

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

On Sunday, March 31st we celebrate(d) with great joy the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! The resurrection shows Jesus to be the true victor over sin and death, and His victory is shared with all Christians! Because Jesus rose from death, never to die again, we who trust in Him will also live with Him forever! As St. Paul says, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20).

Easter is what we call the day on which we especially celebrate Jesus' resurrection. However, did you know the word "Easter" does not appear anywhere in the Bible? The word "Easter" actually comes from the Middle English word "Ostern", meaning the direction from which the sun rises. Christians in the early Church typically used the word "Pascha" to refer to the festival day of Jesus' resurrection. This is why some of our hymns refer to Easter as the "Paschal Feast." "Pascha" comes from "Pesach," the Hebrew word for Passover.

Easter was first celebrated in the early second century and, by the third century it was followed by a period of 50 days focusing on the resurrection. This is the tradition we continue to follow today as we celebrate the 50-day Church season of Easter which leads us up to and includes the Day of Pentecost.

Please join us for services all throughout this Easter season at 8:00 and 10:30 on Sunday mornings. In addition to our worship services, we will have many special events all throughout this 50-day season of the Church year, including, but definitely not limited to, our Annual Potato Pancake meal on April 7th, Bingo and Bake Sale on Sunday, April 21st, Confirmation Sunday on April 28th, and Ascension service on May 9th at 7 PM.

Christ is Risen! **He Is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!**

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 Apr. 7** 8:00 AM- Brian Grochow / Fritz Schulz
10:30 AM- Dan Nikolaisen / Justin Petterson
- Sunday Apr. 14** 8:00 AM - Mike Cisewski / Fritz Schulz
10:30 AM- Justin Petterson / Dave Hoese
- Sunday Apr. 21** 8:00 AM - Will Freberg / Mark Schmidt
10:30 AM- Dan Nikolaisen / Kermit Terlinden

Wednesday, Apr. 24
Public Review 7:00 PM- Dennis Wolter / Mark Schmidt

Sunday Apr. 28 8:00 AM – Brian Grochow / Dennis Wolter
Confirmation 10:30 AM- Mike Cisewski / Will Freberg



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

- Sunday April 7** 8:00 AM – Nolan Vinkemeier / Bradley Sullivan
10:30 AM – Caiden Voigt/ Ivanna Schultz
- Sunday April 14** 8:00 AM – Brody Wendolek / Nolan Vinkemeier
10:30 AM- Caiden Voigt / Bradley Sullivan
- Sunday April 21** 8:00 AM – Kryptan Wisch / Caiden Voigt
10:30 AM – Brody Wendolek / Nolan Vinkemeier
- Wed. April 24** 7:00 PM- TBD
Public Review
- Sunday April 28** 8:00 AM – TBD
Confirmation 10:30 AM – TBD



IMPORTANT DATES FOR CONFIRMATION

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

From the DCE Desk...Who is a Deaconess?

April brings the start of the fourth month I have now been in and at your service as the Director of Christian Education (DCE) here at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. I thank God that He has provided me the opportunity to serve our congregation in this capacity. But did you notice that I am always referred to as “Deaconess” Megan Polzin? What does that mean? Why is that? For those who wish to have a firmer understanding of what a deaconess does, and who a deaconess is, I will be presenting at the May 6th LWML gathering at 2:30 pm. This event is open to all women of the congregation, and I encourage you to come join us for fellowship and the program. In addition, I have been encouraged to give a short overview/explanation here so the masses can have an idea of what my role is within the ministry of the church.

A deaconess is a theologically trained woman who focuses on *diakonia* (service of mercy) within the church at large. The ministry focus of *leitourgia* (think *liturgy*; the service of the Word and Sacraments) is undertaken by our faithful pastors. These two areas of ministry complement one another, but both are individually distinct and vital for the life of the church. The ministry of the pastor is *assisted* by the ministry of the deaconess, never replaced.

Deaconesses serve within any number of RSOs (recognized service organizations) throughout the synod. Some serve as congregational deaconesses while others work for our synod's publishing house. Some deaconesses serve within the mission field in countries around the world and others are teachers of theology in some of our synod's vibrant Lutheran schools. No matter where a deaconess serves, she is called to be a servant of mercy, showing Christ's love and care for each of us, especially at times of most dire need. This human care element of the ministry must frequently take a back seat to the Word and Sacrament in situations where a sole pastor or pastoral team must make hard choices, but the addition of a diakonal ministry can come alongside the pastoral ministry in ways that greatly benefit the members of the church.

The primary recipients of diakonal ministry are women and children. Holy Scripture has made clear that although every member of the Body of Christ is called to participate in the ministry of the church, not all members are to serve in the same ways. A small percentage of men are called to bear the additional burden and responsibility of shepherding individual congregations (ie. Pastors), however, most men do not fulfill the requirements outlined in scripture. Men then also serve in roles of deacons, elders, board members, teachers, and in many other areas. Women are called to participate in the ministry of the church in complimentary, yet no less vital, ways to the roles men fill; some roles in the church are filled by both men and women. The office of the deaconess is one of the roles a woman of God may be called to; mother, teacher, prayer warrior, volunteer coordinator, board member, and so many other titles are other areas to which women may be called.

