed with FLS students or in the church office. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran School. Popcorn will be available for pick up late April or early May. Thank you for your support and continuing to make this fundraiser a success!

73RD ANNUAL
**POTATO PANCAKE &
 SAUSAGE DINNER**
 SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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**DINE IN
 OR
 TAKE OUT**

<p>MENU INCLUDES: YOUR CHOICE OF AUTHENTIC GERMAN POTATO PANCAKES OR REGULAR PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, APPLESAUCE, CHEESE & MILK</p>	<p>ADVANCED TICKETS ADULTS: \$14 KIDS (10 & UNDER): \$6 TICKETS @ DOOR: \$15 PURCHASE @ FLC OFFICE & SELECT YOUR DESIRED TIME</p>
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73rd Annual Pancake & Sausage Dinner

The First Lutheran 73rd Annual Pancake & Sausage Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 7 from 9 AM to 1 PM. This is the Sunday after Easter. You'll be able to Dine-In or Take-Out.

The Menu will again include your choice of authentic German potato pancakes, regular pancakes, sausages, applesauce, cheese, and beverage.

Advance Tickets can be purchased for \$14 for Adults and Children under 10 years for \$6. When you purchase your advance tickets, you'll be asked to select your meal time – the choices are 9 AM–10 AM, 10 AM–11 AM, 11 AM–12 PM, or 12 PM–1 PM.

In addition, we will have tickets available at the door at a cost of \$15 for Adults. All take-outs will be at the Adult price.

We are offering Delivery to our members who are homebound. If you would like a meal delivered to your home, please contact the Church Office before April 1st. We will schedule your meal and collect the \$15 at time of delivery. We will also deliver to area Senior and Care Centers.

We are in need of MANY volunteers. It takes about 100 people serving in a variety of capacities to make this event happen. If you're willing to help AGAIN or for the FIRST time, please contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or Laura in the church office.

Spread the word to your family and friends. Posters are being distributed, area churches are being notified, and we will be posting on social media. But we also need YOUR help telling others.

Advance Tickets will be available at the church office or on Palm Sunday or Easter after church services..

This will be the 73rd Annual Pancake & Sausage Meal – quite a tradition that we are blessed to continue.



LIBRARY NEWS

A new addition to our library is "Wildflower Falls" by author, Denise Hunter. If you haven't had a chance, stop by and check out all of the new books that have been added to the book shelves in the sitting area. Donations of new or gently used Christian based books are welcomed and may be left in the church office.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT MN TWINS

Looking forward to summer.....Tickets are reserved for the 6:40 pm game on MONDAY, August 12th against the Kansas City Royals. Seats are located in Section 213 (Home Plate Terrace) at a cost of \$40 each. Bus transportation from First Ev. Lutheran Church in Glencoe will depart at about 4 pm, at a cost of approximately \$15 per person. Please contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com to reserve your spot!



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 Eggsgluess (612) 840-6308 eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com

Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspapers and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote, "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I've heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time.....and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now, and in that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I can't recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this - They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

-submitted



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 March, you will hear the following program topics:

Mar 3 **"Included in Such Company"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company. (Mark 10:13-45)

Mar 10 **"All Bets Are Off"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us. (Mark 11)

Mar 17 **"The Strangest Request"** with Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe](#). God promised to make Abraham the father of many nations through the gift of a son named Isaac. But then God asked Abraham to return that gift in a most shocking way. (Genesis 22:1-14)

Mar 24 **"Repurposed Joy and Junk"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). There are artists who can take old junk and turn it into something new and beautiful. Dr. Michael Zeigler tells how Jesus repurposes both the junk and the joy in our lives. (Mark 14:6)

Mar 31 **"Eucatastrophe"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#) Topic based on Mark 16:6-7.
Thank you for your financial support and prayers. The cost for sponsoring a broadcast is \$96.00. 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 that the Sunday date you would like to sponsor is open before sending a donation.

Checks should be made to "KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast". Send your checks to: KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters, % First Lutheran Church, 925 13th Street E, Glencoe, MN 55336. You will receive a confirmation in the mail with the dedication you will hear at the beginning of the broadcast.

***And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9 ESV***

Dr. Kari Vo, LHM Daily Devotions Author, Guest Speaker MN SOUTH LHM CONVENTION April 13, 2024

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **April 13, 2024** and join the Minnesota South District at their one-day annual convention. St. Michael Lutheran Church in Bloomington (9201 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN) is the host congregation for this year's convention. The guest speaker is Dr. Kari Vo, Theological Editor for

Lutheran Hour Ministries (author of many of LHM's Daily Devotions), with special focus on **Energizing Mission**.

