

"Searched for and Found by the Good Shepherd"

The Good Shepherd stands as the crowds flock to Him. As the Gospel writer Luke describes it, there are two very different groups that come together to see and to listen to Jesus that day (Luke 15:1-2). **On the one hand**, a flock of Pharisees stands aloof, watching this Shepherd, Jesus to see what He does. **On the other hand**, there's a group of people with very bad reputations; tax collectors and sinners. **They're the undesirables.** Pharisees and tax collectors- you'll never find two groups more opposite than these, but both have something in common, they're both lost sheep in need of a shepherd. So, Jesus begins with this parable:

⁴"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." (Luke 15:4-7)

That's one **dedicated** Shepherd! When a single sheep is discovered to be lost, He leaves the other 99 and goes after it. Sheep don't last long on their own; they'll either eat the wrong plants or get gobbled up by a predator. With no sense of direction, they're not going to find their way back to the Shepherd, so the Shepherd has to go to them. And notice how the story continues: Once the Shepherd finds the sheep, He carries it home. When He arrives home, He holds a **party**- maybe a **meal**- to rejoice that the lost sheep is found.



So, Jesus tells the crowd what His mission is. He isn't there to save people who don't need salvation. He's there to save the lost. **He hasn't come to die for those who don't need forgiveness, but to redeem those who do.** And when a sinner repents by the grace of God, even the angels in heaven rejoice. And we rejoice right along with them that Jesus, the Good Shepherd Who comes to seek and to save the lost, has searched for and found us, too!

When you come to the Divine Service on Sunday mornings, you have answered the Good Shepherd's call to gather **YOU** in. As you confess your sins, angels rejoice over your confession. Why? Because the angels always rejoice in the work of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd. He has carried our sin and unworthiness to the cross. He defeated it there. So that He may bear you on His shoulders to heaven, He has borne your cross and paid that price. He has found you, saved you, and now feeds and tends to you by His Word and Sacraments. Nothing can snatch you out of His hand. Your eternal life is now certain.



BUT BE CAREFUL THAT YOU DON'T WANDER AWAY AGAIN FROM YOUR SHEPHERD. Sometimes Christians will grow tired of the Lord's heavenly feast of Word and Sacrament, and they simply stop coming to church. **But, sheep that wander away quickly stop being part of the flock.** If you isolate yourself from the Lord's means of grace, you are depriving yourself of His forgiveness. You're also filling yourself with other things, other thoughts and teachings, that cannot save. It makes you easy



prey for the devil who prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Just as there's many wrong paths to take in a corn maze, so there are **many** ways to be lost in the wilderness of this world, because the gate is wide, and the path is broad that leads to destruction.

But this is not you when you heed the Good Shepherd's voice calling out to you. **Your Good Shepherd faithfully gathers you here, to His flock.** He has led you by the still waters of your Baptism. He says, "I have called you by name and placed My Name on you. You are not lost, because I have found you." He speaks His Word to you, and by that Word He continues to forgive you your sins and strengthen your faith. When you are spooked by prowling anxiety or doubt..... the Shepherd's Word of grace still holds true..... you are Hiseven if you don't necessarily feel it! And as Jesus ate with those tax collectors and sinners, so He invites you to His meal: He gives you His body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins.



So, together in the Divine Service, you and I can rejoice with the angels and archangels over the repentance Jesus has given to you and me! Jesus, your Good Shepherd rose again so that by His Word and Sacraments He has found you!

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dan Welch*



**From
Our Assistant
Pastor,
Michael Ewert**

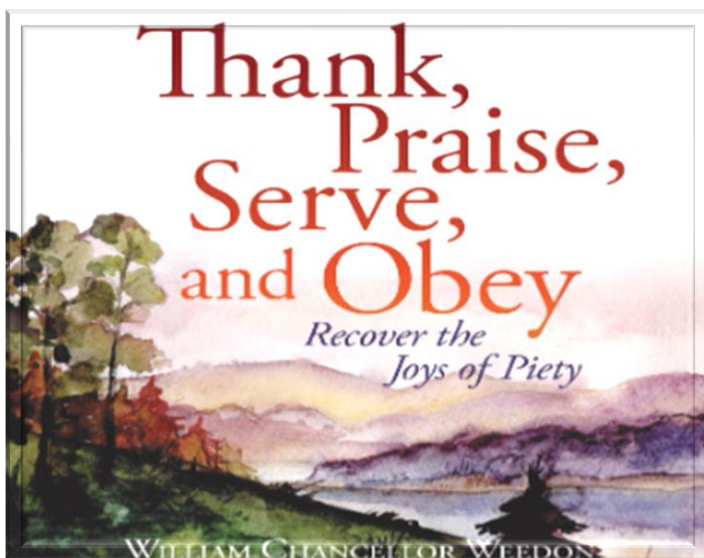
**Blessings as we enter
the month of September!**

Have you ever wondered what it means to live out your faith? We know what faith is, we know in whom we have faith, and we know we are saved by faith. I am called to be zealous for good works. But sometimes I struggle and ask myself, "What does this faith look like in action?"

I will be starting a Men's evening Bible Study beginning Tuesday, September 16th at 7 p.m. We will be exploring this question using the book Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey by Pr. William Weedon. Please join us during this time of learning and fellowship with other Christian men.

Pr. Weedon will lead us on a journey through piety as active faith. He says,

Piety is simply the cultivation of godly habits—habits that befit the household of God, the family of our heavenly Father. It grows from Baptism, grounded in the gracious adoption that God bestows on us with water and the name of the blessed Trinity. These habits mark how we, as children of the heavenly Father, live in this world as we wait for our Lord's return.
(Weedon, BC)



We often worry about removing bad habits, and I know I have often struggled to create healthy new habits. As Solomon says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17)

Brothers in Christ I ask you to help me and your brethren to become stronger together. This is a time for fellowship and growth together. We will remain grounded in the foundation of our faith Jesus Christ, but seek to grow as Christians and as men, husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, etc.

I pray you are able to join me and your brothers in this time of good discussion and bible study as we seek to live out our faith together.

*Speaking Christ,
Pr. Michael Ewert*



¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,
¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,
¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

~ Titus 2:11-14



From the DCE Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Synod has recognized what many of us already feel in our own congregations—our youth need Christ-centered encouragement and support in an ever-changing world. Because of this, the LCMS is developing a new Youth Ministry Initiative, guided by the research presented in *7 Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry* by Julianna Shults and Mark Kiessling.

I have been asked to serve as a regional consultant for this effort, and I am grateful for the opportunity. My role will be to walk alongside congregations as they assess their youth ministry—celebrating areas of strength while also identifying opportunities for growth. The framework comes from the seven proven practices that foster long-term, healthy youth ministry.

