

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday; Judges 7:1-23, (Judges 7:24—12:15) Galatians 1:1-24

Monday; Judges 13:1-25, (Ruth 1:1—4:22) Galatians 2:1-21

Tuesday; Judges 14:1-20, Galatians 3:1-22

Wednesday; Judges 15:1—16:3, Galatians 3:23—4:11

Thursday; Judges 16:4-30, (Judges 17:1—21:25) Galatians 4:12-31

Friday; 1 Samuel 1:1-20, Galatians 5:1-26

Saturday; 1 Samuel 1:21—2:17, Galatians 6:1-18

Sunday; 1 Samuel 2:18-36, Acts 15:22-41

(Jesus said) "Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him here. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty and in another thirty." Matthew 13:8-9, 23 ESV.

Church Business Manager Hours

Church Business Manager
Jaylene Miller has variable
office days and times.

Please feel free to leave
Jaylene a message by
calling the church office or
emailing her at
business@1stglencoe.org.

Her last day is July 15.

ATTENDANCE	06/14	06/21	06/28	07/05
Worship Total	202	209	178	182
Communed	65	109	56	94
Visitors	1	2	4	2
Bible Study	31	19	20	21

Stewardship Message about Our Giving

from Lutheran Service Book #781
"We Give Thee but Thine Own"
(Stanza 1)

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



E-Giving for Members and Visitors

We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give electronically, in just seconds you can make a donation. It allows you to give anytime and anywhere and donate to your favorite funds.

Ways to e-Give and make your gifts recurring:

1. Give on-line via: www.firstglencoe.org
2. Vanco Mobile Faith – Download from the app store and search for First Ev. Lutheran.
3. Text \$ (your \$ amount) and "Give" to 855-976-9619.
4. Use the QR Code. It is provided to the left.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

(June 29 - July 5)

Last Week Giving ** \$11,903

Weekly Budget Need \$28,716

YTD Giving \$11,903

YTD Budget Need \$28,716



** Includes Offering, Supplemental & Online Giving

MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT



Thanks to the generosity of an Anonymous Giver,
A matching \$40,000 challenge has been offered!
Here is your current total to meet this challenge...

\$7,694.00



**"Sharing Christ,
Changing Lives"**



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2026
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2026
Divine Service: Setting 3, Page 184

🎵 **HYMNS:** #837, 507, 648, 790, 733

LECTOR: Rev. Michael Ewert
LITURGIST: Rev. Daniel J. Welch
GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Vue Lee

BIBLE READINGS:
Old Testament ~ I Kings 8: 22 - 30
Epistle Reading ~ Hebrews 10: 19 – 25*
Gospel Reading ~ Luke 19: 1 - 10
Psalm 84
*Anniversary Theme Verse

SPECIAL MUSIC: Please see the bulletin insert.

Thank you, Everyong, for sharing
your gifts of Time, Talents, and
Treasures with First Ev. Lutheran
Church this morning!

To God be the Glory!

ORGANISTS: Rick Grieger

DEACONS: Leonard Donnay, Tyler Mielke, David Polzin,
Dean Scheele

CRUCIFER: Piper Polzin

ACOLYTES: Lily Roush, Lina Oelfke

SOUND SYSTEM: Grady Schufft

CAMERA: Robert Schufft

SCREENS: Amy Welch

FACEBOOK LIVE: Isaiah Nikolaisen

GREETERS: Nora Cohrs, Griffin Bargmann, Kim Rislund,
and Members of the Evangelism Board

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: German Meal

CABLE TV, CH. 10: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. & Fridays, 5:30 p.m.

