

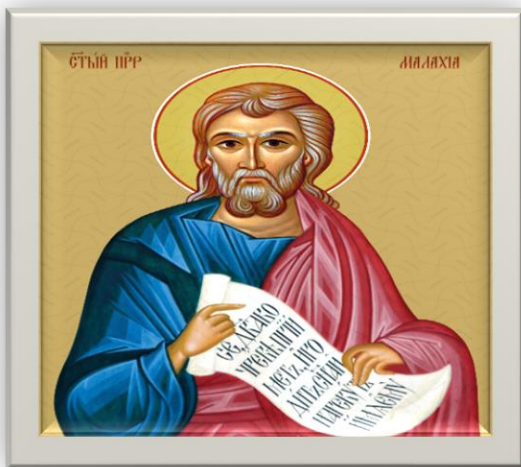
Malachi: Using God's Gifts for God's Glory

What do you know about the book of Malachi? That it's the last book in the Old Testament? Anything else? Probably not. And you're not alone. Few Christians have ever studied Malachi.

So why spend four weeks on such a little-known book of the Bible? Simple. The book of Malachi announces the Good News of God's covenant election and the coming Messiah to give believers the power to manage God's gifts for God's glory.

How often does apathy get in the way of our walk with Jesus? Apathy is a compound of two Greek words that literally means, "No passion." We all know the feeling—the days when our get up and go has got up and went. Then what happens? We don't manage God's gifts—especially His gifts of money and investments—for His glory and the spread of His Gospel.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dan Welch*



(Note: Credit is here given to Rev. Dr. R. Reed Lessing, who hosted a Stewardship Workshop for Pastors entitled "Malach and Money" at Concordia University, St. Paul on August 25, 2025. Dr. Lessing authored the resources which Pastor Ewert and Pastor Welch are adapting and modifying for our use here at First Lutheran Church.)

His Gospel! His Good News!

That's what the prophet Malachi announces to awake us out of spiritual slumber so that, with renewed zeal, we have our eyes wide open to God's goodness to us. And there's only one way to live after a fresh encounter with the Gospel of God's forgiveness and renewing Spirit in Christ Jesus: For His glory!

Here are the sermon themes as we make our way through Malachi:

Week One: Looking in the right places makes faithful stewards (Nov. 9th)

Week Two: God gets our attention so we bring Him righteous offerings (Nov. 16th)

Week Three: God calms our financial fears (Nov. 23rd)

Week Four: Christ's return empowers joyful stewardship (Nov. 30th)

All of this, and so much more, is coming your way.
I invite you to participate in this year's stewardship
emphasis joyfully and enthusiastically!

**"Will a man rob God? Yet you
have robbed Me! But you say,
'In what way have we robbed You?"**



Malachi 3:8

Knowing-Jesus.com

MALACHI

PROPHETIC HOPE: NEW JERUSALEM (SEE EZRA-NEHEMIAH)

100 YEARS AFTER RETURN FROM EXILE

CONCORPTION **INJUSTICE** **POVERTY**

A SERIES OF DISPUTES

CLAIM **DISAGREEMENT** **RESPONSE**

GOD

1-2 EXPOSING ISRAEL'S CORRUPTION

DISPUTE #1 12-5

I STILL LOVE YOU. (12-5)

HOW HAVE YOU SHOWN US LOVE?

I CHOSE JACOB'S FAMILY TO CARRY MY COVENANT PROMISES...

...BUT NOT ESAU'S FAMILY.

JACOB & ISRAEL **ESAU & EDOM** **GENESIS 25-27 & OBEDIAH**

DISPUTE #2 10-29

YOU DESPISE ME & DEFILE MY TEMPLE. (10-29)

HOW ARE WE DESTROYING YOU?

IT'S GOD ENOUGH.

NO PROBLEM!

IT'S FINE.

DISPUTE #3 210-10

YOU'VE TURNED AGAINST ME & YOUR WIVES.

WHAT? HOW?!!

IDOLATRY & DIVORCE (SEE NEHEMIAH 13)

YES GOD!

WHERE IS GOD'S WISDOM?

3 CONFRONTING ISRAEL'S CORRUPTION & DAY OF THE LORD

DISPUTE #4 217-35

YOU'VE NEGLECTED US! WHERE IS THE GOD OF JUSTICE? (217-35)

I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER TO PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE ME... AND I WILL COME TO BRING JUSTICE. (217-35)

FAITHFUL REMNANT

DISPUTE #5 330-12

TURN BACK TO ME. (330-12)

START OFFERING THE TITHE AGAIN. (330-12)

10% OF ANNUAL INCOME, DONATED TO SUPPORT THE TEMPLE (SEE LEVITICUS 27:30)

DISPUTE #6 343-10

IT'S POINTLESS TO SERVE GOD WHEN WICKED PEOPLE SUCCEED & GOD DOES NOTHING! (343-10)

GOD'S RESPONSE: A SHORT STORY

4:4-6 CONCLUDING APPENDIX TO TORAH & PROPHETS

TORAH & PROPHETS

"REMEMBER THE TORAH OF MY SERVANT MOSES."

"I WILL SEND THE PROPHET ELIJAH BEFORE THE DAY OF THE LORD, WHO WILL RESOLVE THE HEARTS OF GOD'S PEOPLE."

- SUMMARIZES THE TORAH & PROPHETS AS A UNIFIED STORY THAT POINTS TO THE FUTURE...
- WHEN GOD WILL SEND A NEW MOSES & ELIJAH TO RESTORE GOD'S PEOPLE & HEAL THEIR HEARTS. (NUMBERS 31:17-20, JEREMIAH 31, ZECHARIAH 36) ♥♥♥

4:1-3 CONCLUSION

THE FUTURE OF THE REMNANT

"FOR THOSE WHO REVERE MY NAME, THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL RISE, WITH HEALING IN ITS WINGS." (4:2)

THE FAITHFUL REMNANT

SCROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

- THE FAITHFUL READ THE SCROLL TO REMEMBER GOD'S CHARACTER & PROMISES
- THE DIVINE GIFT OF SCRIPTURES: THEY POINT US TO THE PAST TO INSPIRE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



From Assistant Pastor, Michael Ewert

Recently, I started a sermon with several first lines from popular books, *The Hobbit*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Moby Dick*, and *The Bible*. I also said that we are a people of stories. However, the Bible is not just another story; it is the Story of Everything! Dr. Joel Okamoto wrote an article that I had to read several times while at Seminary, "The Word of the Cross and the Story of Everything." In it, he explains the need for Christians to see and analyze their own Story of Everything, because he says, "This is about everything. But everything is up for grabs." (53)

But before I get too far ahead of myself, what even is a Story of Everything? It is an account that a person uses to explain the fundamental questions of the universe, such as Why do we exist?, What is our purpose? Why do bad things happen?, or even What job should I pursue?, all the way down to What should I eat for supper? Every person has such an account, even if they don't think about it. But as Christians Dr. Okamoto is "proposing it on behalf of all of us. This is not merely Okamoto's idea. I am proposing it as ours. This is something public, something catholic, and something objective." (53) This is not just each individual's account, but as Christians we are united as the Body of Christ. So the Christian Story of Everything is ours together.

