

"Community: We Are Not Alone"

"I'm a spiritual person, but I'm not religious." Have you ever heard someone say that? Maybe you have had the same thought yourself. Today, many people feel that no organized religion empowers them to be healthy, renewed, or growing human beings—or even Christians! To them, rituals and organizations found in churches are more or less empty shells.



These kinds of observations may be well-meant as one seeks a **deeper relationship with God** from **our** point of view. After all, we all think of ourselves as the center of the world. We like to choose what is best for ourselves.



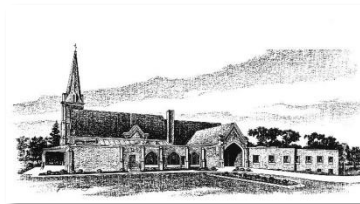
So, we tend to look for a god who may satisfy our desires and wishes. If the Christian God doesn't deliver or meet our specifications, we seek another option to support and cultivate our own "spirituality." Further, in a

religiously diverse environment, Christians even routinely switch denominational affiliations. They float around, attempting to find a place that they can call home.

Jesus says: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Our new Bible Study called "Community: We Are Not Alone" will expound a Lutheran conviction that we **do** have abundant life given in the Church. Lutherans confess in Article VII of the Augsburg Confession that **the Church is the assembly of all believers "in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered."** It answers the questions: **"Where is the Church?"** and **"Where can I find a church home?"** Lutherans confess that a true Church is not measured by "my taste" or "my sincerest spirituality"; rather, the Church is where our crucified and risen Lord Jesus lives and gives His abundant gifts.



Jesus, who showed His love at Calvary, bids you come to His Church. Connected with Him, our lives will ever be "full of sap and green" (Psalm 92:14). Discover the richness and joy that is found in the Lord's Church alone and the life that is lived there together as Christians in community.



For 149 years, First Ev. Lutheran Church of Glencoe has been a community of Christians gathered where by God's grace the Gospel is purely taught and the

Sacraments correctly administered. As we prepare to celebrate our 150th Anniversary next year, it is especially appropriate that we have this study, "Community: We Are Not Alone."

Please join us on Sunday mornings in July
in-between Divine Services
as we begin our six-session study.

Session 1- Where Christ Is, There Is the Church
Session 2- The Lord's Giving—Our Receiving
Session 3- Fellowship as Partaking
Session 4- The Gift and Service of the Pastor
Session 5- We Are Not Alone
Session 6- Church, Family, and the World

If you would like to prepare ahead of time
for our first session,
"Where Christ Is, There Is the Church",
please read Acts 1 and 2.

In Christ,
Pastor Dan Welch



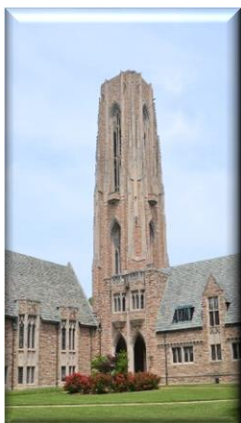
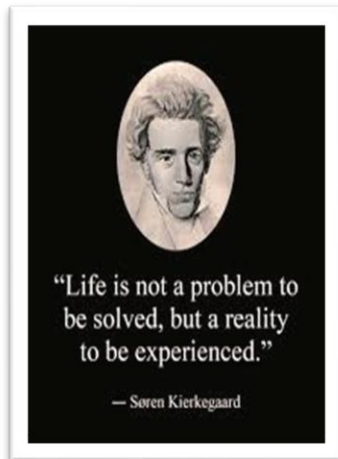
About Our New Assistant Pastor, Michael Ewert

Michael Ewert is honored to be joining you as he begins his journey in pastoral ministry. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he has spent the last four years in Missouri and is glad to rejoin the North.



As a cradle Lutheran, Michael has always been active in the life of the church, from helping with VBS and 4 year-old Sunday School to participating in high school ministry and the National Youth Gathering. A product of the Lutheran school system, he especially enjoyed religion classes, where many teachers encouraged him to consider ministry. In high school, he began seriously thinking about becoming a pastor as a meaningful way to use his gifts and serve others.

Michael earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Concordia University Wisconsin in 2020. While there, he was active in the Pre-Seminary Student Association, studied Greek and Hebrew, and took many theology classes in preparation for seminary. He also re-established the Philosophy Club, serving as its president, and received the Søren Kierkegaard Philosophy Award.



In 2021, Michael began his studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He served during the school year at St. Paul's in Columbia, Illinois, and completed his vicarage at St. Paul Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, Missouri. There, he was blessed with opportunities to experience many aspects of ministry firsthand. He returned to St. Louis for his final year of formation, waiting to receive his call, which would turn out to be to First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

He is deeply appreciative of the love and support of his family, who have encouraged him and sacrificed much throughout this journey. In his free time, Michael enjoys reading, playing games, and relaxing in a hammock. He also values media literacy and good conversations around a campfire. His favorite book of the Bible is Ecclesiastes, and his preferred Gospel is John.

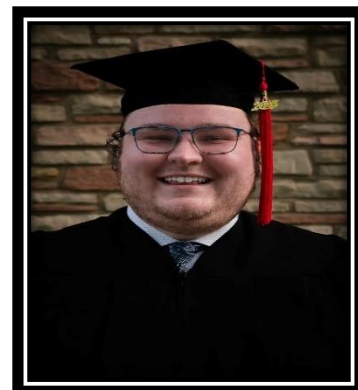


A passage especially meaningful to him is Philippians 1:23–24:

"I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account."

Michael now looks forward to serving you here through Word and Sacrament ministry by giving Jesus and the Gospel here and now, for you. He prays that he would be a blessing to each of you as he serves.

*Thank you,
Speaking Christ,
Michael Ewert*



FROM THE DCE DESK...

As we are preparing to send five of our congregation's youth to the upcoming National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA I have heard from many people about their fond memories of when they were able to attend the Gathering. I, personally, was a student at a Gathering in New Orleans, too.

These young brothers and sisters in Christ are looking forward to a week of deepening their faith, learning through various breakout sessions, engaging in deep, hour-long Bible studies each day, worshiping with almost 20,000 of their soon-to-be closest friends, and experiencing the culture of New Orleans (some for the first time).

This month I am encouraging you to lift these students in your prayers: Seth Mathews, Grady Schuft, Alex Cisewski, Brody Brinkmann, and Lilly Petterson. In an effort to have full congregational support, we are providing you with specific prayers for each day our youth will be gone during this trip. I cannot encourage you enough to actively and boldly participate in supporting this experience through your prayers.

