

Nurturing Your Faith - Life to the Full!



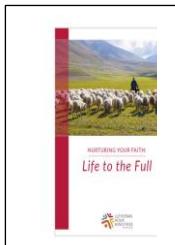
Happy New Year!
God's blessings to you
throughout this exciting year
that lies ahead!

2026 is here and that means the sesquicentennial (celebration of 150 years) as a congregation of believers in Christ in Glencoe, Minnesota has officially begun! Thanks be to God!



Throughout this newsletter there is lots of information on ways that we can show thanks to God for His many blessings to us as a family of believers in Him at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. I am really looking forward to participating in the many events that are being planned for us.

Being in God's Word and being in prayer to God are not only essential for maintaining strong faith in Jesus, our Redeemer, but they are also the best ways we can commemorate this special anniversary.



With this in mind, I would like to invite you start this exciting year off in God's Word on **Sunday mornings in-between worship services**. In the month of January, we will be engaging in a four-week video Bible Study called: **Nurturing Your Faith: Life to the Full**.

In this series, through a short video followed by exploring God's Word and discussion together, we will pursue the answer to a question that many people have asked themselves:

**"How do I know if the life I am living
is a life well-lived?"**

As we wonder if we're getting the most out of life before it passes us by, we will call to mind this promise of Jesus from John's Gospel: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

Jan. 4 - Session 1: The Gift of Life

In session one on January 4th, our topic will be: "The Gift of Life". In the short video that we'll watch, Rev. Dr. Travis Scholl reminds us that there is an abundant life available to each of us through faith in Jesus Christ. This life is more than just a series of events on the calendar; it's a quality of life gifted to those who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Jan. 11 - Session 2: How the Sheep Find Home

In session two on January 11th, our topic will be: "How the Sheep Find Home". There are many voices that would "shepherd" us through life if we allow them. But in this session Rev. Scholl shares how there is only One whose voice offers us a peace-filled and abundant life-our loving and faithful Shepherd Jesus Christ.

Jan. 18 - Session 3: The Spirit of Youth

In session three on January 18th, our topic will be: "The Spirit of Youth". The wide-eyed wonder of experiencing life as a child is something to seek even as an adult. In this session we are encouraged to take in all of God's handiwork and revel in our Creator who loves us and saves us.

Jan. 25 - Session 4: To Live Is to Love

On our fourth session on January 25th, our final topic will be: "To Live is to Love". God is love, and in Jesus we have the perfect example of God's love for the world. In Nurturing Your Faith: To Live Is to Love, we learn of the four life-affirming "loves" the Bible speaks of. We are reminded that God's love toward us is transformative, changing hearts by His grace into people who live by faith in Him and love for one another.

I hope you will make time to join us as we explore this great gift of the overflowing, abundant life of God in **Nurturing Your Faith: Life to the Full**.

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dan Welch*

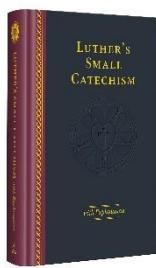
From Assistant Pastor,

Rev. Michael Ewert



1 Peter 3:14-16 **14** But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, **15** but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, **16** having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

What does this mean?



Reading this question should immediately give you flashbacks of confirmation. Memorizing each part of the Catechism and answering that question. But as we begin to celebrate the 150th Birthday of First Evangelical Lutheran Church I would like to spend time and take a look at what this celebration means.

Too often we run headfirst into matters of life without taking time to slow down and stop. It is now in the heart of winter and snow has piled up so it is as good a time as any to take a minute and examine what it means to be a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

It might be tempting to jump straight to what it means to be a Christian, or specifically a Lutheran. What do I believe, what do I think matters? But this is putting the cart before the horse.

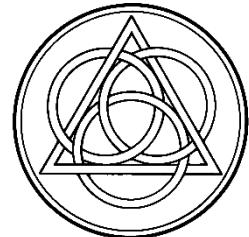
We are tempted in our world today to begin with ourselves. We start with what we think, what we feel, and what we believe. We often echo the idea, "I think, therefore I am," and faith becomes centered on our own thoughts and conclusions. This is Anthropocentric thinking, it is self-centered. It places the self first and treats God as secondary or assumed. It seems subtle, even natural, but too often it causes us to skip over God altogether.



How does the Bible begin? Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." And the Gospel of John repeats this, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

What about our Creeds? "I believe in God the Father Almighty." Our Articles of Incorporation explain our purpose: "The purpose of this congregation shall be to seek the honor and glory of God." And then they point to the *Book of Concord* as the explanation of our faith, and the *Book of Concord* begins with the three ecumenical creeds, and the First Article of the *Augsburg Confession* is titled "Concerning God," and speaks of the common faith found in the Creeds.

God is our foundation. St Paul says, "For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 3:11) Our faith does not begin with us, but with God. I know it is easy to move past it, to be a Christian means to believe in God, but we sometimes need to slow down and remember that everything needs to begin with God.



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So I pray that as we celebrate this 150th year we begin with God's blessing. And as you begin your New Year, God is ever present in all things.

*Speaking Christ,
Pr. Michael Ewert*

From the DCE Desk...



Take a look at almost any photograph of a Christian church prior to the 1950s/60s and you are bound to notice one thing they will all have in common: head coverings. This month, in honor of our first Heritage Sunday (January 11th, and all 2nd Sundays of the month following) I have decided to use my newsletter article space to draw

attention to this “old fashioned” and yet also reemerging tradition of women covering their heads with scarves, mantillas, prayer veils, or hats. What follows is a summary of an article titled “On Headcoverings,” written by Larry Beane and published in *Gottesdienst: The Journal of Lutheran Liturgy*, on February 27, 2024...you may go there for the entire text.