Included In Our Prayers This Week

-- Charlie who is traveling to Italy and Chile for his studies with West Point Military Academy. Charlie is the grandson of Roger and Mary Gronholz.
-- Thankfulness for the wonderful weather this season which has truly blessed us with bountiful crops in the fields. This request was submitted by area farmers.
-- Wedding Blessings for Lauren Terlinden and Cameron McKeon who were married in Colorado on Wednesday, July 8. Lauren is the daughter of Kraig Terlinden and the granddaughter of Kermit Terlinden.
-- Birth of a son to Courtney and Chris Trelstad. Courtney is the daughter of Greg and RaNaye Odeggaard.
-- Ashley Smith (Cousin of Danielle Petterson) who is now free from cancer. Thanks be to God!
-- Melissa Bolek (Aunt of Pastor Ewert), Amy Edmison, Bob & Dorla Hollowell (Parents of Megan Polzin), Howard Hoecke, Shirley Krienke, Marjorie Litzau, Kali Marshall (11-year-old daughter of Angela Templin-Marshall and Tony Marshall, Laurie Meyer (Twin Sister of Linda Donnay), Bonnie Mueller (Friend of Linda Edmison) who has Stage 4 Cancer), Judy Rickheim, Sally Schmulke, Braelynn Schrunk (Great-Granddaughter of Gayle Schwarze) who has leukemia, Matt Solmonson (Son-in-law of DeLue & Mary Grams) who has Stage 4 Melanoma, Earl VonBerge, Nathan Ward (Brother-in-law to Beth Ward) who has cancer, Dawn Wolter

This Week at First Lutheran

Sunday, July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost
150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
10:00 AM – Divine Service
Meal to Follow
Church Tour and Socializing

Monday, July 13
1:00 PM – Quilt Tying
6:00 PM – Christian Education
6:00 PM – Baptism

Tuesday, July 14
10:30 PM – GlenFields
1:30 PM – Mat Makers
7:00 PM – Way of Life Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, July 15
9:00 AM – Lectionary at Lunch
10:00 AM – Staff Meeting
5:00 PM – Handbell Choir

Thursday, July 16 7:00 PM – Church Council
Sunday, July 19 8th Sunday after Pentecost
POLKA SERVICE

8:00 AM – Divine Service with Communion
9:00 AM – Fellowship Hour
9:15 AM – Adult Bible Class
10:30 AM – Divine Service
1:30 PM – GlenFields

Each day, 1:50 p.m., "Congregation in Prayer."

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Thank you for being with us here today! For our Visitors, please stop by one of the Welcome Centers on your way out. There are gift bags for all ages!

CHILDREN IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Located at the sanctuary entrances, there are English and Spanish Children's Bibles, Noah's Ark busy bags (actually, backpacks), and a sensory bag (puzzle backpack). You are invited to use these, as well as the Children's Bulletins, Children's Devotional Books, and Children's Pew Cards.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE

There are free devotional materials available for the edification and strengthening of your faith and spiritual life! There are devotion books for children and adults.

JUST A COUPLE OF FRIENDLY REMINDERS

When you leave the church building, please make sure all lights and water faucets are off. Thanks for helping us to be conservation aware.

PASTORAL VISITS

Pastor Michael makes monthly visits to our Senior Care facilities and brings Word and Sacrament to our members there. If you or your family members wish for an additional visit, please contact the church office.

Staying in the Word at First Lutheran

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

July 12 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
"So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh." ~Romans 8:12

We owe the flesh, the world and the devil nothing at all. We are not debtors to these enemies; we are freed by the blood of Christ. We are joyful servants in Christ's kingdom — servants that He calls friends. We share our Lord's plans and purposes, and this gives direction and purpose to our lives.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

July 19, Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.
Nurturing Your Faith: Journey To Freedom – Session 3
(of 4) of the "Journey Through" Bible Study Series from Lutheran Hour Ministries

What do you turn to when life feels overwhelming or when you have a vague longing for ... something? **We all have something—a habit, a relationship, a substance, a distraction.** The question isn't whether we seek comfort outside of God (we all do), but whether what we turn to has become a snare keeping us from the freedom Christ offers.

You promise yourself this is the last time. Tomorrow will be different. You'll have more willpower, more discipline, more faith. But tomorrow comes, and the pattern repeats. The habit returns. The loop closes again. You feel shame wash over you—not just because of what you've done, but because you can't seem to stop. Most Christians wouldn't describe themselves as addicts. But many of us are bound by behavior patterns we can't break, habits we can't end, loops we can't escape. The Bible calls these "snares," or "entanglements," or "idols"—sins that bind us—and they thrive in secrecy and shame. So, we need honesty—with ourselves, one another, and God.

