



First Ev. Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter July 2026



First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glencoe, Minnesota— 150 Years of Worship, Confession, and Community! (Hebrews 10:22-24)

In Matthew chapter 10 Jesus sends His apostles out into a hostile world to proclaim that the kingdom of God has drawn near with Him. Jesus encourages them to be bold in their proclamation even though they will encounter violent opposition. What Jesus said to them back then He also says to us today. Even as we are excited to celebrate our 150th Anniversary as a congregation, we know that we are still going to have problems in this world because of our association with Jesus. Nevertheless, He encourages us to acknowledge Him before people, promising that He will acknowledge us before the Father. This is how Jesus says it in Matthew 10:24-33:



24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. 26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master." We acknowledge that Jesus is our Lord and Master. As His disciples and servants, we must expect to be treated as He was. And so that we won't be tempted to shrink back from our Lord and deny Him, He issues this stern warning: **"Whoever denies me before men, I also will disown him before my Father who is in heaven in heaven."**



Jesus also says: **"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."** We acknowledge that our heavenly Father is mightier than all our enemies—human and demonic combined. We confess in our creeds that Jesus Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead. Still, we tend to fear people and their reactions too much, and we tend to fear God too little. We need to hear God's victorious Son tell us that the Father wants to preserve us and take us to life eternal, not deny and destroy us.

Jesus uses the examples of sparrows and hairs on our head to demonstrate the enormity of the Father's love for us. This love was most powerfully demonstrated when the Father sent His Son. Christ fearlessly and loudly proclaimed the kingdom of God, despite insults and taunts. He worked and spoke as long as there was daylight. He courageously walked to Calvary, where His body was nailed to the cross—as were our sins. The One who judges justly raised Him to life again. Christ now has the keys of death and hell and has opened heaven's gates for us.



"Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven." We acknowledge that our gracious Lord and Master has prepared for us eternal salvation. On the Last Day He will acknowledge us, His disciples and servants, before the entire court of heaven, leading us right up to the Father's throne. We learn from and serve Him who is "the way, the truth, and the life," acknowledging Him to others so that they too will learn of Him, confess Him, and be acknowledged in heaven.

250 years ago this month, the Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 delegates from the Thirteen American colonies. The last line of that Declaration, (which is a form of a confession or acknowledgment of beliefs), reads:



"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

How much more reliable is the protection of our loving God, who has power over body and soul, life and death, as demonstrated by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus! Trusting Him, we confidently acknowledge Jesus Christ before all people.

Sometimes acknowledging our Lord Jesus before other people does complicate things. People may ridicule us Christians, avoid us, or harm us. But Jesus Christ, who has rescued us from sin, death, Satan, and every evil, has promised to protect us in this world that would destroy us, but cannot. And so, we acknowledge Him! We worship Him. We confess Him. By His grace, we have been blessed to be a community of believers in Christ for 150 years, and by His grace First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glencoe will continue to be faithful to our Lord Jesus and share His love with all others, until He returns on the Last Day. *"To God Alone Be the Glory!"*

In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch



What 150 Years Mean To ME

0.67% Do you know what this percentage represents? One year. It has been just over a year since I was ordained and began to serve at First Lutheran. That means my one year is about **0.67%** of First Lutheran's 150 years. We have been celebrating and that celebration continues as July 12th quickly approaches. But I have a second percentage for you.

7.53% That's about **11 times** my measly 0.67%. Do you know what it represents? It has been about 1,993 years since Christ rose from the dead and established the Christian Church. That means 150 years of that 1,993 is under 10% of the entire Church's existence. While we celebrate our 150 years there is something even more powerful among us: God's active work in his creation through means, for us.



There is more to this 150 than just a number. When we look back we don't just see a building, some familiar faces, or pews that have been both empty and full. We see the Church. But we have to ask that familiar question: what does this mean?

Why don't we start with what the Apostles Creed says, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints." And as Luther explains,

"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers."



The Church is not a building. It is not just a gathering of people. It is not a social club. It is the gathering of God's holy people whom He has called, gathered, and enlightened in faith and where he delivers his forgiveness for you. Luther complained that when we hear the words "church" and



"communion," we often get the wrong idea. Perhaps it's better to say it is the holy Christian people, the whole assembled body of saints, called and gathered together by the Holy Spirit. God made you holy through Baptism and brought you into the Church, just as he has for all our members over the past 150 years here in Glencoe and for 1,993 years across the world. And we pray that the Lord would continue to do so for the next 150 years, and on until Jesus returns with the

trumpet sound.

150 years is more than a number. It's a reminder of God's work and proclamation here on earth. We rejoice that God has worked here and we pray he continues to work.

Speaking Christ,
Pr. Michael Ewert

Deacons

Sun., July 5	8:00 AM *	Leonard Donnay, Lee Terlinden
	10:30 AM	Will Freberg, Dean Scheele
Sun., July 12	10:00 AM *	Justin Petterson, Tyler Mielke
150 th Anniversary		David Hoefs, Brian Grochow
		Mark Schmidt, Roger H. Schmidt
Sun., July 19	8:00 AM *	Mike Cisewski, Doug Dahlke
Polka Service	10:30 AM	Justin Petterson, Dan Nikolaisen
Sun., July 26	8:00 AM	David Polzin, Lars Ide
	10:30 AM*	Dan Nikolaisen, Tyler Mielke

* Denotes Service with Communion

Acolytes

Sun., July 5	8:00 AM *	OPEN
	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., July 12	10:00 AM *	Lily Roush, Lina Oelfke
150 th Anniversary		
Sun., July 19	8:00 AM *	Brady Goff, Chloe Donnay
Polka Service	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., July 26	8:00 AM	Lily Roush, Piper Polzin
	10:30 AM*	OPEN

* Denotes Service with Communion

Greeters

Sun., July 5	8:00 AM *	OPEN
	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., July 12	10:00 AM *	OPEN
150 th Anniversary		OPEN
Sun., July 19	8:00 AM *	OPEN
Polka Service	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., July 26	8:00 AM	OPEN
	10:30 AM*	OPEN

* Denotes Service with Communion

Fellowship Hour

Sun., July 5	Trustees
Sun., July 12	150 th Anniversary Committee
150 th Anniversary	
Sun., July 19	Evangelism
Polka Service	
Sun., July 26	Altar Guild

Sound System

Sun., July 5	8:00 AM *	Glenn Cohrs
	10:30 AM	Steven Schauer
Sun., July 12	10:00 AM *	Grady Schufft
150 th Anniversary		
Sun., July 19	8:00 AM *	Andrew Mackenthun
Polka Service	10:30 AM	Lynn Exsted
Sun., July 26	8:00 AM	Kevin Cohrs
	10:30 AM *	Tyler Schauer