Women’s Head Coverings in Worship: History, Confession, and Christian Freedom

In recent years, questions about women covering their heads in church have resurfaced, especially within traditional, liturgical congregations. While rarely seen in contemporary worship settings, a small but noticeable number of women in historic Christian churches—Lutheran, Catholic, Orthodox, and others—have begun to reclaim this ancient practice. This is not a uniquely Lutheran phenomenon; it appears across historic congregations and even among some Reformed and Anabaptist groups, where head covering has long been customary.

Historically, women covering their heads in church was nearly universal across Christian denominations until the cultural upheavals of the 1960s. In Roman Catholicism, head coverings were even required by canon law until 1983. The decline of this practice coincided with broader social and sexual revolutions, including explicit protests by feminist organizations such as the National Organization for Women, which rightly understood head coverings to be a confessional symbol rather than mere fashion.

It is therefore unsurprising that head covering has re-emerged today as a countercultural confession—particularly among younger Christians—affirming the goodness of God’s created order in a time of deep confusion about sex, gender, and the body. For some women, covering the head in worship is a meaningful way to express biblical femininity, humility before God, and continuity with the historic Church.

The biblical foundation most often cited is 1 Corinthians 11:2–16, where St. Paul instructs women to cover their heads “in the congregation.”

Christians have long disagreed on how this passage should be applied: some see it as a timeless command, others as culturally bound, others as

optional or adiaphora. Notably, this passage is addressed directly in the Lutheran Confessions.



In the Augsburg Confession, Article 28 (“Of Ecclesiastical Power”), Paul’s instruction on head coverings is cited as an example of a churchly ordinance—a regulation established for good order and peace, not a divine law that binds consciences. Pastors and bishops have authority to establish such ordinances so that worship is conducted orderly and without offense, but they may not declare them necessary for salvation or treat their violation as sin. As our Confessions explicitly state, a woman does not sin by going uncovered, provided no offense is given.

This Lutheran distinction is crucial. Head covering is neither commanded nor forbidden as a matter of salvation. It is not law, but a custom that may be encouraged for the sake of love, tranquility, and good order. The same principle applies to other apostolic ordinances, such as worship on Sunday or fasting regulations: they serve the Gospel when they promote peace and clarity, and they undermine it when they burden consciences.



For this reason, the practice should not become divisive. Whether a woman covers her head or not, the Church’s focus remains Christ crucified. Christians are called to leave one another free in such matters, neither despising the practice nor condemning its absence.

In short, from a Lutheran perspective, women’s head coverings in worship are a venerable and meaningful custom—one that some may joyfully embrace, but none should be forced to adopt. Christian freedom, charity, and attention to Christ must prevail.



So, with all that being said, I (Deaconess Megan Polzin) ask you—*is this something you want to put into your own worship practices?* You absolutely do not have to, but especially since we have this awesome opportunity to revisit long-held traditions during our Heritage Sundays in 2026, now just might be a great time to add in this “laudable custom” as the article stated, and who knows, it may become a permanent practice for your worship! But no matter what you choose, we are thankful for the opportunity to worship alongside one another as a congregational family. May the Lord bless you with discernment and grace during this upcoming year. Amen.

<>< Deaconess Megan Polzin, DCE



Elders & Deacons

Sun., Jan. 4	8:00 AM ~ Mike Cisewski, Lars Ide 10:30 AM ~ Will Freberg, Dan Nikolaisen
Sun., Jan. 11	8:00 AM ~ Mark Schmidt, Dennis Wolter 10:30 AM ~ Dan Nikolaisen, Jason Oelfke
Sun., Jan. 18	8:00 AM ~ Tyler Mielke, Doug Dahike 10:30 AM ~ Justin Petterson, Will Freberg
Sun., Jan. 25	8:00 AM ~ Dean Scheele, Leonard Donnay 10:30 AM ~ Will Freberg, Dean Dahike

PA / Sound

Sun., Jan. 4	8:00 AM ~ Glenn Cohrs 10:30 AM ~ Steven Schauer
Sun., Jan. 11	8:00 AM ~ Kevin Cohrs 10:30 AM ~ Grady Schuft
Sun., Jan. 18	8:00 AM ~ Andrew Mackenthun 10:30 AM ~ Lynn Exsted
Sun., Jan. 25	8:00 AM ~ Lynn Exsted 10:30 AM ~ Tyler Schauer

Greeters

Sun., Jan. 4	8:00 AM ~ OPEN 10:30 AM ~ Nora Cohrs
Sun., Jan. 11	8:00 AM ~ Dave & Betty Withus 10:30 AM ~ Nora Cohrs
Sun., Jan. 18	8:00 AM ~ OPEN 10:30 AM ~ OPEN
Sun., Jan. 25	8:00 AM ~ Jada Neid, Dave & Betty Withus 10:30 AM ~ Priya Wisch

Camera (either service)

Sun., Jan. 4	Andrew Mackenthun
Sun., Jan. 11	Robert Schuft
Sun., Jan. 18	Pam Ahlbrecht
Sun., Jan. 25	Linda Ranzau

Special Music

Sun., Jan. 4 at 8:00 a.m.	~ Senior Choir
Sun., Jan. 11	~ OPEN
Sun., Jan. 18 at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	~ Senior Choir
Sun., Jan. 25 at 10:30 a.m.	~ First Lutheran School Choir

