

## What Is Pentecost?

On May 19<sup>th</sup> We Remember, and Rejoice in, that Amazing Day!

May is a busy month, an **extremely** busy month! There's Mother's Day (Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> - don't forget to buy flowers!). There's Ascension Day (Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - don't forget we have a 7PM Divine Service!). Then there's the end of the school year, the end of the Sunday School year, graduations, Memorial Day Weekend, Trinity Sunday, and more. I would like to focus on one important day in the midst of this hectic time, and that would be Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday this year falls on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pentecost draws us back to an important event that happened very early in the history of the Christian church and has a huge effect on us today. It had been ten days since the disciples saw Jesus ascend into heaven. It had been fifty since He fulfilled His promise to rise from the dead. Now, it was the Day of Pentecost and all the believers were together in one place and those disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit in a most miraculous way: Through a loud rushing wind, and tongues of fire above their heads (See Acts 2: 1-4). To an outsider, that may not sound very peaceful, and yet it was. Here was Jesus' gift of peace for them: the promised Holy Spirit. They were not left abandoned and alone. They had Christ's peace through the powerful working of the Holy Spirit.

The same comfort is yours today as the same Holy Spirit continues to work in Word and Sacraments; Baptism, the Lord's Supper and through God's spirit-filled Word. Here God, the Holy Spirit, delivers to you the forgiveness of sins and the sure and certain hope of everlasting life in the perfect peace of heaven. Peace is offered to you, even now, in the midst of life that sometimes feel anything but calm and peaceful.

Do you know what peace is? It's not the absence of sin. It's the forgiveness of sin. God loves you and forgives you every day for all of your sins, because Jesus died for you. You never have to feel like God hates you or is punishing you. Jesus died for all of that. There is peace between you and God. Like the disciples on Pentecost, you also are never abandoned by the Lord.

Peace is not the absence of death in this world. Peace is having the sure hope of eternal life. Peace is believing that "whoever lives and believes in (Jesus) will never die" because He is "the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25-26).

Peace is not the absence of trouble in this world. It's the presence of Christ which comes to us through God's Holy Spirit. It is believing that Jesus is with you always. He is your strength when you feel weak, your shelter, your wisdom.

What awesome, comforting news! For anyone and everyone in search of peace, the search is over in Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Christ's peace be with you as we celebrate the day of Pentecost this year and always!

In Him,  
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 May 5** 8:00 AM- Dean Scheele / Lars Ide  
10:30 AM- Dan Nikolaisen / David Hoese
- Thursday May 9** (Ascension Worship Service)  
7:00 PM – Dennis Wolter / Jon Lemke
- Sunday May 12** 8:00 AM- Mike Cisewski / Lars Ide  
10:30 AM- Justin Petterson / Will Freberg
- Sunday May 19** 8:00 AM- Fritz Schulz / Lars Ide  
10:30 AM- Dennis Wolter / Roger Schmidt
- Wednesday May 22** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation)  
7:00 PM- Dennis Wolter / Mark Schmidt
- Sunday May 26** 8:00 AM- Brian Grochow / Doug Dahlke  
10:30 AM- Justin Petterson / Jon Lemke



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

- Sunday May 5** 8:00 AM- Cole Plath  
10:30 AM- Kate Grimm
- Thursday May 9** (Ascension Worship Service)  
7:00 PM – Deacon/Elders
- Sunday May 12** 8:00 AM- Britt Wolff  
10:30 AM- Lilly Petterson
- Sunday May 19** 8:00 AM- Cole Plath  
10:30 AM- Kate Grimm
- Wednesday May 22** (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation)  
7:00 PM- Deacon/Elders
- Sunday May 26** 8:00 AM- TBD  
10:30 AM- Lilly Petterson

**FROM THE DCE DESK.....**

Psalm 19:4b-6 speaks about God’s provision for creation in creating the sun. “He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.” God has given us the sun, something we enjoy (hopefully) with great vigor throughout the summer months, yet He has also given us the Son. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is something we should enjoy throughout all the seasons and years, even summertime.

Life gets busy, barbeques fill up calendars, camping with family and friends eats away so many weekends, add in birthday parties, graduations, weddings—these are ALL wonderful gifts from the Lord, and we can rejoice with our brothers and sisters in Christ as we celebrate this beautiful gift of life and good weather. Just like “there is nothing hidden from its heat” (Psalm 19:6b) the psalmist writes about something else that is all-encompassing: “as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103:12). The forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation offered to us as a free gift doesn’t *just* come to us amid the busy school year, it is offered weekly, even throughout the summer, in the Divine Service, specifically at the Lord’s Table, and daily in the remembrance of our baptism.

