

"What's It All About?"



Has a friend or a family member
ever asked you:

"Why do you go to church?"

If someone were to ask you:

"What do you believe about God?"

Is He real?

**Does it make a difference
what you believe?"**

How would you respond?

What would you say?

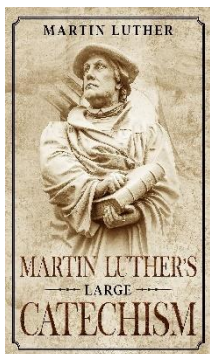
God's Word tells us:

**"Always be prepared
to give an answer to everyone
who asks you to give the reason for the hope
that you have" (1 Peter 3: 15)**

So, what do you say to someone who asks you
about the hope you have?
In other words, what's it all about?

The simple (and 100 % truthful!) answer is this

"Jesus Christ is Lord!"



Writing in the Large Catechism,
Martin Luther says, **"Yes, the entire
Gospel (good news) that we
preach is based on this point
(Jesus Christ is Lord),
that we properly understand
this article as that
upon which our salvation
and all our happiness rests.
It is so rich and complete
that we can never learn it fully."**

(Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, CPH 2006, p.402)



Every Sunday we speak out loud
what it is we believe about our
Triune God, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit. Most especially
though, we confess, in short,
concise words what we believe
about Jesus Christ, the Second
Person of the Holy Trinity.

These words can be an enormous help to us at all
times, and particularly when asked by someone about
our faith.

In the Large Catechism, Luther also has these helpful
words of advice, "Now, if you are asked, 'What do you
believe ... about Jesus Christ?' answer briefly, 'I
believe that Jesus Christ, God's true Son, has become
my Lord.' 'But what does it mean to become Lord?' 'It
is this, He has redeemed me from sin, from the devil,
from death, and from all evil....' 'The little word 'Lord'
means simply the same as redeemer.'" (ibid., p. 400)

Everything else we confess about Jesus, what He did
for us serve no other purpose than to explain how we
are redeemed, we are purchased from sin, death, and
the power of the devil through the person and work of
Jesus Christ our Lord.

"Jesus Christ is Lord."

That's what it's all about. This is what
we believe. This is what we confess.

This is what we teach.

This is what we hold most dear.

"Jesus Christ is Lord."

Simple enough for a child to believe,
yet in the words of Luther,

"so rich and complete

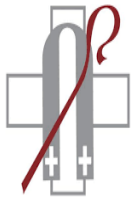
that we can never learn it fully!"

**"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be
prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you
to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do
this with gentleness and respect." 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)**

What's it all about? It's all about Jesus.

Jesus Christ is Lord! Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Dan Welch



From our Assistant Pastor, Michael Ewert



I want to wish you a blessed Reformation Month, Although there are many stories and tales we can tell about the Reformation, I want to return to the roots. This is what the Reformation was about: it was not a rebellion or the founding of a new church, but rather a return to Christ Jesus and His work for us. It is often said that Article IV of the Augsburg Confession is the article the Church stands upon: Christ crucified and risen for us. This is the only way we are able to have a good relationship with God, through Jesus' work for us. Our own wisdom is folly, our own works rubbish before God. It is only Christ and His work that have any merit. This is literally what "to reform" means: to return to a previous form. It is not a new creation, but it is to seek what God has declared and cling to His Word and promises alone.

Things around us constantly change; we see the leaves change color and fall and die as winter approaches. Loved ones leave and die, and new babies are born constantly. We might be tempted to think that the only thing that doesn't change is that things will change. **But we must remember that God does not change. His Word is sure, and His promises for us endure.** The Gospel, the Good News that Jesus lived and died for us, taking our place on the cross, is the same when St. Peter proclaimed it on Pentecost, the same in the days of the Reformation, and it is the same promise we receive today. **This is our hope: Christ crucified and risen on the third day.**



If you would like to learn more about this, we begin a Bible study on this topic during the Bible Study Hour on Sunday led by me. My promise to you is to always point to Christ and His work for you, not to anything else.

Speaking Christ, Pr. Michael Ewert

1 CORINTHIANS 2: 1 - 5



"And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.

For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

Article IV of the Augsburg Confession



Furthermore, it is taught that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God through our merit, work, or satisfactions, but that

we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God out of grace for Christ's sake through faith when we believe that Christ has suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us.

For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness in his sight,

as St. Paul says
in Romans 3:21-26 and 4:5.

From the DCE Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Together, as we strive to raise up the next generation of disciples, it is good to remember that youth ministry isn't all about programs or fellowship events—even though those things have their place. At the heart of a healthy, long-term youth ministry lies the relational and spiritual climate of the congregation itself. In the *Seven Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry* book, one of the foundational points is this: congregations should be communities of warmth, challenge, and grace.

