



First Ev. Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter 2026



Off to a Great Start!

Welcome to June! It's hard to believe that we are almost at the half-way point of our year of celebrating and thanking God for 150 years together as a congregation at First Evangelical Lutheran Church! Thanks to the hard work and dedication of so many people, especially the members of the 150th Anniversary Committee, this year has gotten off to a great start! And the best is yet to come as we have our 150th Anniversary Celebration Service next month on Sunday, July 12th at 10 AM!

Getting off to a great start is important in so many areas of life, including life itself. That's because how we start affects everything that follows.

Think of Jesus' life. How our Lord's earthly life began made a huge difference in all that followed. Jesus came into the world through the work of the entire Holy Trinity: God, the Father sent Him, He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and Jesus came as the Son of God. With the Trinity at work, Jesus' life and ministry was off to a great start! Throughout Jesus' ministry; His life, death, resurrection, and ascension, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit worked together to save humanity.

As Christians, we too begin our lives with the Holy Trinity at work. It begins in Holy Baptism. Being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit changes how we believers see the world, their relationship with God, and the kind of people we become.

First, Baptism helps us to see creation as God's gift. God the Father created and still cares for the world by providing things like food, homes, medicine, work, and caring people such as parents and firefighters.

Second, Baptism changes our relationship with God because salvation is a gift of grace through Jesus Christ. Even though we are sinners, Jesus died and rose again so we can be forgiven and have a loving relationship with God. We are then called to share this message with others through teaching and Baptism.

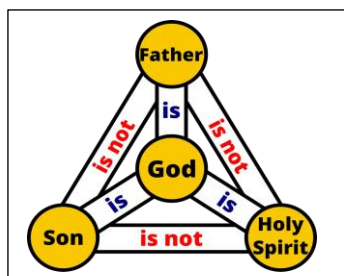
Third, the Holy Spirit works through the Church to shape us Christians into caring and supportive people. As believers in Christ, we comfort one another, encourage each other during difficult times, and we help build each other up in faith.

Holy Trinity Sunday is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. This year that falls on May 31st. Trinity Sunday is a wonderful reminder of the power of our Triune God at work in the life of Jesus and in each of our lives, too. In Baptism we are off to a great start! Starting life in faith with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit makes a lasting difference in how we Christians live our lives in love and service to God and to all those around us!

May our Triune God continue to bless and keep you during this celebratory year and throughout your entire life!

In Christ,

Pastor Dan Welch



The History and Sources for the Divine Service

Last Month I shared an article from *Lutheran Witness* about “What is Worship?” This month I’d like to continue the conversation by looking at the roots of the Liturgy. Often people don’t know why we say what we do during the service. Did we just make it up and put it into the hymnal? No, far from it! Every Sunday we gather around Word and Sacrament, we hear and respond using God’s Word, often following the words the early church used!



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The majority of the Service comes straight from the Bible! The Scripture settles in our ears and then flows from our mouths! Often our responses also take quotes of scripture and give us the words we say. If you have a chance open up the hymnal and follow along during the service often on the right side of each page the scripture reference is included!

Part	Scripture	Date of Origin
Invocation	Matt. 28:19	16th century
Kyrie	Mark 10:47	5th century
Salutation	2 Tim. 4:22; Luke 1:28	1st–3rd centuries
Collect	Matt. 6:9–13	1st–5th centuries
Old Testament	Lk. 24:25–27	3rd century
Holy Gospel	John 20:31	1st–2nd century
Sermon	2 Tim. 4:2; Rom. 10:14–15	1st–2nd century
Nicene Creed	Various	4th–5th century
Prayer of the Church	1 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 4:1–3	1st–2nd century
Preface	2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1	2nd–3rd century
Sanctus / Benedictus	Isaiah 6:3; Matt. 21:9	4th century
Lord’s Prayer	Matt. 6:9–13; Luke 11:2–4	1st–3rd centuries
Words of Our Lord	1 Cor. 11:23–25; Matt. 26:26–28;	1st–3rd centuries
Proclamation of Christ	1 Cor. 11:26; Rev. 22:20	1st–4th centuries
Peace	John 20:19; Rom. 16:16	1st–2nd century
Agnus Dei	John 1:29	7th–8th centuries
Blessing	Num. 6:24–26	4th–7th centuries

Table Abbreviated from Seminary Class by Dr. Vieker

From the very beginning the Church featured the greeting, the reading of Scripture, Prayers, Preaching of a Sermon, and the Lord’s Supper. The Church has gathered around the Word and Sacraments and celebrated these elements for nearly two thousand years! And the early church also copied elements from Judaism and the Synagogue, gathering and praying, reading the scriptures and teaching on them. God gives us the pattern of Worship he gives his gifts and his Word and we respond with our praise and prayer.

Why does this matter? The Word of God is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. God’s word should always dwell on our hearts, in our minds, in our ears, and on our tongues! God’s Word is powerful and active even today. It sets forth and accomplishes what God has intended for it. God gives us the Gift of the Liturgy not to constrain us, but that we might constantly dwell in the Word of God!

Speaking Christ,
Pr. Michael Ewert



HEBREWS 4:12

Deacons

Sun., June 7	8:00 AM *	Mike Cisewski, Lars Ide
<i>Baccalaureate</i>	10:30 AM	Justin Petterson, Roger H. Schmidt
Sun., June 14	8:00 AM	Leonard Donnay, David Polzin
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Dean Scheele, Tyler Mielke
Sun., June 21	8:00 AM *	Lee Terlinden, Doug Dahlke
	10:30 AM	Will Freberg, Roger H. Schmidt
Sun., June 28	8:00 AM*	Mark Schmidt, David Polzin
	10:30 AM	Dan Nikolaisen, Dean Dahlke

* Denotes Service with Communion

Acolytes

Sun., June 7	8:00 AM *	Autumn & Axel Gruber
<i>Baccalaureate</i>	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., June 14	8:00 AM	Emme Neubarth, Natallie Schafer
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
Sun., June 21	8:00 AM *	Mason Ortloff
	10:30 AM	Lily Roush
Sun., June 28	8:00 AM*	Brady Goff
	10:30 AM	OPEN

* Denotes Service with Communion

Greeters

Sun., June 7	8:00 AM *	Dave & Betty Witthus, Deb Bargmann
<i>Baccalaureate</i>	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., June 14	8:00 AM	OPEN
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Deb Bargmann
Sun., June 21	8:00 AM *	OPEN
	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., June 28	8:00 AM*	Dave & Betty Witthus
	10:30 AM	OPEN