The office of the DCE, although not synonymous with the office of the Deaconess, has a lot of similarities. Both serve the members of the congregation; DCEs primarily the youth of the congregation in addition to varied age groups, while the Deaconess focuses on not only the edification of the congregation at large but more narrowly focuses on the human care side of the ministry. I am so thankful to have received training and certification as a deaconess but am also extremely grateful that God has called me to serve this congregation within the role of the DCE utilizing my skills and experiences in

education. As the DCE of this congregation, I am charged with ensuring all ages of the church are offered opportunities to grow and learn from the Word. These opportunities are vital for the church as the Holy Spirit sanctifies us throughout our lives as He both gives and supports faith in each of us. Having been justified by the blood of our Lord we continue to grow and to bear the fruit of that faith He so graciously imparts. I implore you to take advantage of these opportunities so together we can grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I once again encourage you to attend the LWML program on May 6th as we will continue the conversation of who a deaconess is and what she is called to do. If you ever have questions, my door is open and I would love to talk with each and every one of you, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

May the Lord bless you today and always,
<>< Deaconess Megan Polzin

Youth Ministry App Enrollment: Whenever we have updates or cancellations concerning the Youth Group events at First Lutheran parents/youth are contacted via the MinHub Portal phone app. If you have still not enrolled, please consider doing so soon! All youth of our congregation benefit from the Youth Ministry offered here. Youth Groups are established for students in grades 5-12. Sunday education hour is available for all of God's children from age 2 and up! All age events are offered for various age ranges throughout the year and Vacation Bible School is provided each summer for youth ages 3 (potty trained) – students entering grade 4. See the directions below for enrolling in the MinHub Portal app!

Step 1: Download the MinHub Portal app onto your phone. (It is the black-colored PORTAL app).

Step 2: Enter the Kids Ministry Portal Code (for grades K-4, especially if you use FLAMES): MHK1921

Enter the Youth Ministry Portal Code (for grades 5-12): MHP1921

The PASSWORD is the same for both divisions:
FLChurch2024

Step 3: Enroll by entering your phone number (a one-time necessity) and then receive and enter the one-time passcode MinHub sends you.

Step 4: If you see your name, simply click on it and update any information requested. If you don't see your name, enroll yourself and provide that same info.

Step 5: If you can figure out how to add in your child/ren, please do so, but if not, Deaconess Megan Polzin will create and attach a profile for each of your children.

Step 6: Feel free to subscribe to the various “tags” which will allow you to receive notifications concerning announcements that pertain specifically to your family!

Double Feature: God's Not Dead and God's Not Dead 2

The youth of First Lutheran are having a double feature movie night at the Lighthouse on Saturday, April 27th. We will start at 4pm and wrap up sometime around 8pm. Pizza and lemonade will be served. Feel free to bring a friend. There is no charge for this event. If you are only able to make it for some of this, that's totally okay, we'd still love to see you! Parents, Deaconess Megan Polzin is looking for at least one mom/dad who is willing to hang out with us during this event as a second chaperone. No experience is

necessary, but if you've ever pulled a frozen pizza out of an oven, you are well qualified. Please let me know if you can join us!

National Youth Gathering Informational Meeting

Sunday, April 14th, following the 10:30am service, there will be an informational meeting for all youth (and their parents/guardians), currently in grades 7-11 who are welcome to attend the National Youth Gathering (July 19-23, 2025) in New Orleans, LA. This amazing opportunity is for youth to discover tools for diving deeper into Christian living, learning more about the Holy Scripture, and experiencing what it is like to be surrounded by 20k+ of their closest friends! There are cultural experiences, service opportunities, fun, food, faith formation, and so much more! If for any reason you cannot attend on the 14th but wish to attend the National Youth Gathering, please contact Deaconess Megan Polzin asap so she can get you the appropriate paperwork/schedules/etc...

Raise Right (formerly known as SCRIP)

Did you know it's possible to raise funds for our Youth Group without buying something you don't *really* need?! It's true. Raise Right (formerly known as SCRIP) allows folks to purchase gift cards for the cost of the card while the businesses simultaneously provide a kickback to our organization. This allows you to spend what you normally would AND financially support the youth at the same time!

If you would like to order any gift cards, please fill out the attached order form and turn it in to Deaconess Megan Polzin or the church office on or before April 14th. Orders will be placed the 2nd Monday of the month and cards will be distributed as soon as they arrive. You may use cash or check to purchase these gift cards. Thank you in advance for your support!

The youth are creating a plan to have gift card sales available the 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month in addition to the direct orders. These cards will be limited in denomination and for specific businesses. More info will be coming on this service shortly.

If you wish to become enrolled in the program so you can purchase gift cards directly to the phone app (eGift cards), please use this QR code which automatically fills out our enrollment code. In addition to enrolling, you will need to let Deaconess Megan Polzin know if you wish your proceeds to benefit the youth general account or if you wish to have your funds go to a designated youth.



Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

This July 14th will start our VBS experience for children aged 3 (and potty-trained) through those entering 4th grade. Our theme this year is Celebrate the Savior: Jesus Gives us Joy! Children will be swept away into a world of a Carnival/Circus where they will learn more about what Jesus has done for them and how that knowledge brings us JOY! We will be looking for many volunteers to help make this joyful celebration a success. More information will be coming in the next few months. In the meantime, if you happen to receive a refrigerator or anything else contained in a large box, please let Deaconess Megan Polzin know as we are looking for extra-large cardboard boxes to utilize as part of our décor.

Reminder: No Evening Youth Group April 14th

Because the MercyMe concert is on the 13th of April, we will NOT be meeting for our normal BLAZE night on April 14th.



The Flames Boosters would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the Annual Silent Auction and meal. \$29,279 was raised to help support the educational needs of the students at First Lutheran School! Whether you participated by donating auction items, bidding on the on-line auction or sharing a meal with us we appreciate each and every one of you!!



