

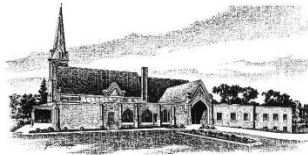
Next year is going to be a year to remember and ... to celebrate!

On July 4th, 2026, we the people of the United States of America, will celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Many plans are already underway for a series of meaningful events and activities leading up to the big day of July 4th when our nation officially turns 250-years-old.



What is the goal of these celebrations? According to whitehouse.gov/america250: It is for all **Americans "to have a renewed love of American history, experience the beauty of our country, and ignite a spirit of adventure and innovation that will raise our nation to new heights over the next 250 years."** Hopefully that will happen! Indeed, we are truly blessed by God to live in this country where among many of our liberties and rights is the freedom to worship the One true God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Next year here at First Lutheran, and most especially on July 12th of 2026, we will be thanking our gracious God for 150 years together as a congregation of His people in this place. We will do our fair share of celebrating, too! Plans are already underway to make these series of events exciting and faith-building.



I have a friend who shows his "love of American history" (see above) by re-reading the Declaration of Independence every July 4th. That is commendable. I have also heard of others who love their country so much that they keep a small copy of the U.S. Constitution readily available as a handy reference to study.

While I admit that I don't re-read our church's Constitution every year, we all do have ready access to it on our church's website firstglencoe.org/about/church-documents/. There in our church's Constitution, which is formally known as the "Articles of Incorporation", the first two articles tell us two very important items, namely, who we are and what we are doing here:

ARTICLE I NAME

"The name of this congregation shall be:
First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glencoe."

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

"The purpose of this congregation shall be to
seek the honor and glory of God,
to carry out His will,
to manifest the unity of our faith in Jesus Christ
as God and Savior,
to spread the kingdom of God and to foster
Christian fellowship and love,
by the preaching of the Word of God,
by the administration of the Sacraments,
and by the religious instruction of all its members,
according to the confessional standard
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church."

By the grace of God that is what we have been doing at First Ev. Lutheran for nearly 150 years. My prayer to God and my encouragement to you is that we will continue to 'carry out His will, manifest the unity of our faith in Jesus Christ, spread God's kingdom and foster Christian fellowship and love, by sharing God's Word and Sacraments' for the benefit of the Glencoe community until Lord Jesus returns on the Last Day!

Recently Pastor Ewert, Deaconess Polzin, and I sat down together to study God's Word and look for guidance for our upcoming 150th Anniversary celebrations. We found verses from Hebrews chapter 10 to be especially meaningful. What I didn't realize at the time is just how similar the words of Hebrews 10:23-25 are to Article II of our Constitution (see above):

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the (Last) Day drawing near.

(Heb. 10:23-25).

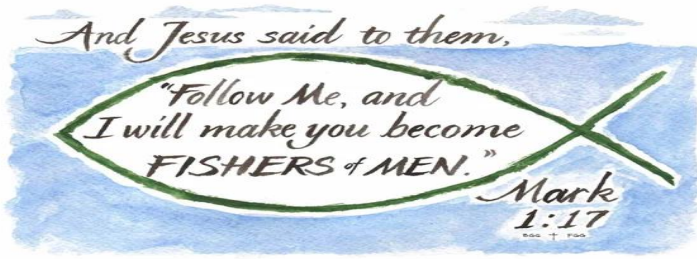
Next year is going to be a year to remember and to celebrate, but even more, may these coming months, beginning now, be a time of growing together as family of God here at First Lutheran and sharing the Good News of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life which is found in Christ alone! God bless you and keep you and may God continue to bless the people and the purpose of First Ev. Lutheran Church!

In Christ,

Pastor Dan Welch



From Our Assistant Pastor, Michael Ewert



Mark 1:14–18 ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God.

¹⁵ “The time is fulfilled,” he said.

“The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶ As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen.

¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

¹⁸ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

I want to spend my first few newsletters sharing some of the insights and things I learned from seminary with you all. I hope that this will deepen our connection and help you understand how I have been shaped and prepared to serve you in ministry.

The first thing I want to share with you starts at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. We read in Mark 1 the account of Jesus calling Simon and Andrew. The very first thing Jesus says to

these disciples is, **“Come, follow me.”** The last thing Jesus says to Peter is, **“Follow me.”** (John 21:19) Jesus bookends discipleship with this call. To be a disciple is to receive the call of Jesus: **“Follow me.”** We receive this call in Baptism as infants for many of us, but for others it is through the proclamation of the Word that we receive this call. Sometimes we are tempted to put the Disciples on a pedestal and think of how different we are from them, but you and I have received the same call from Jesus: **“Follow me.”**



In one of my seminary classes, a professor directed us to Mark 1 and asked a simple question. He asked us, “What is the goal of being a Christian?” We gave many different answers, and I'm sure you can think of many too, but none of them were what he was looking for. He returned us to this call of Jesus, **“Follow me.”**

I find this profound for two reasons:

First, it is simple; to be a Christian is to follow Jesus, to follow His Words, and to follow His deeds. Life can feel complicated. We face so many choices and ask, ‘What should I do?’ Then we hear Jesus' answer: **“Follow me.”** It removes the burden we feel in trying to make the right decision.

Secondly, it returns us to our foundation: Jesus Himself, crucified, risen, and calling us to follow. We follow not to earn salvation, but because we have been claimed by Him. We often take for granted that we're following Jesus just because we're Christian. When we return to our call, it snaps us back to our Savior. Jesus is our foundation for everything we do and everything we are. Sometimes we focus more on what we've built: our doctrinal systems, our traditions, our church-isms, even our own sins, rather than on the foundation Himself: Jesus.

We can too easily lose sight of Him. So we remember Jesus' call to us, **“Follow me.”** Just as Jesus called the disciples to follow him, we too have been called. May our lives ever reflect Jesus as we follow Him.

*Following Christ,
Pr. Michael Ewert*



FROM THE DCE DESK...

Our Director of Christian Education, Deaconess Megan Polzin, has been busy this summer with planning, preparing, attending, and leading various activities for us here at 1st Lutheran Church and School. (And she just returned from the N.Y.G. trip to New Orleans! Watch for a recap of the events in Louisiana!)

Please check out the August Newsletter youth page, Sunday church bulletins, and the information table in the main church narthex.

Lots of exciting things are happening!



