

2025 Lenten Theme: The Hand of the Lord

Hands are used to heal, mend, build, teach, comfort, and so much more. Yet, as humans our hands are sinful and unclean. Christ's hands are the ones that can transform our dirty hands into beautiful, clean ones for His plans. Spend this Lent exploring God's Word to see how His hands are used in both the New and Old Testaments, from creation to a crucifixion and eternal life.

In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch

Schedule and Sermon Plan
for Special Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter Services:
Wednesdays and Holy Week, services at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

The Hand of the Lord Who...

- 4/2 Midweek of Lent 4:** *"Raises the Dead"* Luke 7:11–17
- 4/9 Midweek of Lent 5:** *"Holds All Things"* John 3:11–18, 22–36
- 4/17 Maundy Thursday:** *"Serves and Feeds Us"*
John 13:1–17, 31b–35 and 1 Corinthians 11:23–32
- 4/18 Good Friday:** *"Was Pierced for Us"* Isaiah 52:13–53:12

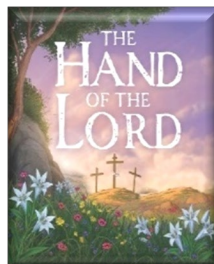
Easter Services:
6:30 with Com., 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30 with Com.

- 4/20 The Resurrection of Our Lord:** *"Is Risen"*
Psalm 16; Luke 24:1–12

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! When the women came to His tomb, carrying spices in their hands, they expected to find a dead body. However, they found a stone rolled away and angels proclaiming that Christ lives. Oh, how their sorrow turned to joy! It was necessary for Jesus to be delivered into the hands of the sinful men. He is not to be found in the place of death, and soon He will meet His disciples, all as He said. David knew this joy nearly a thousand years before Christ's resurrection. Jesus is the one who did not see corruption in the tomb and fulfills these words: "You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Psalm 16:11). Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Note: Credit is here given to Rev. Dr. Matthew David Rosebrock who authored the resources which I have adapted for use in this series: "The Hand of the Lord: 2025 Lent and Easter Series", 2025, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO)



Midweek Lenten Service Themes

° Midweek of Lent (April 2nd)

When Jesus reached out and touched the bier of the widow's dead son, the funeral procession was stopped dead in its tracks. Like the prophets Elijah and Elisha before Him, Jesus raised the only child of a woman in need. When Jesus touches death, it can only mean life. Above all, in

Christ's cross, He destroyed death by His death (2 Tim. 1:10). Christ touched death, and death was overcome by His resurrection life. When our sin and its deadly consequences are touched by Jesus in Baptism, we are united to His death and resurrection. So we are now "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11).

° Midweek of Lent 5 (April 9th)

All things are in the hands of Jesus. There is no authority that is above Him, and He will continue to exercise that authority for us until the end of the age. Salvation itself is in the hands of Jesus. As we have seen throughout this series, Jesus continues to use those hands for our good and, above all, for our salvation. He has given that authority to the church for the sake of making disciples by baptizing and teaching. As we prepare to enter into Holy Week, we see the specific ways that those hands, into which the Father has given all things, have worked forgiveness, life, and salvation.

° Holy (Maundy) Thursday (April 17th)

Christ, seeing that all things were in His hands, chose to use them to serve His disciples (John 13:3). Taking the form of a servant, He took their dirty feet into His hands and washed them. Above all, He served His disciples by feeding them. He took bread and wine into His pure and holy hands, blessed them, and then gave us so much more: His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith.

° Good Friday (April 18th)

The Lord's hands, feet, and side were pierced for our transgressions. The hands that the Lord used to show compassion, lift up those who were afflicted, and bless the poor in spirit were pierced by nails driven into a cross, all for us. It is here on the cross where our Lord's outstretched hands show the heart of His compassion for us. On the cross, our Lord's outstretched hands show the heart of His compassion for us. By the mere sight alone, one would have to wonder how Jesus could do anything with His hands nailed to the cross. However, these are not just any hands. They are the hands of the Son of God, who has atoned for the sins of the world.

FROM THE DCE DESK...

Living in the Joy of the Resurrection

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



What incredible joy we have in the resurrection of Jesus! This is not just a *seasonal* joy we celebrate at Easter—it is the foundation of our entire lives. Because Christ has conquered sin, death, and the grave, we live each day as people filled with hope, peace, and unshakable JOY!

This resurrection joy changes everything. It shapes how we worship, how we serve, and how we engage in our church community. In worship, we gather to rejoice in what God has done, lifting our voices in a response of praise, receiving His free and precious gifts of Word and Sacrament, and encouraging one another in the long journey of faith. Worship isn't just something we do on Sundays—it's a daily response to the overflowing joy of knowing that we belong to Christ forever.

This joy also leads us to serve one another, but our service starts in the most immediate and personal place—our homes. In our families, we have the daily opportunity to live out Christ's love by caring for and encouraging one another. Whether it's through patience, forgiveness, or acts of kindness, our homes are the first place we practice a life of service. This is something Christian homes teach from the time the kiddos are quite little, and for good reason. From the context of our homes, our love and care then extend into our church family, where we walk alongside fellow believers in faith.

As Paul reminds us in Galatians 5:13, *"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."* And so, we do; we serve one another. Some of our church family serves through operating the screens during worship services, others provide food for funeral luncheons, many volunteers make time to assist with the financial matters of the church such as counting contributions for deposit, and some even come in to sharpen pew pencils and restock paper. Whatever you choose to do to help your church family, these acts of service are vital for a congregation that thrives.

As we strengthen and encourage one another in our congregation, that service naturally spills over into our community. We become Christ's hands and feet to our neighbors, reaching out with compassion, generosity, and the truth of the Gospel. And beyond our local communities, the joy of the resurrection moves us to engage in the broader mission of the Church—to share the love of Christ with the world.

As a church, we are a family—a resurrection people who live in the light of Christ's victory! Let us continue to walk together in this joy, worshiping wholeheartedly, serving faithfully, and loving one another deeply. May the good news of Easter fill our hearts and lives every single day!

In Him,

<>< Deaconess Megan Polzin, DCE

~ Volunteer Schedules ~



Thank you for sharing your Time and Talents by serving as **Elders and Deacons!** We appreciate your service to the Lord and Church!