**This study explores the entanglements
that keep our hearts bound
and the God who came to set the captives free.**

THE WAY OF LIFE — A SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

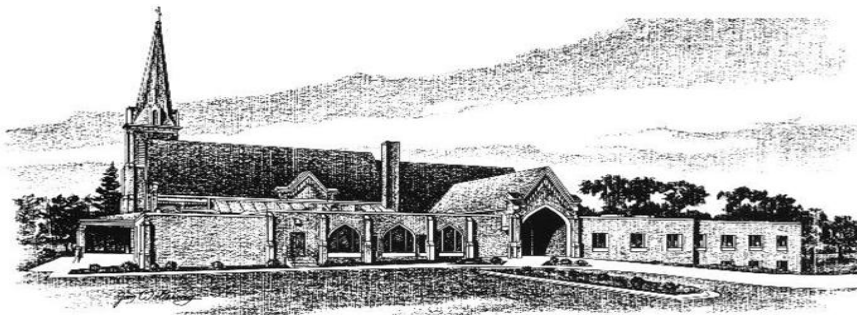
Starting out in life, the world bombards you from every direction and figuring out how to live faithfully can feel like a monumental task. But you don't have to go it alone. Join other young adults for an 8-session study, **The Way of Life**, exploring what God says about our identity, our community, true and false life and much more. Starting **July 7th**. Led by Pr. Ewert, **Tuesdays at 7 PM** in the Fellowship Center.

"I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life." (Jn. 14:6)

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

150th Anniversary Special Music Schedule

9:30 a.m.	Small Group	"150 Years in God's Amazing Grace"
9:35 a.m.	FLC Handbell Choir	"The Church's One Foundation"
9:39 a.m.	Small Group Choir	"Thy Word"
9:43 a.m.	Organ	"Trumpet Voluntary in D" "Amazing Grace"
9:47 a.m.	Organ	"St. Anthony Chorale"
9:51 a.m.	Instrumental Trio	"Highland Cathedral"
After the 1 st Reading	FLC Senior Choir	"My Strong Word"
During the Offering	FLC Handbell Choir	"Holy God We Praise Thy Name"



Preservice Special Music Presentation Specifics

SMALL GROUP

"150 Years in Gods Amazing Grace" Tune of "What Is the World to Me" LSB #730
arr. Ahasverus Fritsch, lyrics arr. Dan Niebuhr

Performed By
Breck Polzin, David Polzin, Willa Polzin, Glenda Schuff, featuring David Polzin on Guitar

HANDBELL CHOIR

"The Church's One Foundation" (Aurelia) Samuel Wesley
arr. Kevin McChesney

Performed By FLC Handbell Choir
Deb Bargmann, Bryan Grack, Madi Kokoruda, Jaylene Miller, Lynn Schauer, Sheila Scheele
Cheryl Schmidt, Deb Tessmer, Amy Welch, Director – Rev. Michael Ewert

SMALL GROUP CHOIR

"Thy Word" Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant
arr. Jack Schrader

Performed By
Brian Grochow, Jodi Michaelis-Iddings, Annika Schafer, Grady Schuff, Maggie Schuff, Rev. Dan Welch

ORGAN SELECTIONS

"Trumpet Voluntary in D" Jeremiah Clark
"Amazing Grace" Joseph Herl
arr. Paul Otte

Performed By Paul Otte

ORGAN SELECTION

"St. Anthony Chorale" Johannes Brahms
arr. T.E.G.

Performed By Robin Kruse

INSTRUMENTAL TRIO

"Highland Cathedral" Uli Roever & Michael Korb
arr. Heinz-Jacob Spelmans (Musica Variata)

A musical anniversary gift to First Lutheran Church from Cindy Steinert
(Daughter of Loren & Charleen Engelmänn)

Performed By
Cindy Steinert – Flute, Charlie Bortnem – Violin, Paul Otte – Organ

Instrumentalists Playing During the Service

Andrew Bandas, Trombone
Ethan Dahlke, Trumpet
Peter Gepson, Tuba
Evan Marti, Trombone
Teagan Mueller, Euphonium
Bryan Polzin, Trumpet
Beckett Ratike, French Horn
Tyler Schauer, Trumpet
Riley Spears, French Horn

Rick Grieger, Organist
Brian Grochow, Senior Choir Director

Tyler Schauer, Special Music Coordinator

**To God Alone
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First Lutheran Church & School Announcements

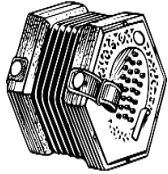


Mat-Makers will meet Tuesday, July 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Devotions: 2 Corinthians 12:9 "God's Grace is Sufficient."

