

It's Time to Get Ready!

The preparation for Christmas has begun! We sure do lots of decorating in order to prepare ourselves for Christmas. In the months of November and December, people spend hours putting up lights in their living space and ornaments on their evergreens. Poinsettias are placed on the mantel, presents are put under the tree, and we "deck the halls with boughs of holly." These Christmas decorations definitely bring enjoyment and anticipation to the holiday.

Yes, soon the joy of Christmas will be here, complete with family get-togethers, meals, decorations, familiar heart-warming songs, and so much more, including, of course, the presents! But Christmas is not here yet, first we observe the Church season of Advent.

In all the busyness that this time of the year brings, it's easy to overlook Advent. But we lose a lot if we forget about Advent. It has its own special message that helps to make our faith in Christ deeper and more meaningful. Advent encourages Christians to slow down, take a step back from the rest of the world, and have a proper attitude toward possessions. It teaches us that waiting and faith are central to our Christian lives, and it prepares our hearts to receive and welcome Christ.

So, please don't be too quick to hurry on to Christmas. Take a break from the holiday rush and hear what the hymns and Scriptures have to say this Advent season, not only as they prepare us to celebrate with joy the first coming of our Lord Jesus, as the precious baby of Bethlehem, but also as they prepare us to be ready for Jesus' promised second coming on the Last Day, as our triumphant Savior. That is when He will bring all who trust in Him to eternal joy in heaven.

A Happy and Blessed Advent to you!

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dan Welch*

EVERY HEART PREPARE*

Advent is the church's season of preparation for Christmas, for the coming of the Lord. This Advent season, as part of our preparation, we will reflect upon four common Christmas decorations and how they help us see Christ and prepare for His coming: evergreens, lights, the crèche, and wrapped presents, which point us to the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

First Wednesday in Advent

Dec. 3rd, 2025 (7 PM)

Theme: Evergreens

Second Sunday in ADVENT

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

Theme: Lights

Third Sunday in ADVENT

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

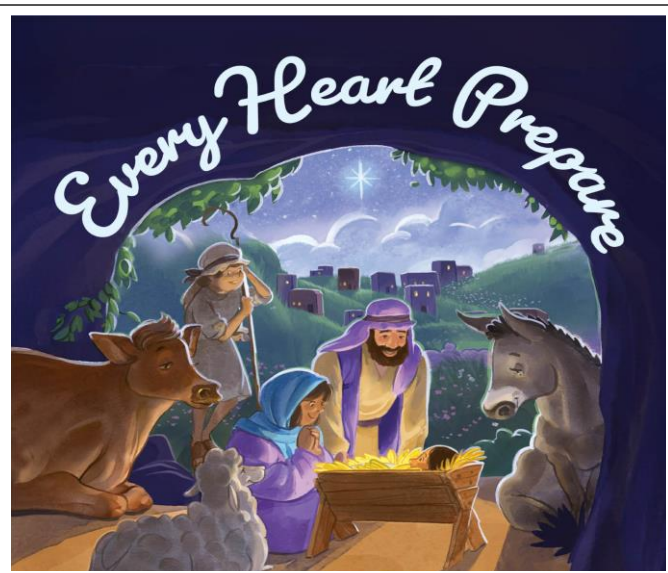
Theme: Crèche

Fourth Sunday in ADVENT

Sunday, December 21st, 2025

Theme: Wrapped Presents

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From Assistant Pastor, Michael Ewert

Philippians 2:3-5 **3.** Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **4.** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. **5.** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus."

I recently saw this decision tree chart online and it really helped me to visualize my role. I have already learned a great deal in the past five months here at First Lutheran, and I am confident that I will continue to learn.

But, one of the things that is a bigger focus is making the proper decisions when faced with multiple options. Something I have faced at times is paralysis by analysis. I freeze up as I spend too much time trying to decide what is the right choice rather than actually making a decision.

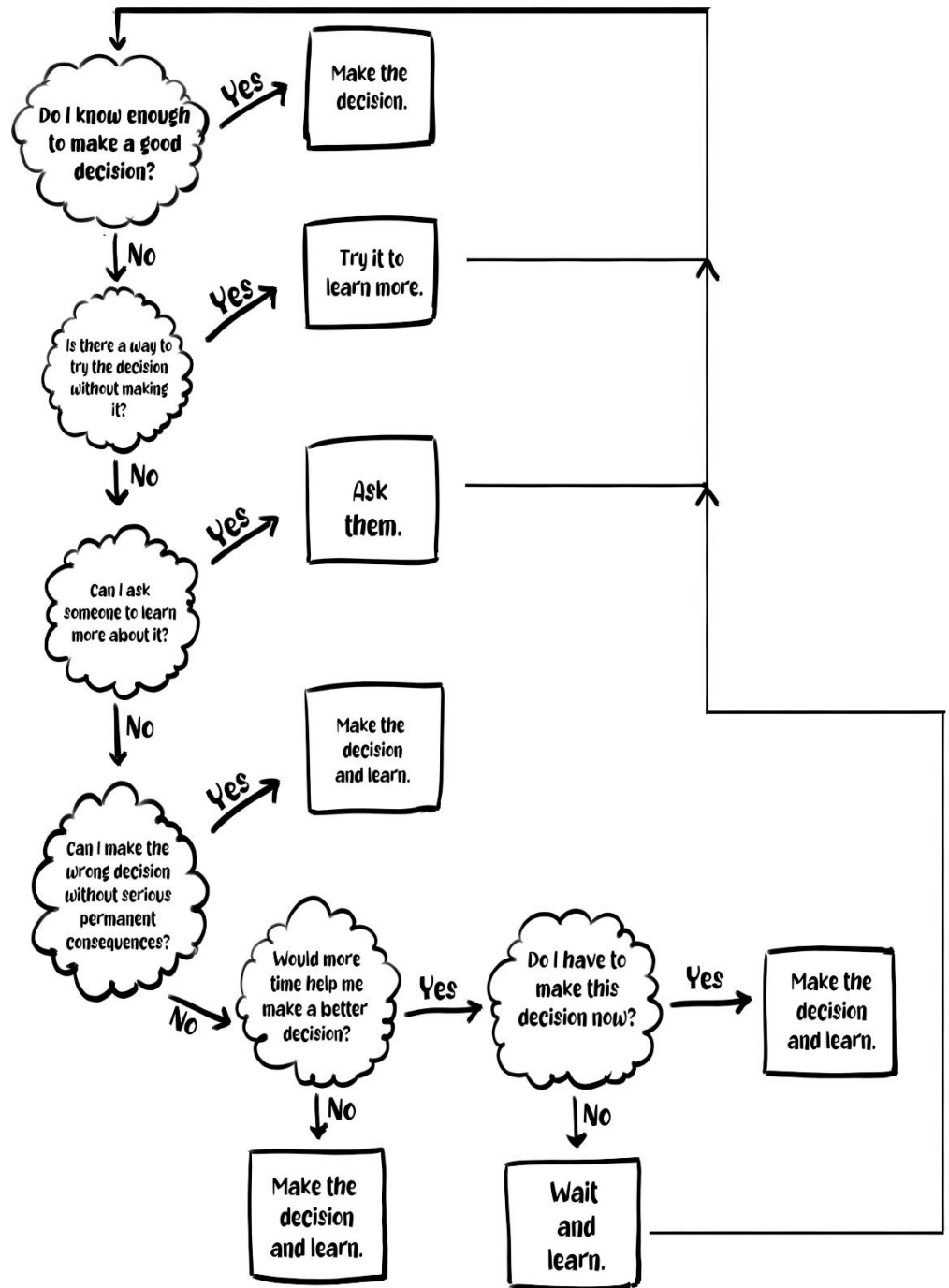
I find this chart helpful for three reasons, it is practical, sympathetic, and thinks about the results. I know I will have to make many decisions, and I will sometimes make the wrong one.

This chart breaks down the decision-making process into three main phases: information, consequence and implementation. It asks if I have all the necessary information or if there are ways to get more info. It then directs the user to make a decision as proper. But, then if I do

not have the right information it asks what will the consequences be if I make the wrong decision? Finally, if I don't have the info and there are serious consequences, how soon do I have to implement the decision? If I have time wait, if not make the decision. There is one theme that is throughout the entire chart no matter the result, learn. If I make a good decision learn from it, if I make the wrong decision, learn from it.