Lent	April 2	2:00 PM - Dean Scheele / Kermit Terlinden
Wednesday		7:00 PM - Jon Lemke / David Polzin
Sunday,	April 6	8:00 AM - Mike Cisewski / Fritz Schulz
		10:30 AM - Dan Nikolaisen / Kermit Terlinden
Lent	April 9	2:00 PM - Brian Grochow / David Hoefs
Wednesday		7:00 PM - Dennis Wolter / Dan Nikolaisen
Palm	April 13	8:00 AM - Tim Schauer / David Polzin
Sunday		10:30 AM - Justin Petterson / Jason Oehlfke
Public	April 16	7:00 PM - Brian Grochow / Mark Schmidt
Review		
Maundy	April 17	2:00 PM - David Hoefs / Brian Grochow
Thursday		7:00 PM - Jason Oehlfke / Tim Schauer
Good	April 18	2:00 PM - Leonard Donnay / David Polzin
Friday		7:00 PM - Jason Oehlfke / Doug Dahlke
Easter!	April 20	6:15 AM - Mike Cisewski / Mark Schmidt
		8:00 AM - Dennis Wolter / Doug Dahlke
		9:15 AM - Will Freberg / Jason Oehlfke
		10:30 AM - Brian Grochow / David Polzin
Sunday,	April 27	8:00 AM - Mark Schmidt / Leonard Donnay
Confirmation		10:30 AM - Will Freberg / Kermit Terlinden

Thank you for sharing your Time and Talents to assist in bringing the Word and Sacraments to the congregation at 1st Lutheran! We appreciate you running the **Camera!**

Sunday,	April 6 - Pam Ahlbrecht
Sunday,	April 13 - Linda Ranzau (Palm Sunday)
Sunday,	April 20 - Robert Schuft (Easter)
Sunday,	April 27 - Lynn Exsted (Confirmation)



SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

Wednesday,	April 2	2:00 p.m.	1st Luth. School Trio
		7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Sunday,	April 6	8:00 a.m.	1st Luth. School PreS
		8:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
Wednesday,	April 9	2:00 p.m.	1st Luth. School PreS
Palm Sunday,	April 13	8:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
Maundy Thu.,	April 17	7:00 p.m.	Senior Choir
Easter Sunday,	April 20	8 & 9:15 a.m.	Senior Choir
Wednesday,	April 30	6:30 p.m.	Fine Arts Festival

Thank you for sharing your Time and Talents by serving as

Acolytes! We appreciate your assistance with the Divine Service!

Lent	April 2	2:00 PM - Deacon Assistance
Wednesday		7:00 PM - Amelia Grimm
Sunday,	April 6	8:00 AM - Brittney Wolff
		10:30 AM - Ryland Pool
Lent	April 9	2:00 PM - Deacon Assistance
Wednesday		7:00 PM - _____
Palm	April 13	8:00 AM - Tyson Lemke
Sunday		10:30 AM - Ryland Pool
Maundy	April 17	2:00 PM - Deacon Assistance
Thursday		7:00 PM - Landon Grochow
Good	April 18	2:00 PM - Deacon Assistance
Friday		7:00 PM - Amelia Grimm
Easter!	April 20	6:15 AM - _____
		8:00 AM - Brittney Wolff
		9:15 AM - _____
		10:30 AM - Ryland Pool
Sunday,	April 27	8:00 AM - _____
Confirmation		10:30 AM - _____



It's so nice to be greeted by a friendly face when coming into church before service begins! It helps to create a welcoming atmosphere for all.

Thank you to those who have and are serving as **Greeters!**

Lent	April 2	2:00 PM - _____
Wednesday		7:00 PM - _____
Sunday,	April 6	8:00 AM - Ken and Joyce Schiroo
		10:30 AM - Deb Bargmann
Lent	April 9	2:00 PM - _____
Wednesday		7:00 PM - _____
Palm	April 13	8:00 AM - Sharon Czycalla
Sunday		10:30 AM - Janel Fischer
Maundy	April 17	2:00 PM - _____
Thursday		7:00 PM - _____
Good	April 18	2:00 PM - _____
Friday		7:00 PM - _____
Easter!	April 20	6:15 AM - _____
		8:00 AM - Dave and Betty Witthus
		9:15 AM - _____
		10:30 AM - _____
Sunday,	April 27	8:00 AM - Ken and Joyce Schiroo
Confirmation		10:30 AM - _____

Be A Greeter!



Screens Presenters:

Thank you for sharing your Time and Talents to assist in bringing the Word and Sacraments to the congregation at 1st Lutheran! We appreciate your help!

Lent	April 2	2:00 PM - Amy Welch
Wednesday		7:00 PM - Pam Ahlbrecht
Sunday,	April 6	8:00 AM - Piper Polzin
		10:30 AM - Tyler Schauer
Lent	April 9	2:00 PM - Amy Welch
Wednesday		7:00 PM - Gemma Goff
Palm	April 13	8:00 AM - Brittney Wolf
Sunday		10:30 AM - Seth Mathews
Maundy	April 17	2:00 PM - Amy Welch
Thursday		7:00 PM - Tyler Schauer
Good	April 18	2:00 PM - Chloe Donnay
Friday		7:00 PM - Seth Mathews
Easter!	April 20	6:15 AM - Pam Ahlbrecht
		8:00 AM - Piper Polzin
		9:15 AM - Amy Welch
		10:30 AM - Tyler Schauer
Sunday,	April 27	8:00 AM - Gemma Goff
Confirmation		10:30 AM - Amy Welch

Sound / PA: Thank you for sharing your Time and Talents to assist in bringing the Word and Sacraments to the congregation at 1st Lutheran! We appreciate your help by running the sound board!

Lent	April 2	2:00 PM - Deacons / Elders
Wednesday		7:00 PM - Grady Schuft
Sunday,	April 6	8:00 AM - Andrew Mackenthun
		10:30 AM - Steven Schauer
Lent	April 9	2:00 PM - Deacons / Elders
Wednesday		7:00 PM - Andrew Mackenthun
Palm	April 13	8:00 AM - Kevin Cohrs
Sunday		10:30 AM - Grady Schuft
Maundy	April 17	2:00 PM - Glenn Cohrs
Thursday		7:00 PM - Steven Schauer
Good	April 18	2:00 PM - Kevin Cohrs
Friday		7:00 PM - Lynn Exsted
Easter!	April 20	6:15 AM - Andrew Mackenthun (Radio)
		8:00 AM - Glenn Cohrs
		9:15 AM - Grady Schuft
		10:30 AM - Steven Schauer
Sunday,	April 27	8:00 AM - Kevin Cohrs
Confirmation		10:30 AM - Grady Schuft



~ Upcoming Events ~



GIDEON, THE COMFORT DOG

COMING TO FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

**Saturday, April 5th
8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon**

All Ages Welcome! Children and Adults may touch Gideon!

Gideon interacts with people in churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events and in disaster response situations. Gideon is a friend who brings a calming influence and allows people to open up their hearts and receive help in time of need. Gideon and his handler are a bridge to compassionate ministry, opening the doors for conversations about faith and proclamation of Jesus Christ.

This is the same comfort dog First Evangelical Lutheran School children supported with chapel offerings earlier this school year!

Arrive for coffee and snacks at 8:30. Devotion and program begin at 9:00. A light lunch follows the program. There is no charge for this event. Free-will offerings will be received. Replies to the church office at 320-864-5522 or office@1stglencoe.org are appreciated. See the "First Ev. Lutheran" facebook page for more information.

Location: First Evangelical Lutheran Church – 925 13th St E, Glencoe
Sponsored by McLeod Zone LWML "Lutheran Women in Mission"



SMOKED HAM AND PANCAKE

BREAKFAST: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Green Isle – **Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Menu: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Cheese, Applesauce, Bars, Beverage. Free-will offering for building repairs and church expenses.