You might ask, "Why is this so Important?" Dr. Okamoto answers, "We need to consider our account of everything, because we live in times when everything is up for grabs." (53) We now live in a pluralistic society, meaning people who live together no longer automatically agree on everything. There has been a loss of cohesion in our country. Fundamental truths that the church and Christians took for granted are no longer assumed by our neighbors. Do God, truth, morals, or beauty even exist?

Today, you will get 50 different answers. But Christianity also has to compete with other accounts of everything, "Accounts of everything include different religions—Christianity, Hinduism, and Buddhism — and different philosophies—idealism, materialism and scientism." (53) Each provides explanations that don't operate well with Christianity. But our neighbors will be familiar with them, and so we need to explain why they should hear the Story.

So what is the Christian Story of Everything? We hear it from the Bible, although the Bible does not lay it out by saying, The Christian Story of everything is... Dr. Okamoto begins by pointing out that "'everything' means 'God and Creation.'" (54) The story tells us of God and then His creation and His interaction with it. But it also answers questions of "'Who is God?' and 'Why did Jesus die?'" (54)

The Story of Everything tells us of God's Love for His creation from Adam and Eve, to Abraham, the Israelites, and up to Us! It culminates in the Gospel, the ultimate showing of God's Love for us through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. (Which we are also learning more about in our Sunday Morning Bible Study) "God makes himself known and God works out all things in and through Jesus of Nazareth...In his day, Jesus insisted. He didn't back down. So he was rejected, and he was crucified." (63) But then it continues as we see God's love for us today as Christians. And this means "Our entire identity as Christians and everything that we are in our lives are implicated with Jesus Christ and him crucified." (64) Everything is put in place for us only through the Cross. Then we can share the Story of Everything and explore its answers together with all people. Dr. Okamoto concludes

"Jesus" is the key to all our answers, as he always has been. But how are we to preach, teach, and understand him today? The crucifixion of Jesus is the key for understanding, believing, proclaiming, and teaching his identity as the Son of God and his mission to redeem and rule over God's people and over all God's creation. He came to redeem all God had made. It had gone wrong when evil and sin and death entered the world. But God resolved to make all things new. Through Jesus, God did. (65)

My prayer for you is that you spend more time reading, hearing, and sharing the Story of Everything. That you know God's love for you, his beloved creation.

Okamoto, Joel P. "The Word of the Cross and the Story of Everything." *Concordia Journal* 45, no. 3 (December 31, 2019): 51–66

Speaking Christ,
Pr. Michael Ewert

From the DCE Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month we continue our look into the *7 Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry*. Last month, we focused on being a congregation of **Warmth, Challenge, and Grace**. This month, we turn to the second vital component—**Supportive Adults**.

Every youth ministry is, at its heart, about helping young people grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ. While the structure may differ from congregation to congregation, the need for *supportive adults* is universal. LCMS Youth Ministry's research shows that "supportive congregations seek to connect every youth with at least five engaged Christian adults." These adults intentionally invest in long-term, intergenerational relationships and respond to life's celebrations, transitions, and crises. Five adults per youth may seem ambitious, but the impact is life changing.

What does it mean to be a *supportive adult*? It begins with intentional relationships. Supportive adults go beyond attending events or "chaperoning." They are present, accessible, and listen deeply—walking alongside youth through joys, questions, doubts, and major decisions. As LCMS Youth Ministry puts it: "Chaperones desire to protect, discipline, and control. Supportive adults desire to build relationships, disciple, listen, and observe."

Supportive adults come from every generation. They are not only parents, but members of all ages who invest in discipling youth—engaging in faith conversations, praying with them, and helping them see how their Baptism, Christ's forgiveness, and a life of service shape who they are. These adults help every young person know they are seen, known, and valued in Christ. As *The Lutheran Witness* notes, "Youth ministry helps root youth and surrounds them with adults who point them back to Jesus."

Supportive adults also prepare to walk with youth through all seasons—transitions from school to school, moves, crises, and joyful milestones like confirmation, mission trips, or first jobs. As the book *7 Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry* reminds us, youth ministry is grounded in Scripture and Lutheran theology: God entrusts young people to the care of His Church, where Baptism places them in Christ's Body for lifelong sanctification. Research affirms that strong adult-to-youth relationships help to build lasting faith identity, church connection, and resilience in the face of trials and suffering.

This practice matters in every congregation, large or small. *The Lutheran Witness* reminds us, "If you have even one teen in a congregation, there is youth ministry." Our youth should not exist in a silo—they should see adults worshiping, serving, and praying alongside them; engaging with them in the work of the church, not simply tolerating their presence. Adults must engage with youth as partners in ministry, not distant observers.

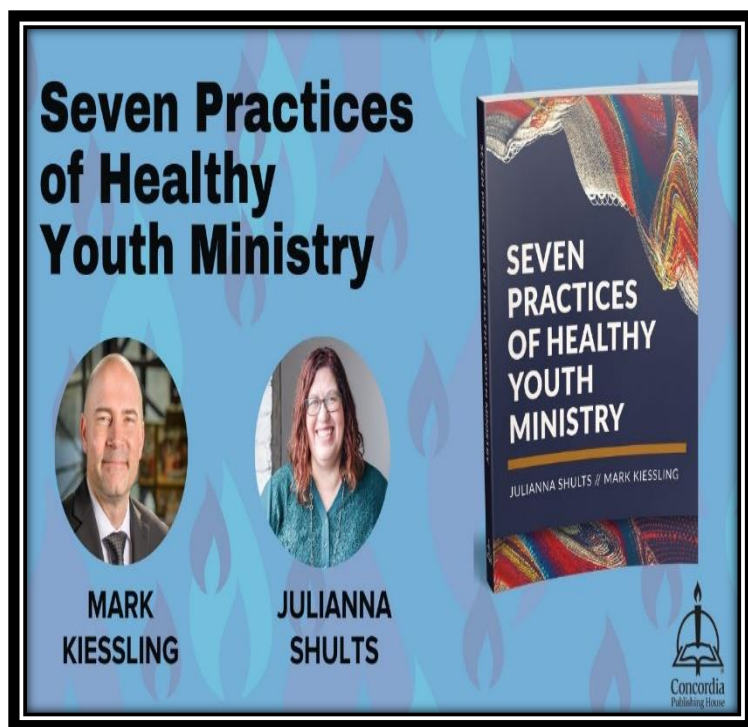
It's often said, "It takes a village to raise a child." Parents aren't meant to do this alone. We, as the Church, are called to form a network of adult Christ-followers who invest in and encourage our young people.

The phrase *Supportive Adults* might sound simple, but it carries deep weight. Everything we do flows from the Gospel—through Baptism, we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection and given new life. When youth see this Gospel lived out in the adults around them, they are more likely to carry that faith forward for a lifetime straight into eternity.

Here at First Lutheran, may we commit to being that kind of community—a place where our young people are not only seen and known, but championed in their life in Christ.