God’s grace is sufficient and truly life-changing, and He has offered to meet us here on earth to strengthen our faith, to give us a foretaste of the feast to come, and to sustain us in His love and mercy. I hope and pray as you consider your summertime plans that you will also consider making *your* presence at the table of the Lord a priority for you *and* your family. By no other means does our gracious Father in heaven provide us with the very body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, than through the rightly administered Sacrament of the Altar. If you find yourself out and about during the weekends this summer, I encourage you to utilize the LCMS church locator website (see QR code for a quick link) and go visit a sister congregation during your travels. Being present to hear the Word and to receive the gifts God generously pours out on us is a summer bucket-list worthy item! May the Lord bless you today and always,  
 <>< Deaconess Megan Polzin



1. LCMS Church Locator Website

**2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT! SAVE THE DATE**



**Graduation is just around the corner...**

Are you graduating from high school or college this year, or do you know someone who is? The Christian Board of Education is asking for your help to get the names and information for all this year’s

graduates so we may thank God for them at a Baccalaureate Recognition on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please stop by or call the church office with the graduate’s name, parent(s)/guardian(s) names, the name of the school, plans after graduation, and then email a picture to [mpolzin@1stglencoe.org](mailto:mpolzin@1stglencoe.org). Thank you so much for helping us collect this information **by May 19<sup>th</sup>** so we have time to get all the goodies together for these graduates.

**PLAN AHEAD for Camp Omega Family Day:**

**Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT!**

Activities begin at 10:00 am and include a free picnic-style barbeque served from 12:00-1:30 pm. Recreational activities include swimming, pontoon boat and wagon rides, archery, canoeing, kayaking, hatchet throwing, arts and crafts, and a variety of other Camp Staff led activities for the whole family. The day’s event concludes around 4:00 pm. Pre-registration is requested, but not required. To register you can go to [www.campomega.org/event/camp-omega-day/](http://www.campomega.org/event/camp-omega-day/) or use this QR code for a quick link.



Check out the First Lutheran Church Happenings area near the south entrance to find out more information about purchasing RaiseRight gift cards. You can use these cards to buy everyday things at your favorite retailers/vendors and the youth group receives a kick back of your purchase AT NO COST TO YOU!

Need gift cards quickly? See Deaconess Polzin about downloading the app so you can purchase digital cards OR check out the welcome center after services on select Sundays to purchase cards right there cash in hand. Thank you for your continued support of the youth group’s efforts to raise money so the youth in our church family can be blessed with various opportunities to learn and to serve God’s people on this earth!

## FIRST LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of Sunday School for children. September 8<sup>th</sup> will kick off a new year of Sunday School with our carnival and our first week of classes will meet on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Adult Bible Class will continue to meet throughout the summer months—we hope to see you there! Also, a GIANT thank you goes out to all the volunteers who help make our Education Hour at First Lutheran a success. May is Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Month and this year our faithful helpers will be thanked with a gift card showing our gratitude for their service. If you see any of the people who help make this possible (listed below), please consider thanking them for sharing Christ's love with the members of our church family by teaching about what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do for each of us throughout our lives.

Rev. Dan Welch  
 Mr. Bryan Polzin  
 Mr. Travis Uecker  
 Mrs. Carrie Donnay  
 Mrs. Julie Uecker  
 Ms. Madi Mathews  
 Mrs. Amy Bargmann  
 Mrs. Mackenzie Hoffmann  
 Ms. Paris Stradtman  
 Ms. Grace Brickzen  
 Mrs. Amy Welch  
 Mrs. Mindy Dressel  
 Mrs. Sarah LaMott  
 Mrs. LuAnn Schmidt

## SUMMER YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

We will be taking a break from our studies this summer since so many youths will only be able to pop in and out of youth group nights sporadically. Instead, we will be having a joint Youth Fellowship where we will meet for a brief devotion and then have time to just enjoy hanging out with our brothers and sisters in Christ! Some snacks and lemonade will be provided, and we have recently acquired a new Basketball Arcade game too! Come hang out, play board games, challenge someone to a battle on the Wii, or sit and talk and catch up with friends both old and new. All young people who will be entering grades 5-12 are welcome to join us! See you there.

