



First Ev. Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter 2026



Remembering Back, Looking Forward! **“Behold, I am making all things new!” (Revelation 21:5)**

Spring is in full swing! It's a time of hopefulness and new beginnings. The fields are being planted with this year's new crops. New flowers are popping up. Soon the old school year will be over, and it will be a time of many new beginnings.

This year at First Ev. Lutheran, we have been doing a lot of remembering back. We've looked to our past 150 years as a church family and have given thanks to our God for all the blessings He has bestowed on our congregation. With great anticipation we are looking forward to Sunday, July 12th when we will have a very special worship service at 10 AM followed by an amazing meal with fantastic fellowship and shared remembrances.

God truly is “our help in ages past” and He is also most certainly “our hope for years to come!” So, as we remember back this year, let us also look forward in faith. Coming up, we can rejoice to have the end of the school year celebrations for First Lutheran School with 8th Grade graduation on the evening of May 20th followed by the closing program and chapel on the morning of May 22nd.

After Memorial Day Weekend, as we head into the month of June, our Baccalaureate Service will be at 10:30 AM on Sunday, June 7th. There we will pray for God's blessings and a bright future for our graduates. Next, it will be time for Vacation Bible School from June 14th through the 17th. Ten days after that, several youth along with Deaconess Polzin and myself will be heading out on a week-long mission trip to the Mescalero Reservation in New Mexico.

Before you know it, we will celebrate our nation's 250th Birthday on July 4th. Then comes the big 150th Anniversary Service and meal on Sunday, July 12th. Looking forward, God definitely has lots of exciting new things in store for us our congregation!

Yes, these are exciting times filled with many new events and adventures! The best new thing of all, though, is what Christ has made in you. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, **“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”** As God's children, baptized into Christ, we are given new and eternal life having the forgiveness of all our sins. God has re-created each of us as a person of faith in His Son. What freedom, peace, and joy this brings to us!

In fact, each day is a fresh new start. Do you remember how we learned it from the Small Catechism?

Holy Baptism – Fourth

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six:

“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life” (Romans 6:4)

God's blessings, peace, and joy be with you as you remember back on all of God's blessings to you throughout your life and throughout our congregation's life. May His blessings, peace, and joy also be with you as you look forward to God's exciting future plans for you and for all of us. Most of all, by God's grace, may you continue to live every day of your life as a new creation in Christ!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.
Be thou our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

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***In Christ,
Pastor Dan Welch***

From Assistant Pastor, Rev. Michael Ewert

What is Worship?

Here is an article from the Lutheran Witness 2024 series that gives an overview of Lutheran Worship.

Before we dig into the details, let's start with the big picture: Why?

The primary movement of worship is from God to us. We do not gather to do something for God. We don't worship to stroke God's ego or as slaves obligated to show up for an oppressive overlord.

It's quite the opposite. Our God knows the depth of our sin, the deadening reality of our transgressions. He endured this sin on the cross. When we gather in worship around His Word, He serves us with His forgiveness. Worship is the place heaven touches earth and God delivers to us forgiveness that renews and strengthens our faith.

In the Divine Service, God serves us by speaking to us His Word. Wherever Christians gather, God's Word is at the center and gathering point. By that Word, God speaks to us; in the service, He enfleshes His Word in His own body and blood. The heart of the Divine Service is the Word of God.

To reflect this, the service is split in two parts (along with a short preparation). The first part is the Service of the Word; the second is the Service of the Sacrament. Both services grow out of God's speaking to us. In the first, God speaks to us from the Bible. In the second, God puts His Word into physical elements (bread and wine) and places that Word into the mouths of His people.

In the Confession and Absolution, we confess our unworthiness to stand in God's presence. He forgives our sins and welcomes us into His presence.

In the Service of the Word, we first hear from the prophets who foretold of Christ's coming, looking for the fulfillment of God's promise to save the world (Gen. 3:15). Then we tune our ears to the apostles and their epistles (letters) teaching the Gospel to the Early Church. Finally, we see the full picture of God's work in the world through the Gospel reading: the teachings and life of Jesus.

After the readings, we speak together with all Christians the words of the Nicene Creed. Then the pastor preaches on the texts, applying them to this particular congregation. He proclaims to God's people that, though they are sinful, God has made them His own in the blood of Christ.

After we respond in thanksgiving (offering) and prayer, we turn to receive God's Word in the **Service of the Sacrament.** In the Lord's Supper, God comes to us in a way He is not present anywhere else. Heaven touches earth in this gift. Jesus — true God and true man — gives His body for us to eat and His blood for us to drink. What a profound mystery.

We testify to this in song and acclamation, fixing our attention on His gifts (Prefaces), joining in eternity's song (Sanctus) and proclaiming His sacrificial death (Agnus Dei) until He comes. The Lord's Supper is the most intimate expression of Christian unity, one in which only those who have been instructed, examined and absolved in a shared confession participate. In time, we pray you also will join us in this faith at His altar.

The service ends in the way it began: in His name, which sends us out in love for our neighbor. The entire service revolves around God giving to us His Word. This Word builds, strengthens and renews faith. Having received it, we go forth with it into the world, living and serving with sacrificial love.

<https://witness.lcms.org/2024/what-is-worship/>
<https://files.lcms.org/file/preview/the-divine-service-booklet-1>

Deacons

Sun., May 3	8:00 AM *	Dennis Wolter, Mark Schmidt
	10:30 AM	_____, Dean Dahlke
Sun., May 10	8:00 AM	Dennis Wolter, Mike Cisewski
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Will Freberg, Tyler Mielke
Thu., May 14	7:00 PM *	Leonard Donny, Lars Ide
<i>Ascension Service</i>		
Sun., May 17	8:00 AM *	Dennis Wolter, Doug Dahlke
	10:30 AM	Justin Petterson, Dean Dahlke
Wed., May 20	7:00 PM	Mark Schmidt, Lars Ide
<i>FLS 8th Grade Graduation</i>		
Sun., May 24	8:00 AM	Dennis Wolter, David Polzin
<i>Pentecost</i>	10:30 AM *	Tyler Mielke, Lee Terlinden
Sun., May 31	8:00 AM	Dennis Wolter, Doug Dahlke
<i>5th Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Will Freberg, Tyler Mielke
<i>Common Cup Offered</i>		

* Denotes Service with Communion

Acolytes

Sun., May 3	8:00 AM *	Brady Goff
	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., May 10	8:00 AM	Emme Neubarth, Natallie Schafer
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Mason Ortloff
Thu., May 14	7:00 PM *	Jada Neid
<i>Ascension Service</i>		
Sun., May 17	8:00 AM *	Jada Neid
	10:30 AM	OPEN
Wed., May 20	7:00 PM	OPEN
<i>FLS 8th Grade Graduation</i>		
Sun., May 24	8:00 AM	Emme Neubarth, Griffin Bargmann
<i>Pentecost</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
Sun., May 31	8:00 AM	Mason Ortloff
<i>5th Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
<i>Common Cup Offered</i>		

