

Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd

Psalm 23 King James Version (KJV)



¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He
leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever.

For hundreds of years Psalm 23 has been one of the most treasured passages in all of Holy Scripture. It is among the most familiar, so much so that even people who are not religious or very knowledgeable about the Bible recognize these words!

They are some of the most comforting words from our Lord, often being recited or called to mind in times of trouble or distress, and often being read when people gather together at the loss of a loved one. In addition, we hear Psalm 23 when we gather for worship on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, which is familiarly known as "Good Shepherd Sunday". **This year, Good Shepherd Sunday falls on Sunday, May 11th.**

The Lutheran Study Bible provides thoughtful insight on this psalm: "In faith, David declares that since the LORD (Yahweh) is His shepherd, he 'shall not want' (v 1). Our Good Shepherd lovingly provides everything that we need in this life, but we often fail to recognize that these gifts come from Him. Instead, we focus on things that we want, but do not need. How wonderful that our Shepherd does not withhold His blessings from us, but still cares for these needs and more: He gives us His own Son!"

~ Indeed, in God's holy Word, we are given the assurance that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, gives us everything we need so that we lack nothing.
~ Not only does He give us all we need to support this body and life, but also His Word, forgiveness, peace, and eternal life.
~ He gives you His living water in Baptism and in His Word.
~ The Good Shepherd restores your soul. He gives you life again.
~ The Good Shepherd guides you along the true path. He keeps you from wandering and gives you His righteousness. He keeps you safe while in death's dark valley.
~ He is always with you, in your Baptism, in His Word, and in His Supper.
~ The Good Shepherd disciplines and consoles you with His rod and staff, which are His Law and His Gospel of His holy Word.
~ He prepares a table for you with His Body and Blood.
~ He heals you.
~ And yes, Goodness and Mercy are following you all the days of your life!

Jesus, our Good Shepherd says,
"My sheep hear my voice,
and I know them,
and they follow me.
I give them eternal life,
and they will never perish,
and no one will snatch them
out of my hand"
(John 10: 27 - 28).



**Thanks be to God
that Jesus is our Good Shepherd!**

We Pray:

*Good Shepherd. open our eyes to
see Your blessing. Open our ears to
hear Your voice. Open our hearts
that we may love You. Amen.*



FROM THE DCE DESK...

Dear Parents, Students, and Church Family,

Can you believe it? The school year is already coming to a close! As we enter May, there's a special kind of energy in the air—the kind that comes with final exams, yearbooks, graduation caps, and dreams of summer freedom.



For many of our youth, this is a time of transition—some are wrapping up middle school, others are preparing for their last summer before heading to college, and still others are simply looking forward to trading in homework for sunshine. Wherever your student is, we're walking with them, lifting them up in prayer, and reminding them that God has great things in store.

Summer is more than just a break from school and our normal Youth Group schedule—it's a season full of opportunities to grow in faith, build friendships, and serve others. We encourage you to make a pointed effort of serving others this summer as you go about your "normal" life!

For those attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in July, we'll begin our pre-Gathering Bible Studies. Check out the calendar, Youth Cube, text messages, MinHub app, or announcement TV for details. We look forward to preparing our hearts and minds for the awesomeness that is soon to come in NOLA!

We also want to give a shoutout to our high school seniors—Class of 2025! You've worked hard, grown in amazing ways, and we're so thankful for you. We'll be recognizing graduates during the service on Sunday, June 1st, so please let us know if you or your student is graduating this year!

As your schedules shift, remember: God doesn't take summers off. He's always working in your life—even through pool days, campfires, and quiet moments of rest. Use this time to reconnect with Him and don't forget the value of worshiping together as we build each other up and praise our Lord together as a church community.

Let's make this a summer of faith, fun, and following Jesus!

<>< **Deaconess Megan Polzin**

BLAZE and IMPACT

Thank you for an awesome year of youth groups!



We will resume our normal schedule starting on October 5th with IMPACT and October 12th with BLAZE.

Check out the upcoming newsletters or the MinHub App for any additional activities offered throughout the summer months.

IMPACT

See you in the fall!

~ Student Scholarship Information ~



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

Concordia University Students

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

(Application Deadlines – July 1 or Nov 1)

Mayer Lutheran High School Students

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

(Application Deadline – May 15)

First Lutheran School Students

Education Fund Scholarships are again open for the 2025-2026 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 (\$5194.54), Melvin & Marlys Tessmer Tuition Aid Fund (\$572.29), and FLS Scholarship Fund (\$64.06).

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 www.firstglencoe.org or upon request. Completed applications must be returned by June 16, 2025, in order to be considered for the 2025-2026 academic year.

(Application Deadline June 16)

First Lutheran Tuition Aid may also be available to all students in Grades Kindergarten – 8th Grade. The amount of aid is calculated with a formula based on Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Please complete the application form on our website www.firstglencoe.org and turn in the page of your tax form 1040 that includes your AGI to the Church/School Office before July 31th.

(Application Deadline July 31)

Please contact FLS Principal, School Secretary Michelle Alsleben, or Business Manager Maren Grack for questions or concerns regarding First Lutheran School Scholarships or Tuition Aid.

All information is treated with utmost confidentiality.

~ Volunteer Schedules ~



Elders and Deacons We greatly appreciate your Time and Talents which you dedicate to our services at First Lutheran Church!

