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First Ev. Lutheran Church
Monthly Newsletter
2026



² “(A)n angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

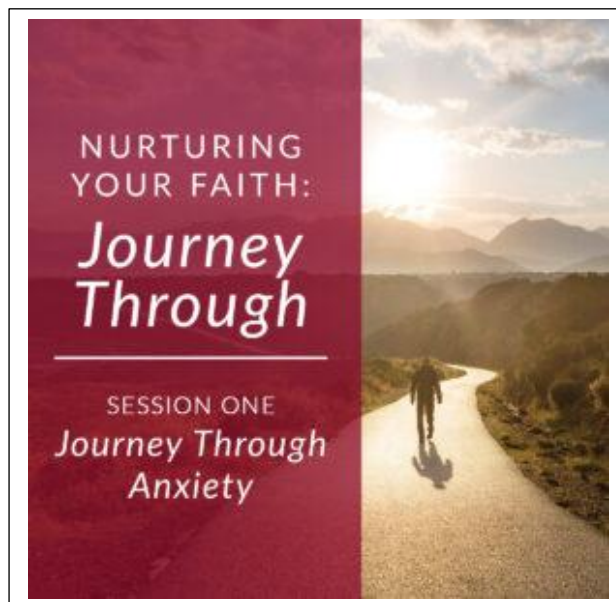
⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

⁵ But the angel said to the women,

“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

⁶ He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.”

(Matthew 28:2-6-ESV)



Your heart races. Your palms sweat. Your mind spins with worst-case scenarios. Sound familiar? Most of us know anxiety all too well. It shows up uninvited—before a difficult conversation, during sleepless nights, in the pit of your stomach when uncertainty looms. Like a warning light on your car’s dashboard, anxiety alerts you that something needs attention. But what happens when that light never turns off? What happens when you can’t tell the difference between genuine danger and false alarms? The cost of unaddressed anxiety is steep. Physical disease. Lost confidence. A gnawing sense that you’ve betrayed yourself. Emotional numbness that walls you off from the very connections you crave. Left unchecked, anxiety doesn’t just whisper warnings—it starts writing the script of your life. But here’s the good news: **anxiety doesn’t have to have the final word.**

Please join us for our Sunday morning Bible study on April 18th and 25th as we “Journey Through Anxiety.” This study, which is made available through Lutheran Hour Ministries, is an invitation to journey through the landscape of anxiety—not to deny it or minimize it, but to understand it and move through it with courage and faith. Because **here’s the truth that changes everything: you are not alone in your anxiety.** The God who formed you, who knows every anxious thought before you think it, walks with you through every fearful moment. He doesn’t condemn you for your fear—He comes close, asks, “Where are you?” and covers you with His perfect love.

The angel’s message to the fearful women at Jesus’ empty tomb on Easter morning is the same for us today, “Do not be afraid.” Jesus is risen! Because He lives, there is no reason for us to remain in fear and anxiety. **“Have no anxiety about anything.”** (Philippians 4:6, Revised Standard Version)

Do not be afraid! As we journey through our anxiety with God, we will discover how to lean on God’s power, love, and self-control. I pray that you will join us as for our study “Journey Through Anxiety” on **Sunday, April 18th and Sunday, April 25th at 9:15** as we consider how we can examine anxiety and navigate through it using God’s Word and thoughtful strategies.

In Christ,

Pastor Dan Welch

***From Assistant Pastor,
Rev. Michael Ewert***

During the Season of Lent, we have been exploring the topic, "The Gospel in Seven Words." For the Wednesday, March 25 Lenten service, congregation members and students at First Lutheran School were given the opportunity to submit the Gospel in their own interpretation, using just seven words. Here is what was shared:

- Jesus came that I may have life;
 - Jesus came that we may have life;
 - Jesus came that they may have life.
 - Jesus, my savior, grants me eternal life.
 - God is greater than all your fears.
 - God desires a personal relationship with everyone.
 - We sin, Jesus forgives, gives life eternal.
 - Jesus true God lovingly rescues us daily.
 - Jesus Rip on the cross for us.
 - Those who look to him are radiant.
 - Jesus loves us and defeated sin forever!
 - Jesus left the 99 and rescued me.
 - I was lost but now I'm found.
 - The lord is my strength and song.
 - The Lord is my strength and shield.
 - The Lord is my light and salvation.
 - Just as I am thou wilt receive.
 - My source of hope is Christ Alone.
 - Jesus blesses us and loves us all.
 - God's Riches at Christ's Expense for Me!
 - One cross plus three nails equals forgiven.
 - Christ offers forgiveness for you and me!
 - Believe in Christ and you are saved!
 - God is my strength and my refuge.
 - Jesus death and resurrection brings life eternal.
 - Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
 - A Cross to Bridge Sin's Great Divide.
 - Jesus conquered sin, death, and the devil.
 - He died for me he has risen.
 - Jesus took all of our sins away.
 - God's riches at Christ's expense for all.
 - You are a child of God. Amen.
 - God made everything Jesus Paid our Ransom.
 - God is **LORD** Jesus Is My Savior.
 - Jesus is the Answer For the World.
 - Christ is God's Gift For Our Salvation.
 - He knows me, and yet wants me!
 - God's power in Christ for all mankind.
- I was lost – In Christ I Live!
 - Jesus loves us all day and everyday.
 - You were bought; you belong to Jesus.
 - Jesus came, died, rose for all mankind.
 - I am weak but he is strong.
 - Jesus' Word of Truth sets us free!
 - We Love because he first Loved us.
 - Christ: the be-all and end-all.
 - Baptized, Redeemed, Forgiven Child of God.
 - Confess Jesus Lord; Live forever in Heaven.
 - In the end, it is all Christ.
 - My hope is built on nothing less.
 - Jesus suffered, died, rose. Life, love, forever.
 - Jesus Christ lives, We will live also!
 - Thank you Lord for taking our Judgement.
 - God's love and grace has saved me.
 - Join Jesus' gang – forever live and belong.
 - God's grace is freely given through Jesus.
 - Man sinned. Jesus died, God welcomes us.
 - We're sinners. Faith in Jesus {saves/frees/restores/redeems} us.
 - Sin, death, Jesus, He rose for us.
 - Man sinned. Jesus died. God forgives. Alleluia!
 - Jesus died on the cross for me.
 - Jesus is the Savior of the world.
 - Jesus takes away our sins and **rose**.
 - Jesus is the savior of the world.
 - Jesus gave His life for all people.
 - Jesus forgave the sins of the World.
 - Jesus died for us on the cross.
 - Jesus died on the cross for us! ♡♡ ††
 - Jesus is the savior of the World.
 - God sent his only son to die.
 - Jesus died on the cross for us.
 - Jesus' love for me never runs out.
 - Do not be afraid! God is here!
 - You shall not fear, God is here!
 - God loves us with all his heart.
 - Faith in Jesus Saves us from Sin.
 - Jesus Christ Saves us from all evil.
 - I'm a sinner, but Jesus saves me.

*Here is the plan for the rest of the services
in this theme series:*

4/2 Maundy Thursday

"Jesus Comes to Feed My Hungry Soul"

4/3 Good Friday

"Jesus is Lord, Even Over My Death"

4/5 Easter Sunday

"Christ Is Risen! In Him We Rise!"

From Our D.C.E.,
Deaconess Megan Polzin

Vacation Bible School
First Lutheran Church Glencoe, MN

MIRACULOUS MISSION
Jesus Saves the World!

June 14-17
Age 3rd-5th grade
5:30-7:45 PM

**Celebrating
150 Years**

**1876
-
2026**

JOIN US!
SUNDAY, JULY 12 - 10 AM
ANNIVERSARY
WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL

CONFIRMATION Dates to Know

April 15: Photo Orders Distributed
April 22: Public Review/Questioning (7pm),
Photos (~7:40pm), & Conf. Fees due
April 26: Rite of Confirmation (10:30am)



Sales Opening NOW!

- To access the site and place an order:
1. Go to www.gertensfundraising.com
 2. Enter the Store ID code 1019 to continue.
 3. Upon checkout, select the name of your seller (if applicable).

The site will close at 10 PM on
April 6.

We cannot accept any late orders past the
deadline.

*PLEASE NOTE: Quantities are limited on fundraiser items. If an item sells out, it will be marked sold out on the website and customers will not be able to continue to order that item. Please get your orders in early to avoid limited item availability.

Flower Pickup is set for **Monday, May 11th** from
3 - 6 pm in the church parking lot.



**150TH
tshirts**

Please get your shirts
soon, especially if you will
be helping with the
pancake and sausage
meal!

\$15

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EXACT CASH OR CHECKS
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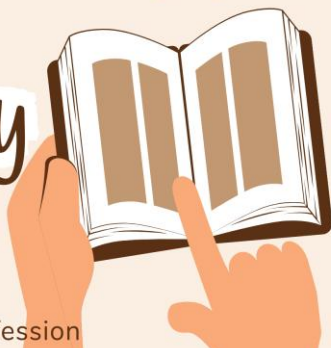
**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**



**LORD, GUIDE US TO BE A CONGREGATION
FULL OF SUPPORTIVE ADULTS. AMEN.**

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9am or 7pm
Happening NOW!
Ends: May 12th
Topic: The Augsburg Confession



CROCHET FOR A CAUSE

April 13 | 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.