The Altar Guild would like to give a big Thank You to all those who purchased an Easter Lily this year and helped beautify our sanctuary Easter morning.

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 Wednesday, March 20th 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. Thank you for your support and continuing to make this fundraiser a success!

First Edition Book Club

First Edition Book Club will meet on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the lounge area at FLC. The group will discuss the book: *A Million Little Choices* by author Tamera Alexander. First Edition book club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.



LIBRARY NEWS

A new addition to the library is "*A Million Little Choices*" by Tamera Alexander. This novel blends the story of a contemporary marriage on the brink due to shattered trust with a breathtaking historical saga set in the same location. The author thrills readers with the mysterious parallel of two heroic women, generations apart.

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.



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



FIRST EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
925 13TH STREET E. GLENCOE, MN 55336
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DINE IN
OR
TAKE OUT

MENU INCLUDES: YOUR CHOICE OF AUTHENTIC GERMAN POTATO PANCAKES OR REGULAR PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, APPLESAUCE, CHEESE & MILK

ADVANCED TICKETS
ADULTS: \$14
KIDS (10 & UNDER): \$6
TICKETS @ DOOR: \$15
PURCHASE @ FLC OFFICE & SELECT YOUR DESIRED TIME

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. Advance tickets are available at the Church office.

In addition, we will have tickets available at the door at a cost of \$15 for Adults and \$6 for Children under 10 yrs.. All take-outs will be at the Adult price.

We are offering free Delivery to our members who are homebound. If you would like a meal delivered to your home, please contact the Church Office before April 4th. We will schedule your meal and collect the \$15 at time of delivery.

Please spread the word to your family and friends. The event has usually been held earlier in the season and some people may have thought they missed it. We need your help telling others. We hope to see everyone enjoying pancakes on April 7th!

A Message of Hope 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 April, you will hear the following program topics:



April 7 **"Raise the Flag"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. (Acts 1:1-11)

April 14 **"Breathe In, Breathe Out"** with Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez](#). The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ. (Acts 2:42-47)

April 21 **"Topic not available at Newsletter deadline"**

April 28 **"Topic not available at Newsletter deadline"**

Thank you for your financial support and prayers. The cost for sponsoring a broadcast is \$96.00. Sponsors are needed for the July broadcasts: July 7, July 14, July 21, and July 28. 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 or 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

Kids Booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries



Children's booklets from LHM are ideal to use for Vacation Bible School, fairs and festivals, classrooms, holidays, outreach and more! Give one to a neighbor or friend. Anyone can use these fun and colorful booklets to discuss prayer, how to share their faith, and more – each in a way kids will understand and remember. Full PDF previews are available for each title. Visit the LHM storefront to order children's resources. **Booklets are sold in packs of 25 for \$10 plus shipping. Go to: www.lhm.org/kids/books/ to review the available book titles and descriptions.**



CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD

April 1, 2:30 p.m.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (Jeremiah 29:12)

Lutheran Women in Mission will meet Monday April 1 for devotions, fellowship with your sisters in Christ and Bible Study. We will conclude our 4-part Jeremiah Bible study series with the final lesson "Call Upon the Name of the Lord." We will dig into God's Word and hear His instruction as God call us through His Word and Sacraments into a faith relationship with Him. Each of the lessons in the series stands on its own. If you missed any of the first 3, the last one will still be of interest. Guests, members, volunteers are all welcomed to join in this Bible Study. Refreshments will be served. There will also be a short business meeting.

LWML Mcleod Zone

Spring Rally

All are welcome! *Free to attend!*

**"Do Not be Anxious about Anything...
Let Your Mouth be Filled with Laughter..."**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God (Philippians 4:6).

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; (Psalms 126:2a).

Presented by: Dr. Jeffrey E. Burkart, Ph.D. Emeritus Professor of Education and Humanities Concordia University- St. Paul, MN

St. John's Lutheran Church **April 13th, 2024**

410 1st St North
Winsted, MN 55395

Registration and coffee/treats at **8:30 am**.
Program begins at **9:00 am** followed by lunch.

Please RSVP by 4/6 to Karen Gensmer. Text or voicemail to (320) 583-4419 or email kmgensmer@yahoo.com

Gifts from the Heart donations will go to King of Kings Lutheran School, St. Paul MN. Checks payable to LWML Mcleod Zone.

This Rally is for all women and men. You don't have to be an LWML member to attend. There is no registration fee. Free-will offerings will be received for LMWL Mites (Mission Grants,) King of King's Lutheran School, St. Paul, and Minnesota South District LWML.

**30th Biennial
LWML MN South District Convention**

June 20 - June 22, 2024
Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
Mankato, MN

AS CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US... EPHESIANS 5:1-2

walk in *love*

*If you're interested in what Lutheran Women in Mission do -
COME JOIN US!*

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God (Ephesians 5:12).

Thursday, June 20th: 4:00 p.m. - Registration & Fellowship
Friday, June 21st: 8:00 a.m. - Convention Opens
Saturday, June 22nd: 8:00 a.m. - Noon - Convention

**Additional details available at
mnslwml.org/2024_district_convention**

The keynote speaker for the convention is Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford, president of the LCMS Minnesota South District. Rev. Vance Becker, former First Ev. Lutheran Pastor and currently teaching at Matongo Lutheran Seminary in Kenya, Africa, and wife Linda will be one of the special mission presenters. Mr. Joel Landskroener of Mayer Lutheran High School will be the "HUMEROUS INTERRUPTER." ALL are welcomed to attend this convention. You don't have to be woman or a member to attend. Go to mnslwml.org and click on "Events" for more information.