* Denotes Service with Communion

Screen Presenter

Sun., July 5	8:00 AM *	Pam Ahlbrecht
	10:30 AM	Tyler Schauer
Sun., July 12	10:00 AM *	Amy Welch
150 th Anniversary		
Sun., July 19	8:00 AM *	No Screens
Polka Service	10:30 AM	No Screens
Sun., July 26	8:00 AM	Gemma Goff
	10:30 AM*	OPEN

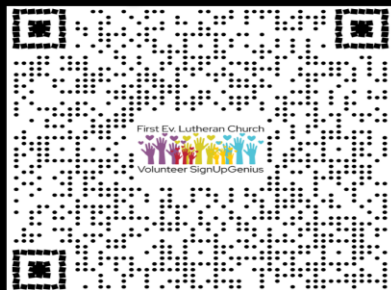
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Camera (either service)

Sun., July 5	Andrew Mackenthun
Sun., July 12	Robert Schufft
150 th Anniversary	
Sun., July 19	Pam Ahlbrecht
Polka Service	
Sun., July 26	Linda Ranzau

Facebook Live (either service)

Sun., July 5
Sun., July 12
150 th Anniversary
Sun., July 19
Polka Service
Sun., July 26



WE NEED YOU!

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

ACOLYTES SCREENS
GREETERS AV/SOUND FELLOWSHIP
USHERS HOSTS

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!

~ First Lutheran Events ~

	<u>Office Staff Meetings Update</u> WEDNESDAYS at 10:00 a.m.
	<u>Church Office Closed</u> Friday, July 3 – for the Fourth of July
	<u>Deacons Meeting Change</u> The July Deacons Meeting has been changed to Wed., July 8 at 6:00 p.m. rather than Thu., July 2 due to the upcoming July 4 th holiday.
	<u>Special Voters Meeting</u> First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Special Voter's Assembly, July 8, 2026 @ 7:00 PM. Purpose: Approve the recommendation from Church Council, Day School Board, and Board of Trustees, to accept the bid for fixing the School's Gymnasium/Cafeteria ceiling.
	<u>Cemetery Board Meeting</u> There will be a Cemetery Board Meeting on Thursday, July 9 at 7 p.m.
	<u>Youth Mission Trip</u> Returning on Sunday, July 5 <u>Staff Vacations</u> Perry & Jaylene Miller: July 3-6, July 16 – Aug. 3
	<u>First Edition Book Club</u> 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 <u>Chasing Shadows</u> by Lynn Austin.



Baseball
COMMUNITY NIGHT
MN TWINS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
BUS LEAVES GLENCOE AT 4:15 PM
BALTIMORE VS MN TWINS
 COST IS \$60 (TICKET & BUS). BUS DEPARTS FROM FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH (925 13TH ST., GLENCOE). SEATS ARE LOCATED IN SECTION 213. CONTACT CINDY AT 612-840-6308. RESERVATION DEADLINE IS JULY 17

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT MN TWINS – COMMUNITY OUTING

Tickets remain available.....Spots are reserved for the 6:40 pm 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 pm, 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 to reserve your spot!

You must reserve your ticket by July 17th – if we don't get enough to fill the bus, event will be cancelled.

Attention: Crafters, Quilters, Bakers Looking ahead to December 5

Annual Christmas Brunch with craft, quilt, bake sale will be Saturday morning December 5. All members of the congregation are welcomed to donate crafted, quilted and baked items. You can start crafting and stitching now!

Brunch will be FULL BREAKFAST of egg-bake, pastries, coffee, juice and more. All members are encouraged to attend! Watch newsletters, bulletins and face book for more information.



AND movin' GROOVIN' WITH JESUS

GIANT YARD GAMES

BOZO PANTS CATCH

SINGING & DANCING
 *OPTIONAL

WATER BIG BASE

4 SQU-AIR

HUMAN FOOSBALL

TEAM OBSTACLE COURSE

PK - 8TH GRADE! ←

STAY TUNED FOR
 REGISTRATION
 DETAILS!

AUG 16-18 | 4-6PM

JOIN US FOR A NEW WAY TO VBS!

- DEVOTIONS
- GROUP GAMES
- KAROKE
- SNACK
- SO. MUCH. FUN!



✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$1836 for FLC and \$392 for FLS. We also received a charitable Giving Grant of \$650! Visit (www.Thrivent.com/choice) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars." Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the church office.

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

✓ **Thrivent Cause Kit** – Thrivent members are eligible to order either a Solar Light or a Water Filter Kit. Each kit contains necessary build materials, assembly instructions, and a return mailing labels. You are eligible to kit one kit per year. **Let Cindy know if you are interested in getting a group together to do a group build.**

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

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

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

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

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

**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!**

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.

~ 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 612-840-630
8 eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com

"In the Church, great wonders
daily occur, such as the
forgiveness of sins, triumph
over death.....the gift of
righteousness and eternal life."

– Martin Luther



~ Stewardship Message ~

LCMS Stewardship

Go ... Sell All You Have?

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"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, "You know the commandments." And he replied, "All these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me" (Luke 18:18–22). When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, "No!" But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn't excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the Means of Grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What's more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don't let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.

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





Funeral Meals

Serving a meal following a funeral is a long-time tradition at First Evangelical Lutheran and many other Christian churches. Eating together is a way of sharing grief, sharing memories of your loved one, and sharing the sure hope of resurrection in Christ in anticipation of the heavenly banquet yet to come.

When your loved one dies, you may request Lutheran Women in Mission to serve a funeral meal. We will give you suggestions in planning the meal. We will do all the setting up, serving, and all of the clean-up.

Families often like to linger in the Fellowship Center to visit with relatives and guests after the meal is over. You may stay as long as you like. We will unobtrusively tidy up while you continue to visit. If there are leftovers, we will pack them up for you to take home. We are happy to "Serve the Lord with Gladness" as we provide this service.

We are grateful for the many women and men who volunteer to help serve funeral meals. If helping serve funeral meals is something you would like to do, please phone the church office. You will never work alone. There will be others there to guide you.