Table topic: What do you like about First Evangelical Lutheran during these 150 years?

We meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. New folders, cutters, loopers and stitchers are always welcomed. Members of the congregation and friends of the congregation are all welcome. **We'd love to have you join us!**



Polka Service next Sunday, July 19

Chuck Thiel and the Jolly Ramblers will be playing for the Divine Service next Sunday, July 19. Polka-style music with worship lyrics will be featured at both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services.

Thank you very much to our anonymous donor who covered the rest of the cost for the Polka Service. The total expense is covered. 😊

JOIN US FOR A NEW WAY TO VBS!

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

4 SQU-AIR

GIGANT YARD GAMES

BOZO PANTS CATCH

SINGING & DANCING (OPTIONAL)

WATER BIG BASE

HUMAN FOOSBALL

TEAM OBSTACLE COURSE

PK - 8TH GRADE! ←

STAY TUNED FOR REGISTRATION DETAILS!

AUG 16-18 | 4-6PM



Outdoor Musical Playground

The Musical Park is here! Thank you to Jason 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.



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.

Time, Talents, and Treasures



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.



Church Service Screens

We have recently begun using new software to create and present our church service screens. This transition will help streamline preparation while providing an updated and enhanced visual experience during worship.



As with any new system, there is a learning curve as we become familiar with the software and continue refining the design and presentation. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition.

We also need Screen Presenters!

If you have an interest in technology, graphic design, **or would like to serve by helping with the preparation** or presentation of our church screens, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the church office for more information.



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**

150th Anniversary Announcements, page 1



First Evangelical Lutheran Church 150th Anniversary Quilt

This anniversary quilt was lovingly created in celebration of 150 years of God's abundant blessings at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. May it serve as a lasting reminder of God's faithfulness, the fellowship of this congregation, and the hands and hearts that have helped weave our church's story through the generations.

With heartfelt appreciation to the quilt makers:

Linda Donnay Sharel Hoops RaNay Lentsch
Ida Rutske Joyce Schiroom Madrienne Weber



150th Anniversary Crosses

Many thanks to Everyone who donated little crosses for the 150th Anniversary! We are so blessed by the donations and the variety of crosses! Little tags have been affixed to them, commemorating our 150th Anniversary. They will be on the meal tables and extras will be available for those not able to attend on Sunday.



Abundant Blessings Drive

In response to the Abundant Blessings God has given us!
July Oral Health Drive for Lutheran Social Services – Help by donating TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, and DENTAL FLOSS to families in need. Please bring to the church office. Thank you!

Church Directories

A FEW UPDATES:

* 'Dammann' is correctly spelled with two 'm's'.
* Frances Wilson phone 864-3381
* Mary Sellnow 952-457-5583 (no land line)

150th Anniversary Church Directories

Our new directories are here! If you had your photo taken for the directory, you may pick up your complimentary copy.

Additional directories are available for purchase for \$20 each. (We apologize for any mistakes.)

Weekdays: Directories may be picked up in the office.
Sundays:

- Last names A–L: Pick up your directory outside the church office.
- Last names M–Z: Pick up your directory in the west narthex.

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



\$15
EXACT CASH OR CHECKS
WRITTEN TO FLC

**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

150th Anniversary Announcements, page 2

Anonymous donors have generously pledged to **match every added gift** made to First Ev. Lutheran Church through this campaign, **up to \$40,000**. This means your donation will go **twice as far** during this special opportunity. A \$5 gift becomes \$10, a \$150 gift becomes \$300, a \$1,000 gift becomes \$2,000—**every eligible donation is doubled** until the full matching amount is reached.

Ways to Give:

(Please note: Match gifts are to supplement, not replace, regular offerings.

Your regular weekly/monthly giving is not included for the matching funds.)