MAY	5 <sup>th</sup> : IMPACT
	12 <sup>th</sup> : BLAZE
JUNE	19 <sup>th</sup> : Last Day of Sunday School
	19 <sup>th</sup> : IMPACT
	26 <sup>th</sup> : NO YOUTH GROUP (Memorial Day Weekend)
JULY	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Baccalaureate
	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Youth Fellowship (6:30-8pm)
	8 <sup>th</sup> : Camp Omega Family Day! (10am-4pm)
	22 <sup>nd</sup> : Glencoe Days Parade & Water Balloon Fight
AUGUST	7 <sup>th</sup> : Youth Fellowship (6:30-8pm)
	14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> : VBS (5:30-7:45)
	19 <sup>th</sup> : BBQ Days Kettle Corn Poppin' Fundraiser (11am-1:30pm)
	27 <sup>th</sup> : Bonfire (1:30pm)
	4 <sup>th</sup> : Gertens Fundraiser & NYG Info Meeting (5:30pm)
4 <sup>th</sup> : Youth Fellowship (6:30-8pm)	
10 <sup>th</sup> : Youthlympics! (10-2:30pm)	
10 <sup>th</sup> : Youthlympics Concessions Fundraiser	
31 <sup>st</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup> : Ren Fest Kettle Corn Fundraiser	

2024 SUMMER SCHEDULE!

First Lutheran Youth

### LOOKING AHEAD...

- 1 Youth Fellowship is from 6:30-8pm @ the Lighthouse and open to all entering grades 5-12! We will have a short devo and then just hang out and have fun!
- 2 BLAZE resumes Sun, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8pm) & IMPACT resumes Sun, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8pm)
- 3 Sunday School Teachers/Aids Needed: Please prayerfully consider teaching others about the faith! Commitments are needed by Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 4 VBS Circus Crew Members NEEDED! Please consider serving your church family in any number of volunteer positions!
- 5 Our next National Youth Gathering Meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm @ the Lighthouse

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.



The Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Church Fellowship Center.

All First Ev. Lutheran Church members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend. Among other business, the 2024-2025 Budget will be reviewed.

This is an opportunity for our congregation members to be heard, please prayerfully consider attending this and all Voters' Assemblies. YOU, the "Voters" have the final say after recommendations come through the Boards and Church Council. Because all of the Staff, Boards, and Committees report their activities, it's an excellent way for everyone to keep in touch with our Congregation's happenings.

Look for the Agenda Packet and the 2024-2025 Budget Requests to be on the entrance stands May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## ANGEL SEEDS

Vacation Bible School has been selected as the

Angel Seeds recipient for donations received from April through June.

This quarter's generous donations will be used to help spread God's love amongst the children of our church and community. Vacation Bible School is a unique opportunity for young children to be dropped off at our doorstep, eager and willing to soak up as much information about God as they can. Not only this, but these precious children go home and teach many unbelieving households in addition to our own congregational children who are given the opportunity to grow in and strengthen their knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This year our VBS theme is Celebrate: Jesus Gives us JOY! Thank you for donating to such a worthy cause.





## **A Prayer on Behalf of Our Mothers:**

Dear heavenly Father, You have said through Your prophet, "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). We thank You for Your infinite love which so exceeds human understanding that to make it more real to us You compared it with a mother's love for her child. On the strength of this assurance, we know that we shall have Your constant guidance, help, support, and protection.

On this day, set aside to honor mothers, we thank You especially for the gift of Christian mothers. Bless them always. Give them grace to set a good example for their families. Make them constantly aware that their children are a sacred trust from heaven. Hold Your protecting hand over them, and give them strength for every job, courage for each trial, and trust in You that each day grows stronger.

We thank You particularly for the gift of our mothers and for their love, which has often comforted us. May we never do anything that would grieve their hearts. May we always follow the path that they have charted- the path which leads to You. Guide our footsteps that we walk in the love of Jesus, who set an example by His love for His mother. This is our prayer in His name. Amen.



This Mother's Day we pray for ALL WOMEN including those who have lost a mother, the mother who has lost a child, and for the women who long to be mothers. We pray that they know how much they are loved and appreciated on this day and every day!

## **CHURCH LIBRARY**

### **"Identity Theft"**

Lacy imagined Alaska would be a perfect place to hide but found out it's the most dangerous place to be found. Lacy has a secret nobody knows so it's a good thing she's tucked away in the very heart of rural Alaska. But can she stay safe for long? Suspenseful, thrilling, and impossible to put down.