In Christ,

<>< *Deaconess Megan Polzin*



Elders & Deacons

Sun., Nov. 2 8:00 AM – Mark Schmidt, David Hoefs
 10:30 AM – Dan Nikolaisen, Lars Ide

Sun., Nov. 9 8:00 AM – Leonard Donnay, Doug Dahlke
 10:30 AM – Will Freberg, Kermit Terlinden

Sun., Nov. 16 8:00 AM – _____, David Hoefs
 10:30 AM – Justin Petterson, Lars Ide

Sun., Nov. 23 8:00 AM – David Polzin, Mike Cisewski
 10:30 AM – Will Freberg, _____

Wed., Nov. 26 7:00 PM – Dennis Wolter, Jason Oelfke

Thu., Nov. 27 9:00 AM – Dennis Wolter, Kermit Terlinden

Sun. Nov. 30 8:00 AM – Leonard Donnay, David Polzin
 10:30 AM – Jason Oelfke, Justin Petterson

Screen Presenters

Sun., Nov. 2 8:00 AM – Chloe Donnay
 10:30 AM – Tyler Schauer

Sun., Nov. 9 8:00 AM – Piper Polzin
 10:30 AM – Jeri Bennett

Sun., Nov. 16 8:00 AM – Brittney Wolff
 10:30 AM – _____

Sun., Nov. 23 8:00 AM – Gemma Goff
 10:30 AM – _____

Wed., Nov. 26 7:00 PM – Amy Welch

Thu., Nov. 27 9:00 AM – Pam Ahlbrecht

Sun. Nov. 30 8:00 AM – NO SCREENS
 10:30 AM – NO SCREENS

Greeters

Sun., Nov. 2 8:00 AM – _____
 10:30 AM – _____

Sun., Nov. 9 8:00 AM – Ken & Joyce Schiroo
 10:30 AM – _____

Sun., Nov. 16 8:00 AM – _____
 10:30 AM – _____

Sun., Nov. 23 8:00 AM – _____
 10:30 AM – _____

Wed., Nov. 26 7:00 PM – _____

Thu., Nov. 27 9:00 AM – _____

Sun. Nov. 30 8:00 AM – Ken & Joyce Schiroo
 10:30 AM – _____

PA / Sound

Sun., Nov. 2 8:00 AM – Glenn Cohrs
 10:30 AM – Steven Schauer

Sun., Nov. 9 8:00 AM – Kevin Cohrs
 10:30 AM – Grady Schuff

Sun., Nov. 16 8:00 AM – Andrew Mackenthun (radio)
 10:30 AM – Lynn Exsted

Sun., Nov. 23 8:00 AM – Glenn Cohrs
 10:30 AM – Tyler Schauer

Wed., Nov. 26 7:00 PM – Kevin Cohrs

Thu., Nov. 27 9:00 AM – Andrew Mackenthun (radio)

Sun. Nov. 30 8:00 AM – Lynn Exsted
 10:30 AM – Grady Schuff

Acolytes

Sun., Nov. 2 8:00 AM – Oscar Freberg, Priya Wisch
 10:30 AM – Emme Neubarth, Harper N.

Sun., Nov. 9 8:00 AM – Clara Willcox, Drew Schmitz
 10:30 AM – Sam Betsinger, Nolan Dammann

Sun., Nov. 16 8:00 AM – Sam Betsinger, Bennett Vinkemeier
 10:30 AM – Emme Neubarth, Harper N.

Sun., Nov. 23 8:00 AM – Sam Betsinger, Priya Wisch
 10:30 AM – Clara Willcox, Ayla Pokornowski

Wed., Nov. 26 7:00 PM – Mason Ortloff

Thu., Nov. 27 9:00 AM – Nolan Dammann

Sun. Nov. 30 8:00 AM – Priya Wisch, Cambel Lang
 10:30 AM – Nolan Dammann, William Horton

Camera (either service)

Sun., Nov. 2 Andrew Mackenthun

Sun., Nov. 9 Robert Schuff

Sun., Nov. 16 Pam Ahlbrecht

Sun., Nov. 23 Lynn Exsted

Wed., Nov. 26 Linda Ranzau (Wed. or Thu.)

Thu., Nov. 27 Linda Ranzau (Wed. or Thu.)

Sun. Nov. 30 Robert Schuff

THANK YOU!

Special Music

Sun., Nov. 2	8:00 AM – Lambs of the Lord (FLS K to Gr. 2) 10:30 AM – Senior Choir
Sun., Nov. 16	8:00 AM – Senior Choir
Wed., Nov. 26	7:00 PM – Senior Choir

Fellowship Time

Sun., Nov. 2	Choir - Altos
Sun., Nov. 9	Stewardship
Sun., Nov. 16	Evangelism
Sun., Nov. 23	
Sun. Nov. 30	Church Council

Christian Ed Helper (Sunday School)

Sun., Nov. 2	Ruby Graf
Sun., Nov. 9	Ruby Graf
Sun., Nov. 16	
Sun., Nov. 23	
Sun. Nov. 30	



To volunteer, please use the Master Sign-up Genius QR code found on Page 14, or call the church office.

LET OUR LIVES BE FULL
OF BOTH
Thanks
&
Giving

~ Summaries from Our Boards ~



Church Council | October 16th

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and approved the available October minutes from each of the individual Boards at the October 16th meeting. Trunk or Treat will have an entry area greeted by Evangelism Board members, handing out a newly created church brochure. Plans are moving ahead to replace the school kitchen flooring. Reviewed financial trends, which indicate giving went down while ministry/staff vacancies were present. At this time, all vacancies other than part-time business manager have been filled; but member contributions have not gone up. Means to bridge the gap in revenue until contributions trend upward, were discussed.

Christian Education Board | October 13th

All of the members present learned about the procedure for taking care of the Cradle Roll and it was updated. Topics for discussion included: Council Report, November Ignite!, Trunk or Treat plans, Advent preparations with the theme "Every Heart Prepare," Sunday School gifts, Confirmation crosses, Mission Trip plans, 150th Anniversary update, Ladies' ParTEA, Children's Christmas Ornament gift, 150 Community Service ideas, and the Youth app.

Day School | October 7th

Fire Safety Month was celebrated by either students going to the fire department or the fire department coming to the school to visit with the students. The Mission Central Trip is coming up at the of the month for the 7th and 8th graders. The Annual School Marathon has wrapped up. Over \$28,000 was raised for the school.

Board of Deacons | October 2nd

Discussed updated computer systems proposal for Pastors and office staff. Starting to fill 4th the quarter deacon's schedule. Determined attendees for October circuit forum.

Board of Evangelism | October 1st

The Evangelism Board met on Wednesday, October 1, 2025. We would like to thank all those who helped with the KDUZ Lutheran Hour event in September. The Annual Fall Hayride will be taking place on Sunday, October 26 from 4:00-8:00 at the Robert Schuff farm. Come join the fun! We are looking forward to the Trunk or Treat that will be held on Saturday, October 25 and the Board of Evangelism will be at the entrance table. We have updated welcome bags for visitors and continue to ask for greeters for Sunday services.

Board of Stewardship | October 1st

The Board had more discussion about the fall appreciation lunch. The menu consists of soup, hotdish, bread, crackers, pickles, and possible ice cream or snow cones for dessert. Pastor Ewert handed out copies of the Stewardship by-laws. Discussion continued on the use of the QR code.

Board of Trustees | October 6th

The Board of Trustees recommended purchasing two laptops for the church secretary and business office. New signage will be put up to make both restrooms by the kitchen family restrooms. Holes in the church parking lot will be patched before winter. The balcony A/C unit will need repair or replacement before next summer.

~ 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!

Right now we are creating a list of 150 Service Projects!

A new Church Pictorial Directory with a FL Historical Recap of 1876 – 2026 will contain both the member photos and historical information. The directory/historical book itself will be published by early summer. Every member family that schedules a session will receive a free book.