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S POPCORN SALE

Please help by participating in the 2025 Popcorn Fundraiser. This is an excellent way to support our school!

Sales will begin on Monday, April 14th and continue through Monday, April 28th.



UNHINGED PIZZA TIP NIGHT

Monday, April 7th from 4-8 p.m.

Please consider joining your church family for a night out of delicious pizza and other buffet options at Unhinged here in Glencoe. The youth group will be bussing/cleaning during this time and will receive 10% of all buffet sales in addition to 100% of the tips collected during this time. You won't have to cook, and the youth receive funds—it's a win-win for everyone!

We look forward to seeing you there.



ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT JOHN IRELAND

Fish Boil

FRIDAY, APRIL 11th
4:30pm-8pm

JOHN IRELAND
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Boiled Pollock - Carrots - Potatoes
Onions - Coleslaw - Dessert

Beer will be available!

ADULTS
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YOUTH 6-12
\$8

In conjunction with

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YOUTH EVENT

Saturday, April 19th from 11-Noon

CHECK OUT THE MinHUB App

Youth of ALL ages. check out the MinHub App for details about our surprise youth event the Saturday before Easter.

See Deaconess Megan Polzin with questions!

See you there!

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY APRIL 27TH @ 10:30AM



FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB: First Edition Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 7 p.m.** in the lounge area at First Lutheran Church. The group will discuss the book The Wishbook Christmas: Book II by Lynn Austin. First Edition Book Club reads Christian fiction books and welcomes interested women to join in the discussion.



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT MN TWINS

Take me out to the Ballgame!.....

Tickets are reserved for the 6:40 p.m. game on Thursday, August 14th against the Detroit Tigers. Seats are located in Section 213 (Home Plate Terrace) at a cost of \$42 each.

Bus transportation from First Ev. Lutheran

Church in Glencoe will depart at about 4 p.m., at a cost of approximately \$15 per person. Please contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com to reserve your spot!



~ Thrivent News ~



✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$1224 for FLC and \$966 for FLS. We also received a charitable Giving Grant of \$650! 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.

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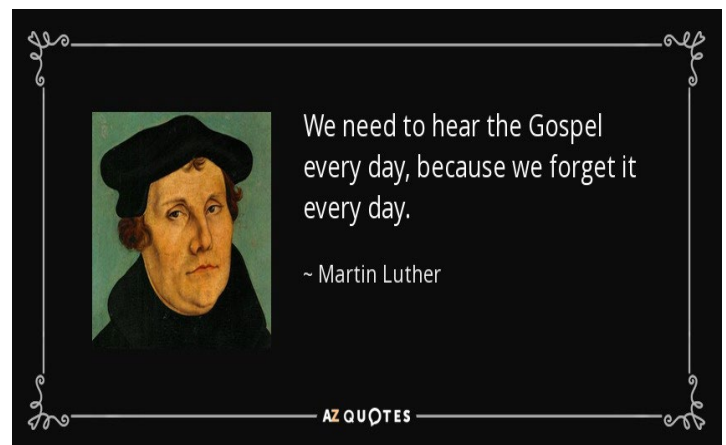
✓ **Thrivent Action Teams** – A Thrivent Action Team is a simple, flexible way for you to bring people together to make a positive difference.....you might hold a fundraiser, conduct a service activity, or hold an educational event. Each year, every Thrivent member has (2) Action Teams to use! Visit Thrivent.com/actionteam to complete an online application (minimum 3 weeks before your event). If you are unable to make your request via computer, you can phone Thrivent and make your request via Customer Service – call 1-800-847-4836.

When your project is approved, Thrivent will provide resources (Action Team Kit) to help plan the event, promotional items (including Thrivent T-shirts to increase your visibility – this year's T-Shirts are a very pretty blue!), 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! We're utilizing Action Teams for the Pancake Event!

✓ **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 Eggsgluess – 612-840-6308 / eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com
- Your Congregational Volunteer



~ Opportunities to Share

Your Time, Talents, and Treasures ~



ALTAR GUILD VOLUTEERS: Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer at church? The Altar Guild can use your Time, Talent, and Treasures! We encourage and welcome members of the congregation to join the Altar Guild at any time. If you see us working after the worship services, we invite you to join us and see what we are up to.

Our motto of service has remained the same for 70+ years: "Let all things be done decently and in order." *1 Corinthians 14:40* We prepare the altar, set up for Communion for our church services, and decorate the church for holidays. We will provide training -- no special talents required. You work one month out of the year with other members. We meet as a group four times between Sept and May (Sept, Nov or Dec, Jan, & May).

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Charleen Engelmamn, or leave a message with the church office.



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

Sundays starting and Wednesdays, before and after services. Members will be available to assist with sign up. The cost is \$12 per lily. Contact Cheryl Scheidt at 864-3356 jcscheidt68@gmail.com with any questions.

UPDATE: You may also purchase your lily in the church office.

CHURCH GREETERS: It's so nice to be greeted by a friendly face when coming into church before service begins! It helps to create a welcoming atmosphere for all. Thank you to those who have and are serving as greeters.



Please consider signing up to be a GREETER before the 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. service here at First Lutheran. A welcoming attitude and the ability to hand out bulletins is all that is required. Thank you for considering serving your church family through this opportunity!



CHURCH CAMERA: Are you interested in running the church camera for our services? We would love to have you and we would train you. It's a great opportunity for adults and responsible youth! Please contact the church office if you are interested!



CHURCH SCREENS ASSISTANCE

Are you looking for a way to share your Time and Talents here at 1st Lutheran? We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in running the church screens at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. services and at any of the special services; such as, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, etc. (Currently, we have enough volunteers for the Sunday 8:00 a.m. services.)

You choose when you are available to volunteer. You would be trained by Amy Welch and would start running screens on your own when you feel ready.

Interested, responsible, dependable volunteers may reach out to Amy at 320-510-4583 or dovechocolate25@gmail.com. Thank you!



SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

HOUR: Sunday mornings provide a great opportunity for us to come together as a church family to visit and share with one another. We have this opportunity on Sunday mornings from 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. The Sunday School children have the same opportunity for refreshments and fellowship before they are dismissed for Sunday School Opening and Sunday School classes. (High Schoolers and Adults also have Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.)

Typically, our church boards and committees sign-up for three or four Sundays, but we still have some openings for groups or individuals to host. For example, we currently have openings for May 25, June 8, June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 10, August 17, August 31, October 12, October 19, November 2, November 23, November 30, December 7, December 21, and December 28.

If you are interested in providing coffee, kool-aid, and refreshments for Fellowship Hour, please contact the church office. Thank you!