- Warmth means showing Christ's love in personal, relational ways. It creates safe spaces where youth feel seen, known, cared for, and welcomed as part of the body of Christ. This is about showing Christ's love. It means welcoming youth (and visitors) generously into worship, study, and ministry. *Warmth* is not superficial friendliness, but depth of care: "congregations foster an open and honest environment where youth share joys, questions, crisis, and doubt, knowing God's Word will be spoken in love."
- Challenge means inviting youth to grow by grappling with life's difficult questions and deeper discipleship in general. Faith that is stretched and tested becomes faith that is strong. Youth need more than simple affirmation; they need encouragement to grow, to wrestle, to stretch their faith. A healthy youth ministry does not avoid hard questions or spiritual stretching; it leans into it. The practice encourages congregations to be "willing to engage in tough spiritual conversations."
- Grace is the Gospel lived out in humility and forgiveness. It reassures youth that even when they fail or stumble (not if...but when), they are loved and restored in Christ. In a culture of grace, failures are not hidden or condemned, but confessed, forgiven, and learned from. Congregations "share personal stories of grace, failure, and joy." Grace is the glue that holds warmth and challenge together—the assurance that even as we challenge youth to grow, we do so out of forgiveness, mercy, and God's patient love because that is how He deals with each of us.

Together, these three qualities form the foundation for trust, discipleship, and resilience in faith. Youth stay connected when they feel loved and known. A congregation that exudes warmth invites youth to stay connected even when life gets hard (again, when...not if). When they believe that they matter to the body of Christ, they are more likely to invest in long-term relationships, remain in worship, and stay engaged during the inevitable life transitions.

Youth mature when their faith is challenged. If we only comfort, never challenge, youth may never wrestle with real

issues of faith, sin, calling, and even suffering. If we only challenge, they may feel judged or defensive and withdraw running away from the very gifts God gives them in the Divine Service. Grace ensures that we challenge out of Gospel love, not legalism. The interplay helps them grow in maturity, resilience, and Christian identity.

Youth thrive when grace is the atmosphere of every relationship. To disciple someone, we must enter into their stories, their doubts, their questions. A warm, grace-rooted environment helps us earn the relational trust needed to walk with youth through the spiritual journey of questions, doubts, realizations, and joys. It also encourages authenticity—youth bring real doubts, real struggles, not only "Sunday best" versions of themselves.

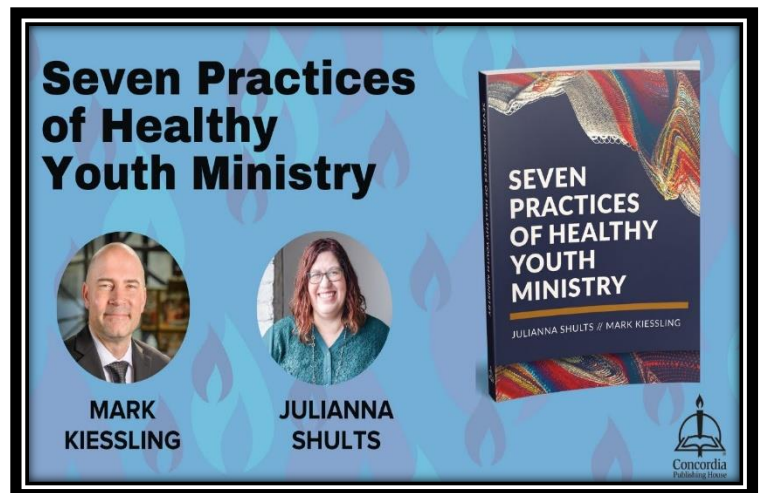
Lastly, it shapes congregational culture, not just youth ministry alone. Warmth, challenge, and grace must flow through the whole congregation. Youth (and visitors) pick up on hypocrisy if the members behave otherwise. When the whole church family models those qualities (in worship, in small groups, in fellowship), youth/visitors see genuine Christian community lived out and are welcomed to be a part of it.

I invite our whole congregation to reflect on how we embody warmth, challenge, and grace—not only for our youth, but for one another too. By doing so, we will strengthen our ministry, support our families, and most importantly, point every generation to Jesus Christ, who is full of truth and grace. In the end, our goal is not merely a thriving youth program, but to see youth become lifelong disciples of Jesus—rooted in their Baptism, resilient in trials, active in their vocations, and living while loving their neighbors in word and deed. Warmth, challenge, and grace are not optional extras—they are essential foundations of that journey.

May God bless our efforts and empower us by His Spirit as we strive to be a congregation that truly lives out those three qualities, for not only the sake of our youth, but for the sake of His kingdom.

*All quotes taken from *Seven Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry* by Julianna Shults & Mark Kiessling.