Volunteers have worked hard trying to contact all members to secure a photography appointment. However, we often do not have current contact info. If we have not reached you and you still need to set an appointment, please do so asap.

The Historical Committee consists of Abby Debner, Sue Debner, Pastor Michael, RaNaye Lentsch, David Schiroo, Joyce Schiroo, Dennis and Cindy. They continue to gather info and work on ideas for 2026 events.

Are you a descendant of one of our founding fathers – August Ahlbrecht, H.F. Beneke, Friedrich Dehning, Ludwig Glander, John Grimm, Michael Grimm, Wilhelm Jannike, August Liebetrau, or John Preis? Please let Cindy know by calling or texting 612-840-6308.

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.



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 First Lutheran School lunch program.

This past month, harvest continued, but began to wind down for the season. Gardeners were still preserving (canning and freezing) produce; but they also worked on clearing out and preparing their gardens for winter. The farmers are busy harvesting corn, soybeans, and beets – soon fields will all be plowed. As we haven't had much rain, it's been a fast and busy harvest season.



Please be sure to thank fellow congregation members who shared their delicious garden bounty after Sunday services. It was a blessing to all of us – we appreciate their generosity!

Our October Homegrown meal was held on Oct 9. First Lutheran School students enjoyed Grilled Cheese Sandwiches (Bongards cheese), Refrigerator Pickles (local garden cucumbers), Carrot Fries (Tangletown Garden Carrots), Fresh Tomato slices (local gardens), Apple Cider (Glencoe Farmers Market), and Apples (Shimanski Orchard in Silver Lake).



We celebrated the GREAT APPLE CRUNCH by "counting down together" prior to our bite into our delicious red apples.

Question - Why have you never seen a Rabbit with glasses? Because they love carrots.....rich in beta-carotene that promotes healthy vision! HaHa!



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*

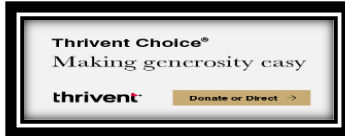
If you have produce or recipes to share, please reach out to First Lutheran School Secretary Michelle Alsleben at 864-3317 or Program Assistant Becky Ostlie, or Program Coordinator Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com.

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



~ Thrivent News ~

✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$237 for FLS and \$210 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.



If you directed your Choice \$ in October – thank you! You enrolled us in a chance to be one of fifteen randomly selected organizations to receive a \$15,000 Thrivent Grant, celebrating the 15th Anniversary of Choice \$. Winners will be notified by the end of November!

✓ **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 First Lutheran's upcoming 150th Anniversary.**

✓ **Thrivent Member Network - Twin Cities** 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 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!

✓ **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. You can choose from a Water Filter or Light Kit. Members are eligible to make one kit (with 3 units) per year!



Each water filter is designed to make a sustainable impact by providing 10-12 people with drinkable water for at least 10 years!

~ Mat-Makers ~



Mat-Makers

Crafting mats from clean, used, plastic grocery bags for God's dear ones who need a place to sleep.

Mat-Makers meet at 1:30 p.m.
the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month
for making mats and Christian fellowship.

A comment from one of the newer Mat-Makers:

"I'm so glad I came. Everyone is so nice here."

Do you know why? Because all of us here love Jesus very much and we want to serve Him by making nice, comfortable mats for His dear children who need a warm place to sleep.

(quietly) "Yeah. I think that's why I'm here, too."

November 11, 1:30 p.m.

Roll call: Some things about a veteran you love.

November 25, 1:30 p.m.

Roll call: A memory from a Thanksgiving Day.



The Mat-Makers recently made and donated 75 mats for the Pig's Eye Homeless Encampment in St. Paul.

Please check out the article on page 17 of this newsletter.

~ Lutheran Hour News ~

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday morning during 2025 at 9:00 am on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. During the month of November, you will hear the following program topics on the 9:00 am broadcast:

Nov. 2 "The Way Out" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus alone is the Way out, rescuing us from sin, despair, and death. He calls us to live as people "on the way." (1 Cor. 10:13)

Nov. 9 "The Lead of Life" with Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti The lead (or 'lede') of a news story conveys the most essential information. What is the lead of the Good News, the Gospel? (Luke 20:27-40)

Nov. 16 "The Name on the Front" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God. (Romans 12:5-6)

Nov. 23 "An Unlikely King" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies Christ is the King of an unlikely kingdom. Dr. Chad Lakies describes that kingdom's seemingly upside-down, illogical logic. (Philippians 2:5-11)

Nov. 30 "Rise and Shine" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus is no siesta. It's a 5 a.m. wake-up call, a jolt out of bed that will turn your world upside down. (Romans 13:11)

Lutheran Hour Broadcast Moves to KGLB Radio

Beginning on January 4, 2026 the Lutheran Hour broadcast is moving from KDUZ 1260 AM Radio to KGLB 1310 AM Radio (you should receive better reception with its stronger signal) and will be heard on Sunday mornings at 7:00 am. You will also hear the 7:00 am broadcast on KGLB 96.1 FM Radio.

2026 KGLB Broadcast Sponsor Campaign

You are invited to become a 2026 KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporter. The cost to sponsor one broadcast is \$98.00 but we appreciate any gift amount. Send your gift (payable to KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast) to: KGLB 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

Our Mission

The Lutheran Hour broadcast is a congregational outreach ministry supporting congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the KGLB 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.

Spanish Language Lutheran Hour Program

Hear the Spanish language Lutheran Hour program at: <https://www.paraelcamino.com/>. This program is a weekly Biblical message of faith and hope to accompany you on life's journey.

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

Sponsored by the KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters

~ Lutheran Women in Mission ~

At Table with Jesus

The Feeding of the 5,000 and 4,000 Bible Study

Monday, November 3, 1:30 p.m.

Lutheran Women in Mission will continue the Bible study "At Table with Jesus" Monday, November 3 at 1:30 p.m. Cut off from any means to sustain them locally, and having far too few personal resources to care for their needs, the disciples are confronted twice with the same situation in **the feeding of the 5,000 and 4,000**. The people need to be cared for and fed, but how can this be accomplished with so little? Fortunately, the One for whom the crowd had gathered is more than able to provide for their need and then some. But, are these miracle events merely two versions of the same story, or is there something unique to be gained from each event? What insights are there in these meals with Christ for the Church today?

Want to study ahead? Read **Matthew 14: 13-21; Luke 9:10-17; Matthew 15:19-39**. You do not have to be a rostered member to attend these Lutheran Women in Mission Bible studies. **Volunteers and guests are always welcomed.** No one is forced to "read out loud" or "answer the question." You may choose to participate vocally or to quietly listen. Deaconess Polzin will lead an opening devotion.

Lutheran Women in Mission to select Mission Grants

Immediately following "At Table with Jesus" Bible Study, Lutheran Women in mission will select which missions to fund this year. This is an important meeting. Various groups here at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, First Evangelical Lutheran School, and other missions have requested gifts. These requests have been compiled and carefully examined. Members will vote on **which missions to help fund this year**. All members are encouraged to attend **this important meeting**. Refreshments will be served.

Happy November birthday to honorary Lutheran Women in Mission member Frances Wilson. A \$5 gift to LWML Mission Grants "mites" has been given in your honor.



Lutheran Women
in Mission



Christmas Brunch-Bake-Craft Sale December 6, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

First Evangelical Lutheran is regarded as having the BEST Christmas brunch, bake and craft sale in the area!! This is because of the GENEROUS donations from members!