Acolytes

Sun., Jan. 4	8:00 AM ~ Ruby Graf, Cambel Lang 10:30 AM ~ Harper Neubarth, Emme Neubarth
Sun., Jan. 11	8:00 AM ~ Cambel Lang, Clara Willcox 10:30 AM ~ Mason Ortloff, Levi Weidendorf
Sun., Jan. 18	8:00 AM ~ Claire Geib, Caylee Weidendorf 10:30 AM ~ OPEN
Sun., Jan. 25	8:00 AM ~ Claire Geib, Caylee Weidendorf 10:30 AM ~ Ayla Pokornowski, Macie Stradtmann

Fellowship Time

Sun., Jan. 4	
Sun., Jan. 11	150 th Anniversary Committee
Sun., Jan. 18	
Sun., Jan. 25	

Screen Presenters

Sun., Jan. 4	8:00 AM ~ Chloe Donnay 10:30 AM ~ Tyler Schauer
Sun., Jan. 11	8:00 AM ~ Piper Polzin 10:30 AM ~ OPEN
Sun., Jan. 18	8:00 AM ~ Brittney Wolff 10:30 AM ~ Jeri Bennett
Sun., Jan. 25	8:00 AM ~ Gemma Goff 10:30 AM ~ OPEN

Christian Ed Helper (Sunday School)

Sun., Jan. 4	OPEN
Sun., Jan. 11	OPEN
Sun., Jan. 18	OPEN
Sun., Jan. 25	OPEN

Facebook Live Streaming (either service)

Sun., Jan. 4	Dan Nikolaisen
Sun., Jan. 11	OPEN
Sun., Jan. 18	OPEN
Sun., Jan. 25	OPEN

Thank You

~Summaries from Our Boards~

Church Council

Church Council, regularly scheduled for 12-18-25, was cancelled due to blizzard conditions that evening. If it is rescheduled, it would be after the publication of this January newsletter.



Christian Education Board | December 8th

Christian Education Board approved ordering more shells and Bibles for baptisms. We discussed the 150th Anniversary t-shirts and Christmas ornaments. Cradle Roll was updated. For new business, we discussed the Sunday School Christmas service, Sunday School teacher gifts, VBS coming up in June 2026, Sunday School ideas for next year, Christmas children's message gift, ideas for the Silent Auction, Easter Egg Hunt with Evangelism Board, Fellowship Hour hosting, 150th Continuous Reading of the Bible, and Heritage Sundays.

Day School | December 2nd

Sadly, Grandparents/Special Person Day scheduled on November 26 was cancelled due to inclement weather. The schoolchildren are working hard to prepare for their Christmas program on Wednesday December 17, 2025, at 9:00 and 7:00 p.m. The Future Flames committee will be hosting an Ice Fishing Tournament on January 17, 2026.

Board of Deacons | December 4th

Continued discussion of 150th Anniversary celebration plans and July 12th meal. Discussed offering collection options for 2026: Sundays for passing the plate, use of pole baskets, youth involvement. Discussed potential baptismal font relocation options.

Board of Evangelism | December 7th

The Evangelism Board met on Sunday, December 7, 2025. We discussed how the Blessing Bags were well received and changes that could be made for next year. The board members are assisting with the 150th anniversary meal to be held on July 12, 2026. The possibility of hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at First Lutheran Church was discussed as well as changes in ordering palms for Palm Sunday. We attached candy canes to papers explaining the meaning of the candy cane and placed them in baskets near each entrance.

Board of Stewardship

No report

Board of Trustees | December 1st

The Trustees Board had a short meeting. The only topic discussed was the leaky roof which is old news. We will have more informational updates later.



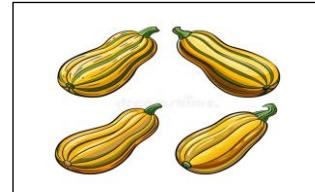
Homegrown! It's a Good Thing!

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.



Our December Homegrown meal was held on Dec 4th. First Lutheran School students enjoyed one of their favorites – Italian Dunkers made with local ground Beef purchased at the Brownton Meat Market and buns from the Pan-o-Gold Bakery in St. Cloud.

Delicatta Squash grown in the School Garden were seasoned and baked. (We enjoy eating the skins.)



Additionally, we enjoyed six pans of Apple Crisps which were made using apples given to us by Brenda Birkholz who picked from a Glencoe apple tree.

We look forward to January when we'll be cooking up two meals during Lutheran School week!

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 ~

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Giving Grant of \$650! Visit (www.Thrivent.com/choice) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars." Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the church office.

✓ **Thrivent Action** Teams – A Thrivent Action Team is a simple, flexible way for you to bring people together to make a positive difference....you might hold a fundraiser, conduct a service activity, or hold an educational event. Since it's now a new year, every Thrivent member has 2 more Action Teams to use during 2026!

Visit Thrivent.com/actionteam to complete an online application (minimum 3 weeks before your event). If you are unable to make your request via computer, you can phone Thrivent and make your request via Customer Service – call 1-800-847-4836.

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

EVERY Thrivent member is eligible to lead two Action Teams per calendar year. **IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR ACTION TEAMS, PLEASE LET CINDY OR THE OFFICE KNOW!** Involve others – it's all about your friends, family and community coming together to make a positive impact! **We are seeking Thrivent members for projects associated with FL upcoming 150th Anniversary. (Recent examples--Action Team used to purchase water/refreshments for the Continuous Reading of the Bible, Action Team used to purchase postage for an important congregational mailing).**

✓ **Thrivent Member Network** - Twin Cities Region works hard to create fun and educational content that you can engage in from the comfort of your own home. There are also some great on-demand webinars (variety of topics) that you can view anytime. **Guests are welcome!** Please feel free to share these events with your friends, family, and community. See all the info and resources at:

<https://www.thriventfinancial.com/member-network/twin-cities/>

✓ **Thrivent Cause Kit** – Help transform lives by completing a Thrivent Cause Kit which will make an impact in communities worldwide.