We thank you for your continued support of our congregation's youth and look forward to sharing with you some of the amazing moments God will use to encourage and build up His church throughout this trip!

<>< Deaconess Megan Polzin

Thursday, July 17th: Lord God Almighty, You have blessed Seth, Grady, Alex, Brody, Lilly, Bryan, and Megan with various and unique gifts. Grant them each the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory; Lord we ask that You would guide and protect the youth and adults from First Evangelical Lutheran Church as they travel to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering so that by this experience they may grow in the grace and truth that only You can provide. We ask that you bless Bryan and Megan as they lead our congregation's youth throughout this trip with an abundance of patience, peace, discernment, and wisdom. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Friday, July 18th: Heavenly Father, preserve and keep the youth of our congregation from falling away from the faith and conforming to the world. Keep them from the many temptations of youth that lead to sin. Give our congregation wisdom and skill to be inspiring, faithful, and charitable as we walk together in this life amongst them; Lord we especially as that you would bless Seth, Grady, Alex, Brody, and Lilly as they learn more and more about Your great love this day at the National Youth Gathering; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Saturday, July 19th: Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless Seth, Grady, Alex, Brody, and Lilly this day as they proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

Sunday, July 20th: Lord Jesus Christ, You withdrew Yourself for times of prayer and brought Your disciples with You that they might also rest with You. Be present with Seth, Grady, Alex, Brody, and Lilly during this time of the National Youth Gathering that, gathered together in Your name, they may profitably meditate on Your Word and be strengthened with a good will to serve You and Your people; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Monday, July 21st: Visit, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, and keep all harm and danger far from them. Lord we especially ask that You watch over and protect the families of the youth attending the National Youth Gathering as well as those youth and adults currently abiding together in hotels around New Orleans. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, sharing eternally in Your blessings; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday, July 22nd: Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; Lord we especially ask that you fill Seth, Grady, Alex, Brody, and Lilly with Your Holy Spirit this day as they proclaim the Gospel to the people of New Orleans. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, July 23rd: Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the wellbeing of Your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the body of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all the youth and adults attending the National Youth Gathering the healthful spirit of Your grace that they may please You in all things. In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thursday, July 24th: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in Your Son's name. We humbly thank You for having heard the prayers of Your servants this week and for answering them according to Your will. Continue to supply Seth, Grady, Alex, Brody, Lilly, Bryan, and Megan with every need from Your bountiful hand, that they may evermore praise and glorify Your holy name. Father we also ask that You would look upon them with Your favor as they travel back to Minnesota. We implore you to fill them with Your Spirit that upon the close of the National Youth Gathering they may return to their homes proclaiming Your Gospel and living a life of endurance now & always. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen



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

Sunday, July 6 8:00 AM – Brian Grochow, Leonard Donnay
10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen, Will Freberg

Sunday, July 13 8:00 AM – Dean Dahlke, David Polzin
10:30 AM – Dean Scheele, Brian Grochow

Sunday, July 20 8:00 AM – Tyler Mielke, David Polzin
10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen, Roger Schmidt

Sunday, July 27 8:00 AM – Fritz Schulz, Doug Dahlke
Polka Service 10:30 AM – Will Freberg, 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, July 6 8:00 AM – Charleen & Loren Engelmann,
Dave & Betty Witthus
10:30 AM – _____

Sunday, July 13 8:00 AM – Ken & Joyce Schiroo
10:30 AM – _____

Sunday, July 20 8:00 AM – John & Cheryl Scheidt
10:30 AM – _____

Sunday, July 27 8:00 AM – Irene Grochow, Dave & Betty Witthus
Polka Service 10:30 AM – Janel Fischer



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

Sunday, July 6 8:00 AM – _____,
10:30 AM – _____

Sunday, July 13 8:00 AM – Natallie Schafer, _____
10:30 AM – _____

Sunday, July 20 8:00 AM – _____,
10:30 AM – _____

Sunday, July 27 8:00 AM – Blake Mathews, Bryce Mathews
Polka Service 10:30 AM – Oscar Freberg, _____



Facebook has 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 for our volunteers!

Sunday, July 6 -
Sunday, July 13 -
Sunday, June 20 -
Sunday, July 27 (*Polka Service*) -



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, July 6 8:00 AM - Brittney Wolff
10:30 AM - Tyler Schauer

Sunday, July 13 8:00 AM - Gemma Goff
10:30 AM - Seth Mathews

Sunday, July 20 8:00 AM - Chloe Donnay
10:30 AM - Amy Welch

Sunday, June 27 *Polka Service* – No Screens

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, July 6 8:00 AM - Glenn Cohrs
10:30 AM - Steven Schauer

Sunday, July 13 8:00 AM - Kevin Cohrs
10:30 AM - Grady Schuft

Sunday, July 20 8:00 AM - Andrew Mackenthun (Radio Broadcast)
10:30 AM - Lynn Exsted

Sunday, July 27 8:00 AM - Andrew Mackenthun
Polka Service 10:30 AM - Tyler 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, July 6 – OPEN
Sunday, July 13 – OPEN
Sunday, July 20 – OPEN
Sunday, July 27 – OPEN *Polka Service*

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, July 6 - Andrew Mackenthun
Sunday, July 13 - Robert Schuft
Sunday, July 20 - Linda Ranzau
Sunday, July 17 (*Polka Service*) - Lynn Exsted



thank you!

~ Summaries from the Council and Boards ~



Church Council | June 11th

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and approved the available minutes from each of the individual Boards at the June 11th meeting. Church Council had planned to work on the proposed budget; but due to extended medical leave of responsible staff, budget updates and corrections were not available. A Special Voters' Assembly to approve this fiscal year's budget (previously planned for late June) was therefore tabled at this time.

Christian Education Board | June 2nd

The Christian Board discussed the Summer Flames Program and updated the Cradle Roll. Sunday School options were considered and Parade plans were revealed. Vacation Bible School needs were anticipated and ideas were expanded. Budgetary concerns were addressed and the meeting was adjourned.

Day School | June 4th

Planning for next school year is already underway. We have our new Principal, Mr. Perry Miller, starting on July 1st. We are still looking to fill the first grade teaching position. There are summer camps being offered to students throughout the summer. The Future Flames Committee is hosting a Seafood Boil on July 18th in New Auburn.

Board of Deacons | June 3rd

Board finalizing the 2025-2026 budget. Finalizing plans to welcome Pastor Elect Ewert. Reviewed Pastor's vacation plans and coverage. Planning to assess church office staff PCs for potential update/replacement.