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Greeters

Sun., May 3	8:00 AM *	OPEN
	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., May 10	8:00 AM	Jada Neid, Dave & Betty Witthus
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
Thu., May 14	7:00 PM *	OPEN
<i>Ascension Service</i>		
Sun., May 17	8:00 AM *	OPEN
	10:30 AM	OPEN
Wed., May 20	7:00 PM	Jada Neid
<i>FLS 8th Grade Graduation</i>		
Sun., May 24	8:00 AM	Dave & Betty Witthus
<i>Pentecost</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
Sun., May 31	8:00 AM	OPEN
<i>5th Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
<i>Common Cup Offered</i>		

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Fellowship Hour

Sun., May 3	9:00 AM	Evangelism
Sun., May 10	9:00 AM	Christian Ed (Mother's Day)
Sun., May 17	9:00 AM	Handbell Choir
Sun., May 24	9:00 AM	Deacons
Sun., May 31	9:00 AM	Endowment

Christian Ed Helper (Sunday School Assistant)

Sun., May 3	9:15 AM	Emme Neubarth, Natallie Schafer
Sun., May 10	9:15 AM	Emme Neubarth, Natallie Schafer
Sun., May 17	9:15 AM	OPEN
Sun., May 24	9:15 AM	Sunday School out for the Summer

**Sound System**

Sun., May 3	8:00 AM *	Glenn Cohrs
	10:30 AM	Steven Schauer
Sun., May 10	8:00 AM	Kevin Cohrs
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Grady Schuff
Thu., May 14	7:00 PM *	Glenn Cohrs
<i>Ascension Service</i>		
Sun., May 17	8:00 AM *	Andrew Mackenthun
	10:30 AM	Lynn Exsted
Wed., May 20	7:00 PM	Grady Schuff
<i>FLS 8th Grade Graduation</i>		
Sun., May 24	8:00 AM	Lynn Exsted
<i>Pentecost</i>	10:30 AM *	Tyler Schauer
Sun., May 31	8:00 AM	Kevin Cohrs
<i>5th Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Steven Schauer
<i>Common Cup Offered</i>		

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Screen Presenter

Sun., May 3	8:00 AM *	Chloe Donnay
	10:30 AM	Tyler Schauer
Sun., May 10	8:00 AM	Piper Polzin
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
Thu., May 14	7:00 PM *	Pam Ahlbrecht
<i>Ascension Service</i>		
Sun., May 17	8:00 AM *	Brittney Wolff
	10:30 AM	Jeri Bennett
Wed., May 20	7:00 PM	Amy Welch
<i>FLS 8th Grade Graduation</i>		
Sun., May 24	8:00 AM	Gemma Goff
<i>Pentecost</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
Sun., May 31	8:00 AM	Willa Polzin
<i>5th Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
<i>Common Cup Offered</i>		

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Camera (either service)

Sun., May 3	Andrew Mackenthun
Sun., May 10	Robert Schuff <i>Heritage Sunday</i>
Thu., May 14	Lynn Exsted <i>Ascension Service</i>
Sun., May 17	Pam Ahlbrecht
Wed., May 20	Robert Schuff <i>FLS 8th Grade Graduation</i>
Sun., May 24	Linda Ranzau <i>Pentecost</i>
Sun., May 31	Lynn Exsted <i>5th Sunday</i>

Special Music

Sun., May 3	8:00 AM – Senior Choir
Sun., May 10	<i>Heritage Sunday</i>
Thu., May 14	<i>Ascension Service</i>
Sun., May 17	both – Senior Choir
Wed., May 20	<i>FLS 8th Grade Graduation</i>
Sun., May 24	<i>Pentecost</i>
Sun., May 31	<i>5th Sunday</i>

Facebook Live (either service)

Sun., May 3	
Sun., May 10	<i>Heritage Sunday</i>
Thu., May 14	<i>Ascension Service</i>
Sun., May 17	
Wed., May 20	<i>FLS 8th Grade Graduation</i>
Sun., May 24	<i>Pentecost</i>
Sun., May 31	<i>5th Sunday</i>

~ Board Summaries ~



Church Council April 16

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and affirmed the April minutes from each of the individual Boards at the April 16th meeting. Boards continue to work on appointing Nominating Committee members. An online version of the current accounting software was approved which will improve access, provide additional backup and security and has enhanced reporting features. The Salary Review Committee recommendations were approved and will be included in the next fiscal budget to be presented to Voters' Assembly on May 26th. We heard reports of the interviews and status of current recruitment efforts for open teacher positions and the custodian position. We reviewed financial report through March 31, 2026.

Board of Christian Education April 13

The Christian Education Board met on April 13. The board finalized all details for Confirmation, discussed Baccalaureate service, VBS details and Mission trip funds. The meeting closed with prayer.

Day School April 7

The Day School board is currently seeking applicants for a 1st, 3rd, and 4th grade teacher to join our staff. The hiring committee has been busy holding interviews for these positions. The students and staff are preparing for the end of the school year and the board is making plans for the 2026-2027 school year.

Board of Deacons April 1

Continued discussion and planning of 150th Anniversary celebration plans and July 12th meal. As the day of the celebration draws nearer, volunteers will be needed to help. Continued discussion of re-establishment of the Technology Committee.

Board of Evangelism April 7

The Evangelism Board met on Tuesday, April 7th, 2026. The board discussed the success of the first indoor Easter Egg Hunt and are already making plans and updates for next year. The board was very happy with all the positive reviews. The board made final plans for the Grief Seminar which will be led by Pastor Tom Evans on Sunday April 19th, 2026, from 4:00 PM-6:30 PM. The board will be serving light refreshments for this event.

Board of Stewardship April 7

Jaylene Miller gave a report on stewardship and the Stewardship Board discussed Angel Seeds.

Board of Trustees April 6

Bids were reviewed to repair or replace the asphalt on the church parking lot. Millerbernd Manufacturing donated a 35' flag pole to the church. A bid was accepted from Neubarth Landscaping to spread mulch around the church garden beds. Danielle Petterson was hired as a part-time custodian for the school.

~ Homegrown! It's a Good Thing! ~

The Farm to School Department of Agriculture grant monies are used to purchase locally grown and raised foods (beef, pork, poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits) for our school lunch program.

Our April 9th Homegrown meal featured a delicious Egg Bake made with EGGS from Michael Foods (donated from the Pancake Meal). Ingredients in the egg bake included ONIONS (school garden) PORK sausage made from local pigs from Alsleben Meats, and MILK and CHEESE from local dairy cows.

Eggs deliver high quality proteins that sustain muscles and promote bone health. The incredible edible egg is one of God's most perfect foods!

The Zucchini Bread used ZUCCHINI from Larry Kunkel's garden that was grated and frozen last summer. The RASPBERRIES in the yogurt parfaits were grown, picked, washed, mashed, and frozen by Steven Schauer.