Some Bible Verses about God's Holy Word

I am not ashamed of the gospel,
because it is the power of God for the salvation
of everyone who believes. **Romans 1:16**

Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy,
and blessed are those who hear it and
take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

And we have the word of the prophets made more certain,
and you will do well to pay attention to it,
as to a light shining in a dark place,
until the day dawns and the morning star
rises in your hearts. **2 Peter 1:19**

For the word of God is living and active.
Sharper than any double-edged sword,
it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joins and marrow;
it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **Hebrews 4:12**

The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple. **Psalms 119:130**

For these commands are a lamp, this teaching is a light,
and the correction of discipline are the way to life. **Proverbs 6:23**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
Psalms 119:105

You diligently study the scriptures
because you think that by them you possess eternal life.
These are the Scriptures that testify about me.
John 5:39



Happy July Birthday!

to Lutheran Women in Mission honorary
members **Marjorie Duenow, Ruth Terlinden,**
and **Helen Becker.**
A \$5 gift to LWML Grants "mites"
has been given in your honor.

~ Mat Makers ~ Serving Jesus by Serving Others



Mat-Makers

Tuesdays, July 14 and 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Mat-Makers will meet Tuesday, July 14 and Tuesday, July 28 (2nd and 4th Tuesdays) at 1:30 p.m. to make sleeping mats from recycled plastic grocery bags. The completed mats are being stored until Fall. At that time, they will be delivered to a homeless camp served by "New Freedom Mission," an official mission of LCMS Minnesota South District.

Thanks to the congregation members who keep the Mat-Makers supplied with clean, used, plastic grocery bags. Almost ALL of the bags you donate are clean! Thank you! (We do not use soiled bags.) New Mat-Makers and curious on-lookers are welcomed to attend any Mat-Making session. There will be a short devotion and usually refreshments.

~ Here at First Lutheran Church ~



Business Manager Recruitment

We are looking to hire our next Business Manager. Ideally, our candidate will be a member of First Lutheran. Your help is requested:

- Talk to members whom you think might be a good candidate
- Share those names with the church office
- Contact the church office if **you** are interested and to obtain a copy of the job description
- Prayerfully consider this position and include the filling of this position with God's optimal candidate, in your prayers

We are looking for a committed follower of Jesus who demonstrates strong financial acumen, has background and experience in business/or finance, and administrative skills to assist our Boards and other team members.



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Our theme verses for our 150th Anniversary celebration this year are:

²² "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." (Hebrews 10:22-24)

By God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ, we have been blessed with:

- 150 years of coming together to **worship** "with a true heart in full assurance of faith" in our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, (v. 22)
- 150 years of "hold(ing) fast the **confession** of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (v. 23), and
- 150 years of "stir(ring) up one another to love and good works" as a **community** of believers in our Triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

150 Years of Faithfulness — and a Way to Honor It

This year we give thanks for 150 years of God's grace at work in First Lutheran Church and as it happens, 2026 also marks 250 years of our nation. To celebrate both, we've set up a special American flag display you'll see around church in the weeks ahead.

The flag is lined with envelopes numbered 1 through 150, one for each year of our congregation's history, along with four special envelopes marked \$250 in honor of America's 250th anniversary. Take any envelope and return

it with a gift of at least the amount printed on it. Think of that number as a floor rather than a ceiling, if you're able to give more, we warmly welcome it.

Gifts may be made by cash or check. You're welcome to place your envelope in the box right next to the flag, or, if you need a little time, bring it back over the coming weeks or drop it off at the church office. As a small thank-you, every gift of \$150 or more will receive a special pin commemorating your contribution to the legacy of First Lutheran.

For the next two Sundays, look for the flag near the south entryway. On July 12 it will move to the west side of the narthex, where it will remain for several weeks. However you're able to take part, thank you for helping us honor 150 years of God's faithfulness and for investing in the years still to come.



~ Miscellaneous ~

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 at 864-3317 for questions or concerns regarding First Lutheran School Scholarships or Tuition Aid. All information is treated with utmost confidentiality.

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



Outdoor Musical Playground

The Musical Park is here! Thank you to Jayson Neubarth and family at Neubarth Landscaping for donating the cost of installation. Please show your support for this business, for all the work they do for First Lutheran! Thank you to the other donors for your contributions, also.



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 office.



New Church Directories Are Here!

They are here! If you had your picture taken for the directory, you may pick up your free copy.

During the week – available in the church office

On Sundays -- If your last name begins with A to L, you may pick it up in the area outside of the church office. If it begins with M to Z, you may pick up your copy in the west narthex.

If you would like to purchase a copy for \$20, you may pick it up soon. (We are waiting for the second half of the book delivery to arrive.)

We apologize for any errors in the directory.



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.



It's not too late!
 Pick yours up today!

\$15

EXACT CASH OR CHECKS
 WRITTEN TO FLC

**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
 IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

39th Annual Pork Chop Dinner

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

St. John Lutheran Church of Hollywood
 17725 53rd Street, New Germany, Minnesota

WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:30 AM

Serving 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Two Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Corn,
 Coleslaw, Buns, Mixed Relishes, Bars, Coffee & Milk
 Hotdogs for Children

Ticket Prices

Advance Tickets (Ages 13 to Adult): \$16.00

At the Door (Ages 13 to Adult): \$18.00

Children (Ages 12 and Under): Free

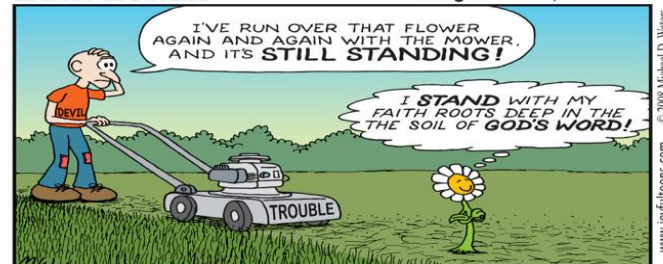
For advance tickets call 320•510•3222

**silent
 Auction**

Please join our church family for a fun-filled day of great food & Christian fellowship!

LAWN MOWER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
 - PSALM 91:7 NIV

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



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

10:30 AM Screen 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.**



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.
November and December 2026 are the two months available. Please contact the church office.



Baby Doll Clothes Mending

The First Lutheran School Kindergarten Class is asking for a volunteer/s to help mend Baby Doll Clothes for their Dramatic Play Center. Some well-loved baby doll clothes just need a button replacement, seam repair, or addition of Velcro.



If you are interested in mending, and/or you have questions, please call Linda Donnay at 320-510-4048 or the church office at 864 – 5522. Thank you!



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!



Good morning! How are you? **Would you like a bulletin?**

That's all it takes to be a greeter! A smiling, welcoming face upon entering church makes a huge difference! To sign-up for your opportunity, please call the church office at 864 – 5522 or use the Sign-up Genius QR code!

Volunteers Needed for 150th Anniversary Meal

Only a few weeks away!

We are in need of volunteers for positions such as table set-up, greeter, seater, bussing of tables, beverage refills, food server, runner, floater, coffee maker, dessert plater, dessert runner, clean-up, and monitor kids' games.