Board of Evangelism | June 4th

The Evangelism Board finalized the visitor bags which were placed at the Welcome Center. We continued discussing plans for the KDUZ Lutheran Hour Event which will be Sept 27, 2025. We discussed the possibility of hosting an event, like Bingo, in August.

Board of Stewardship | - Month of June

The Stewardship Board did not formally meet for the month of June.

Board of Trustees | June 2nd

Approval was given to purchase a new commercial vacuum cleaner. The board heard updates from the custodian on summer cleaning of the school buildings, boiler inspection and school lunchroom flooring.



***We also welcome summaries
and / or news from any of our
church's committees and
auxiliaries!***

~ Community Events ~

Grief Support Group
St. Johns Church of Norwood Young America
All Communities & Walk Ins Welcomed
No Registration & Free of Cost
We meet every Monday from 4:30 to 6:00
Address: 101 SE 2nd Avenue
Norwood Young America, Mn. 55397

We are here to offer you help in times of loss of a loved one, a divorce, unemployment, financial loss, health problems or any loss you are feeling.

At our meetings you can expect a support group who truly cares for you. You can tell your story if you wish and hear the stories of others.
We provide a warm welcome, light refreshments, a short devotion, time for sharing, at times a speaker or activity and a friendship that will be with you forever.

As it says in Romans 12:15
"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."



The Farmers Market is BACK!
Join us on Thursdays from 3-6 PM.



1107 11th Street E
(Glencoe City Center West Parking Lot)



**Shop fresh, local produce,
baked goods, handmade items & more!**

Can't wait to see you at the market!
#FarmersMarketSeason #ShopLocal #GlencoeMN
#CommunityVibes

~ Community Events, Continued ~

AT THE GLENCOE FARMER'S MARKET | EVERY OTHER THURSDAY | 3 PM - 6 PM

POP

POWER OF *Produce* CLUB



THE POWER OF PRODUCE CLUB IS FOR CHILDREN AGES 2-14. DURING EACH DESIGNATED POP MARKET DATE, CHILDREN RECEIVE A \$2 TOKEN TO SPEND ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM LOCAL GROWERS. STOP BY THE POP CLUB BOOTH AT THE MARKET TO GET SIGNED UP!

2025 POP CLUB DATES:

JUNE 26TH JULY 10TH JULY 24TH AUGUST 7TH
AUGUST 21ST SEPTEMBER 4TH SEPTEMBER 18TH OCTOBER 2ND



- **"The French Family"** – Nashville-based but hailing from Australia/New Zealand, the French Family Band features Stuie & Camille French on guitars/vocals, and son Sonny on guitars/vocals. Taking inspiration from the country and western swing icons of decades past, one can hear echoes of Chet Atkins, Anne Murray and Merle Haggard in the covers and originals they perform. The band has appeared on stage at the Grand Ole Opry several times. – *Wed., March 11 at 7 PM*
- **"The Suits"** – The Suits are comprised of four dynamic gentlemen performing four genres of hit music from the '50's through the '80's: Motown, Doo Wop, Pop, and Rock. Fusing choreography and tight harmonies with exciting showmanship and fun audience interactions, you will experience a night to remember! – *Sun., May 10 at 7 PM*

Because the Glencoe and Hutchinson associations have reciprocity, members may also attend the Hutchinson Concert Association concerts:

- **"A Band Called Honalee"** – A modern-day folk trio inspired by the music and legacy of Peter, Paul, and Mary. Musically accomplished, interactive, and energetic, their shows allow audiences to experience this timeless music live onstage once again. – *Thu., Sept. 29 at 7 PM*
- **"Noah Sonie"** – A magician and mentalist based out of Minneapolis. His performance style blends magic, mind reading, and hypnosis to create an abstract and engaging show that will leave your audience laughing and astonished. Noah Sonie brings a welcoming, energetic, charismatic, and creative presence to any event. – *Oct. 3 or 17.*

- Mitchell Hall" – A Johnny Cash Tribute – *Friday, April 17*

For the past 51 years, the Glencoe Concert Association has provided world-class entertainment for the Glencoe area. The support of the Glencoe Concert Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, emphasizes the desire and the need for such an organization to provide top quality performances for the entire family.

Board Members are also needed for the upcoming season. People of all ages, who are interested in a variety of musical performances, are encouraged to volunteer.

For more information, contact Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or Louise Carlson at 320-864-5261. You are also invited to "LIKE" our Facebook page.

2B CONTINUED
Suicide Loss
SUPPORT GROUP
Meets the second Monday
of the month
7:00-8:30 pm
2B CONTINUED OFFICE
305 7th St E | Glencoe, MN 55336

Glencoe Concert Association

The Glencoe Concert Association is pleased to present its 2025-2026 Season of quality performances for the entire family. Join Glencoe Concert Association for only \$65 (Family \$140) and see Concerts in Glencoe and Hutchinson. Glencoe:

- **"Gilly & The Girl"** – Gilly & The Girl offer a heartfelt and enchanting musical experience. The acoustic duo features seamless harmonies with a repertoire that spans genres and eras. They bring a unique blend of timeless classics and contemporary hits, ensuring there's something for everyone. – *Thursday, September 25 at 7 PM*

38th Annual Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, August 17th, 2025

St. John Lutheran Church of Hollywood
17725 53rd Street, New Germany, Minnesota

WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:30 AM

Serving 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Two Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Corn, Coleslaw, Buns, Mixed Relishes, Bars, Coffee & Milk Hotdogs for Children

Ticket Prices

Advance Tickets Ages 12 Years to Adult: \$14.00
At the Door Ages 12 Years to Adult: \$16.00
Children Ages 5 to 11: \$6.00
Children Ages 4 and Under: Free

For advance tickets call 320•510•3222

**Silent
Auction**

Please join us for a day of good food, Christian fellowship, and lots of fun!

~ Lutheran Women in Mission ~



Lutheran Women in Mission Continue to Serve During Summer Months

Lutheran Women in Mission will not hold business meetings in July or August. We will continue to serve funerals and other special events. Members of the congregation are welcome to help us in service projects. Don't know your way around the kitchen? Don't know how to run the big coffee maker or dish washer? You don't have to!! Those are learnable skills and we'll show you how. Or, you can choose to do something else. There are dish cloths, towels, mops and brooms that fit a variety of hand sizes including yours! Women and men are welcomed to join. Leave your name and number with the church office and we'll call you when needed.

Happy July Birthdays!

Happy July birthday to honorary Lutheran Women in Mission LWML members Marjorie Duenow and Helen Becker. A \$5 gift to LWML Mission Grants has been given in honor of each of you.