*Identity Theft* is an unforgettable novel by bestselling Christian author Alana Terry.

Alana Terry is a pastor's wife, homeschooling mom and Christian suspense author.



## **E-GIVING**

Members and Visitors – We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give

electronically, in just seconds you can make weekly offering contributions or pay for events/activities. E-Giving allows you to give anytime and anywhere, donate to your favorite funds, and make your gifts recurring. You can give via a smartphone app, texting, or online.

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

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



## **First Edition Book Club**

First Edition Book Club will meet on

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

The group will discuss the book: *Seaside* by author Terri Blackstock. First Edition book club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.



## **73rd ANNUAL POTATO PANCAKE & SAUSAGE DINNER**

"THANK YOU" for supporting our 73rd Annual Pancake & Sausage Dinner on Sunday, April 7th. Diners enjoyed potato and regular pancakes, sausages, applesauce, cheese, and beverages. An estimated 650 meals were served! This included (35) deliveries and more than (100) take-outs. More than 100 volunteers worked all phases and stages of the event.

We are grateful for the donations and discounts from Tangletown Gardens, Glencoe Co-op Assn, Michael Foods, Alsleben Meats, CorTrust Bank, Dollar Fresh, KWIK Trip, Thrivent Action Team Program, and generous members.

Any unused supplies were returned as allowed and what remained was donated to FLS.

Proceeds totaled \$9323 and expenses \$3643. This left us with a profit of \$5680. Proceeds will be split between FL General Fund and Youth.

We thank each and every one of you for the part you played! This is a well-loved event and we are blessed to continue the tradition!

## LUTHERAN NIGHT AT MN TWINS

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. **NOTE – We must sell enough tickets to fill the bus to make the trip viable – reservation deadline July 22.** Please contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com to reserve your spot!



### LWML Monthly Meeting

Who Is a Deaconess?

Meet First Evangelical Deaconess Megan Polzin

May 6

12:00 Noon

**All women** of the congregation are welcomed to get acquainted with **Deaconess Megan Polzin** on Monday May 6 at 12:00 noon. She will explain what a “Deaconess” is, what training is required to become a deaconess and what her duties include here at First Evangelical.

We will begin with **devotions and a meal**. Volunteers who help serve funerals and other special events will be recognized. First Evangelical Lutheran School **grades K, 1, 2** will entertain. There is no charge for this event. An offering for First Ev. Lutheran youth group will be received.

If you don't come regularly to these events, **please reply** to the church office. We want to make sure there's a piece of chicken for you!

(Sponsored by Lutheran Women in Mission LWML.)

### Bible Verses about Charity

Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble. The Lord will protect him and preserve his life; He will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desire of his foes. Psalm 41: 1-2

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” Luke 14: 13-14

And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. Isaiah 58:10

Then the King will say to those on His right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” Then the righteous will answer Him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?” The King will reply, “I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25: 34-40

### Kitchen Cleaning

There will be a “thorough-clean” of the church kitchen on **Saturday May 11th.**

Anyone is welcomed to join us. It involves

removing all items from shelves and cupboards, wiping them out, cleaning what needs to be cleaned, and returning clean items to proper place. It sounds like a big job, but it amazingly gets done in one morning! Bring your favorite cleaning rag and pitch right in. We'll tell you what needs to be done. We will begin at 9 a.m. and plan to be finished around noon with a lunch.

If your group has **specific items** that need to be stored, please mark them with name and date. **Unmarked items** on counters, cupboards or refrigerator that **appear to be abandoned** will be removed.

Reminder: counters and refrigerator are not used for long-term storage.



### FLC Prayer Chain

**Is the Holy Spirit touching your heart regarding the Prayer Chain? New leaders AND new members are needed to keep our PRAYER CHAIN going!** Participation is simple, but so very powerful!

The Bible says in Phil 4:6, “But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be known to God.” Thank you to all of our current members for their commitment to prayer – to confidentiality, discretion, and listening to the Holy Spirit.

How does it work?