In Christ, <>> Deaconess Megan Polzin, DC





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

- Sun., Oct. 5 8:00 AM – Mike Cisewski, Doug Dahlke
 10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen, Roger Schmidt
- Sun., Oct. 12 8:00 AM – Lars Ide, Lenny Donnay
 10:30 AM – Will Freberg, Mark Schmidt
- Sun., Oct. 19 8:00 AM – Dean Scheele, Brian Grochow
 10:30 AM – Roger Schmidt, Justin Petterson
- Sun., Oct. 26 8:00 AM – Mike Cisewski, Lars Ide
 10:30 AM – Jason Oelfke, Dean Dahlke



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., Oct. 5 8:00 AM – Danica Vinkemeier, Bennett V.
 10:30 AM – Jennifer Pokornowski, Ayla P.
- Sun., Oct. 12 8:00 AM – Ken and Joyce Schiroo
 10:30 AM – _____
- Sun., Oct. 19 8:00 AM – _____
 10:30 AM – _____
- Sun., Oct. 26 8:00 AM – Ken and Joyce Schiroo
 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., Oct. 5 8:00 AM – Emme Neubarth, Harper Neubarth
 10:30 AM – Sam Betsinger, Oscar Freberg
- Sun., Oct. 12 8:00 AM – Clara Willcox
 10:30 AM – Oscar Frebert, Nolan Dammann
- Sun., Oct. 19 8:00 AM – Sam Betsinger, Brady Goff
 10:30 AM – Nolan Dammann, Will Horton
- Sun., Oct. 26 8:00 AM – Sam Betsinger, Brady Goff
 10:30 AM – Mason Ortloff, Drew Schmitz

Special Music Schedule

- Sunday, October 5, 8:00 AM – Senior Choir
 Sunday, October 5, 10:30 AM – 1st Lutheran Singers
 1st Lutheran School Choir, Grades 5 – 8
 Sunday, October 26, 8:00 and 10:30 AM – Senior Choir
 (Reformation Sunday)



Screen Presenters

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

- Sun., Oct. 5 8:00 AM – Brittney Wolff
 10:30 AM – Tyler Schauer
- Sun., Oct. 12 8:00 AM – Piper Polzin
 10:30 AM – Amy Welch
- Sun., Oct. 19 8:00 AM – Chloe Donnay
 10:30 AM – _____
- Sun., Oct. 26 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., Oct. 5 8:00 AM – Glenn Cohrs
 10:30 AM – Steven Schauer
- Sun., Oct. 12 8:00 AM – Kevin Cohrs
 10:30 AM – Grady Schuff
- Sun., Oct. 19 8:00 AM – Andrew Mackenthun (radio)
 10:30 AM – Lynn Exsted
- Sun., Oct. 26 8:00 AM – Andrew Mackenthun
 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 make connections with one another!

- Sunday, Oct. 5 – Evangelism
 Sunday, Oct. 12 – Choir (Sopranos)
 Sunday, Oct. 19 – Anniversary Celebration
 of Graupmann & Englemanns
 Sunday, Oct. 26 – Deacons (Reformation Sunday)

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

- Sunday, Oct. 5 – Andrew Mackenthun (8:00 AM)
 Sunday, Oct. 12 – Robert Schuff (10:30 AM)
 Sunday, Oct. 19 – Linda Ranzau (8:00 AM)
 Sunday, Oct. 26 – Pam Ahlbrecht (8:00 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 .

- Sun., Oct. 5 – _____
 Sun., Oct. 12 – _____
 Sun., Oct. 19 – _____
 Sun., Oct. 26 – _____

~ Summaries from Our Boards ~



Church Council | September 18th

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and approved the available minutes from each of the individual Boards at the September 18th meeting. Les Engelmann was approved to serve on the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws Committee. Phone calls are now being made to members who have not signed up for a pictorial directory time slot. Annual Report has been compiled and the 2023-2024 fiscal year report was handed out at the September 29th Voters' meeting. The 2024-2025 report will be available for the last Voters' meeting of the year. The reports were not created previously due to absence of a Business Manager for portions of these years.

Christian Education Board | September 8th

Cradle Roll was updated and we evaluated how VBS went. We discussed Trunk or Treat coming up on October 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday School Registration went very well and we are looking forward to trying out our new format this year. The Sunday School Christmas service will be on Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 a.m. IGNITE! – youth group for children age 5 to Grade 4—will be on Tuesday, September 23 from 3 to 4:45 p.m. with the theme "Apple of His Eye." Children should register for this event so we can plan accordingly. We also discussed plans for the 2026 Mission Trip to New Mexico.

Day School | September 2nd

The school year is off to a great start. The FLS Boosters golf tournament was held on September 6th. We celebrated Mr. Miller's installation on September 7th. We are blessed to have him join First Lutheran School. Parent information night will be held on September 10th.

Board of Deacons | September 4th

Finalized the 2026 worship schedule. Formed a Deacon/Elder sub-committee to support the 150th Anniversary Committee. FLC now has a YouTube channel for viewing recorded service in addition to the FB live stream.

Board of Evangelism | September 3rd

The board members will be hosting the KDUZ Lutheran Hour event on September 27 at 4:15 pm. All are welcome to attend. We are finalizing a Fall Hayride in October. The board members are currently looking for names of people who would be willing to serve on the Evangelism board. Please consider this opportunity to serve our congregation and community.