Here is a little bit of "25 years ago" news

1,724 Hand-Crafted Gift Crosses



*In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.*

It was 25 years ago that First Evangelical Lutheran Church dedicated the "new" 2000 addition. It included the Fellowship Center and adjoining kitchen, a lovely south entry way, a new office complex and four First Lutheran day school classrooms and lockers. Whew! It served us well then and is still serving us well today.

During the dedication of that addition attendees received a worship folder AND a hand-crafted gift cross. The committee requested members to help make crosses. "They can be crocheted, tatted, knitted, plastic canvas, hardanger or ANY way you can make a small cross." The committee hoped to receive several hundred crosses and were privately concerned what to do with them if only a few showed up.

Well, First Evangelical stitchers did not have to be asked twice! So many came in they were hard to count. Stitchers were asked to leave their crosses, their name and the number of crosses made. Most did, but many did not. They wanted to be anonymous. Yet the crosses just kept showing up. By far the largest number of crosses were crocheted.



*When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hope deceive and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.*

The final count was 1724. Here is a list of the known contributors. Most are members. Some are friends of the congregation who heard about it and asked to participate.

Lois Adams – 50
Linda Duenow – 16
Gebhardt – 7
Geraldine Grenke – 50
Gruenhagen – 170
Joan Hensel (Graupman) – some
Nelda Klostermeier – 26
Esther Mueller – 100+
Bertha Proehl – 70 (tatted)
Suttles – some
Marlys Tessmer – 66
Fran Vogt – 28

Carol Beltz – 200
Marjorie Duenow – 39
Rosa Mable Graupmann – 27
Dorothy Herbst – 60
Melinda Frieda Hennessey – some
Ellen Husfeldt – 13
Esther Michaletz – 36
Sandy Otto – 12
Glenda Schufft – 229
Adele Bonnie Teschendorf – 42
Anita Thiesfeld – some

Unknown (intricate box stitch similar to crochet) — 3
Unknown (plastic canvas) — 187

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow for all of these dear stitchers, many of whom are now praising God in their heavenly homes. There were many more crosses than needed for the day of dedication. The pastors and staff found ways to use them. Each confirmand received a cross that year. Pastors took them along to shut-in visits. New members and visitors received a cross.



*When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love along the way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.*

And now, a request from YOU! Did you receive a cross that day? What did you do with it? Did you save it? Is it now in your Bible? Did you give it away? Did it fade? (Crochet thread often fades over time.) Phone or e-mail the church office. **We would like to track what happened to your cross.**



*Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.*



Some Bible Verses about Help in Time Of Trouble:

*The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord;
He is their stronghold in time of trouble. Psalm 37:39*

*The Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who
are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous. Psalm 146:8*

*The Lord is good, a refuge in time of trouble.
He cares for those who trust in Him. Nahum 1:7*

*Though he stumble, he will not fall,
for the Lord upholds him with His hand. Psalm 27:34*

*You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance. Psalm 32:7*

*Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter,
You will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth
You will again bring me up. Psalm 71:20*

*Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within
me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him,
my Savior and my God. Psalm 42:11*

*My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my
heart and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26*

~ First Lutheran Church News ~

Baptismal Gift Blanket



Did you know? When a child is baptized at FLC, he or she receives a beautiful flannel blanket, that is made by the Quilting Group.

For each blanket, two complimentary flannel fabrics are purchased, washed, and pressed. Then three or four of the quilters get together to layout, cut, and place the fabrics. It is then sewn and stitched together.

The completed blanket then goes to "The Temple Service Center" in Glencoe where the words FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL are embroidered onto the blanket.

This is then gifted to the baptized child, compliments of the Day School Board.

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
eggsglueccindy@gmail.com



I think our lives are a lot like our Minnesota sunrises. The sunrise each day is almost never the same. Some days are rainy, some just gray and cloudy, sometimes the sun peaks through clouds displaying such beautiful colors that it almost takes our breath away, and some mornings the sunrise sky is just crisp and blue and clear.

However the day begins, it is another gift from God and given to us to enjoy. Focus on the good gifts in life. No matter our circumstances, we should all face each day as God intended: enjoy each sunrise, appreciate God's creation, thank Him for his faithfulness, cherish time spent together with family and friends...

As Christians, we know the destination for all of us; we need to remember to treasure the journey.

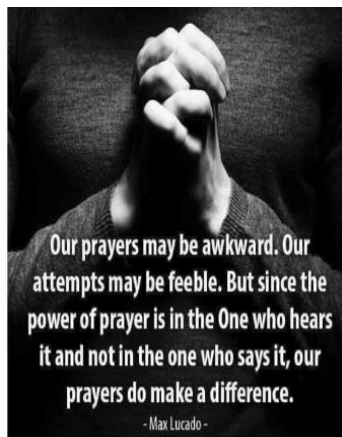
"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." **Lamentations 3: 22 - 23**
-Submitted

Quilters Make Delivery to Boys & Girls Ranch in Fargo, ND



The Quilting Group from First Ev. Lutheran Church in Glencoe, MN recently delivered quilts to the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch in Fargo, MN. While there, they were also able to tour the facility and visit with Ranch staff. The Quilters annually supply about 75 quilts to the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, a Christ-centered residential treatment and education center for children and their families.

Pictured L to R are: Becky Ostlie, Joyce Schiroo, Linda Medhus (Ranch staff), Linda Ranzau, Ardeen Graupmann, Madriene Weber, Ida Rutske, and three more Ranch staff. Not pictured are Ken Schiroo and Louie Graupmann who provided transportation for the day.



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.



New Visitor Gift Bags

If you are a visitor at 1st Lutheran, or you know someone who is visiting please stop by yourself or direct the visitor/s to one of the Welcome Centers! The Board of Evangelism has gift bags for both adults and children.

Quilts of Valor are invited to donate supplies and / or nominate veterans. Beverly Mackenthun and RaNay Lentsch are planning to make quilts of valor for all Veterans at First Lutheran.

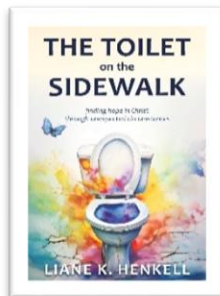


If you or anyone you know are a veteran, or if you would like to donate materials, time, or funds for this worthy cause, please contact Beverly at (612) 578-1713 or RaNay at 320-510-0804.

Donating to this fund can be done through the Church Office.

1st Lutheran Church Library

The newest addition to our church library is The Toilet on the Sidewalk by Liane K. Henkel. This is the devotional book which Pastor Schwanke referenced in his sermon on May 18th.



Do you find yourself traveling on a path you didn't see coming? Discover the hope and, yes, even the joy that can be found in Christ when walking through the most difficult trials.