Bible Verses about LONLINESS:

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. John 14:18

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: Here am I. Isaiah 58:9

Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you . . . Isaiah 43:4

I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. 2 Corinthians 6:18

I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Genesis 28:15

And you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. Colossians 2:10

MAT MAKERS

PLASTIC BAGS! PLASTIC BAGS! PLASTIC BAGS!

Last month's donation of plastic grocery-type bags was immense! And, guess what? They have nearly ALL been used up already! Mat-makers meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. A few First Lutheran School students join in for an hour or so.

Some mat-makers take "bags of bags" home with them to continue folding, cutting, looping or winding at home. Some mat-makers stop in during the week to retrieve even more "bags of bags" from the basement storage area. This project is growing as the mat-makers become more efficient and as more and more mat-makers join in. A HUGE thank-you to you who have donated. It takes 700 – 1000 bags to make one mat. Make First Evangelical Lutheran you REGULAR drop-off spot for your clean, used plastic grocery-type plastic bags. Star-Tribune bags are also appreciated. (They are colorful and make the mats attractive.) Tell your friends! This will be an on-going project.

There is one mat draped over the pail in the south entry for you to examine. There is usually another on the floor near the couches. These mats are made to use on the ground, so yes, it's okay to step on it!

FLC PRAYER CHAIN



Is the Holy Spirit touching your heart regarding the Prayer Chain? New leaders AND new members are needed to

keep our PRAYER CHAIN going! Participation is simple, but so very powerful! The Bible says in Phil 4:6, "But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let you 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.

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.



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 approx. \$15 per person. Please contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

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 (purple V logo)

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

Give online via www.firstglencoe.org

WAYS TO GIVE

You can remember the ministries of First Lutheran Church and School through a wide variety of gifts. Gifts come in many ways and sizes.



Some of these planned gifts can even provide significant financial and tax benefits to you.

Appreciated Securities (stocks, bonds, and mutual funds) can allow you to take a deduction for the current market value on the date of the gift and avoid capital gains tax.

Gifts of Real Estate will allow you to receive the maximum tax deduction allowed by law, bypass capital gain tax, provide you an opportunity to establish a gift that provides an income for life, and make a substantial donation to your favorite ministry.

A Bequest (Wills & Trusts) provision in your will or trust will allow you to make a significant gift without reducing your current income.

You can make a gift by changing the beneficiary of your Life Insurance policy – or by transferring ownership of the cash value.

Your Qualified Retirement Plans (IRA, Keogh, 401K, 403B, RMD's) can be gifted.

Life Income Agreements are available for people who want to make an irrevocable gift that allows donors to retain an income interest during their lifetime or for a term of years.

Charitable Gift Annuities can provide annuity payments for life and then support your favorite ministry. Deferred gift annuities allow you the option to make the gift today and receive the annuity later in life.

Charitable Remainder Trust allows you to make the gift and receive income from the trust.

Donor Advised Funds are like a charitable investment account, for the sole purpose of supporting charitable organizations you care about.

Upcoming newsletters will continue to explore "Giving Options." Always consult a financial, legal, or tax professional before putting a gifting plan into action.

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

2024 Endowment Committee - Wayne Ahlbrecht, Joyce Aul, Cindy Eggsgluess, Roger Gronholz, Jon Lemke, and Ryan Ortloff

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 March 7th Homegrown lunch featured Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Yellow Carrots, and Watermelon. The MN Ground Beef came from *Brownston City Meats* and was mixed with Eggs from the *Schultz Farm*, pureed Tomatoes frozen last Fall from *Local Gardens*, and seasonings. We peeled, cooked, and mashed 40 lbs. of Potatoes from *Tangletown Gardens* in Plato (and mixed it with *Bongards Butter* and Milk). We also roasted delicious Yellow Carrots from *Tangletown Gardens*.

The March 21st Homegrown lunch featured breakfast foods and was a big hit - 113 students (plus seconds) signed up! We made a French Toast Bake that used *Schultz Farm Eggs* and *Bongards Butter*. Warm *Maple Syrup* from *JD's* in Glencoe was heated and poured over the French Toast. (When driving around Glencoe, have you noticed the sap bags hanging from Maple Trees? Also, did you know that it takes 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of Maple Syrup?) Students also enjoyed a *Bongards Cheese Stick*, along with breakfast sausages and an orange. For an extra treat, they received a cup of *Popcorn* (from *Buss Family* in Arlington) flavored with *Bongards Butter* and caramel seasoning.

Our next Homegrown meals will be April 11 and April 18.

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!

If any of our readers are familiar with Neil Young, this is a song he often performs at Farm Aid. I had requested and received permission for FLS students to sing this song, and recently Neil Young Archivist welcomed videos of FLS students singing! Very cool! In addition, we have shared the videos with the grant people at the MN Dept of Ag – they too were delighted to view!

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!"

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 Eggersgluess238-2148 eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com

SENIOR VERSION OF "JESUS LOVES ME"

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

—author unknown



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√ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$1653 for FLC and \$1907 for FLS. We also received a charitable Giving Grant of \$650! Thanks to everyone who designated their 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! Volunteers will be wearing Thrivent t-shirts!**

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 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/>

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



Student Scholarships Available

All Scholarship Info and forms can be accessed from our website (www.firstglencoe.org). Select **Church/Ministries/Student Scholarships & Aid.**

Concordia University Students

The College Scholarship Endowment Fund provides Scholarship funds for students enrolled in Concordia Colleges, Universities, or Seminaries of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Information and an application form are available from our website at www.firstglencoe.org or upon request.