- On your regular offering envelope, write your normal gift amount as usual, then add your extra match gift on the **"other"** line and label it **"match."**
 - Pick a pre-labeled envelope from the **pledge flag** in the South entry (amounts from \$1 to \$150) add your donation, and place it in the **locked wooden box nearby**.
 - Drop off your donation in the church office or place it in the locked wooden box. (All funds in the locked box will be counted for the match).
 - Give online at firstglencoe.org → click **"Giving"** → enter the online portal and select the **\$40K Match** option.
- Let's reach the full **\$40,000 match** so our combined giving becomes **\$80,000** to strengthen our general fund and support our ministry.

Thank you for your generosity and partnership in meeting this goal!



This giving pledge flag is now located in the west narthex.

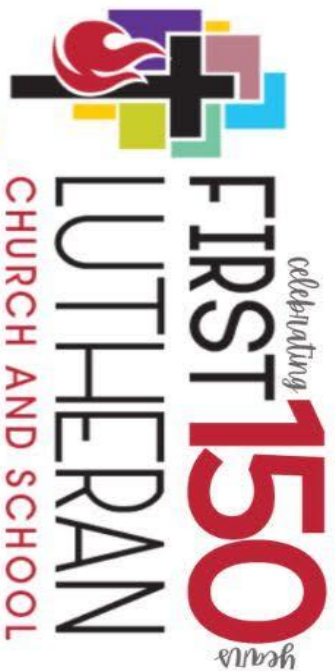


Heartfelt, Tremendous Thank You!

Thank you to Everyone and All Organizations who worked hard and faithfully to make this day a Success!

It truly takes all of us coming together to make this day work!

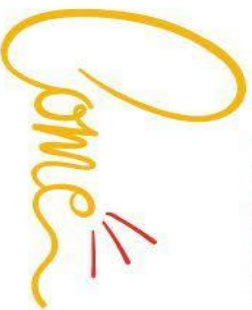
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Welcome

Sunday, July 12th

**Join us as we celebrate
150 years of God's
faithfulness!**



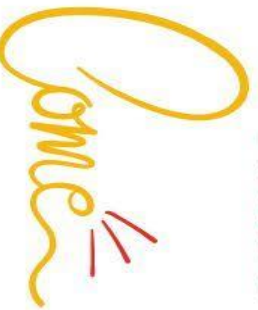
- **Pre-Service Music begins at 9:30 AM**
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First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glencoe, MN
150th Anniversary
1876-2026

1875: Nine German families submitted a request to Pastor A. C. Landeck to minister to them in the Glencoe area.

1876-1880: Biweekly worship services were held on Sunday afternoons. Services were first conducted in the home of village blacksmith William Jenneke and later in a hall above the general merchandise store owned by Mr. John Preiss, located at the corner of 13 St. E. and Greeley Ave. N. (now the site of the Gruenhagen Insurance parking lot).

January 20, 1880: The congregation was officially formed for the purpose of acquiring property. A constitution was adopted and signed by nine charter members. Six days later, the present church property was purchased from Isabella E. Moore for \$75. The congregation also resolved to "erect a modest house of worship adequate for the immediate need."

June 20, 1880: Dedication services were held for the first church, a wood-framed building.

1881: Twenty-seven burial sites were purchased from the Glencoe Cemetery Association for use as a church cemetery, located adjacent to the west side of the City Cemetery.

1884: Under the leadership of Pastor Theo. Destinon, a Christian Day School was established, opening with an enrollment of 32 students.

1888: Pastor C. Dreyer was called as First Lutheran's first full-time minister. That same year, the congregation constructed its first parsonage.

1891: The first school building, a frame structure, was constructed immediately east of the church.

1893: The first English-language worship services were conducted.

1898: A Kimball Pipe Organ was purchased; one of the first in MN.

1900: Pastor Ernest Kolbe, the congregation's longest serving minister to date, started his ministry serving the congregation for 35 years.

1904-1905: A new brick church—the "old" portion of the present building—was constructed. The design included a horseshoe-shaped balcony and a statue of Jesus for the Altar, which now resides in the Fellowship Center. Members of the congregation contributed extensive volunteer labor, including hauling materials, providing stones, and other construction tasks. During construction, the original wood-frame church was moved into the street and used until the new building was completed.