Deacons

Thu., April 2	2:00 PM *	Dean Scheele, David Polzin
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00 PM *	Dennis Wolter, Mark Schmidt
Fri., April 3	2:00 PM *	Tim Schauer, Kermit Terlinden
<i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 PM *	Dennis Wolter, Dean Dahlke
Sun., April 5	6:30 AM *	Mike Cisewski, Dennis Wolter
<i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i>	8:00 AM	Dennis Wolter, Doug Dahlke
	9:15 AM	Will Freberg, Lee Terlinden
	10:30 AM *	Jason Oelfke, Justin Petterson
Sun., April 12	8:00 AM	Lars Ide, Lee Terlinden
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Dennis Wolter, Kermit Terlinden
Sun., April 19	8:00 AM *	Tyler Mielke, Leonard Donnay
	10:30 AM	Jason Oelfke, Roger Schmidt
Wed. April 22	7:00 PM	OPEN
<i>Public Review</i>		
Sun., April 26	8:00 AM	David Polzin, Dean Scheele
<i>Confirmation</i>	10:30 AM *	Jason Oelfke, Justin Petterson

* Denotes Service with Communion

Acolytes

Thu., April 2	2:00 PM *	DEACONS
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00 PM *	Cambel Lang, Bennett Vinkemeier
Fri., April 3	2:00 PM *	DEACONS
<i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 PM *	Macie Stradtman, Caylee Weidendorf
Sun., April 5	6:30 AM *	OPEN
<i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i>	8:00 AM	Blake Mathews, Bryce Mathews
	9:15 AM	Natalie Schafer
	10:30 AM *	OPEN
Sun., April 12	8:00 AM	Sam Betsinger, Levi Weidendorf
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Cambel Lang
Sun., April 19	8:00 AM *	Sam Betsinger, Levi Weidendorf
	10:30 AM	Blake Mathews, Bryce Mathews
Wed. April 22	7:00 PM	OPEN
<i>Public Review</i>		
Sun., April 26	8:00 AM	Autumn Gruber
<i>Confirmation</i>	10:30 AM *	Jada Neid

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Greeters

Thu., April 2	2:00 PM	OPEN
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00 PM	Danica Vinkemeier
Fri., April 3	2:00 PM	OPEN
<i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 PM	Brady Goff
Sun., April 5	6:30 AM	OPEN
<i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i>	8:00 AM	Savannah Matthews
	9:15 AM	Jada Neid
	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., April 12	8:00 AM	Dave & Betty Witthus
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., April 19	8:00 AM	OPEN
	10:30 AM	Savannah Matthews
Wed. April 22	7:00 PM	OPEN
<i>Public Review</i>		Savannah Matthews
Sun., April 26	8:00 AM	Dave & Betty Witthus
<i>Confirmation</i>	10:30 AM	Savannah Matthews

Fellowship Hour

Sun., April 5	9:00 AM	No Fellowship Hour
Sun., April 12	9:00 AM	Trustees
Sun., April 19	9:00 AM	Trustees
Sun., April 26	9:00 AM	Christian Education <i>Confirmation</i>

Christian Ed Helper (Sunday School Assistant)

Sun., April 5	9:15 AM	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sun., April 12	9:15 AM	OPEN
Sun., April 19	9:15 AM	Stacy Dummer
Sun., April 26	9:15 AM	OPEN

Sound System

Thu., April 2	2:00 PM *	Deacons
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00 PM *	Glenn Cohrs
Fri., April 3	2:00 PM *	Deacons
<i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 PM *	Grady Schuff
Sun., April 5	6:30 AM *	Andrew Mackenthun
<i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i>	8:00 AM	Glenn Cohrs
	9:15 AM	Kevin Cohrs
	10:30 AM *	Steven Schauer
Sun., April 12	8:00 AM	Kevin Cohrs
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Grady Schauer
Sun., April 19	8:00 AM *	Andrew Mackenthun
	10:30 AM	Lynn Exsted
Wed. April 22	7:00 PM	OPEN
<i>Public Review</i>		
Sun., April 26	8:00 AM	Lynn Exsted
<i>Confirmation</i>	10:30 AM *	Tyler Schauer

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Screen Presenter

Thu., April 2	2:00 PM	OPEN
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00 PM	Pam Ahlbrecht
Fri., April 3	2:00 PM	Amy Welch
<i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 PM	Pam Ahlbrecht
Sun., April 5	6:30 AM	Pam Ahlbrecht
<i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i>	8:00 AM	Willa Polzin
	9:15 AM	Chloe Donnay
	10:30 AM	Tyler Schauer
Sun., April 12	8:00 AM	Piper Polzin
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., April 19	8:00 AM	Brittney Wolff
	10:30 AM	Jeri Bennett
Wed. April 22	7:00 PM	NONE
<i>Public Review</i>		
Sun., April 26	8:00 AM	Gemma Goff
<i>Confirmation</i>	10:30 AM	Amy Welch

Camera (either service)

Thu., April 2	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Lynn Exsted
Fri., April 3	<i>Good Friday</i>	Robert Schuff
Sun., April 5	<i>Easter</i>	Andrew Mackenthun
Sun., April 12	<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	Robert Schuff
Sun., April 19		Pam Ahlbrecht
Wed., April 22	<i>Public Review</i>	OPEN
Sun., April 26	<i>Confirmation</i>	Linda Ranzau

Special Music

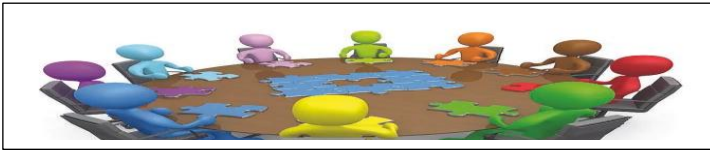
Thu., April 2	2:00 PM	
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Fri., April 3	2:00 PM	
<i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 PM	
Sun., April 5	6:30 AM	Brass Ensemble
<i>Resurrection of Our Lord</i>	8:00 AM	Senior Choir, Brass Ensemble
	9:15 AM	Senior Choir, Brass Ensemble
	10:30 AM	Brass Ensemble
Sun., April 12	8:00 AM	FLS Preschool
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM	
Sun., April 19	8:00 AM	Senior Choir
	10:30 AM	
Wed. April 22	7:00 PM	
<i>Public Review</i>		
Sun., April 26	8:00 AM	
<i>Confirmation</i>	10:30 AM	

Facebook Live (either service)

Thu., April 2	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	
Fri., April 3	<i>Good Friday</i>	
Sun., April 5	<i>Easter</i>	
Sun., April 12	<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	
Sun., April 19		
Wed., April 22	<i>Public Review</i>	
Sun., April 26		



~ Board Summaries ~



Church Council March 19

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and affirmed the March minutes from each of the individual Boards at the March 19th meeting. Mayer Lutheran has been added to the other churches/schools working together with us at First Lutheran for the Supplemental Grant Option which would provide funding to families to help pay enrollment in private schools in 2027. This group will now be First Lutheran Glencoe, Immanuel Gaylord, Emanuel Hamburg, St. John's NYA and Mayer Lutheran. Past due school tuition is being significantly reduced with increased billing and contacts. Boards will be appointing Nominating Committee members for recruiting members to fill next year's open positions on Boards. Church Officers along with Business Manager and Financial Consultant will be working on simplified formats for financial reporting for the various Boards. Learned of the many activities the day school students have had the opportunity to take part in and that registration numbers for next school year are at about the same level as other years at this same time (with families aware of the increased tuition and fees for next school year).

Board of Christian Education March 9

The Christian Education Board met on March 9. The board discussed the many upcoming Confirmation details, Cradle Roll, VBS planning, Mission trip financials, and opportunities to serve for the 150th Anniversary now and in coming months. The meeting closed with prayer.

Day School March 2

The Day School Board met on March 2. Discussion included the school floor and ceiling in the school gymnasium, the preschool open house, tuition letter, music in the park, SGO, teacher candidates, board goals for 2026, and the 2026-2027 academic calendar.

Board of Deacons March 5

Continued discussion and planning of 150th Anniversary celebration plans and the July 12th meal. It is being planned for noon following a single 10AM service that Sunday. As the day of celebration draws nearer, volunteers will be needed to help. We also discussed top three opportunities for the Technology Committee once re-established.

Board of Evangelism March 3

The Evangelism Board met on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026. The board placed the order for palms for Palm Sunday services and will weave some of the palms into cross pins to be handed out at both Palm Sunday services. The board continued planning the indoor Easter egg hunt to be held here at First Lutheran Church on Sat., April 4th from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM. The Grief Seminar which will be led by Pastor Tom Evans is set for Sunday April 19th, 2026, from 4:00 PM-6:30 PM.

Board of Stewardship March 3

The Stewardship Board discussed possible Stewardship events and Angel Seeds.

Board of Trustees March 5

The Trustees met on Thursday March 5. Discussion included Sunday School opening corkboard in Fellowship Center, Confirmation Display Boards, school cooler floor, school door locks.

~ Homegrown! It's a Good Thing! ~

Our March 12th Homegrown meal featured a delicious Taco-Chil Soup with toppings (Bongards Cheese). Soup ingredients included ground beef from the Brownton Meat Market and onions, peppers, and tomatoes from the School Garden (preserved in the freezer from last summer). Students really enjoyed the creamy Kempeschocolate chip Ice Cream for dessert (from local dairy cows)! Ice Cream is good for a person – but always in moderation! It contains Vitamins A, D, and a mineral called calcium – all good for strong bones and teeth. In April, we're planning for Egg Bake, always a favorite.