The heart of this initiative is twofold: (1) to recognize and strengthen practices already bearing fruit, and (2) to identify areas where unhealthy patterns may hinder the mission. As a consultant I will then suggest options for improvement and resources to assist in doing so. Think of it as providing tools, encouragement, and direction so that, together as the Body of Christ, we can ensure the Gospel is faithfully passed on to the next generation.

Why is this work so vital? Because the challenges our young people face are real—pressures from peers, temptations from the world, and doubts fueled by a culture often opposed to Christ. Yet God's Word does not change. His promises remain firm. In Baptism, each young person is claimed by Christ, and our calling as parents, pastors, teachers, deaconesses, DCEs, and mentors is to nurture that faith through Word and Sacrament, prayer, and Christ-centered community.

This Synod-wide effort is not meant to replace the faithful ministry already happening locally, but to strengthen and support it. Imagine a future where congregations know and apply best practices, where youth leaders are encouraged and equipped, and where our young people have meaningful opportunities to worship, serve, and confess Christ boldly.

As this initiative continues to take shape, I invite you to pray—for our Synod leaders, for the 15-20 consultants (including myself), for congregations, and especially for our young people. Pray that the Lord would raise up faithful servants to guide and encourage them. Pray that our own congregation might use these resources to reach and nurture youth even more effectively. And above all, pray that through it all, the name of Jesus would be praised.

Together we echo the words of Psalm 71:17–18 (ESV): “O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.”

In Christ,

<>< Deaconess Megan Polzin, DCE

Gerten's Mums Pick Up

Monday, September 15th

3-6 PM

In the church parking lot
(925 13th Street East, Glencoe)

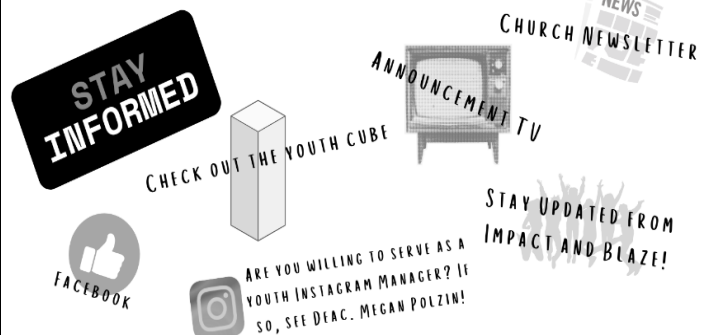
THANK YOU for your continued support of
the Youth Ministry at First Lutheran!

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: **MHP1921** 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...





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

Sun., Sept. 7 8:00 AM – Mike Cisewski, Doug Dahlke
 10:30 AM – Will Freberg, Kermit Terlinden

Sun., Sept. 14 8:00 AM – David Polzin, Leonard Donnay
 10:30 AM – Justin Petterson, Dean Dahlke

Sun., Sept. 21 8:00 AM – Mark Schmidt, David Polzin
 10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen, Roger Schmidt

Sun., Sept. 28 8:00 AM – David Hoefs, Lars Ide
 10:30 AM – Will Freberg, Brian Grochow



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.

Sun., Sept. 7 8:00 AM – John and Cheryl Scheidt
 10:30 AM – _____

Sun., Sept. 14 8:00 AM – Ken and Joyce Schiroo
 Dean and Sheila Scheele
 10:30 AM – _____

Sun., Sept. 21 8:00 AM – _____
 10:30 AM – _____

Sun., Sept. 28 8:00 AM – Ken and Joyce Schiroo
 Dean and Sheila Scheele
 10:30 AM – _____

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



Sun., Sept. 7 8:00 AM – Connor Donnay, Clara Willcox
 10:30 AM – Caylee Weidendorf, Claire Geib

Sun., Sept. 14 8:00 AM – Connor Donnay, Clara Willcox
 10:30 AM – Nora Cohrs

Sun., Sept. 21 8:00 AM – Ruby Graf, Leo Graf
 10:30 AM – Nora Cohrs

Sun., Sept. 28 8:00 AM – Connor Donnay
 10:30 AM – Macie Stradtman, Ruby Graf



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 church in person.

Sun., Sept. 7 - _____
 Sun., Sept. 14 - _____
 Sun., Sept. 21 - _____
 Sun., Sept. 28 - _____



Screen Presenters

Thank you for sharing your Time and Talents to assist in bringing the Word and Sacraments to First Lutheran!

Sun., Sept. 7 8:00 AM – Brittney Wolff
 10:30 AM – Tyler Schauer

Sun., Sept. 14 8:00 AM – Pam Ahlbrecht
 10:30 AM – Amy Welch

Sun., Sept. 21 8:00 AM – Chloe Donnay
 10:30 AM – _____

Sun., Sept. 28 8:00 AM – Gemma Goff
 10:30 AM – _____

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



Sun., Sept. 7 8:00 AM – Glenn Cohrs
 10:30 AM – Steven Schauer

Sun., Sept. 14 8:00 AM – Kevin Cohrs
 10:30 AM – Grady Schufft

Sun., Sept. 21 8:00 AM – Andrew Mackenthun (radio)
 10:30 AM – Lynn Exsted

Sun., Sept. 28 8:00 AM – Kevin Cohrs
 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, Sept. 7 – Day School (Education Sunday)
 Sunday, Sept. 14 – Deacons
 Sunday, Sept. 21 – Stewardship
 Sunday, Sept. 28 – Senior Choir

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, Sept. 7 – Andrew Mackenthun (8:00 AM)
 Sunday, Sept. 14 – Robert Schufft (10:30 AM)
 Sunday, Sept. 21 – Linda Ranzau (8:00 AM)
 Sunday, Sept. 28 – Lynn Exsted (8:00 AM)



~ Summaries from the Council and Boards ~



Church Council | August 19th

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and approved the available minutes from each of the individual Boards at the August 19th meeting. Protocols were reviewed to remind committees and boards of requirements as outlined in the by-laws and Voter's resolutions. Computers will be evaluated to determine what is needed to upgrade to Windows 11. 150th Anniversary Committee ideas and activities were reviewed. Discussed the business manager resignation and how duties are being managed currently. Evaluation is being carried out to determine optimal options going forward.

Christian Education Board | August 11th

Cradle Roll was updated. Sunday School Program was reviewed. Helpers are needed. Sunday School Christmas Service is Dec. 10 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Heifer International will be our offering designation with a probable goal of purchasing goats. We will not be having a Sunday Carnival but instead just a sign-up with a treat bag being given out. Church Busy Bag updates were given. We briefly discussed VBS. Nominations for next year's members were shared.

Day School | August 7th

Plans are underway for the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. Miller updated the board on updates done for the upcoming school year. Education Sunday is September 7, 2025. Mr. Perry Miller will be installed as our principal then.