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH MINISTRY APP



DIRECTIONS TO DOWNLOAD / REGISTER

STEP 1: Download the MinHub Portal onto your cell phone (it looks like that).

STEP 2: Enter the Ministry Portal Code: **1111921** using Password: **FLChurch2024**

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

STEP 4: If you see your name, simply click on it and update any missing information OR if you don't see your name, create a profile for yourself

STEP 5: Once Deac. Polzin adds your child(ren) to your profile, please update any missing info for them too. You MAY have to wait for Deac. Polzin to 'attach' your child(ren) to your profile if you are a new user but your kiddo already has a profile.

STEP 6: Check out any announcements, RSVP for fellowship events, receive notifications for updates/cancellations, etc.



Satan fears our study of God's Word because ignorance of it is the most effective weapon he can use against us.



NEW YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Calling all young adults, couples, and families around the ages of 18-35!!

You are invited to a small group Bible Study **led by Cullen and Mackenzie Hoffmann at their home in Glencoe on the first and third Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

(Dates and a rough timeline are shared below. Please note: they are subject to change.)

We will be reading, discussing, and applying the book Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success written by Sharla Fritz to our own lives.

In this book, Ms. Fritz looks at eight different men and women from the Bible who are flawed, yet God still uses them to build His kingdom here on earth.

Here is an excerpt from her book:
"The world measures worthiness through success, wealth, and fame. Our culture focuses on achievement, and we strive for improvement - even perfection. But if you fail? Are you 'less than?' Does it make you feel worthless? ...God's definition of success is nothing like the world's. He redeems failure, forgives freely, and transforms you by His love."

If this is something you are interested in joining, please email mhoffmann@1stglencoe.org or call/text 952-913-7039. Light appetizers and drinks will be provided.

Children are welcome to join and hang out and play!

Introductions: Monday, September 15
Chapter 1: Mondays, October 6 & 20
Chapter 2: Mondays, November 3 & 17
Chapter 3: Mondays, December 1 & 15
Chapter 4: Mondays, January 5??, January 19, February 2
Chapter 5: Mondays, February 9 or 23??, March 2
Chapter 6: Mondays March 16 & 30
Chapter 7: Mondays, April 20, May 4
Chapter 8: ???



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

Sunday, Aug. 3 8:00 AM – Mark Schmidt, Doug Dahlke
 10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen, _____

Sunday, Aug. 10 8:00 AM – David Polzin, Leonard Donnay
 10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen, Will Freberg

Sunday, Aug. 17 8:00 AM – Mike Cisewski, Mark Schmidt
 10:30 AM – Justin Petterson, Roger Schmidt

Sunday, Aug. 24 8:00 AM – Tyler Mielke, David Polzin
 10:30 AM – Justin Petterson, _____

Sunday, Aug. 31 8:00 AM – David Hoefs, Dean Scheele
 10:30 AM – _____, _____



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, Aug. 3 8:00 AM - Charles & Sharon Czycalla
 10:30 AM - _____

Sunday, Aug. 10 8:00 AM - Dave & Betty Witthus
 10:30 AM - _____

Sunday, Aug. 17 8:00 AM - Ken & Joyce Schiroo
 10:30 AM - Janel Fischer

Sunday, Aug. 24 8:00 AM - Irene Grochow, _____
 10:30 AM - _____

Sunday, Aug. 31 8:00 AM - Charles & Sharon Czycalla
 10:30 AM - _____



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

Sunday, Aug. 3 8:00 AM – _____, _____
 10:30 AM – _____, _____

Sunday, Aug. 10 8:00 AM – _____, _____
 10:30 AM – _____, _____

Sunday, Aug. 17 8:00 AM – _____, _____
 10:30 AM – _____, _____

Sunday, Aug. 24 8:00 AM – Connor Donnay, Mason Ortloff
 10:30 AM – Cambel Lang,

Sunday, Aug. 31 8:00 AM – Connor Donnay, _____
 10:30 AM – _____, _____



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, Aug. 3 -
 Sunday, Aug. 10 -
 Sunday, Aug. 17 -
 Sunday, Aug. 24 -
 Sunday, Aug. 31 -



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, Aug. 3 8:00 AM - Chloe Donnay
 10:30 AM - Tyler Schauer

Sunday, Aug. 10 8:00 AM - Piper Polzin
 10:30 AM - Amy Welch

Sunday, Aug. 17 8:00 AM - Brittany Wolff
 10:30 AM - Tyler Schauer

Sunday, Aug. 24 8:00 AM - Gemma Goff
 10:30 AM - Amy Welch

Sunday, Aug. 31 8:00 AM - Pam Schauer
 10:30 AM - Amy Welch

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

Sunday, Aug. 3 8:00 AM - Glenn Cohrs
 10:30 AM - Steven Schauer

Sunday, Aug. 10 8:00 AM - Kevin Cohrs
 10:30 AM - Grady Schuft

Sunday, Aug. 17 8:00 AM - Andrew Mackenthun
 10:30 AM - Lynn Exsted

Sunday, Aug. 24 8:00 AM - Glenn Cohrs
 10:30 AM - Tyler Schauer

Sunday, Aug. 31 8:00 AM - Lynn Exsted
 10:30 AM - Grady Schuft



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, Aug. 3 – Schuft Family
 Sunday, Aug. 10 – Open
 Sunday, Aug. 17 – Open
 Sunday, Aug. 24 – Day School Board (Blessing of the Backpacks)
 Sunday, Aug. 31 – Open (Labor Day Weekend)

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!**

Sun., Aug. 3 – Andrew Mackenthun

Sun., Aug. 10 – Robert Schuft

Sun., Aug. 17 – Linda Ranzau

Sun., Aug. 24 – Lynn Exsted

Sun., Aug. 31 – Robert Schuft



We encourage members to
send the church office,
your news from any of our
church's committees and auxiliaries.

~ Summaries from the Council and Boards ~



Church Council | Month of July

The Church Council did not meet in July.

Christian Education Board | July 8th

We discussed and planned Sunday School for 2025 – 2026, N.Y.G. Gathering, Cradle Roll, VBS, budgetary concerns, youth programs for 2025 – 2026, Catechism for 2025 – 2026, and upcoming Bible Study groups. We also reviewed the Glencoe Days parade float

Day School | July 7th

Plans are underway for the start of school on August 26, 2025. A workday around the school is being planned for August 16, 2025, from 8-12, more details will be sent out closer to this date. Back to school night will be held on August 20, 2025. Mr. Perry Miller will be installed as our Principal on September 7, 2025. Please join us as we welcome Mr. Miller.