* Denotes Service with Communion

Fellowship Hour

Sun., June 7	9:00 AM	Day School
Sun., June 14	9:00 AM	Deacons
Sun., June 21	9:00 AM	Christian Education
Sun., June 28	9:00 AM	Deacons

Sound System

Sun., June 7	8:00 AM *	Glenn Cohrs
<i>Baccalaureate</i>	10:30 AM	Steven Schauer
Sun., June 14	8:00 AM	Kevin Cohrs
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Grady Schuff
Sun., June 21	8:00 AM *	Andrew Mackenthun
	10:30 AM	Lynn Exsted
Sun., June 28	8:00 AM*	Lynn Exsted
	10:30 AM	Tyler Schauer

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Screen Presenter

Sun., June 7	8:00 AM *	Chloe Donnay
<i>Baccalaureate</i>	10:30 AM	Tyler Schauer
Sun., June 14	8:00 AM	Piper Polzin
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
Sun., June 21	8:00 AM *	Brittney Wolff
	10:30 AM	Jeri Bennett
Sun., June 28	8:00 AM*	Gemma Goff
	10:30 AM	Amy Welch

* Denotes Service with Communion

Camera (either service)

Sun., June 7	Andrew Mackenthun
Sun., June 14	Robert Schuff
Sun., June 21	Pam Ahlbrecht
Sun., June 28	Linda Ranzau

Facebook Live (either service)

Sun., June 7
Sun., June 14
Sun., June 21
Sun., June 28



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!



First Ev. Lutheran Church
Volunteer SignUpGenius

ACOLYTES SCREENS
GREETERS AV/SOUND FELLOWSHIP
USHERS HOSTS

Please reach out to the church office for any questions or assistance in signing up in any of these areas. We are happy to help!

Your volunteering is greatly appreciated and helps keep our church services running smoothly!

~ Board Summaries ~

Church Council May 21

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and affirmed the May minutes from each of the individual Boards at the May 21st meeting. A new weekly, Wednesday morning 9 a.m. Bible study will begin in June, led by Pastor Ewert, open to all members. This will be a lectionary-focused study based on upcoming Sundays' Bible readings. Pastor Ewert will help with services at St. John's, Arlington and Centennial, Henderson churches during their pastor vacancies. The QuickBooks Online "Advanced" version software/system is now in place and will add efficiencies and additional reporting capabilities. Most of the tuition for this just-ended school year has been collected.

A revised and simplified format for Board reporting of income and expenses was distributed and reviewed. A \$40K "matching" donation has been offered; details are being worked on related to this. Deacons are looking at a strategic initiative to reactivate dormant members. The Nominating Committee membership was approved to bring to the Voters' Meeting for approval. Church Council finalized a 2026-2027 budget, this was the first budget for the Church Council, as church office staff oversight has been transferred to Church Council from the Board of Trustees. 2026-2027 church budget was approved to be brought to the May 26th Voters' Assembly meeting.

Board of Christian Education May 11

At the Christian Education Board meeting we discussed appointing a Council Representative, the Christian Education Budget, Youth activities and plans, the Baccalaureate Service, Vacation Bible School plans, Sunday School wrap-up, and Cradle Roll.

Day School May 5

The hiring committee is currently holding interviews for a 4th grade teacher. There will be a retirement celebration for Mrs. Scheele on Sunday May 31, 2026, in between services. We thank her for her dedication and service to First Lutheran School. Congratulations Mrs. Scheele! The students will be participating in Play Day on May 15, 2026. Closing Chapel will be on Friday, May 22, 2026, all are welcome to attend. The board is making plans for the 2026-2027 school year.

Board of Deacons May 7

Continued discussion and planning of 150th Anniversary celebration plans and July 12th meal. As the day of celebration draws nearer, many volunteers will be needed to help set up, serve, and clean up. Board reviewed Dormant members strategic initiative materials prepared and presented by Justin P. and had much discussion. Board members will continue personal review of the information for additional discussion at our next meeting.

Board of Evangelism May 9

The Evangelism Board met on Saturday, May 9th, 2026. The board discussed the success of the Grief Seminar. Approximately 36 guests attended the event and Pastor Evans presentation was well received. The board is working on ideas to improve Greeter volunteerism. The board will be sending a representative to June 150th planning meeting to see how we can assist with the Anniversary meal. The board also will be contacting The Christian Education and Day School Board to see how we can assist with the Glencoe Days float.

Board of Stewardship May 11

The board reviewed the church council meeting and set a budget. The Stewardship Mission and Angel Seeds were tabled for next month.

Board of Trustees May 4

The board reviewed bids for the church parking lot repair and also for replacement of a rooftop cooling unit. The Future Flames Committee presented a report on needed repairs at the school building. They are waiting for a bid to replace the gym/cafeteria ceiling. Our new custodian, Bill Ewert will start on May 7th.

~ Homegrown! It's a Good Thing! ~

The last of the Farm to School Dept. of Agriculture grant monies have now been depleted. Between 2022 and now, we utilized a total of \$43,207 to purchase locally grown and raised foods (beef, pork, poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits) for our school lunch program. These monies were also used to purchase a snack freezer, grill, and milk coolers. We are sincerely grateful for this program!

Our May 13th, 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.

We also tried something new! It was a Korean RADISH that we purchased from Tangletown Gardens in Plato. This was a very large radish with deep purple skin. The flesh was crisp with purple/white streaks. It had a sweet flavor with a peppery kick!

The Rhubarb Muffins used fresh RHUBARB donated by RaNay Lentsch, Sarah LaMott, and Norene Schuette.

The students learned that the cost of the ingredients (oil, sugar, flour, eggs) purchased to make 150 muffins totaled 19 cents each (not counting labor). That's very economical considering what one muffin costs at the store! Students were encouraged to try baking muffins for their families this summer. It's fun to make homemade treats for the people you love!

For dessert, they enjoyed a Kemps ICE CREAM (local cows) cup topped with frozen STRAWBERRIES from Steven Schauer's garden. Mmmmm, Good!

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

To recap this past school year, here are the homegrown foods we enjoyed:

Sweet Corn – Seneca Foods

Lemon Cucumber & Cucamelon – Angela Leverich- Farmers Market

Apples & Pears – Shimanski Orchard

Apple Cider – Farmers Market

Watermelon – Rachel's New Auburn Garden

Butter & Cheeses – Bongards Creamery

Delicata Squash, Zucchini, Peppers & Onions – School Garden

Farm Fresh Eggs – Doug Schultz Farm

Pickles – local gardens

Tomatoes – School Garden & Local Gardens

Carrots & Korean Radishes – Tangletown Gardens

Summer Sausage, Dried Beef, Pepper Sticks, Hamburger, Beef

Wieners – Brownton Meat Market

Pumpkin – Mrs. Linda Donnay

Apples – Brenda Birkholz

Yogurt & Ice Cream – Kemps local dairies

Strawberries & Raspberries – Steve Schauer Garden

Rhubarb – RaNay Lentsch, Sarah LaMott, Norene Schuette

Pork Sausage – Alsleben Meats

We sincerely appreciate the relationship we have with each food grower/producer! Thank you for being a part of our "Homegrown" program!