Break-out sessions include presentations by People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO); Rev. Vue Lee, MN South Assistant to the President, Missions; and Chris Bellanger, Interim Director of LINC Twin Cities.

Registration begins at 9:30 am. Convention begins at 10:00 am. Evening Banquet begins at 5:00 pm with the Lutheran Hour® Rally Service starting at 6:30 pm. Lunch \$10 per person. Banquet Dinner \$20 per person. Please make check payable to the Minnesota South LLL District. To register or for questions, please contact: Doyle Benson, Minnesota South LLL District President (320) 583-7695 doylebenson321@gmail.com. Registration deadline is April 1.

Join us for a day of spiritual growth with inspirational presentations to encourage and equip you as partners in His mission.

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.

The February 8th Homegrown lunch featured a cheesy-beef tater tot casserole, a marble cheese stick, pickles, and pumpkin cake. The MN ground beef came from Brownton City Meats, cheese sticks and shredded cheese from Bongards Creameries, pickles from Gedney Pickles in Chaska, eggs from Schultz Farm, and pumpkin frozen last fall from Mrs. Donnay's sister. Did you know that 20 billion pickles are eaten each year in the USA? That averages 6 jars per person! Do you know what they call a bad loser?.....a sour pickle!!!

The February 22nd Homegrown lunch featured a chicken & rice casserole with chicken from Gruber Farms. Five chickens were roasted and then shredded for our casserole. We again featured Gedney pickles (students loved them last time). Our dessert was a Cinnamon Apple Cake made with eggs from Doug Schultz Farm and with apples that Mr. Scheele peeled, diced, and froze last fall. Both Gruber Farms and Schultz farm chickens are free-range and delightful to see roaming around the farms!

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!"



HANDLE ANXIETY WITH A BIT OF LAUGHTER

Dr. Jeffrey Burkart will be the special speaker at the Crow River Conference Lutheran Women in Mission Conference Rally **April 13 at St. John, Winsted**. Dr. Burkart is an engaging, humorous presenter who will teach us how to relieve our anxieties with God's holy Word and a bit of laughter. ALL WOMEN and MEN are welcomed. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.



Happy March Birthday to Lutheran Women in Mission honorary members Frances Downer, Dorothy Rose, and Verda Wittenberg. A \$5 gift in honor of each of you has been sent to LWML Mission Grants "mites."

DESSERT!

Enjoy a dessert and coffee following afternoon Lenten worship.



Lutheran Women in Mission are pleased to welcome you to dessert and coffee following the 2:00 p.m. Lenten worship services beginning Ash Wednesday February 14 and every Wednesday afternoon service through Lent. There will be an LWML mite box at the window for those who wish to donate. The offerings will be for LWML mission grants (also known as "mites.")



Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Prayer Service March 4, 2:30 p.m.

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Timothy 1:2 and 2 Timothy 1:2

At some point you have probably heard a pastor begin his sermon with these three comforting words: **Grace, Mercy, Peace**. The apostle Paul wrote this in both his letters to Timothy and John used it in his second epistle. Our prayer service will focus on these three gracious gifts from God – Grace, Mercy and Peace.

All women of the congregation are welcomed to join us **Monday March 4 at 2:30 p.m.** to pray and sing about Grace, Mercy and Peace. A very short business meeting will follow. Refreshments will

be served. Bring a friend or come by yourself and get to know new friends!

Bible Verses about Patience

Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. James 5:7-8

But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 1 Peter 2:20

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

Let us hope unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

MAT-MAKERS

Tuesday March 12, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday March 26, 1:30 p.m.

PLASTIC BAGS STILL NEEDED!!

The First Evangelical Lutheran MAT-MAKERS are diligently and HAPPILY continuing to craft plastic grocery-type plastic bags into sleeping mats. MORE BAGS ARE NEEDED! Please continue to save your clean, used plastic grocery bags. Put them in the container in the south entry.

You may wish to see how this crafting of bags-into-mats takes place. Please drop in and see how it's done. Mat makers meet at **1:30 p.m. the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of the month in the Fellowship Center.

Skills involved:

- Some smooth the bags
- Others fold the bag into fourths
- Still others cut the bags
- (We take a little break for a short devotion from the book Every Day With the Savior)
- Another group loops the plastic into cording
- Some wind the cording into "plarn." (Plastic + yarn = plarn)
- Finally, crocheters stitch the "plarn" into mats.