Students received "I Ate MN Beef Today" stickers to place on their shirts (not under the dining tables or food trays). 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*

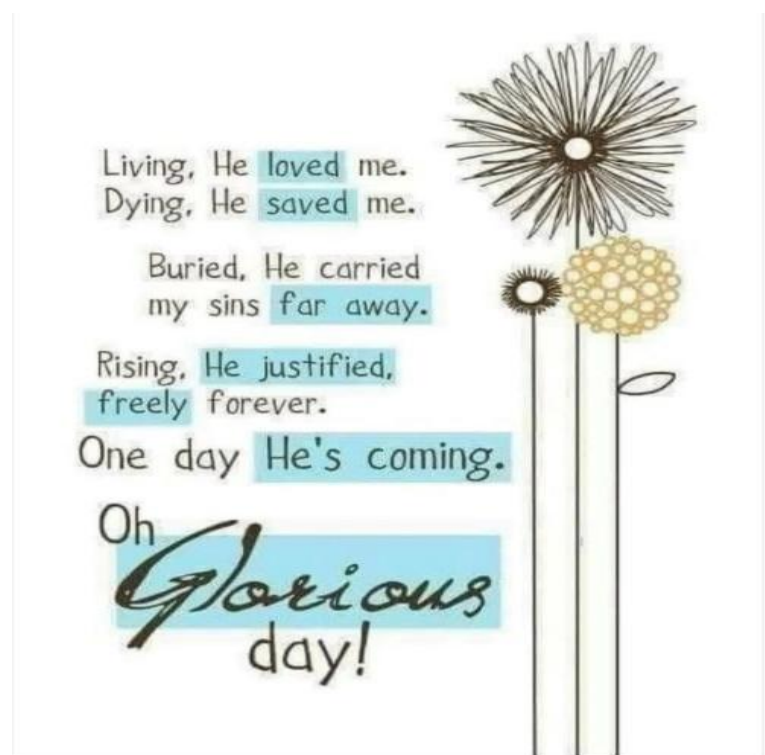
If you have produce or recipes to share, please reach out to First Lutheran School Secretary Michelle Alsleben at 864-3317 or Program Assistant Becky Ostlie, or Program Coordinator Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com.

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

~ Stories of Faith ~

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

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



~ Thrivent ~

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√ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$941 for FLC and \$1583 for FLS. We also received a charitable Giving Grant of \$650! Visit (www.Thrivent.com/choice) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars." Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the church office.

√ **Thrivent Action Teams** – A Thrivent Action Team is a simple, flexible way for you to bring people together to make a positive difference.....you might hold a fundraiser, conduct a service activity, or hold an educational event. Each year, every Thrivent member has (2) Action Teams to use!

Visit Thrivent.com/actionteam to complete an online application (minimum 3 weeks before your event). If you are unable to make your request via computer, you can phone Thrivent and make your request via Customer Service – call 1-800-847-4836. When your project is approved, Thrivent will provide resources (Action Team Kit) to help plan the event, promotional items (including Thrivent T-shirts to increase your visibility), and seed money to cover promotional and material expenses (\$250 Community Impact Card).

EVERY Thrivent member is eligible to lead two Action Teams per calendar year. **IF YOU'RE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR ACTION TEAMS, PLEASE LET CINDY OR THE OFFICE KNOW!** All Thrivent members again have 2 Action Teams! Involve others – it's all about your friends, family and community coming together to make a positive impact! **We continue to seek Thrivent members for projects at First Lutheran – we'll put you on a list so we can utilize when need arises.**

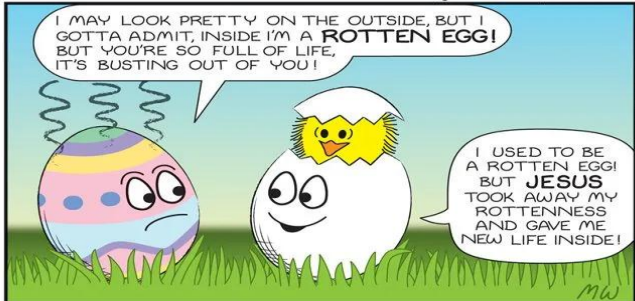
√ **Thrivent Member Network - Twin River Valley** works hard to create fun and educational content that you can engage in from the comfort of your own home. There are also some great on-demand webinars (variety of topics) that you can view anytime. **Guests are welcome!** Please feel free to share these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

April 12 – Goldy's Run 2026 – Huntington Bank Stadium
See all the info and resources at:
<https://www.thriventfinancial.com/member-network/twin-river-valley/>

Cindy Eggsglue – 612-840-6308 / eggsgluecindy@gmail.com – Your Congregational Volunteer

EASTER EGGS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. – JOHN 20:31 NIV

~ Mat Makers ~

Mat-Makers

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Mat-Makers of First Evangelical continue to craft clean, used, plastic grocery-type bags into warm, comfortable sleeping mats. And they are becoming faster and neater! Last month another 20+ completed, neat, comfortable mats were delivered to the Minnesota South District LCMS "New Freedom Mission" for volunteers to distribute at the large homeless camp at Pig's Eye Regional Park near downtown St. Paul.

The director of the mission, Dr. James Seemann, says that the residents are very appreciative of ANYTHING that will separate their sleeping bag from the cold, frozen ground. They use pieces of carpet, carpet mats, mattress protectors or even cardboard. But by far, the most appreciated and most effective are the crocheted plastic mats. He said once in a while, another mat or two gets donated, but our First Evangelical Mat- Makers donate the most.

Also last month, a large amount of plastic bags was unexpectedly donated to us by an anonymous group from another town who no longer makes mats. They heard about a group at First Evangelical who makes mats. We looked the bags over and kept the ones useful for our purposes.

The Mat-Makers are SO VERY GRATEFUL for the bags donated by First Evangelical members and friends. Nearly ALL are always clean and usable. Some even come in flattened out, folded and READY to be cut, looped, balled and crocheted.

What we need now is MORE MAT-MAKERS. We need folders, loopers, ballers and most of all crocheters. We need YOU. If you crochet with yarn or thread, then you can crochet with plastic. The stitching techniques are the same. The "feel" is a little different, but you'll catch on. We all did.

We also have a few Mat-Makers who are members of another church and FRIENDS of First Evangelical. Perhaps you have a friend or relative with time on their hands who could use that time to serve Jesus by making mats. Encourage them. Better yet, bring them to Mat-Makers.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

– MATTHEW 25:40 –



**Lutheran Women in Mission
Monday, April 6 at 1:30 p.m.**

Devotions: Joyce Schiroo.

This will be a "working" meeting. We will complete the 300+ table favors for the Minnesota South District LWML Convention June 18-20 at Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato.

Members, honorary members, volunteers and guests: if you enjoy folding purple paper into cute little envelopes, tying purple ribbons into little bows, or gluing bows onto the envelopes, this is the meeting for you! Then we will have refreshments.

For more information about the District Convention, please see the full page flyer on page 16 of this newsletter.



Happy April Birthday

to Lutheran Women in Mission honorary member **Verda Wittenberg**. A \$5 gift to LWML Grants "mites" has been given in your honor.

Also, a very happy April birthday to former LWML Counselor Pastor Mathison.

God bless you and keep you both as you continue serving Him!

Some Bible Verses About Worry

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, Will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:67

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 into the heart of the sea, though its water roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalms 46:1-3

And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

He will be like a tree planed by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:8

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:41-42



LERT

Lutheran Early Response Teams



What is LERT?

LERT "Lutheran Early Response Teams" are trained LCMS volunteers that provide immediate, compassionate and practical support to communities affected by disasters. These teams focus on safety, debris clean-up and disaster assessment. They are often deployed within 72 hours of a natural disaster. Other times they come later for on-going disaster help.

- Mission: to provide "Mercy in Action" through a mission of presence and practical help.
- Services: debris clean-up, roof tarping, chain saw work, flood clean-up.
- Volunteers receive training in disaster response, safety and spiritual care.
- Deployment: LERT operates under "LCMS Disaster Response," usually in cooperation with local congregations.
- Eligibility: anyone can be trained. Official LERT certification is for LCMS congregation members age 14 and older.
- Chain saw work: requires additional training and certification.

LERT volunteers often deploy to help with hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and fires.

Would you like to learn more about LERT? Rev. Kristian Bjornstad will be speaking about LERT

at Noon on Monday, May 4 at the Lutheran Women in Mission meeting.

A meal will be served. ALL MEMBERS high-school age and older are welcome to come that day to learn about LERT.

No training will be done that day, just learning about this wonderful, practical way to serve God by helping His dear children in times of disaster.

~ Miscellaneous ~

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.



Flower Donation Thank You THANK YOU to the FLC member (who wishes to remain anonymous) who graciously donated to the Altar Guild, from the FLS Silent Auction, winning bids of certificates and subscriptions for flower arrangements for the year. We are so very grateful to you for sharing your generosity with our congregation members and guests!

Is Your Slow-Cooker Missing?