If you see these sources, please thank them!

Have a great summer, kids! Remember, eat healthy and local -- it's a "Good Thing!"

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~ Thrivent ~

✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$425 for FLC and \$182 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 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the office.

✓ **NEWS about Thrivent Choice** – You can now direct your Choice \$ on your schedule! You will receive ALLI of your annual Choice \$ at the beginning of the year! They can be directed anytime until December 31st . This is a change!

✓ **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 for all who have already stepped forward – Verna Kunkel, Eldana Soeffker, Mary Brelje, Cyndi Schacht, Janel Fischer, Lanette Grenke, Steve Brelje, Larry Kunkel, Neil Eggersgluess, Gladys Mathwig, and Les & Sue Engelmann.**

✓ **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.

✓ **WORKSHOP** - June 11, 2026 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CT - Five Phases of an IRA - St. Louis Park Minneapolis Marriott West | 9960 Wayzata Blvd, St. Louis Park. There's a shift in your mindset when you switch from saving and investing all those years to spending that money – and paying taxes on it. There are many options if your goal is to grow, spend and give more of your wealth. But, it takes planning. Join us for our workshop on the Five Phases of an IRA to discover: How the 5 phases of an IRA relate to stages of your retirement, How time can have a great impact on tax-deferred retirement accounts, Strategies for reducing the taxes you and your heirs could pay. **Dinner will be served. You MUST pre-register.**

Cindy Eggersgluess – 612-840-6308, or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com
– Your Congregational Volunteer

~ 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!

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.



God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.

~ Martin Luther

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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!



"A Meal for the Lost"

Luke 15: 1-32

June 1, 1:30 p.m.

This is the final session of the Lutheran Women in Mission Bible Study "At Table with Jesus." We will examine what Jesus had to say to His disciples regarding:

- The parable of the lost sheep
- The parable of the lost coin
- The parable of the lost son
- "The Heavenly Banquet"

We will also examine what Jesus had to say to the skeptical Pharisees who were listening intently. Read Luke 15:1-32.

At this meeting we will discuss preliminary plans for a Fall Salad Luncheon and a Christmas Craft/Brunch/Bake Sale.

All women of the congregation are welcomed. Devotions led by Rosie Karg.

Refreshments will be served.



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



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Some Bible Verses About Worry

Some Bible verses about worry:

(From Lutheran Women in Mission daily devotions: IN THE WORD.)

Worry Says: God won't forgive me.

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

Worry Says: It will never work out.

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

Worry Says: I just can't do it.

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

Worry Says: I won't have enough.

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

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

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

Please Pray:

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



Happy June Birthday!

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



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.

~ Mat Makers ~

- Mat-Makers continue to make mats! We will meet June 9 and June 23 for devotions, Christian fellowship and the making of mats.
- Guests, curious on-lookers and new Mat-Makers are welcomed to come to all or part of any meeting. Drop in; leave when you need to leave.
- There are about 25 completed mats at this time.
- We will continue making mats all summer and storing them in the tiny half of a tiny closet in the church basement.
- When the weather begins to turn cold, the mats will be delivered to New Freedom Mission, the Minnesota South District LCMS group that delivers mats to people who need a place to sleep.
- PLEASE CONTINUE bringing your clean, used plastic grocery bags to the wooden receptacle in the south lobby of church.

~ How to be a Mat-Maker from Home

Perhaps it's difficult for you to get to church, but you would like to "serve the Lord" from home. Perhaps you find yourself with time on your hands. The evenings get long; nothing good on TV. Perhaps you don't know how to crochet. Maybe it's difficult for your hands to use scissors.

There is yet another way for you to be a "Mat-Maker."

Some people smooth and fold their clean, used plastic bags before bringing them to church! We don't know who is doing that, but we love it! Those pre-folded bags are handy-dandy-ready for the Mat-Makers to cut, loop and crochet into mats.

Ask any Mat-Maker how to do it. It's easy. There are also good directions on-line at the Orphan Grain Train website.

Another idea to do from home: When your bags are neatly folded, take a moment to fold your own hands. Thank God for the warm bed He has given you. Ask Him to bless the mat receivers, that they may know the love of their Savior Jesus when using your mat.

Jesus says: If ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me. Matthew 25:40

Thank
You!

Thank you!

for continuing to bring your clean, used plastic grocery bags for crafting into sleeping mats for people who need a place to sleep.

We're a little short at this time!!

~ Silent Stories Recap ~

Despite the threat of rain, First Evangelical Lutheran Church successfully held its "Silent Stories" Cemetery event on Sunday afternoon, May 17, under clear skies and a gentle breeze.

Thirty volunteers served as script readers and guides, helping make the afternoon possible. Guests visited the gravesites of 23 former church members, where they listened to personal stories and reflected on the ways these individuals shaped their families, church, and community through times of war and peace, hardship and blessing.

Among the featured stories were those of charter members of First Lutheran Church, pastors, educators, farmers, laborers, and soldiers who lost their lives in World War I, World War II, and the Vietnam War. Visitors also heard the stories of young people whose lives were cut short by illnesses such as diabetes, kidney disease, the Spanish flu, and appendicitis.

The event offered attendees a meaningful glimpse into the congregation's 150-year history while honoring the faith, service, and everyday lives of those who came before.

A video is currently being produced so more may enjoy this special event.

We are especially grateful to all the kind words we received from our attendees. One text message especially touched our hearts....."You did a wonderful job with the Cemetery Tour on Sunday! It was interesting and moving on how God had touched so many lives in the past and what their lives were like. I want to thank you all for doing this for our Church and especially for the Lord! May He richly bless you all!"

All Glory be to God!



~ First Lutheran Church Events ~



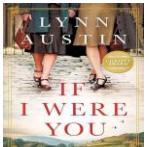
FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB

First Edition Book Club will not be meeting in the summer. We will resume in the fall. Our plan is to meet September 21, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the FLC lounge area to discuss the book Chasing Shadows by Lynn Austin.