- Sunday, May 4 8:00 AM- Mark Schmidt, Dean Scheele, Dennis W
10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen, Will Freberg
- Sunday, May 11 8:00 AM - Leonard Donnay, Lars Ide
Mother's Day 10:30 AM - Will Freberg, Justin Petterson, David P.
- Sunday, May 18 8:00 AM - Fritz Schulz, Doug Dahlke, Dennis W.
10:30 AM - Justin Petterson, Roger Schmidt
- Wed., May 21 7:00 PM - Jon Lemke, Lars Ide
8th Grade Graduation
- Sunday, May 25 8:00 AM - Tyler Mielke, Dennis Wolter
10:30 AM - , , Dennis W.
- Thursday, May 29 7:00 PM - Mark Schmidt, Leonard Donnay
Ascension
- Sunday, June 1 8:00 AM - Mike Cisewski, Mark Schmidt, Brian G.
Baccalaureate 10:30 AM - Dan Nikolaisen, Jason Oelfke



Greeters Being greeting by someone when coming into church brings a smile to the face! It makes a person feel welcome and opens up opportunities for questions about First Lutheran. Please consider being a greeter!

- Sunday, May 4 8:00 AM – Sharon Czycalla
10:30 AM - OPEN
- Sunday, May 11 8:00 AM – Ken & Joyce Schiroo
Mother's Day 10:30 AM - OPEN
- Sunday, May 18 8:00 AM - Debra Bargmann, Irene Grochow
10:30 AM - Janel Fischer
- Wed., May 21 7:00 PM – OPEN *8th Grade Graduation*
- Sunday, May 25 8:00 AM - Loren & Charleen Englemann,
Dave & Betty Withus
10:30 AM - OPEN
- Thursday, May 29 7:00 PM - OPEN
Ascension
- Sunday, June 1 8:00 AM - OPEN
Baccalaureate 10:30 AM - OPEN



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, May 4 - Andrew Mackenthun
- Sunday, May 11 - Robert Schuft *Mother's Day*
- Sunday, May 18 - Linda Ranzau
- Sunday, May 25 - Lynn Exsted
- Sunday, June 1 - Andrew Mackenthun *Baccalaureate*



SPECIAL MUSIC SCHEDULE

- Wednesday, April 30 6:30 p.m. Fine Arts Festival
(First Lutheran School)
- Sunday, May 4 8:00 a.m. Senior Choir
- Sunday, May 18 8:00 a.m. Senior Choir



Acolytes Your service to First Lutheran Church is very appreciated and helps you to be a member of our church family! Thank you!

- Sunday, May 4 8:00 AM – Claire Geib, Caylee Weidendorf
10:30 AM – Cambel Lang, Mitchell Zajicek
- Sunday, May 11 8:00 AM – Priya Wisch, Connor Donnay
Mother's Day 10:30 AM – Natallie Schaefer, Macie Stradtman
- Sunday, May 18 8:00 AM – Priya Wisch, Connor Donnay
10:30 AM – Harper Neubarth, Emme Neubarth
- Wed., May 21 7:00 PM – Deacon Assistance
8th Grade Graduation
- Sunday, May 25 8:00 AM – Clara Hoefs, Connor Donnay
10:30 AM – _____, _____
- Thursday, May 29 7:00 PM – Deacon Assistance
Ascension
- Sunday, June 1 8:00 AM – Connor Donnay, Brady Goff
Baccalaureate 10:30 AM – Nolan Dammann, _____

Facebook Facebook Services have become a very useful way to reach people with our Church Services. Many have watched our services and appreciate this alternative when not able to attend church in person. We are so grateful to our volunteers!

- Sunday, May 4 -
- Sunday, May 11 - *Mother's Day*
- Sunday, May 18 -
- Sunday, May 25 -
- Sunday, June 1 - *Baccalaureate*





Screen 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!

Sunday, May 4	8:00 AM - Brittney Wolff 10:30 AM - Tyler Schauer
Sunday, May 11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	8:00 AM - Piper Polzin 10:30 AM - Seth Mathews
Sunday, May 18	8:00 AM - Chloe Donnay 10:30 AM - Seth Mathews
Wed., May 21	7:00 PM - Am Welch <i>8th Grade Graduation</i>
Sunday, May 25	8:00 AM - Gemma Goff 10:30 AM - Amy Welch
Thu., May 29	7:00 PM - Amy Welch <i>Ascension Service</i>
Sunday, June 1 <i>Baccalaurette</i>	8:00 AM - Brittney Wolff 10:30 AM - Tyler Schauer

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!

Sunday, May 4	8:00 AM - Glenn Cohrs 10:30 AM - Steven Schauer
Sunday, May 11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	8:00 AM - Kevin Cohrs 10:30 AM - Grady Schuft
Sunday, May 18	8:00 AM - Andrew Mackenthun (radio broadcast) 10:30 AM - Lynn Exsted
Wed., May 21	7:00 PM - Deacons <i>8th Grade Graduation</i>
Sunday, May 25	8:00 AM - Kevin Cohrs 10:30 AM - Tyler Schauer
Thur., May 29	7:00 PM - Deacons <i>Ascension Service</i>
Sunday, June 1 <i>Baccalaureate</i>	8:00 AM - Glenn Cohrs 10:30 AM - Steven Schauer



Sunday Fellowship Time

Thank you to Everyone who is providing the refreshments for Fellowship Time! It is a blessing to have this opportunity to visit with one another!