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

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 HOUR** **TOPICS FOR MAY**

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

May 5 "**Rejoicing On the Way**" with Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. John Nunes](#). God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. (Acts 8:28-39)

May 12 "**Unforecastable**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). It's been said that God's call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control. (Acts 9:31)

May 19 "**Waiting, But Not Alone**" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone. (Acts 2:1-21)

### **May 26 "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 following broadcasts: July 21, July 28, October 13, and October 27. Broadcast sponsors can dedicate a sponsorship in memory of a loved one, in honor of a birthday or anniversary, or sponsor a broadcast as a service project for their congregation organization. Please contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or e-mail [richstreufert@embarqmail.com](mailto: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***

### **Stay Connected with LHM!**

Welcome! We are excited to show you how God is working through Lutheran Hour Ministries, and how He can work through you, too! Lutheran Hour Ministries offers several e-mail and print publications for people to learn about its media programs, ministry efforts, and world ministry centers. Learn how the organization is *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church* by viewing our printed publications such as [The Lutheran Layman](#) or subscribing to one of our e-mails by completing the form at: <https://www.lhm.org/newsroom/default.asp>.



## **RADIO BROADCAST of** **First Lutheran Services**

Sponsoring a Radio Broadcast is a wonderful opportunity to remember a loved one or honor a special event or person. The cost of sponsoring a Broadcast on KDUZ Radio is \$200 for a monthly service. Please contact the Church office for more info or to schedule a broadcast.

## **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 April 11th Homegrown lunch featured Chicken Enchiladas made with roasted Chicken from the *Gruber Farm* and homemade flour tortillas made by Olga Pineda of Glencoe. Our dessert was a cookie made with Popcorn from *Tangletown Gardens* in Plato. Have you ever had a cookie with popcorn as a main ingredient? The students said they were delicious! Let us know if you'd like the recipe!

The April 18th Homegrown lunch featured Brats made with local Beef from the *Brownston Meat Market*, Sauerkraut from Cabbage preserved by the *Starland Hutterite Community* from Gibbon, Roasted Yellow Carrots from *Tangletown Gardens*, a casserole made with Sweet Potatoes from the *FLS Garden*, and Zucchini Cake made with Zucchini from *Glencoe Area Gardens*.

**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 have also tasked 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 Aisleben at 864-3317 or Program Coordinator Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or [eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com](mailto: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 Eggersgluess 612-840-6308

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# thrivent

✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$1423 for FLC and \$2811 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](http://www.Thrivent.com/choice)) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say “Choice Dollars.” Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the church office.

✓ **Thrivent Action Teams** – A Thrivent Action Team is a simple, flexible way for you to bring people together to make a positive difference.....you might hold a fundraiser, conduct a service activity, or hold an educational event. Each year, every Thrivent member has (2) Action Teams to use!

Visit [Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://Thrivent.com/actionteam) to complete an online application (minimum 3 weeks before your event). If you are unable to make your request via computer, you can phone Thrivent and make your request via Customer Service – call 1-800-847-4836.

When your project is approved, Thrivent will provide resources (Action Team Kit) to help plan the event, promotional items (including Thrivent T-shirts to increase your visibility), and seed money to cover promotional and material expenses (\$250 Community Impact Card).

EVERY Thrivent member is eligible to lead two Action Teams per calendar year. IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR ACTION TEAMS, PLEASE LET CINDY OR THE OFFICE KNOW! All Thrivent members 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 /

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## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

All Scholarship Info and forms can be accessed from our website

([www.firstglencoe.org](http://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](http://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.

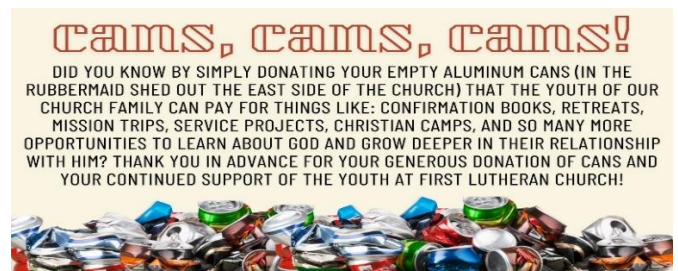
Information and an application form are available from our website at [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org) or upon request.

### 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.



## **BOARDS, COUNCIL & COMMITTEES**

### **SUMMARIES:**

#### **Church Council | April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Paster Koopman has declined FLC call, May 1, 2024 will be a "Special Voters Meeting" to place a call for Associate Pastor. Salary Review Committee and other Boards have met with 2024-2025 increase recommendations. Council approved removing the kitchen fees for any use by ministries of the church and school.



#### **Christian Ed Board | April 9<sup>th</sup>**

The Baccalaureate Service will be on Sunday June 2nd for high school and college graduates. Planning is in the works for VBS in July with the theme Celebrate the Savior: Jesus Gives us Joy!