A beautiful "looks like new" stainless-steel slow-cooker was left in the church kitchen several months ago. Please check your own cupboards to see if yours is missing! **If it is not claimed by April 11, it will be removed.**



1ST LUTHERAN YOUTUBE PAGE

Here is the link to the YouTube Page



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.*

New, Custom-Designed Funeral Pall!

To mark the 150th anniversary of First Ev. Lutheran Church, Richard and Karen Jannusch have gifted a custom-designed Funeral Pall for cremation urns. It features an elegant hardanger pattern, thoughtfully crafted by Jeannine Ruschmeier of Plato. The piece reflects over 120 hours of dedicated handwork. Many thanks to Karen and Richard for this meaningful contribution!



~ Student Scholarships Available ~

All Scholarship Info and forms can be accessed from our website (www.firstglencoe.org).
Select Church/Ministries/Student Scholarships & Aid.

Concordia University Students

The College Scholarship Endowment Fund provides Scholarship funds for students enrolled in Concordia Colleges, Universities, or Seminaries of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Information and an application form are available from our website at www.firstglencoe.org or upon request.
(Application Deadlines – July 1 or Nov. 1)

Mayer Lutheran High School Students

The congregation of First Lutheran Church provides Scholarship funds for students enrolled at Mayer Lutheran High School. Information and an application form are available from our website at www.firstglencoe.org or upon request.
(Application Deadline – May 15)

First Lutheran School Students

Education Fund Scholarships are again open for the 2025-2026 academic year. All First Lutheran Church member families with students enrolled in First Lutheran School are eligible for scholarships. Scholarship awards are based on financial need AND on the amount of available funds from the Edwin & Ella Ponath Education Fund (\$5257.41), Melvin & Marlys Tessmer Tuition Aid Fund (\$591.49), and FLS Scholarship Fund (\$64.06). Applications are mailed to all member families with students in Kindergarten through Grade 7. (Prospective member students should also apply.) The application forms are also available from our website www.firstglencoe.org or upon request. Completed applications must be returned by June 15, 2026 to be considered for the 2025-2026 academic year.
(Application Deadline June 15.)

First Lutheran School Tuition Aid

First Lutheran School Tuition Aid may also be available to all students in Grades Kindergarten – 8th Grade. The amount of aid is calculated with a formula based on Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). Please complete the application form on our website www.firstglencoe.org and turn in the page of your tax form 1040 that includes your AGI to the Church/School Office before July 31st.
(Application Deadline July 31.)

Please contact FLS Principal, School Secretary Michelle Alsleben, or Business Manager for questions or concerns regarding First Lutheran School Scholarships or Tuition Aid. All information is treated with utmost confidentiality.

EASTER BASKET

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



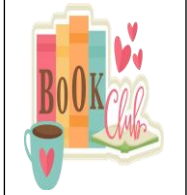
because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.
- 2 TIMOTHY 1:12 NIV

~ Church Events ~



Cemetery Board Meeting

The Cemetery Board will be meeting on Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Donnay.



FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB

The First Edition Book Club will be meeting on Mon., April 13 for discussion of the book Δ Murder of Innocents (book 2) by Michael Swiger. The ladies will be meeting again on May 18 to discuss Promise Me This by Cathy Gohlke. The Book Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the blue couches in the south narthex. For questions, please contact Linda Donnay.

**Mon.,
April 13**



**Lutheran Night at MN Twins –
Community Outing**

Tickets are reserved for the 6:40 p.m. game on **Tuesday, August 11th** against the Baltimore Orioles. Seats are located in Section 213 (Home Plate Terrace, same as last several years) at a **cost of \$44 each**.

Bus transportation from First Ev. Lutheran Church in Glencoe will depart at 4:15 p.m., at a **cost of about \$16 per person**. At Target Field, the bus will drop and pick us up near Gate 14, which is convenient to our seating.

Please contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or eggsguesscindy@gmail.com.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ministry- Rev. Dr. John Reinke

Saturday, April 25 at 8:30 a.m., at Good Shepherd Lutheran, Glencoe

Rev. Dr. John Reinke, originally from rural Gaylord, serves as Missionary-at-Large to the deaf and hard of hearing in the South Wisconsin District. Being hard of hearing himself, he is very aware of those struggling in a hearing world.

He has trained deaf leaders and workers in many areas of the world. He is currently training leaders, deaconesses and pastors to minister to the deaf and hard of hearing in Wisconsin.

Rev. Dr. Reinke will be speaking at the Lutheran Women in Mission McLeod Zone Rally at Good Shepherd Lutheran on Saturday, April 25. Registration and coffee begins at 8:30 a.m. The rally starts at 9:00 a.m. A Light lunch follows.

All women are welcomed – you don't have to be a "member" of LWML!

Let's do an
Easter Egg Hunt!

Who: Recommended for
age 2 - 3rd grade

What: An indoor Easter Egg
Hunt Experience for the
Glencoe Community

When: Saturday, April 4th
from 9 - 11 AM

Where: Inside First Ev. Lutheran
Church @ 925 13th
Street East, Glencoe



Dress in your
Easter best &
get a family
Easter Photo
in our
photobooth or
with the
Easter Bunny!

Inside hunt
ensures fun
in any
weather!

Candy &
Non-food
Prizes

Note: Caution with
latex allergies as we
will have a ton of
balloons used in the
egg hunt.





Called to Grieve

Pastor Tom Evans will be here to talk about grief.

Everyone thinks we only grieve the loss of a loved one, but it is much more than that. Join us for his presentation!

Join us for his presentation on

Sunday, April 19th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

First Ev. Lutheran Church

Light refreshments will be provided.

Biography for Rev. Tom Evans

In 1976, Tom graduated from high school in Marion, South Dakota. In 1981, he received his BA from Concordia College in St. Paul. He was the first to graduate with a major in art. Upon graduation, Tom enrolled at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. In 1989, he graduated with a Master of Divinity and was ordained as a pastor in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

During his 37+ years of ministry, Tom has served five parishes in Iowa and Minnesota. He is currently the administrative pastor for Emanuel Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

He served as Second Vice President of the Minnesota South District for 7 years. He also served as a pastoral advisor to the District Lutheran Women's Missionary League and as a circuit advisor. He has held other positions in the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He graduated from the Pastoral Leadership Institute in 2009. Through his work in the church, he has traveled to Guatemala and India to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Tom Evans was deeply honored to serve on the Board of Regents of Concordia University, St. Paul, for nine years, including eight as Vice-chair. His service was a testament to his gratitude and the joy he felt in giving back to his alma mater, Concordia St. Paul, for all they had done for him. Tom has also been civic-minded, volunteering as a police chaplain (Eagle Grove, IA, and Inver Grove Heights, MN) and serving on the Plato Fire Department while serving at St. John's, Plato, MN.

Tom's personal life is a source of great joy. He met and married Lee Ann Meyer while attending Concordia University in 1980. They reside in Eagan, MN, and their three sons and families also live in the Twin Cities area. He cherishes the opportunity to be around and watch his six grandchildren grow up, a true blessing in his life!

Church Kitchen Cleaning

Saturday, April 11, 9:00 a.m.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!! Many, many groups use the church kitchen. It is often used several times a week! In the "old days," only the "Ladies Aid" ever used the kitchen. If it was needed for ANY event, the Ladies Aid did the cooking, the serving and the clean-up.

Whew! We thank God those days are in the past! Just like at home, lots of kitchen use requires a "thorough clean" once in a while. This year that day is April 11, 9:00 a.m. **ANYONE from ANY GROUP who uses the kitchen often is more than welcomed to come and thorough clean.** There will be people there to lead the cleaning. They will tell you what to do and, if needed, show you how.

Cleaning will include:

- Removing items from all shelves and drawers.
- Washing the items that need it.
- Wiping out the shelves and drawers. (They have become dusty.)
- Returning and re-organizing the items on the shelves. Some will need to be inventoried.
- Emptying the refrigerator and freezer, discarding what is necessary.
- Wiping/sanitizing the insides.
- Returning refrigerated/frozen items in an organized fashion.
- Polishing the stainless-steel refrigerator and cupboard doors.

* It takes more than just wiping with a dishcloth. This is a big job – takes more than one or two scrubbers to get the grime off. Special attention to the areas that are touched often. Stand back and look to see if they are clean. *

- Wet-wiping the rolling shades above the serving windows. Both sides.
- Dusting the walls. Special attention to corners.
- Removing and cleaning the grates over the vents.
- Special attention to large coffee maker and dishwasher
- Tidying the pantry.
- Thorough sweeping and mopping the floor. "If it has wheels, move it and mop there."
- Anything else that needs to be cleaned.

If enough cleaners come, the job can be done by noon or so.

Then a light lunch. Bring something to share, only if you want. (You can still eat if you don't bring anything.)

Phone the church office if you have questions.

ATTENTION: The refrigerator, freezer and counter-tops are NOT for permanent or private storage. Those places need to be kept empty so they are ready to use at the next big event. Your group's special event, rentals, funeral meals all need available counter and refrigerator space. Items in the church kitchen or pantry that are unmarked and appear to be abandoned will be removed April 11.

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

Technology Committee
We are looking for volunteers to revive the Technology Committee. The Deacons are bringing it back and interested individuals are asked to call the church office to volunteer. Once we have our volunteers, a meeting date and time can be determined.