Board of Deacons | July 10th

Board reviewed deacon/elder and fellowship schedules. Reviewed Pastor's vacation plans and coverage. Discussed Pastor Ewert's duties and plans for a Men's Bible study.

Board of Evangelism | July 2nd

The Evangelism Board continued discussing the Lutheran Hour Event to be held on September 27th, 2025. We continued discussing plans for the 150th Anniversary. We also continued planning the Back to School Bingo and Bake Sale scheduled for August 17th, 2025 at 3:00 pm.

Board of Stewardship | - Month of July

Stewardship Board did not formally meet for the month of July.

Board of Trustees | July 7th

The boiler has passed the annual inspection. An update was given on the business manager position. Representatives from the 150th Anniversary Committee relayed ideas from the brainstorming sessions.

Looking for a Host Family

Would you like to serve as a host family
on Saturday night, Sept. 27,
for Rev. Germán Novelli,
speaker for the Spanish Lutheran Hour,
to stay with you in your home?

Rev. Novelli will be speaking
at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 evening dinner
and will be providing the sermon
at First Lutheran for the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
services on Sunday, Sept. 28.

We are also looking for a volunteer driver to pick
him up from the airport on Saturday and return him
to the airport for his return flight on Sunday.

Call Rich Streufert, 320-779-0123 cell,
or 320-864-6884 home if you can help. Thanks.

How Can I Help at First Lutheran?

Auxiliaries, Committee, Organizations:

* 150th Anniversary Committee, Altar Guild, Cemetery Board, 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!

~ Lutheran Women in Mission ~



Lutheran Women in Mission Continue to Serve During Summer Months

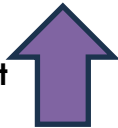
Lutheran Women in Mission will not hold a business meeting in August. We will continue to serve funerals and other special events. Members of the congregation are welcome to help us in service projects. Women and men are welcomed to join. Leave your name and number with the church office and we'll call you when needed.

Save the Date
LWML MN South District Fall Retreat
CHRIST'S CREATION:
Reclaiming Womanhood in Christ
September 12 & 13 at CAMP OMEGA
22750 Lind Ave, Waterville, MN
Bible Study: Rev Martin Schoenfeld
Rose of Sharon Church in Cottage Grove and LWML MNS pastoral counselor
Guest Speaker: Rebekah Curtis – "What is a Woman"
Author of the book, *Lady-like: Living Biblically*
Register Now: mnslwml.org/2025_district_retreat

2025 Women's Retreat

Lutheran Women's Retreat Reclaiming Womanhood in Christ

September 13
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Camp Omega, Waterville



All women are invited to the Fall **Women's Retreat at Camp Omega**, Waterville. This is a **multi-generational** event appropriate for girls and women junior high age or older. Bring your daughters, granddaughters, sisters, mothers, aunts, grandmothers, friends. Or come alone.

Special speaker is author, mother, teacher **Rebekah Curtis**, co-author of the book *Lady-like: Living Biblically*. There are optional camp activities after the one-day retreat. \$50 registration fee includes noon meal.

Mat-Makers of First Evangelical will lead the girls and women in learning to make sleeping mats for homeless from used plastic grocery bags during the "optional" activity times.

Camp Omega cabin housing is available for this event. Not up to un-airconditioned cabin sleeping? Housing is also available at nearby hotels. See more detailed information on the last pages of this newsletter.

Happy August Birthdays!

Happy August birthday to Lutheran Women in Mission honorary member Harriett Bergs. A \$5 gift to LWML Mission Grants has been given in honor of each of you.



National Lutheran Women in Mission \$1,576,988 in Mission Grants 2024

Last year \$1,576,988 was presented to 18 Mission Grant recipients. One of these was **Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals at Trinity HOPE**. In Haiti, more than four million people suffer from acute hunger, and the cycle of poverty is nearly impossible to break.

Lutheran Women in Mission LWML gift of **\$58,082** makes a tangible and eternal difference in the lives of children who are taught to thank Jesus before eating food bought with mission grant funds. Go to lwml.org to learn about all 18 of the grants.

Some Bible Verses About Endurance

Last month 7 members of First Evangelical along with about 20,000 others attended the National LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans called ENDURE. Here are some Bible verses about endurance:

But he who stands firm to the end will be saved.
~ Matthew 24:13

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be pure and complete, not lacking anything. ~ James 1:2-4

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. ~ Romans 5:3-4

We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. ~ Hebrews 6:12

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised.
~ Hebrews 10:36





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 a.m. broadcast:

Aug. 3 "Proclaim His Glory" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Of course, we should search the Scriptures, but we search them for Jesus, the One to Whom the Scriptures point. (John 5:30-47)

Aug. 10 "Writing Him Off" with Guest Speaker: Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. After Jesus claimed the Old Testament was written about Him, the people of His hometown wrote Him off. (Luke 4:21-32)

Aug. 17 "The Stuttering Man of Destiny" with Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. Archives August-- Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Moses. (Exodus 4:10-12)

Aug. 24 "Gideon, the Farmer General" with Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. Archives August-- Dr. Oswald Hoffmann recounts the story of Gideon, an unlikely military leader. (Judges 6:1-8:27)

Aug. 31 "Life Narrows Down" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. "Life narrows down and crisis comes. There, in the narrow place stands Jesus." (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

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 13th Street East, Glencoe, MN 55336.

Questions? Contact / text Rich at 320-779-0123,
or email richstreufert@embarqmail.com.

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 Supporter

***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 Sat., Sept. 27 at First Ev. Lutheran Church.**

**Doors open at 4:15 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@firstglencoe.org to make a reservation.

Questions? Contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or richstreufert@embarqmail.com.

Acts 4:30 "And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness."

Dinner is sponsored by the KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters and the First Lutheran Board of Evangelism



We need your help to stay connected with everyone in our church family!

Did you know that people change cell phone numbers and email addresses even less than their physical mailing addresses? Email address and cell phone are how most people communicate with and access the most important people (family, friends, coworkers) and things (banks, social networks, bills, etc.) in their life. We rely on them more than any other communication channel. As a result, we don't change them much anymore. They are the new "home addresses."