#### **Day School Board | April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Students at First Lutheran are practicing their talents as they prepare for many of the upcoming events. K-2 Operetta is April 11, spelling bee at Mayer Lutheran on April 13, Track meet at Mayer Lutheran on May 3, and Playday planned for May 17th. Graduation will take place on May 22 with a 7 pm service. The Day School Board is beginning the process of hirings for a preschool, 6th grade and principal position for the upcoming school year.

#### **Board of Trustees | April 1<sup>st</sup>**

The holes in the wood on the north side of the school will be patched until a permanent solution is decided on. Rental guidelines and rates for the church kitchen and fellowship hall were discussed. Buttons on some of the pew cushions need replacing. Custodial help for summer cleaning of the schools has been secured.

#### **Board of Evangelism | April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

No Summary Submitted

#### **Board of Deacons | April 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Board of Deacons met April 4th and discussed a substitute for Pastor Welch on April 21st. Pastor Schwanke will cover for him that Sunday but there will be no bible study. We also continue to search for a visitation Pastor to replace Pastor Andrix. Discussed and carried through with supplemental pay raises for organists and Confirmation instructors.

#### **Board of Stewardship | April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

No Summary Submitted

# **GET TO KNOW**

## **THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

**Purpose:** Assist the pastors in maintaining proper decorum during worship services, assist the pastors in the work of church discipline, and make decisions for the spiritual life of the congregation.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Attend monthly meetings of the Board; one member to attend monthly church council meetings
- Work at worship services on a rotating basis assisting with ushering, offerings, and communion
- Concern for the spiritual well-being of church members
- Review the needs, salary, and performance of the pastoral staff, music staff, and the DCE
- Prepare and submit an annual budget

### **Should you or someone you know have questions or concerns, please contact one of the board members listed below:**

Michael Cisewski	320-296-6696
Will Freberg	952-215-1390
Brian Grochow	952-412-1696
Dan Nikolaisen	952-594-4149
Jason Oelfke	320-510-3293
Justin Petterson	320-405-4281
David Polzin	612-801-5675
Mark Schmidt	320-510-1289
Dennis Wolter	320-510-0206



## 2023-2024 Financials: MARCH (YTD)

<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME (March):</b>		<u><i>Last Year</i></u>
Offering Envelopes	\$ 611,124.10	\$ 567,322.96
Debt Reduction	7,165.00	7,943.00
Thrivent "Choice" <i>Member Elections</i>	9,128.00	5,062.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	4,425.00	370.00
School Tuition	196,267.39	181,274.61
MN DHS – Preschool Grants	- 0 -	47,071.90
Miscellaneous Income	28,313.92	16,786.19
	<b>\$ 856,423.41</b>	<b>\$ 825,830.66</b>

<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (March):</b>		<u><i>Last Year</i></u>
Staff	\$ 691,249.64	\$ 673,658.59
Employer Payroll Expenses	3,593.06	2,720.28
Buildings	73,148.76	77,004.82
Operations	19,021.21	20,533.08
Interest On Line of Credit	- 0 -	- 0 -
	<b>\$ 787,012.67</b>	<b>\$ 773,916.77</b>

<b>2023-2024 MISSIONS &amp; ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:</b>	
<b>\$ 11,611.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,552.00</b>

<b>March 31<sup>st</sup> GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:</b>	<b>(\$ 46,355.53)</b>
<i>Last Year's March 31<sup>st</sup> General Indebtedness:</i>	<b>(\$ 101,545.46)</b>

May, 2024

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"

## EVENTS

- April 28 | Confirmation Sunday
- May 2 | Kindergarten Grand Meadows Visit
- May 3 | Mayer Lutheran Grade School Track Meet
- May 7 | K-2 Field Trip | Lowry Nature Center
- May 8 | Fine Arts Festival | 6:30 pm
- May 12 | Mother's Day
- May 17 | Play Day @ Christ Community Lutheran School (CCLS), Watertown
- May 22 | 8th Grade Graduation | 7:00 pm
- May 24 | Last Day of School



### Together we pray for:

- Ministry Focus and the work that they are doing to support current Church Workers and for all that feel called to go into the ministry.
- Christ Community Lutheran School (CCLS) in Watertown as they continue the work of coordinating playday schedules, participants, and workers. For the students that it would be a successful day
- Seasonable weather for our area farmers.
- 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 8th graders as they graduate and move on to other schools that they may always be courageous witnesses.
- First Lutheran as they call an Associate Pastor and a Principal  
mthiesfeld@1stglencoe.org

## Last day of SCHOOL

"Last Day of school" talk already?!