Board of Stewardship | September 10th

Stewardship member worked on finalizing plans for the upcoming Fall Appreciation Dinner. Next quarter Angel Seeds were set for the 150th Anniversary Committee. Pastor Ewert handed out copies of the mission for the Stewardship Committee and discussion will take place next month. The E-Giving screen viewed during live streaming needs to be up a little longer for viewers to take advantage of.

Board of Trustees | September 2nd

The Board of Trustees reviewed quotes for new computers and telephones for the church office. The coating on the school gym ceiling is breaking off. Quotes will be gathered for scraping the ceiling and replacing it with a sound barrier product or tiles. Also, tabled a request to install a water heater in the Altar Guild room.

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.

Gardeners continue to be busy harvesting and preserving! The Farmers Market is a great place (Thursdays from 3-6) for picking up fresh produce. If you're fortunate to be blessed with friends who are gardeners/farmers, be sure to thank them for sharing their delicious bounty! Fellow Church members are also sharing – check the table at Main Entrance after Sunday services!



We held two Homegrown meals at FLS in September. At both meals, the students enjoyed Sweet Corn (from Seneca) that was dipped in sweet Butter (made from local cows). They also learned that late summer is a busy time for processing sweet corn. The workers at Seneca work very hard and the factory operates 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Some of the corn is preserved in cans and some is frozen in bags. By preserving it, we can enjoy delicious sweet corn all year round. Fun fact – a cob of corn has between 500-800 kernels!

The students also enjoyed Watermelon grown in a New Auburn garden. The melons were sweet and delicious and each weighed more than 25 lbs. Zucchini cakes were baked with Eggs from the Doug Schultz Farm and Zucchini Squash from local gardens. It was fun for the students to taste-



test Cucamelons, Lemon Cucumbers, and Apple Cider purchased from the Glencoe Farmers Market. Shimanski Orchard in Silver Lake has been supplying us with delicious Apples and Pears!. There were so many good and healthy items to eat!

As always, students sing the Homegrown song....

*Homegrown's all right with me
Homegrown is the way it should be
Homegrown is a good thing
Plant that bell and let it ring*

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 eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com.

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

~ 150th Anniversary ~



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 on 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 taken prior to Nov 8 will allow photos to be received in time for Christmas. The directory/historical book itself will be published by early summer. Every member family that schedules a session will receive a free book. Please sign up asap to schedule your photography session.

Volunteers are working hard contacting members to promote scheduling appointments. However, we often do not have current contact info. 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.

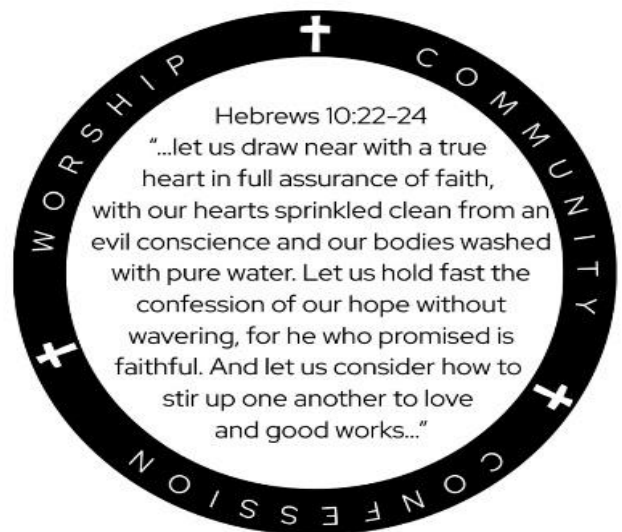


We still need additional volunteers for checking-in guests on photo session days. (See details in related article on Pictorial Directory.)

The Historical Committee has started work on the historical section of our book. A lot has happened since our last anniversary celebration, and it's not always easy to remember happenings. Can you help us recall significant events from the past 25 years. **Do you know the answers to any of the following questions?**

- What year were our current hymnals (Lutheran Service Book) purchased?
- What year were the screens put in church and why?
- What was the first year of our Facebook broadcast?
- When did they stop ushering people out after service?
- What veterans have been killed in action from our church/ (we believe we have the info up until World War II)?
- What changes to our church were brought on by COVID?
- List of organists through the years?
- When did the Spanish services stop and why?
- When did the Saturday School change to Mid-Week Release Time Classes?
- What missionaries have been sent out from our congregation and when?
- When did the Praise Folk Team stop playing for services?
- When did the Handbell Choirs stop playing for services?
- What's something we do on a yearly basis (Pancake, Bingo and Christmas Sale)?
- Any information on the Laotian Refugee Committee from the 1980's and the people they helped.

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.



~ 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!**

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, Sunday services, or by phoning the Church office at 864-5522. To schedule online, simply scan the QR code 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 slot. Appointments are filling up fast!