MORE REWARDS PROGRAM: IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SCHOOL REWARDS

: For the 2024/2025 school year, we've updated the MORE Rewards school program to distribute donations more evenly across all communities. While the total donation amount remains the same, funds will now be allocated directly by each store rather than through loyalty transactions. More information will come after the school year.



hours: 719 13th Street E., Glencoe; 498 Hwy. 7 E., Hutchinson

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8 AM – 1 PM
and Thursday 1 PM – 6 PM. Thank you for your gifts!**

Needed Food Items : whole grain cereal, pasta, nuts and nut butters, canned fruits and veggies, cooking and baking items, meal side-dish items, personal care items, and household care items



GARDEN CLUB VOLUNTEER: We are seeking a volunteer to head up the FLS Garden Club. The School Garden is located on the School Campus at the corner of 15th

Street and Knight Ave. We need a Coordinator/Leader to head up garden activities and coordinate volunteers and student garden club members. Typically in past years, we've grown potatoes, onions, zucchini, cucumbers, green beans, tomatoes, peppers, etc.- but we are open to trying new things. **If you have questions or are interested, please contact Michelle Alsleben.** *Without volunteers, we will not be able to continue this project. Please consider helping!*



COLLECTION OF WARM ITEMS FOR "NEW FREEDOM" MISSION

"New Freedom Store" is the official mission that distributes the handcrafted sleeping mats made by First Evangelical Mat-Makers. They also distribute warm clothing, bedding, food, water, and other essential item for unhoused people near downtown St. Paul. This is an official mission of LCMS Minnesota South District. Items will be distributed by the same volunteers who visit the homeless camps to distribute our mats.

Members and friends of First Evangelical are welcomed to donate items for this important mission. Items need not be brand new, but they should have lots of "wear" left in them. Here is a list of most-needed items:

For you closet cleaners: Winter coats, hats, gloves, tee shirts (including Thrivent), jeans, shoes, boots, sheets, towels, quilts, suitcases, and large, sturdy duffle bags.

For you shoppers: bottled water, high calorie snacks, candy, granola bars, heavy-duty contractor-type trash bags.

Monetary donations can also be made, please make checks payable to First Ev. Lutheran Women in Mission with "New Freedom" in the memo line.

Items can be dropped off from now till May 5 at either the south or the northwest church entrances. Perhaps you are interested in helping deliver the items to the homeless camps, if so, contact Glenda Schuft 320-854-0007. *You will be going with a group of experienced LC-MS volunteers, social workers, and police. No one goes alone.*



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During [Seeds of Generosity](#) this month, your gift goes even further thanks to a [\\$50,000 matching challenge](#) from generous friends of Concordia, Andrew '89 and Jen Knudten!! That means every dollar you give is doubled up to \$50,000, making an even greater impact on our students and their future.

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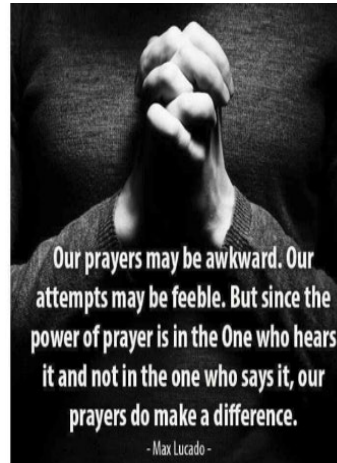
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FLC Prayer Chain



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 our current members for their commitment to prayer – to confidentiality, discretion, and listening to the Holy Spirit.



150th ANNIVERSARY COMING UP IN

2026! The 03/20/2025 Church Council approved the formation of 150th First Ev. Lutheran Church Anniversary Committee.

This committee will consist of six to eight members who will plan the events to

commemorate our church's anniversary in the year 2026. Coinciding, the committee will also be responsible for the next Church Pictorial Directory.

If interested, please submit your name to the church office **by Mon., April 21.** *Church Council will establish the committee members, consisting of six to eight persons.*



~ From Lutheran Women in Mission ~



**Lutheran Women in Mission
will meet Monday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m.
for devotions and Bible Study.**

We will continue "An Age of Grace," examining (and laughing about) Bible women and men of various ages: young, not so young, old, older, amazingly old, who served the Lord.

Guests are always welcomed!

*O God, from my youth You have taught me,
and I still proclaim Your wondrous deeds.
So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim Your might to another generation,
Your power to all those to come.
Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.
You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?
(Psalm 71:17-19). Amen.*

Happy April Birthdays!

to Lutheran Women in Mission honorary member Verda Wittenberg and to former Counselor Pastor Mathison. A \$5 gift in honor of each of you has been given to Lutheran Women in Mission grants "mites."



Dessert and Christian Fellowship!

Continuing every Wednesday during Lent, Lutheran Women in Mission will be serving coffee and dessert following the 2:00 p.m. Lenten worship

service. Come to the Fellowship Center immediately after church and join your fellow worshipers for visiting and a treat. A free-will offering will be received for Lutheran Women in Mission grants.

Some Bible Verses about Repentance

The time has come. The kingdom of God is near.
Repent and believe the good news! *Mark 1:15*

They went out and preached that people should repent. *Mark 6:12*

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit. *Psalm 147:3*

If you put away the sin that is in your hand
and allow no evil to dwell in your tent,
then you will lift up your face without shame;
you will stand firm and without fear. *Job 11:14-15*

But if a wicked man turns away from all the sins he has committed
and keeps all My decrees and does what is just and right,
he will surely live; he will not die.

None of the offenses he has committed
will be remembered against him.

Because of the righteous things he has done,
he will live. *Ezekiel 18:21-22*



~ Thank you's ~

SILENT AUCTION UPDATE: The Flames Booster Club would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who donated and supported the Annual Silent Auction and Meal. Together we were able to raise \$32,500 for our school! This amazing effort would not be possible without your support! God's Blessings to you all! ~The Flames Booster Club.



FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DONATION: THANK

YOU to the FLC member (who wishes to remain anonymous) who graciously donated to the Altar Guild, from the FLS Silent Auction, winning bids of certificates and subscriptions for flower arrangements for the year. We are so very grateful to you for sharing your generosity with our congregation members and guests.

THANK YOU to James and Becky Mathews!

The Board of Christian Education would like to thank the Mathews family for their generous donation of both time and talent as they built the wooden bookshelves for our recently updated Children's Corners (located at all three entrances to the sanctuary). These gorgeous shelves will be a blessing for generations to come. Thank you!



LENTEN MEALS: THANK YOU

to the NYG Youth, David & Jeannie Polzin, the Board of Evangelism, and the Faculty/Staff of First Lutheran School for providing delicious Lenten meals in March!



GERTENS SPRING ANNUALS AND PERENNIALS

Thank you to everyone who purchased from our youth selling from the Gertens Spring Fundraiser. We are thankful to announce we sold over \$3,500 worth of beautiful products. We hope these items will help you bring beauty and joy to your personal

spaces and that you would revel in enjoying the wonders of God's beautiful creation.

* **Please remember:** plan to pick up your orders on **May 7th between 3-6 p.m.** in the church parking lot (near the south entrance). *



Thankful Hearts

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be,
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

THE ENDOWMENT/FINANCE COMMITTEE IS GRATEFUL TO ANNOUNCE GIFTS FROM:

☐ The family of Serena Stradtman,
for a \$15,000 gift in her memory
to the FLC/FLS Building Upkeep Fund

☐ The Penshorn Joshua 24 Foundation,
for a \$12,000 gift, to First Lutheran School.

We are inspired and encouraged by the generosity of these gifts.