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✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your

Choice \$. This past month, we received \$221 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.

✓ **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!** Involve others – it's all about your friends, family and community coming together to make a positive impact! **We are now seeking Thrivent members for a couple of upcoming projects.**

✓ **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/>

✓ **NEW!! Thrivent Cause Kit** – Help transform lives by completing a Thrivent Cause Kit which will make an impact in communities worldwide. Request the kit – assemble at home – send it back to give back. Thrivent members are eligible to make one kit per year!

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

~ Opportunities to Share
Your Time, Talents, and Treasures ~



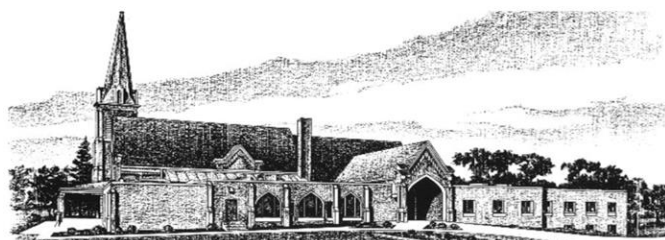
SEEKING FIRST GRADE TEACHER CANDIDATES

First Lutheran School is seeking a dedicated Christian professional to teach 1st grade for the 2025-26 school year! Please send candidate names and/or resume* to Mrs. Alsleben, malsleben@1stglencoe.org.

Please continue to keep First Lutheran School in your prayers as our committee searches for a Christian teacher to nurture spiritual and academic growth.

**Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.**

- 1 Corinthians 12:27 -



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First Lutheran Church and School Need You! Yes, Even You!

As members of the Body of Christ at First Lutheran Church and School, we each have a role to play in keeping the Body active and healthy.
We each have something we can do!

Jesus died for you! He gave His all.
In response out of love for what Jesus has done,
we serve one another, His fellow children,
by giving of our Time, Talents, and Treasures
here in His Church at First Lutheran.

There are so many opportunities to share your Time, Talents, and Treasures here at First Lutheran. Some of these opportunities will fall by the wayside without volunteers, however. Those who are sharing, you are greatly appreciated! Even if no one else knows, God knows, and He is the one who we are ultimately serving when we serve our neighbor.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help as a member of the Body of Christ. No task or giving is too small. No task or giving is too large.

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 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! (We can help with the coffee!)

~ Some More Opportunities to Share
Your Time, Talents, & Treasures ~



Auxiliaries, Committee, Organizations:

* 150th Anniversary Committee, Altar Guild, Elders, First Lutheran School Flames Boosters, Handbell Choir, Lutheran Women in Mission, Mat-Makers, Quilters, Senior Choir, Sunday School, Youth Group Assistant

Boards:

* Christian Education, Day School, Deacons, Evangelism, Stewardship, Trustees

Church Service Positions:

* Acolyte, Camera, Facebook Live Recorder, Greeters, Screen Presenter, Sound System / PA

Miscellaneous Areas:

* Church Landscaping (pull weeds, water, etc.), Church Office Volunteer, Dusting the School Lockers, Fellowship Time, Prayer Chain, School Garden, School Volunteer, Special Music, Vacuum, Wash Windows

These are just a few of the opportunities! How can you help build up the Body of Christ here at First Lutheran Church and School? Everyone has something he or she can do to share his/her Time, Talents, and Treasures!

For more information, or questions about how you can contribute, please see the church bulletins and newsletters, and/or contact the church office.

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**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

**LCMS Stewardship Ministry** – [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)

**Newsletter Article** – June 2025

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***Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship***

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor. To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.*

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

*Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.*

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

*Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.*

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.*

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.
- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!



~ Lutheran Hour News ~



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 July, you will hear the following program topics on the 9:00 am broadcast:

July 6 **"A Little Light, Reading"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Book of Job is not light reading, but Christians read it in the Light of Christ. *Job 1:8*

July 13 **"Fearless and Endless Growing"** with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. God's Word grows like a perfect garden, bearing fruit in every season. *Colossians 1:1-14*

July 20 **"God's Plan = Jesus"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's plans for us are not me-centered; they are Christ-centered. Dr. Zeigler talks with Soul Surfer author, Bethany Hamilton. *John 16:33*

July 27 **"Getting the Talk Started"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's Law-talk prepares us for God's Gospel-talk. Author Tim Carter The Executioner's Redemption is featured. *Luke 11:1*

**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 LC - MS 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.

Send your gift (payable to KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast):  
KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters,  
% First Lutheran Church,  
925 13<sup>th</sup> Street East, Glencoe, MN 55336.

Questions? Contact / text Rich at 320-779-0123,  
or email [richstreufert@embarqmail.com](mailto:richstreufert@embarqmail.com) .

**Thank you!**

Hear the Spanish language Lutheran Hour program  
at: <https://www.paraelcamino.com/>.

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

Sponsored by the KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters



***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**

***Our Voice for Christ Weekend  
"Speak His Word with Boldness"***

You are invited to hear Rev. Germán Novelli,  
speaker for the Spanish Lutheran Hour,  
"Para el Camino"

**at a Supper & Presentation  
on Saturday evening, September 27  
at First Evangelical Lutheran Church,  
925 13th Street East, Glencoe.**

**Doors open at 4:15 p.m.  
with a "Light Meal" served promptly at 5:00 p.m.**

There is no charge for you to attend this event.

You don't have to be a member  
or past Lutheran Hour broadcast supporter.

**All are welcome.**

Your free will offering will support  
the 2026 KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcasts.

Replies (one week prior – by Sept. 19)  
are appreciated but not mandatory.

**(We want to have enough food  
so no one leaves hungry!)**

Call First Lutheran at 320-864-5522  
or e-mail [office@1stglencoe.org](mailto:office@1stglencoe.org)  
to make a reservation.

Questions?  
Contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or  
[richstreufert@embarqmail.com](mailto:richstreufert@embarqmail.com) .

**"And now, Lord, look upon their threats  
and grant to Your servants to continue  
to speak Your word with all boldness."**

**Acts 4:30**

~ First Lutheran Events ~



## mat-makers

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Mat-Makers continue to meet during the summer.  
Come if you can! Guests are ALWAYS welcome.

July 8, 1:30 p.m.

June 22, 1:30 p.m.

### Go First! Ministry Conference

## It's Back!

September 26 -27, 2025

Redemption Lutheran Church  
927 East Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, MN

Hosted by the MN South District and the  
SW Suburban Circuit

Lay people, educators,  
parish professionals, pastors  
are all invited to experience  
the encouragement and inspiration  
of the two-day event, featured above.