Board of Deacons | August 7th

Board reviewed deacon/elder and fellowship schedules. Reviewed plans for the new confirmation year. Reviewed the 2026 worship schedule. Reviewed and approved Pastor Ewert's request for Post Seminary Applied learning.

Board of Evangelism | August 7th

The Evangelism Board met on Thursday, August 7, 2025. Plans for a Back-to-School Bingo and Bake sale were finalized. It will be held on Sunday, August 17, at 3:00 pm. The Evangelism board members will be helping host the KDUZ Lutheran Hour event that will be held in September. A Fall Hayride plan is in the making as well as ideas for the 150th Anniversary.

Board of Stewardship | August 12th

Stewardship Board talked about the Fall Appreciation Lunch. New Music for the Choir was chosen as the recipient for Angel Seeds. Also discussed having a link and screen when live streaming to show how to submit e-giving.

Board of Trustees | August 4th

Principal Miller updated the board on tasks being completed at the school. We are waiting for bids to replace the school kitchen floor. This will be paid for with federal funds out of the hot lunch program. Plans are being made to light up the stained glass windows in the bell tower.

Homegrown! It's a Good Thing!

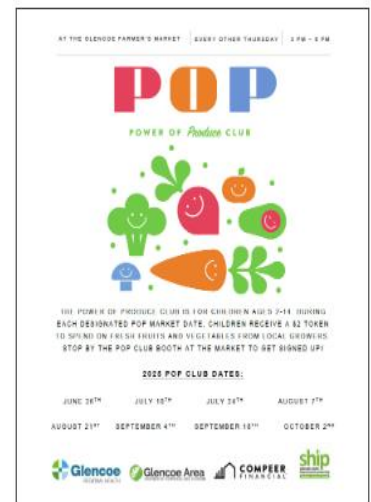
The 'Farm to School' Department of Agriculture grant monies are used to purchase locally grown and raised foods (beef, pork, poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits) for our school lunch program.

Another School year has begun, Fall is approaching, and garden harvest is in full swing. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, squash, and pumpkins are ready for picking during this time. Soon the first frost will threaten.



Additionally, fruits like apples and pears are ready for harvest. Beyond just picking the last of the warm-season crops, September is also a crucial time for fall planting and season extension. This is a good month to sow cool-season vegetables like kale, spinach, radishes, beets, broccoli, and various leafy greens. September is a mix of harvesting, preserving, and planting.

The Farmers Market in Glencoe 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 (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.

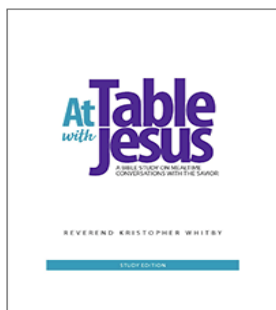


September Homegrown meals at FLS will include sweet corn, melons, and zucchini.

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.

Remember, eat healthy and local -- it's a "Good Thing!"

~ Lutheran Women in Mission ~



At Table with Jesus A Bible Study on Mealtime Conversations with Jesus

By Rev. Kristopher Whitby

**Beginning on Monday,
September 8, 1:30 p.m.**

At meals, much more can happen than the consuming of food. Around the table, as friends and family gather for a meal, relationships can be deepened, special occasions can be celebrated, important life matters can be discussed. In short, life is often shared over a meal.

Many significant things happened over a meal during Jesus' earthly ministry. In this study, written by Rev. Kristopher Whitby, we will journey into the Scriptures and take a seat around the meal table where Jesus dines. May the Holy Spirit use this study to deepen our understanding of what grace our Savior extends to those who get to dine with Him, and how He continues to set a place for us to be nurtured by Him.

Members, volunteer members and guests are all welcomed to attend this seven-session study led by "Lutheran Women in Mission."



Refreshments will be served.
(Some months will include a short business meeting.)

Happy September Birthday!

Happy September birthday to honorary Lutheran Women in Mission member Eldanna Soeffker. A \$5 gift to "Mission Grants" (mites) has been given in your honor.



Some Bible Verses about Prayer

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives;
he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks,
the door will be opened.

~ Matthew 7:7-8

If you believe,
you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

~ Matthew 21:22

How gracious He will be when you cry for help!
As soon as He hears He will answer you.

~ Isaiah 30:19

This is the confidence we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according to His will,
He hears us.

And if we know that He hears us – whatever we ask –
we know that we have what we asked of Him.

~ 1 John 5:14-15

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you. ~ Jeremiah 29:12

Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.

~ Isaiah 65:24



You will pray to Him and He will
hear you. ~ Job 22: 27



First Evangelical Lutheran Church

SALAD Luncheon

FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD

11 AM to 12:30 PM

- VARIETY OF SALADS
- HOMEMADE BUNS
- DELICIOUS DESSERTS
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~ 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 **September**, you will hear the following program topics on the 9:00 a.m. broadcast:

Sept. 7 **"Dying, We Live"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's love finds His people in the wilderness, the place where God gives bread from heaven, water from a rock, and streams in the desert. (Numbers 14:19-20)

Sept. 14 **"It's All on God; It's All on Us"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A paradox doesn't make sense, mathematically. But it can be an accurate description of real-life experience. (Deuteronomy 1:31)

Sept. 21 **"Someone Worth Having"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We lost God's name along the way, but God found us and gave us the Name by which we can know Him: Jesus—"God saves;" (Numbers 6:27)

Sept. 28 **"On the Way, Already Home"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God made us to move--toward Him in faith and toward our neighbor in love. (Numbers 9:18)

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):
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925 13th Street East, Glencoe, MN 55336.

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or email richstreufert@embarqmail.com .

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to accompany you on life's journey.



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***And let us not grow weary of doing good,
for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.***

~Galatians 6:9 ESV

First Lutheran Church, Glencoe

Our Voice for Christ Weekend - September 27-28

Rev. Germán Novelli, guest presenter and speaker

Saturday, September 27 Dinner Speaker

5:00 p.m. Free Dinner with free will offering to fund the 2026 KDUZ Lutheran Hour broadcasts. Register by calling First Lutheran at 320-864-5522 by 4:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19. We want to have enough food so no one leaves hungry.

Sunday, September 28 Guest Preacher at the 8:00 and 10:30 am worship services. Rev. Novelli will lead the 9:15 am Adult Bible Study.



Rev. Germán Novelli

Pastor Germán Novelli-Oliveros was born and raised in Venezuela. He came to the United States in 2012 when he was called to serve at Grace Lutheran Church, in Milwaukee, WI.

Pastor Novelli Jr. studied Journalism, graduated from the Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas (2012), and also has a master degree in Theology from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (2018).

Since 2024, he has been the Director of Hispanic Ministry of Lutheran Hour Ministries, developing resources and audiovisual materials in Spanish for individuals, families, and churches in Hispanic communities within the United States, and also in Latin American countries.