Compassionate contributors play a key role in the support of our ministries. God has blessed us and we are very grateful.



All honor, praise and thanksgiving be to the
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To God be all the
glory!

- Submitted by the 2025 Endowment/Finance Committee
– Wayne Ahlbrecht, Brenda Birkholz, Cindy Eggersgluess, Maren Grack,
Jon Lemke, Mark Schmidt, Roger Schmidt

~ Lutheran Hour News ~



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES MN SOUTH CONVENTION on APRIL 5

Join us for a day of spiritual growth with
inspirational presentations on Saturday, April 5 at
Concordia University, 1282 Concordia Avenue in
St. Paul, Minnesota.

The keynote speaker and The Lutheran Hour
Rally Worship Service leader is Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The
Lutheran Hour®. The day's schedule begins with doors open at 9:00 a.m.
Convention begins at 9:30 a.m. featuring breakout session leaders, Rev. Dr.
Mark Koschmann and Rev. Dr. Samuel Deressa. Banquet starts at 4:30 p.m.
featuring banquet speaker, Rev. Tom Gundermann. At 6:30 p.m. The
Lutheran Hour Rally Worship Service begins.

The registration fee per person is \$15.00 for Saturday's lunch and \$20.00 for
the banquet. Visit <https://www.lhm.org/mnso-III> to complete the simple online
registration form and payment.

Registration deadline is March 28, 2025.

Questions? Contact Doyle Benson 320-583-7695.



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 April, you will hear
the following program topics on the 9:00 a.m. broadcast:

April 6 "Better Than I Deserve!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstok

Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to
give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11)

April 13 "In the Middle"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love,
and a promise never to leave us. (John 19:18)

April 20 "A Risen Christ and a Clean Room"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ
invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation.
(John 20:5-7)

April 27 "Through Locked Doors"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

When Jesus shows up, it's no longer us vs. them," because Jesus is for
everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (John 20:19)

Our Mission

Help us spread the Gospel message in the KDUZ Radio listening area. The
KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour broadcast is a congregational outreach ministry
supporting 38 congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the
KDUZ listening area by inviting listeners (at the end of each broadcast) to
attend a "Church of the Lutheran Hour" in their area. It is independently
funded by generous Christians, church groups and congregations who want
to spread the pure and powerful message of the Savior's love in their
communities.

You are Invited to become a KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporter. Any
gift amount helps. Sponsor one broadcast (\$94.00) or broadcasts by sending
your gift (payable to KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast) to: KDUZ Lutheran
Hour Broadcast Supporters, % First Lutheran Church; 925 13th Street East,
Glencoe, MN 55336. Questions? Please call Rich at 320-779-0123. *Thank
you for your support!*



Hear the Spanish language Lutheran Hour program at:

<https://www.paraelcamino.com/>.

Weekly Biblical message of faith & hope to accompany you on life's journey.

***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***

~ More Announcements for You ~



There are two new additions to our library and both have been enjoyed by the First Edition Book Club here at First Lutheran. *If I Were You* by Lynn Austin is a powerful story of heart-wrenching loss, our desperate need to be understood, to forgive and be forgiven, and the loving sacrifice found in true friendship. The second selection is *Saving Grayson* by Chris Fabry. It is an engaging and important story with a powerful ending.



First Lutheran, Glencoe

74th Annual Pancake & Sausage Meal

**Watch for next month's newsletter
for a recap of this event!**



PRAYER REQUESTS:

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. 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.



2024 CHURCH FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you haven't picked up your contribution statement, you may still do so. They are available on the welcome stand outside of the church office.



CHURCH BUILDING LIGHTS:

Friendly reminder, last person in the church, please remember to turn off ALL of the building lights when you leave, **especially the East Side of the church and in the Preschool/Kindergarten hallway.** Thank you!

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 eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com

The Cross



A symbol of my faith
That strengthens me each day
As I by God's grace
Walk the narrow way.

You see God's own Son
He gave His life for me
And took my debt of sin
To a place called Calvary.

I owe Him my life
And all I'll ever be
All He asks is that
I'll let Him live through me.

So I run the race
Empowered by His grace
And give Him all the glory
As I look into His face.
JESUS is LORD!

Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a "title search." Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you'll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, "That's mine: I had it first."

You can't understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it: You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor's possessions are his: you don't have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God's leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.



~ Youth Events and Information ~

CONFIRMATION UPCOMING DATES

9 APRIL
PHOTO ORDERS
DISTRIBUTED AT
CONFIRMATION
CLASS

16 APRIL
LAST DAY OF PUBLIC
SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION
7PM QUESTIONING
PICTURES AFTER

27 APRIL
10:30 DIVINE
SERVICE-RITE OF
CONFIRMATION

SPRING 2025

CONFIRMATION IS NOT GRADUATION...WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ACTIVE IN CHURCH!

NYG Upcoming Dates Reminder

- ▣ **April 27th** Registration Balance DUE (\$295)
- ▣ **May 4th** NYG Pre-Gathering Bible Study (6:30 p.m. @ the Lighthouse)
- ▣ **May 18th** NYG Pre-Gathering Bible Study (6:30 p.m. @ the Lighthouse)
- ▣ **May 25th** NYG Participant ONLY Covenant Meeting (9:15 a.m. in the north Fellowship Center)
- ▣ **June 8th** NYG Pre-Gathering Bible Study (6:30 p.m. @ Lighthouse)
- ▣ **June 22nd** NYG Pre-Gathering Bible Study (6:30 p.m. @ the Lighthouse) AND Any Remaining Balance DUE (~\$300)



REMINDER: NO Education Hour
Sunday, April 20th



Adult Bible Study and all Sunday School classes will NOT meet on Resurrection Sunday. We look forward to seeing you again for continued study on Sunday, April 27th.

FUN

AND THE SON

Thursday, April 24th
3-4:45pm

RSVP Required. Join us as we learn about how God makes us NEW CREATIONS through Jesus! Snack, crafts, games, and fun!

Age 5 - 4th Grade

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AD29A5F8C25-54773526-myheart#/>





CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



Each year the Board of Christian Education recognizes graduating members (from both High School and Colleges/Universities) during the first weekend of June with a Baccalaureate service (June 1st at 10:30am).

If you/your family member is graduating in 2025, we ask that you please fill out this form (use the QR code or type this link directly into your browser: <https://forms.gle/xSh6RNsTgEXe3bqc8>) so we can properly recognize you and share your plans with your church family.

Please complete this form at your earliest convenience, **but no later than May 4th** (so we have adequate time to prepare the slides and order our banner). If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Megan Polzin at mpolzin@1stglencoe.org. **Thanks so much for helping us celebrate this joyful time with you, graduates!**

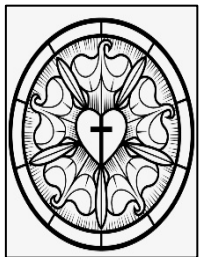


YOUTH SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

The next round of Youth Service Scholarship applications are **DUE May 29th** to any Board of Christian Education board member (or you can turn the in to Deaconess Megan Polzin or the box outside her office).