CHURCH LIBRARY

This Month's Featured Author, Lynn Austin, is an award-winning Christian fiction author known for her historic novels. Austin's works often explore themes of faith, redemption, and the human experience. She has written over 20 books, many which have been enjoyed by our 1st Edition Book Club here at church. You are sure to enjoy one of the following titles:



If I Were You, Waves of Mercy, Legacy of Mercy, Fire by Night, Candle in the Darkness, Chasing Shadows, The Wish Book Christmas, and Waiting for Christmas.



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.



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT MN TWINS – COMMUNITY OUTING Tickets are beginning to sell.....

Spots 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 year) 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. Contact Cindy at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com for reservations.



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 Polz



OFFICE STAFF MEETINGS UPDATE

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

WEDNESDAYS
at 10:00 a.m.



Church Office Closed

Friday, July 3 – Fourth of July



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.

~ 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

The American flag is often tied to stories of faith through its deeply symbolic design and the role of faith in American history. While historical lore credits Betsy Ross, the first flag was actually championed by Francis Hopkinson, a devout Christian whose faith heavily influenced his design choices.

Symbolic Meanings

Historically, the colors and features of the flag are frequently interpreted through the lens of faith:

- **Red:** Represents the blood of Christ and the valor of those willing to sacrifice for freedom.
- **White:** Symbolizes the purity of the nation and the spiritual purity provided through grace.
- **Blue:** Reflects the heavens, as well as vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

The Meaning in the Folds

A deeply moving "story of faith" often shared is the tradition of the 13-fold ceremonial flag folding. Each fold has a specific meaning, deeply rooted in Christian and patriotic principles:

- The 11th fold honors the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- The final fold results in the flag resembling a tricorne hat, with only the stars uppermost, to remind us of the national motto: "In God We Trust"



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.



~ 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)

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.



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



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!



**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.

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.

Doll Clothes Donation Request

The First Lutheran School Kindergarten Class is asking for donations of Baby Doll Clothes for their Dramatic Play Center. The clothes may be new or like-new. Another option is mending some well-loved baby doll clothes. Some clothes just need a button replacement, seam repair, or addition of Velcro.



If you are interested in donating, mending, and/or you have questions, please call Linda Donnay at 320-510-4048. Thank you!



Be a Church Greeter!

It is so easy and fun! It is also a great way to meet people and get to know them! Use the volunteer sign-up Genius or call the church office!

What Do You Want?

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

Originally published June 2023

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the "Shepherd Psalm." There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.



Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord's sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

~ 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/>



Glencoe Area Farmers Market

Every Thursday – 3 to 6 PM

June 18 – October 8

Location - Glencoe City Center Parking Lot

NEW - The PoP & PoPS programs will be at EVERY market!

What is PoP?

The Power of Produce (PoP) Club is a Farmers Market incentive program created for children. Each week, kids ages 4–12 receive a \$2 token they can use to buy fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs. The program helps children get involved at local farmers markets while giving them the chance to make healthier food choices on their own.

What is PoPS?

PoPS works much like the PoP Club, but it's designed for seniors ages 65 and older. Its purpose is to support healthy eating habits and encourage greater participation by seniors at our Farmers Market.



St. John's CCCC Biscay Ice Cream Social

Thursday June 11, 2026

4:30 PM-7:00 PM

Serving Homemade
Turkey salad sandwiches, BBQ's,
each \$3.00

Potato Salad, \$2.00

Piece of Pie \$2.00 Cake \$1.50

Also come and enjoy
root beer floats, \$2.00

egg coffee \$1.00

and more!!

Located at
13372 Nature Ave,
Hutchinson, MN
Follow the signs

~ Youth Announcements ~

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, August 12th @ 7pm

COLOR BOMB COMPETITION!

WHAT:

Teams of 3-5 will compete in an obstacle course wearing white t-shirts and GOGGLES (students must bring). Opposing teams will launch color bombs (specialty powder of brilliant colors) at the teams as they compete.

WHO:

Teams must have at least 3 participants, but no more than 5. All participants must be entering 4th grade - entering 12th grade. If no additional members can be found, siblings as young as those entering 2nd grade will be allowed. All participants MUST bring tight fitting goggles or they will NOT be allowed to compete! White t-shirts will be supplied.

WHERE:

Where: On First Lutheran property (mostly near the kickball field)

SIGN UP:

How to Sign Up: You will need to text Mrs. Polzin with the names of the members of your team and an awesome team name! That's it!

Plan ahead to join us for this crazy, colorful, fun event!



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
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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.

CALLING ALL soon-to-be 5th Graders!

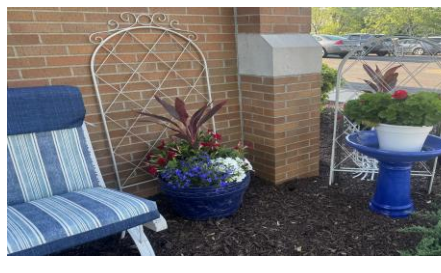
If you/your child will be entering 5th grade in the public school this fall (2026-27), you should receive email & snailmail from Deaconess Megan Polzin about Confirmation at First Lutheran within the next month. IF you would like to ensure your child is registered for Confirmation at First Lutheran,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



Acolyte SIGN UPS



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.



Outside Church Flowers and Decorating

A heartfelt thank you to Dennis Wolter for once again making our church entrances look so beautiful. The vibrant flowers and colors welcome us each time we arrive, and we are truly grateful for his time, care, and dedication.

Quilts of Valor

In honor of the congregation members of First Ev. Lutheran Church who have served our nation, Quilts of Valor are presented from time to time. On Sunday, May 24, program leaders Bev Mackenthun and RaNay Lentsch awarded six quilts. At the close of the presentation, all veterans attending worship were invited to stand and be recognized for their service.

Over its 150-year history, First Lutheran has lost nine members in defense of our nation's freedom. Those honored in remembrance include Carl "Charles" Feldmann in World War I; Walter Lieske, Victor Paggen, Vernon Schultz, and Raymond Wenholz in World War II; and Gary Bartels, Dennis Debner, Charles Klancke, and Douglas Lueck during the Vietnam War.

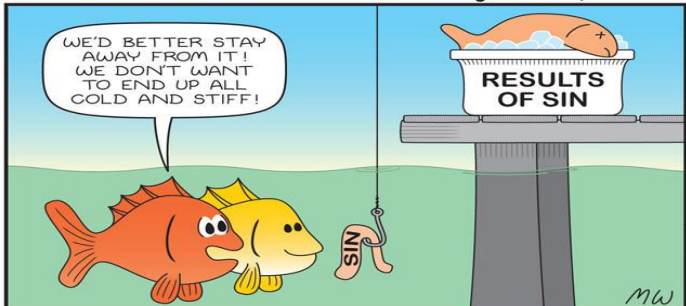
Photo – pictured L to R –

RaNay Lentsch, Jon Sellnow (Navy), Kim Cohrs (Air Force), Roger Gronholz (Air Force), Leslie Engelmann (Marine Corps), John Scheidt (Army), Veryl Schuch (Army), and Bev Mackenthun.