The berries are a bright beautiful color, bursting with flavors, and are an excellent source of Vitamin C.

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 eggsgluecscindy@gmail.com.

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



GRASS CLIPPINGS FOR THE SCHOOL GARDEN

We can use your clean grass clippings for the school garden. Please drop-off next to the school garden fence. Thank you!

Church Directory Update

The Church Directory Committee has been diligently working on the First Lutheran Church directory. We have been striving for accuracy and completeness and are finishing up the end of April.

The next step is to submit the directory and then the company will be sending back a proof for us to edit. Once the process of editing and correcting is finished, the directory will be ready to go to print. The goal is to have the finished product available by the July 12th Anniversary Celebration.

Those who did not have a picture taken will have an opportunity to purchase a book for \$15.

We will keep you updated!

~ Thrivent ~

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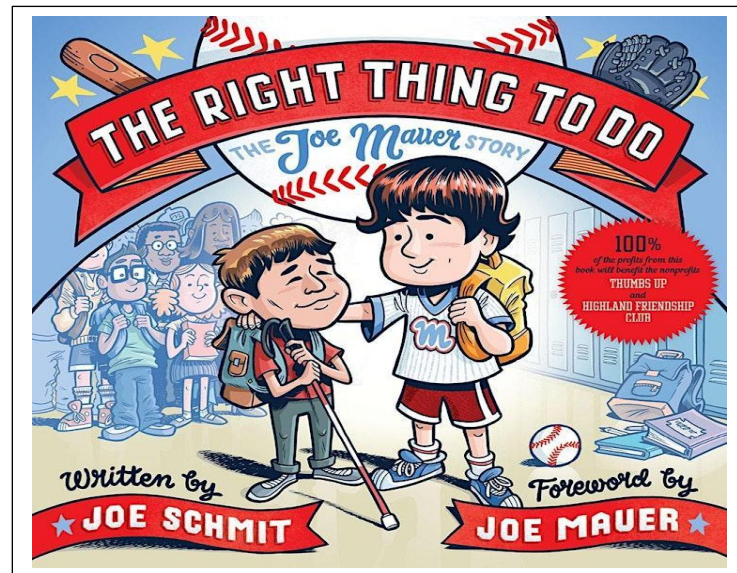
✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$2,646 for FLC and \$2,355 for FLS. We also received a charitable Giving Grant of \$825.34! Visit (www.Thrivent.com/choice) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars." Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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. Thank you to all who have already stepped forward!**

✓ **Thrivent Member Network - Twin River Valley** 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.



You're invited to our Celebration of Membership at Stages Theatre for The Right Thing To Do: The Joe Mauer Story musical. As a purpose-based financial services organization, we come together each year to celebrate the countless ways you—our members—inspire generosity and help improve people's lives and communities.

Join us for our annual celebration at Stages Theatre featuring the world-premiere musical based on the children's book The Right Thing to Do: The Joe Mauer Story. This inspiring production explores the power of small acts of kindness, the impact of friendship, and the importance of doing what is right. With vibrant music, unforgettable characters, and a message that resonates beyond the baseball field, The Right Thing To Do reminds us that every act of kindness, no matter how small, has the power to create a ripple effect that transforms our communities and unites us in ways we might never expect. This is a great event for the whole family.

Generosity Opportunity: Throughout the run of this musical, for every copy sold of the book The Right Thing to Do: The Joe Mauer Story, Thrivent will donate \$10 each to "Highland Friendship Club" and "Thumbs Up For Mental Health", up to \$5,000.

No products will be sold. For additional disclosures see thrivent.com/social.

Visit the link that follows to order your free tickets. See all the info and resources at:

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


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

Confirmation
BLESSING

O Lord God and Father in heaven, we rejoice that through the waters of Baptism You made each of these youth Your own children and by Your grace You have raised them to faith in Christ Jesus. As they look forward to their confirmation, help them to rejoice in Your gifts: You have made each Your own, You have made each a member of the Body of Christ, and by Your grace You have sustained each in the faith with Your Gospel and Sacraments. By Your grace they are able to profess this faith. We pray that You will keep them faithful to their vows to the Church and help each to stand strong in the faith. Help these confirmands to receive Your gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation with humility and gratitude. Help each of them to always rely on the words of Your beloved Son and on His body and blood to sustain them in the faith. All this, so that they may stand before Your throne on the Last Day, redeemed and sanctified, ready to feast forever at the foot of the Lamb. Amen.



Join us SUNDAY, APRIL 26
AT 10:30 AM FOR THE RITE OF *Confirmation*



Register Here!

Vacation Bible School
First Lutheran Church Glencoe, MN



MIRACULOUS MISSION

Jesus Saves the World!

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

*Potty Trained

PLEASE SIGN UP
on paper at the
SOUTH
ENTRANCE

MIRACULOUS MISSION

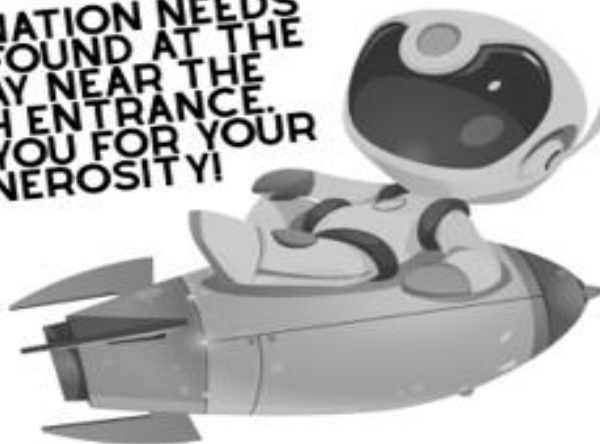
Jesus Saves the World!



VBS Volunteers NEEDED!

Please consider signing up to help lead a group, assist with a station, or any other number of positions. It takes a ton of volunteers to make these VBS days successful. Thank you for considering!

VBS DONATION NEEDS
CAN BE FOUND AT THE
DISPLAY NEAR THE
SOUTH ENTRANCE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!



- Please check out the Display Table in the main church entrance, next to the church office, for further information.
- If you have any questions, please contact Deaconess Polzin at mpolzin@1stglencoe.org or talk to her in the church office during business hours.
- Or, you may contact the church office at 320-864-5522 or office@1stglencoe.org.
- We look forward to having you join us and / or assisting!



**Build Your Own Taco Salad!!
and
Learn About L.E.R.T.**

Lutheran Emergency Response Training

May 4, 12:00 Noon, Fellowship Center

All members are welcome to "Build Your Own Taco Salad" and learn about Lutheran Emergency Response Training from Rev. Kristian Bjornstad, pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Good Thunder.

He is the Minnesota South District trainer for L.E.R.T. and will explain how teams of Lutherans move in to help in times of disaster. They help clean up and feed people after tornadoes, floods or any disaster.

