



First Ev. Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter August 2026



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

Our Church's Anniversary Service on Sunday, July 12th was definitely a tremendous blessing from God! The church was packed; the hymns were sung loudly and joyfully! The special music provided by choirs and musicians was very uplifting. Pastor Vue Lee, from the Minnesota South District Office, preached a powerful sermon, keeping us centered on Christ and all that He has done and continues to do in and through the church.

The meal was great! The lines flowed efficiently. I heard no complaints about the temperature in the Sanctuary or the Fellowship Center. In short, a good time was had by all! It was such an encouraging day!

Speaking of encouragement, the assigned Epistle lessons during the last three weeks of July this year come from one of the most encouraging chapters in God's Word: Romans chapter 8. As you read the words below, perhaps situations in your life will come to mind where you need encouragement. Maybe it's dissatisfaction with something at work. A problem of one kind or another with a family member. Maybe a friendship that is strained. Perhaps money is tight. Maybe even, after such an uplifting experience like the 150th Anniversary Service, your faith now feels a little "flat". If so, then I especially encourage you to take to heart these words of the apostle Paul from Romans 8:28-39:

28 We know that for those who love God all things work together for good,
for those who are called according to His purpose.

29 For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed
to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

30 And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified,
and those whom He justified He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

32 He who did not spare His own Son but gave him up for us all,
how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?

33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised
—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor
powers,

39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

So much could be said about these verses, but the bottom line is Paul wanted to show us that suffering, in whatever form that takes, does not separate believers from Christ but actually carries us along toward our ultimate goal, eternal life with Him in heaven.

May God give us faith to keep following Him closely no matter the circumstances. May He also give us strength and wisdom to encourage one another as we walk together with our Savior. In His grace and mercy, we pray that the Lord will also continue to provide us with much needed encouragement from His Word and Sacraments!

In Christ,

Pastor Dan Welch

This summer I started a Young Adult Bible Study built on a familiar passage:

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:1-6)

"The Life" we grasp readily enough; we look to the empty tomb and to the life Christ promises. "The Truth" likewise, since God is the source of all things, truth included. But "the Way"? At first I just picture a road. Surely he means something more than that.

Our first instinct is to think too narrowly. Yet even in English we use "way" in a dozen senses, and the Greek word Jesus uses works much the same. It can mean the road itself, which is its most common use. It can mean the journey taken along that road. It can mean a person's conduct, for example, the way he carries himself. It can mean a system or arrangement, the way you stack the dishes in your cabinet. It can even mean the means to an end, the way you pay for something. There is a great deal of room in that little word.



So what does it mean to be on the Way of Life? It is not merely walking the narrow path. It is the whole of it and not because we chose rightly or did enough to get ourselves on it. Left to ourselves, we go our own way. Rather, the Way himself, Jesus Christ, came to give us Life and to lead us gently along. Even when that way runs through valleys or over mountains, he is the one who brings us along it.

In fact the first name of the Church was the Way as we hear in Acts 9:1-2,

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

And then the converted St. Paul proclaims this beautifully in the third chapter of Philippians:

"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12-14)

And so as you journey along the Way of Life my prayer is that you press ever on toward the goal, because Christ has made you his own. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Speaking Christ,

Pr. Michael Ewert

Deacons

Sun., Aug. 2	8:00 AM *	Dean Scheele, Mark Schmidt
	10:30 AM	
Sun., Aug. 9	8:00 AM	Lenny Donnay, David Polzin
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Will Freberg
Sun., Aug. 16	8:00 AM *	Mark Schmidt, David Polzin
	10:30 AM	
Sun., Aug. 23	8:00 AM	Dean Scheele, Mike Cisewski
	10:30 AM*	Will Freberg
Sun., Aug. 30	8:00 AM*	, Doug Dahlke
<i>5th Sun., Backpacks</i>	10:30 AM*	Justin Petterson
* Denotes Service with Communion		