*Break-out sessions will be led by individuals and  
congregations involved with ministries that can  
be replicated  
in your congregation and community.*

**"First Evangelical Mat-Makers"**  
assisted by Missionary  
Dr. James Seemann will be  
leading a break-out session.

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SEAFOOD BOIL

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Friday, July 18, 2025  
Starting at 5:30  
New Auburn High Island  
Conservation Club

Adults: \$50  
Children: (10 & younger) \$10

Entertainment Provided by  
Country Fried Grubers!  
BYOB

First Lutheran School's Future Flames Committee  
is hosting a Seafood Boil on Friday, July 18th  
at the New Auburn High Island Conservation Club.

This family friendly event  
starts at 5:30 pm

with all-you-can-eat

Louisiana Style seafood and veggies.

Stay and socialize by the lake  
and enjoy live music.

Purchase tickets at

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-seafood-boil>

or use the QR code instead.





## More First Lutheran Events ~

### Lutheran Night at MN Twins

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



Bus transportation from First Ev. Lutheran Church in Glencoe will depart at 4 p.m. for \$15 per person.

For questions, please contact Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or [eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com](mailto:eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com)

## ~ Vacation Bible School Information ~

### VBS Volunteers Needed!

The Board of Christian Education is pleased to announce that we will be hosting an **Epic Australian Adventure VBS** this year from **August 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (5:30-7:45pm)** for all kiddos (potty-trained) **age 3** through those **entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**. We are asking for volunteer signups for anyone able to help with any portion of this great mission. If you are able, please scan the QR code with your phone and let us know where you would prefer to help! Please see Deaconess Megan Polzin if you have any questions.



### Vacation Bible School Sign-Up Now OPEN!

Please use this QR code to sign up your child(ren) for our August 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Epic Australian Adventure VBS! Participants will enjoy learning not only about what God has done and is continuing to do for us, but they will also learn about God's creation of Australia, enjoy snacks, crafts, games, and so much fun! We thank God for your willingness to let our youth ministry walk alongside you as parents as you raise up your children in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ!



### Polka Service

**Sunday, July 27, 2025**

**8:00 AM and 10:30 AM church services**

The music will be led by Chuck Thiel and his band. Songs will include both familiar hymns and polka tunes with worship-style lyrics.

This event is made possible by generous donations from our congregation members.

If you'd like to see this annual event continue, please prayerfully consider contributing.

### **First Ev. Lutheran Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**



In 2026, First Ev. Lutheran Church will reach a significant milestone – it's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Planning is just getting started for opportunities to reflect on our history and heritage, celebrate our blessings, and recommit to our mission of "Sharing Christ and Changing Lives."

Sunday, July 12, 2026, has been set for our special Anniversary Service – Save this date for you and your entire family to attend. In the months leading up to this, we'll also be commemorating in other numerous ways.

Stay tuned and prayerfully consider how you can help and get involved. Ideas and questions may be directed to 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs, Cindy Eggersgluess and Dennis Wolter.





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All tickets need to be  
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Tickets can be  
purchased  
online using  
the QR code  
or at the  
church office



First Ev. Lutheran, Glencoe

# PRESCHOOL PLAY DATES

JUNE 24 | JULY 14 | AUGUST 13

5:30-6:30 | FLS PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND |  
925 1ST ST E



- Play at the FLS Preschool playground with your parents
- Meet your teacher
- Come and go as needed
- Build relationships with your friends, both new and old!



FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
CONTACT:

mhoffmann@1stglencoe.org  
320-864-3317



# SUPPORT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!

## First Lutheran School's 5th Annual Golf Tournament!

Saturday, Sept. 6th 1:00 pm | 6:00 pm Meal  
Glencoe Country Club  
1325 1st St E, Glencoe, MN 55336

## SIGN SPONSORSHIP | \$50

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK EVENT ADVERTISEMENT  
COMPANY LOGO SIGN AT ONE HOLE

## SIGN & MEAL TICKETS | \$100

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FOUR POST GOLF TOURNAMENT MEAL TICKETS



ADDITIONALLY - PROVIDE US YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE FOR YOUR SIGN!



# FIRST LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

## Open House

Are you still looking for a preschool for your child? First Ev. Lutheran School in Glencoe is a Christ-centered PreK-8th Grade School. Our Preschool Program offers all day class opportunities for your 3 & 4 year old. Come check us out; we would love for you to join our family!

JULY 9, 2025 | 6:00-7:30

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:  
MHOFFMANN@1STGLENCOE.ORG  
320-864-3317





July, 2025



- July 4 | Independence Day
- July 18 | Seafood Boil
- August 19 | Preschool Orientation
- August 20 | K-8 Back to School Event
- August 24 | Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 26 | 1st Day of school
- September 10 | Parent Information Night

2025-26 School Calendar



The nation wide LCMS school theme for next school year is "Make a Joyful Noise" based off of key verses: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" - Psalm 98:4



### \$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!

[malsleben@1stglencoe.org](mailto:malsleben@1stglencoe.org)

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### 5th Annual Golf Tournament

Join us for the 5th annual golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Glencoe Golf Course! Tee Time is at 1:00! A meal for golfers will be included. Stay tuned for more information coming out soon to register your own team! Not a fan of golfing? No worries - you can sponsor a hole!

### SUPPORT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!

**Sponsor a hole for the 5th Annual Golf Tournament!**

ALL SPONSORSHIPS WILL INCLUDE A SIGN YOURSELF INTO YOUR FAVORITE!

**SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS:**

**SIGN ONLY \$50**  
INCLUDES: Name and photo of your choice.

**SIGN AND MEAL TICKET \$100**  
INCLUDES: Name and photo of your choice PLUS 4 Meal Tickets

**FIRST LUTHERAN STUDENT \$100**  
INCLUDES: Name and photo of your choice

All Sponsorships are due Friday, August 19th. Checks can be brought to the Church office in person before using the sign.