The helpers are Lutheran, but they respond to anyone in need. If this is something that interests you, please come! There is no charge for this informational session sponsored by First Evangelical Lutheran Women in Mission.

Honorary LWML members, funeral volunteers, quilters and Mat-Makers will be recognized. There are even FOUR high-school boys who have been excused from school to make themselves a nice big taco salad and learn about serving Jesus by cleaning up after disasters.

There is no charge for this informational session. A free-will offering for L.E.R.T. will be received.

Some Bible Verses About Humility

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:6

A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor.

Proverbs 29:23

The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 15:23

Humility and the fear of the Lord bring wealth and honor and life.

Proverbs 22:4

For he who avenges blood remembers; He does not ignore the cry of the afflicted.

Psalms 19:12

But He gives us more grace.

That is why Scripture says

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:6



Happy May Birthday

to Lutheran Women in Mission honorary member **Alice Donnay**.

A \$5 gift to LWML Grants "mites" has been given in your honor.

**There will be an official L.E.R.T. TRAINING SESSION
Saturday, May 16
at Camp Omega, Waterville.**

**Learn more about L.E.R.T. on the
MN South LCMS
L.E.R.T. Facebook page.**



~ Mat Makers ~

2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. ~ May 12 and May 26



Mat-Makers continue to meet twice a month to craft clean, used plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats for God's dear ones who need a place to lay down.

We are very grateful for the continued supply of YOUR used bags! We were asked to be present at the annual Minnesota South District LLL and Orphan Grain Train Convention last month at Trinity, Janesville. What a joy! Many attendees were very interested.

One young man was more than interested – he wanted to learn. So, we moved to the back of the room so we could whisper and learn during the sessions. We started out by folding, cutting and looping. "I enjoy repetitive tasks." He caught right on. "Now, teach me to crochet!" He requested to be shown very slowly and positioned his phone to video each step of crocheting. And he caught right on to that, too. We gifted him with a crochet hook and several "bags of bags" to get him started. We left one completed mat there to be displayed at the Orphan Grain Train booth.

Maybe you also enjoy repetitive tasks. After the day's work is done, it's nice to sit in the recliner, relax and do some mat-making.

Come May 12 and May 26 at 1:30 p.m. to learn!!

(You DO NOT need to learn to crochet – most of the steps are simple and easy to learn.)



~ 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.



VBS Volunteers—please ensure you've purchased your 150th Tshirt as we will be wearing them for VBS!

\$15
EXACT CASH OR CHECKS

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.*

Teacher Appreciation Week
May 4th-8th, 2026

GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL FATHER, who in wisdom created the world and all that lives, enlighten the hearts and minds of Your faithful people to continually call on You for divine guidance in all that is said and done in Your Name. Look with favor on those who teach and those who learn. Give both teachers and students patience to receive Your special gifts of wisdom, knowledge and understanding as they live out their life's journey. Strengthen our faith to trust in Your mercy and Your promise of life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



Office Staff Meetings Update

Beginning June 10th, our Office Staff Meetings will be on

WEDNESDAYS
at 10:00 a.m.

~ 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 Scholarships 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.

STINGER A Joyful Toon by Mike Waters

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:55-57 NIV

~First Lutheran Church Events ~



FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB

The First Edition Book Club will be meeting 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.



MARY MARTHA ALTAR GUILD

The Mary Martha Altar Guild will be meeting on **Monday, May 11, 2026, 7:00 PM.**

We welcome new members to join us. No special talents are required. Just a willingness to share your time, talents, and treasures. Members are scheduled to work one month throughout the year.



You will never work alone; you will usually be working with 2 other members during the month. We also try to meet four times a year as a group (Jan., May, Sept., and Nov. or Dec.). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Charleen Engelmann or leave a message with the church office.



FIRST LUTHERAN CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY

The First Lutheran Cemetery Clean-up Day has been changed to Saturday, May 2. Please have the plot for your loved one cleaned up in accordance with the grounds regulations. Thank you.

NEXT QUARTERLY
VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, May 26th @ 7pm



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT MN TWINS – COMMUNITY OUTING

Looking forward to summer
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 eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com.



SILENT STORIES TOUR –

WEATHER PERMITTING

**SUNDAY, MAY 17th
1 PM – 3 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. The tour will begin in First Lutheran Cemetery by the Block Building at the corner of Mt Auburn Road and Glencoe Avenue. (You'll see signage.) You'll listen to an introduction, receive a map, and will be directed to walk throughout the cemetery and visit designated graves. At each marked grave, you will listen to a story of that particular person or time in history.

We're still seeking volunteers (adult and youth) willing to read prepared scripts. In addition, we will need a few tour guides. Volunteers can find more information in the Silent Stories Book, available at the "150th" south entry table.

If you'd like to take part or have any questions, please reach out to Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com.

Volunteers should plan to attend a TRIAL RUN on Saturday, May 16 (day before) at 9 AM. You will then receive your script and details.



FLOWER PICKUP

Monday, May 11th

3-6pm in the church parking lot
(south entrance)

Thank you SO much for your continued support of our First Lutheran Youth!



Baccalaureate is set for Sunday, June 7th at the 10:30 AM Divine Service. Please provide your information using the QR code and send your digital photo to Deaconess Megan Polzin at mpolzin@1stglencoe.org. Thanks!

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

An Appointment Too Important to Miss

Anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from His. Hebrews 4:10

During the first week of President Garfield's term, a member of his cabinet insisted that he attend a meeting at 10 AM on Sunday. A national crisis was confronting the new cabinet. But, Garfield told the concerned member that he would be late because he had another appointment that morning. His cabinet member asked, "Just who could be so important that you appointment with him can't be broken as we face this national crisis?"

Garfield responded, "Let me be frank. My engagement is with the Lord, to meet Him at His house, at His table, at 10 o'clock tomorrow. I must be there." Garfield kept his appointment. The crisis eventually passed. God was honored.

God promises those in Jesus Christ a Sabbath rest. In worship we celebrate His redeeming love. He grants us refreshing rest and confidence that His grace will finally lead us into His eternal sanctuary. If we are to deal effectively with the pressures of this life, we must make time to keep our worship appointment with Him. There we are nourished with the strength to face our daily challenges.

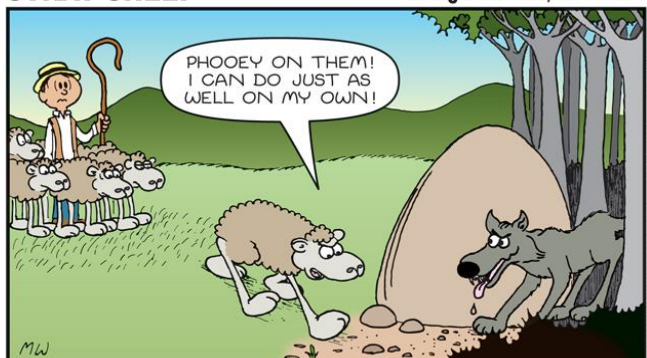
We Pray:

Lord, sometimes our priorities get confused, and we neglect our most important appointment of the week – with You. Strengthen our faith through Your Word and Holy Supper, that we may honor You.
 Amen.