- Bring your craft items/country store-type items a day or 2 or 3 before the sale
- Bring your cookies, candies, baked items the evening before or the morning of the sale
- You may package your items yourself, or bring them "in bulk" and we'll package them for you
- Cookie variety plates usually sell the best
- Your cookie/candy type items may be mixed into a variety plate
- You may suggest a price. If necessary, we might change it comparable to other items
- Generally, our variety cookie plates are \$10 a dozen
- Our "dozens" often contain about 14 cookies, depending on size
- If there are left-over items, they will be sold after church the next day
- Items will not be marked down until the next day
- Usually, ALL of the baked items sell
- If your craft/country store items don't sell, please pick them up within a few days after the sale



VINTAGE CHRISTMAS A New "Vintage" table at the Christmas Brunch-Bake-Craft Sale

This year we will have a special table at the Dec. 6 Christmas Brunch-Bake-Craft Sale called **VINTAGE CHRISTMAS**.

You may bring some of your antique, vintage, or old Christmas decorations, ornaments, toys or other items that collectors or decorators may want to purchase. (No junk, please! Just the cool stuff!)

- * Display it in an attractive way.
- * We'll try this for one year to see if it's well received.
- * Please be prepared to take your own vintage items home if they don't sell.



Some Bible Verses about Worry

Worry. It has been a human characteristic since the fall of mankind into sin. Worry makes people weak and sad while Satan dances with glee.

Worry Says: God won't forgive me for this.

But God Says: . . . He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins . . . (1 John 1:9)

Worry Says: It will never work out.

But God Says: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good. (Romans 8:28)

Worry Says: I just can't do it.

But God Says: I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. (Phillipians 4:13)

Worry Says: I won't have enough.

But God Says: . . . God will supply every need of yours . . . (Phillipians 4:19)

Worry Says: I'm so worried I can't sleep.

But God Says: Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

Jesus asks, "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?" (Matthew 6:27). Even in our darkest moments, we know that worry is futile. By believing in God's love and mercy, we can ask Him to take away our worries and replace them with confidence and trust.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, You know all of my heartaches, my concerns, my worries. Help me to remember Your promises when worries attack me. Help me to trust in You for all that I need from day to day and moment to moment. Help me to know for certain that Your loving answers will come at the right time and in the right way. In Jesus' name. Amen.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Craft, Quilt, Brunch & Bake Sale
Sat, Dec 6th
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

New This Year! Vintage Christmas Items

Pastries of Choice, Fruit Cup, Juice, Coffee - \$6

Sponsored by Lutheran Women in Mission

All proceeds for missions far and near that proclaim Christ crucified

First Ev. Lutheran Church
925 13th St., Glencoe
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~ First Lutheran Events ~

All Saints Sunday
November 2, 2025



FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB

The First Edition Book Club has not met yet at the time the November Newsletter is going to print. Please watch the Church Bulletin for updates for meeting day, time, and book. Thank you!



DON'T FORGET TO
FALL BACK
November 2, 2025



Soup, Salad, & Sandwich

Advent Meal
Wed., Dec 3rd 5:30-6:45pm
Free-will Offering to benefit
First Lutheran Youth

**7pm
Advent
Service**



BECOME A VOLUNTEER BELL RINGER

The Salvation Army is in need of Red Kettle Bell Ringers. Businesses and individuals are welcome. Shifts are 2 hours. Bell ringing is at Coborn's. All donations stay in McLeod County. To ring, text Annette at 320-510-3006.



Church Member Appreciation Meal

Sunday, Nov. 8
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All are invited!

Sponsored by the
Stewardship Board

REMINDER
**PARENT
DRIVE DAY**

Wed. November 5th

There will be NO bussing for Public School Confirmation Students. Parents are required to find alternative transportation. Thanks!



MATTHEW WEST
DON'T STOP PRAYING
11/21 GRACE CHURCH
EDEN PRAIRIE
KTIS 98.5
7pm
Doors open at 6pm
INTRODUCING PETER BURTON

What to join us for a
night of good, God-
praising, hip-moving,
foot-stompin' music?

\$31 to Megan & Sign-Up at the
First Lutheran Happenings
Area near the south entrance
to reserve your seat!

Limited Tickets Available

Note: At least 1 more driver is needed! And we will plan dinner if the group shows interest after signups are full.

Get ready for songs like...

Don't Stop Praying
Unashamed
Hello, My Name Is
Truth Be Told
Broken Things
AND MANY MORE!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE **TRUNK OR TREAT** AWESOME!

JESUS
HUSKIES
HUSKIES
HUSKIES

THE BOARDS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND EVANGELISM APPRECIATE ALL THE CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT WE RECEIVED IN MAKING THIS OUTREACH EVENT POSSIBLE. WE WILL SEE Y' ALL AGAIN FOR ANOTHER GREAT EVENT NEXT OCTOBER 24th, 2026!

~ Miscellaneous Church Announcements ~

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
eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com

Holidays are wonderful – family, food, time off work, and relaxation (or maybe just more craziness). But, holidays have a bigger purpose than just celebration.

Holidays should help us remember something. They provide an opportunity for reflection and for instructing the next generation about something important. For Thanksgiving, it's a time to be grateful for God's goodness and provision.

To recognize how blessed we truly are. To feast in celebration of His blessings.

-Submitted



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY

Two new non-fiction books have been donated to our church library.

Praying From the Heart, True Stories of Extraordinary Answers to Prayer.

Great Speckled Bird, Confessions of a Village Preacher by Rob McCall

We have a great selection of fiction and non-fiction Christian books in our library. If you like to read, stop by and check them out.

Church Library



QUILTERS IN ACTION

Pictures from a recent Monday afternoon visit to the Quilting Room!



Jackie Selchow, Ardeen Graupman, Becky Ostlie



Ida Rutske, Madrienne Weber

PLEASE HELP US STAY CONNECTED! Volunteers for the First Lutheran Church Pictorial Directory 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.



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.

1ST LUTHERAN YOUTUBE PAGE

Here is the link to the YouTube page
<https://www.youtube.com/@1stGlencoe/videos>.

It can also be found if you search '1st Glencoe'. Videos should show up if you search First Lutheran Glencoe, but the channel itself will not, so, it should work better to use '1st Glencoe.' The QR Code is below.

Please note, we now have this option because FaceBook will only keep videos on-line for a very limited time.



~ Time, Talents, Treasures ~



HARMONIOUS STEWARDSHIP

"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Romans 12:4-5).

One of the most forgotten concepts in stewardship is the interdependent nature that makes up the Body of Christ and the way that body supports the shared work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is experienced in the local congregation, as well as in broader mission and ministry efforts at the district and Synod levels. Yet in these words, St. Paul reminds the Romans and us that we are indeed members of one another. This is true in our worship. It is also true in our stewardship of the Gospel. **Stewards of all shapes and sizes, ages and abilities, affluence and influence are all assembled around Word and Sacrament in the local congregation with no one being more important than the other.**

Part of this forgetting lies in what the eyes see and how our human mind operates. **Our eyes and our minds are quick to come to the erroneous conclusion that the person who writes the biggest check is the more important steward.** Human logic, flawed by sin as it is, could make a claim that the youngest child or the most infirm, aged member of the congregation would certainly be considered something less than important when it comes to the stewardship of the Gospel.