We are thankful to be able to recognize youth who play active roles in serving our church family through various facets. Scholarships will be determined at the June Christian Ed meeting and recipients will be notified thereafter.

See Deaconess Megan Polzin with questions. (Applications can be found hanging from the box outside her office).



CATECHISM CLASS REMINDERS

The last official day of Catechism classes for this year will be on **Wed., April 16th**. There will be NO classes on the 23rd or following. We do hope you consider joining us for Public Review (Questioning) on the 16th at 7:00 p.m. and the Rite of Confirmation during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 27th.

Stay tuned for the announcement concerning the Catechism Info Night that will be held in the fall to kick off our next year of Catechism.



lcef.org/scholarship

LCEF TAKE HEART SCHOLARSHIP

The **LCEF Take Heart Scholarship** is developed for high school seniors who will soon be entering higher education. Students who have an LCEF Young Investors Steward Account have the opportunity of financial support through the **Take Heart Scholarship**. Three awards of \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500 will be granted. **The application window closes on May 1, 2025** and winners will be announced on May 30, 2025.

Read more about it at www.lcef.org/scholarship.



LUTHER CLASSICAL COLLEGE

25 weeks until classes begin at Luther Classical College!

- 41 applicants have been accepted, as LCC's Admissions Department aims for 60-70 students for August 2025. To join the historic inaugural class: [Apply - Luther Classical College](#)
- We secured the necessary funding to complete the construction of our first on-campus residence: [LCC Secures Funds to Complete First On-Campus Residence - Luther Classical College](#)
- 8 Financial Aid Options were rolled out with No Government Strings Attached: [LCC Rolls Out 8 Financial Aid Options - Luther Classical College](#)
- We are now accepting student applications for housing. Three options are in the plans for the 2025-2026 academic year: LCC Student Housing

Luther Classical College; 2300 Hickory St; Casper, WY 82604
(307) 216-5294 lutherclassical.org

THE CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

CHRISTUS CHORUS



SPRING TOUR 2025
APRIL 3-8

FREE CONCERTS - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

DR. PAUL VON KAMPEN | CONDUCTOR

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 | 6 PM
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
1045 Belvidere Rd, Belvidere, IL 61008

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 | 7 PM
OUR SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
2225 W 14 Mile RD, Birmingham, MI 48009

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 | 7 PM
ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
3455 S Van Buren Rd, Reese, MI 48757

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 | 7 PM
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1046 N 9th St, Milwaukee, WI 53233

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025 | 7:30 PM
GRAEBNER MEMORIAL CHAPEL
1259 CARROLL AVE. ST. PAUL MN, 55104

CSP MUSIC

www.csp.edu/music FREE CONCERT WITH FREEWILL OFFERING www.csp.edu FOR MORE INFO EMAIL: vonkamp@csp.edu

Camp Omega Day

FREE!



SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH (10AM - 4PM)

Join us for a free picnic-style barbeque served from 12:00-1:30 pm.

Recreational activities include:

swimming archery hatchet throwing
pontoon boat rides canoeing arts and craft
wagon rides kayaking & more activities for
the whole family!

Pre-registration is requested, but not required. Register at
<https://campomega.org/event/camp-omega-day/> or use this
QR code as a quick link.



SAVE THE DATE: FAMILY DAY AT CAMP OMEGA!

Saturday, June 7th your family is welcome to attend a day of fun-filled activities at Camp Omega...for FREE! Join us for pontoon rides, archery, hatchet throwing, arts and crafts, a picnic-style meal, and more! Registration is requested but not required! We hope to see you there!



Acolyte SignUp Genius April-September

All Public-School Confirmants in grades 5-8 and all First Lutheran School Confirmants in grades 7 and 8 need to select 2 services for which they plan to acolyte between April 27th and the end of September. Please scan the QR code with your phone's camera to be taken to the SignUp Genius form. Thank you!



~ from the Council, Boards, and Committees ~



Church Council | March 20th

Volunteers interested in serving on a committee to plan activities in honor of First Lutheran Church's 150th anniversary (2026) will be solicited via articles in upcoming church bulletins. The MN South District LCMS will determine/report back as to status of our call for a new seminary graduate to serve as associate pastor by April 30th. Each Board is working on budget preparation and nominating committee representative or recruitment of members for their Boards. Next Council meeting will be April 24th as the regular 3rd Thursday meeting date falls on Maundy Thursday this year. The Council reviewed minutes and heard reports from each of the Boards.

Christian Ed Board | March 17th

Christ's Kids Corner is now available at the three entrances to the Sanctuary. Special thanks to James and Becky Mathews for making and donating the shelves and to Deaconess Polzin for putting together the Busy Bags and Sensory Bags. We discussed upcoming plans for Confirmation. Special thanks to David Wolff for the donations of wooden crosses. We updated our Perpetual Agenda and Proposed Budget. Deaconess Polzin gave us a recap of the "Ladies ParTEA." Additionally we discussed our three youth programs, particularly "Fun in the Son" which will be called "Ignite," beginning next school year.

Day School | March 11th

Grades K-8 will be singing "The National Anthem" at the Twins game on April 16. Preschool and Kindergarten open houses went well. The staff, board, and booster continue to work on plans for Playday on May 16.

Board of Deacons | March 6th

Board started planning for the 2025-2026 budget. Discussed plan to increase active membership and youth involvement in youth ministry. Reviewed deacon/elder and fellowship schedules.

Board of Evangelism | March 3rd

Greeters are still needed for many 10:30 Sunday services. Help with options for Greeter sign-up will be available at the Welcome center next to the church office on Sunday mornings. Visitor bag items have been finalized. We will be serving the Lenten meal on March 19th menu will include Cheezy Turkey sandwiches and Sloppy Joes, chips, pickles and bars. We will be helping host the dinner for the Lutheran Hour Event- **OUR VOICE FOR CHRIST WEEKEND**-on Saturday September 27th. Watch for more information on this in the upcoming months.

Board of Stewardship | March 4th

We will talk to the office about getting reports again. We discussed having music again this summer and we will check with a couple of people to see if they are willing to do it. We discussed serving for Fellowship Hour.

Board of Trustees | March 3rd

Applications have been received and interviews are taking place for the church secretary position. All Elements has agreed to replace ceiling tiles damaged by the roof leaks. The budget planning worksheet was reviewed and will be ready for the April board meeting.

HOMEGROWN! IT'S A GOOD THING!

The "Farm to School" Department of Agriculture grant monies are used to purchase locally grown and raised foods (beef, pork, poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits, etc.) for our school lunch program.



On March 13, our lunch featured Pork Chow Mein.

We cooked and diced 30 lbs. of pork purchased from Glencoe Pork in Glencoe. We were delighted to learn that local farmer, Cory Schiroo, raises the pigs utilized by Glencoe Pork. (Check out their web site, www.glencoeaporkco.com, to learn all about their local connections, quality, benefits, humane handling, etc.) Pork is a high-quality protein and is essential for building and maintaining muscles!



We also used onions from the School Garden which had been sliced, diced, and frozen last Fall. Additional ingredients and slow cooking turned out a delicious and nutritious meal! However, as chow mein did not appear to be something that many students even wanted to try, we probably will not make it again.