We close with a cup of coffee and a little treat. Some of the mat-makers take "bags of bags" to work from home! If you need an outing during the week, please join us. ALL LEVELS OF SKILL are needed. We'll show you how to do it.

The finished mats will be shipped by Orphan Grain Train, a Christian human relief agency, to people who through disaster, misfortune, homeless or any reason are without a place to sleep. It takes approximately 700 bags to make one mat.

Are you sitting in the bar drinking too much? Are you sitting in the casino gambling too much? Are you sitting in the coffee shop gossiping too much? Are sitting in front of the TV doing nothing too much? Consider making a mat!! And consider Jesus' words: Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. Matthew 25:40.



√ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$341 for FLC and \$473 for FLS. We also received a charitable Giving Grant of \$650! (In 2023, we received a grand total of \$10,105 Choice Dollars) Remember that you must designate any remaining 2023 Choice Dollars **before March 31st**. 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! **NOTE – The upcoming Pancake & Sausage Meal is a Thrivent Action Team Event!**

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! This a new year – so all Thrivent members again 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/>

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– Your Congregational Volunteer

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 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 on 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



Summaries From the Boards, Council, and Committees

Church Council | February 15th

The Day School Board was approved for the purchase of a new kitchen counter top griddle. The Board of Evangelism reported in November, 270 pounds of food were collected and donated to McLeod County Food Shelf via the Blessing Bags. Discussed dates for upcoming events; Ladies ParTEA will be on Saturday March 9th, Youth Fundraising/ Tip Night at Unhinged Pizza will be held on Monday, March 11th, The annual Potato Pancake Dinner will take place on Sunday, April 7, a Bingo and Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, April 21st, and Confirmation will be on Sunday, April 28th.

Board of Deacons | February 1st

No Summary Submitted

Board of Trustees | February 5th

The Board of Trustees reviewed the business manager/ office manager job description and options. An ad will be placed to fill the open position. The lower-level fire door between the school and church needs to remain closed at all times. The board discussed installing a motion light in the fellowship center by the security door.

Christian Ed Board | February 13th

No Summary Submitted

Day School | February 6th

National Lutheran Schools week was a great event this year for the students to share in the learning of God's way. Students enjoyed activities including making Valentine cards for the elderly, attended a lyceum at Mayer Lutheran, spent time together with chapel families playing games and reading. 7th and 8th grade students are attending Wolf Ridge learning center Feb. 7-9. Preschool and Kindergarten Open House is set for Feb. 13. Robotics team received several awards at recent meet they attended on Jan. 13. Planning is underway for silent auction with a meal. Discussion continues on school building improvements as well as extension of preschool playground.

Board of Evangelism | February 7th

No Summary Submitted

Board of Stewardship | February 6th

No Summary Submitted

First Lutheran Financial Report

2023-2024 Financials: JANAURY (YTD)

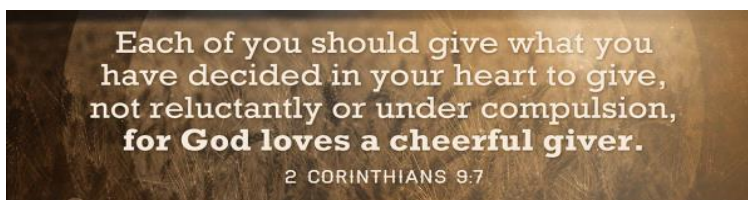
GENERAL FUND INCOME ONLY (January):		<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Envelopes	\$469,388.07	\$437,891.34
Debt Reduction	\$6,585.00	\$6,929.00
Thrivent "Choice" Member Elections	\$5,520.00	\$2,433.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	\$4,365.00	\$300.00
School Tuition	\$163,123.71	\$131,969.06
MN DHS – Preschool Grants	- 0 -	\$47,071.90
Miscellaneous Income	\$26,981.84	\$10,160.26
	\$675,963.62	\$636,754.56

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (January):		<u>Last Year</u>
Staff	\$531,675.86	\$511,873.03
Employer Payroll Expenses	\$3,021.22	\$2,050.79
Buildings	\$49,660.37	\$54,935.68
Operations	\$13,414.27	\$15,932.91
Interest on Line of Credit	- 0 -	- 0 -
	\$597,771.72	\$584,792.41

2023-2024 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:

\$8,628.00	\$7,735.00
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January 31st GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:	(\$44,974.36)
Last Year's January 31st General Indebtedness:	(\$101,819.69)