Acolytes

Sun., Aug. 2	8:00 AM *	Lina Oelfke, Audrey Schafer
	10:30 AM	Lina Oelfke
Sun., Aug. 9	8:00 AM	Audrey Schafer, Chloe Donnay
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Nora Cohrs
Sun., Aug. 16	8:00 AM *	Audrey Schafer, Chloe Donnay
	10:30 AM	Nora Cohrs, Griffin Bargmann
Sun., Aug. 23	8:00 AM	Piper Polzin, Brooklyn Grochow
	10:30 AM*	Mason Ortloff
Sun., Aug. 30	8:00 AM*	Emerson Edwards, Matthew Iddings
<i>5th Sun., Backpacks</i>	10:30 AM*	
* Denotes Service with Communion		

Greeters

Sun., Aug. 2	8:00 AM *	Brooklyn Grochow
	10:30 AM	Mason Ortloff
Sun., Aug. 9	8:00 AM	Dave & Betty Witthus
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	
Sun., Aug. 16	8:00 AM *	
	10:30 AM	
Sun., Aug. 23	8:00 AM	Emme Neubarth, Dave & Betty W.
	10:30 AM*	
Sun., Aug. 30	8:00 AM*	
<i>5th Sun., Backpacks</i>	10:30 AM*	Lina Oelfke
* Denotes Service with Communion		

Fellowship Hour

Sun., Aug. 2	Deacons
Sun., Aug. 9	Trustees
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	
Sun., Aug. 16	Altar Guild
Sun., Aug. 23	Day School
Sun., Aug. 30	Stewardship
<i>5th Sunday/Blessing of Backpacks</i>	

Sound System

Sun., Aug. 2	8:00 AM *	Glenn Cohrs
	10:30 AM	Steven Schauer
Sun., Aug. 9	8:00 AM	Kevin Cohrs
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Grady Schuff
Sun., Aug. 16	8:00 AM *	Andrew Mackenthun (radio)
	10:30 AM	Lynn Exsted
Sun., Aug. 23	8:00 AM	Glenn Cohrs
	10:30 AM*	Tyler Schauer
Sun., Aug. 30	8:00 AM*	Kevin Cohrs
<i>5th Sun., Backpacks</i>	10:30 AM*	Steven Schauer
* Denotes Service with Communion		

Screen Presenters

Sun., Aug. 2	8:00 AM *	Chloe Donnay
	10:30 AM	Tyler Schauer
Sun., Aug. 9	8:00 AM	Piper Polzin
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Annabelle Freberg
Sun., Aug. 16	8:00 AM *	Brittney Wolff
	10:30 AM	Jeri Bennett
Sun., Aug. 23	8:00 AM	Willa Polzin
	10:30 AM*	OPEN
Sun., Aug. 30	8:00 AM*	Pam Ahlbrecht
<i>5th Sun., Backpacks</i>	10:30 AM*	OPEN
* Denotes Service with Communion		

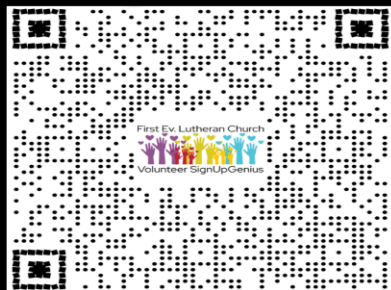
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Sun., Aug. 9	Robert Schuff
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	
Sun., Aug. 16	Pam Ahlbrecht
Sun., Aug. 23	Linda Ranzau
Sun., Aug. 30	Lynn Exsted
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Facebook Live

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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!

~ Church Council Summaries ~



Church Council July 16

The Church Council reviewed and discussed the July minutes from each of the individual Boards at the July 16th meeting. Minutes for all but the Day School Board, were affirmed. Questions were raised related to hiring unlicensed teachers, while Day School Board representatives indicated a requirement to obtain a license within two years would be in place along with additional mentoring and monitoring. Results of the Special Voters' meeting held on July 8th were discussed. At that meeting, the Voters' turned down the request to repair the school gym, citing questions about the bid and expense. Additional information will be reviewed and provided so that another Special Voters' meeting can be held on Sunday, August 2nd, between services (9:15 am), to again request approval for ceiling repair. Tanner Schaefer was approved to serve as a deacon, filling the unexpired term of David Hoefs, whose family has moved out of the area. A 5-member hiring committee was designated to work on review and recruitment for the Business Manager role. In the meantime, while there is a vacancy, the same financial consultants who assisted with the last vacancy will continue to provide oversight and Sheila Scheele has graciously offered to serve in a temporary capacity until the position is filled. She will be working part-time morning hours during the work week.