Paul makes it clear in these words that this is not how stewardship of the Gospel is measured in the Body of Christ. Rather, it would be better to view local stewardship like the lost art of harmony in congregational singing. This has been lost not only due to the performative nature of the lead singers of the local praise team, but also because modern hymnals are written to almost force the novice hymn-singer into unison voice. Creative harmonization by talented organists is beautiful to listen to, but does not always support the people in the pews in singing in parts. This is a loss in demonstrating a very practical aspect of whole-body stewardship.



The sound that builds when choral and congregational singers settle into their voice parts is nothing short of heavenly! Yet when altos, tenors and bass sing their individual parts without any concept of how they fit

together, the music doesn't sound as

powerful. The narrow range of the typical alto line almost sounds monotonous. The tenor line can get painfully high, and the base line can get uncomfortably low. But, when interdependently entwined, along with the melody that is so often carried by the sopranos, the music becomes a tremendously powerful tool in communicating the Gospel.

The same is true of individual stewards. Certainly, stewards with more financial means are in a unique place to "carry the tune" for ministry in a local congregation. But that doesn't rule out the faithful stewardship of the saint-like 94-year-old Hulda, who prayed for her young pastor in German every night while the aches and pains of arthritis and the grief of losing a daughter to cancer kept her awake. This does not rule out Jimmy, the profoundly developmentally disabled confirmand whose basic but dramatically eloquent confession of the faith left an impression on a congregation long after he went to be with Jesus. It doesn't rule out the single parent, the recovering addict, the family coming out of bankruptcy, the elderly widow and everyone in between.



The Lord has entrusted all the baptized with stewardship of the one thing needful: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. No one member of any congregation is more important than another when it comes to this stewardship. The biggest check isn't always the best way to communicate the Gospel. In fact, it is almost always better communicated with the widow's mite, the tenacious stewardship of the talents and so much more.

In the local congregation and beyond, our corporate stewardship of the Gospel needs each other to fill out our great confession. It is not about equal amount. It is about interdependence that only the Holy Spirit can work! **Each of us has a role to play, a harmony to sing.** The standard for that role is faithfulness. We do not have the same function, but we have the same Jesus! As we sing the parts entrusted to us by the Holy Spirit, the sweet music of the Gospel goes out!

LCMS-Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter-Article-October-2025

DRIVERS FOR HOMEBOUND NEEDED!

Some members of our church body are not able to drive to church on Sunday mornings.



CAN YOU HELP BRING THEM TO CHURCH?

We need volunteers who are willing to pick up a homebound member and drive them to church. You determine how often, what time, and how far you are willing to drive. PLEASE call the church office to help out your brothers and sisters in Christ! (Primarily we are thinking of our members in our Glencoe nursing care facilities.)

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.

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



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

DONATE SOCKS & UNDIES – ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

We are collecting NEW underwear and socks for Orphan Grain Train to send to needy people. Men's, women's, boy's, and girl's – all sizes are needed.

Simply drop your donation off in the box located in the South Entrance. Please also pray for those who will receive these gifts of undies and socks. **Donations will be accepted until December 2nd.**



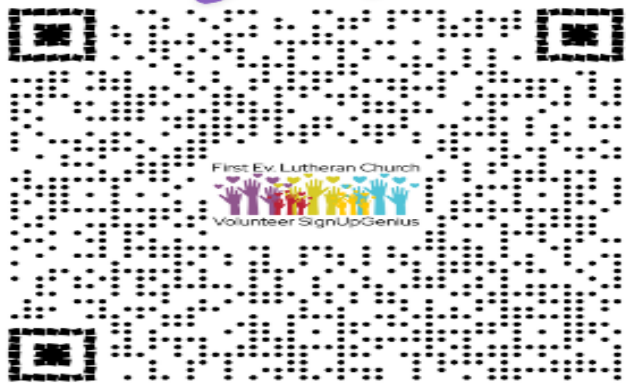
CHRISTMAS CARD DONATIONS

On Giving Tuesday, Dec 2nd, we'll be writing Christmas cards for our shut-ins and area Veterans. We'll begin at 10 AM and go until about Noon.

It's a fun project and we can use many volunteers! If you have cards to donate, please drop them off in the Church office. Coffee and pastries will be served!



Use the **MASTER**
SignUp for...



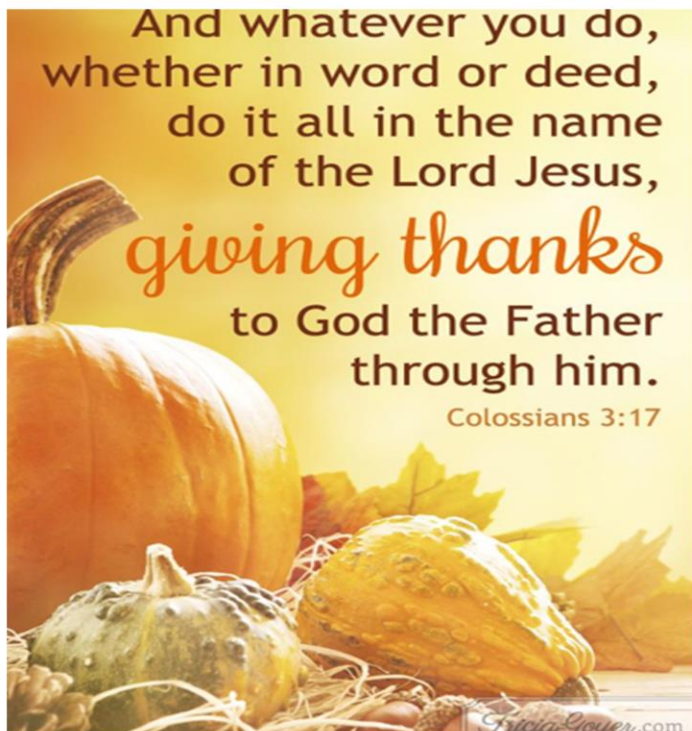
Pretty much every area of volunteers needed for smooth delivery of the Divine Service!

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU CHOOSE NOT TO/CANNOT SIGN UP DIGITALLY, YOU CAN STILL VOLUNTEER THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE AND WE CAN PLUG YOU IN!



And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name
of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks
to God the Father
through him.

Colossians 3:17



Thanksgiving Blessing Bags

For the McLeod County Food Shelf

We are collecting the specific food items mentioned to be able to bless families with the ability to have a Thanksgiving meal!

Things Needed:

- Boxed Stuffing
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Gravy
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Cake and Frosting

Checks should be made to FLC

We need the donations by November 14th!

We will be packing them during the Education Hour on November 16th!

All are invited to help package the Blessing Bags!

This event is sponsored by the Board of Evangelism

~ Church Pictorial Directory Update ~

It's time for a new Church Pictorial Directory!

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.

Your photography session may be scheduled online or by phoning the Church office at 864-5522. 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. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible. We have added additional photo dates and will continue to do so as these dates fill.**

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 or your family member is a resident at Glenfields, Orchard Estates, or Grand Meadows, we will be taking photos after the November Chapel Services. Simply come to service dressed and ready for your picture. Please bring along the \$15 submission fee. You will receive a Directory once it is published.

Dates are:

**Glenfields/Orchard Estates – Tues, Nov 11th
after 10:30 AM Worship**

Grand Meadows – Thurs, Nov 13th after 2 PM Worship

If you want to have your photo taken at Church, but require assistance with transportation, please contact the office.