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. Both paper and digital versions are accepted. **Vertical format is preferred.**

♦ If you want to have your photo taken at Church, but require assistance with transportation, please contact the Church office so that we can try to set-up a ride for you.

♦ 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!



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



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

~ Thrivent News ~

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✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$125 for FLS and \$179 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 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, and seed money to cover promotional and material expenses (\$250 Community Impact Card).

EVERY Thrivent member is eligible to lead two Action Teams per calendar year. **IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR ACTION TEAMS, PLEASE LET CINDY OR THE OFFICE KNOW!** Involve others – it's all about your friends, family and community coming together to make a positive impact! **We are seeking Thrivent members for projects associated with FL upcoming 150th Anniversary.**

✓ **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!

✓ **Thrivent 2026 Calendar** – This 9.5 x 12" calendar is entitled – Moments of Grace. The beautiful monthly photos were submitted from a variety of Thrivent members. *I love this calendar as it has big squares for jotting down appointments!* There's still time to order your free calendar online!

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



~ Mat Makers ~



Mat-Makers

Tuesdays, October 14th and 28th
(2nd and 4th Tuesdays)
1:30 p.m.

Mat-Makers continue to make mats!

- Last month First Evangelical Lutheran Mat-Makers welcomed FOUR NEW MAT-MAKERS!!
- Several Mat-Makers gave presentations to other groups in the Minnesota South District demonstrating and teaching how mats are made for the purpose of keeping unhoused people warm.
- Devotions, visiting, Christian fellowship and light refreshments are also enjoyed along with the making of mats.

Feel free to attend ANY time. You will be welcomed.

*Most of the skills needed to participate in Mat-Making are easily learned in a few minutes.
And if you forget, we'll show you again!*

"Mat-Saturday" October 11

*Pig's Eye Lake Homeless Camp
St. Paul, Minnesota*

Saturday, October 11 over 25 sleeping mats crafted from recycled grocery bags will be delivered by Mat-Makers and several helpers to God's dear children who need a warm place to sleep at the Pig's Eye Lake homeless camp in St. Paul. The missionary in charge, Dr. James Seemann, and the unhoused residents are anticipating these mats and are calling it "Mat Saturday." Thanks to the generous First Evangelical members and friends, belts and food bars will also be delivered. Be watching for pictures on Facebook.

~ Lutheran Women in Mission ~

Jesus' Teachings & Biblical Meals

KRISTOPHER R. WHITBY



Lutheran Women in Mission Bible Study

"Meals That Bless"
October 6, 1:30 p.m.

Jesus extends to Matthew (Levi) the invitation to be His disciple. We learn from Luke 5:29 that Matthew responds by hosting a feast where Jesus is the guest of honor. It is surprising that Jesus extends this invitation to Matthew because he was a tax collector. Tax collectors did not enjoy a good reputation among other Jews. In fact, they were lumped in with "sinners."

Lutheran Women in Mission will continue the Bible Study "At Table with Jesus" October 6 at 1:30 p.m. Members, volunteers and guests are welcomed to come and learn how Matthew (and we) are blessed by being "at table" with Him. There will also be a short business meeting reviewing the recent Salad Luncheon Fundraiser. Yvonne Schuette will lead a devotion and Jeannie Polzin will serve refreshments. All women of the congregation and guests are welcomed.

Please Note, there are No October Birthdays to recognize.



Looking Ahead -- December 6 Annual Christmas Brunch-Bake-Craft Sale

Many congregations in our area have discontinued Christmas Bazaars or Bake Sales. First Evangelical Lutheran "Women in Mission" continue to host ours. This is only possible because of the MANY, MANY generous members and friends of the congregation who bring items:

cookies and baked good,
country store and bazaar type items,
brunch donations,
a wide variety of quilted items,
metal-work, wood-work, and more.

To you who will donate and to you who will purchase, rest assured that the proceeds of this sale are used for missions that proclaim Christ crucified: missions here at First Evangelical Lutheran, including items at FLS, as well as missions far away. Keep this Christ-pleasing thought in mind as you craft/bake/stitch/purchase/donate for this event!

Some Bible Verses about Honesty

Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not deceive one another. ~ *Leviticus 19:11*

Am I still to forget, O wicked house, your ill-gotten treasures and the short ephah, which is accursed? Shall I acquit a man with dishonest scales, with a bag of false weights? Her rich men are violent; her people are liars and their tongues speak deceitfully. ~ *Micah 6:10-12*

Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity. ~ *Leviticus 19: 35*

The Lord abhors dishonest scales, but accurate weights are His delight. ~ *Proverbs 11:1*

You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. For the Lord your God detests anyone who does these things, anyone who deals dishonestly. ~ *Deuteronomy 25: 15-16*

The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteousness give generously. ~ *Psalms 37:21*