Sunday, May 4 – Deacons

Sunday, May 11 – Christian Education

Sunday, May 18 – Deacons

Sunday, May 25 – OPEN

Sunday, June 1 – (Baccalaureate) – Christian Education

Sunday, June 8, 22, 29 – OPEN

Anyone may sign-up to host Fellowship Time. Auxiliary Organizations, Families, Committees, Individuals – all are invited to share in the opportunity! Please consider serving and contact the church office. Thank you!

~ Thrivent News ~

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✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$2686 for FLC and \$2484 for FLS (**wow, nice numbers!**). 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.

✓ **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!

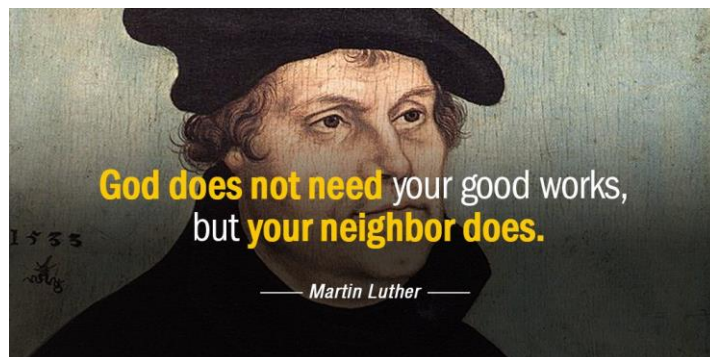
Visit Thrivent.com/actionteam to complete an online application (minimum 3 weeks before your event). If you are unable to make your request via computer, you can phone Thrivent and make your request via Customer Service – call 1-800-847-4836.

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 are now seeking Thrivent members who will allow us to utilize their Action Teams for help with outdoor landscaping, plants, etc. around church building.**

✓ **Thrivent Member Network - Twin Cities Region** works hard to create fun and educational content that you can engage in from the comfort of your own home. There are also some great on-demand webinars (variety of topics) that you can view anytime. **Guests are welcome!** Please feel free to share these events with your friends, family, and community. See all the info and resources at: <https://www.thriventfinancial.com/member-network/twin-cities/>

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



~ Upcoming Events ~

GERTENS FLOWER PICKUP

Wed. May 7th from 3 – 6 p.m.

Anyone who purchased flowers through the Youth's Gertens Spring Flower Sale should plan to pick up their flowers in the south church parking lot on Wednesday, May 7th.

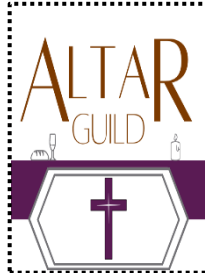


If you cannot pick-up during this window, please contact your seller to arrange a drop-off. Thank you all again for your continued support of the youth of our church!

MARY MARTHA ALTAR GUILD

Monday, May 12, 2025,
starting at 7:00 PM

We welcome new members to join us. No special talents are required. Just a willingness to share your time, talents, and treasures.

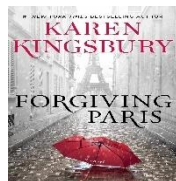


Members are scheduled to work one month throughout the year. You will never work alone; you will be working with 2 or 3 others during the month.

We also try to meet four times a year as a group (Jan, May, Sep, and Nov or Dec). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Charleen Engelmann or leave a message with the church office.

FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB:

First Edition Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 7 p.m.** in the lounge area at First Lutheran Church.



The group will discuss the book Forgiving Paris by Karen Kingsbury. 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!

SALAD LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD

Serving 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

St. John Lutheran Church of Hollywood

17725 53rd Street

New Germany, Minnesota

Adult: \$13.00
Children Ages 5 to 12: \$5.00
Children Ages 4 and Under: Free
Hosted by St. John LUMIL



City Wide Garage Sales

Friday, May 16
& Saturday, May 17



ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT CAN BE DONE

May 28, 2025

Presented by Joseph Gaugler, PhD



Dr. Gaugler is the Robert L. Kane Endowed Chair in Long-Term Care and Aging and a Professor at the University of Minnesota. His work focuses on the best way to support families and professionals who care for persons with memory loss. He aims to improve the health and well-being of carers through innovative programs and technologies.



Join us at two locations:

Note: Identical presentations at each. It is free to attend.

Hutchison Senior Center

Great Room

10:00 am - 11:30 am

1005 Highway 15 South, Plaza 15
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Winsted City Hall

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

2011st St N,
Winsted, MN 55395

Questions? Contact Ashley Millenbah, mill8913@umn.edu

Organized in collaboration with:



SAT 17 MAY
9:00 AM

GIDEON

Comfort Dog

Gideon is trained to bring a calming influence and comfort to people in need. He helps people open up their hearts and receive help when they need it most. Gideon visits churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events, and disaster response situations. Join us to share in fellowship and learn more about Gideon and the work of the K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry.



St. John's Mugs & Muffins
St. John's Lutheran Church 60929 110th St, Hutchinson, MN
RSVPs appreciated: www.facebook.com/stjohnslcmscedarmills

FRIENDS OF THE GLENCOE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mother's Day Geranium Sale




The perfect gift for Mother's Day!

Choose from
red OR pink

4" potted geraniums
\$7 each

- Preorder with the Library or on Facebook

Pickup dates:

- Thursday, May 8th 3-6:00pm
- Friday, May 9th Noon-4:00pm

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the

- Glencoe Public Library projects and sponsored programs.