He is the speaker of Para El Camino, a program that offers weekly sermons and daily devotions through different platforms. Pastor Novelli also serves at Concordia Seminary St. Louis as Guest Instructor for the Center of Hispanic Studies, Student Recruitment Ambassador, and member of the Alumni Board. Rev. Novelli was the president of the VII Hispanic National Convention and the Hispanic Missionary League (2018-2022), and collaborates with different missional efforts and Lutheran agencies in the U.S.

He is passionate about baseball, soccer and His beloved Real Madrid, traveling, and --above all-- spending time with his wife Lucía and their two children.

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

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~ Mat Makers ~



Mat-Makers

**Tuesdays, September 9th and 23rd
1:30 p.m.**

During the busy summer, a smaller crew of First Evangelical Lutheran Mat-Makers continued to make mats! One mat was entered at the Sibley County Fair in "Open Class – over 70 – Recycled" category. It looked GREAT displayed prominently on a special stand among the various other "Recycled" entries, but did not earn a ribbon.

On September 9 a group from St. John, Norwood Young America, will be our guests. They have heard about Mat-Makers and want to learn what it's all about! We are pleased to have them as our special guests.

IS MAT-MAKING SOMETHING YOU MIGHT LIKE TO TRY?

There are no difficult skills necessary to be a Mat-Maker. Simple smoothing, folding, measuring/estimating are some of the easily learned steps. Please consider mat-making. It's a way to serve your Savior Jesus by making a more comfortable place to sleep for His dear ones who need a place to sleep. Feel free to drop in at ANY session.

Also, The LCMS Minnesota South District requested our Mat-Makers to lead an interest session at their annual "GO FIRST!" Ministry Conference September 26-27 at Redeemer Lutheran, Bloomington. ↓↓↓

A few Mat-Makers will lead an optional activity at the Camp Omega Women's Retreat on September 12 and 13. ↓↓↓

(There is a registration on page 19 of this newsletter to sign-up.)

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:

Friday, September 12	Saturday, September 13
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

Go First! Ministry Conference



It's Back!

September 26 -27, 2025

Redemption Lutheran Church
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Hosted by the MN South District and the
SW Suburban Circuit



Fall for
Jesus
he never
leaves

~ 1st Lutheran Events ~

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

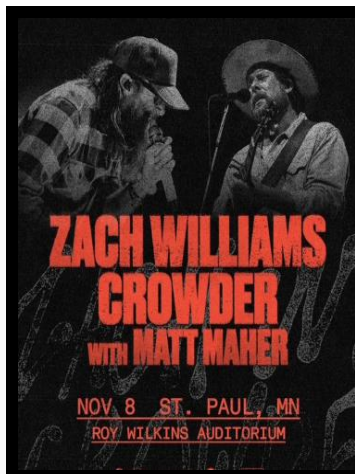
GIVING TUESDAY is a global-giving movement that bring millions of people together to support and champion the causes in which they believe and the communities in which they live. We have two days designated for shopping and getting deals – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. GIVING TUESDAY follows and is 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!



Attention CRAFTERS, QUILTERS, BAKERS

Baked items, craft items, country-store type items, quilted items will be requested for the annual CHRISTMAS BRUNCH-BAKE-CRAFT sale **December 6.** You may want to start stitching and crafting NOW!



ALL AGES WELCOME
SIGN UP DEADLINE:
SEPT. 7TH AT NOON
TICKETS: \$140
TEXT MEGAN TO SAVE
YOUR SPOT!
952.232.9844

~ Thrivent News ~

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✓ **Thrivent Choice** Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$66 for FLS and \$25 for FLC. 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 Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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/action team to complete an online application (minimum 3 weeks before your event). If you are unable to make your request via computer, you can phone Thrivent and make your request via Customer Service – call 1-800-847-4836.

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

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

✓ **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 /
eggsgluecindy@gmail.com – Your Congregational Volunteer

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Making generosity easy

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Stories of Faith

The Public Relations (PR) Team invites members to share their stories related to situations or events in which they experience God's love and providential care.

Cindy Eggersgluess 612-840-6308
eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com

GOD'S PHONE NUMBER

My mom told me when I was little, that God' phone number was Jeremiah 33:3. It says this, "Call to me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you know not."

CALL TO ME
 and I will
 ANSWER YOU.
 and I will tell you
 GREAT & MIGHTY
 THINGS
 which you do not know.

Jeremiah 33:3

I just want to say, it might be the time for you to stop talking to people about your problems and present your requests to God. Cry out to Him, tell Him what's in your heart. **Ask Him to show you the way forward, the things you don't know. He's never failed you, and He's not about to start now.**

-submitted

Lutheran Night at MN Twins Update

We ended up with a beautiful evening at Target Field. Our Glencoe community bus carried 50+ fans to watch the MN Twins play the Detroit Tigers. The game went 11 innings, and unfortunately, we lost 4-3. Rocco Baldelli got kicked out



and we almost had a foul ball in our Section 213. Many from our group were part of the Lutheran Choir that sang the National Anthem from the field.

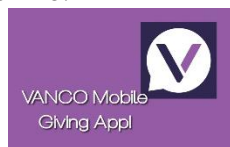
Thank you to the Thrivent Action Team program for supporting this event. It was a fun community outing! (Rain came on our drive home!)

E-GIVING

Members and Visitors – We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give electronically, in just seconds you can make weekly offering contributions or pay for events/activities.

E-Giving allows you to give anytime and anywhere, donate to your favorite funds, and make your gifts recurring. You can give via a smartphone app, texting, or online.

Vanco Mobile Faith – Mobile App
 (purple V logo)
 Text \$ (your \$ amount) to 855-976-9619
 Give online via www.firstglencoe.org



In 2026, First Ev. Lutheran Church will reach a significant milestone – it's 150th Anniversary!

◆ Planning has begun 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.** We'll also be commemorating in other numerous ways all throughout our Anniversary year – planning and organizing is happening now and in the months ahead!

◆ We have already started work for a new Church Pictorial Directory with a FL Historical Recap of 1876 – 2026. This will be one book that contains both the member photos and historical information. Pictures will be taken prior to Nov 8, so that photos may be received in time for Christmas. The directory/historical book itself will be published by early summer. Please sign up ASAP to schedule your photography session. Every family that schedules a session will receive a free book. A few people have already come forward to help with the directory and historical info; but we need additional volunteers, especially for scheduling photography sessions. (See details in related article.)

◆ Many exciting services, events, activities, and projects will be happening throughout our Sesquicentennial Anniversary Year, and we want you to be a part of it! We are working on putting together a list of 150 Service Activities to do in 2026! 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.



PICTORIAL
Directory

We still have photography appointments available for the directory! Every family receives a FREE 8x10 family portrait and a printed directory!

It won't be OUR directory without YOU!




Church Code - MN606
Church Password - photos

It's time for a new Church Pictorial Directory!