Thank you to Mark Schmidt for submitting this entry from a past Portals of Prayer.

STRAY SHEEP

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

– HEBREWS 10:25 NIV



**Retirement Party
 for Mrs. Sheila Scheele**

**Sunday, May 31st
 between church services**

Please join us Sunday, May 31st, between church services for the Retirement Party for Mrs. Sheila Scheele.

The Day School Board will provide a cake, goodies, refreshments and a card box.

Please read the autobiography below about Sheila.

I started teaching grades 1-4 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran School in West Bloomfield, WI in 1983. I then accepted a call to teach grades 1-2 at St. Mark/St. John Lutheran School in New Germany, MN. Dean and I were married that year, and we were both available to accept a call.

We moved to Marrero, LA and I taught 4th grade at Concordia Lutheran School for four years. When Jakob was born, we moved to Williamsburg, IA. I stayed home to take care of Jakob, Erich and Annalisa. In 1998 I began teaching Kindergarten at Lutheran Interparish School and coaching volleyball in Williamsburg, IA.

Dean accepted a call to be the principal at Emanuel Lutheran School in Hamburg, MN, so we moved up to Minnesota. I began teaching grades 3-4 at Emanuel Lutheran School. I was also the school's Athletic Director and coached volleyball.

This is my twelfth year of teaching third grade here at First Lutheran School. I have been teaching for 34 years and have loved every place which I have taught. I've had the joy of watching students grow in knowledge and faith and build meaningful, lasting connections.



Ascension Service

**Thursday, May 17
 7:00 p.m.**

**Divine Service
 with Communion**



Pastor and Amy Welch will be on vacation from Wed., May 27 – Tue., June 9. Pastor Ewert is available for any pastoral needs and Laura Schmalz will be filling in for Amy at the church office.



Church Office Closed

Friday, May 22, closing at 11:00 a.m.
 Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day
 Friday, July 3 – Fourth of July

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



150th Anniversary Event

Looking ahead – we are in need of around 40 volunteers to assist with the German-style meal on July 12th.

There are a variety of positions available, and even if you only contribute for just 1 or 2 hours, it is greatly appreciated and it will help ensure that everything runs smoothly. "Many hands make light work."

Thank you for considering! Contact the church office if willing to help at 864 – 5522 or office@1stglencoe.org.



**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.



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– SEEKING VOLUNTEERS
SUNDAY, MAY 17th
1 PM**

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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!**

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 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.

FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL FOURTH GRADE TEACHER

First Lutheran School is seeking dedicated professionals to join our teaching staff as a **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.



CROCHET FOR A CAUSE

May 4 | 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 Palzin with any questions.



~ In Our Communities ~

2026 Farmers Market

We're already getting ready for another great season — and we're looking for vendors to join us!
The Glencoe Farmers' Market runs every Thursday from June 18 – October 8 from 3:00–6:00 PM, bringing fresh food, handmade goods, and community connection to downtown Glencoe all summer long.
Whether you grow it, bake it, make it, or create it — we'd love to have you!
 One seasonal booth fee covers the entire market season
 Attend every week or only the dates that work for you
 Great exposure + community support

Sign up here:
<https://glencoechamber.com/annual-events-2/farmers-market/>

2026
FARMERS MARKET
 MAKE IT. BAKE IT. GROW IT. SEW IT.
 Glencoe City Center - West Parking Lot
 1107 11th Street E. Glencoe, MN
 Thursdays | 3-6 PM

Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

*Cock-a-doodle-doo!
 You're invited to*

DAIRY DAY
 JUNE 4, 2026

11 AM – 2 PM
 TREATS @
 PARTICIPATING
 LOCAL BUSINESSES
 GLENCOE, MN

4:30–7:00 PM
 FORMER ECONOMART
 PARKING LOT
 615 11TH STREET E.
 GLENCOE, MN 55336

Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School
 JANZEN'S GREENHOUSE
 Our Business is Growing

Mother's Day Plant Sale
 May 1-8

BONUS WITH PURCHASE
Combination Hanging Baskets
 A variety of mixed, colorful combinations **\$40**

Combination Patio Pots **\$45**
 Beautiful mixed planters, ready to gift

BONUS WITH PURCHASE
 Free Mother's Day card of your choice with every purchase

A benefit for Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School student tuition assistance
 Martin Luther Jr/Sr High School • Northrop, MN
 507-436-5249
 315 Martin Luther Drive • Northrop, MN

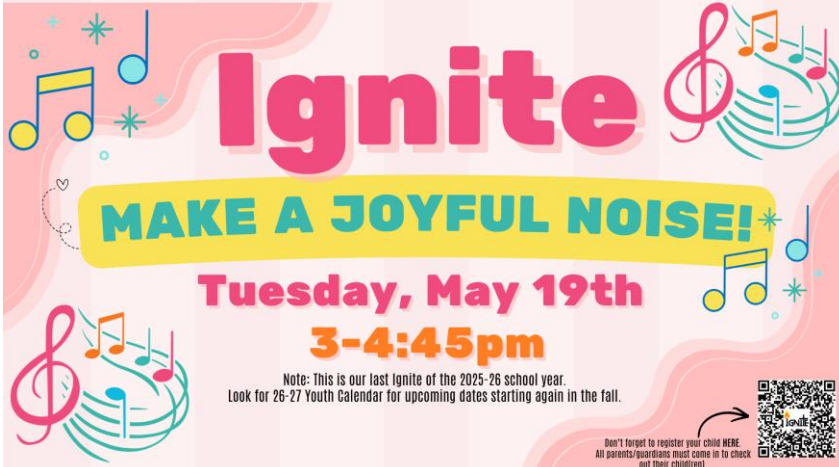
Make a Joyful
 NOISE

JOIN US FOR A
SILENT AUCTION
 SUNDAY, MAY 3RD
 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Food Trucks Games and Prizes Live Auction 12:00 PM

ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL
 14735 COUNTY ROAD 153 - COLOGNE

~ Youth Announcements ~




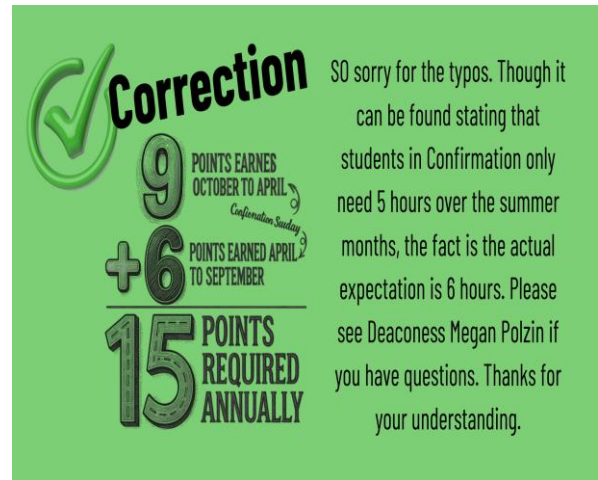
Ignite

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Tuesday, May 19th
3-4:45pm

Note: This is our last Ignite of the 2025-26 school year. Look for 26-27 Youth Calendar for upcoming dates starting again in the fall.