SOMETHING'S FISHY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.
— HEBREWS 3:13 NIV

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FAITH FARM

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
— MATTHEW 17:20 NIV

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Lift our Mission Trip up through PRAYER!



June 27th Gracious Father, You have called the youth and adults who are departing today for mission work by name and made them Your own in Baptism. As Connor, Sam, Matthew, Evalyn, Piper, Chloe, Annabelle, Lilly, Pastor Welch, and Deaconess Polzin travel to New Mexico today into tomorrow we ask that You would bless their journey, guard their hearts, and strengthen them in their identity in You. When they grow weary, lift their eyes to Jesus. When they are overwhelmed, surround them with Your peace. When they sin and make mistakes, offer them your forgiveness. When they celebrate, let their joy overflow from hearts grounded in You. Lord, let them return with stories of Your faithfulness and with hearts renewed for service. May this mission trip become a moment of transformation, connection, and grace that encourages them to be disciples of Jesus for life. We entrust them to You, confident that He who began a good work in them will carry it on to completion in Christ Jesus. In His strong and saving name we pray. Amen.

June 28th Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

June 29th Heavenly Father, today we pray for mission work both at home and abroad. We pray that You would use Your people's imperfect efforts, both big and small, to draw the lost and wandering into His church. We especially pray this day for our youth attending the Mission Trip. Bless Connor, Sam, Matthew, Evalyn, Piper, Chloe, Annabelle, and Lilly as they bear witness to Your love while serving those in New Mexico. Lord, we ask that there may be an abundant harvest of believers, that God would bless pastors and missionaries as they sow Your Word among the nations, preparing the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit. In Jesus' name. Amen.

June 30th Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Meet the Team!



Sam Betsinger



Pastor Dan Welch



Jr. Adult Leader
Lilly Petterson



Deaconess Megan Polzin



Piper Polzin



Connor Donnay



Matthew Iddings



Evalyn Vander Vorst



Chloe Donnay



Annabelle Freberg



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 presented by **Board of Christian Ed – VBS is going to be out of this world!**
- To date, about 800 crosses have been submitted by members and students. The range of craftsmanship is remarkable, with so many unique styles represented. These will be made available at the July 12 service. Please **turn in** any remaining crosses **soon**, so that we can start preparing tags.
- Crafters crocheted 173 hats for newborns – we’re aiming for an August distribution.
- In April, we collected 23 pairs of Pajamas for Lutheran Social Services, Mankato, Crisis Nursery.
- In May, we collected 43 pairs of Shoes for St. Paul Outreach Center (New Freedom Store).
- In May, we were featured in the McLeod Chronicle (5/15 & 5/22) and KGLB Glencoe Talk (Episode #863).
- On May 17th, we held the Silent Stories Cemetery Tour - 30 volunteers & 75 attendees!
- FLS Students painted 150 Kindness Rocks and placed them throughout Glencoe. Have you found one?

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).** **We await the proof from Universal Church Directories! Publication is planned for early summer.**
- **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, Altar Guild has Aug 10–Sept 13, Evangelism has selected Sept 13–October 11, and Lutheran Women in Mission/Quilters Oct 12–November 8. There are still two more time slots available (July 13–Aug 9 and Nov 9–Dec 13).
- **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?!**
- The Quilters are working on an **Anniversary Quilt!** We can’t wait to see it!
- **Join on August 11** to attend a Community Trip to watch the **MN Twins** take on Baltimore Orioles.
- **August 13 - Continuous Bible Reading:** “Round 3” of Reading the Bible Aloud is set for Thursday, August 13th from 6 AM – 9 PM. We’ll be continuing with Judges and going as far as we can. You can register for a time slot in Sign-up Genius or on the paper register at the 150th Table. Plan to participate — It’s a powerful experience!
- **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**.
- **Monthly “150th” Calendars:** Have you **picked up** your June 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!

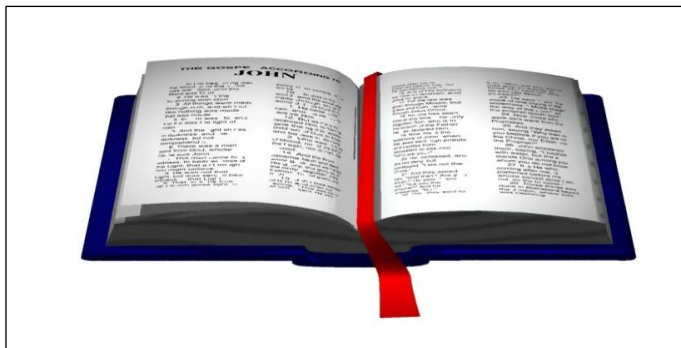
- **Abundant Blessings Drive** – Each month, we'll hold a drive for a different organization. Throughout June, we'll gratefully accept donations for Lutheran Social Services of MN, Youth Shelter Safe House, an emergency shelter for youth ages 16-20 years old. They serve six youth a night in a single-family home in a quiet Saint Paul neighborhood. (See "needs list" in separate newsletter article).
- **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. **June 14th will be our sixth Heritage Sunday!**
- **Service of the Daily Office** – Services are held on the third Thursday of each month. Join us on **June 18th 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 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. (3) Volunteers needed for Glencoe Days Parade Float.

You are invited to join in **READING THE BIBLE ALOUD** on **Thursday, August 13 at First Lutheran Church**. We need your help to fill (73) fifteen minute "reading" slots. From **6 AM to 9 PM**, we will read the Bible aloud, starting in Judges and reading as far as we can until 9 PM (earlier this year, we already read the entire New Testament, Psalms, and Genesis thru Joshua). You can sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAA2F8C25-64259456-continuous>, by using the QR code below, or on the paper register at the main (south) entrance area this Sunday. Please share and encourage others to help with this powerful endeavor!

Any questions, please contact Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308.



Abundant Blessings June Drive: Lutheran Social Services Youth Shelter

The Lutheran Social Services Youth Resource Center of Willmar, MN provides youth experiencing homelessness a safe, secure, nonjudgmental space with access to services to meet their basic needs including a food pantry, clothing closet, showers, computer and internet access, caseworker support, and connections to area resources.