In conjunction with our upcoming 150th Anniversary Celebration, we will publish a new Church Pictorial Directory **WITH Historical pages!**

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new Pictorial/Historical Book.

We are partnering with Universal Church Directories who will bring a professional photography studio right here to First Lutheran. These portrait photographers create a fun, relaxed environment for photography with absolutely NO PRESSURE placed upon the families to purchase. If you choose, you may invite extended family members for a multi-generational photo, bring your pets, or bring props that express your personality. Please allow an average of 45-60 minutes for photography and portrait viewing.

Everyone who is photographed will receive a **complimentary 8 x 10 portrait (sent to your home) along with a pictorial/historical directory (available later in 2026).** If you choose, you will have an opportunity to purchase additional photos, including photo Christmas cards.

Your photography session may be scheduled online or at Signup tables at Sunday services. To schedule online, simply scan the QR code shown above or visit www.schedule.ucdir.com. Enter the Church Code **MN606** and Church Password **photos**. Then follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. If you have a multi-generational photo, schedule an additional time slot.



Don't Miss Out!
Photography Sessions can easily be scheduled online (use QR code) or in person after Sunday services.
Sessions are available on weekdays from 2 PM - 8 PM or on Saturdays from 10-4 PM

Fri, Oct 17 (MEA)
Sat, Oct 18 (MEA)
Thurs, Oct 30
Fri, Oct 31
Sat, Nov 1
Thurs, Nov 6
Fri, Nov 7
Sat, Nov 8

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

If you cannot attend a photo session, an option does exist to submit personal photos. However, there is a \$15 fee associated with this option. Contact the office to obtain submission guideline info.

We invite non-member FL School families and community friends to take advantage of these local professional photography sessions. If interested, please contact the office to receive a coupon and info on setting up your photography session. Non-members will not be included in the directory; however, they will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait.

Volunteers should contact the church office if you are willing to assist--

- work at appointment signup tables after Sunday services
- contact families to promote photography sessions
- make reminder phone calls so scheduled photo sessions are not missed
- check-in guests on photo session days

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of our Church Family Pictorial/150th Anniversary Historical Directory! **Our book will not be complete without you! Schedule your appointment soon!**

Please call the church office for any questions and / or assistance.

~ Community Events ~



Glencoe
American Legion Post 95



ANNUAL FALL SUNDAY BRUNCH Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025 8:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Take-Outs
Available



Glencoe City Center North Ballroom

1107 11th St. E., Glencoe

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Applesauce, Juice & Coffee

Adults: \$14.00 • 12 & Under \$7.00

Proceeds support Veterans, GSL Scholarships and Community Projects.



HUGE!!

RUMMAGE SALE

St. John Lutheran Church of Hollywood

17725 53rd St.

Along Highway 7, New Germany, MN

Thursday and Friday
September 11-12, 2025

8 am to 6 pm

and

Saturday
September 13, 2025
8 am to 1 pm

BAG DAY

SATURDAY

Fill a bag
for \$5

Selected items only

Also Serving
Sloppy Joes
and Hotdogs

Located in the church basement and in the tents on the back lawn.

Lots of treasures for everyone!



Glencoe Area -

An exciting event is rolling into Glencoe!

The historic **Milwaukee Road 261 steam locomotive** will arrive in Glencoe as part of the **Harvest BBQ Express excursion**.

On **Sunday, October 5th, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM**, over 400 guests will be stepping off the train to explore and enjoy Glencoe.

This is a great opportunity to showcase your business, welcome new faces, and highlight what makes Glencoe special.

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



Find us on
facebook.



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

Extra Garden Produce?

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



CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

We will be passing out **loads** of candy at our annual Trunk or Treat event on October 25th. If you are able to donate candy (or \$ to buy candy) to be distributed, please drop it off in the church office. **Thank you** so much for helping support this outreach opportunity.

In Search Of...

1 Do you happen to have an unused flatscreen tv that has a usb drive built in which you no longer use? First Lutheran is looking for a 27"- 32" (ish) television to use in the narthex (west entrance) of the church. This would enable all the parishioners who enter and exit through those doors to have the ability to see all our church announcements in addition to those who enter through the main, south doors. If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Megan Polzin. Thank you so much for considering a donation to help your church family!

2 Our youngest youth group, IGNITE (age 5-4th grade) will be meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd. If you feel so inclined, we are looking for donations of apples and "caramel dip" to use for a snack that day. Donations would need to be dropped off on Monday, the 22nd. If you are willing to provide these items, please contact the church office (320-864-5522) so we don't double or triple up donations! Thank you so much for your generosity.

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 Director, Lutheran Women in Mission, Mat-Makers, Quilters, Senior Choir, Sunday School Assistant, 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, Ushers

Miscellaneous Areas:

* Church Landscaping (pull weeds, water, etc.), Church Office Volunteer, Dusting of 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!

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 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 you with the coffee!)



~Young People Information~



Jr. High Mission Trip 2026

Calling all current 5th-8th grade students! Next summer we will be going on a Mission Trip to the Mescalero Apache Reservation in Mescalero, New Mexico. Leaving June 26 or 27 and returning July 4 or 5, we will spend a week serving the community of the Mescalero people through acts of service including, but not limited to, painting, building ramps, securing steps, fencing, and the like.

If you are interested in participating, please sign up near the announcement tv in the south entrance of the church, at the youth cube in the west entrance of the church ASAP, or by contacting Deaconess Polzin. Seeing as registration was officially due at the end of August, we may have to cap the number of participants as we move through September, so please prayerfully consider participating sooner than later!

We are so excited to provide opportunities for our youth to serve while deepening their faith and making life-long Christian friendships.

Bible Studies

We are SO thankful to be able to offer many opportunities for our members and friends to dive into God's Word! Please consider joining us for one or more of the following Bible Studies offered at/through First Lutheran:



Adult Bible Study: Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Center

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. or 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Center (starting 9/16)

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Center (starting 9/16)

Young Adult Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Mondays at the Hoffmann's home (starting 9/15)

High School Ladies Bible Study: 3rd Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center

High School Gentlemen's Bible Study: 3rd Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Center

Jr. High Ladies Bible Study: 3rd Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center

Jr. High Gentlemen's Bible Study: 3rd Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center

SEPTEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

- 1st Memorial Day
- 3rd Parent/Catechumen Info Night (7pm in Fellowship Center)
- 6th FLS Golf Tournament
- 6th-7th Ren Fest Fundraiser
- 13th-14th Ren Fest Fundraiser
- 15th Gertens Mums Pick-Up (3-6pm in Church Parking Lot)
- 20th-21st Ren Fest Fundraiser
- 21st Bible Study: Ladies & Gentlemen (6:30-8pm in Fellowship Center)
- 23rd Ignite (age 5-grade 4 in Fellowship Center 3:30-4:45pm)
- 27th-28th Ren Fest Fundraiser
- 28th Mescalero Mission Trip Late Registration DUE (+\$200 Deposit)

Ladies and Gents

Sun., September 21st

6:30 - 7:30 pm
Meet in the Church Fellowship
Center
Grades 5-8 & 9-12

Parent/Catechumen Info Night: September 3rd at 7pm in the Church Fellowship Center



This mandatory meeting is for all parents of and public-school students in grades 5-8 and all parents of and FLS students in grades 7-8. Come receive an updated Catechesis manual, complete registration forms/payments for this new school year, get the schedule, sign up for snacks, and find out more about individual classes. We are pleased to welcome Rev. Michael Ewert as our new 5th/6th grade teacher. Both Rev. Dan Welch and Deaconess Megan Polzin will be returning to teach 8th and 7th grades, respectively. If you absolutely cannot attend, please contact your child's teacher so we can get you the appropriate paperwork and ensure we have accurate numbers for the start of classes on September 10th.