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---

- make reminder phone calls so scheduled photo sessions are not missed
- **check-in guests on photo session days**

Thank you to the volunteers who have already spent many hours making phone calls to promote photo sessions, made in-person visits, or registered attendees at sessions – Sharon Czcaylla, Cindy Eggersgluess, Becky Ostlie, Shorty Schauer, Cheryl Scheidt, Joyce Schiroom, Janet Wendorf, Betty Witthus, Dennis Wolter.

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!**



Church Code - MN606
Church Password - photos



Don't Miss Out!

Photography Sessions can be scheduled online (use QR code) or by contacting Church office at 864-5522. Sessions are available on weekdays from 2 PM - 8 PM or Saturdays from 10-4 PM

Oct 17, 18, 30, 31
Nov 1, 6, 7, 8, 26
Feel free to check for limited availability

Now Available!
Tue, Dec 9



~ 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. (All Studies are in the church Fellowship Center, unless otherwise indicated.)

Adult Bible Study: Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Women's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. or 7 p.m.,

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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



High School Ladies Bible Study: 3rd Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

HS Gentlemen's Bible Study: 3rd Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

Jr. High Ladies Bible Study: 3rd Sundays at 6:30 p.m.

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

Ladies and Gents Bible Studies

Sunday, November 16th

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Meet in the
Church Fellowship Center
Grades 5-8 & 9-12

Bring a Bible if you have one, and a friend if you wish!

Sunday School

for Kindergarten - Grade 4

It's never too late to join us!



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

Next we go to our classroom, learn our Bible story, and do an activity and/or craft. Older children are 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.

YOUTH BOWLING NIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GOING? IF SO, PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF CHURCH OR TEXT MEGAN DIRECTLY! PARENTS, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ATTEND/DRIVE, PLEASE ALSO SIGN UP OR TEXT MEGAN! THANKS SO MUCH!

4 YOUTH MUST SIGN UP BY 11/13 IN ORDER TO HAPPEN

NOTE: COST WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON HOW MANY PEOPLE SHARE A LANE

NOVEMBER Youth Calendar

2 - IMPACT 6:30-8pm @ the Lighthouse

5 - Public Catechism Parent Drive Day

8 - Zach Williams Concert CANCELLED

9 - Blaze 6:30-8pm @ the Lighthouse

13 - Bowling Sign Up DUE by 3pm at the South entrance info area

16 - Ladies & Gents Bible Studies 6:30-7:30pm @ Church

18 - Ignite (Fall for Jesus, He Never Leaves) 3-4:45pm @ Church

24 - Youth Scholarship Applications DUE by 3pm in Megan's office

26 - NO Catechism Classes FLS or Public School

~ Mat-Makers Delivers Supplies to the Homeless ~

On Saturday, October 11, a group from First Ev. Lutheran Church made deliveries to unhoused residents at Pig's Eye Lake Regional Park in St. Paul. A total of 75 sleeping mats, crafted from by our Mat-Makers from recycled grocery bags, were handed out to God's dear children at the homeless camp. In addition, we delivered donated belts and food bars.

Dr. James Seeman and two associates from Concordia St. Paul, guided us through the camp, as we pulled wheeled carts to various areas. Other items from the New Freedom Store were also distributed – some blankets, tents, clothing items, underwear, socks, and toiletries.

There are currently about 200 people at the camp, but it is expected to grow to about 300 as winter nears. The recipients were polite and appreciative, of many nationalities and ages, and welcomed our messages of "Jesus loves you" and "God bless you".

We were at the encampment about an hour where we began and ended our time with prayer and song.

If you are interested in helping at this Pig's Eye Park homeless camp, a Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Sunday, November 9th from 2 – 4 PM. Visit lcms-lert.org to learn more and to sign-up for this or other area Lutheran Emergency Service Teams.

The First Lutheran group included Glenda Schufft; Melissa, Mike and Alex Cisewski; Kari, Dan, and Isaiah Nikolaisen; Lynn Exsted; and Cindy Eggersgluess.



November 2025



Wed. Nov. 5 - CSL Early Dismissal

AM - Bus, PM - Drive

Day Tue. Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Fri. Nov. 21 - End of 1st Trimester

Wed. Nov. 26 - Grandparents / VIP

Early Dismissal - 11:30

No Lunch, Drive Day

Thu. Nov. 27 & Fri. Nov. 28 -

Thanksgiving Break

thank you

- Everyone who was involved in the school marathon: cookie donators, walkers, pledgers. Thank you!!
- Cindy Eggersgluess for all of her hard work and preparation for our Home Grown meals at lunch!
- The Glencoe Fire Department for giving presentations to our students during fire prevention week.
- Linda Becker, Cindy Litau and Lori Ehrke for presenting the Minneapolis Institute of Arts "Art Adventure" to our K-8 students during the month of October.
- To Christian Ed for putting on the Trunk or Treat event!
- *THE 10,000 GIFT is such a BLESSING!!!! PRAISE GOD*

Thank you for the Card shower-
from Mr. Miller
(Church and School)

principal@1stglencoe.org

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



Chapel Offerings

We are partnering with the LCMS and sending chapel offerings to Mission Central in Mapleton, IOWA. We will receive a Missionary to pray for and a sponsor sheet.

BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations!

Remi VanDeVere - Kindergarten

Koshin Dammann - 1st Grade

Raelin Oelfke - 2nd Grade

A Note: from Principal Miller
I reached a Milestone in my life 60
I feel Old but God makes us NEW

Have you seen your students Classrooms- the teachers have done a great job- making them look **NEW** and inviting!

Have you seen the **NEW** Put-in Cups! - that spell - **FIRST LUTHERAN**

The **NEW**ly painted Workroom at the OC (Old Campus)

The **NEW** MULCH spread on the playgrounds. (preschool and OC)

The **NEW** MUMS and flowers in the front of the Campus.

The Basketball Courts are painted- 3 **NEW** 4 square courts.

We lined the FIELD for a Home FOOTBALL Game. (Go Flames)
NEW Sports - **NEW** Volleyball Team and Cross Country put together.

The **NEW** faces of Children in Pre-school and new students coming to FLS.

NEW Chromebooks, **NEW** P.E equipment. (kick Balls, and Frisbee Disc targets, **NEW** Textbooks, **NEW** Bibles!!!

God makes all things **NEW**! Rev. 21:5

This is what we get to look forward to with **EVERLASTING NEW LIFE**
in **CHRIST JESUS** our Savior and King.
THE OLD sin and Death has been defeated
We will have A **NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH!**

Please Pray For:

- Teachers and other staff as we teach the faith every day.
- All church workers that their words and their works might bear good fruit.
- Our students, that they may be the best version of themselves.
- A safe hunting season for all of the people who are taking part in this activity.
- Eyes to see the best in people.
- For the Sent to Serve initiative through the LCMS - that more children would be called to ministry as a Pastor, DCE, Deaconess, Teacher, etc.