Request the kit – assemble at home – send it back to give back. You can choose from a Water Filter or Light Kit Thrivent members are eligible to make one kit (with 3 units) per year!

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

Members are eligible to make one kit (with 3 units) per year!



~ Mat-Makers ~



Mat-Makers

"Making warm sleeping mats for God's dear ones who need a place to sleep."

**Mat-Makers will meet
January 13 and 27 at 1:30 p. m.**

First Evangelical Lutheran Mat-Makers will meet January 13 and 27 at 1:30 p.m. to continue crafting mats for homeless. At this time, the mats are going to the large homeless camp at the edge of Pig's Eye Lake Regional Park near downtown St. Paul and delivered by "New Freedom Store Mission," an official mission of LCMS Minnesota South District.

Did you know that about half of all Americans are only 2 or 3 paychecks from being homeless? Could this be you? Or someone you love? Do you have friends or relatives that would take you in? Many people do not.

Jesus had some very specific things to say about how we are to treat folks who have no home. "Truly I say to you, as you do it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40. "Give to the one who begs from you." Luke 6:30.

God bless you, Mat-Makers, as you serve Him by serving "the least of these my brothers."

We can always use more mat-makers. We'll show you how to do it! It's not hard to learn. (We all learned it!) Drop in any time!



~ 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!



**celebrating
FIRST 150th
LUTHERAN
CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

**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

A hand reaching out over a group of people in prayer.

JULY *Important: Mark your calendars NOW!* **'26**

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Church 150th
Anniversary
Service and
Celebration!*

~ Lutheran Women in Mission ~

The Humble, Heavenly Banquet January 6, 1:30 p.m.

A great banquet has been prepared by one of society's elite! The upper-crust of the area have all been invited and they are eager to learn WHO the guest of honor will be. What a surprise when Jesus, a humble man who holds no place in the upper social circles, enters!

Read Luke 14:1-24 to see what happens and what Jesus has to say to the "upper class," the prominent Pharisees, attending this banquet. And, what He has to say to us.

Lutheran Women in Mission LWML will meet Monday, January 6 at 1:30 p.m. to study "The Humble, Heavenly Banquet" from At Table with Jesus. If this is a Bible study that interests you, please join us. All women of the congregation are welcome. You don't have to be a member to attend. Devotions will be led by Deaconess Polzin. Only a short business meeting will follow. Refreshments will be served.

Some Bible Verses about Hospitality:

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ~Acts 20:35

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? ~1 John 3:17

Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality. ~2 Corinthians 8:13-14

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ~ Matthew 25: 35-36

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. ~Hebrews 13:2

Happy January birthday to honorary Lutheran Women in Mission members Ida Rutske and Lorraine Kumm. A \$5 gift to LWML Grants "Mites" has been given in your honor.




**Lutheran Women
in Mission**

~ Special Thank-yous ~

Thank you to Les & Sue Engelmann for donating their Thrivent Action Teams for four 150th Anniversary activities. We very much appreciate your sharing this wonderful benefit with us!



If you are a Thrivent member and want to donate your Action Team, please contact the Church office.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Advent Meal on Wednesday, December 17th**. An estimated 100 people attended and enjoyed pizza, apple slices, and desserts. Thank you also to the Thrivent Action Team program for their support. Through the generosity of our diners, we raised \$624 for the 150th Anniversary Fund!

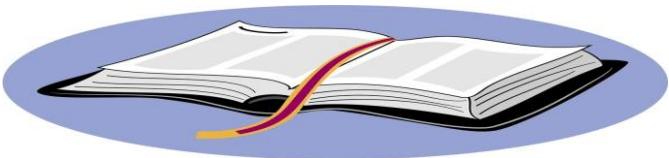
- 150th Anniversary Historical Committee

Thank you to Everyone who helped to decorate and prepare the church and sanctuary for the Christmas Season!



Thank you to Everyone who participating in Reading the Bible Aloud!

Whether young or old, ALL voices were pleasing to God and helped to set a pattern of dedication to God's Word in the New Year! Watch for updates about possible future reading sessions of the Old Testament!



January Youth Calendar

4th | IMPACT 6:30-8pm @ Lighthouse

7th | Catechism Parent Drive Day

11th | Blaze 6:30-8pm @ Lighthouse

18th | Ladies Bible Studies 6:30-8pm @ Church

20th | Ignite: White as Snow 3-4:45pm @ Church

24th | Escape Room 10am @ Church

Grades 5-12
Sign up DUE
January 11th

~ First Lutheran Church & School Events ~

Upcoming Silent Auction Dates

Mon., Jan. 5, 6 p.m. – Flames Boosters meeting
Fri., Feb. 20 – all auction items due
Sat., Feb. 28 – on-line auction begins
Sun., March 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Bump's catered meal
Sat., March 7 – on-line auction ends
Sun., March 8, 9 a.m. to noon – item pick-up



Attention all Board Members

Mark your calendars now for the board
reorganization meeting on

Tuesday, January 6th @ 7pm



Upcoming Altar Guild Meeting

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

Undecorating from Christmas
followed by AG meeting
<> NO MEAL <>



mat **MAKERS**

a mission of First Lutheran
Church Glencoe, MN

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



MAT-MAKERS UPDATE:

Thank you so much to everyone who has been donating plastic bags to the Mat-Makers! Everyone's efforts to help in this project are greatly appreciated! **At the present time, we are in need of MORE plastic grocery bags.** Please continue to bring your clean, used plastic grocery-type bags to the receptacle in the south lobby at church. Star-Tribune bags also work. Thank you!