Just as Solomon advises in Proverbs 11:2, "When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom." I know I have a lot to learn, and so I am thankful for your patience as I continue to grow in humility and in the way of the Lord. God's blessings as we enter the season of Advent.

Speaking Christ, Pr. Michael Ewert



From the DCE Desk

~ Advent and Christmas Schedule

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

2025 Choral Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 10th
Service @ 7pm



➤ Featuring *Community Strings* playing PRESERVICE music.
Come early and enjoy the beauty of music!

➤ A free-willing offering Advent Meal (Taco Bar) will be served from 5:30-6:45pm

First Evangelical Lutheran Church | 925 13th St. E., Glencoe, MN



There will be NO
Sunday School classes
on Sunday,
December 28th.

REMINDER: THE CHURCH
OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR

Christmas

December 24th, 25th, & 26th




Sunday School Christmas Service

Sunday, Dec. 14
10:30 a.m. service

With Communion



Out of Office

Pastor Dan Welch
and Secretary Amy Welch
will not be in Mon., Dec. 29,
Wed., Dec. 31, or
Thu., Jan. 1.

Amy will be in Tue., Dec. 30
and Fri., Jan. 2.

Wednesday, December 3rd

5:30-6:45 PM Advent Meal

Hosted by FLC Youth, Serving Soup, Salad, Sandwich Bar

7 PM Advent Service

Wednesday, December 10th

5:30-6:45 PM Advent Meal

Hosted by FLC Youth Mission Trip, Serving Taco Bar

7 PM Choral Concert Service

Wednesday, December 17th

5:30-6:45 PM Advent Meal

Hosted by 150th Committee, Serving
Pizza & Desserts

7 PM FLS Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 24th

The Eve of the Nativity
of our Lord

2 PM Service of Song & Praise

5 PM Candlelight Service

7 PM Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25th

The Nativity of our Lord

9 AM Service



Elders & Deacons

* Wed., Dec. 3 <i>Advent 1</i>	7:00 PM	~Kermit Terlinden, David Hoefs
Sun., Dec. 7	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Mike Cisewski, Doug Dahlke ~Dan Nikolaisen, Roger Schmidt
* Wed., Dec. 10 <i>Choral Concert</i>	7:00 PM	~Dan Nikolaisen, Lars Ide
Sun., Dec. 14	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Dennis Wolter, Mark Schmidt ~Will Freberg, Justin Petterson
* Wed., Dec. 17 <i>FLS Christmas Service</i>	7:00 PM	~Dan Nikolaisen, Leonard Donnay
Sun., Dec. 21	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~David Polzin, David Hoefs ~Jason Oelfke, Roger Schmidt
* Wed., Dec. 24 <i>X-Mas Eve</i>	2:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	~Dean Scheele, Kermit Terlinden , Doug Dahlke
* Thu., Dec. 25 <i>X-Mas Day</i>	9:00 AM	~Mark Schmidt, Dennis Wolter
Sun., Dec. 28	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Tyler Mielke, David Polzin ~Jason Oelfke, Roger Schmidt
* Wed., Dec. 31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	5:00 PM	~Dean Scheele, David Polzin

* indicates non-Sunday service.

Acolytes

* Wed., Dec. 3	7:00 PM	~Clara Willcox, Nolan Dammann
<i>Advent I</i>		
Sun., Dec. 7	8:00 AM	~Bennett Vinkemeier, Danica V.
	10:30 AM	~Mason Ortloff, Nolan Dammann
* Wed., Dec. 10	7:00 PM	~Ayla Pokornowski, Mitchell Zajicek
<i>Choral Concert</i>		
Sun., Dec. 14	8:00 AM	~Emme Neubarth, Harper Neubarth
	10:30 AM	~Claire Geib, Caylee Weidendorf
* Wed., Dec. 17	7:00 PM	~Ruby Graf, Nolan Dammann
<i>FLS Christmas Service</i>		
Sun., Dec. 21	8:00 AM	~Ruby Graf, Ayla Pokornowski
	10:30 AM	~Mason Ortloff, Drew Schmitz
* Wed., Dec. 24	2:00 PM	~OPEN
<i>X-Mas Eve</i>		5:00 PM ~Ayla Pokornowski, Jada Neid
	7:00 PM	~Brady Goff
* Thu., Dec. 25	9:00 AM	~OPEN
<i>X-Mas Day</i>		
Sun., Dec. 28	8:00 AM	~Natallie Schafer, Mitchell Zajicek
	10:30 AM	~OPEN
* Wed., Dec. 31	5:00 PM	~OPEN
<i>New Year's Eve</i>		

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Greeters

* Wed., Dec. 3 Advent 1	7:00 PM ~Mitchell and Zack Zacijek (south side) ~Dave & Betty Witthus (west side)
Sun., Dec. 7	8:00 AM ~OPEN 10:30 AM~OPEN
* Wed., Dec. 10 Choral Concert	7:00 PM ~Jada Neid
Sun., Dec. 14	8:00 AM ~Dave & Betty Witthus (west side) 10:30 AM ~OPEN
* Wed., Dec. 17 FLS Christmas Service	7:00 PM ~Jada Neid
Sun., Dec. 21	8:00 AM ~OPEN 10:30 AM~OPEN
* Wed., Dec. 24 X-Mas Eve	2:00 PM ~OPEN 5:00 PM ~OPEN 7:00 PM ~Dave & Betty Witthus (west side)
* Thu., Dec. 25 X-Mas Day	9:00 AM ~OPEN
Sun., Dec. 28	8:00 AM ~Dave & Betty Witthus (west side) 10:30 AM ~OPEN
* Wed., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	5:00 PM ~Nolan Damman (west side)

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Screen Presenters

* Wed., Dec. 3	7:00 PM	~Amy Welch
<i>Advent I</i>		
Sun., Dec. 7	8:00 AM	~Chloe Donnay
	10:30 AM	~Tyler Schauer
* Wed., Dec. 10	7:00 PM	~Amy Welch
<i>Choral Concert</i>		
Sun., Dec. 14	8:00 AM	~Brittney Wolff
	10:30 AM	~Rebekah Welch
* Wed., Dec. 17	7:00 PM	~First Lutheran School
<i>FLS Christmas Service</i>		
Sun., Dec. 21	8:00 AM	~Piper Polzin
	10:30 AM	~Jeri Bennett
* Wed., Dec. 24	2:00 PM	~Pam Ahlbrecht
<i>X-Mas Eve</i>	5:00 PM	~Brittney Wolff
	7:00 PM	~Tyler Schauer
* Thu., Dec. 25	9:00 AM	~Amy Welch
<i>X-Mas Day</i>		
Sun., Dec. 28	8:00 AM	~Gemma Goff
	10:30 AM	~OPEN
* Wed., Dec. 31	5:00 PM	~NO SCREENS
<i>New Year's Eve</i>		

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PA / Sound

* Wed., Dec. 3 Advent 1	7:00 PM	~Grady Schuff
Sun., Dec. 7	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Glenn Cohrs ~Steven Schauer
* Wed., Dec. 10 Choral Concert	7:00 PM	~Andrew Mackenthun
Sun., Dec. 14	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Kevin Cohrs ~Grady Schuff
* Wed., Dec. 17 FLS Christmas Service	7:00 PM	~First Lutheran School
Sun., Dec. 21	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Andrew Mackenthun ~Lynn Exsted
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* Thu., Dec. 25 X-Mas Day	9:00 AM	~Andrew Mackenthun
Sun., Dec. 28	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Kevin Cohrs ~Tyler Schauer
* Wed., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	5:00 PM	~Lynn Exsted

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Special Music

Sun., Dec. 7	8:00 AM – Senior Choir
* Wed., Dec. 10, 7:00 PM	– Senior Choir, FLS Grades 3 to 8
* Wed., Dec. 17, 8 AM and 7 PM	– First Lutheran School Service
Sun., Dec. 21	8:00 AM – Senior Choir
* Wed., Dec. 24	2:00 PM – Senior Choir

Fellowship Time

Sun., Dec. 7	~Endowment / Finance
Sun., Dec. 14	~Christian Education
Sun., Dec. 21	~OPEN
Sun., Dec. 28	~OPEN

Christian Ed Helper (Sunday School)

Sun., Dec. 7	~Amy Bargman and Griffin Bargman
Sun., Dec. 14	~Larua Schmalz
Sun., Dec. 21	~Melissa Cisewski
Sun., Dec. 28	~NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Camera (either service)