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November, 2025	"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"
Christmas Card Sales Christmas Card sales have started. Christmas cards, everyday cards, inspirational greeting cards and notes, planning calendars, and other items can be ordered from a student attending First Lutheran School or the church office. This fundraiser will last until Monday, Nov. 3rd Online ordering is also available via this link (ID is 787589). Delivery is expected before Thanksgiving. Please consider purchasing these items to help raise funds for our school. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Scheele at 320-296-0188.	\$12,000 \$15,000 School Marathon WOW! WOW! Thank you to everyone who helped support our school marathon held on October 3rd. We raised over \$27,000, which includes an anonymous \$10,000 match. The majority of the proceeds raised will be used to enhance our classroom uses, textbooks, and technology. The students reached all of their goals and they will enjoy a movie night at a local theater, a pizza and pool party, and a friendly teacher vs. teacher tournament. The students and staff are truly blessed by everyone's generosity. The following are premier medal donors: Gold Medal Donors - \$250: 4-G Farms LLC, Leonard & Carrie Donnay, Nick & Erica Fehlandt, Will & Caitlin Freberg, Full Throttle Services, Matt & Shauna Gruber, David & Kelly Hoefs, Ken & Shirley Krienke, LeRoy & Sylvia Lewin, Bob & Sue Neid, Ryan & Micky Neubarth, Dan & Kari Nikolaisen, Steve & Sue Plath, Chad & Jennifer Pokornowski, David Polzin, Tony & Tiffany Roush, Travis & Jessie Stradtmann, Temple Service Center, Warren & Julie Willcox, Annette Zimmerman, Dean & Janel Zimmerman Silver Medal Donors - \$150: G2 Landscape, Neal & Sue DeMars, Myron & Julie Fehlandt, Lynette Froehlich, Chuck & Lana Goff, Dave & Missy Goff, Toby & Jodi Iddings, Brady & Sarah LaMott, Lifecore Foundation, Lisa Lewin, Bill & Karen Mackenthun, Josh & Jennifer Maxwell, Dale & Ardyce Nikolaisen, Jim & Kris Schmidt, Paul Villnow, Stephen & Brea Wiblemo, Dave & Betty Witthus, Jesse Woytcke
Pep Rally and Hat Day Our Student Council is off to the races this year with 2 great activities. The First was a PEP RALLY in which all of the students 3-8 that were involved in after school sports activities were announced and cheered for. Then each GRADE got to spell FLS on the gym floor- fastest wins! Good Job Eighth Grade. The second activity was HAT and Hoodie Day. Each student could wear a HAT or HOODIE for 1\$ to support our offering at Mission Central.	Bronze Medal Donors - \$75: Rick & Kristi Alberts, Luke & Alissa Alsleben, Annie Barth, James & Kandy Barthel, Jordan & Cathy Barthel, Alex & Brittany Bateman, Austin Bernstein, Dan & Annette Bernstein, Alan & Brenda Birkholz, Blue Ridge Properties LLC, Mark & Lauren Bruner, Joel & Leigh Cohrs, Ryan Dording, Mike & Mindy Dressel, Brody & Amy Edwards, Paul & Renee Edwards, Greg & Cindy Ettel, Matt & Julia Fillbrandt, Bruce & Monica Freberg, Diane Gebhardt, Michelle Grebner, Janelle Hartman, Dain & Brook Haukos, Chuck & Donna Herdeggen, Davy Holmquist/Jessica Monson, Ben & Mackenzie Horstmann, Kent Krienke, Tyler & Jenny Lang, Mitchell & Heather Lange, Jon & Mary Lemke, Derek and Stephanie Lewin, Derek & Emma Longhenry, Tim & Anna Mackenthun, Robert & Amy Parpart, Zack & Jamie Peterson, Justin & Danielle Petterson, Larry & Linda Phillips, Mike & Jolene Phillips, Bryan & Megan Polzin, Jennifer Rohring, ShadowBrooke Golf Course, Dale & Jean Schauer, Kathy Schiroo, David & Lori Schiroo, Michael & Jenna Shelly, Dale & Betty Sturges, Eric Villnow, Jerry & Teri Wiblemo, Nathan & Kaitlyn Woytcke We apologize if anyone may have been missed! Grandparents/VIP Day
	Grandparents and VIP (Very Important Person) Day will be held on Wednesday, November 26th. Students and their guests will start the day with chapel at 8:10 and participate in various activities throughout the day. There will NOT be lunch. Students are encouraged to go out to lunch with their grandparents. More information will be provided shortly!
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Giving Tuesday is Tuesday, December 2nd

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.

At First Lutheran, we will offer a variety of ways that you might participate on Tuesday, Dec 2nd. You may have questions or some other ideas, too. Let us know, call Cindy at 612-840-6308. We welcome your suggestions!

ANYTIME

1. Work on a “crafty” or “tasty” donation for the Lutheran Women in Mission/Quilting Group Dec 6th Sale.
2. Drop off a new pair of “undies” or socks” (any size, age or gender) and we’ll donate to Orphan Grain Train. Box in entry!
3. Sponsor Milk Break for an FLS student – cost is 40 cents daily and roughly \$8 per month, Any size donation is welcome!
4. Become a Volunteer Driver in Glencoe for Meals on Wheels. Contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 for more info.
5. Sign up to be a Salvation Red Kettle Bell Ringer this Holiday Season. Text Annette Ahlfs at 320-510-3006.
6. Drop off your Country Hearth Bread Labels (loaves4learnong.com) proofs of purchase.
7. Drop off your used Ink Cartridges (for recycling rebates). See details on Box in entry!
8. Volunteer one of your Thrivent Action Teams
9. Drop off a recipe, produce, or an idea for an upcoming “HOMEGROWN” meal for the students at FLS!
10. Volunteer to be an Usher, Greeter, Sound/PA, Screen Presenter at Sunday Services!

SCHEDULED EVENTS.....

11. Stop by anytime during the day for coffee & treats – Enjoy Fellowship & Give Friendship!
12. 10:00 AM - Help write Christmas cards to our shut-ins and Veterans. We’ll provide the supplies. We’ll begin work at 10:00 AM and go until about Noon. (FLS students will be supplying Christmas coloring page)
13. Noon to 3 PM - STOP BY COBORNS and make a contribution to the Salvation Army Red Kettle. FLS Students will be ringing the bells from Noon until 3 PM!
14. 1:00 PM - Join (or watch) the Quilters in action! They start quilting at 1 PM.
15. 5:00 PM – Altar Guild Members will be Christmas decorating!

SCHEDULED EVENTS.....YOU MUST SIGN-UP (612-840-6308) TO PARTICIPATE so we can count on you coming!

16. 10:45 AM – Read to the Preschool Class
17. 2:40 PM – Read to the Kindergarten Class
18. 1:05 PM - Read to the 1st Grade Class
19. 1:30 PM – Read to the 2nd Grade Class
20. 11:00 AM – Read to the 3rd Grade Class
21. 12:35 AM – Read to the 4th Grade Class
22. 5:00 PM – Stuff envelopes for Keep It Happening mailing.

TBD (time yet to be determined) EVENTS....(If interested, please call Church office. We’ll then coordinate and set the time.)

23. Wipe/clean chairs in the Fellowship area.
24. Wipe/clean pews in the Sanctuary.

ALL DAY.....

25. Make a monetary donation to the FLC Cemetery Association and/or 150th Anniversary Fund. You can:
 - Drop off a check or cash at the church office
(Note – if anyone would like to make a donation CHALLENGE, please contact Cindy Eggersgluess)
 - Give through your electronic device using the Vanco Mobile Access app
 - Donate via the Giving Button on our website – www.firstglencoe.org

Will you tell others about Giving Tuesday at First Lutheran? Spread the word!

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