You may use QR code provided below or call the church office. Let's make this a day to remember! ☺



Heritage Sunday Floral Arrangements

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, we are celebrating Heritage Sunday. With this special recognition, we are also using the historic church floral basket stands. If you would like to provide the flowers for this event, please contact Dennis Wolter or the church office.



Polka Service Donations Needed

Our Annual Polka Service featuring Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers will be held on Sunday, July 19. The total cost of the service is \$700. We are grateful for the \$550 that has already been contributed and are seeking an additional \$150 to help cover the remaining expense.

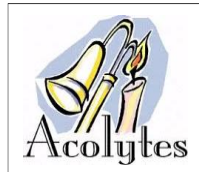
If you would like to support this special worship service, donations may be brought to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Become an Usher!

Looking for a simple way to serve at church? Consider becoming an usher! Ushers help welcome and assist worshippers during the service, including guiding people during Communion. No experience is necessary—training and instructions will be provided.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Dennis Wolter. It's an easy and rewarding way to greet fellow members and support our worship services!



July Acolytes Needed!

There are many openings for Acolytes in July. The role of acolytes in the Divine Service is important, and we are very grateful for the service you provide! Please check the July Sign-up Genius and choose a day and time you can help. We are very appreciative!

ASTRONOMER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. — PSALM 19:1-2 NIV

*We are the
Hands of Christ*

~ Glencoe Farmers Market ~

Glencoe Farmers Market Power of Produce (PoP) Club



What is the PoP/Pops Club?

The Power of Produce (PoP) Club is a farmers market incentive program designed to empower children and Seniors to make healthful food choices. Each week, children and Seniors receive a \$2 token to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables. The PoP/Pops Club encourages children to increase their fruit and vegetable consumption by providing incentives to purchase these at the farmers market.

General Rules:

- PoP Club program is for children ages 2 – 14 years old, PoPs Program is for Seniors 65+
 - Sign in at the PoP table to receive your \$2 token during
- PoP Club tokens can be used to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, or food producing plants, canned goods.
 - o ONLY produce vendors can accept PoP Club tokens
 - o Non-produce vendors can NOT accept PoP tokens under any circumstance
 - NO change will be given for PoP Club tokens
- Participants do NOT have to spend their PoP Club token the same market day it was received
- o Participants may save tokens for future market days and/or spend multiple tokens at one time to make larger purchases
- o All PoP tokens must be redeemed by the end of the current market season

What can be purchased with PoP Club Tokens?

- All fresh vegetables
- All fresh fruit
- Seeds for edible plants
- Whole plants that produce edible produce (Tomato plants, carrot, whole herbs, etc...)
 - Canned goods (sauces, pickles, pickled veggies, salsa)

What can NOT be purchased with PoP Club Tokens?

- Dairy products, meat, poultry, fish, eggs, bread, cereals, jam, syrup, honey, rice, grains
 - Packaged pastries, cold wrapped and packaged edible items
 - Hot or cold immediately consumable foods
 - Fountain drinks hot or cold to include coffee & tea.
- Flowers, shrubs, fresh cut flowers, decorative plants, fall ornamentals, non-edible plants
 - Non-food items, pet food, soaps, paper products, crafts or clothing items



2026 PoP Sponsors:



~ Glencoe Farmers Market ~

Farmer's Market

Every Thursday 3-6 pm

Food Trucks -

June 18th - Squeels on Wheels

★ June 25th - Squeaky Cow

July 9th Squeaky Cow

July 16th- Mocha Motion

★ July 23rd - Unbakeable

July 30th Squeels on Wheels

Aug 6th - Squeaky Cow

Aug 13th - Mocha Motion

★ Aug 20th - La Nena

Aug 27th- Squeels on Wheels

Sept 3rd- Momma Maria's Tacos

Sept 10th - Squeaky Cow

★ Sept 17th - Unbakable

Sept 24th - Norseman Lobster

October 1st - La Nena

Oct 8th - Squeaky Cow



Free Kids Gardening activity hosted by McLeod County Extension Master Gardeners



Power of Produce tokens for kids and seniors every week

FARMERS MARKET

Visiting a farmers market is an excellent way to become acquainted with your local food system, support local businesses, and enjoy fresh, healthy food.

THURSDAYS 3-6PM

Glencoe City Center, West

Parking Lot

101 W. Second St., Glencoe

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.

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/>

Let's make this our best market yet!

WE'RE HEADED TO THE MARKET!



Join us for free kids gardening activities hosted by the McLeod County Extension Master Gardeners!



25

June

GRASS HEADS

30

July

GROW A BEAN IN A BAG!

20

August

GARDEN MASKS

17

September

SEED ART



BREAKFAST ON THE FARM

JUNE 27 | 9 AM- 1 PM

Join us for!

- Breakfast by Chris Cakes: all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, butter, coffee, and milk
- Aronia Berry Orchard Tour (weather-permitting)
- Petting Zoo, meet our farm friends
- Farm Equipment Display
- Farm Tours, see all aspects of our farm
- Interactive Children's Stations
- Cheese Sampling







Event Tickets:

- Tickets.....\$10
- 5 and under.....Free

Purchase ticket here!



**EVENT WILL RUN
RAIN OR SHINE!**

All net proceeds go to the Hutchinson Fire Department to purchase Grain Bin rescue equipment!

Free five-minute bus ride from the Hutchinson High School parking lot. Busing starts at 8:45 am with all vehicles to be parked at the Hutchinson High School parking lot. No access to parking at the farm.



SUMMER GET TOGETHER

SALAD LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
GREEN ISLE, MN

**MENU: A VARIETY OF SALADS, BARBECUES,
HOMEMADE DESSERTS, LEMONADE & COFFEE**

Free will donation

SPONSORED BY ST. PAUL'S LWML

*Please join us for some fun!
Proceeds go for
Community Projects*



2B presents

Legends OF THE Opry

DINNER & LIVE MUSICAL TRIBUTE
TO BENEFIT SUICIDE PREVENTION
AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

NOV 20, 2026: 7PM
NOV 21, 2026: 1PM & 7PM

GLENCOE CITY CENTER

TICKETS GO ON SALE JULY 1ST!



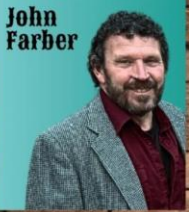


GLENCOE CONCERT ASSOCIATION

The Glencoe Concert Association is excited to announce the lineup of entertainers for the upcoming 2026-2027 season. We invite all to join as members and enjoy 6 concerts for only \$65! This is a great way to see quality entertainment locally! Please like us on Facebook. To join or for any questions, contact Louise at 320-864-5261 or Cindy E at 612-840-6308. We appreciate your continued support of live entertainment!