Don't forget to register your child HERE. All parents/guardians must come in to check out their children!

Correction


9 POINTS EARNED OCTOBER TO APRIL
Confirmation Sunday

+6 POINTS EARNED APRIL TO SEPTEMBER

15 POINTS REQUIRED ANNUALLY

SO sorry for the typos. Though it can be found stating that students in Confirmation only need 5 hours over the summer months, the fact is the actual expectation is 6 hours. Please see Deaconess Megan Polzin if you have questions. Thanks for your understanding.

Youth Service Scholarship Applications



DUE May 28th
to the Board of
Christian
Education

Youth who Participate in Blaze or Impact who are members of the church are eligible to apply. Applications are hanging outside Deaconess Megan Polzin's office.



CALLING ALL soon-to-be 5th Graders!

If you/your child will be entering 5th grade in the public school this fall (2026-27), you should receive email & snailmail from Deaconess Megan Polzin about Confirmation at First Lutheran within the next month. If you would like to ensure your child is registered for Confirmation at First Lutheran, please contact her so she can get you the needed information! Thanks!

Valleyfair?!

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A GROUP RATE WE WOULD NEED AT LEAST 15 PARTICIPANTS. PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE ENTRY TABLE (SOUTH SIDE) OR CONTACT MEGAN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. WITH ENOUGH PEOPLE WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN!



Proposed Valleyfair Date: June 4th
We need at least 15 interested by May 7th in order to make arrangements!
Those entering grades 5-12 (and their parents/drivers) are invited to attend!



REMINDER

OUR LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

MAY 17TH



SAVE THE DATE

2026 Youth Mission Trip Commissioning

Sunday, June 21st
@ 8:00 AM



Acolyte SIGNUPS

All 5th-8th Grade Public School Confirmands and all 7th-8th Grade FLS Confirmands, please use the Acolyte SignUpGenius to **select at least 2 services** between April 26th and the end of September.



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

Follow Him in Generosity

<https://files.lcms.org/file/preview/national-mission-bulletin-blurbs-and-newsletter-articles-may-2026>

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. "For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you" (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job is already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus' generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: "The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity" (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each "as he has decided in his heart," as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love "in deed" (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord's work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

Lutheran Service Book # 781

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

**1) We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**2) May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

**3) Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.**

**4) To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.**

**5) The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.**

**6) And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.**

Have You Listened to the Message of Hope?

KGLB Radio 1310 AM - 96.1 FM Lutheran Hour Broadcast

Glencoe, MN

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 May, you will hear the following sermon topics:

May 3 **"Planning Is Everything"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise.

Psalm 146:3-4

May 10 **"The King Who Reigns"** with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge. If Easter tells us that Jesus the King has won, then Ascension tells us the King is reigning, and His reign is good. Luke 24:36-53

May 17 **"Don't Despise Small Beginnings"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#).

Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound. Acts 1:14

May 24 **"Misery Loves Company"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). It's often said, "Misery loves company." Christ comes to us in our misery with God's love and mercy. Acts 2:38

May 31 "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 2026 KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporter

Our 2026 Sponsor Campaign continues. As of April 20, we have received \$4,4,424.00 or 87% towards our goal of raising \$5,096.00 for the 52 broadcasts in 2026.

The KGLB Lutheran Hour broadcast is heard in a 50-mile radius (+/-) of Glencoe. At the end of each broadcast listeners are invited to attend a "Church of the Lutheran Hour" in their area. Help us spread the Gospel message in the KGLB listening area.

Sponsor one broadcast (\$98.00) or broadcasts. Any gift amount helps. Send your gift (payable to KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast) to: KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters, % First Lutheran Church, 925 13th Street East, Glencoe, MN 55336. Questions? Contact Rich Streufert at 320-779-0123 or e-mail at richstreufert@embarqmail.com. Thank you for your support!



Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4 ESV

Confirmation Class of 2026

Samuel Ferris Betsinger

"But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding
in steadfast love and faithfulness."

Psalm 86: 15

Nolan Ryan Dammann

"My son, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,

Proverbs 3: 1

Connor Jacob Donnay

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5: 1

Oscar William Freberg

"I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears."

Psalm 34: 4

Claire Audrey Geib

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

Psalm 32: 8

Ruby Lynn Graf

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding."

Proverbs 3: 5

Cambel William Lang

"But stay awake at all times,
praying that you may have strength
to escape all these things that are going to take place,
and to stand before the Son of Man."

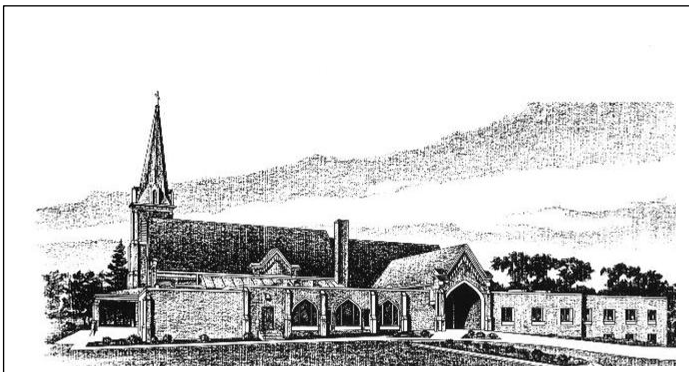
Luke 21: 36

Blake Allen Mathews

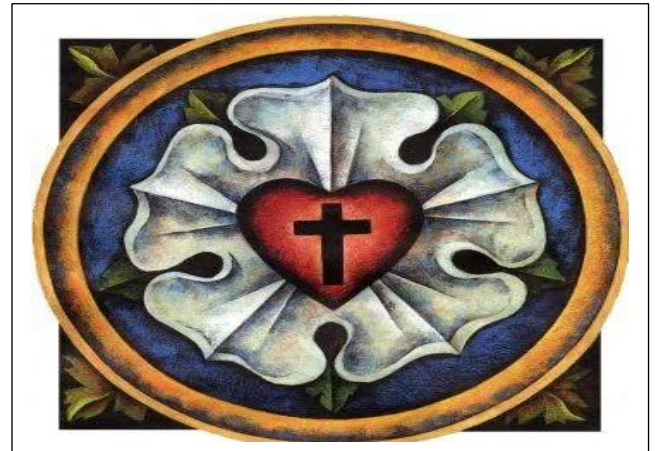
"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word
and believes him who sent me has eternal life.