* Wed., Dec. 3 Advent 1	7:00 PM	XXX
Sun., Dec. 7	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Andrew Mackenthun
* Wed., Dec. 10 Choral Concert	7:00 PM	XXX
Sun., Dec. 14	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Robert Schuff
* Wed., Dec. 17 FLS Christmas Service	7:00 PM	XXX
Sun., Dec. 21	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Pam Ahlbrecht
* Wed., Dec. 24 X-Mas Eve	2:00 PM 5:00 PM 7:00 PM	~Lynn Exsted
* Thu., Dec. 25 X-Mas Day	9:00 AM	~Linda Ranzau
Sun., Dec. 28	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	~Lynn Exsted
* Wed., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve	5:00 PM	~Pam Ahlbrecht

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Facebook Live (either service)

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Sun., Dec. 7	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	OPEN
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~ Summaries from Our Boards ~

Church Council | November 20th

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and approved the available November minutes from each of the individual Boards at the November 20th meeting. Jim Chapa, financial consultant, reviewed financial reports, trends and answered Council members' questions. Expenditures are continuing to be greater than member contributions. Plans for "bridging the gap" in funding needs were discussed. Recommendations from Council that will be brought to the Voters' 12/1/25 meeting include applying for a Line of Credit through Lutheran Church Extension Fund, using Perpetual General Fund Debt Reduction Funds when needed to meet required expenditures, and applying staff step increases retroactively to July 1, 2025 (start of the fiscal year).

Christian Education Board | November 10th

Christian Education Board members reviewed and discussed 'Trunk or Treat,' Sunday School Christmas Service, Cradle Roll, 150th Anniversary t-shirt, Christmas Ornament, Advent Meals on Dec. 3 & 10, 150th Anniversary Plans, Attendance at various youth groups, and Fellowship Hour on Dec. 14. New items discussed included Baptismal Gifts, Thanksgiving Craft (We decided not to do it this year.), Easter Egg Hunt, and a party for men, similar to the Ladies ParTEA.

Day School | November 4th

The 7th and 8th graders recently went to Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa. This was a fun and spiritual experience for our 7th and 8th grade students. Plans are underway for Grandparents/Special Persons Day on Wednesday, November 26. The students and staff are looking forward to this special day. Plans for the Christmas Program are also underway, we look forward to hearing the message presented by our school.

Board of Deacons | November 6th

Continued discussion of 150th Anniversary celebration plans. Filling 4th the quarter deacon's schedule and planning for Advent and Christmas seasons.

Board of Evangelism | November 5th

The Evangelism Board met on Wednesday, November 5th, 2025. We discussed how the Trunk or Treat event went it was well attended and are looking at new ways to assist next year. The Fall Hayride took place on Sunday, October 26th a special Thank you to Robert and Gina Schufft and family for hosting the event. The Evangelism Board will be assembling Blessing Bags with the help of the Sunday School children on Sunday, November 16th. The bags will be delivered to the McLeod County Food shelf on Monday, November 17th. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause. The Board of Evangelism will again be doing The Legend of The Candy Cane during the month of December.

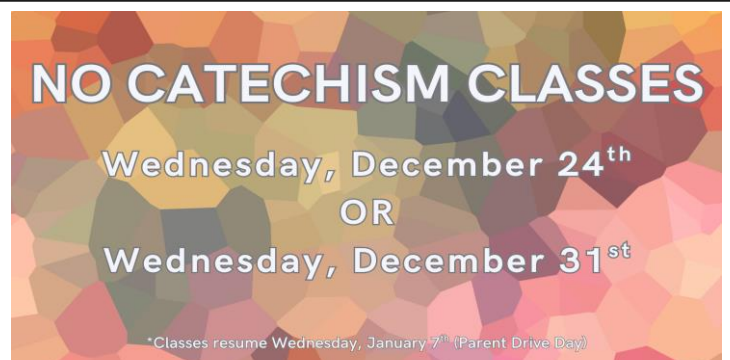
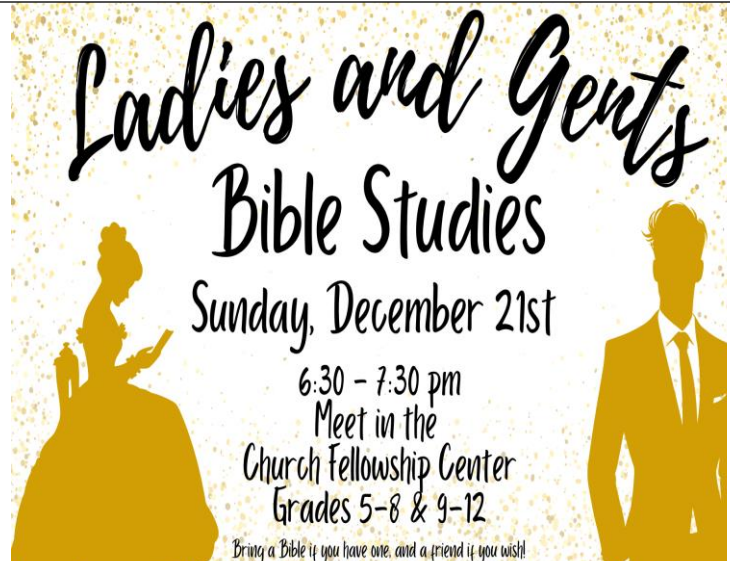
Board of Stewardship | November 4

No report

Board of Trustees | November 3rd

Two motors were replaced on the rooftop units. Further repairs or replacements will take place in the spring. The Outdoor Musical Park pieces have been ordered and will be stored until spring. Interviews for the business manager position have taken place. Work on the school kitchen floor will begin on December 18th.

~ Young People Information ~



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.

Those with garden bounty continue to enjoy stored squash, potatoes, cabbage, carrots, and apples! It is so rewarding to continue eating produce from the garden long after it's been harvested!

Our November Homegrown meal was held on Nov. 6. First Lutheran School students enjoyed a Charcuterie Meal of Summer Sausage, Dried Beef, Pepper Stick, Deviled Eggs, Cheeses, Crackers, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Apple Slices, and Pumpkin Bars! They discovered a new word that day, learning that **Charcuterie** is a French word.



The meats were from the Brownton Meat Market and all made from local **Beef**. The Deviled **Eggs** were made from eggs from the Doug Schultz farm. Two kinds of **Cheese** (Cheddar and Pepperjack) came from the Bongards Creamery, all from the milk of local cows. The **Carrot** sticks were from Tangletown Gardens in Plato. Students learned that carrots are a root vegetable that can be stored in a cool spot and kept all throughout the winter to use! The **Apples** from Shimanski Orchards in Silver Lake were delicious and full of Vitamins C, K, and B-complex. The Pumpkin Cake, utilized **Pumpkin** preserved by Mrs. Donnay, from her sister's garden. Many of the students had recently carved pumpkins and so were familiar with pumpkin innards!

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*

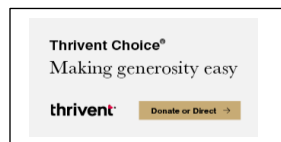
If you have produce or recipes to share, please reach out to First Lutheran School Secretary Michelle Alsleben at 864-3317 or Program Assistant Becky Ostlie, or Program Coordinator Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com.

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 pastmonth, we received \$366 for FLS and \$1,243 for FLC. We also received a charitable Giving Grant of \$650! Visit (www.Thrivent.com/choice) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars." Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or 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. There's only a few weeks left of this year to use your Thrivent Action Teams! Let the office know if you still have one to use!

<>Visit Thrivent.com/actionteam to complete an online application (minimum three 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.** (Recent examples--Action Team used to purchase food for the Dec. 17 Advent Meal fundraiser. Action Team used to purchase installation supplies for Musical Playground. Action Team used to purchase postage stamps for Christmas Cards for Shut-Ins and Veterans.

√ **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/>

<>**CHRISTMAS WITH..... WE THE KINGDOM** concert – Sa.t, Dec. 13 – 7 p.m. – Knight Performance Hall – University of Northwestern, St. Paul. Both Thrivent Members and Non-Members may register for complimentary tickets at <https://www.thrivent.com/member-network/twin-cities/events>. We The Kingdom is a grammy-nominated contemporary Christian music band. Celebrate the season as they bring the joyful sounds of Christmas to life in a one-of-a-kind performance that will fill your hearts with joy this Christmas season! 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!