Mayer Lutheran High School Students

The congregation of First Lutheran Church provides Scholarships funds for students enrolled at Mayer Lutheran High School. Information and an application form are available from our website at www.firstglencoe.org or upon request.

First Lutheran School Students

Education Fund Scholarships are again open for the 2024-2025 academic year. All First Lutheran Church member families with

students enrolled in First Lutheran School are eligible for scholarships. Scholarship awards are based on financial need AND on the amount of available funds from the Edwin & Ella Ponath Education Fund (\$4590.98), Melvin & Marlys Tessmer Tuition Aid Fund (\$502.25), and FLS Scholarship Fund (\$56.61). Applications are mailed to all member families with students in Kindergarten through Grade 7. (Prospective member students should also apply.) The application forms are also available from our website or upon request. Completed applications must be returned by June 17, 2024 in order to be considered for the 2024-2025 academic year.

First Lutheran School Tuition Aid may also be available to all students in Grades Kindergarten – 8th Grade. The amount of aid is calculated with a formula based on Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Please complete the application form on our website www.firstglencoe.org and turn in the page of your tax form 1040 that includes your AGI to the Church/School Office before July 31, 2024. Please contact Principal Mackenzie Hoffmann, School Secretary Michelle Alsleben, or Business Manager for questions or concerns regarding First Lutheran School Scholarships or Tuition Aid. All information is treated with utmost confidentiality.

Giving Tuesday – Veterans say THANKS for Christmas Cards



Giving Tuesday - It's a simple

idea: whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to contribute toward building the better world we all want to live in.

On Giving Tuesday (November 28, 2023), one of our service activities here at FL was writing Christmas cards to shut-ins and Veterans in McLeod County and around MN. I wanted to share with you two letters that we received.....

-On behalf of the VA Health Care System patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your December 2023 donation of greeting cards. These cheerful cards were distributed to our Veterans by our dedicated volunteers. The Veterans appreciate your thoughtfulness. The commitment you have shown to our Veterans demonstrates your concerns for America's heroes.

-To the Members of First Lutheran Church -- This note should have been sent a month ago sorry about that. As a veteran's spouse, I want to thank you for the card you sent to the Fergus Falls Home. As I opened the cards my husband received, I felt so moved by getting your card. He is in the memory unit, and even though he can no longer speak or read, he still takes the card and looks at it, sets it down and does it again. Thank you for giving him and me such a warm feeling. Thank you so much. (Spouse of a Navy veteran in Fergus Falls Veterans Home)

The VA accepts cards, letters, and special greetings any time of the year. If there are individuals who might be interested in meeting periodically to write more cards, please talk to Cindy Eggersgluess (612-840-6308).

BOARDS, COUNCIL & COMMITTEES SUMMARIES:



Church Council | March 21st

Pastor Welch reported that he has spoken with Rev. John Koopman whom we called to be our Associate Pastor. He will make his decision after Easter. By the April Church Council meeting the boards need to bring back who will be serving on the nomination committee.

Christian Ed Board | March 12th

Finalized Confirmation plans. There were 59 attendees at the first annual ParTea. September 7th is the date reserved for a "Man Party" called Lumber & Legos. Megan has set up a TV in the Welcome Center that will scroll through upcoming events. A woman's Bible Study will begin on April 9th. A possible canoe and fishing trip may be planned for Jr. High Students. Busy bags are being replenished.

Day School Board | March 5th

Silent auction was a great success for First Lutheran School. Current totals are around \$28,000. Play Day is planned for May 17 at CCLS. Preschool and kindergarten open house was well received with 13 preschool and 7 kindergarten registrants. Lyceum with Christian juggler is planned for students on March 7. Middle school dance planning is underway for April 5. Spring soccer will be starting soon for K-3.

Board of Trustees | March 4th

The board approved the use of the Fellowship Center for the Judy Schuch Memorial Blood Drive in October. Bids have been received for replacing the windows on the east side of the school building. It

has been requested to number the doors of the school and church buildings to assist with emergency services.

Board of Evangelism | March 5th

100 palms were ordered for Palm Sunday. A bingo and bake sale event will be held on Sunday, April 21 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM. The mat makers group has many volunteers and has received much support.

Board of Deacons | March 7th

Here are some brief notes of the Deacons meeting the past couple months.

The Board of Deacons had their monthly meeting and discussed visitation and shut-in Pastoral help. Joel Goche is seeking help from the Mn. South Dist. with an updated list of possibilities. We received a report from our Church Council representative, Mark Schmidt on other happenings of boards. We reviewed Facebook statistics from our statistician, Dan Nikolaisen and welcomed our new Deacon David Polzin.

Our April meeting will be April 4th, 6:00 PM

Board of Stewardship | March 12th

The board will again organize the Summer Concert Series. Groups that performed last year will be contacted to see if they are interested in performing again this coming summer. Vacation Bible School, Camp Omega, and the Radio Broadcast have been designated to receive "Angel Seeds" for the next three quarters. The Spring Fling has been cancelled for this year.

NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:

Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM

NEXT QUARTERLY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM

First Lutheran Financial Report

2023-2024 Financials: FEBRUARY (YTD)

GENERAL FUND INCOME ONLY (February):

		<i>Last Year</i>
Offering Envelopes	\$ 527,788.67	\$ 486,812.84
Debt Reduction	6,895.00	7,119.00
Thrivent "Choice" <i>Member Elections</i>	6,579.00	3,720.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	4,400.00	345.00
School Tuition	174,679.64	136,969.94
MN DHS – Preschool Grants	- 0 -	47,071.90
Miscellaneous Income	<u>16,604.52</u>	<u>15,642.23</u>
	\$ 736,946.83	\$ 697,680.91

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (February):

		<i>Last Year</i>
Staff	\$ 620,714.46	\$ 591,565.45
Employer Payroll Expenses	3,309.14	2,229.48
Buildings	58,649.87	69,448.58
Operations	15,474.54	18,365.73
Interest on Line of Credit	- 0 -	- 0 -
	<u>\$ 698,148.01</u>	<u>\$ 681,609.24</u>

2023-2024 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:

	\$ 9,960.00	\$ 9,002.00
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February 28th GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:

(\$ 81,817.70)

Last Year's February 28th General Indebtedness:

(\$ 136,250.12)

RaiseRight is a great way to support the youth of our congregation and the process is simple:

- You select gift cards from popular retailers using one of the ways described below.
- The youth group purchases the gift cards at a discounted rate ranging from 1% to 16% depending on the retailer. The savings go directly to the Youth accounts enabling them to go on mission trips, faith-formation retreats, etc....
- The gift cards are received by the youth and made available for pick up by those who order, and some cards (limited amounts/vendors) will be available for Cash & Carry purchasing.
- RaiseRight gift cards can be used for everyday items like gas and groceries, supplies for home improvement projects from stores like Lowes, Menards, or Home Depot, and entertainment such as movie theaters, golfing, gaming, and restaurants. There are many travel retailers (airlines, hotels, Disney, etc....), making it a great way to purchase gift cards for family vacations. Scrip gift cards also make great gifts for family, friends, teachers, bus drivers, postal workers, and so many more people in your lives!

There are 2 ways to order the gift cards:

1. Complete the paper order form (available at the FLC Happenings area near the south entrance of the church). Return the paper order form to the FLC Happenings Area no later than the 2nd Sunday of the month, with payment (check or exact cash). Or bring the paper order to the church office by dropping it off or sending it to school in your child's take-home folder.
2. Create a family account directly with RaiseRight. This gives you the ability to order online and/or with the RaiseRight mobile app. Physical and digital gift cards (which can be used immediately upon purchasing) can be ordered. Please use the enrollment code: **GJPPVRL1VLEU** (or scan the QR code) to ensure your account is directly linked with our account. Ordering this way will ensure that the youth attached to the account receives the profit earned from purchases.



2024 Orders will be placed on:

April 15 th	September 9 th
May 13 th	October 14 th
June 10 th	November 11 th
July 15 th	December 9 th
August 12 th	

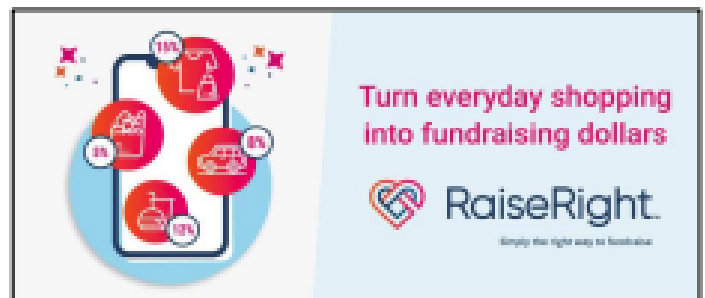
Limited cards will be available for purchase in-person on:

April 21 st and 28 th	Sept. 15 th & 22 nd
May 19 th & 26 th	Oct. 20 th & 27 th
June 16 th & 23 rd	Nov. 17 th & 24 th
July 21 st & 28 th	Dec. 15 th & 22 nd
Aug 18 th & 25 th	

Important Notes:

- There is a complete list of participating vendors available on raiseright.com/brands (and displayed at the FLS Happenings area near the south entrance). If there is something you would like that is not listed, please write it in under the "Unlisted Above" area on the order form or let Deaconess Megan Polzin know you would like to place a special order.
- Make checks payable to "First Lutheran NYG" with "RaiseRight Order" in the memo line.
- Orders may be picked up on the 3rd or 4th Sundays of the month before/after services OR Monday-Thursday from 7:30 am-3 pm in the Church Office.
- Any electronic (eGift) cards will be sent to the email listed on the order form unless noted otherwise.

If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Megan Polzin at mpolzin@1stglencoe.org.





- April 2 | School resumes from Easter Break
- April 5 | Middle School Dance
- April 7 | Potato Pancake Breakfast
- April 8 | Popcorn orders due
- April 9 | Operetta Dress Rehearsal | 8:30
- April 11 | Operetta Service | 6:30
- April 13 | Spelling Bee @ Mayer Lutheran
- April 18 | Kindergarten Grand Meadows
- April 26 | Early dismissal at 11:55
- April 28 | Confirmation Sunday
- May 8 | Fine Arts Festival | 6:30 pm
- May 17 | Play Day @ Christ Community Lutheran School, Watertown

thank you

- Everyone who donated to our 16th annual Silent Auction as well as all the great folks who purchased the meal and those who bid on items. Your love for FLS is greatly appreciated!
- All of the fantastic parents who support FLS by sending their children to our school.
- Candace Stiles, Micky Neubarth, Annika Schafer, Taylor Bernstein, Mindy Dressel, Shauna Gruber, Sarah LaMott, Amy Edwards, Allison Grochow, and Molly Schiller for heading up the Flame Boosters Silent Auction events and all the others who pitched in. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!
- Mrs. Bargmann for her 26 years of faithful service at First Lutheran School!