He does not come into judgment,
but has passed from death to life."

John 5: 24



Confirmation Class of 2026



Harper Grace Neubarth

"Commit your work to the Lord,
and your plans will be established."

Proverbs 16:3

Ayla Rae Pokornowski

Jesus replied,

"You don't understand now what I'm doing,
but someday you will."

John 13: 7

Macie Mae Stradmann

"Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

Isaiah 60: 1

Bennett Logan Vinkemeier

"But if he says, 'I have no pleasure in you,'
behold, here I am,
let him do to me what seems good to him."

2 Samuel 15: 26

Caylee Ann Weidendorf

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4: 13

Clara Beth Willcox

"For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Priya Reann Wisch

"God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns."

Psalm 46: 5

Mitchell Scott Zajicek

"Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life will keep it."

Luke 17: 33



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:

- View the Tabletop Display in the South Entrance presented by Board of Christian Education.
- The City Center is now showcasing our historical display. Check it out!
- More than **180** crocheted Newborn Hats have already been crafted!
- To date, **almost 800** 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.
- In March, we collected 87# of food for the McLeod Food Shelf.
- In March, more than 250 diapers were collected for Common Cup Ministries.
- Have you seen our Anniversary Banner along 13th Street?
- A video clip on our Buildings and Properties was shown at our April Heritage Service.
- The Board of Evangelism held a Grief Seminar on April 19 presented by Rev. Tom Evans.
- The Easter Egg Hunt and Story of Holy Week/Easter were presented by the Evangelism Board on April 4.

Ongoing and Coming Up activity includes:

- 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 historical section and member roster has been submitted to the company! Yah! We now await the preview! Publication is planned for early summer.
- Three more slots are still available for the **Historical Display tables**. We invite boards/committees/groups to set-up a display to showcase your group for one month. Christian Ed. has the current display. Evangelism has selected September 13 - October 11, and Lutheran Women in Mission/Quilters October 12 – November 8. There are still three more time slots available (July 13 - August 9, August 10 - September 13, and November 9 - December 13).
- FLS students will soon paint **Kindness Rocks** to place around the Glencoe Community.
- 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?!
- Join on 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 Indoor Nativity Stroll**.
- 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 May calendar page? Make sure to get one each month. The calendars feature 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, or you may offer your own.
- 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 May, we’ll gather new or gently used HOES for St. Paul Outreach Center which is located at Jehovah Lutheran Church (New Freedom Store location).
- 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. May 10th will be our fifth Heritage Sunday!
- Service of the Daily Office**: Services are held on the third Thursday of each month. Join us on May 21 at 6 PM for this short traditional service.

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 Wolfer.

- 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.

May, 2026

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"



- April 26 | Confirmation Sunday
- April 29 | Fine Arts Festival | 6:30 pm
- May 1 | Mayer Lutheran 5th-8th Grade School Track Meet
- May 8th 6:30pm 5-8th Dance
- May 10 | Mother's Day
- May 15 | Play Day St. Mark in New Germany
- May 20 | 8th Grade Graduation | 7:00 pm
- May 22 | Last Day of School /Early Dismissal 11:02am K/Grad 8:15am



Together we pray for:

- Lutheran Charities and the Disaster Relief for all of those that they are helping.
- First Lutheran teachers and Boosters as they continue the work of coordinating playday schedules, participants, and workers. For all of the students that it would be a successful day
- Seasonable weather for our area farmers.
- 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 8th graders as they graduate and move on to other schools that they may always be courageous witnesses.



"Last Day of school" talk already?! The First Lutheran schedule for May 22rd is as follows:

8:00 - 9:00 AM - students go to their classrooms for final clean up and wrap up

9:00 - 10:00 AM - 8th grade presentations including wills, skits, and valedictorian and salutatorian speeches (This has been extremely entertaining in the past, so you won't want to miss it.)

10:00 - 11:00 AM - End of year chapel and awards

11:02 AM - Dismissal

**There will be no GSL busing home on this day so please arrange for transportation!



Kindergarten

The kindergarten year has been filled with great fun learning. We used for the first time the Concordia Publishing House "Enduring Faith" and each student will be taking a nice book home at the end of the year. In Math, we have finished the whole curriculum ending with vertices and solids. We are going to add the Math topics of tangrams, geoboards, and working with coins. For Reading, we have covered consonants and short vowels; and in April and May we will work on more blends and long vowels. During the year, the trips we went on included going to the fire station; the Hopkins Stages theater; Lowry nature center; and going to Grand Meadow with trips paid for by Thrivent cards. Our favorite dramatic play centers included the bakery, pet shop, pizza parlor, and the camping center. We were excited to win the School Spirit trophy during NLSW. I want to thank Mrs. Petterson for her dedication, and care of the kindergarten class. Thank you also to Miriam Randt, Yvonne Schuette, and Cheryl Schmidt for listening to students read on Tuesdays. Miriam also helped with special projects like parent gifts. On Thursdays, Caitlyn Freberg faithfully helped in the library checking in library books and reading to four different classes. Thank you for blessing me with these students. We have very supportive parents and faithful congregational members. Thank you for allowing me to teach your children these 40 years. I will see in the fall!

Blessings, Mrs. Donnay



Principal for the Day

On Friday April 17th Brody Phillips was our "Principal".

He proclaimed PAJAMA DAY in Chapel. He read a book to every student in school, led the big kids in prayer at lunch, and even got to decide on a Pizza day when our cook for the day was sick. (He also treated the kids to Oreo cookies at Lunch.) It really was a Great Day- thanks Brody!



Ice Cream day for reaching one of our Goals at Silent Auction

principal@1stglencoe.org

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Homegrown Meals

Your help is needed: We are still looking for a few grillers to help out with the school picnic on May 21nd! Let the school office know if you're able and willing to help! Cindy Eggersgluess, Michelle, and Gina continue to work hard on developing, planning, and making home grown meals that are made from locally sourced foods. A few upcoming meals for the month of May include: french toast bake, a chicken pasta hotdish, and hamburgers and hotdogs for our chapel family picnic.



2026-27 Staffing Updates

We have contracts going out to:

Breann Goff 3rd Grade- Former Student at FLS, SWMS Grad.

Debra Ewert 1st Grade- Elementary Teacher Milwaukee Public Schools 20 + years (Pastor Ewerts MOM!)

Good Leads for 4th Grade- Keep Praying principal@1stglencoe.org.

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THANK YOU!

- All of the fantastic parents who support FLS by sending their children to our school.
- Everyone who volunteered this year whether for field trips, classroom activities, or other needs. We really appreciate it!
- Cindy Eggersgluess for all of her hard work with our Homegrown Meals at First Lutheran!

Mrs. Scheele's Retirement May 31st 9:00 am at First Lutheran Church...here is a little of what she has done.