Board of Christian Education July 13

The Christian Education Board met on July 13. We discussed the Mission Trip, Moving and Grooving VBS on Aug. 16 – 18, the concern that the Light House meeting site may not be insured at this point, the Color Bomb Competition on Aug. 12, Three -Year Rotation plan for youth trips and fundraising, Education Sunday which is on Sept. 13, and the awarding of the Christian Education Youth Scholarships.

Day School July 7

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 July 8

The board and meal planning committee greatly appreciate all the anniversary meal volunteers for Saturday/Sunday morning setup, Sunday meal service, Sunday afternoon cleanup, and potluck desserts! We could not have done it without you!!

Board of Evangelism July 7

The Board of Evangelism met on Tuesday July 7th, 2026. The board discussed the success of the float in the Glencoe Days Parade. The board provided 700 sticky note pads with the 150th Anniversary logo which were handed out to attendees. We received many good reviews and compliments. The board will help greet at the 150th Anniversary service on July 12th. The board will be serving fellowship on Polka Service Sunday July 19th. The board continues to work on updating the greeter guide and duties. The board also continues working on ideas for the 150th Display which will be out Sept. 14th - Oct. 11th.

Board of Stewardship The Board did not meet in July.

Board of Trustees July 6

The board will gather bids for a new dishwasher and walk-in cooler for the school. This equipment will be paid for with funds from the school lunch program. Approved a bid to replace the carpet on the school stage area. A bid was reviewed for replacing the front door of the school including a security system. No action was taken at this time.

~ First Lutheran Events ~



First Edition Book Club

First Edition Book Club will not be meeting in the summer. We will resume in the fall. Our plan is to meet September 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC lounge area to discuss the book Chasing Shadows by Lynn Austin.

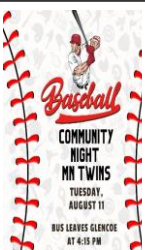


Attention: Crafters, Quilters, Bakers Looking ahead to December 5

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.



Lutheran Night At Mn Twins – Community Outing

Tickets are SOLD OUT for our upcoming trip on August 11th to watch the Minnesota Twins take on the Baltimore Orioles.

You should have received a text from Cindy E with all the details. If you have any questions, call 612-840-6308. Go Twins!



Fall Salad Luncheon September 25

The Fall Salad Luncheon, sponsored by the Lutheran Women in Mission, will be held Friday, September 25 in the Fellowship Center. A \$15 donation includes a variety of salads, homemade buns, various dessert selections and coffee.

This delicious luncheon is well attended by community members. Many "working people," both women and men, come during their lunch hour. The serving lines moves fast; there is usually no waiting. If there is a line, you'll get priority if you mention you need to get back to work! Members of the congregation are also encouraged to attend. You may linger over coffee and dessert as long as you want.

ALL proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for missions that proclaim Christ crucified here at First Evangelical Lutheran and far away. The funds will be dispersed before the end of the calendar year.

Members of the congregation: If you would like to donate a salad or dessert for this event, phone the church office. You'll be contacted about what/when/where.





✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$1,535 for FLC and \$52 for FLS. We also received a charitable Giving Grant of \$650! Visit (www.Thrivent.com/choice) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say “Choice Dollars.” Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the 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!** (We happily utilized (6) Action Teams toward various activities for our July 12 Anniversary Event.) 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 and in-person events pop up periodically. Guests are welcome! Please feel free to share these events with your friends, family, and community.

Cindy Eggersgluess – 612-840-6308 / eggsgluesscindy@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!

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 612-840-6308
eggsgluesscindy@gmail.com

This month, we're looking for faith stories about: How has your "giving" affected your faith?

~ Home Grown ~

If you have extra garden produce this season, please consider preserving it for upcoming Homegrown meals at First Lutheran School. Examples – extra green beans could be blanched and frozen..... or zucchini could be grated and frozenuse quart bags please. Also, date and identify the bags. Please contact Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 with any questions.