CATECHISM UPDATE **PARENT DRIVE DAY**

Wednesday, January 7th

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.

~ 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.

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"Next Week"

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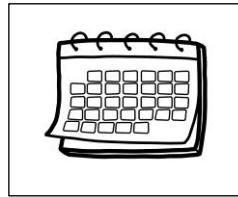
Barbara Bressler McKee of New Ulm

New week, I'll do what I've put off,
Make some changes and have some talks.
Next week, I'll visit a few folks ~
It's been a while since we last spoke.

Next week, I will return phone calls ~
It's just seven days, after all.

Next week, I'll write a few letters
And vow to do my job better.

Next week, I will tackle the mess
That's growing larger, I confess.
Next week, I will start that diet.
And exercise? Maybe I'll try it.



Next week, I'll face my greatest fears ~
The ones I've run from all these years.
Next week, I will give to the poor,
Practice kindness a little more.

Next week, I plan to get around
To setting some bad habits down.
Next week, I will pursue my dreams ~
It can't be as hard as it seems.

Next week, I'll tell all those I love
The three small words that mean so much.
Next week, I'll rely more on God
And receive all His Son's blood bought.

Next week, I won't procrastinate ~
It isn't all that long to wait.
For now, I'll pencil in the date
And hope next week won't be too late.

-Submitted by Charleen Engelmann

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

GIVING TUESDAY 2025 RESULTS

Giving Tuesday - It's a simple idea: whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to contribute toward building the better world we all want to live in.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Giving Tuesday at FL on Dec 2, 2025. About 65 people contributed 192+ hours doing a variety of activities.....cleaning, wiping pews, quilting, participating in Bible Study, donating undies and socks (363 items!) for Orphan Grain Train, decorating for Christmas, Keep It Happening mailing, cutting bread labels, donating cards and postage, writing Christmas cards, sponsoring FLS milk breaks, and ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. The 478 cards were distributed to residents at GlenFields, Orchard Estates, and Grand Meadows as well as McLeod Veterans.

All of this activity is just an example of what happened on one day at FL and it was a wonderful way to "kick off" the Giving Season! Thank you to the Thrivent Action Team program for supplying money to purchase postage for the Christmas cards and refreshments for the volunteers! All through the year, our numerous volunteers log countless hours and help in a multitude of ways.

We thank you!

**GIVING
TUESDAY**

**Church
Directory
Update**

Church Pictorial Directory – One Final Opportunity!

We've added one LAST opportunity for church photos! You can still schedule an appointment for your photo on **Thursday, January 22 (2 – 8:30 PM)**. Every family will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a printed directory. You can schedule your appointment online (use QR code) or by contacting the Church office at 864-5522 .

An option also exists to 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. **Submissions will NOW be accepted until January 14th.**

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 FINAL opportunity to be part of our Church Family Pictorial/150th Anniversary Historical Directory! Our book will not be complete without you!



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

ANGEL SEEDS DESIGNATION

October – December 2025 for New Music for Senior Choir
January – March 2026 for the 150th Anniversary Festivities
April – June 2026 for First Lutheran Church Missions

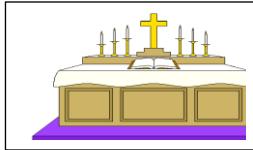
MARY MARTHA ALTAR GUILD

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



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CEMETERY BOARD

Looking for two members of First Lutheran to fill two open positions on the First Lutheran Church Cemetery Board. One individual term is for 2 years, the other term is for 3 years. Please contact Stuart Selchow at 320-583-8367 or Bruce Donnay 320-510-0438.



Handcrafted Crosses

CRAFTED BY OUR MEMBERS

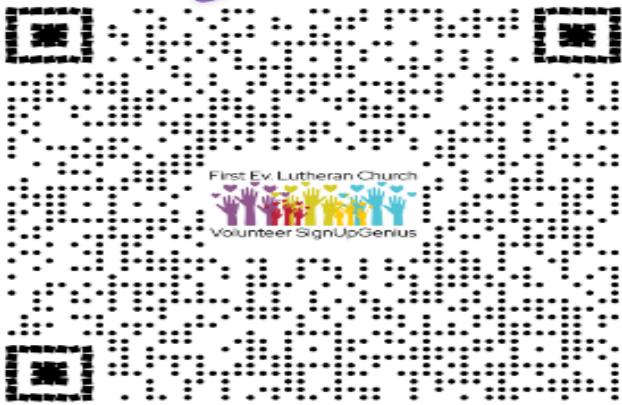
DISTRIBUTED AT OUR 150TH

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!

Use the MASTER SignUpFor...