Together we pray for:

- Our teachers and other staff that they may have a restful, rejuvenating, and relaxing Summer.
- All the people who are traveling this summer, that they may reach their destinations safely and enjoy God's creation!
- The people in our area who are without a church home, that they may be moved by the Holy Spirit to find a church that fulfills their spiritual needs and that we might be courageous enough to share God's Word with them.
- All parents who are seeking a Christian education for their child, that they may choose First Lutheran
- Good weather that the gardens and crops may flourish!
- Safe travels and a smooth transition for Mr. Perry Miller, our new school principal.

thank you

- Travis Uecker, Tom Bleichner, and Andy Danielson for getting our floors ready for next school year!
- Gary Schauer and Loren Engelmänn for working on tedious school upkeep projects
- Board of Education for their continued efforts in ensuring the Christian faith is being taught at First Lutheran
- Michelle for all of her hard work in the school office
- Dean Scheele for his service as interim principal this past year



### Flames of Faith Summer Kids Club

The summer kids club has been off to a great start! Every day the students have a Devotion as they continue to grow in their faith. The kids enjoy time outside playing and building up a community of believers! 4-H comes in once a month to do activities with them. They will be going to the Como Zoo, the Works Museum, Glenfields, the Library, Coborns, the Fire Station, and the Police Department. In August, they plan on going to the McLeod County Fair. If you go, be sure to check out the 4-H art projects and see if you can spot any of the art they submit! They continue going to the Glencoe Pool twice a week as a refreshing afternoon in the hot summer heat! Since these kiddos are always so busy playing, they work up quite an appetite! If you feel led to donate, Madi is always looking for snacks to feed them. Here are things the kiddos like:

- Applesauce
- Club crackers
- Spray Cheese
- String Cheese
- Popcorn

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Michael Ewert is honored to be joining us at First Lutheran Church as our new Associate Pastor. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he has spent the last four years in Missouri and is glad to rejoin the North.

As a cradle Lutheran, Michael has always been active in the life of the church, from helping with VBS and 4 year-old Sunday School to participating in high school ministry and the National Youth Gathering. A product of the Lutheran school system, he especially enjoyed religion classes, where many teachers encouraged him to consider ministry. In high school, he began seriously thinking about becoming a pastor as a meaningful way to use his gifts and serve others. Michael earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Concordia University Wisconsin in 2020. While there, he was active in the Pre-Seminary Student

Association, studied Greek and Hebrew, and took many theology classes in preparation for seminary. He also re-established the Philosophy Club, serving as its president, and received the Søren Kierkegaard Philosophy Award. In 2021, Michael began his studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He served during the school year at St. Paul's in Columbia, Illinois, and completed his vicarage at St. Paul Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, Missouri. There, he was blessed with opportunities to experience many aspects of ministry firsthand. He returned to St. Louis for his final year of formation, waiting to receive his call, which would turn out to be to First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

He is deeply appreciative of the love and support of his family, who have encouraged him and sacrificed much throughout this journey. In his free time, Michael enjoys reading, playing games, and relaxing in a hammock. He also values media literacy and good conversations around a campfire. His favorite book of the Bible is Ecclesiastes, and his preferred Gospel is John. A passage especially meaningful to him is Philippians 1:23-24: "I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account." Michael now looks forward to serving you here through Word and Sacrament ministry by giving Jesus and the Gospel here and now, for you. He prays that he would be a blessing to each of you as he serves.



Perry Martin Miller is honored to be joining us at First Lutheran as our new school principal. Perry was born in the Heartland of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and was raised by two loving Educators, Pauline and Norman Miller. At the time, his dad was a Principal and Fifth-Eighth Grade Teacher and his mom taught Kindergarten-Fourth grade in a one room school house now known as Central Lutheran School in Newhall, Iowa. He has two younger sisters, Patti and Cori. Both of his sisters now work in Alabama, Patti as a choir teacher and Cori as a College University Educator. Patti currently lives with Perry's mom and Cori has a loving family with four children.



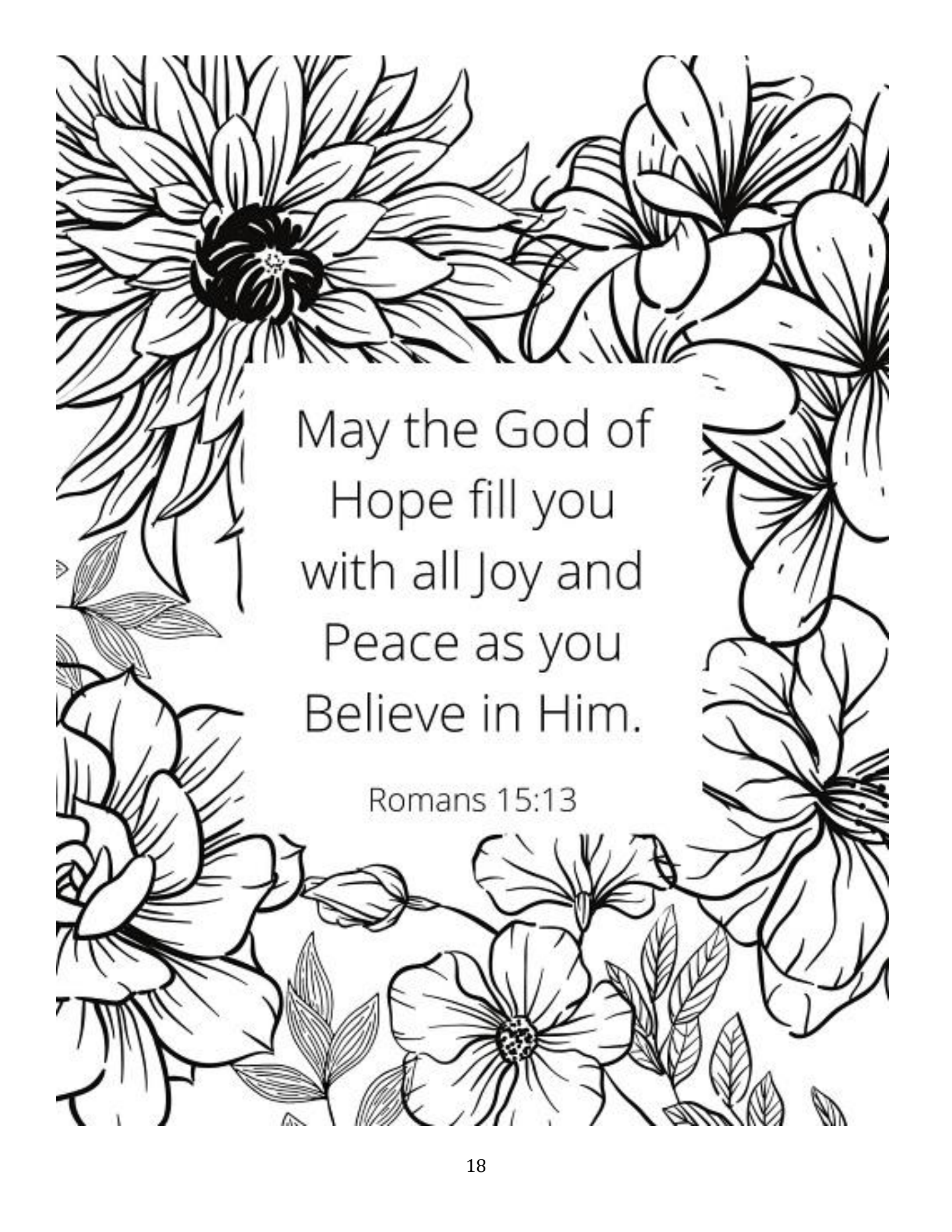
In college, Perry majored in Religion and Physical Education at Concordia University, Irvine. There, Perry met and later married his college sweetheart, Jaylene Marie Miller. Perry and Jaylene have been married for 35 years as of June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jaylene has been a Director of Christian Education, a teacher, and banker, and now currently works for Heartland Fire Protection as the Business Manager in Norfolk, Nebraska. In addition, Jaylene has a Business named Added Blessings, that sells Christian Books and Items, plus resale items to support the Pine Ridge Hope Indian Community, one of the poorest places in America.