The dessert we served was an absolute hit with everyone! Since we have gained access to Kemps products that are made solely with milk and cream from Minnesota dairy cows, we served scoops of Neapolitan ice cream. Who doesn't like strawberry, chocolate, and vanilla flavors! The kids all agreed that eating ice cream makes them happy (and provides calcium to build strong bones and teeth)!



On March 17, we passed out sample cups containing a scoop of cottage cheese topped with maple syrup. Cottage cheese is a very high protein product that we wanted students to taste and try. The sweet maple syrup came from JD's (Jon Dahlke of Glencoe) – have you noticed all the tapped maple trees in town?!



After lunch, students sing the Homegrown song....

*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*

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!

Thank you to Becky Ostlie for volunteering to assist Cindy Eggersgluess with Homegrown Meal prep!

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!"



~ About Our Church Boards ~

BOARD OF EVANGELISM



Back Row: Travis Uecker and Sheila Scheele
Front Row: Micky Neubarth, Julie Uecker, and Tonya Christensen

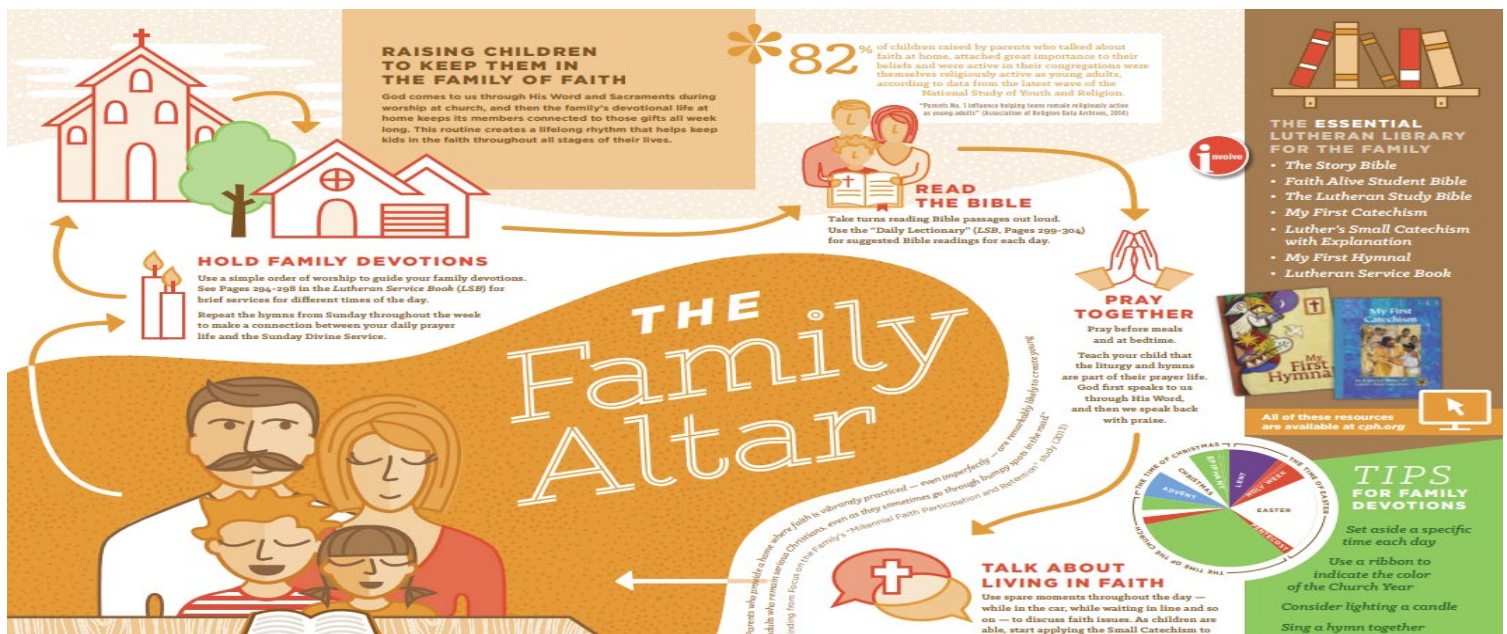
Chair Person & Church Council Representative: Travis Uecker Travis is a lifelong resident of Glencoe and the son of David and Julie Uecker. He has been a member since 2006 when him and his parents transferred from Christ Lutheran in Glencoe. This is his second term serving on the Board of Evangelism. Travis graduated from Bethany Lutheran College in 2020 with a dual degree in Social Studies and Education (non-licensure track). He is currently a para-professional at Glencoe Silver Lake Junior and High School. He plans on going back to school for his full teaching license in the next few years. Travis also teaches 7th-12th grade Sunday School. In his free time he likes to read, play video games, watch movies, and play board and card games. He also enjoys going for walks. Travis is looking forward to continuing to serve the Lord on this board.

Vice Chair: Micky Neubarth Micky has been a life-long member here at First Lutheran. She was baptized, confirmed and her and her husband, Ryan, were married here! They have two children, Harper and Emme who both attend First Lutheran School. This is Micky's first year serving on the Board of Evangelism, however, she also served on the Cristian Education Board for 6 years. Micky is a Registered Nurse at the Glencoe Regional Health Emergency Room. In her free time she likes to spend time with family, travel, and read. Thank you, Micky, for your willingness to serve the Lord at First Lutheran!

but not her first time serving on a Board at First Lutheran. She has previously served on the Day School Board and is part of our Altar Guild since 2022. Tonya has been a member here at First Lutheran since she was 5 years old when she started Kindergarten at First Lutheran School. Her and her husband, Chad, also sent their three children, Ty, Beau, and Kole to First Lutheran School. Tonya is a Registered Nurse at Optum. In her free time she likes to attend sports activities, go camping, scrapbook, and spend time with her family. Thank you, Tonya, for your willingness to serve the Lord at First Lutheran.

Secretary: Sheila Scheele Sheila is not only the secretary of the Board of Evangelism, but she is also the third grade teacher at First Lutheran School. Her and her husband, Dean, have three children: Jakob (Melissa), Erich (Aspen) and Annalisa (Ryan). Sheila has been a member of First Lutheran for 10 years. Previous to Glencoe, Sheila has been a member at Emmanuel, Hamburg; Immanuel, Williamsburg, IA; St. Stephens in Grenta, LA; St. Paul in Bay City, MI; Christ Community in West Bloomfield, WI; and Redeemer in Wayzata, MN. In her free time she likes to garden, camp, and travel.

Board Member: Julie Uecker Julie is the wife of Dave Uecker. Together they have two sons: Travis and Nick. She is the Office Manager of JL Insurance Advisors. This is her first year serving on the Board of Evangelism, but she has previously served on the Christian Education Board and the Day School Board. She joined First Lutheran in 2006. Prior to that, she was a member at St. John's in Norwood Young America, St. John's in Chaska, Our Saviors in Hutchinson, and St. Peters in Lester Prairie. In Julie's free time, she enjoys baking, camping, and playing board and card games. Thank you, Julie, for your willingness to serve the Lord on the Board of Evangelism.