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ~ *Colossians 3: 9 - 10*

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

Oct. 5 **"Every Age Has a Stage"** with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. Every age has a stage, not just a stage of life, but also a stage on which to perform and to serve. (Numbers 8:23-26)

Oct. 12 **"When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible "** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us. (Numbers 14:30-31)

Oct. 19 **"God's Help Dwells in Us"** with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez. The Holy Spirit is the Helper who comes to dwell in and with us, to encourage and empower us. (Numbers 11:29)

Oct. 26 **Topic not yet available at Newsletter Deadline**

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.**

~ 1st Lutheran Events ~

**First Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

**SALAD
Luncheon**

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 3RD**

11 AM to 12:30 PM

- VARIETY OF SALADS
- HOMEMADE BUNS
- DELICIOUS DESSERTS
- COFFEE/BEVERAGE

SUGGESTED DONATION \$13

Takeouts & Express Line

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'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!

If you have Christmas Cards to donate, please drop them off at the Church office. Also, if you are a Thrivent member with an available Action Team, please let Cindy Eggersgluess know. (We would use the Action Team to purchase postage stamps)

**#GIVING
TUESDAY**

~ 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.



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.

Rummage & Bake Sale

Thursday, October 16th 4 p.m.—8 p.m.

Friday, October 17th 8 a.m.—8 p.m.

Saturday, October 18th 8 a.m.—noon
(\$3.00 Bag Sale)



Huge
Sale!

**Infant through Adult Clothing & Shoes
Toys Books Furniture**

Household Items +++ Much Miscellaneous

Taking donations Oct 11 until noon Oct 14

Volunteers: Please sign up when you can help at www.martinlutherhs.com



Martin Luther JR/SR High School

315 Martin Luther Drive

Northrop, MN

4 miles north of Fairmont & 1/2 mile west

www.martinlutherhs.com

Honoring Christ...Welcoming All

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.

~ More Community Events ~

CHILI & SOUP LUNCHEON

Saturday, October 25

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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

Adult: \$12.00
Children Ages 5 to 12: \$3.00
Children Ages 4 & Under: Free



(Hosted by St. John LWML)

Come to the LWML Chicken Dinner

Sunday, October 12
11 AM to 1 PM

St. James Lutheran Fellowship Hall
1000 Sixth Avenue, Howard Lake

Shop the
Country Store
too!

Serving: Baked Chicken, Dressing, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Buns, Coleslaw,
Homemade Apple and Pumpkin Desserts



Dine-in ~ Take-out ~ Drive-Thru

Free-will Offerings will support LWML Mission Projects and Christmas gifts

PEACE WOMEN'S ADVENTURE CLUB HIKING AT BAYLOR PARK

FREE EVENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:00 A.M.

Embrace the Peace of God's artwork with other
women in the community on a hike around
Baylor Park. Meet at the front entrance for a
short devotional before we begin our hike.



HAPPY REFORMATION DAY!



Oct. 31, 1517 - Luther Updates His Blog

~Time, Talents, Treasures~

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

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



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 S



In Search Of...

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!



Recycle Your Old Printer Cartridges

Are you aware that there is a Drop Off Box at FL (main entry area) for empty printer cartridges?

Many used OEM cartridges (not manufactured) can be recycled and sold again.

We recently utilized a company called TonerBuyer.com which paid us cash for select cartridges. They currently accept **ONLY the following brands** ... Brother Laser, Canon Inkjet, Canon Laser, Dell, HP Inkjet, HP Laser, Lexmark, Okidata, Samsung, and Xerox. If we receive cartridge models that are not accepted, we will bring them to the McLeod County Recycling Center in Hutchinson.

Belts, Bottles, and Bars

WHOEVER IS GENEROUS TO THE POOR LENDS TO THE LORD

Youth and volunteers from the Minnesota South District of our church will be using BELTS, empty water jug BOTTLES, and various kinds of snack BARS in service projects the second weekend in October. Therefore, we are hosting a BELTS, BOTTLES, and BARS DRIVE! Please place new or used items in the bins located at the west and south entrances to the sanctuary **BY OCTOBER 5TH** so we can get them to the correct locations. God's Word says "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord..."--thank YOU for your generosity!

Vanco Giving – QR Code

If you wish to give to the church electronically, one method is to scan a QR Code. Using the code provided to the right, you can give using this method. For assistance, please contact the church office and we would be happy to help you.



Business Manager Recruitment (updated)

We are looking to hire our next Business Manager. Ideally, our candidate will be a member of First Lutheran. Your help is requested to:

- ☐ talk to members who you think might be a good candidate
- ☐ share those names with the church office
- ☐ contact the church office if you are interested and to obtain a copy of the job description
- ☐ prayerfully consider this position and include the filling of this position with God's optimal candidate, in your prayers.

We are looking for a committed follower of Jesus who demonstrates strong financial acumen, has background and experience in business and/or finance, and administrative skills to assist our Boards and other team members.