Will you share your email address and cell phone number (and landline if you still have) with us please? We want to keep you updated and informed with all of our news and information, **Especially now as we prepare to publish a new church directory!**

To update any changes, please email your information to office@1stlencoe.org, or call the church office 320 - 864 - 5522. Also, if you know of fellow family/friend members, please ask them to do the same. Your info will be kept securely and used only for First Lutheran communications. Thank you for your assistance!

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
eadersaluesscindy@gmail.com



Quilts of Valor

PLEASE HELP SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Last month we celebrated a very patriotic weekend, which we are free to enjoy, thanks to our Veterans! To help honor and show our support for our men and women in the Armed Forces, 1st Lutheran Church is sponsoring "Quilts of Valor."

Did you know that you can designate your 'Thrivent Funds' to Quilts of Valor? You can also designate offerings and/or supplies.

If you or anyone you know are a veteran at 1st Lutheran, or if you would like to donate materials, time, and/or funds for this worthy cause, please contact Beverly Mackenthun at (612) 578-1713 or RaNay Lentsch at 320-510-0804. Thank you!



In 2026, First Ev. Lutheran Church will reach a significant milestone - it's 150th 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. Our chosen anniversary theme is Hebrews 10:22-24 with a tagline of Worship•Community•Confession.

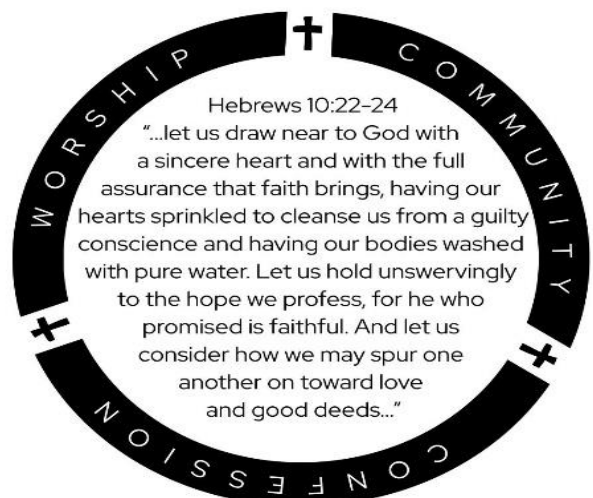
◆ **Sunday, July 12, 2026**, has been set for our special Anniversary Service - Save this date for you and your entire family to attend. In the months leading up to this, we'll also be commemorating in other numerous ways.

◆ Work will soon begin on a new Church Pictorial Directory and a FL Historical Recap of 1876 - 2026. A few people have already come forward to help, but we need additional volunteers.

◆ Many exciting services, events, activities, and projects will be happening throughout our Sesquicentennial Anniversary Year, including a new Church Directory, and we want you to be a part of it!

◆ Please take an opportunity to ensure that we have your complete and current contact information ...address, email, phone. Will you also share contact info on family members that no longer live in your home? Please contact Amy in the Church Office to help stay connected.

◆ Stay tuned and prayerfully consider how you can help and get involved. Ideas and questions may be directed to 150th Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs, Cindy Eggersgluess and Dennis Wolter. For more information, or questions about how you can contribute, please see the church bulletins and newsletters, and/or contact the church office.



From plastic bags to sleeping mats!



Mat-Makers

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 12 & Tuesday, August 26

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

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.**

Martin Luther



One thing, and only one thing, is
 necessary for Christian life,
 righteousness, and freedom.
 That one thing is the most holy
 Word of God, the gospel of
 Christ.

AZ QUOTES

Lutheran Night at MN Twins

Our Bus is Full for the 6:40 p.m. game on Thurs., August 14th
 against the Detroit Tigers. The bus will begin boarding at
 4:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church (925 13th St. Glencoe)
 and will depart at 4:15 p.m. We will make a stop to pick
 up a few people in Plato at the C-Store.

At Target Field, the bus will drop and pick us up near Gate
 14, which is convenient to our seating. After the game,
 reassemble at Gate 14, so that we can once again be
 picked up to return home. Tickets are in Section 213 Home
 Plate Terrace (same as last several years).

The Twins welcome support with homemade
 signs/banners. Bring a credit card along for any
 purchases at Target Field - NO cash is accepted. Bags
 must be no larger than 16"x16"x8." Sealed bottled water
 (32 oz or less) is permitted. You can also bring snacks,
 peanuts, food in soft containers.

We are again grateful to the Thrivent
 Action Team program for supporting
 our outing. An assortment of Thrivent
 T-shirts and a snack will be available
 when you board the bus. Some of
 our group will be a part of the
 Lutheran Choir that will sing the
 National Anthem from the field!



We're hoping for a fun game and a MN Twins WIN!

1ST EDITION BOOK CLUB

1st Edition Book Club will meet on
Mon, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. You are invited to
 join the ladies in the sitting area in the
 main church narthex.
 The book for discussion is
Waves of Mercy by Lynn Austin.



#GIVING TUESDAY

'Giving Tuesday' is Tues., Dec. 2

GIVING TUESDAY is a global-giving movement that bring
 millions of people together to support and champion the
 causes in which they believe and the communities in
 which they live. We have two days designated for
 shopping and getting deals - Black Friday and Cyber
 Monday. GIVING TUESDAY follows and is now on the
 annual calendar as the opening day of the "giving
 season." Every act of generosity counts, and each means
 even more when we give together.

Everyone has something to give.
 You can give time or expertise, monetary donations large
 or small, simple acts of kindness, food, or clothing.

Stay tuned for how you might get involved!

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Thrivent Choice®
Making generosity easy
thrivent® [Donate or Direct](#)

✓ **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.

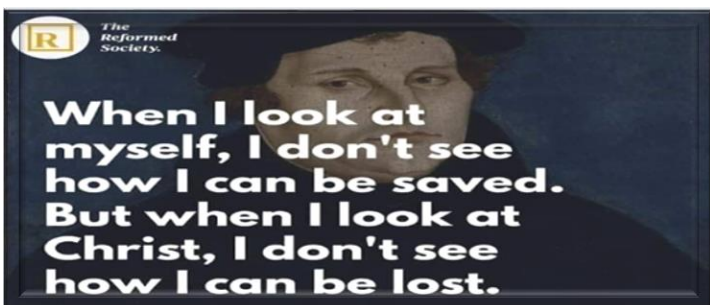
When your project is approved, Thrivent will provide resources (Action Team Kit) to help plan the event, promotional items (including Thrivent T-shirts to increase your visibility – **this year's T-Shirts are a very pretty blue!**), and seed money to cover promotional and material expenses (\$250 Community 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! **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



Homegrown! It's a Good Thing!