With your generous support, the LSS Youth Resource Center – Willmar can continue offering young people a warm, hospitable welcome while supporting them. The following items are always needed.

Note: We are currently only able to accept new, unused, and unopened items.

Gift Cards — please make sure the value is written on card

- Aldi, Walmart, Cashwise (\$15-\$20)
- Gas cards — Kwik Trip, Holiday, Speedway (\$20-\$40)
- Starbucks, Lulu Beans, Caribou Coffee, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Qdoba, Jimmy Johns, Subway (\$10-15)
- Bus passes

Food:

- Shelf stable microwave meals
- Canned/package chicken and/or tuna
- Ramen noodle cups
- Mac and cheese cups
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Shelf stable milk
- Frozen pizza
- Canned pasta

Clothing:

- Athletic bras (S-XXL)
- Underwear — (adult sizes, boxers/boxer briefs)
- White T-shirts — (adult sizes)
- Sweatpants — Men's sizes M-XL and Women's sizes S-XL
- Leggings — Sizes S-XL
- Winter jackets — Men's and Women's sizes S-XL
- Long underwear (adult sizes)
- Gloves/mittens – for extreme cold

Household items:

- Heavy duty backpacks
- Can openers
- Laundry pods
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Reusable water bottles
- Handwarmers
- Bedding or comforters

Hygiene items:

- Body wash
- Flossers
- Wide tooth combs
- Hairbrushes
- Hair binders
- Nail clippers
- Travel size first aid kits
- Travel and full-size shampoo and conditioner
- Shaving cream and razors — travel and full size

Baby items:

- Baby wash, wipes, and lotion
- Diapers/pull ups — all sizes

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

-1 John 3:17

Kindness Rocks

Keep an eye out for painted rocks across Glencoe! Students from First Ev. Lutheran School have hidden 150 Kindness Rocks throughout the community for people to discover. Each small rock was painted with a faith-centered message meant to encourage and uplift others.

The project aims to spread joy, offer encouragement, spark meaningful conversations, and help community members learn more about First Lutheran School and its love for the Lord.

People who find a rock will also see markings that point them to the school's website.

This outreach is one more way First Ev. Lutheran Church is celebrating its 150th anniversary



Handcrafted Crosses

So far we have over 900! Thank you!

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!



LUTHERAN SINGLES GET-TOGETHER!

JUNE 13 & 14, 2026

**SATURDAY GET-TOGETHER: 11 AM - 7 PM | OPTION FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT IMMANUEL
LUTHERAN CHURCH, PLUM CITY, WI & MEAL TO FOLLOW AT THE GOSPEL GYM**

**THE GOSPEL GYM, ARKANSAW, WI
\$25 ENTRY (INCLUDES MEALS)**

**JOIN LCMS SINGLES (AGES 20-45, NEVER MARRIED OR WIDOWED) FOR FELLOWSHIP, FUN
ACTIVITIES, AND BIBLE STUDY AT THE GOSPEL GYM IN WESTERN WISCONSIN. MAKE
CONNECTIONS, SHARE ENCOURAGEMENT, AND FIND A PLACE TO BELONG!**



LCMSSINGLES.COM | 763-242-6335

NOT SINGLE, BUT KNOW A LUTHERAN WHO IS? SHARE THIS WITH THEM!



Have You Listened to the Message of Hope?

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

Psalm 96:3 ESV

Each Sunday we have the opportunity to share the Gospel on the KGLB Lutheran Hour broadcast. What a great way to share the message of our salvation in the KGLB Radio listening community area. What a great way to take the basket off our faith candles to let the light of the Gospel shine and be heard! We do this together in partnership with the LCMS congregation members, groups and congregations in the KGLB listening area. Will you join us as a broadcast sponsor?

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 June, you will hear the following scheduled sermon topics for June 7 and June 14:

June 7 **"Peter's Restoration—and Ours"** with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies. Jesus forgives and restores us and He sends us out to offer this restoration to others, in His name. John 21:1-19

June 14 **"Journey Through Anxiety"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Anxiety is like a "Check Engine" light for the soul that leads us to take all our concerns to the Lord in prayer. Matthew 6:25

Note: Sermon topics for June 21, and June 28 were not listed on the LHM Sermon Schedule at <https://www.lhm.org/sermon-schedule/> at the time the newsletter information was submitted.

Please check back at this website to find the topic information for those Sundays. Thanks!



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 May 20, we have received \$4,724.00 or 93% towards our goal of raising \$5,096.00 for the 52 broadcasts in 2026.

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@embargmail.com. Thank you for your support!

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Romans 10:14-15 ESV

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Thank you for your prayers and support!*



Music Award

Congratulations to Eighth grader Annie D'Amour who was chosen by Mrs. Eng for Vocalist of the Year.



3rd Tri Chapel Offerings

Our third trimester offerings went to Mission Central. Thank you to everyone who donated! \$500

Thank you!

- Everyone who volunteered this year, whether for field trips, classroom activities, K-2 garage sale, or other needs including donations. We really appreciate it!!
- The Boosters
- All of those who volunteered and helped ensure everything ran smoothly for our students at the Marathon
- Our wonderful parents for the support they have given to our teachers during this school year.
- Our awesome faculty for their professional dedication to our student's education and sharing God's Word in multiple situations.
- Bill Ewert, Michelle Alsleben, and Gina Mackenthun for their efforts in making things at FLS run smoothly all year.
- Pastor Welch for his guidance throughout the year!
- All of the teachers and aides for making it a memorable year for the students!

Together we pray for:

- Our teachers that they may have a restful, rejuvenating, and relaxing Summer.
- All the people who are traveling this summer, that they may reach their destinations safely.
- The people in our area who are without a church home, that they may be moved by the Holy Spirit to find a church that fulfills their spiritual needs and that we might be courageous enough to share God's Word with them.
- All of the farm families in our area that they may be safe and that they might have good weather for planting.
- Mrs. Linda Edmison as she retires (again)
- Sheila Scheele as she retires.
- Thank God for our new custodian Bill Ewert
- Lisa Korthals on her new teaching journey.



Preschool

The preschool room is always an exciting (and sometimes loud) place to be! There are so many fun events that happened throughout the year and lots of learning! This year we got to go to Wheel & Cog in October, Stages Theatre in February, and the Children's Museum in Mankato and Sibley Park with our parents. Their favorite field trip was the McDonald's stop after Stages Theatre.

We worked our way through the alphabet this year from A-Z, some letter blends, and we even started to read some easy 3-letter-words! Our 5-year-olds are so ready for kindergarten!