10:30 AM Screen Service Presenters Urgently Needed!
We need volunteers to help run 10:30 AM screens.
Responsible youth and adults are all welcome to volunteer. You would run screens about once a month. Amy Welch would supervise training and when you feel comfortable independently running the screens, then you would be added to the schedule. **Youth may use this opportunity for Honor Society service hours and Catechism requirements.**

Contact Amy at 864-5522 or office@1stglencoe.org.

Radio Broadcast Sponsorships
Are you looking for a way to remember or honor a loved one? Sponsoring a radio broadcast is one way to do so. Sponsorships are available for \$200. They are recorded on the third Sunday of the month and broadcasted on the fourth Sunday. If interested, please contact the church office.



**SILENT STORIES TOUR
- SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
SUNDAY, MAY 17th
1 PM**

As part of our 150th anniversary year of events and activities, a Silent Stories Tour has been organized to visit the graves of several members from the past. We're looking for volunteers (adult and youth) willing to read prepared scripts that share the stories of individuals laid to rest at First Lutheran Cemetery. In addition, we will need a few tour guides. Please contact Cindy E.



Volunteers & Supplies for Easter Egg Hunt
The Board of Evangelism will be hosting an indoor Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 4th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. Recommended ages for participating age 2 yrs -3rd grade. As a special feature there will be stations set up for the participants and adults to hear and view parts of the Easter story. The Evangelism Board is graciously seeking volunteers to help with the hunt and stations. **Donations of individually wrapped candy and non-candy prizes are needed.**

A Message About Stewardship at First Lutheran
Psalm 142:5 – "I cry to you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.'"

The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything.
His mercy preserves us through all our days
in the land of the living.
This confidence frees us from the fear that so often
leads to sins of greed and coveting.
We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control,
so we can follow His Word in confidence.

ChristianQuotes.info

**"I have held many things
in my hands,
and have lost them all;
but whatever I have placed
in God's hands,
that I still possess."**

Martin Luther

First Ev. Lutheran Church
Volunteer SignUpGenius

WE NEED YOU!

THIS CHURCH CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT THE HELP OF MANY VOLUNTEERS-PLEASE USE THIS SIGN UP TO BECOME AN ACTIVE, CONTRIBUTING, MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

ACOLYTES **SCREENS**
GREETERS **AV/SOUND** **FELLOWSHIP**
USHERS **HOSTS**

~First Lutheran Church News and Other Announcements~

Did you know? Elaine Wroge (FL member) & Harvey Becker (Mountville) were married at FL (in original brick church) on Sept 19, 1958. **They are our longest married members!**



Note: Jesus Statue on original Altar, Stained Glass Windows (now in Fellowship Center) and historic Baptismal Font at lower left

Did you know?

Joyce Mueller & Kenneth Schiroo (both FL members) were married at FL (original brick church) on March 26, 1960. **They are our longest married members who BOTH grew up at FL!**



Note: The original main entrance of brick church (west side)

NEW FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS - no photo available -

-Ryan & Dawn Dammann, son Nolan Dammann,

First Lutheran warmly welcomes Ryan & Dawn Dammann along with their 14-year-old son, Nolan. Their family circle also includes Allison Valentine, age 21. They reside in Glencoe and formerly attended Peace Lutheran in Arlington as well as Emmanuel Lutheran in Hamburg. Both Ryan & Dawn work at Plato Woodwork. They like bowling and value time spent with family. Asked what attracted them to First Lutheran, they said they felt at home right away. At this point, they're still thinking about which activities they would like to become involved in.

- Haily Weber, daughter Everly Kugath

- Robert & Dorla Hallowell

- Amy Parpart, sons Aiden and Ethan Parpart



1876 – 2026

This year at First Lutheran, we mark 150 years of faith and service. We reflect on where we've been, give thanks for today, and move forward with hope as we carry out our mission of Sharing Christ and Changing Lives for the generations to come.

Over the decades, our congregation has endured wars, economic downturns, hardship, illness, and even infestations. Now we find ourselves facing another serious trial—a financial one. **At present, we are experiencing a significant year-to-date shortfall in giving. While we have worked carefully to steward every dollar, we are now approaching a point where our giving must increase in order to avoid significant shortfalls—particularly in meeting our payroll commitments.** Our staff members serve faithfully every week, providing Christian education, supporting worship, caring for our congregation, and helping our ministries flourish. Ensuring that we can continue to meet payroll is essential to sustaining the work we do together.

We ask each household to prayerfully consider its giving in the weeks ahead. Even small increases, when shared across our church family, can make a meaningful difference. If you have fallen out of the habit of regular giving, this is a helpful moment to re-engage. If you are able to increase your offering, we are deeply grateful.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to the mission God has entrusted to us. Together, we can continue to support the ministry we all value and ensure a strong foundation for the months to come.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

“Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.” Deuteronomy 15:10 (NIV)

~ 150th Anniversary Reminders ~

Handcrafted Crosses

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

Handcrafted crosses utilizing any medium (wood, crochet, tating, 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!



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**

JULY

Important: **Mark your calendars NOW!**

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Church 150th
Anniversary
Service and
Celebration*

Meet Our Newest First Lutheran Church Members! (page 1)



We're pleased to welcome Bailey and Derek VanDeVeire, along with their children, Remi (6) and Rhett (3). The VanDeVeires have called Brownton home for the past nine years. It's where they've put down roots. Bailey works as an RN at Glencoe Regional Health, and Derek is a Service Technician at Milltronics Manufacturing Co. in Waconia. Both stay busy with work and family life. As a family, they enjoy spending time outdoors. Camping trips are a favorite. They also like four wheeling, riding side by sides, and gathering with friends whenever they can. They were first drawn to First Lutheran because of the preschool for their daughter. A Christian-based education mattered deeply to them, and they appreciated what First Lutheran was teaching. That experience led them to choose it as their church home, as well.



We're happy to welcome Lauren and Mark Bruner, along with their children Morgan (5), Dylan (2), and Logan (1). They made the move to rural Plato in 2021. It's been home ever since. Mark works as a Maintenance Technician, and Lauren serves as an RN at Glencoe Regional Health. Between work and raising three young kids, life stays full. As a family, they love being outside and on the go. Side by siding is a favorite pastime. They also enjoy camping, spending time at the park, and heading to the beach whenever they can. They were drawn to First Lutheran because of its welcoming spirit and strong sense of community. Looking ahead, they hope to get involved in Bible study groups, the Sunday School program, and Ignite programs as they grow in faith together.



First Lutheran Church is delighted to welcome William Sampson. At 21 years old, he is currently single. He lives in Le Sueur, MN, and is attending college in Ames, IA. William was previously a member of First Lutheran Church in Le Sueur. His mother teaches in Le Sueur, and his father works as a butcher. Outside of school, he enjoys trap shooting, playing board games, and spending time on the pickleball court. He felt led to join First Lutheran in Glencoe after attending an LCMS church in Ames and wanting a church home to attend while back in Le Sueur, as well. Since it is also his friend Maggie Schuff's home congregation, he began attending services here. He has especially appreciated the church's teaching and has valued learning from both Pastor Welch and Pastor Ewert. Although he is still discovering all that First Lutheran offers, William looks forward to becoming more involved and taking an active role in the life of the church.



First Lutheran is happy to welcome Arnaldo and Rosa Rodriguez and their children, Skyley (8) and Evie (3). Their family has called Glencoe, Minnesota home their entire lives. Arnaldo had not been a member of a church before. Rosa was baptized at First Lutheran and attended here through her teenage years. Arnaldo works overnight at UPS as a Preloader. Rosa runs her own online used clothing reselling business and also serves as an EVS Technician at Glencoe Regional Health. As a family, they love being outdoors—biking, swimming, and simply spending time together. Those moments matter most. They felt led to First Lutheran because Rosa grew up in this congregation, and they are thankful for the opportunity to be part of the church. Looking ahead, they hope to take part in bake sales and other church activities as their schedule allows, and they look forward to becoming more involved in the life of the congregation.

LWML 31st Biennial Minnesota South District Convention June 18 - 20, 2026

Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center - Mankato, MN



Theme: *The Peace of Christ*

Scripture Verse: *And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:15-16a).*

Convention Objectives:

- Let the peace of Christ dwell in us richly
- Appreciate we are all called to be one in Christ
- Show our thanks to Christ through our God-given gifts and talents

Thursday, June 18th: 4 p.m. - Registration & Fellowship
Silent Auction * Exhibitors * Prayer Walk * Servant Event
Friday, June 19th: 8 a.m. - Convention Begins
Bible Study * Mission Speakers * Communion Service
Saturday, June 20th: 8:15 a.m. - Noon - Convention
Bible Study * Installation of Officers * Sending Service

Please Join Us

If you're interested in what Lutheran Women in Mission do -
COME JOIN US!

ALL are welcome to come and experience "The Peace of Christ"
ALL = non-LWML women, former members, spouses, sisters,
Pastors, daughters, friends...**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Additional details available at:
https://mnslwml.org/2026_district_convention

Staying Out of the Ditches

November 12, 2025 By [Nathan Meador](#)

Editor's note: Monthly articles from LCMS Stewardship Ministry are hosted here on The Lutheran Witness site. [Visit the "Ministry Features" page](#) each month for additional stewardship content.

A ditch on either side of the road is still a ditch. The one on the left side of the road will damage your car as much as the one on the right side. Entering either ditch will prevent you from getting to your destination on time, if at all. Ditches come in all shapes and sizes, but there is one constant with them: you do not want to drive into them.