Friends of the gpl
Glencoe Public Library

320-864-3919 friendsglencoepl@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook! | www.Glencoe.lib.mn.us

~ From Lutheran Women in Mission ~



Lutheran Women in Mission
Monday, May 5, 2025
Noon Luncheon

Special guests include quilters, Mat-Makers, and volunteer funeral/special event workers. If you have volunteered for ANY Lutheran Women in Mission (or plan to volunteer in the future!!) please join us.

We will hear from Dr. James Seemann of "New Freedom Store" mission. This is the mission that delivers the sleeping mats made from recycled grocery bags crafted by First Evangelical Lutheran Mat-Makers. Dr. Seeman will explain how sleeping mats and other items are delivered and used by the mission.

New Freedom Mission Donations

May 5 is the deadline for bringing you used coats, boots, shoes, clothing, luggage for unhoused people in St. Paul. See the collection areas in Fellowship Center, south lobby and narthex. High calorie snacks and monetary donations will also be accepted. Make checks payable to First Lutheran Women in Mission with "New Freedom Mission" in memo line.



Happy May Birthdays!

Happy May birthday to long time Lutheran Women in Mission member Alice Donnay! God bless you as you continue to "Serve the Lord With Gladness!"



Some Bible verses about Mercy:

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you;
He rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for Him! ~ *Isaiah 30:18*

Know this: God has forgotten some of your sin. ~ *Job 11*

As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.
~ *Psalms 103:13*

But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with His children's children.
~ *Psalms 103:17*

And the Lord said,
"I will cause all My goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim My name, the Lord, in your presence.
I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."
~ *Exodus 33:19*

Though in anger I struck you, in favor I will show you compassion.
~ *Isaiah 60:10*

For My own name's sake I delay My wrath;
for the sake of My praise I hold it back from you,
so as not to cut you off.
~ *Isaiah 48:9*

~ 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.



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 Engelmänn, or leave a message with 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

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.

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

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!



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!*

E-GIVING

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



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

Vanco Mobile Faith – Mobile App (purple V logo)

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

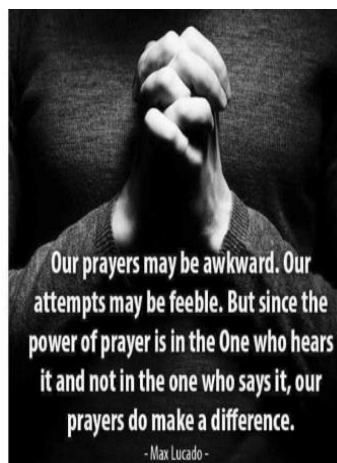
Give online via www.firstglencoe.org

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.



~ Thank you's ~



CROCHETED CROSS BOOKMARKS

Thank you to Lois Adams for making beautiful crocheted cross bookmarks for the Kindergarten Class and the 8th Grade Confirmation Class.



EASTER LILIES

Thank you to Everyone who generously purchased lilies to help beautify the church this Easter. The flowers were pretty and smelled wonderful!



EASTER CUPS FOR THE KINDERGARTNERS

Thank you to Tyann (Schaefer) Barstad for making personal temperature-changing cups for the Kindergarten Class for Easter!



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 April!

We were so blessed to enjoy the Food and Fellowship!



FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S POPCORN SALE

Thank you to Everyone who supported First Lutheran School!



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). *



A Big Shout-out to Our Amazing Volunteers!

They put in countless hours to keep our church looking its absolute best, both inside and out!



With spring here, there's a lot to do to get the outside landscaping in tip-top shape. It's busy all season, with tasks like trimming shrubs, mulching, replacing plants, and continuous weeding. **We greatly appreciate Mark Schmidt and all his hard work and dedication to these efforts.** If you're up for helping out, volunteers are welcomed to help anytime you see weeds popping up. We could really use more helping hands!



Our church entrance areas are so welcoming and were already showy for our Easter services. Dennis Wolter has once again been planning (wonder what this season's color theme will be?) and will soon begin buying and planting. All season long, the plants and flowers require love, care, and plenty of water! Our entrances always look wonderful. **Thank you to Dennis, an amazing volunteer, for the many things he does at FLC!**

We also appreciate the Thrivent Action Teams for helping to support these works. If you're a Thrivent member and would be willing to let us use one of your Action Teams, please let Dennis know.



Will you help? If you are interested and have questions, please contact the church office. Else, just stop and pull a weed (or 2 or 3 or 4) anytime! All efforts make a difference!

God has given each of you some special abilities;
be sure to use them to help each other,
passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.
1 Peter 4:1

HOG ROAST

Benefit Meal for Deb & Larry Podratz



Deb & Larry lost their home, all the contents and their vehicles in a fire.

MENU:

- Roasted Pork Sandwiches
- Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Potato Chips
- Pickles
- Homemade Bars
- Beverages

Take-Outs Available!

EVENT DETAILS:

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY, 2025 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

COST:

AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL, Gaylord

Free-Will Offering



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 on the 9:00 a.m. broadcast:

May 4 "An Old Place, A New Beginning"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola.

God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here." (John 21:1-19)

May 11 "How to Be Happy"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control. (John 15:11)

May 18 "Truth That Takes Us"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love. (John 15:9)

May 25 "What's Your Story?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning.

Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power. (John 9:1-11)

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!