ALL incoming 5th grade students who do not attend FLS are expected/encouraged to participate in confirmation. Confirmation, or catechesis, is the education of baptized children of God and is mandated in scripture in Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." A disciple is a student, or learner. If you do not have children in the catechesis age group, please pray that our member families would understand the calling God places on parents to ensure their children are raised in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and are encouraged by our church family to do just that!

Emails for the teachers are as follows: Rev. Dan Welch (dwelch@1stglencoe.org), Deaconess Megan Polzin (mpolzin@1stglencoe.org), Rev. Michael Ewert (pastor@1stglencoe.org), or you can always contact the church office at office@1stglencoe.org.

September Ignite: The Apple of His Eye

All kiddos age 5 through 4th grade are invited to join us on Tue., Sept. 23rd from 3:00-4:45 PM in the church fellowship center for our first IGNITE youth group of this school year!

Please register in advance. (Volunteers sign up with this same link)

IMPORTANT: FLS students will be checked in by their teachers, but a parent/guardian **MUST** come into the building to sign them out.

All public school students must be signed IN and OUT!

Thank you for your cooperation!



Sunday School Assistants for Kindergarten – Grade 4 Class



This year for Sunday School, Amy Welch will be teaching a Kindergarten – Grade 4 class in Room 111. We will start with Sunday School opening upstairs where you will be welcomed for coming; introduced to parts of the church altar; given an opportunity to bring your offering to purchase goats for a family in need through Heifer, International; recognized for your birthday and baptismal birthday; participate in prayer, and enjoy a snack / treat.

Next we will go to our classroom, learn our Bible story, and do an activity and/or craft. Older children will be able to help tell the Bible story to the younger children. Finally we will go to the music room for music.

To help make all of this possible, we are looking for volunteers to assist. You can assist as little or as much as you want and as often as you want. Any and all help is appreciated! Please contact Amy Welch, Megan Polzin, or the office.

SAVE THE DATES NOW! 2025-26 CATECHISM DATES OF IMPORTANCE

September 10th: First Day of Classes

October 15th: NO Catechism Classes

November 5th: NO Public Bussing—Parents Drive

November 26th: NO Catechism Classes

December 24th: NO Catechism Classes

January 7th: NO Public Bussing—Parents Drive

March 5th: Confirmand Gown Measurements (during class; bring shoes you plan to wear)

April 9th: Photo Orders Distributed to 8th graders

April 15th: Public Review (Questioning) PRACTICE (3:30-4:45 for ALL 8th graders)

April 22nd: Public Review (Questioning) PRACTICE (3:30-4:45 for ALL 8th graders); 6:40pm Arrive to be gowned for Public Review; Photo Orders & Payment DUE; Questioning from 7-7:45(ish); Confirmation Photos to follow

April 26th: The Rite of Confirmation at the 10:30am Divine Service (arrive at 10am)





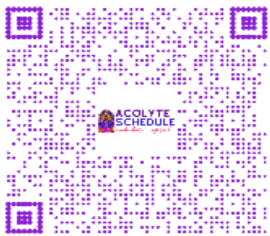
ACOLYTES

All 5th-8th grade public school students and all 7th/8th grade FLS members, please remember to visit our SignUp Genius so you can sign up for the services that work for you. Also, this is where you can go to find what you have already signed up for or how to contact someone else if you need to switch.



Confirmation Sunday April – September:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AD29A5F8C25-55514054-april#/>
or you can use the QR code provided.



October – Confirmation Sunday April: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AD29A5F8C25-50552988-acolyteing> or you can use the QR code provided.

SUNDAY School 2025-26

PK-8 CLASSES START SEPT. 14

class	teachers
PreK ages 2-4 in the "Flames" Room	Mrs. LuAnne Schmidt
K-4 th Grade in room 111 downstairs	Mrs. Amy Welch
5 th -8 th Grade in the school library	Mr. Travis Uecker
9 th 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)

Sunday, September 7th
9:15 AM
Near the blue couches/south entrance

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026

Parents, please use this time to register your child(ren) whether you plan to come weekly or only every so often. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

MEASURED BY GRACE:
HOW GOD DEFINES SUCCESS

Sept. 15
Oct. 6 & 20
Nov. 3 & 17
Dec. 1 & 15
Jan. 5 (7), & 19
Feb. 2 & 9 (23?)
Mar. 2, 16, & 30
April 20 & May 4

DON'T MISS THIS

DESIGNED FOR THOSE AGED 18-35!
KIDS CAN COME WITH AND PLAY DURING THIS TIME
APPS & DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

1ST & 3RD MONDAYS
6:30-7:30PM
WHERE?
@ THE HOME OF COLLEEN & MACKENZIE HOFFMANN
NEAR CHURCH IN GLENCOE, MN

Thinking of joining us? Please call/text Mackenzie at 952-913-7039 or email mhoffmann@1stglencoe.org so we make sure to have enough books/snacks. Thanks!

~ Thank you! ~

Volunteer **Myrna Frauendienst** is the creative genius behind so many of our "inside" decorations. Today finds Myrna prepping to beautifully adorn the tables in the Fellowship Hall. It's always fun to see what decor she comes up with next! **Please thank Myrna and her helpers!**



Thank you to Verna Kunkel for trimming, sorting, and counting Country Hearth bread labels!

We appreciate your help with this fundraiser!



First Lutheran School Garden Produce

Thank you to Dean and Sheila Scheele for all of their work with the School Garden! We appreciate all the extra garden produce they share with First Lutheran!



**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@1stglencoe.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!

Outdoor Musical Park

We are getting closer to our goal of \$18,000! \$11,280 has been contributed to this point.

Donations may be brought to the church office. **Thank you for your continued support!**



Thank you to our 1st Lutheran Church Deacons!