- February 24-March 2 | Silent Auction is open for bidding
- March 1 | No school
- March 3 | All students sing in church | 10:30 am
- March 3 | Pork chop meal | 11:00-1:00
- March 17 | St. Patrick's Day
- March 24 | Palm Sunday
- March 25-April 1 | No school | Easter break
- March 31 | Easter Sunday
- April 11 | K-2 Operetta 6:30
- April 28 | Confirmation Sunday



Please Pray For:

Together we pray for:

- Lutheran Hour Ministries - Australia, our chapel offering recipients, as they work to help spread the Gospel of Christ there.
- The Silent Auction Committee and all involved as they prepare for the big event.
- Those families that are considering sending their children to FLS that they might be led to realize the importance of a Christ centered education.
- A successful Silent Auction.
- A penitential heart during the Lenten season.
- The strength to remain faithful to God.
- Our committees as we search for a preschool and sixth grade teacher.

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- Everyone who has already donated, and will donate, to our 17th annual Silent Auction as well as all the great folks who will be buying the dinner and bidding.
- Our Boosters, for all of their countless hours preparing for the Silent Auction!
- Our wonderful Board of Education for their selfless donations of time and talents.
- All of our great teachers who tirelessly work to provide the best in person Christian education for our wonderful students.



2nd Grade

Second grade has been busy learning all about adding and subtracting with trading and borrowing! We are really good at place value and expanded form, thanks to our daily papers about the number of the day. We write numbers 3 different ways: standard, expanded, and in word form. We are also very good at adding 100 or 10 to any number!

In reading we read stories that go with our science, social studies, or a general theme. We can identify the problem and solution and retell the story by retelling the beginning, the middle, or the end. We are currently studying Egypt in Social Studies and will finish the year with studies of Africa, Italy, Hawaii, and Greece if time a lots. In Science, we are studying weather and will soon learn all about animals, the Iditarod, and Solar System.

-Mrs. Carmel Willett |
2nd Grade Teacher



7-8 Wolf Ridge

Our 7th-8th graders enjoyed their stay at Wolf Ridge. They learned all sorts of things about God's beautiful creation and how He continues to take care of us and the world around us. They had minimal snow, but that didn't stop them from having fun!



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\$200 for free!

As a continuing incentive, First Lutheran is offering \$200 to any school or church family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for this school year. If you get two families to register, you get \$400! Spread the good news that First Lutheran School is a great place to learn about God's love and the awesome world he has given to us!



Christian Characteristic - Self Control

Our school-wide Christian characteristic is having self control and finding our value through Christ and not worldly things; that we may recognize the value of others while also recognizing our own value in Christ.

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17th Annual Silent Auction

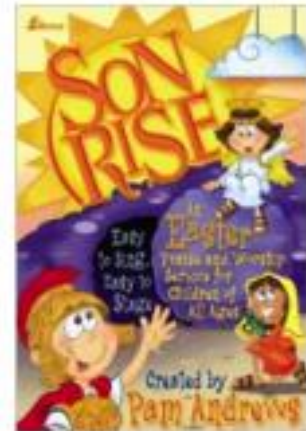
Our school's biggest fundraiser is quickly approaching! The silent auction will be taking place online again from February 24-March 2. Then, on Sunday March 3 the students sing in church with a meal following the service. The boosters and FLS teachers will be serving a pork chop meal with mashed potatoes prepared by our friends at Bumps. Please share this link with your family and friends! Bidding is easier now more than ever when you can do it from the comfort of your own home!



Popcorn Fundraiser

Everyone's favorite fundraiser will be taking place from March 22-April 8. Order forms will be sent home with your child and orders can be placed in the church office or from a student. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran School. Popcorn will be available for pick up late April or early May.

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K-2 Operetta

Our operetta is called "Son Rise" and will tell the real meaning of Easter. We've begun the songs and will begin speaking parts soon! Our operetta is on April 11 at 6:30 in the church! Come and enjoy the real message of Easter!



Happy birthday to these faculty and students in the month of March!

- 04 | Mrs. Edmison (1)
- 07 | Wyatt S (4)
- 09 | Evalyn (5)
- 10 | Morgan B. (PreK)
- 14 | Mrs. Bargmann(PreK)
- 15 | Hadley B. (7); Erika G. (8); Clara W. (6)
- 17 | Liam W. (2)
- 18 | Clara H. (5)
- 22 | Mrs. Wruck (1)Dawsen E. (5)
- 24 | Lina O. (4)
- 27 | Dane W (3)
- 31 | Aubree B. (K); Novah K. (5)

First Ev. Lutheran Church YOUTH

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IMPACT (Senior High Youth)

is intended for students in grades 9-12.