2025 Sponsor Campaign Report

As of April 20, the 2025 Sponsor Campaign has received \$5,154.00 and passed our goal of raising \$4,888 for the 52 broadcasts in 2025. We thank God for blessing this broadcast with faithful supporters and listeners. **Thank you for your support!**

Additional funds received this year will be saved in a rainy-day fund and will also be used for expenses to host the

"Our Voice for Christ Weekend"

September 27-28, 2025

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glencoe

Rev. German Novelli

Speaker for the Spanish Lutheran Hour "Parael Camino"

Guest Presenter and Speaker



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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

Confirmation Class of 2025 (part one)

Beau Donald Brelje

"We love because He first loved us."

1 John 4:19

Gemma Jane Goff

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Ephesians 5:1-2

Amelia Josephine Grimm

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.

Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9



~ More Announcements for You ~



The Wish Book Christmas by Lynn Austin has been added to the church library. It is a sequel to If I Were You. This novella is a heartwarming tale that reminds us all that sometimes the most meaningful gifts are the ones we least expect and often don't deserve.

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 eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com

A very memorable fishing story took place 2000 years ago and is repeated often even to this day since it was recorded in Scripture and included a miraculous intervention. It took place shortly after Christ's resurrection. Peter, for some reason, had a hankering to go fishing and told the other disciples, "I'm going out to fish." The other disciples said, "We'll go with you." and they fished all night and caught nothing.

That must have been a hard, discouraging fishing trip. Anyone who's ever been fishing knows the frustration the disciples experienced in the daily text. Early in the morning Jesus stood on the shore but they were unable to recognize Him, possibly due to a morning mist or because of the distance. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" Of course the resurrected Lord knew they hadn't caught anything!

A seasoned fisherman knows that he must cast his reel in all directions to find where the fish are biting. When I'm fishing from a boat I'll try fishing from the back, each side and even the front if I can get there. Surely during the course of the night the disciples had moved about trying to cast their nets in various places in search of fish.

But Jesus had some specific and unusual fishing advice. "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." Now surely they had tried this already but Peter didn't hesitate in responding to the voice in the distance. His obedience resulted in a great catch of 153 large fish. The story concludes around a warm fire as well with the disciples joining Jesus for a seashore breakfast along with some teaching. I have a feeling that those disciples involved in this fishing story talked about it everywhere they went!

It's always been interesting to me that they counted the fish they caught that morning and the total number is included in the Scripture account. What an authenticating detail this is. Real fishermen keep track of how many fish they catch, particularly keepers!

Have you ever worked hard in some form of Christian service and not "caught" anything? We may serve in some form of ministry for Christ

that, at least for a season, seems to be going nowhere. We're not "catching" anything. We don't see receptivity or growth which can be very discouraging. But we need to stay faithful and listen to the voice of our Master and learn from the disciples' fishing trip.

We need to trust and obey. There will be discouraging times and mysterious delays in our service for the Lord. I am sure there was for the disciples and other early followers of our Lord as well. Notable leaders throughout church history had these experiences as well.

When they first met, Jesus had said to Peter and his brother Andrew, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). Peter indeed became a great fisher of men and in some ways we are all his spiritual descendants. We are all called to be fishers of men.

Stay faithful,
the catch is coming!

Be encouraged today!

- By Stephen C Weber -

Daily Encouragement



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!

Confirmation Class of 2025 (part two)



Katherine Marie Grimm

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Luke 15:10 (NIV)

Landon Charles Grochow

"Be strong and courageous.

Do not fear or be in dread of them
for it is the Lord your God who goes with you.
He will not leave you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6

Tyson Leroy Lemke

"Therefore do not be foolish,
but understand what the will of the Lord is."
Ephesians 5:17

Lillian Grace Petterson

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
Psalms 119:105

~ 74th Annual Potato Pancake & Sausage Dinner Summary ~



"THANK YOU" for supporting our 74th Annual Pancake & Sausage Meal on Sunday, March 30, 2025.

Diners enjoyed an all-you-care-to eat spread of potato and regular pancakes, sausages, applesauce, cheese, mint, and beverages. An impressive 750 meals were served, including 39 deliveries and approximately 200 take-outs.

This was made possible by the efforts of 100 dedicated volunteers who worked throughout the event. *We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors and discounts received from Alsleben Meats, Dollar Fresh, Edling Potato Farms, Glencoe Co-Op Assn, KWIK Trip, Michael Foods, Seneca Foods, and the Thrivent Action Team Program.* Any unused supplies were returned, and the remaining items were donated to FLS for use at lunch.

To enhance our planning, 283 tickets were pre-sold with designated time slots. The busiest dining period was the 11-12 slot, but we have plans for next year to minimize wait times. **We appreciate your patience and understanding.**

In terms of food usage, we utilized an impressive 650 pounds of potatoes and 266 pounds of sausage. All leftover sausages were sold.

The total ticket sales and additional donation monies amounted to \$10,013, while expenses totaled \$2,737. This resulted in a profit of \$7,276. Two Thrivent Action Teams, contributing an additional \$500, also played a vital role in the event.

The profits were evenly distributed between the FLC General Fund and the NYG Youth program.

We are truly grateful to each and every one of you for your participation and support. Thank you to all the congregation and community members who graced us with their presence and enjoyed the delicious food.