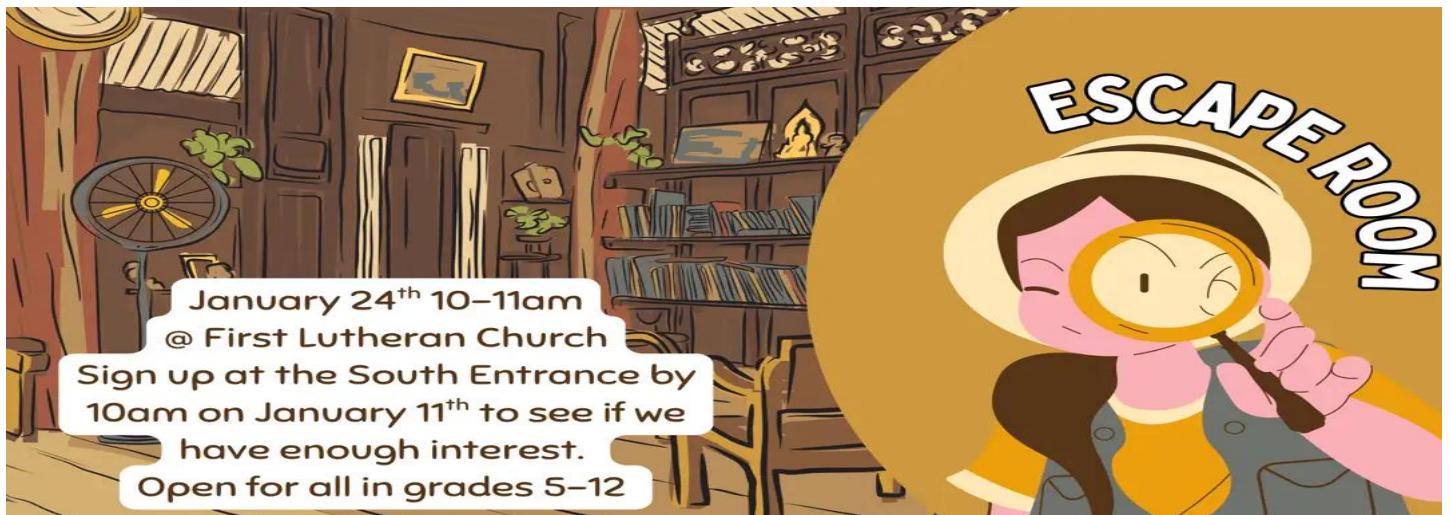


Pretty much every area of volunteers needed for smooth delivery of the Divine Service!

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!



~ Youth Announcements ~



Ladies Bible Study

Sunday, January 18st

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!

Note: The Gents Bible
Study has been
cancelled due to low
participation

IGNITE: WHITE AS SNOW

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH
3 - 4:45 PM

"...though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be
as white as snow; though they are red like
crimson, they shall become like wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

Registration for this Ignite is
DUE by Thursday, January 15th



Children **MUST** be registered to attend.
Parents/Guardians **MUST** sign children out at 4:45pm near the Fellowship Center.

Lutheran Hour Broadcast now on KGLB Radio

On January 4 the Lutheran Hour broadcast moved from KDUZ 1260 AM Radio to KGLB 1310 AM Radio and is heard on Sunday mornings at 7:00 am. You can also hear the 7:00 am broadcast on KGLB 96.1 FM Radio.

A Message of Hope on The Lutheran Hour

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 7:00 am on KGLB 1310 AM and 96.1 FM Radio. The complete January sermon schedule was not available at the newsletter deadline.

Jan 4, 2026 "Knowing and Being Known in a New Year" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). God invites us to speak with Him in prayer and hear from Him in the Bible, to know Him and to love as we are loved. John 17:3

2026 Sponsor Campaign Report

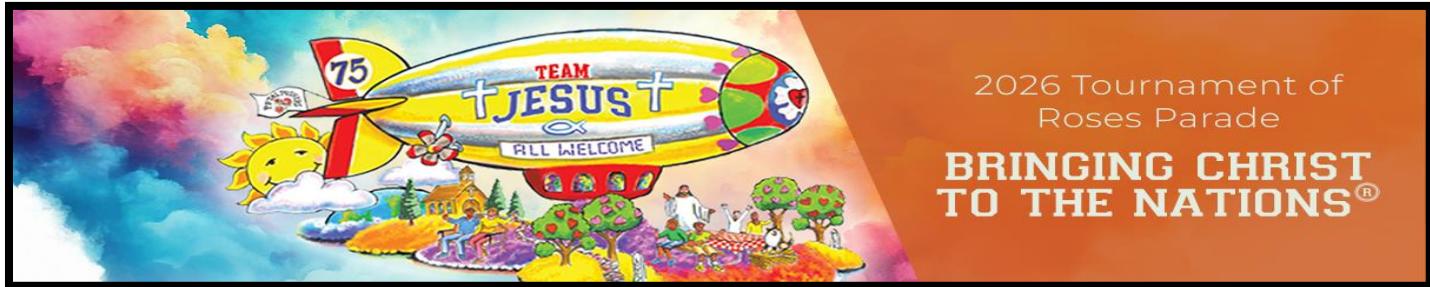
Our 2026 Sponsor Campaign continues. As of 12/18/2025 we have received \$3,136.00 or 61.5% towards our goal of raising \$5,096.00 for the 52 broadcasts in 2026. You are Invited to become a 2026 KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporter. Any gift amount helps. Sponsor one broadcast (\$98.00) or broadcasts 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 contact Rich at 320-779-0123 or e-mail at richstreufert@embarqmail.com.. Thank you for your support!

Our Mission

Help us spread the Gospel message in the KGLB Radio listening area. The KGLB Radio 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.

The Great Commission

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 ESV



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 DEMENSIONS 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 SANTUARY! 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 SANTUARY 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 SANTUARY-THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ASSISTING US IN THIS TASK!





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 RECOMEND 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.