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Together we pray for:

- Lutheran Bible Translators and those who are translating the Bible so more people can hear the Good News of Jesus!
- Everyone who is ill and needs our Heavenly Father's healing hand.
- The Silent Auction Committee and all involved thanking God for all of their hard work before, during, and after 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.
- Our committees at First Lutheran as we continue to search for 6th grade teacher, preschool teacher, and a principal.



Christian Characteristic - Includer
 "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" Psalm 133:1
 God did not intend for man to be alone, which is why He made woman. God calls us to include one another in ALL that we do, whether we are best friends or 'just acquaintances'. Encourage your child to be the one who invites a friend to sit at their lunch table or play with someone who is playing alone.

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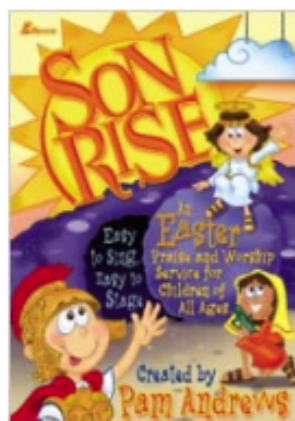
April Birthdays

- 1 | Owen S. (4); Mrs. Donnay (K)
- 4 | Olivia M. (K)
- 6 | Joey L. (7)
- 9 | Bear W. (K)
- 15 | Brooklyn G. (4)
- 20 | Kyler P. (8)
- 21 | Ellie H. (4); Mrs. Korthals (7/8)
- 27 | Priya W. (6)
- 30 | Mrs. Hoffmann



Principal for a Day

After a delicious lunch at Culver's and an afternoon pick-me-up from Starbucks, Ms. Grochow and Mrs. Hoffmann went to observe the happenings of each classroom. Preschool was napping soundly. In Kindergarten, they were counting numbers and ordering spheres. Mrs. Plath was reading to the first grade students, who were later observed to be writing numbers 1-120. The 2nd graders were learning about water safety. Our third graders were learning about the solar system. They said their project was "Out of this World!" The studious fourth graders were taking a test in Social Studies. Mrs. Korthals was teaching 5th grade ELA where the students were reading from their Scope Magazine about the problems of smog. Ms. Lilienthal had the sixth graders for Social Studies and they were learning about Greece (too bad there's no class field trip included in this project). Mr. Scheele had the 7th and 8th graders watching a movie on the American bomb for science class. Ms. Grochow has aspirations to be either a school teacher or a nurse someday. Maybe we'll see her back at First Lutheran sooner than later!



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!



\$200 for free!

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

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1st Grade

The children in first grade have been very busy this month. We enjoyed watching the very special presentation by Luke Winger, the Juggler. We used our voices practicing for the upcoming operetta and happily sang for the congregation during the Silent Auction week. Our classroom studies also kept our days very busy as we continue to develop the skills that are needed for us to prepare for 2nd grade.

Each day, we start with Jesus Time. It is a wonderful way to share God's love. We discuss the different stories and why God had a purpose for them. I always enjoy the questions the students ask because this means they are thinking about and processing God's Word. After Jesus time, we proudly say the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of the Christian Flag. In Math, we are working on numbers 0-120. Our focus is 1 more, 1 less, 10 more, 10 less, adding and subtracting, along with story problems. We will begin working with time and money when we get back from break. In Reading, we continue to develop our reading skills. The children love to read with a partner during the day from their book box. We are also fortunate to have Mrs. Schmidt stop in once a week to read with the children in groups.

In Grammar, we continue to learn about writing sentences using capital letters and the correct endings. Also, we are developing the use of blends, diagraphs, prefixes, contractions, and alphabetical order. Our journal writing helps keep our creative thoughts flowing.

On the wall outside our classroom, you will see our handwriting assignment for Easter. The children colored an Egg and then wrote about how it reminds them of Jesus. They are a very special remembrance of what this time truly means in their lives.

When we finish with all our studies, the children enjoy building creatively with Legos, playing games, and coloring.

I want to thank Mrs. Wruck, Ms. Mathews, and Mrs. Weidendorf for their dedication, kindness, and love working with and helping the children and myself.

Life is good in First grade, and I am reminded of how God has blessed us with these wonderful children, wonderful parents, and a strong faithful congregation!

-Mrs. Edmison, 1st grade teacher

Middle School Dance



Calling all middle schoolers! Our middle school dance will be taking place in our school gym on Friday, April 5th from 6:30-8:30. There will be snacks provided. All 5-8th grade students are invited to attend. Our theme for this year is "Dressed to 9's" and students are encouraged to wear dresses and dress shirts to the dance.

*Please note that the dress code does still apply, even though the event is taking place after school hours.

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Popcorn Fundraiser

Everyone's favorite fundraiser is taking place NOW-April 8th. First Lutheran is selling gourmet popcorn from Rural Route 1 Popcorn. Orders can be placed in the church office, school office, or from an outstanding student! Please make all checks payable to First Lutheran School. Your popcorn will be available for you to pick up at the end of April. Happy munching!



3rd Tri Chapel Offerings

Our third trimester chapel offerings are going to Ministry Focus, an organization through the LCMS to help alleviate the added stress of school debt for those who are in church work so that they can focus on their ministry of the Gospel. Through our chapel offerings, we are also encouraging and informing our students about their potential future careers as church workers! Here's what one grant recipient wrote:
 "Wow! Praise the Lord! This is amazing news! You all at MinistryFocus are such a tremendous blessing to our family. This is truly humbling and so needed! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!"