Volunteers Requested to Help Drive Members to Church

We are looking for members who would like to help drive our shut-ins to church on Sunday mornings. You decide how often, which church service, and how far you are able to drive to pick someone up. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to bring someone to church. You may call the church office at 320.864.5522 with any questions or to volunteer.



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



He Witnessed God's Hand in His Life

In San Angelo, TX, which was flooded when the Concho River overran its banks in July, chaplains met Tom and his nephew Simon. As they talked, the chaplains learned that Simon had recently repaired Tom's boat.

When the rains came down and the river rose, Simon jumped in the boat and saved his child and 14 of their neighbors. As he reflected on the traumatic experience, he saw God's hand of protection. He immediately understood that the Lord is "a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm (Isaiah 25:4), but he also realized he did not have a relationship with Him.

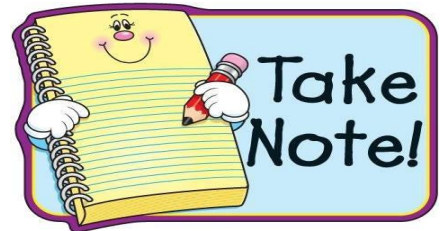
As the chaplains explained the Good News to Simon, he clearly grasped his need for the Savior. We praise God that he surrendered his life to Jesus Christ! Will you pray for our new brother?

-submitted

Please take note of the following dates:

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Fri., Oct. 3 – 1st Lutheran School Marathon
Fri., Oct. 3 – LW in Mission Salad Luncheon
Mon., Oct. 6 – YES, there is New Members' Class
Wed., Oct. 8 – Flames Boosters
Wed., Oct. 15 – No Catechism classes
Sun., Oct. 26 – Annual Hayride at Schuffs
Mon., Oct. 27 – Endowment / Finance Comm.
Mon., Oct. 27 & Tue., Oct. 28 – 1st Lutheran School 7th and 8th Graders trip to Mission Central, Iowa



**Thu., Oct. 30 at 7:00 p.m. – First Edition Book Club Legacy of Mercy”
by Lynn Austin (Book 2 in series)**

Crowder Concert in November is canceled.
Sun., Nov. 9 – Congregational Appreciation Meal

OCTOBER PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October 12 is Pastor Appreciation Day.
Please remember our pastors at First Lutheran
in your prayers
and please show them your appreciation
for bringing you Word and Sacrament
and for the preaching of Christ Crucified
in a lost and struggling world.



~ Young People

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

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Center

Young Adult Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Mondays at the Hoffmann's home

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



Sunday School 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.

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Candy Donations are now being accepted for our community outreach event--Trunk or Treat--to be held on **Saturday, October 25th from 4-6 p.m.**

Bags of individually wrapped candies can be placed in the tubs located outside the sanctuary entrances (south and west) up until the 25th.

Thank you for partnering with the Board of Christian Education in creating a safe and fun place for our church families and community to gather during a typically otherwise dark time. If you are interested in hosting a trunk, please sign up (details at the entrances or in the September newsletter)!



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.

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



~ Dinner Supports Lutheran Hour Broadcast ~

On September 27, First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glencoe hosted a special Dinner Program in support of Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). The featured speaker was Rev. Germán Novelli, Director of Hispanic Ministries, who shared an engaging presentation on missions and highlighted resources and materials available in Spanish.

The following morning, Rev. Novelli was the guest speaker at First Lutheran's Sunday Worship Services. Did you know that the United States is the second-largest Spanish-speaking country in the world? Rev. Novelli, born and raised in Venezuela, came to the U.S. in 2012, earned his Master of Theology degree from Concordia Seminary in 2018, and has served with LHM since 2024. He is also the voice of Para El Camino, an LHM program that provides weekly sermons and daily devotions across multiple platforms (www.lhm.org/hispanicministry).

Guests from Glencoe, Hutchinson, Arlington, Plato, Lester Prairie, Stewart, Mayer, Waconia, Woodbury, Rochester, and St. Paul gathered for the evening in support of the local weekly radio broadcasts of The Lutheran Hour, currently heard each Sunday at 9:00 am on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. Beginning on January 4, 2026, The Lutheran Hour broadcast will change stations and be heard at 7:00 am on KGLB 1310 AM Radio Glencoe. A special offering raised \$1,283 for the broadcast.

Those who would like to contribute to the local Lutheran Hour broadcast, are encouraged to send their contributions to First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 925 13th Street, Glencoe or call 320- 864-5522 to learn more about the Para El Camino Spanish broadcast.



October, 2025

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"

PRAYER

Please Pray For:

- Our school and church as we partner together to share the love of Jesus to a world that thinks it is not necessary.
- A school year in which students, families, and teachers work together to build loving, lasting relationships with each other and their Lord and Savior.
- A safe hunting season for all of the people who are taking part in this activity.
- Eyes to see the best in people.