~ 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 will meet
December 9 and 23.**

SLEEPING MATS

A Place of Their Own!

We are happy to report after two years of Mat-Making by First Evangelical Lutheran Mat-Makers, there is finally one small end of one VERY small closet in the church basement where Mat-Making supplies are kept! The top shelf is for completed mats. (There are about ten up there right now.) The shelf in the middle is for bags that have been partially processed – folded bags ready to cut, “squares” that have been cut, “plarn” strands that have been looped together, “plarn” strands that have been wound into balls, and a tote bag of Mat-Making tools. The bottom area is for bags of bags not yet processed. It's a very efficient use of space.

We Mat-Makers give thanks to God and His servant Loren Engelmann for retro-fitting this very small space. He didn't spend much money on this project. If you look closely, the shelving isn't shelving at all. Loren used some old, beat up First Evangelical Lutheran tabletops and made them just the right size to hold a mat! We are also grateful to Charleen Engelmann for sharpening the blades on our rotary cutters. Well done, good and faithful servants.

To the Mat-Makers Who Work from Home

Hat's off to the Mat-Makers who work from home! What a nice to surprise to walk into the closet and see processed bags ready to crochet!! We don't even know who some of you are! You are using your at-home-time God Himself gives you to serve Him by serving his dear children who need a place to sleep. **This is indeed a God-pleasing thing to do.**

Stop in sometime at a Mat-Making session. We'd like to meet you! We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Center. (If there's something else going on in the Fellowship Center, we find another place. It's usually room 111 at the bottom of the steps.)

Guests are always welcomed. Bring a friend.

~ 150th Anniversary Announcements ~

Get Ready

TO CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF GOD'S GOODNESS AND GRACE! 2026 IS GOING TO BE AN AMAZING YEAR OF CELEBRATION, FELLOWSHIP, & SERVICE!



**150TH
tshirts**
\$15
ADULT XS-XXXL
EXACT CASH OR CHECKS
WRITTEN TO FLC

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
AFTER 8AM SERVICE,
BEFORE 10:30AM SERVICE,
& WEEKDAYS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

**Get ready...
to be a congregation
in prayer!**



Check out the
Church
Newsletter or
150th Monthly
Calendar for
more
information!



**1:50pm
Weekdays
in 2026**

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF GOD'S GOODNESS AND GRACE

CONTINUOUS READING
OF THE
BIBLE

Join the congregation in proclaiming God's Word, continuously,
starting at 12:01 AM on January 1st, 2026. Sign up using the QR
code or by contacting the church office! We need a LOT of
participation to make this happen-thank you for considering!



~ Lutheran Women in Mission ~

Monday, December 1 at NOON

Lutheran Women in Mission will meet Monday, Dec. 1 for a noon dinner. Bring a dish to share. **Members, volunteer members, honorary members, and guests are all welcomed.** We'll have a nice Advent/Christmas devotion. We will continue the Bible Study --

"Anointed by a Sinner, Forgiven by the Savior."
From the series: AT TABLE WITH JESUS

Simon the Pharisee and his colleagues will have the honor of dining with the "possible prophet" Jesus. An uninvited guest, a woman, appears and begins kissing Jesus' feet! Read Luke 7:36-50 to see how this interesting Bible story proceeds. We will study this at the Dec. 1 Lutheran Women in Mission meeting.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

\$4,200

Lutheran Women in Mission, an auxiliary organization of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, selected the missions that will be funded in 2025. If you made a donation to Lutheran Women in Mission for serving your loved one's funeral meal or special occasion or if you made a direct donation to the treasury, if you purchased a meal at the Salad Luncheon fundraiser, if you bought goodies or a pastry at the Christmas Brunch-Craft-Bake Sale, or if you brought something to sell, then YOU ARE A PART OF THIS MISSION! Rest assured that your contribution has been carefully and prayerfully selected to proclaim Christ at home and far away.

- ☐ \$400 – FLS 7th & 8th gr. class trip to Mission Central, IA.
- ☐ \$200 – 2 Lutheran Hour broadcasts on KGLB radio
- ☐ \$400 – 2 First Evangelical Lutheran worship service radio broadcasts
- ☐ \$200 – Youth mission trip to New Mexico
- ☐ \$300 – Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- ☐ \$500 – Joint seminary "Adopt-a-Student"
- ☐ \$500 – First Evangelical Lutheran 150th Anniversary
- ☐ \$500 – Orphan Grain Train
- ☐ \$500 – Lutheran Heritage Society
- ☐ \$600 – New gowns for our 2 pastors
- ☐ \$100 – FLS Christmas Wish List tree

This list is in addition to the \$,1000 given to "New Freedom Mission," the Minnesota South LCMS mission that distributes sleeping mats, tent, blankets, warm clothes to unhoused people near downtown St. Paul.

Happy November birthday to honorary Lutheran Women in Mission member **Verdella Moehring!** 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. – 12:30 p.m.

First Evangelical Lutheran is regarded as having the BEST Christmas brunch, bake and craft sale is 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
- Something new this year – VINTAGE TABLE!



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 TRUST

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth give way
and the mountains fall in the heart of the sea.
Psalms 46: 1-2

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does He withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.
O Lord Almighty,
blessed is the man who trusts in you.
Psalms 84: 11-12

Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Delight yourself in the Lord
and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord,
trust in Him and He will do this.
Psalms 37:3-5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

~ Miscellaneous ~

We hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful pumpkins and fall flowers decorating our church entrances this season! What a blessing that we were able to enjoy them well into November.

A heartfelt thank you to Dennis Wolter for sharing his time and talent so generously for the Lord, to the Thrivent Action Team program for their support, and to Kevin & Tammy Mathews for the wonderful pumpkin donations. Your contributions helped create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all!



DECEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR

3: Youth Advent Meal; Advent Service
→ Soup, Salad, & Sandwich Bar 5:30-6:45 PM 7 PM

5: Cookie Donations DUE to Church Kitchen
At least 2 dozen/youth, please! Drop off before 6 PM

6: LWML Brunch, Cookie, & Craft Sale
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

7: IMPACT
6:30-8 PM at the Lighthouse

10: Mission Trip Advent Meal; Choral Concert
→ Taco Bar 5:30-6:45 PM 7pm

12: Bowling Cancelled due to such few signups

At 10:30 AM Service
14: Sunday School Christmas Service; Blaze
6:30-8 PM at the Lighthouse

17: 150th Advent Meal; FLS Christmas Service
→ Pizza & Desserts 5:30-6:45 PM 7 PM

21: Ladies & Gents Bible Studies
6:30-7:30 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall

24: Christmas Eve; NO Catechism Classes

25: Happy Birthday, Jesus! 🎉

31: New Year's Eve; NO Catechism Classes
Classes Resume Jan. 7th with a parent drive day

~ First Lutheran Church & School Events ~

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**THURSDAY 11/27 AND
FRIDAY 11/28**

Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7 PM
Thanksgiving Day Service @ 9 AM



HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND GOD'S RICHEST
BLESSINGS AS YOU CELEBRATE ALL OF
GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFTS



QUARTERLY VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST @ 7 PM



Upcoming Altar Guild Meetings

Tue., Dec. 2, 2025, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Decorating for Christmas
followed by Altar Guild meeting

<> Please bring a snack to share. <>



Mon., Jan. 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Undecorating from Christmas, followed by AG meeting

<> NO MEAL <>



**Soup,
Salad, &
Sandwich**



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

**7pm
Advent
Service**



Join us for a

Taco Bar

Wednesday, December 10th 5:30-6:45pm in the
Church Fellowship Center

All proceeds will go toward the
FLC Youth Mission Trip to
Mescalero, NM in June/July of 2026!

7pm Choral Service to follow

Craft, Quilt, Brunch, & Bake Sale

Sat., December 6th from 9 AM to 12:30 PM

First Lutheran Church
925 13th Street East., Glencoe, MN

Come stock up for Christmas with delicious baked goods,
homemade craft items, gifts, and more! Enjoy a variety of
pastries, fruit cup, juice and coffee too while you're here!