**Lacey
Borneke**



**John
Farber**



**Bill
Litzau**



**Jake
Nelson**



**Christine
Passig**

Glencoe Concert Association

Presents the 2026-2027 Season

Glencoe Concerts

Oct 29 - Nu-Blu
Mar 4 - It Takes Two
April 26 - Grimm & Cruz



Hutchinson Concerts

Sept 27- 2 Priests & Lutherans
Nov 1 - George Maurer Trio
May 20 - Divas thru Decades

Concerts at Glencoe City Center
and CrossPoint Church, Hutch

Become a Member or Renew your Membership Today!

See 6 concerts for a total of \$65-Adult / \$140-Family

We are a 501(c)(3) organization and we welcome
the support of generous Member/Business Donors

Purchase your tickets now!



This is a great gift idea! Contact for more info!



Contact Cindy E at 612-840-6308 or
Louise at 320-864-5261

~ Youth Announcements ~

Save the Date! **AUG. 12 @ 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, younger siblings 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
GREETERS AV/SOUND FELLOWSHIP
USHERS HOSTS

 **Correction**
9 POINTS EARNED OCTOBER TO APRIL
+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!



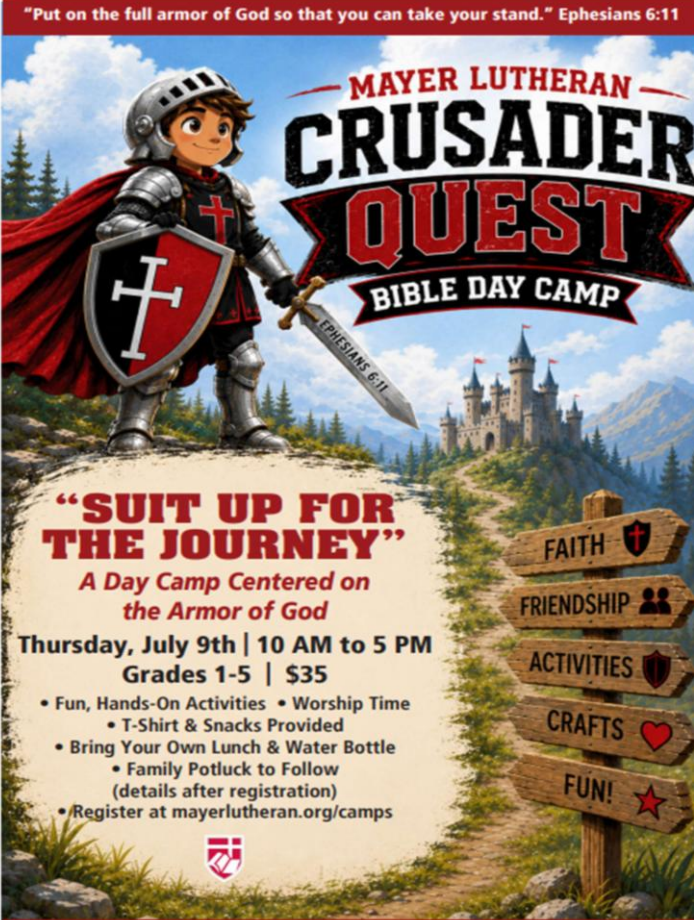
Acolyte SIGN UPS



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

~ From Mayer Lutheran ~

"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand." Ephesians 6:11



MAYER LUTHERAN CRUSADER QUEST BIBLE DAY CAMP

"SUIT UP FOR THE JOURNEY"
A Day Camp Centered on the Armor of God

Thursday, July 9th | 10 AM to 5 PM
Grades 1-5 | \$35

- Fun, Hands-On Activities • Worship Time
- T-Shirt & Snacks Provided
- Bring Your Own Lunch & Water Bottle
- Family Potluck to Follow (details after registration)
- Register at mayerlutheran.org/camps

FAITH
FRIENDSHIP
ACTIVITIES
CRAFTS
FUN!



LENGTHEN & RESTORE

SLOW, INTENTIONAL MOVEMENT
TO LENGTHEN, RELEASE & RESTORE.
DEVOTIONS TO CENTER YOUR HEART.

THURSDAYS:
JULY 9, 16, 23 & 30

\$10 PER CLASS	\$35 FOR ALL CLASSES	\$15 FOR DROP-IN
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BRING YOUR OWN MAT | AGES 13 AND UP | SCIENCE WING COMMONS

Instructor: JILL HAHN

REGISTER ONLINE:
<https://mayerlutheran.org/tickets/>

5PM
COME AS YOU ARE.
LEAVE FEELING LIGHTER.

MAYER LUTHERAN
PREPARING CHRISTIAN LEADERS



THE GREAT SUMMER LOCK-IN

LATE NIGHT. SUMMER MEMORIES.

FRIDAY
JUNE 26 | 7PM - 12AM | \$5 PER STUDENT

**ALL ARE WELCOME!
GRADES 5-8**



PIZZA
FRESH. HOT. DELICIOUS.



DIRTY SODA BAR
BUILD YOUR OWN!
SODA + FLAVOR + CREAM
= EPIC DRINK!

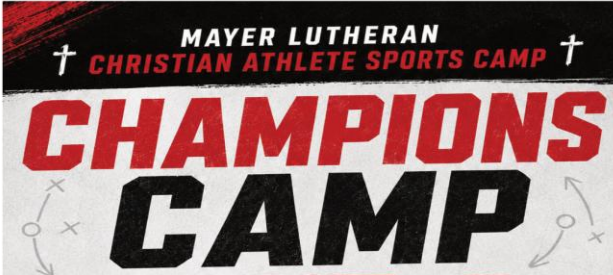


S'MORES
ROAST. MELT. ENJOY.

FOOD! FUN! FRIENDS! FAITH!

MAYER LUTHERAN

ONE EPIC NIGHT. ENDLESS MEMORIES.
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!



MAYER LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN ATHLETE SPORTS CAMP

CHAMPIONS CAMP

**BE STRONG OF FAITH,
STRONG OF BODY,
STRONG OF SPIRIT!**

Come and join Mayer Knights as we partner with Nekton Sports Performance to stand out, excel, succeed, and be at your best.

Spend a day growing your faith through devotions, preparing a strong body through agility, strength, and nutrition training, and competing in awesome games with a strong spirit.

CAMP INCLUDES:

- DEVOTIONS
- AGILITY
- NUTRITION
- TECHNIQUE
- GAMES

COST: \$75 PER CAMPER

REGISTER SOON! SPACE IS LIMITED!