Student Council

The First Lutheran student council representatives have been voted on. Student council is led by Ms. Payton Lilienthal, the 5-8 Social Studies teacher. Each class from grades 5-8 have two representatives. They are:
5th - Dalis M. and Kendyl A.
6th - Lina O. and Axel G.
7th - Autumn G. and Marsadies A.
8th - Harper N. and Oscar F.
Throughout the year they will be volunteering in different ways and being advocates from their class to problem solve any issues.

welcome TO THE FAMILY

We would like to offer a warm welcome to our new families! We are so happy that you have chosen First Lutheran School. We pray that all of our students will grow in their faith as they develop a closer relationship with their Savior. If you are a new family please reach out to staff members or "veteran" families if you have questions about anything at school. We are ALWAYS here to help!



It is all happening in 7th/8th grade! We are continuing our journey through Jack London's classic *The Call of the Wild*, taking our first unit Math tests, and creating art critiques on classic pieces of art. Our plans to travel to Missions Central in Mapleton IA are in full swing and our first fundraiser of the year is quickly approaching. As in years past, the 7/8th grade students will be serving our traditional German Meal during Trunk-or-Treat on October 25, 2025 from 4:15 - 6:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall of First Lutheran Church. All donations received for the meal will go to fund this year's trip to Missions Central and next year's trip to Wolf Ridge. Please join us for this time of fundraising, fellowship, and fun!
-Mrs. Korthals | 7th & 8th Grade Teacher



\$14,000



\$12,000



\$18,000

School Marathon

The nonpublic school marathon will be held on Friday, Oct. 3rd. The purpose of the Marathon is to enable those who support and advocate Nonpublic Education to make a public demonstration of their belief and involvement. Parochial schools and church education programs make a real contribution to the total community. Participants also raise funds in a fun activity for First Lutheran. The pledge drive has already started and there has been a generous anonymous donation that will match all funds raised up to \$10,00! As the major incentive this year, if students raise over \$12,000 we will have a family movie night at the State Theatre in Hutch. AND if they raise over \$14,000 the school will host a pizza and pool party at CSL. AND if we raise more than \$18,00 there will be a teacher vs. teacher tournament! The top three students will be given a chance to win a brand new Chromebook, a \$50 gift card to Target, or a \$25 gift card to the Dairy Queen! There will be special recognition for those individuals and businesses donating sums of \$250, \$150, or \$75 amounts.

principal@1stglencoe.org

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

thank you

- Everyone who is considering a donation for our School Marathon as well as all the people who are soliciting.
- Coborns for collaborating with FLS in their school rewards program.
- The anonymous donors who have contributed to our tuition assistance and lunch funds.
- All the church and community members who support FLS through their time, talents, and financial contributions.
- The coaches and volunteers for our Extracurricular Activities! (4-6 Volleyball, K-3 Soccer, 3-8 Cross Country).
- The School Board for their often-thankless work of maintaining a quality school.
- Michelle Alsleben for her dedicated effort in the school office as she works hard to make sure many different tasks are accomplished.
- Tanner and Annika Schafer for all of their hard work putting on the Golf Tournament! Also to everyone who helped and supported in other ways!
- All of the hardworking folks who keep our school in tip top shape!



Fall sports are in full swing here at First Lutheran School! We are proud of our amazing, young athletes and how much they have grown so far this season! Our 4/5/6 grade girls, coached by Mrs. Scheele, have had a few volleyball games. They have played their hearts out and glorified God! Their season wraps up mid October.

Our cross country team, coached by Ms. Lilienthal, has been working hard and continues to show growth at each meet!

Our K-3 grade soccer teams are coached by Mr. Oelfke, Mr. Schafer, Mrs. Hoffmann, and other great parent volunteers. They have games on Saturday mornings and their seasons have been off to a great start! It is such a joy to watch the improvement from all three teams as the season continues!

Stay tuned for information regarding basketball registration! We would love to be able to have boys' and girls' teams this year!

What a blessing it has been to see our programs grow each year! We love to have lots of cheering at our events, so come on out and support our FLS teams this season! We give thanks to God for these athletes, their coaches, and for a fun start to the season! Go Flames!

In Christ, Mr. Lilienthal | FLS A.D



Upcoming Events

- October 3 | School Marathon
- October 14 & 15 | Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 16-19 | No school | MEA
- October 25 | Trunk-or-Treat | 4-6 PM
- November 26 | Grandparents Day



Golf Tournament Recap

A huge thank you to Tanner and Annika Schafer for their hard work in putting on the 5th Annual Golf Tournament! We had 17 teams come out and join us golfing. A fun day was had at the Glencoe Golf Course raising funds for First Lutheran School as we continue to make it a thriving school where Christ is honored and spiritual and academic growth are our main priorities. Together, they raised over \$4,000 for First Lutheran. What a blessing! Stay tuned for our date to be announced for next year! We would love to have more families come out and enjoy a beautiful day of golfing, fellowship, and fun while supporting First Lutheran!



October 2025



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