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

We hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying eating healthy and local "Homegrown" products for your meals. August is especially exciting because so much in our gardens is now really starting to produce! It's a busy time for weeding, picking, cooking, and preserving fruits and vegetables.

The Farmers Market in Glencoe also has so much available and is open every Thursday from 3 PM to 6 PM at the City Center Parking Lot. This year, they began promoting a program called POP (Power of Produce Club).

The POP Club is for children ages 2-14. During designated POP market dates (Aug 17, Aug 21, Sept 4, Sept 18, Oct 2), children receive a \$2 token to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables from local growers. It's easy to sign up at the Market and immediately start your purchases with the tokens.

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

Planning for our September school Homegrown meals has already begun. If you have produce or recipes to share, 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.

~ Community Events ~

Glencoe Concert Association

EST. 1974

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 (6) Concerts in Glencoe and Hutchinson.

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

Glencoe Concert Association

Presents the 2025-2026 Season

Glencoe Concerts



Hutchinson Concerts

Sept 25 - Gilly & the Girl

Sept 11 - A Band Called Honalee

Mar 11 - The French Family

Oct 17 - Noah Sonie

May 10 - The Suits

April 17 - Mitchell Hall - J Cash

Concerts at GSL High School & Glencoe City Center
and CrossPoint Church, Hutch

Become a Member or Renew your Membership Today!

All concerts only - \$65 - Adult / \$140 - Family

We are a 501(c)(3) organization and we welcome
the support of generous Member/Business Donors



Purchase your tickets now!

This is a great gift idea! Contact for more info!



Contact Cindy E at 612-840-6308 or
Louise at 320-864-5261

FARMERS MARKET

MAKE IT. BAKE IT. GROW IT. SEW IT.



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!

IMMANUEL Lutheran Church and School

Living in Christ, Growing in Love



July 17, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The members of Immanuel Lutheran Church joyfully invite you to join us for the Service of Installation of our pastor-elect, Reverend Bradley Akey, as he is installed as our Pastor. By God's grace, we celebrate this new chapter in our ministry and the faithful service of our new shepherd.

Details of the Service:

Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church 312 5th St, Gaylord, MN

Reception: A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

We are grateful for the fellowship and support of our sister congregations in the Arlington Circuit. Your presence and prayers would be a blessing as we give thanks for God's provision and seek His guidance for the ministry ahead.

In Christ's Service,

Immanuel Lutheran Church

312 5th Street, PO BOX 448, Gaylord, MN 55334
507.237.2380

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

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!

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



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 August 10, August 17, August 31, October 12, October 19, November 2, November 23, November 30, December 7, December 21, and Dec. 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!)

Extra Garden Produce?



If you have extra garden produce that you would like to share, bring it to Sunday services and drop it off at the table in the main entry. If any is left over, it will be taken to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

GIVE PLUST
YOUR CHURCH GIVING APP

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.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter
Article – August 2024 Mercy and Grace Lead to Generosity

“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. Their joy filled Jerusalem’s need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it is God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything — life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance — be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes! This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the coming life.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For us who believe it means forgiveness, life and salvation in the face of sin, death and the power of the devil. Here in the church, we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

~ Thank you's ~

School Library Bench

Thank you to Loren Englemann for the beautiful bench he made for our 1st Lutheran School Library! We are blessed to have



Loren share his wonderful wood-crafting talents with us! Thank you!



School Library Decorating

In addition to receiving a new bench for our 1st Lutheran School Library, we also have a new look!



Thank you to Lori Schiroo and Linda Donnay for decorating the library to make it a welcoming space for our young readers!

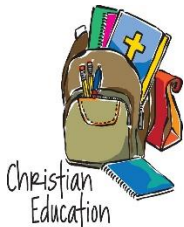
School Library Book Processing

Many thanks to Linda Donnay, Michele Miller, Miriam Randt, and Joan Wandrei for processing the new library books for 1st Lutheran School! Now the children can enjoy these new books!



1st Lutheran Day School Board

Thank you very much to our dedicated 1st Lutheran Day School Board! These members are committed to bringing a quality, Christian Education to our young learners at 1st Lutheran and in our communities!



The current members are Eric Dahlke, Mindy Dressel, Shauna Gruber, Sarah LaMott, Jodi Michaelis-Iddings, Kari Nikolaisen, and non-voting member Principal Perry Smith. Thank you!

1st Lutheran Christian Education

We have so many Christian Education opportunities here at 1st Lutheran Church! Our Christian Education Board plans and provides opportunities for all at 1st Lutheran Church through programs like Bible studies for ALL age groups, Sunday School for ALL age groups, Vacation Bible School, Youth Activities, Mission Trips, Ladies ParTEA, Catechism classes, and more!



Thank you so much to our D.C.E. Deaconess Megan Polzin, and Christian Education Board members consisting of Amy Bargmann, Melissa Cisewski, Cindy Mathews, Madi Mathews, Danielle Petterson, Laura Schmalz, and Amy Welch.

~ 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 3rd-6th (5:30-7:45pm)** for all kiddos (potty-trained) **age 3** through those **entering 3rd 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 3rd-6th 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!



From Sheila & Dean Scheele

Thank you for your prayers and support and the beautiful flowers. (on the passing of Sheila's father, Allen Friske)

Confirmation Parent/Catechumen Information Meeting

Students in grades 5-8 who will be participating in our Catechesis (Confirmation) program for the 2025-2026 school year AND the students themselves should be in attendance in the Fellowship Center of the. Schedules, expectations, policies, and registration forms will be shared.

The teaching schedule is as follows:

FLS Grade 8 – Pastor Dan Welch

FLS Grade 7 – Deaconess Megan Polzin

Public School Grade 8 – Pastor Dan Welch

Public School Grade 7 – Deaconess Megan Polzin

Public School Grades 5 & 6 – Pastor Michael Ewert

* Please contact Deaconess Megan Polzin as soon as you are able if you CANNOT attend this info meeting. All paperwork, fees, and sign-ups will be provided to you digitally. *



Fall Mums Fundraiser

The Youth Group of First Lutheran is happy to announce we will be selling Gertens Fall Mums! Gertens mums are known around the Twin Cities as being some of the best Fall plants and they are now available to you!