During Jesus time this year we heard a new Bible story every week. We worked through the Old Testament learning about God Creating the World, Adam & Eve, Noah, Moses, and Jonah just to name a few. We started off the New Testament by hearing about Jesus' birth and His life as a teacher and a miracle worker before He died on the cross and rose again on Easter Sunday! We got to sing lots of songs throughout the year.

This is a great group of singers!!

I want to thank Mrs. Montanye and Mrs. Petterson for their hard work throughout the school year. Without these two amazing ladies, I would not have been able to do anything! Thank you also to Mrs. Bargmann, Mrs. Fehlandt, Mrs. Sturges, and Mrs. Lentsch for their willingness to sub in the classroom whenever needed!

We are looking forward to another fun year of preschool next year!

I love you; Mrs. Montanye loves you; your parents love you; your classmates love you. But who loves you the most?! JESUS!
-Mrs. Hoffmann - preschool teacher



Thank you!

The faculty and staff would like to thank all of our FLS parents for allowing us the privilege and honor of teaching your wonderful children! It is always a blessing to see the new faces and families join our FLS family and just as importantly our fantastic "veteran families." We hope and pray that as they were a blessing to us, our instruction might be a blessing to them. We pray that our students would keep their Savior close to their heart this summer and throughout their lives. We pray for God's protecting hand over all of you and look forward to the beginning of another year (after a refreshing summer break) of "Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth" this coming Sept.1st!
In Christ ~ FLS faculty and staff

Next Year's theme! "Rooted in Christ"



8th Grade Graduates

This year First Lutheran graduated Thirteen Eighth Graders. God's Blessings to these students as they move on from First Lutheran and go to GSL. Thank You parents for letting us help in the raising and training of God's children. We pray you won't forget who loves you the most...JESUS!



Undefeated Kindergarten and 1st Soccer Team - what a season! Good Job - thank you Coaches and Parents



Cost of Education

As we just closed out another school year, we want to thank the members of First Lutheran Church for the continued financial support of our school. It's obvious that FLC sees their school as their largest mission project for 140 years! The actual cost to educate a single student exceeds our tuition. While some of this is paid through registration fees, gifts, and fundraising, the majority is paid by FLC. With this in mind, it's easy to see that our church donations and decisions made at voters' meetings directly impact our school. We want to encourage FLC member parents to be actively involved in the mission of our church as well as our school. We also want to remind members to give to FLC, that through the grace of God our school may continue to be a blessing.



- June 14 | Flag Day
- June 21st Father's Day
- July 4 | Independence Day
- July 12 | 150th Church Celebration
- August 17 | Teacher's Report
- Sept. 1st | 1st Day of school

— HAPPY — Retirement

May 31st Save the Date

Sheila Scheele will have her retirement Party on Sunday the 31st. She will be greatly missed as she starts her new season of life with Dean.

God bless you both and your entire family for all the service you have given to Lutheran Schools over the years.



Food Trucks - A+ Great Day!



5-8th Grade Dance Yee Haa!

Play Day Loads of Fun in the Sun! Students at FLS participated against Lutheran Schools

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

Celebrating 150 Years

1876 - 2026

JOIN US!

SUNDAY, JULY 12 - 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE & GERMAN-STYLE MEAL



All Welcome!
Please help spread the word by
messaging your family & friends
about this event.



Pulled Pork
Sandwiches,
German Potato
Salad, Coleslaw,
Sauerkraut,
Desserts
Free Will Offering

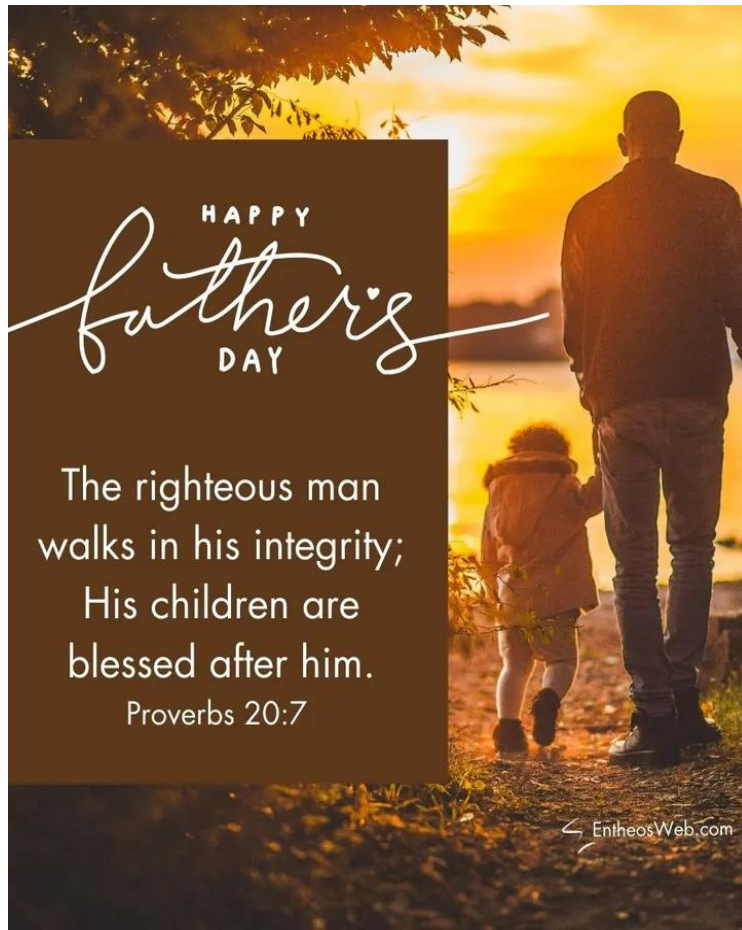


Historic Displays
Confirmation Photos
Videos
Tour the Church
Music
Fellowship
Memories