~ Stewardship Message ~

LCMS Stewardship

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"Define Your Life by How You Give"

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Winston Churchill reportedly said that "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For, giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living have on us. When we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, "How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others?" to asking the question, "What have they done for me lately?" We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, nor do we become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the Divine Nature. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

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

~ Mat Makers - Serving Jesus by Serving Others ~

Tuesdays, August 11 & 25 at 1:30 p.m.

Please join us in making plastic mats for the homeless.

News Update: Pig's Eye Park Homeless Camp to Be Bulldozed

The City of St. Paul and Mayor Her have announced all homeless camps in the city will be bulldozed in August, beginning with the largest at Pig's Eye Park near downtown on August 5. This is the homeless camp where over 200 of our First Evangelical Mat-Maker mats have been distributed by LCMS Minnesota South District "New Freedom Mission."



In the past, bulldozing camps was the way the city of St. Paul dealt with its homeless population. Before Mayor Kaohly Her was elected in November 2025, she promised to address the city's homeless problem with new and humane procedures. Sadly, she is using the same old technique: announcing a deadline for bulldozing without concrete plans for where the people without housing will go. Some of the people will be helped by social workers; some by private relief agencies. Most will not. There are only a very few rooms or beds in shelters available for the hundreds displaced people. They will pack up what they can carry — and then scatter. Some will die.

A Prayer for the Homeless LSB 848, stanza 2

Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make them whole.
Amen.

All of our mats are lightweight. They are crocheted with a sturdy, attached handle. The mat can easily be rolled into a log shape and carried over a shoulder, freeing up hands for other things. Most people without housing will continue to be homeless — just in another place.

Dr. James Seemann and the faithful volunteers at New Freedom Mission will find them and continue to be in contact with them. Mat-Makers of First Evangelical Lutheran will continue to make mats. See New Freedom store facebook for more details

Please pray with us, stanza 2 from LSB 848.





"Gifts of Love"

Do you have a plan for distributing your earthly assets to those you love when you the Lord calls you to your heavenly home. Does your plan include your spouse and children? Does your plan include your church or other ministries that are dear to you? There are professional, Lutheran gift counselors who can help you in making your plan. They will show you how you can:

- Share your faith
- Minimize taxes
- Benefit your family
- Make a lasting impact on ministries you love.
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There is no charge to you for their gift planning help. **Go to lwmlgiftplan.org to learn more.** Carol von Soosten is the Gift Planning counselor for our area.



Some Bible Verses about Food and Clothing

You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. *Joel 2:26*

He grants peace to your borders and satisfies you with the finest of wheat. *Psalms 147:14*

He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. *Psalms 111:5*

The righteous eat to their hearts' content, but the stomach of the wicked goes hungry. *Proverbs 13:25*

I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor will I satisfy with food. *Psalms 132:15*

"So do not worry, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them." *Matthew 6:31-32*

And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow? They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his splendor was not dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grasses of the field, which is here today and tomorrow thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you – you of little faith? *Matthew 6:28-30*

Happy August Birthday!

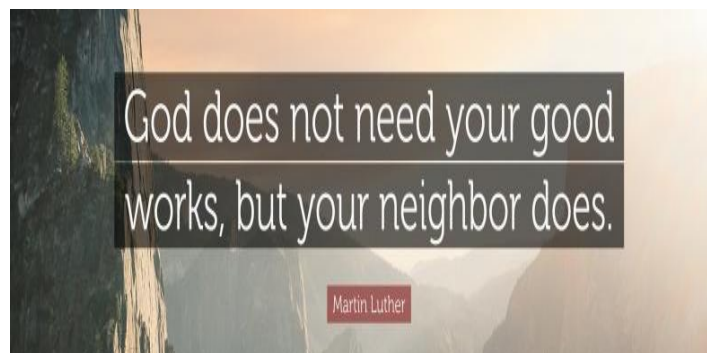
to Lutheran Women in Mission honorary member **Harriet Bergs.**

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



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

For questions and / or to share your Time, Talents, and Treasures, please contact the church office, or where a contact person is noted. 864-5522 or office@1stglencoe.org



Jobs:

CHURCH SCREENS – Designing and/or Presenting
CONTINUOUS READING OF THE BIBLE ALOUD
(You can also see Cindy E. or the signup sheet at church.)
FELLOWSHIP HOUR – Sun., Sept. 6 is open.
GREETER
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER / ASSISTANT / HELPER
TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
USHER (You can also see Dennis Wolter.)