Ordering will be open from Friday, August 1st through Monday, August 25th. No late orders will be permitted since the online "store" will digitally close at 10pm. You will order directly online by going to www.gertensfundraising.com (or scan the QR code) and entering **Store ID # 1019**.

All orders (which must be made/paid for online) will be available for pickup at the church. If you need your flowers delivered, please speak directly to the youth from whom you order. Additional plants MAY be available for purchase on September 22nd (before/after services) but we cannot guarantee this, so please get your orders in during the month of August!



You're invited to: LADIES & GENTLEMEN BIBLE STUDY

Ladies Grades 5-8

Led by Ms. Paris Stradtman

Gentlemen Grades 5-8

Led by Mr. Bryan Polzin

Ladies Grades 9-12

Led by Mrs. Annika Schafer

Gentlemen Grades 9-12

Led by Mr. Tanner Schafer

6:30pm in the Church Fellowship Center

Bring your
Bible!

Aug. 17

Sept. 21

Oct. 19

Nov. 16

Dec. 21

Jan. 18

Feb. 15

Mar. 15

Apr. 19

May 17

Bring a
friend!



2025-26 Schedule

September 23rd

November 18th

January 20th

March 17th

May 19th

WHO? All members and friends of First Lutheran who are age 5 through 4th grade!

WHAT? A time to gather in fun and fellowship as we focus on what Christ has accomplished for each of us. Snack, games, devotion, and activities related to our monthly theme will fill the time with fun and laughter.

WHEN? We are currently working off an every-other-month schedule for the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 3pm - 4:45 pm.

WHERE? We meet in the Fellowship Center at First Lutheran Church. Children must be registered in order to attend. When children are pickup up promptly at 4:45pm, a parent/guardian must come into the building to check them out. Thank you for your cooperation.

How do I sign up to
participate?



How do I sign up to
volunteer?

has your family ENROLLED in RaiseRight yet?



Scan this with your phone's camera to be taken directly to our organization's RaiseRight account. Enroll and earn!

RaiseRight (formerly known as Script) is a gift card fundraiser that allows families to receive kickbacks from **over 400 retailers/vendors** when purchasing gift cards. This allows you to **fundraise without selling anything!**

For example: If I spend \$100 on gas each week but use a Kwik Trip Gas Gift Card to purchase it, Kwik Trip will kick \$4 (4% of total) back into **YOUR OWN YOUTH ACCOUNT!** This allows you to rather easily earn upwards of \$1,000 a year just for **using gift cards to buy what your family already buys!**



Pizza from Casey's = 3% into your account
Bread & Bananas from Kwik Trip = 10% into your account
Groceries from Walmart = 2.5% into your account
Eating Out = ~8-16% into your account
Top Golf, Cinemas, Roblox & Playstation, Total Wine, even Apple gift cards!



Enroll today and see how you can start fundraising without selling. Even better, have your grandparents/aunts & uncles/friends enroll too and they can designate their kickbacks directly to you!

Do you know someone who gets Starbucks SUPER often? You could be fundraising 4.5% of all their orders without them having to even have a physical card—many retailers/vendors offer **digital eGift Cards**. Manage all digital gift cards in your RaiseRight app's "wallet" and you'll be shocked how quickly you can save money for youth events, trips, concerts, camps, and more!

Download the app using the QR code or you can enroll online at <https://www.raiseright.com/enroll/RR-MUDUYGHJLY> and then see Deaconess Megan Polzin with any questions or concerns!

Kettle Corn Youth Fundraiser Sign-Up is OPEN!

The youth of First Lutheran have been provided with the opportunity to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering and Servant Event trips by popping kettle corn for Drock Kettle Corn at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival. Youth grades 9-12 can earn \$15/hour directly into their youth accounts.

Parents of youth are also able to pick up shifts to earn money for their child's account. Any youth younger than 9th grade must work with an adult (or speak with Deaconess Polzin for permission to work without a parent). Check out the Sign-Up Genius for dates/times (QR to the side or link:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AD29A5F8C25-8794765-rentest#/\) and contact Deaconess Megan Polzin with any questions or concerns.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AD29A5F8C25-8794765-rentest#/)



SUNDAY School 2025-26



PK-8 CLASSES START SEPT. 14

class

PreK ages 2-4
In the "Flames" Room

teachers

Mrs. LuAnne Schmidt

K-4th Grade
In room 111 downstairs

Mrs. Amy Welch

5th-8th Grade
In the school library

Mr. Travis Uecker

9th Grade - Adult
In the south Fellowship Hall

**Rev. Dan Welch and/or
Rev. Michael Ewert**



Register on Education Sunday (Sept. 7th) before/after both services in the south entrance (near the blue couches)

2026 BLAZE Mission Trip

MESCALERO, NEW MEXICO
JUNE 27-JULY 4/5

Serving Others-Sharing Christ

This mission trip, available for youth entering grades 6-9, will be a week filled with serving others through acts of mercy. Building porches, ramps, painting houses, and sharing the Good News will keep you busy during this week of spiritual and emotional growth! You'll join up to 400 other youth and chaperones from around the county who will be helping serve the people of the Mesalero Reservation, studying God's Word, and putting into practice the Christian faith you've learned here at home!

Since We'll be Close...

Mescalero, NM is just a short drive from one of God's gorgeous creations-White Sands National Park. We will have about 2 hours of our trip set aside to take in the beauty of these rolling white sand dunes! If time allows we may even have a chance to stop in for a quick peak at the oddities in Roswell, infamously known for its extraterrestrial claims.

Estimated Costs

Although final costs will be totally dependent upon the number of participants (directly impacting our mode of travel) the ballpark cost of this trip will be \$800-\$1,200. Youth are able to fundraise with the youth group to offset a portion of this trip, but a \$100 deposit (per youth) is required by Sunday, August 31st. Late registration (due by Sept. 28th) requires a \$200 deposit.

**SIGN UP @ THE
YOUTH CUBE!**

Please note: Although adults who are willing to chaperone may also sign up, we are limited to a ratio of 1:5, church staff and the Board of Christian Education members will have priority in filling the adult chaperone slots. Thank you for your understanding.

AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE. 1 PETER 4:10

Christ's Creation: Reclaiming Womanhood in Christ

2025 Fall Women's Retreat

September 12-13, 2025

Camp Omega - 22750 Lind Avenue, Waterville, Minnesota

Come get away, relax, and rejoice as Christ's Creation while Reclaiming Womanhood in Christ with Rebekah Curtis and Pastor Martin Schoenfeld. Rebekah Curtis is a sought-after speaker and co-author of the book *Lady-like, Living Biblically*. Pastor Martin Schoenfeld is the pastor of Rose of Sharon Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove and serves as a pastoral counselor for the LWML Minnesota South District. Mat Makers, a service group at First Ev. Lutheran Church in Glencoe, will lead an optional service project recycling plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats. This one-day Women's Retreat, with optional Friday night activities, is appropriate for all women (junior high age and older) and is hosted by LWML Minnesota South District.

Retreat Schedule:

<i>Friday, September 12</i>	<i>Saturday, September 13</i>
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Early Registration	8:15 - 9:00 a.m. - Registration
Early arrivals will enjoy snacks, fellowship, and take part in a Mat Makers service project (optional). Special devotion at 7:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Retreat speaker, Worship, Bible study, lunch, fellowship, activities around the Camp Omega property (optional), Mat Makers service project (optional)

Friday and Saturday events take place at the Camp Omega Lodge at Camp Omega.

*Friday night's programming is optional for those who wish to arrive early.

What to Bring:

- Bible
- Money for LWML Mite Offering
- Used, clean plastic grocery bags for Mat Makers service project (optional)
- Gifts from the Heart items to benefit Camp Omega (optional):
 - Reams of 8.5 x 11 office paper
 - Large glue sticks for glue guns
 - Duct tape
 - Kleenex/tissue boxes
 - Handheld Swiffer refills
 - Household-sized pump hand soaps (regular or foam)
 - Post-It notes
 - Empty 1-gallon ice cream buckets

Accommodations: All lodging reservations are to be made directly with the hotel or Camp Omega.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved for Friday night at two hotels. Be sure to mention "LWML Retreat" when booking to receive the special rates:

- Days Inn, 1920 Cardinal Lane, Faribault. The retreat rate for one or two queen beds is \$99.95 or \$149.00 + tax. The Days Inn is 22 minutes from Camp Omega and offers complimentary breakfast, free parking, Wi-Fi, a swimming pool, and a hot tub. Call 507-334-6835 to reserve a room.
- GrandStay Hotel & Suites, 2201 North State Street, Waseca. The retreat rate for one or two queen beds is \$139.49 or \$149.49 + tax. The GrandStay Hotel & Suites is 20 minutes from Camp Omega and offers complimentary breakfast, free parking, Wi-Fi, and a swimming pool. Call 507-835-0022 or email waseca@grandstay.net to reserve a room.

Groups (especially junior high through college-aged girls) with their own chaperone are invited to stay overnight Friday in Camp Omega cabins. Contact Lisa Ingebrand at Camp Omega, 507-685-4266, for availability and pricing.

Registration: \$50 includes programming Friday evening and Saturday and a noon meal on Saturday.

Mail registration form and \$50 payment by Tuesday, August 26 to:

Sarah Oberlander, 3224 Hampshire Ave S, St Louis Park, MN, 55426

Make check payable to: LWML MN South

In the memo line mark: Retreat

Registration questions: 507-276-9015

Email: vpchristianlife@mnslwml.org



2025 Fall Women's Retreat	
Name:	_____
Address:	_____
*Phone:	_____ *Email: _____
Please list any dietary needs: _____	
In case of an emergency please contact: Name _____	
Contact phone number:	_____ Relationship: _____
*You must provide a phone number and email address so we can contact you in case of event changes or issues	
Mail to: Sarah Oberlander, 3224 Hampshire Ave S, St Louis Park, MN, 55426 Registration Deadline is Tuesday, August 26.	

Words from the Principal's Desk

GOD morning!

I wanted this to be my first greeting as your new Principal. But you might be thinking that there is a type-o here and an "o" is missing in that greeting. Actually, the missing letter is purposeful and puts the emphasis on God. I see every morning and every day as God's Day! Psalm 118:24 says, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Every day is a new opportunity to SHINE. It is a new day to find joy and give thanks for what God has done. It is important to not be afraid to stumble and trust in God's provision. Greatness is born in trial and failure. God is always working to mold and shape us in His image and grow our faith. With God we can push through our doubts, embrace our uniqueness, and overcome obstacles. As the family of God, we belong to a community. I see First Lutheran Church and School in Glencoe as a community that believes in the power of the Trinity to shine God's love in the lives of people everyday!

This year, it is my prayer to let our classrooms echo with curiosity. To let our hallways sing out a joyful noise with laughter and unity. To allow our activities to be filled with school spirit and Godly character. To let every achievement, every step forward, and every act of kindness be a part of the collective FLAME that burns with the love of God and defines who we are in CHRIST JESUS!

Let's lead. Let's learn. Let's BURN BRIGHT morning, noon, and night!

I so very much look forward to meeting our families and students. I am excited to join with both Church and School staff to serve together in caring for God's precious children!

So today... Have a "GOD" day!

Principal, Perry Miller

Fundraising Opportunities

Throughout the year First Lutheran students are involved in numerous fundraising opportunities. Fundraising is always optional, but encouraged as fundraising helps First Lutheran purchase textbooks and other materials needed for the classroom. Listed below are some ongoing fundraising opportunities that require little effort yet have a large impact!

Coborns Rewards:

Did you know that simply shopping at Coborns can help First Lutheran raise money?! If you have a MoreRewards account, you can designate First Lutheran School as the Education that receives rewards from your shopping. This does NOT take away from any of your personal rewards, it's just another added bonus! Last year we brought in over \$1,000 thanks to YOU!

Box Tops:

Box tops for education is now done completely online and through an App found in the APP store. You can set up an account and select First Lutheran as your school of choice.

Thrivent:

Are you a Thrivent Financial member? If so, you can select First Lutheran to receive your choice dollars. All money received from Thrivent Choice Dollars are designated to go towards our Tuition Aid.