150 Years Stats
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5167 Confirmations
2089 Weddings
2652 Burials

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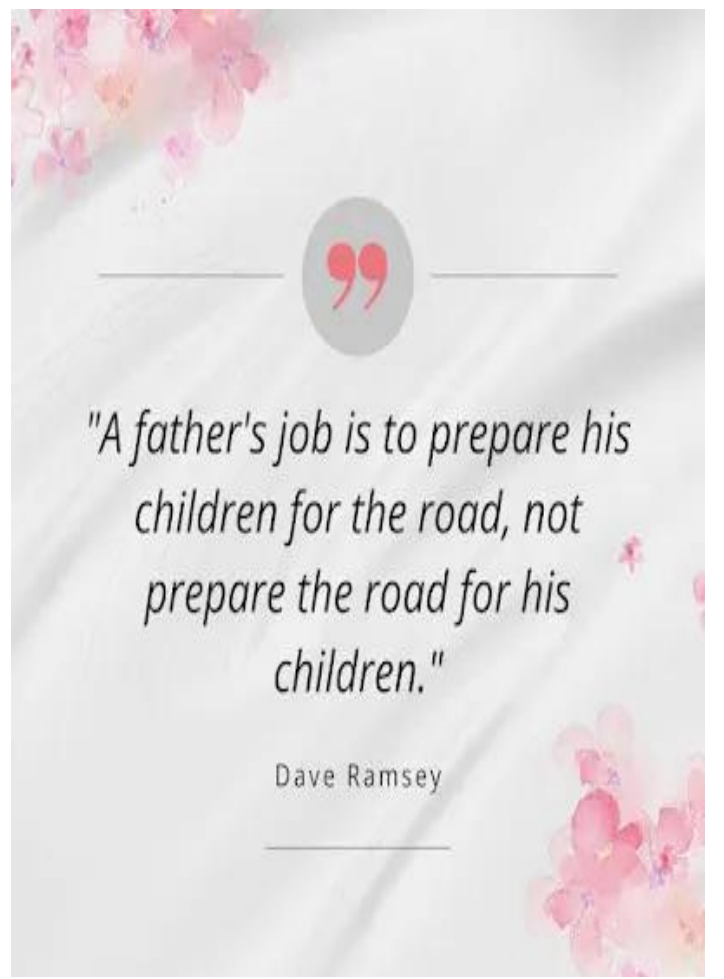
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HAPPY
father's
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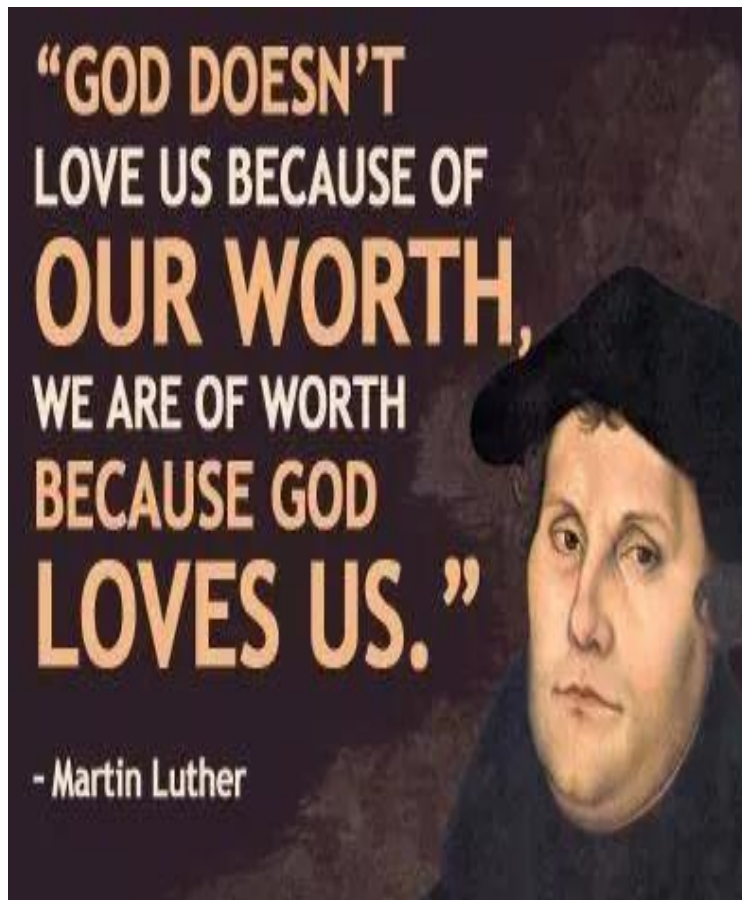
The righteous man
walks in his integrity;
His children are
blessed after him.
Proverbs 20:7

↳ EntheosWeb.com



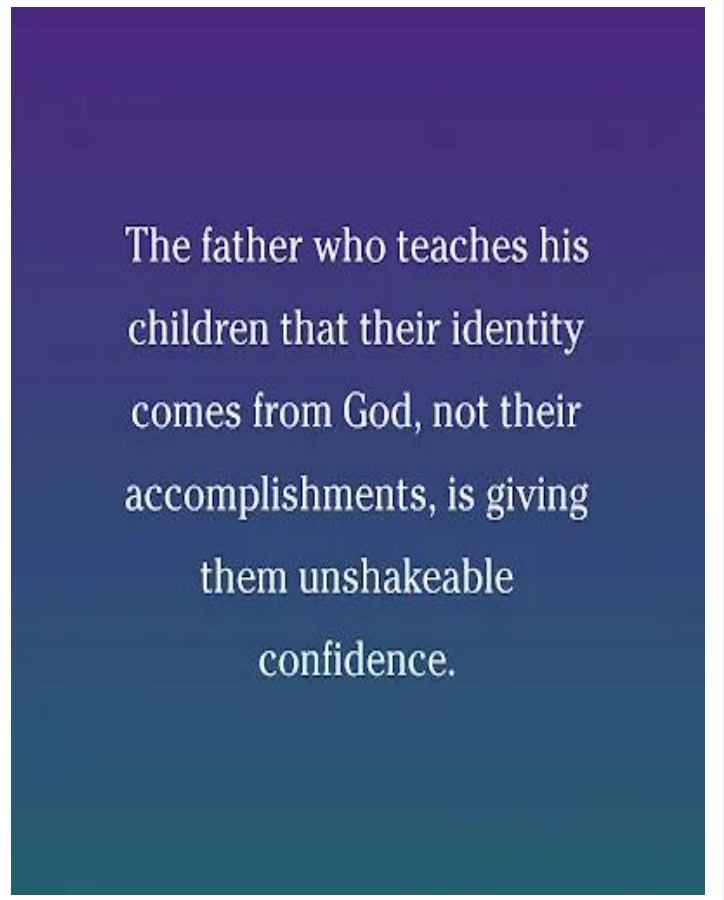
*"A father's job is to prepare his
children for the road, not
prepare the road for his
children."*

Dave Ramsey



**"GOD DOESN'T
LOVE US BECAUSE OF
OUR WORTH,
WE ARE OF WORTH
BECAUSE GOD
LOVES US."**

- Martin Luther



The father who teaches his
children that their identity
comes from God, not their
accomplishments, is giving
them unshakeable
confidence.

SUNDAY – THE LORD’S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																										
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