New
this year...
VINTAGE
CHRISTMAS

Attention all Board Members

Mark your calendars now for the board
reorganization meeting on

Tuesday, January 6th @ 7pm



JULY Important: Mark your calendars NOW! '26

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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*First Ev.
Lutheran
Church 150th
Anniversary
Service and
Celebration!*

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MAKERS**
a mission of First Lutheran
Church Glencoe, MN

**2nd and 4th
Tuesdays
@ 1:30pm**



ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 17th



THE FIRST LUTHERAN FUTURE FLAMES COMMITTEE IS HOSTING
AN ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT ON LAKE WACOMIA.
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH VARIOUS TASKS.
PLEASE CONTACT SKYLER JOHNSON AT 320-510-4128 WITH
QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP BY GIVING, CASH DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED
AS THEY WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE LARGE TICKET PRIZES.

~ Miscellaneous Church Announcements ~

First Lutheran Church Library

Two new books have been added to our library from one of our favorite authors, Karen Kingsbury:

Just Once, a novel that explores themes of love, faith, duty and the home front's experience during WWII.

The Christmas Ring, a story about a military widow named Vanessa Mayfield who searches for a lost family heirloom ring and meets a handsome antique dealer, Ben Miller.



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.

Advent is a season of anticipation. The prophets foretold of the coming Messiah – God's Word proved reliable and true. As God's people, we too, wait expectantly for His return. Our hope is found in what God has done and will do in Jesus Christ to make all things new.

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



Recycle Your Old Printer Cartridges



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

Many used OEM cartridges (not remanufactured) 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 bring them to the McLeod County Recycling Center in Hutchinson.

THANK YOU for recent donations which netted \$108.75!

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.

Church Pictorial Directory – There is still time!

We're nearing the finish line with church photos! To date, eleven photo sessions have been scheduled, with more than 340 spots booked.

Photos were also taken at GlenFields and Grand Meadows. **Our last photo session date will happen on Tue., Dec. 9th.**

Volunteers devoted many hours to contacting members through phone calls, texts, emails, and personal visits. If we were not able to reach you, there is still time to participate!

You may submit your personal photo for the Directory. Both paper and digital versions are accepted. Vertical format is preferred. A **\$15 fee** is associated with this option; you will receive a pictorial/historical directory. **Deadline is Dec. 31st.**

You may also **consider traveling to another location** where Universal Church Directory photographers are working. For info on this, please contact the office.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of our Church Family Pictorial/150th Anniversary Historical Directory! Our book won't be complete without you!



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.



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

Church Poinsettias Congregational members are welcome to share their poinsettias for church display during the Christmas season. Please mark your plant with your name so it can be returned to you.



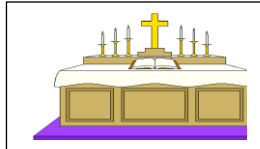
MARY MARTHA ALTAR GUILD

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer at church? The Altar Guild can use your Time, Talent, and Treasures! We encourage and welcome members of the congregation to join the Altar Guild at any time. If you see us working after the worship services, we invite you to join us and see what we are up to.

Our motto of service has remained the same for 70+ years: "Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:40 We prepare the altar, set up for Communion and Baptisms for our church services, and occasionally decorate the church for holidays.

We will provide training; no special talents required ~ just a willingness to share your Time, Talent, and Treasures. You work one month out of the year with 2 other members. We meet as a group four times between Sept. and May (Sept., Nov. or Dec., Jan., and May).

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Charleen Engelmann, or leave a message with the church office.

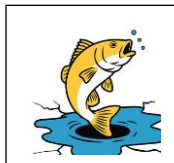


HONORING OUR VETERANS To help honor the sacrifice our veterans have given, we're giving our brave men and women "Quilts of Valor." Our veterans deserve recognition. If you or a loved one at First Lutheran has served, please contact Beverly at (612) 578-1713, RaNay at (320) 510-0804, or the church office



HELP NEEDED: FLS Future Flames committee's 2nd annual ice fishing tournament on Lake Waconia is 1/17/2026. We need volunteers to prep/plow the day before and for registration and food sales the day of the tournament.

For more info contact flsfutureflames@outlook.com or talk to Shauna Gruber, Linda Donnay, Danielle Petterson, Rich Streufert or Skyler Johnson.



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.



Handcrafted Crosses

CRAFTED BY OUR MEMBERS
DISTRIBUTED AT OUR 150TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON
JULY 12TH

Handcrafted crosses utilizing any medium (wood, crochet, tatting, beads, etc...) will be collected January-June so we can gift every attendee of our Anniversary Celebration Service with one. Please contact Cindy Eggersgluess with questions or to let her know your intention to participate!



Christmas Cards / Giving Tuesday

On Giving Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, we'll be writing Christmas cards for our shut-ins and area Veterans. **We'll begin at 10 a.m. and go until about Noon.** It's a fun project and we can use many volunteers!

If you'd like to pre-color pages to include with the cards, you'll find sheets on the table located outside the office.

A Thrivent Action Team has been donated to help cover the cost of postage. Coffee and pastries will be served!



Become a Volunteer Bell Ringer

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



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



Tuesday, December 2nd

Are you a Thrivent member eligible to request an Action Team grant? If so, please contact Cindy Eggersgluess to arrange requesting funds for postage!



Now accepting donations of Christmas Cards to be used during this service day!

CROCHET FOR A CAUSE

JAN. 5TH FROM 9-10 AM



Please consider joining us on the first Monday of the month (with a few exceptions for holidays) as we work together toward the goal of crocheting (or knitting) 150 hats for newborn babies! If possible, please bring your own hook and yarn, but Megan will bring extras just in case. We are happy to teach you or to welcome in long time crocheters. Please see Deaconess Megan Polzin with any questions.

The Joy of Giving



We want to make a lasting and generous difference in the world, but we don't think we have the financial means to do it. When it comes to charitable giving, however, retirement assets are an often overlooked opportunity. Some experts have even called qualified retirement plans "the most significant yet underutilized category" of all giving options.

When you look beyond liquid assets into IRA or retirements assets, you'll have an opportunity to give in a way that:

1. Increases your impact. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is a gift from your IRA to causes close to your heart. Those age 70.5 or older with a traditional IRA are eligible to make a QCD. Those age 73 or older can satisfy their required minimum distribution and avoid taxes on that distribution.
2. Simplify your giving. Naming a charity as the beneficiary of your IRA is often one of the easiest ways to make a difference beyond your lifetime. It also spares your heirs a tax burden.
3. Leaves a legacy. When you include a charitable gift in your estate plan to a charity you're passionate about helps to not only supply "the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God" (2 Corinthians 9:12). It is beautiful part of the legacy you'll leave behind.

If you're looking for a way to maximize your generosity and make an impact for generations to come, don't overlook the value of a gift from your retirement assets. First Ev. Lutheran Church provides an opportunity for members and friends to make special gifts to support our ministries during their lifetime and after; thus continuing to serve long after the gift is made. For more ideas, pick up the brochure "Gifts of a Lifetime" available on an Entrance Stand. God's Abundant Grace Enables Abundant Giving!

2025 Endowment Committee

- Wayne Ahlbrecht, Cindy Eggersgluess, Brenda Birkholz, Roger Schmidt, and Mark Schmidt



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GREETERS

**ACOLYTES &
FELLOWSHIP
HOUR HOSTS**

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!

**SCREENS &
LIVE
STREAMING**

**SOUND &
VIDEO**

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

The Lutheran Hour

A Message of Hope on The Lutheran Hour

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday in December at 9:00 a.m. on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. This month you will hear the following program topics on the 9:00 a.m. broadcast:

Dec. 7 **"Chosen for What?"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). God calls believers to trust and follow Jesus--chosen, but chosen for what? (Romans 15:7)

Dec. 14 **"Pictures of Patience"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Patience can be practiced, tested, strained, and lost. Christians are called to return the patience God in His mercy has shown us, in Christ. (James 5:7-8)

Dec. 21 **"Everybody Is Somebody"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). God sends His people--the Church--to be His letters to the world, delivering His Word of promise. (Romans 1:7)