The First Lutheran schedule for May 24th is as follows:

**8:00 - 9:00 AM** - students go to their classrooms for final clean up and wrap up

**9:00 - 10:00 AM** - 8th grade presentations including wills, skits, and valedictorian and salutatorian speeches (This has been extremely entertaining in the past, so you won't want to miss it.)

**10:00 - 11:00 AM** - End of year chapel and awards

**11:02 AM** - Dismissal

\*\*There will be no GSL busing home on this day so please arrange for transportation!



### Spelling Bee

On Saturday, April 13th, eight students from First Lutheran attended the Lutheran Grade School Spelling Bee hosted by Mayer Lutheran High School. There were numerous other Lutheran Grade Schools that were also in attendance. Many students placed in the top 10 in their age category! Congratulations to these students who were representing First Lutheran:

Left to right: Oscar Freberg, Harper Neubarth, Eleanor Heldt, Willa Polzin, Erika Goche, Dalis Montanye, Isaiah Nikolaisen

Not pictured: Maddie Zimmerman



Kindergarten has been an exciting, fun filled place to be all year. Jesus' Time has been an awesome time to grow our faith through Bible stories, singing, and learning Bible verses and prayers like the Lord's prayer. We daily said the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA and Christian flags. At times we said it in sign language. This May we go to Lowry nature center to study the prairie and the ponds in God's amazing world. Currently, we are reviewing coins to be ready for the annual K-2 grade garage fun sale. Story problems with addition and subtraction is going well as we work as a team to figure them out. We just started learning to read long vowel words and it has been a smooth transition from short vowel words. In Grammer, we continue to learn to identify the noun, verb, and adjective in sentences. This year we have been finding out that learning can be fun and that school is all about practice, practice, practice. Tuesday mornings we have been reading books to Mrs. Randt, Mrs. Schuette, and Mrs. Freberg. On Thursday afternoons we have library time with Mrs. Jan Plath; and Mrs. Weidendorf helped in our classroom for a short time each day. The new program we tried this year was intergenerational activities at Grand Meadows. We went to Grand Meadows monthly to spend time learning with our real/ 'adopted' grandparents. I want to thank my August helpers who prepared many materials before the year started including Mrs. Tritz, Mrs. Wandrei, Mrs. Schuette, and Mrs. Randt. They and others were a blessing as I healed after surgery, radiation, and therapy. Thank you, parents, for all your help during the year and for sharing your children with me. Blessings, Mrs. Donnay

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**Homegrown Meals**

Your help is needed: We are still looking for a few grillers to help out with the school picnic on May 23rd! Let the school office know if you're able!

Cindy Eggersgluess, Michelle, and Gina continue to work hard on developing, planning, and making home grown meals that are made from locally sourced foods. A few upcoming meals include: grilled cheese, roast beef and mashed potatoes, and hamburgers and hotdogs for our chapel family picnic.

**Playday**

CCLS in Watertown is hosting Playday this year. A schedule for the day can be found [here](#). Devotions will start at 8:45 and the day will conclude after the all school relay at 1:30. Concessions will be available all day for purchase. Please note that there will NOT be busing from First Lutheran to CCLS, Watertown that day. You, the parent, will be responsible for getting your child to and from CCLS that day. If transportation to and from will be an issue, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mrs. Hoffmann. This is a really awesome day to compete against so many other students from two other Lutheran grade schools, just like ours! We would love to have all of our students present that day. Your child's teacher will be sending home information about what event your child will be competing in for that day.

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**THANK YOU!**

- All of the fantastic parents who support FLS by sending their children to our school.
- Mrs. Lentsch, Mrs. Sanken, Mrs. Schmidt, and Mrs. Schuette for the continued willingness to sub and help out at First Lutheran when needed!
- Ms. Mathews for her continued help with our Flames of Faith Club Summer Program for all of her hard work in developing a program that will benefit our First Lutheran families as well as the community at large.
- Everyone who volunteered this year whether for field trips, classroom activities, or other needs. We really appreciate it!
- Glenn Cohrs for tilling the school garden again this year and Bob Schuft for fertilizing the garden.
- Mrs. Plath for her hard work and dedication in the school library for our Preschool-3rd grade students!