This is a well-loved event, and we are honored to continue the tradition. Mark your calendars for next year's event (the 75th!), scheduled for **March 22, 2026!**

2025 Pancake Event Committee –Cindy Eggersgluess, Jackie Selchow, Dennis Wolter, Doug Schultz, Larry Kunkel, Kenny & Joyce Schiroo



~ Home Grown! It's a Good Thing! ~

Homegrown! It's a

The "Farm to School" Agriculture grant monies are locally grown and raised foods eggs, vegetables, fruits, etc.) program.



Good Thing!

Department of used to purchase (beef, pork, poultry, for our school lunch program)



On Feb. 13, our lunch featured baked Pork Tenderloins. We used 30 lbs. of pork purchased from Glencoe Pork in Glencoe. We were delighted to learn that local farmer, Cory Schiroo, utilized by Glencoe Pork. (Check out www.glencoeaporkco.com, to learn all local connections, quality, benefits, handling, etc.) raises the pigs about their humane

We seasoned the pork with an Italian rub and baked it at 400 degrees for about 40 minutes. The meat was spooned with its juices, sliced, and allowed to rest before serving. It was delicious!

Our vegetable was Koginut Squash, grown by Tangletown Gardens in Plato. The Koginut is a new variety of squash first released to the market in 2018, just 7 years ago. It has become very popular in restaurants because of its creamy consistency and sweet and nutty flavor.



The squash was cut in wedges, drizzled with olive oil, sprinkled with salt on top, and baked at 425 degrees for 30 minutes. The wedges are easy to eat and you can even eat the skin! Yummy!

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!

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 eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com.

We look forward to continuing this "Good Thing!"



~ Youth Events and Information ~

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. @ Lighthouse) AND Any Remaining Balance DUE (~\$300)



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 10:30 a.m.).



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!



SAVE THE DATE: EPIC AUSTRALIAN VBS

This year the Board of Christian Education is pleased to host Vacation Bible School from **August 3rd - 6th**.

We will need plenty of volunteers in addition to participating kiddos.

Signups will be made available in June/July, but you can mark your calendars now, so you don't forget!

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).

Acolyte SignUp Genius April- September

All Public-School Confirmands in grades 5-8 and all First Lutheran School Confirmands 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 | April 29th

Church Council has not met yet in time for publication of the May Newsletter. A summary will be made available after Council has met.



Christian Ed Board | April 14th

We finalized plans for Public Review and Confirmation. Busy Bags were reviewed. We also discussed Cradle Roll, the Baccalaureate Service, Future Flames Committee proposals, "Fun in the Son," the Glencoe Parade, Acolyte Robes, our Budget, and Vacation Bible School. The VBS theme is "Epic Australian Adventure" and will take place August 3 – 6, 2025. We are in need of volunteers. 😊

Day School | April 1st

We have extended a call to Stacy Soto to be the next principal of 1st Lutheran School, please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates this call. There are lots of fun and exciting events coming up at 1st Lutheran School, singing at the Twins Game on April 16, The Fine Arts Festival on April 30, and Play Day on May 16.

Board of Deacons | April 3rd

Board continued planning for the 2025-2026 budget. Reviewed deacon/elder and fellowship schedules. Were given a preview by Pastor Welch of opportunities for confirmation students to support Sunday services, screens recording, FB live streaming, ushering, greeting, etc.

Board of Evangelism | April 7th

The Evangelism Board will be passing out palms before each service on Sunday, April 13, 2025. We will also be serving fellowship on Palm Sunday. The board worked on a preliminary budget to bring to the Council in May. On March 19, we served a meal before the Lenten service. During our May meeting we will be preparing visitor bags. The board will be hosting a meal for the KDUZ Lutheran Hour Event held on Sept. 27, 2025. We will also be assisting the 150th anniversary committee.

First Lutheran Financial Report

Financials: July 2024 - March 2025

GENERAL FUND INCOME (July - March)

Offering Envelopes
Debt Reduction
Thrivent Elections
School "Keep It Happening" Fund
School Tuition & Aid Received
Building Upkeep & Repair
Miscellaneous Income

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (July - March)

Staff
Employer Payroll Expense
Operations
Interest On Line of Credit

2024-2025 MISSIONS:

2024-2025 ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:

12/31/2024 GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:

12/31/2023 GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:

Board of Stewardship | April 8th

The budget was reviewed and adjusted, the possibility of summer music was discussed, volunteers for the nominating committee were finalized, and reminders were given for serving fellowship time.

Board of Trustees | April 7th

The board was informed that a dishwasher may need to be installed in the pre-school classroom for sanitizing the toys. More information and options will be available at the May meeting. A volunteer is needed to check on the AEDs in the church. A meeting will be set up with board members and the health inspector to discuss requirements for the floor in the gym/lunchroom area.

Confirmation Class of 2025(part three)

Cole Roger Plath

"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."
Revelation 2:10

Ryland Arlen Pool

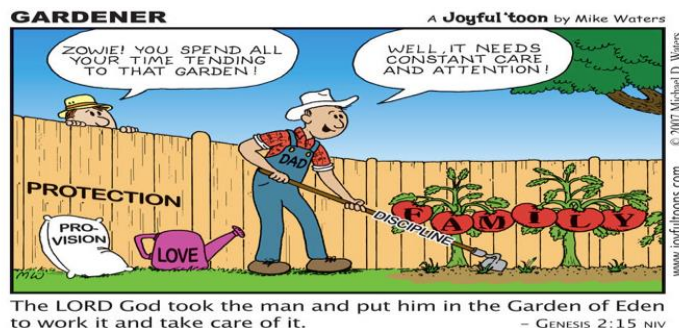
"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
Hebrews 13:8