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH
9:00AM - 2:00PM
FOR 1ST-5TH GRADE

MAYER KNIGHTS

PARTNERING WITH
NEKTON
SPORTS PERFORMANCE

VISIT [MAYERLUTHERAN.ORG/CAMPS](https://mayerlutheran.org/camps) TO REGISTER!

~ Lift Up Our Youth Mission Trip in Prayer ~

July 1st Heavenly Father, Almighty God, we thank You for the faithful men and women who lead and guide our youth. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon our youth leaders, especially Pastor Dan Welch and Deaconess Megan Polzin. Grant them wisdom, patience, and an extra measure of Your grace as they share the Gospel and model Christ-like love to our youth and the people of New Mexico. Lord, protect them from weariness and discouragement. Remind them daily of their own baptismal grace and the forgiveness won by Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Equip them to teach the Scriptures with clarity and truth, fostering a spirit of faith, purity, and reverence in the hearts of our young people. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

July 2nd Merciful Father, you have called us, Your children, to go into the world and baptize and teach all peoples from all nations. Lord, as our Mission Team goes about this work in New Mexico this week we pray that you would abundantly bless their families here back home. We pray that you would give them patience and endurance as they faithfully support their loved ones in prayer throughout this trip. Lord, we ask that through their service, may both leaders and youth be drawn closer to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

July 3rd Almighty God, You alone can work within each of us, Your dear children, fostering the fruits of the Spirit into aspects of our characters. Lord, today we ask that you would fill the youth and adults on the Mission Trip with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Father, we ask that you would send Your holy angels to watch over and protect them from every evil, both spiritual and physical as they go about sharing Your love with all whom they encounter. Lord, protect their bodies from sickness and injury, and even more so, we pray that You would keep them unified in mind and purpose as they witness, serve, and grow in fervent love toward You and one another. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

July 4th Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your guidance and wisdom as our forefathers crafted, and fought for, the vision of a new government over 250 years ago. Lord, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail. We pray for our national, state, and local governing officials. Provide them with humility, wisdom, and an earnest desire to serve You by serving all people who live under their governance. Father, grant those in political office an outpouring of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. We pray that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord we pray. Amen.

July 5th Almighty and ever-lasting God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us and Your Holy Spirit ever be with us to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life. Lord we thank and praise You that our mission team is returning having experienced this transformational week of service. We ask that You would grant them rest and recovery, renewed vigor and passion, and wisdom and clarity of speech so that they can bear witness to all the work You have started and continued in them over the past week. Lord, we ask that You would grant them an ever-growing love for You and for service to others. We thank You that they have returned safely to us and ask that You continue to work in their lives this day and forever more. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. 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



***Our special 150th Anniversary Event
on Sunday, July 12th has finally arrived!***

Here's what awaits you:

Join us at 10 AM for a single worship service as we come together to praise our great and awesome Lord. The service will open with 150 Bell Rings!

Rev. Vue Lee from the LCMS South District will share the sermon. As Assistant to the President for Missions, Pastor Vue Lee is dedicated to helping bring the Good News of Jesus to all nations. One of his favorite sayings is, "You don't need to go share Jesus; share Jesus as you go."

Our Senior Choir (and friends), together with our Bell Ringers, will provide special music during the service. We're excited to welcome back many former members and visitors and reconnect with familiar faces.

Following worship, a German-style meal will be served, including pulled pork sandwiches, German and traditional potato salad, coleslaw, sauerkraut, spaetzle, and an assortment of desserts. A freewill offering will be gathered for the meal. Table placemats will share historical notes, kids activities, and topics to spark conversation!

Take time to explore historic displays, view videos, tour the church, share memories, enjoy fellowship, and receive a hand-crafted cross as a special gift. (Crosses will be on meal tables and/or be available to take for loved ones or for those who cannot attend the meal.) More than 1,000 crosses have been created, and we can't wait for you to see the incredible and distinctive styles.

After worship, videos will be shown in the Sanctuary, featuring The Bell, Buildings & Properties, Silent Stories, and 2026 Events & Activities. We're also thrilled to unveil our Confirmation Photo Display and a commemorative 150th Anniversary Quilt.



Extra Church historical/pictorial directories will be available for purchase for \$20. You'll also have an opportunity to make a special Anniversary donation to First Ev. Lutheran. Be sure to watch for the display featuring a U.S. flag made up of donation envelopes in a variety of amounts. Those who make a donation of \$150 or more will receive a special "I'm Part of the Legacy" button pin.

Volunteers are still needed to help with many aspects of the event. Also, please sign up to bring a dessert if you are able. We encourage everyone to wear their 150th Anniversary T-shirt as we celebrate this milestone together.

The funeral home has offered their parking lot for overflow parking.

We are excited to see everyone on July 12th! Please invite your family and friends to join us for this special and blessed occasion. We hope you'll be there—please come and celebrate with us!

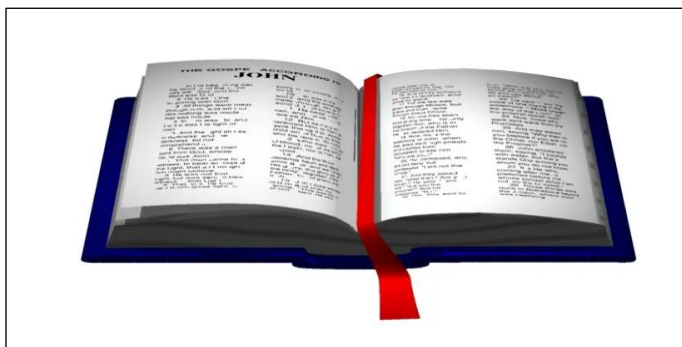
- **Church Pictorial Directory and Historical Recap (1876–2026) will soon arrive.** If your photo was taken or submitted, watch for notice of when you may pick up your copy,
- **Historical Display tables.** We invite boards/committees/groups to set-up a **display to showcase** your group for one month. 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).
- **Join on August 11** to attend a Community Trip to watch the **MN Twins** take on the Baltimore Orioles. We must sell another 20 tickets to make this happen!
- **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:** Make sure to pick up a copy 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.
- **Abundant Blessings Drive** – Throughout **July**, we’ll gratefully accept donations for Lutheran Social Services Oral Health Drive – toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss for families in need
- **Service of the Daily Office** – Services are held on the third Thursday of each month. Join us on **July 16th at 6 PM** for this short traditional service.

Even after our July 12th Anniversary Celebration, we will continue throughout the remainder of 2026 with more special activities and events to honor 150 years of God’s faithfulness. 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. (Many) Volunteers needed for Red Cross Blood Drive.

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/10C0D4CAAFA2CA2F8C25-64259456-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.