Item Donation:

CLEAN GRASS CLIPPINGS
(Please leave by the school garden.)
HERITAGE SUNDAY FLORAL ARRANGMENT
(You can also see Dennis Wolter.)

Monetary Donation:

\$40,000 MATCHING FUND
QUILTS OF VALOR
RADIO BROADCAST (Month of November is left.)



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.

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 to the left.

Please note, we now have this option because Facebook will only keep videos on-line for a very limited time.



July 12, 2026 – 150th Anniversary Worship Service & Meal Celebration Recap

Members of First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glencoe joined former members, friends, and guests on Sunday, July 12, to celebrate the congregation's 150th anniversary with worship, music, fellowship, and thanksgiving. The celebration began with pre-service music at 9:30 a.m., followed by a special worship service at 10:00 a.m. To mark the historic occasion, the service opened with the ringing of 150 bells and followed Divine Service, Setting 3, a beloved traditional liturgy.

Music was a highlight throughout the morning. Small groups, the handbell choir, instrumentalists, and the Senior Choir shared special selections during both the pre-service and worship service. More than 40 current and former choir members combined their voices for the celebration, while the congregation filled the sanctuary with joyful hymns of praise.

Adding to the beauty of the sanctuary were floral displays in historic baskets, as well as covered pews with colorful quilts and sleeping mats handcrafted by church members for donation to organizations serving those in need.

A total of 492 people attended the anniversary worship service. The Rev. Vue Lee of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Minnesota South District delivered the special message. First Lutheran pastors Rev. Dan Welch and Rev. Michael Ewert officiated the service and read the Scripture lessons. Offerings were gathered in historic "pole" baskets.

Following worship, 325 guests gathered for a festive meal prepared and served by congregation volunteers. The menu included pulled pork sandwiches, German and traditional potato salad, coleslaw, sauerkraut, spaetzle, and a variety of homemade desserts donated by members. Commemorative placemats featuring historical information prompted table conversations and the sharing of cherished memories.

Outside, approximately a dozen members displayed their classic vehicles, with models ranging from 1931 through 2000, adding another special touch to the day's festivities.

Throughout the church, visitors enjoyed beautiful decor, historical displays, and memorabilia highlighting the congregation's 150-year history. Heritage and ministry videos played in the sanctuary, and guests were among the first to view a newly completed confirmation photo display and a commemorative 150th anniversary quilt.

As a keepsake of the celebration, every attendee received a handcrafted cross made by members of the congregation. The anniversary also provided an opportunity to reconnect with many familiar faces. Members were pleased to welcome back former pastor Rev. Vance Becker and his wife, Linda, along with their daughter, Carol, and granddaughter. Also returning were Norita Kath and her daughter, Kristina, as well as many former members, friends, and neighbors from the surrounding communities.

Warm sunshine and beautifully landscaped church grounds, filled with colorful flowers in full bloom, provided a picturesque backdrop for the day's celebration as members reflected on 150 years of God's blessings and the congregation's ministry in Glencoe.

The anniversary was both a celebration of First Evangelical Lutheran Church's rich history and a joyful expression of gratitude to God for His faithfulness through generations. As the congregation looks ahead, it remains committed to its mission of "Sharing Christ and Changing Lives" for years to come.

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 Gardeneing activity hosted by McLeod County Extension Master Gardeners



Power of Produce tokens for kids and seniors every week



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

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!



Find us on
facebook

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

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! Family memberships are just \$140. 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 Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308. We appreciate your continued support of live entertainment!

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!

Bucket of Thanks SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION!



Annual Farm Fatigue Event

The Glencoe & Hutchinson Area Chambers of Commerce

What's Farm Fatigue?