Brittney Dawn Wolff

"We walk by faith, not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

Zachary Benjamin Zajicek

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13



	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
	\$649,591.75	\$569,259.61
	\$14,352.66	\$6,895.00
	\$14,787.66	\$6,579.00
	\$990.00	\$4,400.00
	\$219,559.58	\$174,679.64
	\$15,296.33	\$73,148.76
	\$25,832.79	\$28,313.92
	\$940,410.77	\$863,275.93
	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
	\$828,479.83	\$691,249.64
	\$2,960.00	\$3,593.06
	\$36,986.78	\$19,021.21
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	\$868,426.61	\$713,863.91
	\$9,223.00	\$8,847.00
	\$1,343.00	\$2,764.00
	\$10,566.00	\$11,611.00

(\$51,576.98)

(\$58,359.62)

~ Christian Education Board ~



Back Row: Cindy Mathews, Amy Welch, Deaconess DCE Megan Polzin, Amy Bargmann, and Madison Mathews

Front Row: Melissa Cisewski, Laura Schmalz, and Danielle Petterson

Chair: Madison Mathews

Madison has been the Director of our Flames of Faith Club since 2022, as well as our first grade aide. She was born and raised in Glencoe, went to First Lutheran School from Preschool-Eighth Grade, and is a lifelong church member. Her parents are Cindy and Dan and she has three siblings: Cole, Morgan, and Seth. Madison is currently going to school part-time to get a degree in Early Childhood and Special Education. In her free time she likes to read, crochet, raise chickens, and play with her dog Mina.

Vice Chair: Melissa Cisewski

This is Melissa's 4th year on the Christian Education Board. She and her husband, Michael, and their son, Alex, joined 1st Lutheran church in 2020. She was previously a member of Peace Lutheran in Hutchinson and she grew up going to Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. Melissa is an education assistant at Tiger Elementary in Hutchinson. In her free time she enjoys reading, camping, and spending time with family. Melissa and her family help stream our Sunday Worship Services on Facebook live. Thank you, Melissa, for serving the Lord at 1st Lutheran!

Secretary: Amy Welch

Amy teaches Sunday School and Confirmation, in addition to serving as our screens coordinator at Church. Most recently has become the secretary at First Lutheran Church. Amy has been serving on this board for many years and has also served on the Early Childhood Committee, Flames of Faith Kids' Club formation committee, and the Technology committee. Amy is married to Pastor Dan Welch and together they have 4 children - Samantha (and Nate), Stephanie (and Jon), Nathan (and Ava), Rebekah (and Cameron); 2 granddaughters (Lilly and Evelyn); 1 grandson (Tobias) and 3 kitties. In Amy's free time, she likes to craft, walk, organize her home, and volunteer wherever needed! Amy and her family have been members at First Lutheran since 2012 when Pastor came here to serve. Previously, she was a member at St. Paul's in Thorp / Epiphany in Stanley, WI; St. Mathew's in Meadow Grove / St. Paul's Rural Tilden, NE; University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis, MN; and the First Reformed Church in Baldwin, WI. As a redeemed sinner, Jesus has freed Amy to serve Him and her neighbors. As a result, using the best of her abilities, Amy strives to bring the Good News of Jesus our Savior to others. Thank you, Amy, for serving at First Lutheran!

Board Member: Laura Schmalz

Laura is our former church secretary and also a hair stylist at the Hair Studio. She has been a member of First Lutheran since 1985. She and her husband, Brent, have two boys, Henry and Roman. This is Laura's second year serving on the Christian Education Board and the first board she has ever served on. In Laura's free time she likes to spend time with family, travel, watch movies, and play games with her boys. Thank you, Laura, for serving the Lord at First Lutheran!

Board Member: Danielle Petterson

Danielle and her husband Justin have three children: Lilly (8th grade), Carolyn (2nd grade), and Nick (preschool) who all attend First Lutheran School. Their family joined First Lutheran church in 2020. Previously, Danielle was a member at Christ the King in Hutchinson (2014-2020) and St. Peter in Watertown (1988-2021). Danielle has recently taken on an aide position at First Lutheran School. In her free time she likes to spend time with family, shop, and be in the outdoors camping, fishing, and hunting. Fun fact: Danielle and Justin went to the same parochial school, the same church and Sunday School, and they got confirmed together - talk about God's plan! This is Danielle's first time serving on a board. Thank you, Danielle, for serving the Lord at First Lutheran!

Board Member & Church Council Representative: Cindy Mathews

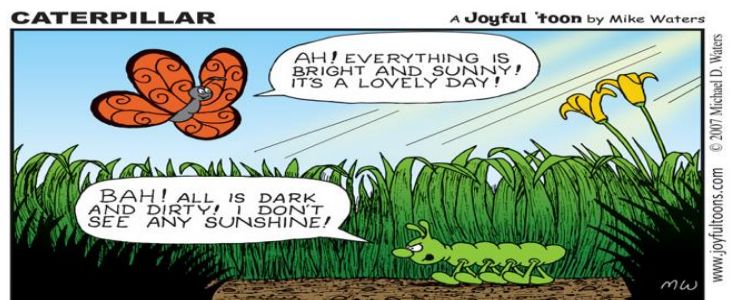
Cindy has been a member at First Lutheran for a long time. This is her 6th year serving on the board and she has previously served on the Day School Board for 6 years. She and her husband, Dan, have four children: Cole (and Cassandra), Morgan, Madison, and Seth. In Cindy's free time she enjoys playing volleyball, reading, and watching her kids play baseball and softball. You might recognize Cindy from being one of the many friendly faces at the McLeod County DMV! Thank you, Cindy, for serving the Lord at First Lutheran!