This reality of ditches is true on the wide, flat, fresh concrete of an interstate highway. Well-maintained medians and ditches are full of peril. It is also true of a winding asphalt or gravel backroad in the country. These might be even more dangerous because they do not readily reveal their depth, content and danger. It is true: a ditch on ANY road is still a ditch.

The Ditch of Anxiety

This is especially true of the ditches on either side of the narrow road of faithful stewardship. On one side of the road is the hazardous ditch that is known as anxiety. This is prevalent in congregations, leadership groups and even among individual stewards. The ditch of anxiety is filled with the fear that if the steward is faithful and is sacrificially living out their identity as a steward, they just might run out of what they need to support this body and life.

This idolatrous anxiety causes the steward to cling so tightly to what they have at the expense of faithful stewardship of the Gospel. This hampers faithful service within the congregation and inhibits faithful outreach into the community in which the congregation has been planted. It creates the wreckage of fear of lack, fear of missing out and fear of being less than we want to be. This ditch crashes faithful stewardship.

The Ditch of Apathy

The ditch on the other side of the road is not any better. That one goes by the name of apathy. This is an ever-present issue in legacy congregations. The stewards in these congregations look around at their familiar settings and they do not like what they see. The pews that used to be full are mostly empty. The filled parking lots of holiday services stand vacant. The familiar faces grow older and grayer. The children that used to fill Sunday school rooms and parts in the Christmas programs went off to college, only never to return.

Neighborhoods changed demographics, socioeconomics and ethnicity. Rural and city congregations emptied as populations moved to greener pastures. In the face of all this, the steward feels helpless, hapless and hopeless. The fear is that the remnant is powerless to make any changes, and this leads to a general feeling of apathy.

The apathetic steward sighs, shrugs and goes careening into the dangerous ditch of apathy that leaves the carnage of thinking that no serving, no caring and no generosity will ever be effective. This paralyzes the mission of the church, the ministry of the congregation and the work of the individual steward. This ditch crashes faithful stewardship.

Staying on the Road

There is only one option. Jesus, the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, is the factor that keeps us on the narrow way. When the Holy Spirit is working through the Word of God taught in its truth and purity and the Holy Sacraments administered in accordance with their institution by Christ, the steward is guided along the winding road of life in this world with a clear vision of eternity in mind. The presence of Jesus in the lives of stewards breeds a faithfulness that keeps the steward out of both ditches, which can and will leave lives in wreckage.

Daily devotions and the weekly Divine Service are where the Spirit does His work connecting the steward to Jesus. In fact, the faithful steward finds that the most important thing worth stewarding is the Gospel. The daily management of all of life and life's resources serve the purpose of supporting and expanding the work of the Gospel in our families, our communities and our world. Here is where stewardship and mission go hand in hand.

The key to keeping stewards and congregations out of either ditch is keeping the stewards in Christ. Faithful proclamation of Jesus Christ is essential. Deepening connections to the Holy Scriptures are necessary. Weekly reception of the Lord's Supper is a grand idea as well. If we are stewards of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which we are by virtue of our baptism, then the steward can never get enough Jesus in Word and Sacrament. Faithful proclamation and reception of the Way, the Truth and the Life is the only way to keep stewards and their congregations out of the two equally-devastating ditches on either side of the narrow way.

Called out of the Ditches

The road has been paved by the Word of Jesus at the cross and empty tomb. The faithful steward receives this treasure with joy knowing that it is FOR THEM, but not about them. This Gospel then moves them to be even more faithful with what the Lord entrusts to them for the sake of others. A ditch on either side of the narrow way is still a ditch. But Jesus calls us out of it. For His glory and the benefit of our neighbor!

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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 KGLB 96.1 FM Radio. During the month of April, you will hear the following sermon topics:

April 5 **"You Don't Know What You Have Til It's Gone"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker [Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Death is the enemy of life, but in Jesus, God made death become life's servant. 1 Corinthians 15:26

April 12 **"Early Adopters"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker [Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). The risen Jesus is the "display model" of what we will be, through faith in Him. 1 Corinthians 15:20

April 19 **"Not in Vain"** with Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti. Because Jesus lives, your future is certain. You can also be confident that your present life has meaning and worth. In the Lord, your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

April 26 "Topic Not Available at Newsletter Deadline"



Hear the Spanish language Lutheran Hour program at: <https://www.paraelcamino.com/>.

Weekly biblical message of faith and hope to accompany you on life's journey.

Become a Sponsor for 2026

Our 2026 Sponsor Campaign continues. As of March 4, we have received \$4,326.00 or 85% 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 richstreffert@embarqmail.com. Thank you for your support!

Broadcast Promotion Ad On KGLB

The KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters received a \$200.00 contribution for airing the KGLB Lutheran Hour broadcast radio ad produced by Rev. Novelli and Dr. Ziegler. The ad was heard 10 times each day on three Saturdays in March. The ad will be used on three Saturdays in late August and early September (after the summer break) and on three Saturdays in January (after the Christmas Holiday season). During 2026 \$200.00 will pay for 10 ads per day heard on three Saturdays. We welcome contributions which are designated for airing the radio ad. The ad invites listeners to hear the "Message of Hope" on the Sunday morning KGLB Lutheran Hour radio broadcast.

April 11, 2026 Lutheran Hour Ministries MN South District Convention

You are invited to attend the Lutheran Hour Ministries MN South District Convention on Saturday, April 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 412 North Main Street in Janesville, Mn:

Keynote & Banquet Speaker

Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies –
LHM VP, Ministry Engagement

Break-Out Session Presenters:

Rev. Jason Wolter – Senior Pastor, Trinity Lutheran, Janesville
Dr. Jim Seemann – Professor Emeritus Concordia University., St. Paul
Dr. Phil Johnson – DCO Emeritus, Minnesota

8:30 am Registration – 9:00 am Convention Begins – 4:30 pm Banquet - \$20 Lunch - \$20 Banquet
Register online by April 6 at: lhm.org/mnso-III

Questions? Contact Doyle Benson, MN SO District President doylebenson321@gmail.com (320) 583-7695
But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

Abundant Blessings Drive

In Thanksgiving for 150 years of God's Grace at First Lutheran, each month we will hold an Abundant Blessings Drive. We are grateful for your donations!

April: Lutheran Social Services Mankato, Crisis Nursery Pajama Drive – Keeping children safe and promoting child and family well-being are the primary goals of the Crisis Nursery. Please help by donating PAJAMAS (infant to size 8) to Mankato area families.

May: Shoe Drive for SPOC – St. Paul Outreach Center is located at Jehovah Lutheran Church (also location of New Freedom Store) Please help by donating new or good condition used SHOES.

June: Lutheran Social Services of MN, Youth Shelter Safe House – Safe House is an emergency shelter for youth ages 16-20 years old. While there, youth have a safe place to stay, nourishing meals, caring employees and active support from a case manager to help them secure long term housing and meet basic needs.

July: Oral Health Drive for Lutheran Social Services – Help by donating TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, and DENTAL FLOSS to families in need.

August: VSP Global partners with local organizations like the Lions' Club to support sight initiatives. Drop off your gently-used EYE GLASSES for global distribution.

September: Hope Pregnancy Center of Willmar – Help by donating new or gently used BABY SUPPLIES (onesies, diapers, bags, shoes, clothing, etc.) As this drive approaches, we will let you know if there are specific items especially in need.

October: Pastor Appreciation & Concordia Seminarian Support - Drop off your gift to First Lutheran's Ministerial Staff as well as future Pastors, Deaconesses, and Missionaries studying at Concordia University.

November: Blessing Bags for McLeod County Food Shelf - Drop off FOOD GOODS - boxed stuffing, canned vegetables, canned cranberry sauce, canned gravy, boxed mash potatoes, boxed cake and frosting, and monies for McLeod families in need.

December: Blanket Collection for Unhoused at Pig's Eye Park in St. Paul. Drop off gently-used clean BLANKETS and SLEEPING BAGS for the Homeless Camp in St. Paul. They will be distributed by The New Freedom Store.

February Abundant Blessings Drive Update

Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares both personal and material resources with people in need across the United States and around the world. Volunteers with Grain Train collect donations such as clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other essentials to address real, immediate needs. The Orphan Grain Train mission reflects a caring response to Jesus Christ's example of service and His love for us.

As part of our monthly Abundant Blessings Drive, we gathered 76 boxes and bags of clothing, shoes, and blankets in February, along with 124 stuffed toys. Altogether, that comes to nearly 2,000 individual items. We're truly grateful to everyone who contributed to this meaningful cause. Special thanks go to Cheryl & John Scheidt, Amy Welch, and Lanette Grenke, who devoted more than 50 hours to organizing and transporting donations to the Mayer OGT storage site. Students from FLS also played a big role by helping load the boxes—much appreciated. A Thrivent Action Team contributed \$250 toward purchasing (56) infant items, and we thank Janel Fischer for making that extra support possible. Many of you likely welcomed the chance to clear out closets while also making a difference for others.





Happy 150th Anniversary! 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**.