1915: The Ladies Aid was founded with 29 members for the purposes of Christian service and group devotions.

1916: A new parsonage (formerly 1318 Ives Ave. N.) was constructed. It was sold in 1988 and relocated to a residence on County Rd 33. The lot where it previously stood became part of the church parking lot.

1933: Saturday School was established to provide English religious instruction for students who did not attend the Christian Day School.

1934: The old frame school building was removed and replaced with a modern brick school—the congregation's current school facility

1936: More than 6,000 people attended the 60th Anniversary celebration of First Lutheran Church.

1936: Under the guidance of Pastor Alfred Streufert, First Lutheran joined the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod.

1942: A reconditioned Moeller Pipe Organ with 14 stops was purchased. Due to the war, new instruments could not be manufactured at this time.

1946: Voter's Meeting Minutes stopped being recorded in German and were thereafter maintained solely in English.

1948: Attendance at English-language services grew so large that often only standing room was available. English services were added at 8:00 AM, in addition to the late service, while German services were set at 9:15 AM.

1948-1950: A 42 x 88-foot two-level addition was added to the school. This expansion included two classrooms, a library, a large auditorium, and additional restrooms.



1951: 75th Anniversary Celebration. At this time, First Lutheran was the largest of nearly 400 LCMS congregations in Minnesota.

1951: The first Annual Pancake Dinner fundraiser was hosted by the Men's Club.

1960-1962: Multiple discussions and votes were held regarding building a new church versus remodeling the existing facility. Plans for a new church were prepared, but the decision was ultimately made to remodel. In June 1960, approximately 150 communicant members left First Lutheran to form Good Shepherd Church, a sister congregation. The old church was remodeled and enlarged. The project included an addition to the sanctuary, sacristy, offices, kitchen, and fellowship hall. A new 23-rank Hasse Pipe Organ was also purchased.

1970-1971: The church underwent a remodel, adding a new west entrance, enlarging the balcony, and adding a lower-level classroom. The project was dedicated on November 28, 1971.

1976: 100th Anniversary Celebration: In May, a Centennial Mass Choir Concert was held. In August, a Centennial Confirmation Reunion outdoor service and parish picnic were attended by over 2,500 people. In October, a Centennial Old-Time service, with members singing old hymns (women on the pulpit side, men on the lectern side), was held. A Centennial Memorial service was held in memory of the 1,451 people buried at First Lutheran since 1876. A Festival of the Reformation was held in November, and a float was entered in the Glencoe Days Parade, themed *You Crown the Years with Your Goodness*.

1984: On July 29, a Dedication Service was held for the new 34-rank Henderickson Pipe Organ, built in St. Peter, MN.

1987: Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, and Sunday Fellowship Hour programs began.

1989: Services began being recorded for Glencoe cable TV broadcasts.

September 10, 2000: Dedication Ceremony for the latest church building project, which included four classrooms, an elevator, offices, a south entryway, a fellowship center, and a kitchen. The stained-glass window, formerly above the west entrance, was rehung in the interior end of the vaulted ceiling in the main south entry.

September 21, 2001: The 125th Anniversary Celebration featured a special service, an old-fashioned ham dinner, and memorabilia display.

2007: The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society merged to form LWML (now Lutheran Women in Mission).

2009: Sanctuary screens were installed to display the order of worship.

2020: Responsibility for the 69th Annual Potato Pancake & Sausage Dinner transitioned from the dissolved Men's Club to congregational volunteers (approximately 800 meals served).

2020: In-person worship services were suspended from March 31–May 22 due to COVID-19.

2020: The first Facebook broadcast of church services began.

2025: YouTube broadcast of church services began.

2025: Preparations for First Lutheran Church's 150th Anniversary Celebration in 2026 began with a focus on reflecting on the church's rich history and heritage, celebrating God's abundant blessings, and renewing commitment to the mission of **Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!** The anniversary theme is Hebrews 10:22–24, paired with the tagline **Worship ▪ Community ▪ Confession.**



We invite EVERYONE to pick up a handcrafted cross as a reminder of the Lord's endless grace, steadfast love, and faithful presence in your life.