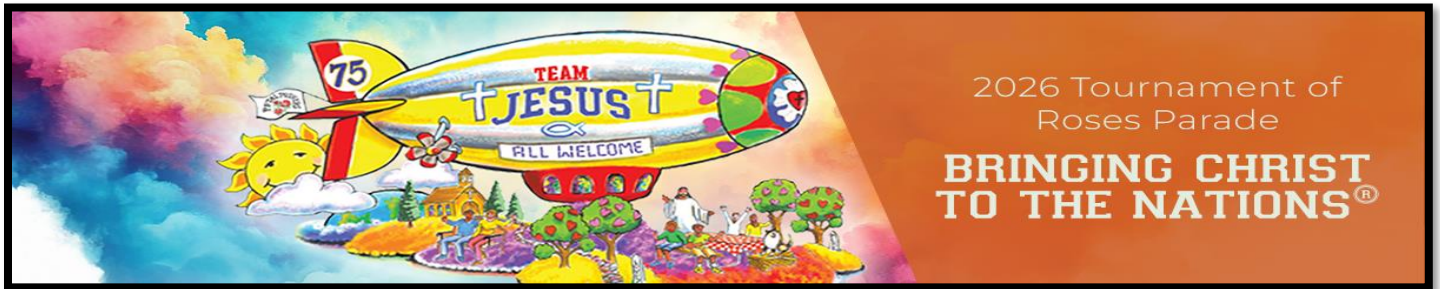
Dec. 28 **"Get Ready for the Best"** with Guest Speaker: Rev. Germán Novelli. Christ will return--maybe this year, maybe even today! Pastor German Novelli helps us to prepare for the blessings and challenges of a new year. (Luke 12:36-37)

Lutheran Hour Broadcast Moves to KGLB 1310 AM Radio

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

2026 Sponsor Campaign Report

Our 2026 Sponsor Campaign has begun. To date we have received \$1,577.00 towards our goal of raising \$5,096.00 for the 52 broadcasts on KGLB 1310 AM Radio in 2026. You are Invited to become a 2026 KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporter. Any gift amount helps. Sponsor one broadcast (\$98.00) or broadcasts by sending 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? Please call or text Rich at 320-779-0123. Thank you!



The 137th Tournament of Roses Parade will take place on Thursday, January 1, 2026, in Pasadena, California, under the theme of "The Magic in Teamwork." This will be LHM's 75th time entering the new year with a Christian message of hope in Jesus Christ in the form of a floral Rose Parade float.

This year's float features a Team Jesus blimp flying over the world and coming forth from the church as Jesus celebrates with 12 modern-day disciples as it features the message ALL WELCOME. "Team Jesus" serves as a reminder that it takes all to fulfill the callings Christ has placed upon us to do the work of bringing Christ and His redeeming love to the world.

Symbolism includes a Luther Seal on the nose of the blimp and 75 on the tail for the 75th year of having a Lutheran float in the parade. The Petal Pushers banner is shown to represent the annual volunteer efforts of 3,500+ individuals.

As a self-funded project of the Southern California District of the Lutheran Laymen's League, the LHM float is the only Christian float in the annual parade. The float carries on a mission to provide a Gospel witness to the millions of parade viewers watching in person at the parade in Pasadena, on TV and the computer.

If you're interested in volunteering to help with the production of the float, please visit petalpushers.org!

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

CRAFTING for a Cause



CROCHET for a Cause



who: ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CREATIVE, SERVICE-ORIENTED, CELEBRATORY ACTIVITY!

what: HATS FOR NEWBORN BABIES! ANYONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO KNIT OR CROCHET (OR IS WILLING TO LEARN) IS INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE CRAFT ADORABLE HATS FOR NEWBORN BABES OF ALL SIZES. THESE ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED TO LOCAL AND METROPOLITAN HOSPITALS TO BE DISTRIBUTED WITH A SMALL NOTE STATING THEY ARE DONATED IN HONOR AND CELEBRATION OF OUR CONGREGATION'S 150 YEARS OF GOD'S GRACE.

when: THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH (WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS) FROM 9-10 AM.

where: DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WE WILL MEET IN THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH RECEPTION AREA (THE BLUE COUCHES). IF WE GET A GREAT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, WE CAN MOVE TO THE FELLOWSHIP CENTER.

why: BECAUSE CHRISTIANS VALUE LIFE AS A GOD-GIVEN GIFT TO BE CELEBRATED AND REJOICED! AND BECAUSE GOD GIVES US ALL VARIOUS TALENTS AND ABILITIES THAT CAN BE UTILIZED TO SHARE HIS LOVE WITH PEOPLE IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

how: PATTERNS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BOTH CROCHET AND KNITTING. WE DO ASK THAT YOU BRING YOUR OWN SKEIN OF YARN AND HOOK TO START (WE MAY HAVE A FEW EXTRA HOOKS IF YOU'RE JUST WANTING TO TRY IT OUT). WE WILL NOT BE PICKY IF ONE LOOKS DIFFERENT FROM ANOTHER, SINCE EVERY BABY WILL BE UNIQUE, SO WILL THE HATS!



who: ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CREATIVE, SERVICE-ORIENTED, CELEBRATORY ACTIVITY! ALL ARTISANS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT CINDY EGGERSGLUESS AT (612) 840-6308 SO SHE CAN KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE ARTISANS AND THE MEDIUMS THEY ARE USING.

what: ARTISANS, UTILIZING VARIOUS MODES OF ART, WILL CREATE CROSSES TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE JULY 12TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE. CROSSES CAN BE CROCHET, TATTED, KNITTED, WOVEN, CARVED FROM WOOD, OR USE ANY OTHER ARTISTIC MEDIUM.

when: CROSSES WILL BE CREATED INDIVIDUALLY AT YOUR CONVENIENCE, THEN WE WILL HAVE A "CROSS COLLECTION" ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, JANUARY - JUNE. THIS WILL ALLOW US TIME TO KEEP UP ON QUANTITY SO WE ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH TO DISTRIBUTE AT OUR JULY CELEBRATION.

where: CROSSES WILL BE CRAFTED AT HOME AND THEN COLLECTED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

why: WE WOULD LIKE TO DISTRIBUTE THE CROSSES, ALONG WITH A SMALL TAG REJOICING IN AND CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF GOD'S GOODNESS AND GRACE.

how: WE ARE ASKING THAT WHATEVER MEDIUM THE ARTISANS USE, THE CROSS DIMENSIONS ARE APPROX. 4" TOP TO BOTTOM AND 2.5" SIDE TO SIDE.



HAND CRAFTED Crosses



FULL CHURCH PHOTOGRAPH

WHO: ALL MEMBERS OF FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WHO ARE ABLE TO PHYSICALLY ATTEND CHURCH.

WHAT: DURING (AND POSSIBLY FOLLOWING) THE 10:30AM DIVINE SERVICE WE WILL BE TAKING SEVERAL PR PHOTOS OF A FULL CHURCH SANCTUARY! IF YOU WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN THESE IMAGES, THAT WILL BE USED FOR YEARS TO COME, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE 10:30AM SERVICE THAT DAY. PURPOSFULLY SITTING NEAR THE FRONT, FILLING IN ANY LARGER GAPS.

WHEN: 10:30AM ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH.

WHERE: FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN GLENCOE, MN.

WHY: ALTHOUGH WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE MULTIPLE SERVICE TIMES TO ATTEND, WE ARE ASKING THAT AS MANY MEMBERS AS ABLE ATTEND THE 10:30 SERVICE ON THE 25TH TO ENSURE WE HAVE A FULL SANCTUARY FOR A PHOTO. WE ARE SIMPLY DOING THIS TO GET AS MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS BODY OF CHRIST AS WE ARE ABLE IN A SINGLE PHOTO.

HOW: WE WILL BE UTILIZING PROFESSIONAL CAMERA EQUIPMENT (AND POSSIBLY A DRONE) TO CAPTURE THIS FOOTAGE/PHOTO. IT IS ONLY WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION THAT WE CAN FILL THE SANCTUARY-THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ASSISTING US IN THIS TASK!