**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
WELCOMES**

DR. REED LESSING

**SPEAKING ABOUT HIS BOOK
"OVERCOMING LIFE'S SORROWS:
LEARNING THROUGH JEREMIAH"**



SAT AUG 15, 2026

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**FREE EVENT (DOOR OFFERINGS WELCOMED)
BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
LUNCH AND LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED
REGISTER USING THIS QR CODE-WALK-INS ARE WELCOME
(REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8 AM)**



1103 N Broad Steet Mankato MN

oslcmankato.org

GLENCOE DAYS

June 25-28, 2026
Fireworks - Parade - Live Music - & More!

**FREE
ADMISSION**

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

4:00-7:00 PM Pork Chop Feed @City Center

5:00 PM Medallion Hunt Begins

1st clue will be released on Facebook page and at the ticket booth at Oak Leaf Park. Additional clues will be posted only at Oak Leaf Park at the ticket booth.



Friday, June 26 @9PM



Saturday, June 27 @8PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

5:00 PM National Anthem

5:00 PM **Bill Litzau & Open Highway**

5:00 PM **FREE Corn Feed**
Sponsored by Seneca Foods

5:00 PM Food Stand Opens

5:00 PM Midway Amusement Rides Open

5:00 PM Glencoe Royalty All About Me

5:00 - 7:00 PM **GaGa Ball**
Sponsored by Subway

5:30 PM Bingo in Shelter #1

6:00 PM Kiddie Pedal Pull
Sponsored by Glencoe Lions Club

7:00 PM Glencoe Brewers vs Plato Blue Jays

9:00 PM - 12:00 AM **IV Play**

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 AM Fun Run @GRH Prairie Trail

8:30 AM Fun Walk @GRH Prairie Trail

11:00 AM **Glencoe Days Parade**
*Route: East on 16th St. from Cedar to Ford;
South on Ford to 14th St.; West on 14th St. to Cedar*

12:00 PM Food Stand Opens

1:00 PM Midway Amusement Rides Open

1:00 PM **FREE Watermelon Feed**

1:00 PM **Highliners**

2:00 PM Bingo in Shelter #1

2:00 PM GHPS Pie in the Park

2:00-4:00 PM Kids' Quarter Carnival

2:00-7:00 PM **FFA Barnyard**

3:30 PM **Airborne Attraction**

4:00 PM Loteria in Shelter #1

6:00 PM Hot Pepper Eating Contest

6:00 PM Bingo in Shelter #1

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Silent Disco in Shelter #3
Sponsored by 2B CONTINUED

8:00 PM - 12:00 AM **Johnny Holm Band**

10:00 PM Fireworks

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Car Show @11th & Greeley

3:00 PM Glencoe Royalty Coronation @City Center

EVENTS HELD AT OAK LEAF PARK 3 DESOTO AVE. S. • GLENCOE, MN 55336

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE • NO ATM ON-SITE



Join us for Glencoe Days 2026!

***** **FREE ADMISSION** *****

Glencoe Days is an annual community weekend event held in Glencoe, MN at Oak Leaf Park. Event includes a parade, food stands, kid-friendly games and activities, a variety of live music, fireworks show and more! Check

out www.facebook.com/GlencoeDays for all the details about Glencoe Days and updates to schedule/events.

All events take place at Oak Leaf Park unless noted. No ATM on-site

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

FREE SWEET CORN FEED AT 5PM

FREE LIVE MUSIC

5 PM - Bill Litzau & Open Highway

9 PM-Midnight - IV Play

FREE FUN FOR THE KIDS

5-7 PM- GaGa Ball (Sponsored by Subway)

6 PM-Kiddie Pedal Pull (Sponsored by Glencoe Lions Club)

ATTRACTIONS & GAMES

5PM Midway Amusement Rides Open \$

5:00 PM Glencoe Royalty All About Me (Near Basketball Court)

5:30 PM-Bingo in Shelter #1

7 PM- Baseball Game - Glencoe Brewers vs Plato Blue Jays

FOOD/DRINK

5 PM-Food Stands/Food Trucks Open

Glencoe Days will have Burgers, Tacos in a

Food Trucks include;

Fair Food Favorites from J & K Amusements

Blue Loon Concessions

Kevin's Gyros

Squeels on Wheels BBQ

Taqueria Del Buen Pastor

Friday, June 26 starting at 5pm and Saturday,

June 27 starting at 12pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

8 AM- Glencoe Days Fun Run

8:30 AM- Glencoe Days Fun Walk

FREE no registration required. Event will take

place at GRH Prairie

Trail <https://www.facebook.com/events/1619822920143452>

11 AM - GLENCOE DAYS PARADE

ROUTE: East on 16th Street from Cedar to Elliot;

South on Elliot to 14th Street;

West on 14th Street to Cedar

FREE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

1:00 PM - Live Music by Highliners

3:30 PM- Live Music by Airborne Attraction

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Silent Disco (Shelter #3)

8PM - Midnight- Live Music by Johnny Holm Band

10PM FIREWORKS

ATTRACTIONS & GAMES

1 PM - Midway Amusement Rides Open \$

1 PM - FREE Watermelon Feed

2 PM- Bingo in Shelter #1

2 PM - GHPS Pie in the Park

2-4 PM - Kids Quarter Carnival, 25 cent games

2-7 PM- FREE FFA Barnyard with Live Animals

4 PM - Loteria in Shelter #1

6 PM- Bingo in Shelter #1

6 PM - Hot Pepper Eating Contest - Free to enter, sign waiver prior to event. 1st place \$300, 2nd place \$150, 3rd place \$50.

OTHER EVENTS

6/25/26 - 4-7PM Glencoe Royalty Pork Chop Dinner at City

Center <https://www.facebook.com/events/2141071066724052>

6/28/26 - 3PM Glencoe Royalty Coronation at City Center



Have You Listened to the Message of Hope?

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 July, you will hear the following scheduled sermon topics for July 5, July 12, and July 19.

July 5 **"Bloom Where You're Planted"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Blessing, in a Biblical sense, means God's favor in any circumstance, no exceptions, because there is no place or circumstance in which God does not belong. Genesis 39:21

July 12 **"Knight, Death, and the Devil"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Jesus has triumphed over all the powers of death and hell and He has pledged Himself to be your protector and the armor that you wear. Ephesians 6:12

July 19 **"From Groans to Glory"** with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Glenn Nielsen. A day will come when the grief will end, the groans will be silenced. Jesus will return and the dead in Christ will arise with bodies glorified. Romans 8: 21-27

Note: the sermon topic for July 26 was not available on the LHM Sermon Schedule at <https://www.lhm.org/sermon-schedule/> at the time the newsletter information was submitted.