We thank you for all you for us to aid the Pastors in bringing Word and Sacrament to 1st Lutheran. You devote your Time, Talents, and Treasures to furthering God's Kingdom hear on earth and we appreciate all the things you do, seen and unseen!



Thank you our 1st Lutheran Church Elders!

We appreciate your assistance to the Deacons and helping to bring us Communion during the Divine Service! Thank you for Sharing your Time, Talents, and Treasures with us 1st Lutheran!



Youth Mission Trip Mescalero, New Mexico

Youth entering grades 6-9 in 2026

June 26/27-July 4/5, 2026

Sign up ASAP!

(Register by Sunday, Sept. 28th with a \$200 deposit as long as spots remain!)



Board of Trustees

Left to Right: Chris Brinkmann, Larry Kunkel, Mark Ahlbrecht, Dave Uecker, Lester Schauer, and Arnold Brinkmann
Not pictured: Lesa Hueser and Randy Bussler

Chair: David Uecker

David is a boiler operator and maintenance worker. He is married to his wife Julie and they have one son, Travis. In Dave's free time he likes to camp and play cards. He has been a member of First Lutheran for 23 years and in that time, he has served on various boards for 14 of those years. Thank you, Dave, for your willingness to serve the Lord at First Lutheran!

Vice Chair: Mark Ahlbrecht

Mark is a farmer and has been a member of First Lutheran his whole life. In that time, he has served on various boards at First Lutheran for 24 years. He is married to Lisa and they have two children: Madison and Mason. Thank you, Mark, for your willingness to serve the Lord at First Lutheran!

Secretary: Lesa Hueser

Lesa is the secretary of the Trustee Board and this is her 4th year serving on the board. She has previously served on the Board of Evangelism and is a member of the Senior Choir at First Lutheran. Lesa was baptized and confirmed at Bethany Reformed Church in Clara City, MN. She attended Alexandria Vo-Tech, where she met her husband, Tom. They got married in 1981, moved back to Glencoe, joined First Lutheran, and have been members of First Lutheran for 44 years. Lesa and Tom have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. When she is not working at their family businesses - Hueser Grain and Sam's Tire - she likes to cook, read, travel, and spend time with her family. Thank you, Lesa, for your willingness to serve the Lord at First Lutheran!

Church Council Representative: Lester Schauer

Lester is retired. He and his wife have one son. Lester has been a member of First Lutheran for 53 years. Prior to that, he was a member at Fair Haven for 26 years. This is his first year serving on the Board of Trustees. Previously he served as a Deacon for 6 years. Thank you, Lester, for your willingness to serve the Lord at First Lutheran!

Church Council Alternative: Larry Kunkel

Larry has been a member of First Lutheran for 62 years. He is married to Donna and they have two daughters: Kristina and Katelynn. Larry is a farmer and a pipe fitter. In his free time he likes to hunt, fish, and trap. This is his 6th year on the Board of Trustees. Previously he served as a Deacon for 7 years.

Trustees Salary Review Committee Member and Board Member: Arnold Brinkmann

Arnold is serving on his second year as a Trustee and was a Deacon for 3 years at First Lutheran. Arnold is retired. He is married to his wife Jane and in their free time they enjoy fishing, spending time at their cabin with their kids, grandkids, and friends. Thank you, Arnie, for your willingness to serve the Lord at First Lutheran!

Board Member: Chris Brinkmann

Chris is a life long member of First Lutheran. He is a construction supervisor at Lester Buildings. He and his wife Tonya have 3 kids: Lauren, Brody, and Ben. In his free time, Chris likes to attend his kids' sporting events, hunt, fish, build, hike the outdoors, and spend time with his family. This is Chris' first year serving on the Board of Trustees, however he is going on his 3rd year on the GSL Trap Shooting Board. Thank you, Chris, for your willingness to serve the Lord at First Lutheran!

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.

Upcoming Events

- **Aug. 29 - Sept. 1** | No school | Labor Day
- **September 6** | 5th Annual Golf Tournament @ Glencoe
- **September 7** | Education Sunday | K-8 Sing in church at 10:30 | Mr. Miller installation
- **September 10** | Parent Information Night | 5:30-7:00
- **September 10** | Picture Day
- **September 21** | Preschool Sing @ 8:00
- **October 3** | School Marathon

thank you

- All the parents and families who have made the commitment to bring up their children in a God pleasing way by having them attend FLS. Proverbs 22:6
- Michelle Alsleben for handling most of the new family inquiries, processing lunch funds, dealing with state DHS and hot lunch requirements (including workshops and piles of paperwork) and the multitude of other demands that fall on a school secretary.
- The teachers who have worked tirelessly preparing for the upcoming school year.
- The staff at church who make the entire First Lutheran operation run smoothly.
- Loren Engelmann & Gary Schauer (and his grandson) for his hard work fixing things and other maintenance around the school.
- Andy, Tom, and Travis who have worked hard to wax the floors and prepare the school for students.



Please Pray For:

- Our school and church as we partner together to share the love of Jesus in a world that thinks it is not necessary.
- Appropriate weather that the crops and gardens might flourish, and the harvest might be plentiful.
- A school year in which students, families, and teachers work together to build loving, lasting relationships with each other and their Lord and Savior.
- Our teachers and staff as they prepare for the year, that they may lean on the Word for a Christ-centered classroom.



1st Trimester Chapel offerings

The first trimester chapel offerings are going to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa. Mission Central says, "Jesus is calling us to be engaged in His mission to redeem and save the world. Through people and through projects, we have the honor of playing a part in this mission." The Lord has provided this place for missionaries to stay when on home service, offices where some of the 104 volunteers work to support their missionaries, facilities for mission events and worship space for more than 300. Our FLS 8th Graders are going to get to go visit them this fall!



School Lunch

Lunch & Breakfast:

K-8: Free

Milk: \$0.40 @ 20 for \$8

Seconds: \$1.25 @ 20 for \$25

Adult: \$5

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



It has been a season of change this summer as the school welcomes Mr. Miller, our new principal. It is going to be an amazing year of new adventures, time-honored traditions, and joyful noises. Something new this year is our 7th/8th graders' trip to Missions Central in Mapleton, IA, where we will learn about Lutheran missionaries, spend some time coming together as a class, and grow in our leadership skills. Our theme verse this year is Psalm 98:4, "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" It is my prayer that the noises, praises, and joys that come with each new school year blend together in a song that brings glory and honor to God. - Mrs. Lisa Korthals



Flames of Faith Extended Care is a before and after school program for your school aged child to attend. After school, the students do homework, enjoy a snack, and play with friends while still being immersed in a Christian setting. If you have any questions about the program, please reach out to the director, Madi Mathews | 320-298-2546



A Joyful Noise

Our theme for the upcoming school year is "Let's Make a Joyful Noise" based on Psalm 100:1 "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" We are very excited to be able to sing our praises to the Lord all year long!