Board Member: Amy Bargmann

Amy has been a life long member here at First Lutheran! Her and her husband, Mitch, have 3 kids: Aaliyah (aide at First Lutheran), Dylan (11th grade at GSL), and Griffin (5th grader at FLS). In her free time she likes to travel, watch her kids compete in a variety of different sports, and try out new foods at different restaurants. Amy works at Forever Smiles Dental as a scheduler. This is her second year serving on this board and she has always wanted to serve on a board after watching her dad serve as a deacon when she was growing up. Thank you, Amy, for serving the Lord at First Lutheran!

Church Deaconess and DCE Megan Polzin

Megan joined the Board of Christian Education a year before accepting the Call to serve as DCE here at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. She loves teaching others about Jesus, discussing the Bible, and reading boring Theology books. In her "spare time" she enjoys decorating cookies, crocheting, reading, and taking not too long walks on a beach somewhere. She is very grateful for the opportunity to serve the families here at church and greatly encourages parents to get their children involved in the youth groups offered.



In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." - JOHN 3:3 NIV

May, 2025

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



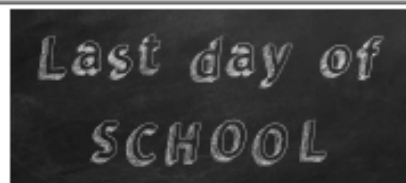
- April 27 | Confirmation Sunday
- April 30 | Fine Arts Festival | 6:30 pm
- May 2 | Mayer Lutheran 5th-8th Grade School Track Meet
- May 7 | FLS half day | dismiss at 11:55 | No lunch
- May 11 | Mother's Day
- May 16 | Play Day @ Oscar Olson Park, Glencoe - we host!
- May 21 | 8th Grade Graduation | 7:00 pm
- May 23 | Last Day of School
- May 29-31 | FLS Boosters Garage Sale



Together we pray for:

- Lutheran Charities and the Disaster Relief for all of those that they are helping.
- First Lutheran teachers and Boosters as they continue the work of coordinating playday schedules, participants, and workers. For all of 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

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"Last Day of school" talk already?!

The First Lutheran schedule for May 23rd 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 5th, 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. All of the students tried their hardest and Dalis took 9th place in her age category. Congratulations to these students who were representing First Lutheran:

Back Row (L to R): Nora Cohrs, Oscar Freberg, and Harper Neubarth
Front Row (L to R): Dalis Montanye, Willa Polzin, Hattie Herdegen, and Jaxson Wright

Not pictured: Madison Picha



Kindergarten

Christ has Risen! He has risen indeed! The kindergarten class has been very busy learning and practicing our skills. Each day starts with Jesus' time. We enjoy singing with the guitar, acting out the Bible stories, and are becoming good at memorizing Scriptures. We proudly say the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Christian flags on a daily basis. In Math, we finished the new math series in April. During the month of May, we are touching on items not covered in that curriculum like money, tangrams, and reading clocks both analog and digital. At the end of April, the K-2 grade annual Garage Fun Sale happened where we learned how to make purchasing decisions, count coins, and make change. We are enjoying our small new purchases. In Reading, we are doing very well and are working on long vowel sounding words; and I have added some words with blends. We love to read to others and have read to the preschool class and others. On April 24, we went to Prom at Grand Meadows where we visit the residents on a monthly basis. This activity is definitely a highlight each month. Hopefully, we will continue this new tradition. Coming in May, we plan to sing for the L.W.M.L.; go to the Como Zoo and Children's Science Museum; and have Playday. I would like to thank Mrs. Petterson and Mrs. Montanye for their great help in reading and writing class. Also, Mrs. Randt and Mrs. Schuette who faithfully listen to students read their books every Tuesday morning. Kindergarten is the best because we have great students and parents; wonderful helpers; and a strong supportive congregation. 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 22nd! Let the school office know if you're able and willing to help! 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 for the month of May include: french toast bake, a chicken pasta hotdish, and hamburgers and hotdogs for our chapel family picnic.



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.

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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, Mrs. Schuette, Mrs. Bargmann, and Mrs. Fehlandt 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!
- Mr. Scheele for his help filling in as the part-time Principal.
- Mrs. Plath and Mrs. Freberg for their hard work and dedication in the school library for our Preschool-3rd grade students!
- Cindy Eggersgluess for all of her hard work with our Homegrown Meals at First Lutheran!
- Lois Adams for the crocheted cross bookmarks that were made for Kindergarten students and the 8th Grade Confirmants.
- Tyann Barstad for the personalized temperature changing cups for the Kindergarten class.
- Glenn Cohrs for tilling the school garden.



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 malsleben@1stglencoe.org.



\$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!

















Playday

First Lutheran is hosting Playday this year at Oscar Olson Park in Glencoe. A schedule will be sent out later. 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 Oscar Olson that day. You, the parent, will be responsible for getting your child to and from Oscar Olson. If transportation to and from will be an issue, please reach out to your child's teacher or Michelle. 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.

In addition, we will need LOTS of help. If you can volunteer, please use this link to [sign up](#) or scan this code!



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