Board Member & Alternate Church Council Representative: Tonya Christensen This is Tonya's first year serving on the Board of Evangelism

First Lutheran Financial Report

Financials: July 2024 - February 2025

GENERAL FUND INCOME (July - February)

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Envelopes	\$569,674.44	\$527,788.67
Debt Reduction	13,897.66	6,895.00
Thrivent Elections	2,281.00	6,579.00
School "Keep It Happening" Fund	965.00	4,400.00
School Tuition & Aid Received	219,559.58	174,679.64
Building Upkeep & Repair	15,266.33	73,690.19
Miscellaneous Income	30,733.05	16,604.52
	\$852,377.06	\$810,637.02

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (July - February)

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Staff	707,062.35	\$620,714.46
Employer Payroll Expense	3,058.45	3,309.14
Operations	31,099.60	15,474.54
Interest On Line of Credit	0	0
	\$741,220.40	\$639,498.14

2024-2025 MISSIONS:	\$7,623.00	\$7,423.00
2024-2025 ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:	1108.00	2,537.00
	\$8,731.00	\$9,960.00

12/31/2024 GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:

(51,576.98)

12/31/2023 GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:

(\$58,359.62)

Stewardship



Serve



Give



Attend



Grow

April, 2025

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



- April 2 | Afternoon Parent Drive Day (GSL early release) - FLS no bus
- April 5 | Spelling Bee @ Mayer Lutheran
- April 5 | Comfort Dog @ First Lutheran | 8:30-11:30ish
- April 13 | Palm Sunday
- April 16 | FLS sing at Twins Game
- April 17-22 | Easter Break - No School
- April 20 | Easter Sunday
- April 27 | Confirmation Sunday
- April 30 | Fine Arts Festival | 6:30 pm
- May 7 | FLS half day | dismiss at 11:55
- May 15 | Play Day @ Oscar Olson - we host!
- May 23 | Last day of school



3rd Tri Chapel Offerings

Our third trimester chapel offerings are going to Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) Disaster Relief Ministries. LCC Disaster Response deploys, coordinates and manages volunteer teams as they respond to disasters throughout the United States and beyond. LCC trains volunteer Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) through our LCMS congregations in many areas of disaster response. Approximately 850 active LCC volunteers have been certified in basic LERT training. LERT volunteers can prepare, cook and serve meals to volunteers and affected communities while deployed. For LERT volunteers, disaster response is an essential relief and outreach ministry. LCC never charges those we serve.

dscheele@1stglencoe.org



Together we pray for:

- Lutheran Church Charities, especially those who are involved in Disaster Relief
- 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 an elementary teacher
- Mr. Stacy Sato as he deliberates his Divine Call to First Lutheran as our next principal



- Everyone who donated to our 17th 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.
- Micky Neubarth, Annika Schafer, Mindy Dressel, Shauna Gruber, Sarah LaMott, Amy Edwards, Allison Grochow, Kaitlyn Woytcke, LaRissa Oelfke, Jolene Phillips, and Molly Schiller for heading up the Flame Boosters Silent Auction events and all the others who pitched in. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!



FLS to host Playday

First Lutheran has the pleasure to host Zion Lutheran in Mayer and CCLS in Watertown at Oscar Olson Park for friendly, Christian competition. In order to help this event run smoothly, we are looking for wonderful volunteers. We are asking that each family has one person that is able to volunteer during one of our time slots. A sign up genius will be sent out to families soon. Please also note that your child's teacher will be running the various events that are going on so we kindly ask that you, or someone else you trust, is responsible for your child that day. Our teachers will not be able to help your child get to their appropriate events. More details to follow. We're excited to have more than 500 Christians coming together for fellowship and fun!



On Thursday, March 27 First Lutheran Kindergarten-2nd Grade students had their Operetta. This year's story was about Nicodemus and was titled "Nic at Night". Thank you to Mrs. Willett for her hard work putting the Operetta together. Thank you also all of the other teachers and helpers who helped with costumes, sound, and lights. What a great night to share such a wonderful story. Thank you to all of the students and their parents for their hardwork preparing!

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April, 2025

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



Popcorn Fundraiser

Everyone's favorite fundraiser will be taking place from April 14-28 (over Easter break). Order forms will be sent home with your child and orders can be placed in the church office or from a student. Please make checks payable to First Lutheran School. Popcorn will be available for pick up early-mid May. Thank you for your continue support of First Lutheran School!

DANCE

On Friday, March 28 our middle school students enjoyed a dance. This year's theme was 'Prom'. Thank you to Ms. Lienthal and our Student Council who helped put on this event. It was a fun night filled with dancing, food, and even a scavenger hunt!



\$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!

dscheele@1stglencoe.org

1st Grade

Happy Spring! We are looking forward to warmer weather in the coming months. The children in first grade have been very busy this month. We used our voices practicing for the upcoming Operetta and happily sang for the congregation during the Silent Auction Sunday and Ash Wednesday. 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 counting money, adding and subtracting, and processing with story problems. We will begin working with time and geometry in the next couple of weeks. In Reading, we continue to develop our reading skills. The children love to read with a partner during the day from their book box! 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. Activities for the month of April will be singing the National Anthem for the Twins game, celebrating Easter, the Fine Arts Festival, and the K-2 garage sale. When we finish with all our studies, the children enjoy building creatively with Legos, playing games, and coloring.



1st Grade cont'd

I want to thank Ms. Mathews and Ms. Bargmann for their dedication, kindness, and love working with and helping the children and myself. I am reminded of how God has blessed us with these wonderful children, wonderful parents, and a strong faithful congregation! In Christ,
Mrs. Edmison | 1st grade teacher



2025-26 Staffing Updates

First Lutheran is looking for an elementary teacher to serve at First Lutheran next school year. If you know of someone, please send resumes over to dscheele@1stglencoe.org.



Are you looking for a place to worship for Holy Week but not sure where? We would love for you to join us for Service at First Lutheran!

Maundy Thursday - 2 & 7 PM

Good Friday - 2 & 7 PM

Easter Sunday - 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, & 10:30 AM

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<p>MARCH 2025</p>	<p>ALTAR GUILD WORKERS</p> <p>Norma Matthews (320) 455-1016 Molly Streu (612) 716-0948 Jeanne Schauer (320) 779-3352</p> <p>USHER CAPTAINS coming soon!</p>	<p>11 9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting 4:45 PM - Stewardship 6:30 PM - Day School 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>2 after school FLS Drive Day</p> <p>2:00 PM - Lenten Service w/ desserts FLS Vocal Trio Sings ♪</p> <p>3:30-4:45PM Public School Confirmation 5:30-6:45 PM - Lenten Meal: Hotdish 6:00 PM - Senior Choir Practice 7:00 PM - Midweek Lenten Service Senior Choir Sings ♪</p>	<p>3 8:10 AM - FLS Chapel (Pastor Welch) 6:00 PM - Deacons</p>	<p>4 </p>	<p>5 Gideon the Comfort Dog 8:30 AM to 1 PM</p>																																										
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