BLAZE (Junior High Youth) is for
students in grades 5-8.

YOUTH GROUPS meet at
"THE LIGHTHOUSE"

(626 11th Street E—above Temple Cleaners)

from 6:30-8pm.

Grab a *Youth Group Year-Long Calendar* from the
Youth Cube for precise dates!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Let the little children come to me"

Jesus urges all of us, from the youngest to the oldest, to come to him to learn, receive forgiveness, and serve one another in love.

Activities for the children include:

+Snack during Church Fellowship

+Lesson Time (this includes a true account from Holy Scriptures and a craft when applicable)

+Musical Worship!

Classes

Two's & Parents	Flames Room	LuAnn Schmidt
PK & K	Preschool Room	Amy Welch, Mindy Dressel, & Sarah LaMott
1st & 2nd Grades	1st Gr Classroom	Grace Brickzen & Paris Stradtman
3rd & 4th Grades	2nd Gr Classroom	Madi Mathews
5th & 6th Grades	Room 111	Julie Uecker & Carrie Donnay
7th-9th Grades	School Library	Travis Uecker
High School, College, & Adult	Fellowship Center	Rev. Dan Welch

Check out the "Youth Cube" located at the South Entrance of the church, near the couches, for more information about ALL AGE events, IMPACT, and BLAZE Youth Groups!

All communication about YOUTH events and such can be received through the MinHub Portal App. Please download and enroll today so you can be kept in the know of all the AWESOMENESS!





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTAR GUILD WORKERS Norma Mathews (320) 864-4813 Jeanne Schauer (320) 779-3352 Molly Streu (612) 716-0848 	Church Contacts: 925 13th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 5522 office@firstglencoe.org www.firstglencoe.org	School Contacts: 1015 14th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 3317 mtchiesfeld@1stglencoe.org				
31 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship, Day School 9:15 AM - Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM - Divine Service 11AM-1PM - Silent Auction Meal 11AM-2 PM - Silent Auction Pick-Up 6:30-8:00 PM - I.M.P.A.C.T	4 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 2:30 PM - LWML 6:30 PM - Trustees	5 3:00-6:00 PM - Silent Auction Pick-Up Fellowship Center 6:00 PM - Evangelism 6:30 PM - Day School Board	6 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - Lent Worship 3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation 5:30-6:45 PM - Lenten Meal 6:00 PM - Senior Choir 7:00 PM - Lent Worship	7 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Pastor Welch) 6:00 PM - Deacons	8 FLS ONLINE SILENT AUCTION 8:00 AM - Pancake Committee Meeting	9 10:30 AM-12:00 PM - Ladies ParTEA
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship, Deacons' Elders 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion	11 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 4:00-8:00 PM - Unhinged Pizza Buffet Youth Tip Night 7:00 PM - Special Voter's Meeting	12 9:30 AM - GlenFields 1:30 PM - Mat Makers 4:45 PM - Stewardship 6:00 PM - Christian Ed	13 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - Lent Worship 3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation 5:30-6:45 PM - Lenten Meal 6:00 PM - Senior Choir 7:00 PM - Lent Worship	14 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Mrs. Willett) 2:00 PM - Grand Meadows Pastor's Circuit @ Peace Hutchinson	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship, Stewardship 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service	18 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying	19 7:00 PM - Men's Network @ St. John's - Plato	20 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - Lent Worship 3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation 5:30-6:45 PM - Lenten Meal 6:00 PM - Senior Choir 7:00 PM - Lent Worship	21 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Jon Neibuhr) 7:00 PM - Church Council	22	23 Fellowship Center Private Rental
24 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship, Evangelism 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion	25 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying	26 11 AM to 12:30 PM Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center 1:30 PM - Mat Makers 7:00 PM - First Edition Book Club	27	28 Maundy Thursday 2:00 PM - Service w/ Communion 7:00 PM - Service w/ Communion	29 Good Friday	30 Fellowship Center Private Rental
31 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 AM - Sunrise Service w/ Communion 8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:15 AM - Divine Service 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion 1:00 PM - Glenfields	FLS NO SCHOOL	FLS NO SCHOOL	FLS NO SCHOOL	FLS NO SCHOOL	FLS NO SCHOOL	FLS NO SCHOOL