Activities and Events to commemorate our anniversary are well underway; recent activity included:

- Tabletop Display debuted on March 22 in the South Entrance.....will change monthly, so keep checking.
- More than 76 boxes were collected and donated to Orphan Grain Train (see details elsewhere).
- We were featured on KGLB's Glencoe Talk radio broadcast. If you'd like to hear the recorded podcast, open the MADE IN MINNESOTA app, select Glencoe, choose Podcasts, and then find GT Episode #854 dated 3/6/26.
- The McLeod Co. Chronicle featured our recently illuminated Steeple in its March 6 issue.
- To date, 467 crosses have been submitted by members and students. The range of craftsmanship is remarkable, with so many unique styles represented. Please keep creating and turn in by the last Friday of each month.
- More than 155 newborn hats have been crafted so far!
- An estimated 750 diners enjoyed the 75th Annual Potato Pancake & Sausage Meal on March 22. Did you see the picture in the Chronicle?
- There's still time to drop off your donation for the McLeod Food Shelf. Donations will be matched until April 6th. As of press time, we'd collected 41lbs – our goal is 150 lbs.- let's make it happen!

Ongoing and Coming Up activity includes:

- **An Anniversary Banner** will soon be on display along 13th Street.
- **Continuous Bible Reading:** Stay tuned for "Round 3" of Reading the Bible Aloud. Plan to participate - It's a powerful experience!
- **Monthly "150th" Calendars:** Have you **picked up** your April 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! Join in anytime!
- **Abundant Blessings Drive** – Each month, we'll hold a drive for a different organization, Throughout **April**, we'll gather items for **Lutheran Social Services Mankato**, **Crisis Nursery Pajama Drive** – keeping children safe and promoting child and family well-being are the primary goals of the Crisis Nursery. Please help by donating **PAJAMAS** (infant to size 8) to Mankato area families.
- **Heritage Sundays:** On the **second Sunday of each month**, we hold a Divine Service featuring various elements of our Lutheran heritage: historic liturgies, hymns, and treasured traditions from our past. Vintage collection plates are used, vintage floral arrangement baskets (you may sponsor one in honor or in memory of someone), attendees are encouraged to dress in old-fashioned attire (hats are available to borrow for this service), and we close each service singing the doxology in German. If you or someone you know might be **interested in singing a verse of a German Hymn**, please let us know. **April 12th will be our fourth Heritage Sunday!**
- **Short video on FL Buildings and Properties** will be shown on Heritage Sunday, **April 12**.
- **Service of the Daily Office** – Services are held on the third Thursday of each month. Join us on **April 16th at 6 PM** for this short traditional service.
- Special **Anniversary T-Shirts** are available for purchase (\$15). We invite all to wear this shirt around the community! **Please pick yours up soon!**
- **Church Pictorial Directory and Historical Recap (1876–2026)**. The book is planned for publication by early summer.
- The **Historical Display** debuted in March (south entrance). This display will soon move into the City Center (west end) through June. **We invite** boards/committees/groups to set-up a **display to showcase** your group for one month. Christian Ed has selected April 13-May 10, Evangelism has selected Sept 13-October 11, and Lutheran Women in Mission/Quilters Oct 12-November 8. There are still three more time slots available.
- FLS students will paint **Kindness Rocks** to place around the Glencoe Community in springtime.
- An indoor Easter Egg Hunt (age 2 – 3rd grade) will happen from 9-11 AM on Saturday, April 4th. Invite your church and community family & friends!
- Evangelism Board will host a **Grief Seminar** on Sunday, **April 19 at 4 PM** presented by Rev. Tom Evans (many will remember that he once pastored St. Johns/Plato). Details elsewhere in newsletter.
- **First Lutheran Cemetery "Silent Stories" Tour on May 17 at 1 PM**. We're **seeking volunteers** to take part as readers portraying characters. See scripts located on table in south entry. Contact Cindy if interested.

- **Mark your calendars for our Anniversary Service on Sunday, at 10 AM on July 12, 2026**, a day for your whole family to attend and celebrate together. A meal will follow the service. Please invite your grown children and their families too! **Wouldn't it be wonderful for all FL baptized and confirmed individuals to attend?!**
- **Mark your calendars for August 11** to attend a Community Trip to watch the **MN Twins** take on Baltimore Orioles.
- **Mark your calendars for a Red Cross Blood Drive on October 9.**
- **Watch** for upcoming info for the December **Outdoor Living Nativity** AND an **Indoor Nativity Stroll.**

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

Can you help? (1) Singers needed to sing a single verse of a hymn in German for a Heritage Service.
 (2) Volunteers needed to organize a Community Pet Parade



Meet Our Newest First Lutheran Church Members! (page 2)



We're pleased to welcome Toby Iddings and his 12-year-old son, Matthew. Toby is married to Jodi Michaelis Iddings, and together they share a large, blended family, pictured above. Their family includes daughter Cheyenne (30); son Trent (26), his wife Morgan, and their one-year-old son, Timothy; son Nathan (16); son Matthew (12); daughter Tarin (25); and son Cody (16). It's a full and lively family. In the past, Toby was a member at St. John's in NYA and Trinity Lutheran in Waconia. He has lived in Glencoe for two and a half years and currently works in maintenance of way at TCW Railroad, while Jodi serves as a claims specialist with Park Dental. As a family, they love getting out and doing things together. Road trips are a favorite. So are days at the lake, baseball games, and game nights at home. Toby joined First Lutheran so he could worship alongside his wife. He looks forward to being involved by attending worship services and participating in church events.



We're happy to welcome Anthony and Tiffany Roush, along with their children Lily (12), Rosie (5), and Max (2). They've lived in Glencoe their entire lives and were formerly members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Helen Township. It's a close-knit, active family. Anthony works at 3M in Hutchinson as a Continuous Improvement Coordinator. Tiffany serves as an RN in Safety and Quality at Glencoe Regional Health. Both stay busy with meaningful work during the week. As a family, they love being outdoors. Camping trips are a favorite. They also enjoy fishing year-round—summer and winter alike—swimming in their backyard pool, and gathering around bonfires with friends and extended family. They felt drawn to First Lutheran because of First Lutheran School, Pastor Welch, and the welcoming church community. Looking ahead, they plan to take part in church events and continue growing in their faith through ongoing spiritual development.

Meet Our Newest First Lutheran Church Members! (page 3)



Please join us in welcoming Cullen Hoffmann, the husband of Mackenzie Hoffmann. He was previously a member of First Lutheran Church in Cosmos and has called Glencoe home for the past four years. Cullen works for the City of NYA, and Mackenzie is the preschool teacher here at First Lutheran. They enjoy simply spending time together. Cullen looks forward to getting involved at First Lutheran, serving in whatever ways God provides and wherever help is needed within the church community.



We formally welcomed Pastor Michael Ewert in June 2025 during his Rite of Ordination and Installation here at First Lutheran. At just 26 years old, Pastor Michael's home church is Hales Corner Lutheran Church, located near Milwaukee, WI. When he has free time, he enjoys settling in with a good book, relaxing in a hammock, playing board games, or unwinding beside a fire pit. Simple things. He's especially excited to dive into Bible studies and spend time in fellowship as he continues his ministry here at First Lutheran.



First Lutheran warmly welcomes Blake Braunworth, husband of Arissa. Their son, Hudson, at 11 months old, certainly keeps them on their toes. Arissa has lived in Glencoe for the past 15 years. Blake relocated here from Dassel and has now lived in Glencoe for the past year and a half. He works as a welder at Machining & Welding in Cokato and enjoys hunting, fishing, and cooking when he has the chance. Arissa is a SAHM (stay at home mom) and is also the co-owner of Little Legends Party Company (littlelegendspartyco.com). Blake was drawn to First Lutheran because it has long been Arissa's church home. They also hope Hudson—and any future children—will one day attend First Lutheran School, making the church an even deeper part of their family's life.



We are happy to once again have Paul Perschau back as a member of First Lutheran. Paul grew up here and was a member until 2005. He's also lived in the Glencoe, Minnesota area most of his life and was gone for only about ten years. He has now returned to First Lutheran after membership at Waconia Moravian Church. Paul works at Plato Woodwork as a Maintenance Mechanic. First Lutheran feels like home and we're very happy to welcome him back to First Evangelical Lutheran!

75th Annual Potato Pancake & Sausage Dinner

"THANK YOU" for being part of our 75th Annual Pancake & Sausage Meal on Sunday, March 22, 2026. Diners were treated to an all-you-care-to-eat meal featuring potato and traditional pancakes, sausages, applesauce, cheese, mint, an ice cream cup (marking our 150th anniversary), and beverages. A total of 750 meals were served—this included 39 deliveries and about 200 take-out orders. None of this would have been possible without the commitment of 100 dedicated volunteers who contributed throughout the day.

We sincerely appreciate the generous donations and discounts provided by Alsleben Meats, Cashwise/Coborns, Glencoe Co-Op Assn, KWIK Trip, Michael Foods, and the Thrivent Action Team Program. Unused supplies were returned, and remaining items were donated to FLS or FLC.

To help with organization, 225 tickets were sold in advance with assigned time slots. The 11–12 time frame saw the highest turnout, though wait times remained short.

As for food preparation, an impressive 550 pounds of potatoes and 264 pounds of sausage were used. Any leftover sausages were sold.

Total ticket sales along with additional donations reached \$10,277, while expenses came to \$2,943, resulting in a net profit of \$7,334. Thrivent Action Teams contributed an extra \$685, further supporting the event's success. Proceeds were evenly split between the FLC General Fund and the NYG Youth program.