Together, Perry and Jaylene have two talented boys who are in Church work, Jordan and Joshua. Jordan is married to Kelsey and they have a son Daniel (8) and daughter Abigail (5). They live in Tomball, Texas where Jordan is the Worship Arts Director at Salem Lutheran. Joshua, their youngest, works at Crossroads Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is the Video Wall Technology Director for the fastest growing church in America.

Perry has been blessed with Attending six Lutheran Grade Schools, two Lutheran High Schools, and a Lutheran College. He has been an educator for 32 years and has taught most subjects for Fifth-Twelfth Graders for Concordia Lutheran in Los Angeles, CA, Salem Lutheran/Concordia Lutheran in Tomball, Texas, and Lutheran High Northeast in Norfolk, Nebraska in various roles, such as an Athletic Director, Spiritual Life Director,

Perry loves to serve and worship our Lord. He enjoys Christian movies and music and is a die hard Cubs and Bears fan. In his free time, Perry loves to fish, go for walks with his wife, and umpire Girls USA Softball and boys USSSA Baseball, which he has been doing for over 40 years. Perry is looking forward to serving God's children here at FLS!





May the God of  
Hope fill you  
with all Joy and  
Peace as you  
Believe in Him.

Romans 15:13

# “Let’s Make a Joyful Noise.” Psalm 98:4

The Bible verse theme for the 2025-2026 school year.

## First Lutheran Church

Will be celebrating 150 years of ministry!

A memorial fund for outdoor musical instruments was established in 2023. Will you consider an extra celebration gift to this fund?

## First Lutheran Outdoor Musical Park

We plan to purchase a starter ensemble collection which includes the Duet (Marimba & Metallophone), 5 toned Drums, and the Yantzee (Marimba & Kalimba). These 7 pieces would be available for the Glencoe community to use and be located at the First Lutheran School playground for all to enjoy. More pieces (like the Imbarimba) could be purchased as funds become available.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and the Board of Education  
In Kind Services donated by Neubarth Lawn Care & Landscaping  
Grants pending and some monies collected  
Cost under \$18,000.

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Donnay

Gifts can be given to First Lutheran

Memo Line: FLS Musical Park

Thank you





| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | MONDAY                                                                                                            | TUESDAY                                                                 | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                  | THURSDAY                                                                                                    | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>June</b> 2025<br><br><b>6   THE LORD'S DAY</b><br>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion<br>9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN<br>9:15 AM - Adult Bible Class<br>10:30 AM - Divine Service<br><br>(Setting One, Page 151)                   | <b>AUGUST 2025</b><br><br><b>7  </b><br>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying<br>6:30 PM - Day School Board<br>6:30 PM - Trustees | <b>1  </b><br>4:45 PM - Stewardship                                     | <b>2  </b><br>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting<br>6:30 PM - Evangelism                                                             | <b>3  </b>                                                                                                  | <b>4  </b><br><br>Church Office Closed                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>5  </b>                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>13   THE LORD'S DAY</b><br>8:00 AM - Divine Service<br>9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN<br>9:15 AM - Adult Bible Class<br>10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion<br>* 8:00 AM Service - N.Y.G<br>Send-Off *<br>(Setting Three, Page 184) | <b>14  </b><br>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying<br>6:00 PM - Christian Ed                                                    | <b>15  </b><br>7:00 PM - Men's Network<br>at St. John's, Plato          | <b>16  </b><br>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting                                                                                    | <b>17  </b><br>Church Council<br>Canceled for July<br><br>~~~National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA~~~ | <b>18  </b><br>Seafood Boil @ 5:30 p.m.<br><br>Fellowship Center<br>Private Rental                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>19  </b><br>Schauer / Vinkemier<br>Wedding                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>20   The Lord's Day</b><br>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/Communion<br>9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN<br>9:15 AM - Adult Bible Class<br>10:30 AM - Divine Service<br><br>(Setting Four, Page 203)                                         | <b>21  </b><br>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying<br><br>August Newsletter Deadline<br>                                        | <b>22  </b><br>1:30 PM - Mat Makers                                     | <b>23  </b><br>10:00 AM - Staff Meeting                                                                                    | <b>24  </b>                                                                                                 | <b>25  </b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>26  </b><br><br><u>Ministry Staff Days Off:</u><br>* Pastor Michael - MONDAYS<br>* Pastor Dan - FRIDAYS<br>* Deaconess Polzin - FRIDAYS                                               |
| <b>27   The Lord's Day POLKA SERVICE</b><br>8:00 AM - Divine Service<br>9:00 AM - Fellowship: OPEN<br>9:15 AM - Adult Bible Class<br>10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Communion<br><br><br>(Setting Four, Page 203)                       | <b>28  </b><br>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying<br>6:30 PM - Endowment Committee<br>Quarterly Meeting                        | <b>29  </b><br><br>Common Cup Diaper<br>Distribution at the City Center | <b>30  </b><br><u>July Altar Guild</u><br>Nelda Klaustermeier<br>320 - 864 - 3475<br>Amy Welch<br>320 - 510 - 4583<br><br> | <b>31  </b><br><br>Church Office<br>Closing at NOON                                                         | <b>August 1</b><br><br><u>Church Contact</u><br>925 13th Street East<br>Glencoe, MN 55336<br>320 - 864 - 5522<br><a href="mailto:office@1stglencoe.org">office@1stglencoe.org</a><br><a href="http://www.firstglencoe.org">www.firstglencoe.org</a> | <b>August 2</b><br><br><u>School Contact</u><br>1015 14th Street East<br>Glencoe, MN 55336<br>320 - 864 - 3317<br><a href="mailto:malsleben@1stglencoe.org">malsleben@1stglencoe.org</a> |