Note: FLS K-8 singing this service too!





congregation in Prayer



who:

ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS VALUABLE HABIT AS A CELEBRATORY ACTIVITY!

what:

EACH WEEK DAY WE ARE ENCOURAGING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO JOIN TOGETHER AT 1:50 PM FOR A MOMENT OF PRAYER. ALTHOUGH WE ARE ALL FREE TO CONVERSE WITH GOD OVER ANY MATTER, A CALENDAR/LIST WILL BE PROVIDED MONTHLY SO EVERYONE CAN FEEL COMFORTABLE KNOWING WHAT TO PRAY FOR IF THEY DON'T HAVE SOMETHING PERSONAL.

when:

AT 1:50 PM EACH WEEK DAY (IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE ON THE WEEKENDS YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY FREE TO DO SO, BUT WE WILL FOCUS ON THE WEEKDAYS TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION).

where:

THIS IS THE BEST PART ABOUT PRAYER--WE CAN DO IT WHEREVER WE ARE. WE CAN PRAY AUDIBLY OR QUIETLY IN OUR HEARTS. SO WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF IS PERFECT!

why:

BECAUSE GOD LOVES US SO DEEPLY AND WANTS US, EVEN COMMANDS US, TO PRAY. IN OUR BUSY LIVES WE FREQUENTLY DON'T TAKE THE TIME TO BE IN A PERSONAL CONVERSATIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR CREATOR/SAVIOR. BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS TIMED PRAYER, WE WILL CREATE A HABIT OF PRAYER AND REJOICE TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE YEAR.

how:

MAKE SURE YOU GRAB A 150TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR EACH MONTH IN 2026. CONTAINED ON THAT DOCUMENT ARE PRAYERS FOR EACH DAY OF THE MONTH. IF YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY, YOU ARE FREE TO PRAY FOR ANYTHING YOU WISH, OR TO USE THE PROVIDED PROMPTS. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT, IF YOU ARE ABLE, YOU SET AN "ALARM" TO GO OFF AT 1:50PM TO HELP REMIND YOU TO PARTICIPATE!



150TH ANNIVERSARY TSHIRT DESIGN



**front
design &
color
choices**



**back
design**



who: ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE INVITED TO PURCHASE A TSHIRT COMMEMORATING OUR 150TH YEAR TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION.

what: TSHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE (\$15 EA). SIZES AVAILABLE RANGE FROM ADULT XS - 3XL IN BOTH THE APPLE GREEN AND BONDI BLUE COLORS.

when: AS SOON AS OUR SHIPMENT ARRIVES WE WILL BEGIN SELLING AFTER THE EARLY SERVICE, BEFORE THE LATE SERVICE, OR THROUGHOUT THE WEEK IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

why: HAVING CHURCH BRANDED TSHIRTS ALLOWS OUR COMMUNITY TO EASILY RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THIS CHURCH, AS WELL AS OFFERS YOU A CHANCE TO WITNESS WITH WHAT YOU WEAR! WITH OUR 150TH THEME VERSE ON THE BACK, OUR SPECIAL 150TH LOGO ON THE FRONT, AND BOLD COLOR CHOICES, COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE GUARANTEED TO NOTICE WHEN THESE ARE SEEN OUT AND ABOUT!

how: PLEASE BRING CASH OR CHECK TO THE WELCOME CENTERS AFTER EARLY SERVICE OR BEFORE LATE SERVICE TO PURCHASE. IN ADDITION, SHIRTS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE ANYTIME DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

*Note: Exact cash is appreciated. If paying by check, please make it out to First Lutheran Church.



CONTINUOUS READING OF THE BIBLE

who: ALL MEMBERS OF FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WHO ARE ABLE TO READ ALOUD ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CELEBRATORY ACTIVITY.

what: STARTING AT 12:01 AM ON JANUARY 1ST, 2026 WE WILL READ THE ENTIRETY OF THE BIBLE ALOUD FROM THE LECTERN IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY.

when: 12:01 AM ON JANUARY 1ST, 2026 UNTIL WE ARE FINISHED (WE SHOULD FINISH WITHIN 54-72 HOURS, OR FOR SURE BEFORE CHURCH ON THE 4TH).

where: READERS WILL ENTER THE CHURCH THROUGH THE MAIN (SOUTH) ENTRANCE. READING WILL OCCUR FROM THE LECTERN WITHIN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY.

why: THE WORD OF GOD IS POWERFUL AND PERFORMATIVE. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES HAVE GUIDED AND EDIFIED EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR THE PAST 150 YEARS AND IN CELEBRATION OF THAT, WE ARE THANKING AND PRAISING GOD BY READING ALOUD THE ENTIRE BIBLE TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION. EVEN PAUL SAID, "FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD FOR SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES, TO THE JEW FIRST AND ALSO TO THE GREEK. FOR IN IT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM FAITH FOR FAITH, AS IT IS WRITTEN, "THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH" (ROMANS 1:16-17).

how: THIS WILL WORK BY US ALL COMING TOGETHER AND TAKING A SMALL PART IN THE GREAT TASK. MEMBERS CAN SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE BELOW OR THEY MAY CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 320-864-5522 TO SIGN UP. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR WILLING PARTICIPATION IN THIS AWESOME EVENT AS WE RING IN THE 150TH YEAR OF BLESSINGS WITH THE WORD OF GOD!

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:1-5).





Heritage Sundays

who:

ALL MEMBERS OF FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CELEBRATORY ACTIVITY!

what:

WE WILL BE “THROWING IT BACK” TO OUR ROOTS EACH HERITAGE SUNDAY. CONGREGANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR “OLD FASHIONS” SUCH AS HATS, GLOVES, VEILS SUITS, CANES, ETC... WE WILL ALSO FEATURE SOME GERMAN LANGUAGE PORTIONS OF WORSHIP AND USE THE “OLD” OFFERING COLLECTION PLATES.

when:

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN 2026.

where:

AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

why:

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING 3 IS A MODERNIZED VERSION OF THE ORIGINAL GERMAN LUTHERAN LITURGY, THEREFORE WE WILL REJOICE IN OUR ROOTS WHILE WE CELEBRATE IN A FUN AND CREATIVE WAY!

how:

WE WILL NEED MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER IN A FEW CAPACITIES. WE ARE LOOKING FOR SINGERS WHO ARE WILLING TO LEARN A VERSE OR 2 IN GERMAN FROM A SELECTED HYMN (WE NEED UP TO 12 OF THESE VOLUNTEERS). IN ADDITION WE WILL NEED USHERS WILLING TO ASSIST WITH OFFERING. LASTLY, ALL MEMBERS CAN HELP MAKE THIS A FESTIVE OCCURANCE BY PARTICIPATING IN THE “OLD FASHIONED” DRESSING!



LAKE WACONIA ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

BROUGHT TO YOU BY FUTURE FLAMES COMMITTEE OF FIRST LUTHERAN
SCHOOL GLENCOE

Join us for a family friendly ice fishing tournament on Lake Waconia, in Waconia MN. All participants are entered in a drawing held throughout the contest to win a prize, Grand prizes awarded for largest Predator fish and largest Panfish and smallest fish
FISH HOUSES ARE ALLOWED

GRAND PRIZES

Eskimo Quickfish 2 Person Fish House

Donated by O2B Kids

Strike Master 2424 V Lithium 8"

Donated by Neubarth Land Scaping

Garmin ECHOMAP UHD2

Keyed 5" Ice Fishing

Bundle Fish Finder

Donated by Outdoorica

OVER \$16,000 IN
DRAWING PRIZES!!!!

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MARK THE DATE!

01.17.2026

9:00AM-2:00PM

TICKETS: \$20-\$25

.. Under 15yr.. 16+yr ..

..youth 4 and under are free..

Registration/check in begins at 7:30 am, online
registration will make check in faster.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2nd-annual-lake-waconia-ice-fishing-tournament>

For questions please email flsfutureflames@outlook.com



In 2026, First Evangelical Lutheran Church will reach a remarkable milestone – our 150th Anniversary!

Plans are underway to reflect on our history and heritage, celebrate God's abundant blessings, and recommit ourselves to our mission of *sharing Christ and changing lives*. Our theme for this special year is **Hebrews 10:22–24**, with the tagline **Worship • Community • Confession**.