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Perfect Church Attendance

Back Row: Ellie Heldt, Isaiah Diers, Erika Goche, Oliver Peterson, Isaiah Nikolaisen, Connor Donnay, Autumn Gruber, and Madison Goche
 Middle Row: Chloe Donnay, Phoebe Nikolaisen, Riley LaMott, Brock Zimmerman, Emerson Edwards, Liam Wiblemo, Eve Peterson, and Griffin Bargmann
 Front Row: Huxton Edwards, Camden LaMott, Raelynn Strobel, Maddie Zimmerman, and Claire Dording
 Not pictured: Hattie Herdegen



"A" Honor Roll

Back Row: Kryptan Wisch, Lilly Petterson, Gemma Goff, Hadley Busse, Connor Donnay, Oscar Freberg, Erika Goche, Harper Neubarth, Clara Willcox, Isaiah Nikolaisen
 Middle Row: Ivanna Schultz, Oliver Peterson, Brady Goff, Kinley Stuewe, Madison Picha, Madison Goche, Claire Geib, Emme Neubarth, Cole Plath, Isaiah Diers
 Front Row: Novah Krzmarzick, Nora Cohrs, Griffin Bargmann, Dawsen Eiden, and Autumn Gruber



"B" Honor Roll

Back Row: Landon Grochow, Summer Blazinski, Kira Lewin, Ruby Graf, Yandel Perez, and Beau Brelje
 Middle Row: Priya Wisch, Macie Stradtman, Caylee Weidendorf, Traevin Buckley, and Ayla Pokornowski

"B" Honor Roll cont'd

Front Row: Trystan Knutson, William Horton, Clara Hoefs, and Natallie Schafer
 Not pictured: Tyler Pokornowski, Joey Lamp, Bria Pierson, and Avery Schultz



2024-2025 Staffing Updates

After 26 years of faithful service. Mrs. Bargmann has decided to retire. We thank her for all of her hard work and pray richest blessings on her in her next chapter of retirement!! Our Day School Board has created a hiring committee to help First Lutheran find a preschool teacher and a middle school teacher who will continue to nurture spiritual and academic growth here! If you have any name recommendations, please let us know. In addition, at the March Day School Board meeting and Church Council meeting I notified our boards that I will not be returning as the First Lutheran School principal next year. This was an extremely difficult decision that took A LOT of prayer and consultation with my husband. There were a lot of factors that went into it, but in short we would love to start a family in the near future and with the job demands of this position we knew that I would have to sacrifice a lot of family time which already goes by so quickly. I love the families, staff, students, and colleagues here at First Lutheran. I can see the work that God is doing here at FLS with the school and congregation. I'm not sure what God has planned for my future, but I would love to continue to be part of our First Lutheran family in some capacity. Please keep First Lutheran in your prayers as we seek to call the next principal and teachers to serve here at FLS. God always has a plan and we pray that He will bless our searches.

-Mrs. Hoffmann

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April 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ALTAR GUILD WORKERS Deb Tessmer (320) 510-0268 Michele Mackenrathun (320) 864-6232 Irene Grochow (320) 864-6047 	1 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 2:30 PM - LWMIL 6:30 PM - Trustees FLS NO SCHOOL CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2 4:45 PM - Stewardship 6:30 PM - Day School	3 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation 7:00 PM - Evangelism NO SENIOR CHOIR	4 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Pastor Welch) 6:00 PM - Deacons	5 6:30-8:30 PM - Middle School Dance	6
7 PANCAKE DINNER 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM-1:00 PM - Pancake Dinner 10:30 AM - Divine Service 6:30-8:00 PM - I.M.P.A.C.T. No Sunday School/Bible Study	8 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:30-7:45 PM - New Member Class	9 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM - Glenfields 1:30 PM - Mat Makers 6:00 PM - Christian Ed 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study	10 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation 6:15 PM - Senior Choir	11 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Deaconess Polzin) 2:00 PM - Grand Meadows 6:30 PM - Operetta Pastor Circuit- St. Paul, L.P.	12	13 7:00 PM - MercyMe concert at the Target Center
14 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 NYG Info Meeting after 10:30 AM Service No Evening Youth Group	15 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:30-7:45 PM - New Member Class	16 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study @ St. John's - Platb Parent/Teacher Conferences	17 CONFIRMATION PRACTICE 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Confirmation 6:15 PM - Senior Choir	18 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Mrs. Korhals) 7:00 PM - Church Council	19	20
21 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service 2:00-3:00 PM - BINGO & Bake Sale 6:30-8:00 PM - I.M.P.A.C.T. No Adult Bible Study	22 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:30-7:45 PM - New Member Class	23 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study 1:30 PM - Mat Makers 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study Parent/Teacher Conferences	24 CONFIRMATION PRACTICE 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 3:30-4:45 PM - Last Public School Confirmation Class 6:15 PM - Senior Choir 7:00 PM - Public Review (Questioning)	25 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Mrs. Hofmann)	26 FLS EARLY DISMISSAL	27 4:00-8:00 PM- God's Not Dead Double Feature
28 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship, Christian Ed 9:15 AM - Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion Rite of Confirmation 11:30-5:30 PM - PRIVATE RENTAL 6:30-8:00 PM - BLAZE	29 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:30-7:45 PM - New Member Class 7:00 PM - First Edition Book Club	30 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study 11 AM to 12:30 PM - Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study				