**Fruit of the Spirit - Perseverance**

Our classrooms have wrapped up their Friendly curriculum. So, to finish off the year, we are looking at a Church Worker curriculum that was prepared by the LCMS to encourage students to go into church work (Pastors, DCEs, Teachers, Music, etc). This is through the Set Apart to Serve ministry. We know that God calls us to persevere to do His Will and we pray that many of our students would consider the call to ministry to serve God every day. Perseverance also helps as we wrap up our school year!

*Happy Birthday*

**to these students and staff celebrating in the month of May**

- 2 | Quinn H (2)
- 3 | Lilly P (7)
- 5 | Nixon K (2)
- 8 | Madison G (5)
- 9 | Pearl D (K)
- 11 | Brock Z (4)
- 12 | Aurora O. (2), Atley S. (2), Nora C (5).
- 16 | Macie S (6)
- 18 | Grayson G (K)
- 20 | Mrs. Scheele (3)
- 21 | Oscar F (6)
- 26 | Mrs. Willett (2)
- 28 | Aiden P (3)
- 31 | Beau B. (7) & Benji E. (K)



**\$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!



**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!



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# MAY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ALTAR GUILD WORKERS</b> Cindy Dahlke 320-510-0595 Linda Ranzau 320-510-1491 Teresa Brelje 320-510-1867 	<b>Church Contacts:</b> 925 13th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 5522 office@fstglencoe.org <a href="http://www.firstglencoe.org">www.firstglencoe.org</a>	<b>School Contacts:</b> 1015 14th St. E. Glencoe, MN 55336 320 - 864 - 3317 <a href="mailto:mt.hiesfeld@1stglencoe.org">mt.hiesfeld@1stglencoe.org</a> Principal: Mrs. Hoffmann	<b>1  </b> 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 6:15 PM - Senior Choir 7:00 PM - Special Voters Meeting	<b>2  </b> 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Joel Landskroener) 6:00 PM - Deacons	<b>3  </b> FLS 5th -8th Grade Track Meet at Mayer Lutheran	<b>4  </b>
<b>5  </b> 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Stewardship 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service 6:30-8:00 PM - I.M.P.A.C.T.	<b>6  </b> 12:00 PM - LWML Luncheon 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:30 PM - Trustees 6:30-7:45 PM - New Member Class	<b>7  </b> 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM - Stewardship 6:30 PM - Day School Board 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM - Evangelism	<b>8  </b> 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 6:15 PM - Senior Choir 6:30 PM - Fine Arts Festival Meeting	<b>9  </b> 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Mrs. Edmison) 2:00 PM - Grand Meadows 7:00 PM - Worship Service w/Communion - Ascension	<b>10  </b> 9:00 AM - LWML Kitchen Deep Clean	<b>11  </b>
<b>12   MOTHER'S DAY</b>  8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Christian Ed 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion 1:00 PM - GlenFields 6:30-8:00 PM - BLAZE	<b>13  </b> 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying Pastor Welch Gone for Spring Pastors' Conference	<b>14  </b> 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM - GlenFields 1:30 PM - Mat Makers 6:00 PM - Christian Ed Board 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study	<b>15  </b> 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 6:15 PM - Senior Choir	<b>16  </b> 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Mrs. Hoffmann) 7:00 PM - Church Council	<b>17  </b> FLS Play Day @ CCLS, Watertown	<b>18  </b> Private Rental
<b>19  </b> 8:00 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion 9:00 AM - Fellowship: Day School 9:15 AM - Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service 6:30-8:00 PM - I.M.P.A.C.T.	<b>20  </b> 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:30-7:45 PM - New Member Class	<b>21  </b> 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM - Men's Network @ St. John's - Plato 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study	<b>22  </b> 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - FLS 8th Grade Graduation	<b>23  </b> 11:30 AM - FLS Picnic	<b>24  </b> 8:30 AM - Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 AM - FLS Chapel (Pastor Welch) 11:00 AM - FLS Dismissal	<b>25  </b>
<b>26  </b> 8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN 9:15 AM - Bible Class 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion	<b>27   MEMORIAL DAY</b> Church Office Closed	<b>28  </b> 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study 11:00-12:30 PM - Common Cup Diaper Distribution @ Glencoe City Center 1:30 PM - Mat Makers 7:00 PM - Voters' Assembly	<b>29  </b> 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study	<b>30  </b> Last Day of School Preschool	<b>31  </b> FLS Last Day of School Early Dismissal Church Office Closes at 11:00AM	