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 OCCURRANCE 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

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

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



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camera over to
purchase tickets
online



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



Happy 150th Anniversary! It's 2026 – a year 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 are a few ways:

- **Continuous Bible Reading:** Beginning at 12:01 AM on **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 online or by phoning the Church office. We invite congregants, friends, and community members to read, or to simply stop by to listen and reflect - an ad was placed in the Dec 19th Chronicle and mentioned on Glencoe Talk (KGLB 1310 AM Radio)
- **150 Bell Rings:** Worship will open with **150 joyful bell rings on Sunday, January 4th**! We will rejoice again with 150 rings for our Anniversary Service on July 12th and close the year with 150 rings on the last Sunday of the year. On Jan 4th, we'll be sharing a **video showcasing our bell!**
- **Shine the Light:** The Church Steeple windows will once again be illuminated at night!
- **Monthly "150th" Calendars:** Have you picked up your January calendar page? Make sure to get one each and every month. Each month features a historical photo, highlighted service activities, daily prayers, significant historical moments, and other events.
- **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 and friends in prayer. Short prayers are shared on the monthly calendar handout.
- **150+ Service & Fellowship Activities:** We've compiled more than 150 opportunities for the year ahead! Two new activities – crocheting/knitting hats for newborns and **hand-crafting little crosses**. All crafters are welcome!
- **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. Vintage collection plates will be used, and attendees are encouraged to dress in old-fashioned attire. We have heard that in the past, men (right) and women (left) sat apart at services – you are welcome to participate in this tradition if you'd like! **January 11th will be our first Heritage Sunday!** Join at fellowship time and enjoy refreshments from the 150th Committee.
- **Full Church Photo – Come to the Jan 25th 10:30 Service** to be part of our photo!
- **Special Anniversary T-Shirts** are available for purchase (\$15) – we are excited to see our members wearing them out and about in the community! **Please pick yours up soon!**
- **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.
- Look for a special historical display to be unveiled during the **Pancake & Sausage Meal on Sunday, March 22**.
- Planning has begun for a **First Lutheran Cemetery Tour (The Silent Stories Tour) on May 17**.
- Mark your calendars for our **Anniversary Service on Sunday, July 12, 2026**, a day for your whole family to attend and celebrate together.
- Mark your calendars for a **Red Cross Blood Drive on October 9**

Can you help? There is a display case in the Glencoe Community Center (west end) that will showcase First Ev. Lutheran Church & School during the 2nd Quarter of 2026. We need assistance in planning and setting up this wonderful way to feature FL and our 150 years of history in the Glencoe community! Please contact the Church office or Cindy E!



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**.



- January 1 | New Year's Day
- January 5 | School Resumes
- January 8 | Chapel Pastor Welch
- January 17 | FLS Fishing Tournament @ Lake Waconia
- TBA | FLS Sledding Day @ Glencoe sledding hill
- January 25 | Kick off to NLSW | All students sing in church | 10:30
- January 26-30 | NLSW
- National Lutheran Schools Week
- January 27 EPIC day at Mayer 10am -Pizza Day Lunch



Please Pray For:

As we go into this New Year, we are thankful for all that God has given us. We pray for:

- Thankful hearts, that we may never take what we have been given by our Heavenly Father for granted.
- Those less fortunate in our world, including religious and political refugees, those who lost loved ones from sickness, the homeless, and repressed people everywhere.
- Our Church and School as we discuss - Financial Future for Church and School, tuition, giving, buildings, staff etc.
- The strength to trust in God above all else.
- THE EXCITEMENT of a New Year the Churches 150th yearlong celebration.



4th grade

What the 4th Grade Loves!

Mr. Lilenthal and Mr. Miller

Animals: Cats, Puppies, Chickens you name it they will check it out.

Sports: Baseball, Basketball and riding a scooter down the gym floor- Octopus and Flasketball is a PE favorite. And climbing the Big Snow at Recess!

Squishy and fluffy things Stuffies and Nee-Dohs and crazy items you can squish.

Reading: Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Little House in the Big Woods, Adventure Books.

Writing: Making up Stories, being creative, dreaming of the future even Burps and Farts...

Chrome Books: Making Powerpoints, playing Geo-dash, checking out Science and Social Study sites. Love BLOOKET for Math.

JESUS: They have Big HEARTS, LOUD VOICES and TRUST in the SAVIOR!



A big thank you to the following:
The School Board for providing goodie bags to all the children.

All the great folks who attended the CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. And all those who worked hard to present it. JESUS CHRIST IS BORN.

For everyone who so kindly donated items to our classroom from the Wish Tree.

All of our teachers who put in many extra hours during the Christmas season.

WE GOT GRINCHED!
Thanks for the UNINVITED
GREEN Grinch
students had a laugh and a scare
when one our Parents shared in
some fun!





Chapel Offerings

During the second trimester our chapel offerings will be going to missionaries in Mongolia. This is part of a program called "Gospel Adventures" that LCMS organizes for students. During National Lutheran Schools Week our students will be learning about "Mongolia" and the work that God is doing there. We will look into the day-to-day lives of people like us in Mongolia through music, videos, and fun characters with Gospel Adventures.