Best of Glencoe Area

Congratulations to Ms. Madi Mathews and Mrs. Mackenzie Hoffmann as they both received an award. Ms. Mathews was voted for the best Childcare in Glencoe as our Flames of Faith program Director and Mrs. Hoffmann for the best preschool in Glencoe. Congratulations to these two!



Security & Doors

For safety and liability reasons, doors will be locked during the school day. If you need to get into the north building and the day has started please ring the Doorbell and someone will open up the door for you. In the south building (PS-Grade 2) the open door will be the front entrance by the church office (south side). All parents and visitors should check in at the office before proceeding to classrooms. Students arriving in the north building before 7:45 will need to go to the gym/cafeteria. Thank you!

You're Invited!

Parent Informational Night

Our Parent Informational Night will be on Wednesday September 10, from 5:30-7:00 PM in your child's homeroom classroom. During this time, teachers will be going over classroom expectations, important parent notes, and so much more! We ask that at least one parent from each family attend this event. Teachers will have 3 different sectionals, each lasting approximately 20 minutes:

- 5:30-6:00
- 6:00-6:30
- 6:30-7:00

Thank you in advance for coming out. This really helps make our year run smoother!

Ongoing Fundraisers

If you haven't already, check out some of our great ongoing fundraising opportunities! Bread labels, Coborns More Rewards, Box Tops for Education, and Thrivent Choice Dollars are just a few. New this year, we are collecting Menards Rebates. If you're a frequent at Menards and get their 11% rebate, but don't want to cash them in, bring them to FLS and we will send them in for you! Thank you to those of you who are already utilizing these resources. They are a great way to continue to support First Lutheran with no added expense to you!



Most parents, students, and teachers are using our Fast Direct (FD) communication system extensively and have become very familiar with it. Parents can view grades, calendars, lunch accounts, and many other valuable items on our system. The office and most of the teachers send out information via FD. If you are unable to access a computer to view FD, please contact the office ASAP to ensure that all families are receiving this vital information. To update your Fast Direct information or to change your notification settings go to your homepage and click "View/Edit Parent Information" near the top of the page. Once there, you will be able to update all of your information so that in an emergency the teachers or the principal will be able to reference important contact numbers etc.. Thank you! P.S. did you know that they have an app now?! It is available on both apple and android devices.



September 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EDUCATION HOUR 9:15-10:15 AM 2/3/4 yr-olds - Flames Area Grades K to 4 - Room 111 Grades 5 to 8 - Library High School & Adult - Fellowship Center	1 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying No School Church Office Closed LABOR DAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!	2 1:15 PM - Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - Day School 6:30 PM - Trustees	3 10:00 AM - Executive Board 2:30 PM - Office Meeting 6:00 PM - Flames Boosters 6:30 PM - Evangelism 7:00 PM - Mandatory Confirmation Meeting	4 8:15 AM - Chapel Principal Miller 6:00 PM - Deacons	5 Renaissance Festival - Youth Fundraiser Saturdays & Sundays	6 Ide / Clark Wedding ↑ (off-site) ↑ 5th Annual Golf Tournament
7 LORD'S DAY EDUCATION SUNDAY 8 AM - Divine Service w/Com. 9 AM - Fellowship: Day School 9:15 AM - H.S. & Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM - Sunday School Registration 10:30 - DS/Installation, FLS sings 1:00 PM - Glenfields 3 to 5 PM - 90th Birthday Party 6:30 PM - IMPACT (Setting One, Page 151)	8 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 1:30 PM - LWML 3:15 PM - School Staff Meeting 6:00 PM - Christian Ed 7:00 PM - Quarterly Altar Guild Meeting	9 10:30 AM - Glenfields 1:15 PM - Staff Meeting 1:30 PM - Mat Makers	10 3:30 PM - Public School Catechism Begins 5:30 PM - Stewardship 6:15 PM - Senior Choir 5:30 PM - FLS Parent Info Night 1st Lutheran School Picture Day	11 8:15 AM - Chapel T.B.D. 2:00 PM - Grand Meadows Pastors' Circuit Meeting at St. John's, Cedar Mills	12 Zojicek / Ober Wedding Private Rental	13 Zojicek / Ober Wedding Private Rental
14 THE LORD'S DAY 8 AM - Divine Service 9 AM - Fellowship: Deacons 9:15 AM - H.S. & Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM - 1st Day of Sunday School 10:30 AM - Divine Service w/Com (Setting Three, Page 184)	15 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 3 to 6 PM - Gerten's Pick-up 6:30 PM - Young Adult Bible Study at Hoffmann's 6:30 PM - New Members Class 6:30 PM - 1:50 Am. Historical 7:00 PM - 1st Ed. Book Club	16 9 AM & 7 PM - Women's Bible Study 1:15 PM - Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study	17 3:30 PM - Public School Catechism 6:15 PM - Senior Choir	18 8:15 AM - Chapel Pastor Michael 11:00 AM - DCE Cluster hosted here at First 1:30 PM - FLS Kindergarten goes to Grand Meadows 7:00 PM - Church Council	19 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 	20 September Altar Guild Kathy Strobel 612.719.3775 Sue Terfenden 320.510.0488 Julie Willcox 320.864.6589
21 THE LORD'S DAY 8 AM - Divine Service w/Com. FLS Pres & Senior Choir Sings 9 AM - Fellowship: Stewardship 9:15 AM - Education Hour 10:15 AM - Divine Service Senior Choir Sings 6:30 PM - Ladies & Gents Study (Setting Four, Page 203)	22 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:30 PM - New Members Class	23 9 AM & 7 PM - Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM - Glenfields 1:15 PM - Staff Meeting 1:30 PM - Mat Makers 3:00 PM - Ignite (Grades K-4) 7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study	24 3:30 PM - Public School Catechism 6:15 PM - Senior Choir	25 8:15 AM - Chapel Deaconess Palzin	26 Lutheran Hour Ministries "Our Voice for Christ" 5:00 PM at First Lutheran	27 Lutheran Hour Ministries "Our Voice for Christ" 5:00 PM at First Lutheran
28 THE LORD'S DAY 8 AM - Divine Service Baptism 9 AM - Fellowship: Senior Choir 9:15 AM - Education Hour 10:15 AM - Divine Service W/Com 5:00 PM - Baptism Mission Trip Late Registration due (Setting Four, Page 203)	29 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 7:00 PM - Quarterly Voters' Assembly	30 9 AM & 7 PM - Women's Bible Study 1:15 PM - Staff Meeting 7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study Common Cup Ministries Diaper Distribution @ City Center	October 1 3:30 PM - Public School Catechism 6:00 PM - Flames Boosters 6:15 PM - Senior Choir 6:30 PM - Evangelism	October 2 6:00 PM - Deacons	October 2025 	October 2025