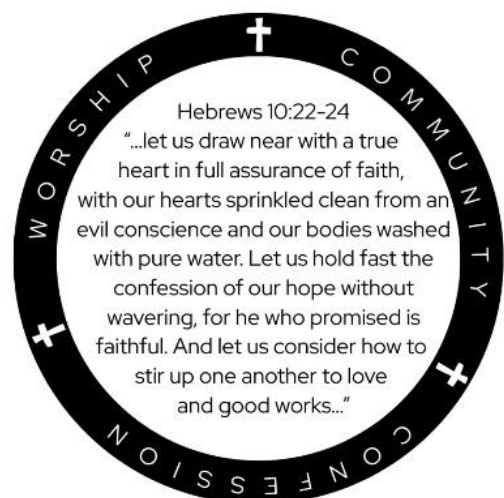
Throughout 2026, we will commemorate this anniversary in many meaningful ways. Here is a sneak peek:

- **150+ Service & Fellowship Activities:** We've compiled more than 150 opportunities for the year ahead!
- **Monthly Anniversary Calendars:** Each month you'll receive a calendar page featuring a historical photo, highlighted service activities, daily prayers, significant historical moments, and other events.
- **Heritage Sundays:** On the **second Sunday of each month**, we will hold a Divine Service featuring various elements of our Lutheran heritage: historic liturgies, hymns, and treasured traditions from our past.
- **Continuous Bible Reading:** Beginning **January 1**, we will embark on a continuous reading of the entire Bible—and we need you to participate! The sign up can be accessed via info in this newsletter or near any info center on the south and west sides of the sanctuary.
- **Congregation in Prayer:** Each weekday at **1:50 p.m.** (in honor of our 150th year), we invite you to pause wherever you are and join fellow members in prayer.
- **150 Bell Rings:** On the first Sunday in January, we will open our worship services with **150 joyful bell rings**! We will rejoice again with 150 rings to open our Anniversary Service on July 12th and close the year with 150 rings again on the last Sunday of the year.
- **Special Anniversary T-Shirts** will be available for purchase (\$15) in December— we are excited to see our members wearing out and about in the community!

Our **Church Pictorial Directory and Historical Recap (1876–2026)** will feature both member photos and a rich collection of historical information. This combined directory/historical book is planned for publication by early summer. The Historical Committee continues its work on the directory content, including scanning photos for long-term digital preservation. We are also preparing a special historical display to be unveiled during the **Pancake & Sausage Meal on Sunday, March 22**. Planning has also begun for a **First Lutheran Cemetery Tour on May 17**.

Please mark your calendars for our **Anniversary Service on Sunday, July 12, 2026**, a day for your whole family to attend and celebrate together.

These are only **some** of the events planned as we honor 150 years of God's faithfulness. Please stay tuned, pray for our preparations, and consider how you might participate. Ideas and questions may be directed to the 150th Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs, **Cindy Eggersgluess and Dennis Wolter**.



#GIVING TUESDAY

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 and members 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! **Might any member be willing to fill in from 12:50 to 1:50 while students practice for Christmas program?**
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!

December, 2025

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



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- **December 10**
- | 3-8 Choral Service | 7:00 p.m
- **December 17**
- |Christmas Program
- | 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- (Preservice music starts at 8:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.)
- **December 25**
- | Jesus' Birthday
- **December 18-January 4th**
- | No School | Christmas Break
- School Resumes Jan. 5th -Monday



Please Pray For:

- Those who are experiencing any form of loss this Christmas season
- Thankful hearts, that we may never take what we have been given by our Heavenly Father for granted.
- Those people whose lives are in need of a kind word and the message of Christ's love during the Christmas season. Help us to share that message.
- The families of friends and relatives who can't be with a loved one during this holiday season.
- The Christmas Program, that the message of our Savior would be shared and the Holy Spirit would work through the students and in the hearts of anyone who might be hearing this message for the first time.

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- All the people who supported the 7th and 8th graders in their Trunk or Treat meal.
- The wonderful people who donated to our Nonpublic School Marathon.
- Cindy Eggersgluess for her continued work to make our Home Grown meals a reality.
- Andy for his continued hard work in keeping our school maintained and running!
- All of the great folks who came out to celebrate Grandparents Day with us on November 26th.
- All of the parents who choose to make parochial education a priority.



Advent Meals

During the month of December there are Wednesday night Advent services at 7:00 PM. Before the services there will be meals provided with a free will donation.



Congratulations to Spencer and Mya on their Wedding Day here at First Lutheran Church Nov. 15th. Spencer is our PE and 4th Grade Teacher. God Bless the Lillienthals!



5th and 6th News: 5th page 1 / 6th page 2

5th Grade

Time flies, it's already almost Christmas! 5th grade had a blast on their field trip with 6th grade on October 24th to the History Center and Grand Slam! In religion, we are working our way through our third unit, which is about leaders in the Old Testament like Gideon, Samson, David, and Solomon. We are also learning how these leaders connect and point to the greatest leader, Jesus. We are using models for adding and subtracting decimals in math, as well as practicing our problem solving with money and refreshing ourselves on our multiplication facts. In social studies, we are learning about the regions and features of the United States and marveling about the beautiful land that God created. We are learning the principles of art, and so far have covered rhythm, balance, and emphasis. In STEM, we have made Rube Goldberg projects, tried out different wing styles on a paper bat, and learned how different liquids use the properties of adhesion and cohesion to stay on a penny.

With joyful hearts, we remember and celebrate Christ's birth. May you, your family, and your friends know and share Christ's love this Christmas. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

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Chapel Offerings

November marked our final month for chapel offerings. Over \$750 was brought in for Missionaries in Tanzania. The 7th and 8th Grade got to visit Mission Central in Mapleton Iowa and were given Michael and Shanna Hageman to support.

We also brought in some extra \$ money to help support from a few hat days at school.



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Christmas Wish Tree

FLS Wish Tree ~ A Great Way to Donate! A Christmas Wish Tree sponsored by First Lutheran School to help provide items for the classrooms and school has been put up next to the Church Office with paper "ornaments". Each ornament has a "wish item" & cost written on the back. Choose your ornament(s), put it in the provided envelope with your donation & place the sealed envelope in the box under the tree.

Checks may be made payable to First Lutheran School.

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Cost of Education

By the Grace of God and through the generous support of First Lutheran Church, First Lutheran School has been able to educate children in the Love of Christ for 140 years. It is estimated that it costs about \$6500 to educate one child at FLS for a year. Tuition pays between 10% and 30% of that cost. Our many fundraisers pay some of the bills; however, the vast majority is supported by First Lutheran Church. To that end, we ask all members of FLC and especially those who send their children to FLS, to consider these figures when they are donating to their church. Thank you to all of your support as we grow the kingdom of God through the work of the Holy Spirit!

Great things are happening at FLS. Let's keep it happening for another 140 years!

You're Invited!

The Christmas Tree Connection

You're invited to our Preschool-8th Grade Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 17th. We will have a service at 9:00 am and also at 7:00 pm with preservice music starting 30 minutes prior to both services.

You will see the connection the TREE has to the Great and Glorious coming of Our Messiah!
Bring a Friend or Two!



School closings and late starts are carried on KDUZ, KARP, and WCCO radio stations and on television stations WCCO (4), and KARE (11). First Lutheran follows the Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools for all weather closings. Parents should use their own best judgment on travel safety during poor weather conditions. During inclement weather, parents may take their children home at any time during the day by reporting to the school office by phone or Fast Direct. The dismissal time announced on radio and TV stations is the time the first building dismisses. If the announced time is 12:00, First Lutheran dismisses at 11:50. On mornings with late starts, scheduled classes (band, chapel, etc.) that meet before 10:10 are canceled for the day. You may dial 320-864-2499 (1) for cancellation or postponement of the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District.

6th Grade

It's hard to believe we are entering the month of December! The sixth graders are moving along and have been exploring various aspects of learning and understanding inside and outside the classroom. If someone needs some help, the students are there for each other to willingly do whatever needs to be done! God is good!

They had a great time on their field trip adventure with the 5th grade to the Minnesota History Museum and learning about our country's past. They explored the many things that have led to what is now. They understand what God has given and provided through the adventures of the past.

Afterward, they used their talents to do a variety of fun activities at Grand Slam! It was a well-deserved break from their


busy schedules and work at school!

In Religion, the 6th graders are discussing, exploring, and researching the various stories in the Old Testament, and what they mean for us as we strive to follow His teachings. In Math, they have been learning all about finding the greatest common factors and the least common multiples in various ways, as well as working with adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions, decimals, and various ways to use numbers! In Science, the students learned that we are each made of trillions of cells that work in various ways to mold one special God-made individual! Wow!

For Spelling, phonics has been discussed, such as the long and short vowel sounds, and how they can be spelled differently. They have been reading the book Hatchet by Gary Paulsen in Literature, which is perfect for getting us ready for winter and, in ELA, our students have been studying the prewriting stages and are writing an opinion essay on various issues. In History, they are studying Egypt and learning about the building of pyramids and the thought of various acceptable traditions the people followed.

As we move forward, we are looking forward to a busy year full of learning through various activities, projects, explorations, and so much more! God has given us such a wonderful world to explore, work together in, and enjoy as we move down the path in His World!

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