From the Minnesota District

Milestones in Education 40 Years

Ben Holten - Emeritus

Linda Donnay - First Lutheran Church, Glencoe

Gordon Edmison - First Lutheran Church, Glencoe

Linda Edmison - First Lutheran Church, Glencoe

Heidi Gesch - Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer

Rebecca Oerman - Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School, Northrop

35 Years

Terri Bentz - Emanuel Lutheran Church, Hamburg

Dave Boll - Concordia Academy, Roseville

Dean Jennissen - Immanuel Lutheran School, Lakefield

Perry Miller - First Lutheran Church, Glencoe

Stephanie Wilaby - St. John's Lutheran Church, Chaska

30 Years

April Beckman - Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rochester

Kim Duis - Concordia Academy, Roseville

Amy Feek - St. John's Lutheran Church, Chaska

Gary Fritz - Concordia Academy, Roseville

Cynthia Inselmann - Golden Valley Lutheran Church, Golden Valley

LaDonna Peterson - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lakefield

CONNECTED

JOHN 15:1-5

NLSW

At the end of January, First Lutheran will celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week. This is a fun and special week as we celebrate our Lutheran School, as well as the LCMS Schools around the world. In 2025 there were 1,985 LCMS schools, with 163,869 students who were enrolled in a LCMS school, early childhood-high school, and more than 21,000 teachers! What a blessing it is to serve at a Lutheran School where we get to share the Good News of our Savior to those we serve. Thank you for all of your donations that you make to keep our church and school connected!



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. 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. Parents should have a plan devised in advance with their children on what to do when school is dismissed early due to weather.



Pep Rally Fun

Student Council put on a fun afternoon with snowball fights and snow man wraps for all grades.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EDUCATION HOUR Sundays 9:15 to 10:15 AM 2s, PS, K Flames Room 1st-4 th Room 111 5 th -8 th Library 9 th -Adult Fellowship Center	DECEMBER 2025  FEBRUARY 2026 		New Year's Eve Service 5:00 PM with Comm.	1 THE BIBLE ALOUD – A CONTINUOUS READING – begins 12:01 a.m.	2	3
4 8:00 AM - DS w/Com. ♫ Senior Choir Sings 9:00 AM - Fellowship 9:15 AM - Education Hour 10:30 AM - Divine Service 6:30 PM - IMPACT 6:30 PM - Future Flames * Installation of Officers at Both Services * (Setting 1, p. 151)	9:00 AM - Crochet for a Cause 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 1:30 PM - LW in Mission 5:00 PM - Altar Guild 6:00 PM - Flames Boosters 6:30 PM - Bible Study at Hoffmann's 1 st Luth. School Resumes	6 1:15 PM - Staff Meeting 5:30 PM - Day School 7:00 PM - Reorg Meeting	7 AFTERNOON NO BUSSES 10:30 AM - Piano Tuning * FLS Parent Drive Home * Public School Catechism Parents Drive 3:30 PM - Public School Catechism 6:15 PM - Senior Choir	8 8:15 AM - Chapel (Pastor Dan Welch) 2:00 PM - Grand Meadow 7:00 PM - Cemetery Board Pastor Circuit Meeting - HERE	9 	10 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS: Wed., Dec. 24 through Mon. Dec. 29 OPEN: Tue., 12/30 CLOSED: 12/31 and 01/01 OPEN: Fri., 01/02
11 HERITAGE SUNDAY! THE LORD'S DAY 8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship 9:15 AM - Education Hour 10:30 AM - DS with Com. 1:30 PM - GlenFields 6:30 PM - BLAZE 6:30 PM - Future Flames (Setting 3, p. 184)	12 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 3:15 PM - FLS Staff 6:30 PM - 150 th Anniversary Committee	13 9:00 AM - Women's Study 10:30 AM - GlenFields 1:15 PM - Staff Meeting 1:30 PM - Mat Makers 6:30 PM - Day School 7:00 PM - Men's Study 7:00 PM - Women's Study	14 3:30 PM - Public School Catechism 6:15 PM - Senior Choir 7:00 PM - Articles of Incorporation Com.	15 8:15 AM - Chapel (Mrs. Korthals) 1:30 PM - FLS (K) to Gr.M. 7:00 PM - Church Council	16 	17  Ice Fishing Tournament Lake Waconia 9 AM – 2 PM
18 8:00 AM - DS w/Com. ♫ Senior Choir Sings 9:00 AM - Fellowship 9:15 AM - Education Hour 10:30 AM - Divine Service ♫ Senior Choir Sings 6:30 PM - LadiesBibleStudy (Setting 4, p. 203)	19 1:00 PM - Quilt Tying 6:30 PM - Bible Study at Hoffmann's	20 9:00 AM - Women's Study 1:15 PM - Staff Meeting 3:00 PM - IGNITE 7:00 PM - Men's Study 7:00 PM - Women's Study	21 3:30 PM - Public School Catechism 6:15 PM - Senior Choir January Newsletter Deadline 	22 8:15 AM - Chapel (Pastor Michael Ewert) 6:00 PM - Daily Office  Pictures for Church Directory	23 	24 Youth Activity: Escape Room
25 THE LORD'S DAY 8:00 AM - Divine Service 9:00 AM - Fellowship 9:15 AM - Education Hour 10:30 AM - DS with Com. ♫ First Luth. Sch. Sings CHURCH & PEOPLE PHOTO (Setting 4, p. 203)	26 6:30 PM - Quarterly Endowment Committee	27 10 AM - FLS EpicEvent @ Mayer Lutheran 10:30 AM - GlenFields 1:15 PM - Staff Meeting 1:30 PM - Mat Makers <i>Common Cup Ministry Diaper Distribution @ City Center</i>	28 3:30 PM - Public School Catechism 6:15 PM - Senior Choir	29 8:15 AM - Chapel (Deaconess Polzin)	30 	31 JANUARY ALTAR GUILD Tonya C. 320-510-1869 Elaine Haus 510-0966 Judy Rowan 864-5467 
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