We are deeply thankful to everyone who took part and showed their support. Our gratitude goes out to all congregation and community members who joined us and enjoyed the meal. This cherished tradition continues to bring people together, and we are proud to carry it on during our 150th anniversary year.

Your 2026 Pancake Event Committee – Cindy Eggersgluess, Jackie Selchow, Dennis Wolter, Doug Schultz, Larry Kunkel



April, 2026

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



- April 2-6 | Easter Break
- April 3 Good Friday
- April 5th EASTER SUNDAY
- April 11 | Spelling Bee @ Mayer Lutheran
- April 12 | Heritage Sunday
- April 26 | Confirmation Sunday
- April 29 | Fine Arts Festival
- | 6:30 pm
- May 10 | Mother's Day
- May 15 | Play Day New Germany
- May 20 Eighth Grade Graduation
- May 22 | Last day of school
- May 22nd End of Trimester
- May 25 Memorial Day



3rd Tri Chapel Offerings

The Rev. Dr. Christian (Chris) and Gudula (Lula) Tiews serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Germany. As a missionary pastor, Chris reaches out to Farsi speaking immigrants from the Middle East; serves as a theological instructor at the Luther Academy in Riga, Latvia; and mentors future pastors. Lula is the communications specialist for the Eurasia region. In this role, she collects and tells the stories of people whose lives have been impacted by the Good News of Jesus Christ brought to them by the missionaries there.

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Together we pray for:

- Lutheran Church Charities, especially those who are involved in Disaster Relief
- Everyone who is ill and needs our Heavenly Father's healing hand.
- The Silent Auction Committee and all involved thanking God for all of their hard work. 32,000 plus raised!!!
- Those families that are considering sending their children to FLS that they might be led to realize the importance of a Christ centered education.
- Our committees at First Lutheran as we continue to search for elementary teachers.



- Everyone who donated to our 19th annual Silent Auction as well as all the great folks who purchased the meal and those who bid on items. Your love for FLS is greatly appreciated!
- All of the fantastic parents who support FLS by sending their children to our school.
- Micky Neubarth, Shauna Gruber, Sarah LaMott, Amy Edwards, The Grochows, Kaitlyn Woytcke, LaRissa Oelfke, Jolene Phillips, and Molly Schiller for heading up the Flame Boosters Silent Auction events and all the others who pitched in. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!



Playday

First Lutheran, Zion Lutheran in Mayer and CCLS in Watertown will have a friendly play date soon. The date of the Event is May 15th. More details to follow. We're excited to have more than 500 Christians coming together for fellowship and fun!



First Lutheran is looking for someone who could help with custodial work at the school. Please call the School and ask for Principal Miller.

We're Hiring!

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DANCE

On Friday, March 20th We had a Hawaiian Dance - with Moms and Dads sponsored by the Student Council. There were games and music, and refreshments in the Gym. We had over 120 people come and fill the night with fun and excitement! Special thanks to Payton Lilienthal, our Activities Director, for such a special evening.



\$200 for free!

As a continuing incentive, First Lutheran is offering \$200 to any school or church family who recommends a family to First Lutheran and that family registers a child, or children, for this school year. If you get two families to register, you get \$400! Spread the good news that First Lutheran School is a great place to learn about God's love and the awesome world he has given to us!

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1st Grade Rules!!!



The children in first grade have been very busy this year, enjoying many exciting activities that they have learned along the way.

Each day begins with Jesus Time, a wonderful way to share God's love. We discuss various stories, reflecting on the reasons behind God's purpose for each. I always enjoy the questions students ask, as it shows they are thinking deeply about and processing God's Word. After Jesus Time, we proudly recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge of the Christian Flag.

In Math, we are focusing on the basic facts of addition and subtraction. We're exploring different methods for grouping tens and ones, as well as practicing double-digit addition and subtraction.

In Reading, we have made tremendous progress as the children's enthusiasm for books has truly stood out. Their excitement for reading has resulted in remarkable growth in their skills, making this year's reading achievements outstanding. The children enjoy partnering up to read from their book boxes throughout the day.

In the afternoon, we have devotions, and then I read to them. We are reading some of the Little House on the Prairie books. It helps give us a look at how the pioneers lived and survived on the prairie.

After completing our studies, the children eagerly express their creativity by building with Legos, assembling puzzles, playing games, and coloring.

These activities provide a fun and relaxing way to end our busy days. I want to thank Ms. Madi Mathews for her dedication, kindness, and love in working with and helping the children and me. Life is good in First grade, and I am reminded of how God has blessed us with these wonderful children, wonderful parents, and a strong, faithful congregation!

WE ARE HIRING

First Lutheran is looking for 3 elementary teachers to serve at First Lutheran next school year: 1st Grade, 3rd grade and 4th Grade.

If you know of someone, please send resumes over to principal@1stglencoe.org.

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FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF

First Lutheran School is seeking dedicated professionals to join our teaching staff as a first grade, third grade and fourth grade teacher starting the 2026-2027 school year.

Applicants must have a current teaching license; LCMS synodical training and/or experience in Lutheran education is preferred. Interested candidates should send a resume and credentials to Perry Miller, Principal, at principal@1stglencoe.org. If you have questions or would like additional information, please call our school office at 320-864-3317.



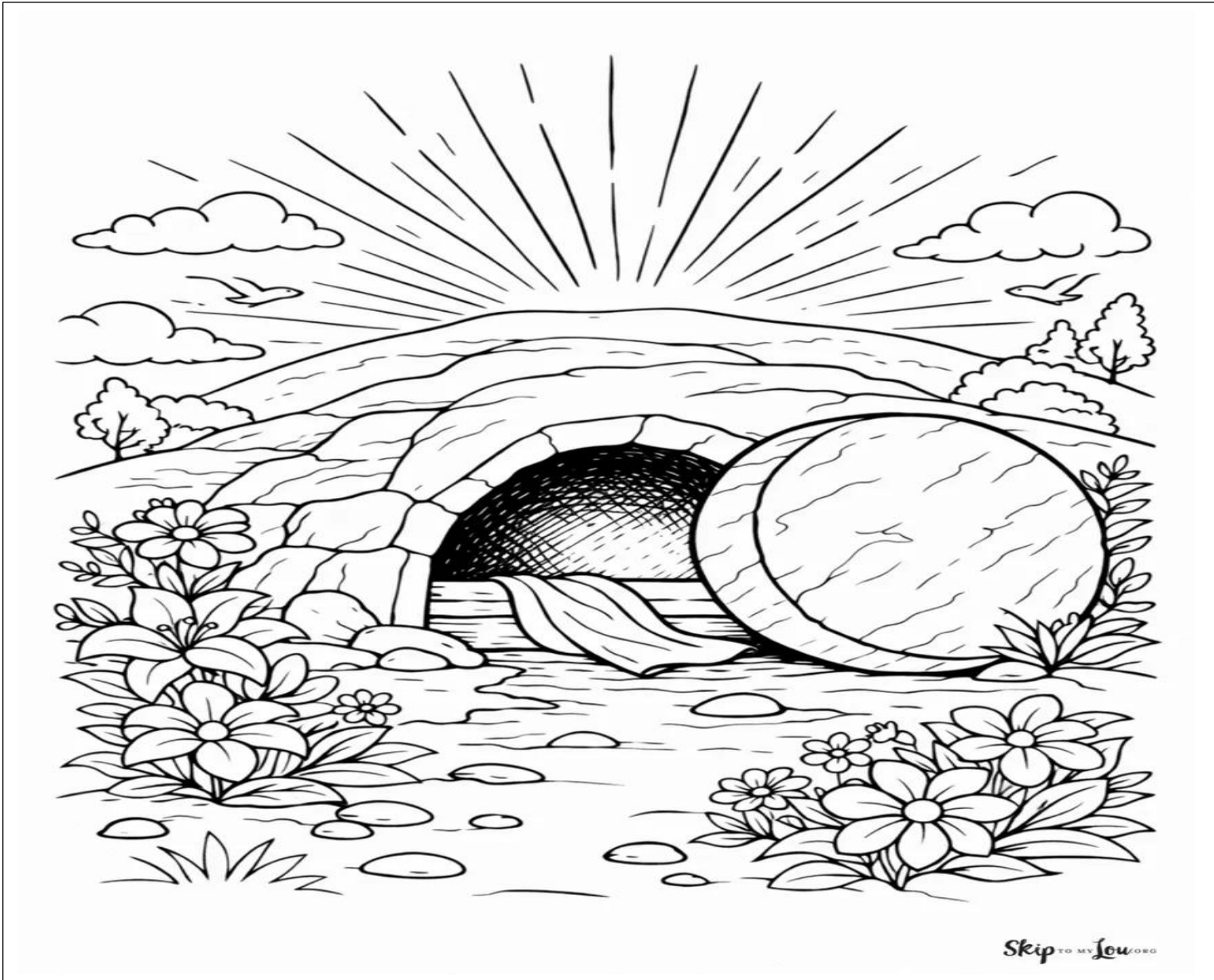
CUSTODIAN

Applications are being accepted for a full-time custodian position at First Lutheran Church & School. Seeking a self-motivated, self-starting, responsible individual with good time-management skills. Applicant is required to have a high school diploma/GED. Related janitorial experience helpful. The applicant should also possess or be working towards a Class C boiler's license.

Benefits include health, dental, vision, pension, 403(b). The salary will be based on work experience.

For confidential consideration, contact:

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