As a Thrivent member, you also are eligible to lead TWO different Thrivent Action Teams with a \$250 gift card. Some examples of how we used the \$250 are:

- money towards a new drinking fountain
- purchasing fleece for hats to donate
- Root Beer float supplies for National Lutheran Schools Week
- bus trip to Grand Meadows for our kindergartener's monthly visits

Upcoming Events

- August 11 | Teachers Report
- August 12 | Teacher PD Day @ Mayer Lutheran
- August 19 | Preschool Orientation| 6:30 PM
- August 20 | K-8 Back to School Night | 2:00-8:00
- August 24 | Blessing of the Backpacks | 10:30 & Root Beer floats to follow
- August 26 | First Day of School
- August 26-28 | Parent Drive days
- Aug. 29-Sept. 1 | No School - Labor Day
- Sept. 6 | Golf Tournament Fundraiser in Glencoe



Please Pray For:

- Our staff as they prepare their classrooms for students.
- Parents seeking quality education that they may choose FLS
- Those families that continue to travel over the summer that they may have safe travels.
- Seasonal rainfall so our gardens may flourish
- First Lutheran Church and School as they continue to search for staff to share the Good News of Jesus.
- Those in our lives who do not know about Jesus' love, that the Holy Spirit may work through all of us to share about Him



School Preparation

Click the following underlined words for a link

- [Check out your child's school supply list](#)
- [2025-2026 Academic Calendar](#)

Back to School Orientation

Our Preschool Orientation will be on Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30 PM. Our K-8 Back to School Night will be on Wednesday, August 20th, from 2:00-8:00 PM. On these two evenings information will be shared about the opportunities available for parents, Fast Direct updates can be made, forms will be available to fill out, and student tuition payment arrangements will be made including any late registration fees. Students are also welcome to meet their teacher, visit their classrooms, and unload any school supplies. More information will be sent out via Fast Direct.

EDUCATION FEES:

- First Lutheran Church Member:
 - 1st child: \$1,700
 - 2nd child: \$1,445
 - 3rd child: \$1,190
 - 4th child: \$1,020
- Community Member:
 - 1st child: \$3,150
 - 2nd child: \$2,675
 - 3rd child: \$2,205
 - 4th child: \$1,890
- Preschool
 - 3's
 - W, F 1/2 day: \$880
 - W, F full day: \$1,535
 - 4's
 - M, T, Th 1/2 day: \$1,210
 - M, T, Th full day: \$1,810
 - M-F full day: \$2,745

thank you

- Board of Education for ensuring quality education for our students.
- Andy, Travis, Tom, and all of those who are freshening up our school in preparation for the upcoming school year.
- Gary and Loren for completing various projects around the school!
- To everyone who has made donations to our summer Flames of Faith Kids Club!
- Michelle for making the school run smoothly.
- To our families for choosing First Lutheran.
- Neubarth Landscaping for keeping our lawn and playground looking nice!
- The Future Flames Committee for their hardwork as they look towards various options to improve our school



Classes at First Lutheran School will begin on Tuesday, August 27th. An opening service, led by Pastor Welch, will be held at 8:15 AM in the church sanctuary to kick off the new term. Parents are encouraged to attend this opening service. Our school day for Grades K-8 and all-day preschool is 8:00 AM-3:00 PM; half-day preschool is 8:00-11:00 AM. Three-year-old preschoolers will begin school on Wednesday, August 28th. Our theme for this year is "Let's Make a Joyful Noise." We are excited to praise God all year long!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Students and their families are invited to attend the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, August 24th at First Lutheran. They can bring their backpacks to the front of church where our congregation will say a prayer over them for the upcoming school year!

5th Annual Golf Tournament

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

SPONSORSHIPS ARE DUE FRIDAY AUGUST 15TH

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

Flames of Faith

Flames of Faith also offers before and after school care for all students age 5 through 6th grade. They are available from 6:30-7:30 am and 3:00-6:00 pm. If you would like more information, please reach out to Ms. Madi Mathews at flamesoffaith@1stglencoe.org

principal@1stglencoe.org

School Staffing:

Homeroom

- **Mr. Miller:** Principal
- **Mrs. Hoffmann:** Preschool
- **Mrs. Donnay:** Kindergarten
- **Mrs. Edmison:** First Grade
- **Mrs. Willett:** Second Grade
- **Mrs. Scheele:** Third Grade
- **Mr. Lilienthal:** Fourth Grade & 5-8 PE

Middle School

- **Ms. Lilienthal:** 5th grade homeroom and 5-8 Social Studies
- **Mr. Edmison:** 6th grade homeroom and 5-8 Science
- **Mrs. Korthals:** 7th & 8th grade homeroom and 5-8 ELA

Extras

- **Mrs. Eng:** Preschool-8th music and choir
- **Pastor Welch:** 8th Grade Confirmation, 7th Grade Religion
- **Deaconess Polzin:** 7th Grade Confirmation
- **Mrs. Peters:** 7/8 Counseling Aides
- **Mrs. Montanye**
- **Mrs. Petterson**
- **Ms. Mathews & Ms. Bargmann**
- **Mrs. Weidendorf**



\$200 for FREE!

First Lutheran is offering \$200 to any school family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for the current or upcoming 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 us!



Fall Sports

Stay tuned for more information on the following fall sports. (All sports are subject to change based on interest).

- K-3 Soccer
- 3-8 Cross Country
- 4-8 Volleyball (team availability based on interest)

Mr. Lilienthal | Athletic Director



School Breakfast & Lunch

K-3: FREE

Grade 4-8: FREE

Milk: \$0.40 @ 20 for \$8

Seconds: \$1.25 @ 20 for \$25

Adult: \$5

*Due to a recent change in Minnesota, all K-8 meals are paid for by the state of MN. Because of this change, First Lutheran will also be serving breakfast this year for all K-8 students. Breakfast will consist of grab and go items that students can get between 7:45-8:00 and eat in their homeroom classrooms. K-2 students will grab their breakfast items from the music room (old church kitchen) & 3-8 students from the school lunch room.

*Lunch and milk must be paid with a separate check since the Hot Lunch is totally self-supporting and not connected with congregation funding.

*Apply for Free and Reduced Lunches here. The number of Free and Reduced-Price lunches is used to determine the school's allotment of Federal funds for the Title I program. Title I is a program where lower grade students receive extra help in math and reading. Your application helps out our school.

First Ev. Lutheran School | 1015 14th St. E, Glencoe MN 55336 | 320-864-3317

“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