I started teaching grades 1-4 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran School in West Bloomfield, WI in 1983. I then accepted a call to teach grades 1-2 at St. Mark/St. John Lutheran School in New Germany, MN. Dean and I were married that year and we were both available to accept a call. We moved to Marrero, LA and I taught 4th grade at Concordia Lutheran School for four years. When Jakob was born, we moved to Williamsburg, IA. I stayed home to take care of Jakob, Erich and Annalisa. In 1998 I began teaching Kindergarten at Lutheran Interparish School and coaching volleyball in Williamsburg, IA. Dean accepted a call to be the principal at Emanuel Lutheran School in Hamburg, MN, so we moved up to Minnesota. I began teaching grades 3-4 at Emanuel Lutheran School. I was also the school's Athletic Director and coached volleyball. This is my twelfth year of teaching third grade here at First Lutheran School. I have been teaching for 34 years, and have loved every place that I have taught at. I've had the joy of watching students grow in knowledge and faith and build meaningful, lasting connections.



\$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!



Playday

Playday this year is at St. Mark in New Germany. A schedule will be sent out later. Devotions will start at 8:45 and the day will conclude after the all school relay at 1:30. Concessions will be available all day for purchase. Please note that there will NOT be busing from First Lutheran to St. Mark that day. You, the parent, will be responsible for getting your child to and from St. Mark. If transportation to and from will be an issue, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mr. Miller. This is a really awesome day to compete against so many other students from two other Lutheran grade schools, just like ours! We would love to have all of our students present that day. Your child's teacher will be sending home information about what event your child will be competing in for that day.

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Happy Mother's Day

May the God of hope fill you with all joy
and peace as you trust in him
- Romans 15:13

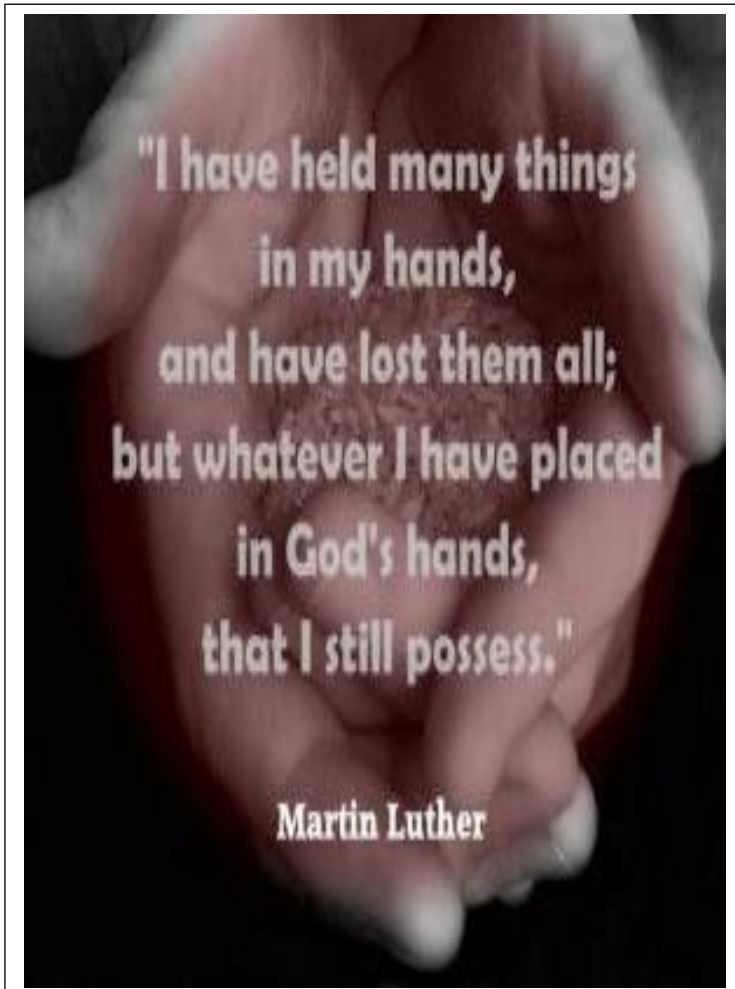
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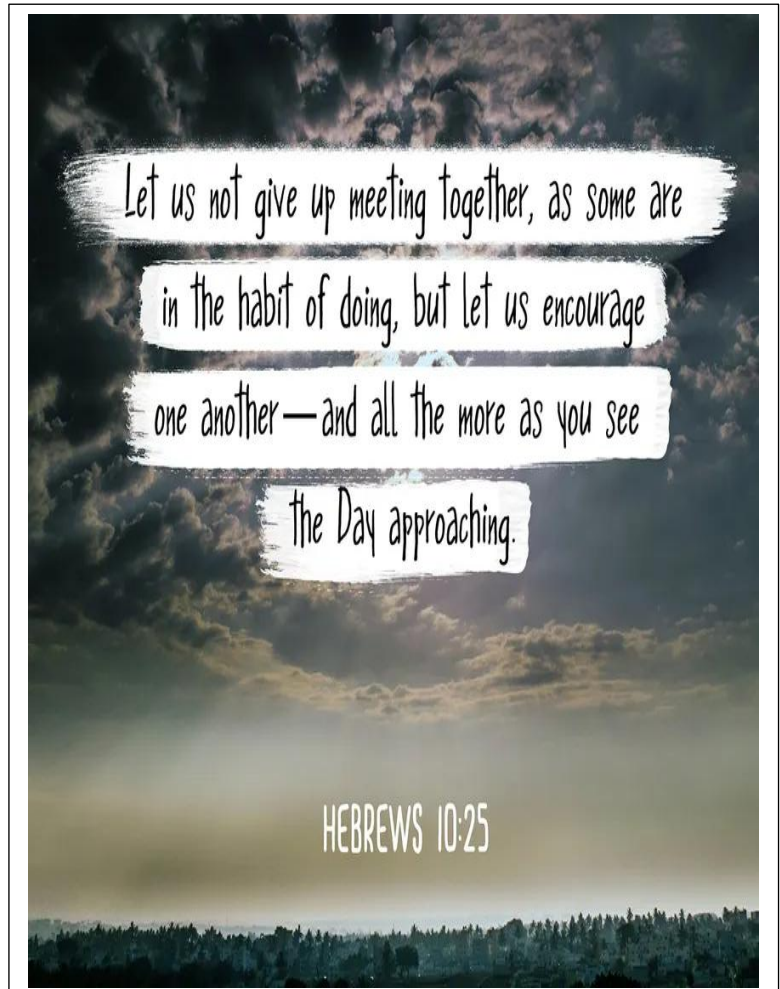
Joshua 1:9 - "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goes."

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"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



Let us not give up meeting together, as some are
in the habit of doing, but let us encourage
one another—and all the more as you see
the Day approaching.

HEBREWS 10:25



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