Please check the website to find the topic information for July 26. Thanks!

Become a 2026 KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporter

Our 2026 Sponsor Campaign continues. As of June 22, we have received \$5,020.00 or 98.5% 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@embarqmail.com. Thank you for your support!

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,"
Colossians 3:23 ESV

The KGLB Lutheran Hour broadcast is sponsored by the KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters.
Thank you for your prayers and support!



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.

GHPS PRESENTS: MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring the Acclaimed 1985 Documentary

GOD'S COUNTRY

by LOUIS MALLE



A Special Community Event & Film Screening
Join the GLENCOE HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY
for a unique look back at Glencoe's History and Spirit

SPECIAL GUEST ANNOUNCEMENT:



Welcoming filmmaker JUSTINE,
daughter of LOUIS MALLE, visiting
from France. Justine will be gathering input
and memories for her new film. Share your story.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23rd 7:00 PM
GLENCOE CITY CENTER GRAND BALLROOM

FREE EVENT - Proudly Sponsored by the GHPS

Celebrating 150 Years

1876 – 2026

JOIN US!

SUNDAY, JULY 12 - 10 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE & GERMAN-STYLE MEAL



All Welcome!
Worship Service at 10 AM
Meal begins at Noon
Please help spread the word!



Pulled Pork
Sandwiches, German
& Regular Potato
Salad, Coleslaw,
Sauerkraut,
Desserts
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~ Board Summaries ~

Church Council June 18

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and affirmed the June minutes from each of the individual Boards at the June 18th meeting. A flag display with envelopes for donations labeled from \$1 to \$150 will be available for member contributions to go toward the \$40K "matching" donation offer. Watch for more details about ways to donate toward this amount so that the full matching amount can be received. Approval was given for repairs to the school gym/cafeteria (per prior approval by Board of Trustees), to be brought to a Special Voters' meeting on July 8th. \$300 will be provided to Common Cup Ministries per their request of member churches, for this fall's annual school supply project. Resignation letter from Jaylene Miller (Business Manager) read with end date of July 15th – offering to assist with some duties after this time, as schedule allows. She emphasized that she has enjoyed the job, has no hard feelings, is working to document procedures to assist the next person in this role, and sees the job needing to be a full-time position. She is feeling called to follow other pursuits at this time.

Board of Christian Education June 8

The Christian Education Board met on June 8, 2026. The board discussed postponing VBS due to low enrollment and decided to hold VBS on August 16–18 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Other discussions included delivering Sunday School teacher gifts, ways of supporting the Sunday School Administrator next year, and possibly moving Ignite to Mondays for the upcoming school year. The board discussed upcoming youth events, including Trunk or Treat on October 24. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. following prayer.

Day School June 8

The Day School board is busy making plans for the 2026- 2027 School year. Registration night will be held August 20, 2026.

Board of Deacons June 4

Continued discussion and planning of 150th Anniversary celebration plans and July 12th meal. Sign-up Genius created for the anniversary meal volunteers needed for Saturday/Sunday morning setup, Sunday meal service, Sunday afternoon cleanup, and potluck desserts. If preferred, you can call the church office if you would like to bring a dessert.

Board of Evangelism June 2

The Evangelism Board met on Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026. The board discussed the upcoming Glencoe Days parade and will be donating surplus candy from the Easter Egg Hunt to the Float committee. The board will also be purchasing sticky note pads with the 150th Anniversary logo to be handed out at the parade. More discussion was held on how to help with the anniversary meal. The board continues to work on updating the greeter guide and duties.

Board of Stewardship June 2

The Stewardship Board discussed taking over the Greeting Card Fundraiser from the school. Also discussed was the idea of having a speaker deliver a presentation on estate and funeral planning. Angel Seeds designation for July – September will be for L.E.R.T.

Board of Trustees June 1

The board was presented with a bid from Vos Construction for the proposed school gym ceiling project. Bids will also be gathered for window and door replacement at the school. The sound system in the fellowship center needs repair or replacement.



							
SUNDAY – THE LORD’S DAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
JUNE 2026 		CONGREGATION IN PRAYER Every day at 1:50 PM		1 9:00 AM – Lectionary Study 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 5:00 PM – Handbell Choir	2 	3 Church Office Closed for July 4 th	4 
Mescalero, NM Youth Mission Trip through Sunday, July 5							
5 6th SUNDAY a. PENTECOST 8:00 AM – DS with Comm. 9 AM-Fellowship: Trustees 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM – Divine Service (Setting 1, p.151)		6 1:00 PM – Quilt Tying 7:00 PM – Trustees	7 4:45 PM – Stewardship 5:30 PM – Day School 6:00 PM – Evangelism	8 9:00 AM – Lectionary Study 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 5:00 PM – Handbell Choir 6:00 PM – Deacons 7:00 PM – Special Voters	9 2:00 PM – Grand Meadows 7:00 PM – Cemetery Board	10 	11
Deaconess Polzin on Vacation							
12 7th SUNDAY a. PENTECOST 150th Anniversary Celebration 10:00 AM – Divine Service with Holy Communion Meal to Follow (Setting 3, p.184)		13 1:00 PM – Quilt Tying 6:00 PM – Christian Ed.	14 10:30 AM – GlenFields 1:30 PM – Mat Makers	15 9:00 AM – Lectionary Study 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 5:00 PM – Handbell Choir	16 7:00 PM – Church Council	17 	18 Private Rental
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19 8th SUNDAY a. PENTECOST Polka Service 8:00 AM – DS with Comm. 9 AM-Fellowship: Evangel. 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM – Divine Service 1:30 PM – GlenFields (Setting 4, p. 203)		20 1:00 PM – Quilt Tying	21 AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 9:00 AM – Lectionary Study 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 5:00 PM – Handbell Choir	23 	24 	25
Deaconess Polzin at Synod Convention.							
26 9th SUNDAY a. PENTECOST 8:00 AM – Divine Service 9AM-Fellowship: Altar Guild 9:15 AM –Adult Bible Class 10:30 AM – DS w/ Comm. 2:30 PM – Grand Meadows (Setting 4, p. 203)		27 1:00 PM – Quilt Tying	28 10:30 AM – GlenFields 1:30 PM – Mat Makers Common Cup Ministry Diaper Distribution @ City Center	29 9:00 AM – Lectionary Study 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 5:00 PM – Handbell Choir	30 	31 AUGUST 2026 	JULY ALTAR GUILD Sharel Hoops 320-864-4665 Nelda Klaustermeier 320-864-3475 Jodi Michaelis-Iddings 612-834-4452 JULY ANGEL SEEDS L.E.R.T.

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