- Each fall, Agri-Business Committees collect donations from Chamber Members to support farmers during harvest. An estimated 300 buckets get filled with food, wellness, and safety items to hand-deliver to farmers in the field—a gesture they truly appreciate!
- Buckets are delivered throughout McLeod County to show our farmers how much they matter to our community and economy.

How You Can Help:

- Donate items in quantities of 150 or 300
- Give a monetary donation — \$100 or any amount — to help purchase items

Suggested Items:

- Snacks
- SPF Products
- Safety Gear
- Bottled Sports Drinks/Water
- Comfort & Care Supplies
- On-the-go Essentials

Consider Donating Today!

Questions?

Contact Hutchinson Area or Glencoe Chamber



320-587-5252
info@explorehutchinson.com
44 Main St. S Hutchinson



320-864-3850
president@glencoechamber.com
1107 11th St E Suite 104 Glencoe

Music in the Park

Hosted by the Glencoe Lions

Oak Leaf Park Shelter #2

Rain or Shine
6:30-8pm

Bring a chair and enjoy
the music!

July 8th- Gruber Family
Sponsored by Johnson McReids Funeral Chapel

~ 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!



Shirts are still available!

\$15

EXACT CASH OR CHECKS
WRITTEN TO FLC

**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

AND movin' GROOVIN' WITH JESUS

**JOIN US FOR A
NEW WAY TO
VBS!**

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

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**HUMAN
FOOSBALL**

**TEAM
OBSTACLE
COURSE**

**WATER BIG
BASE**

**SINGING &
DANCING**
OPTIONAL

**BOZO
PANTS
CATCH**

**GIANT YARD
GAMES**

**PK - 8TH
GRADE!**

**STAY TUNED FOR
REGISTRATION
DETAILS!**

AUG 16-18 | 4-6PM

CALLING ALL soon-to-be 5th Graders!

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



Acolyte
SIGN UPS



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



Happy 150th Anniversary! 2026 – a year to reflect on our history and heritage, celebrate God’s abundant blessings, and recommit ourselves to our mission of *sharing Christ and changing lives*. Our theme for this special year is **Hebrews 10:22–24**, with the tagline **Worship • Community • Confession**.

Event & Activity Updates:

- **We hope you** were able to attend the special 150th Anniversary Worship Service & Celebratory Meal on July 12th (see recap article in this newsletter).
- **Hand-crafted crosses** are still available in baskets at the entries. Be sure to grab one and feel free to gift to others!
- Have you picked up your **Church Pictorial Directory and Historical Recap (1876–2026)**? **Extras are available for purchase for \$20**. They can be picked up in the office.
- **View the Historical Display** tables. **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 is still one more time slot available (Nov 9-Dec 13).
- **Were you able to answer** any of the OPEN QUESTIONS stated on the July 12th **table placemats**?
- Have you written and deposited **your prayer** for First Lutheran’s **NEXT 150 years**?
- Might anyone **volunteer to make delivery to Lutheran Social Service in Willmar**? In June, we collected **120 items for the Youth Shelter Safe House**.
- Special **Anniversary T-Shirts** remain available for \$15. We invite you to wear this shirt around the community!
- Have you made a special “Anniversary Thanksgiving” **contribution** to First Lutheran? Please do **it soon to take advantage of the generous match** made available through anonymous donors. **Receive a “I’m Part of the Legacy” pin with every donation of \$150 or greater**.
- Have you viewed the **Anniversary Quilt**? The **Confirmation Display**? The **Display Board** in the north Fellowship Center?
- **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**.
- We’re still contemplating a **Pet Parade, Time Capsule, and Hymn Sing! Interested in helping?**
- **Monthly “150th” Calendars**: Have you **picked up** your August calendar page? Make sure to get one each and every month. Each month features a historical photo, highlighted service activities, daily prayers, significant historical moments, and other events.
- **Congregation in Prayer**: Each weekday at **1:50 p.m.** (in honor of our 150th year), we invite you to pause wherever you are and join fellow members and friends in prayer. Short prayers are shared on the monthly calendar handout.
- **Abundant Blessings Drive** – Each month, we’ll hold a drive for a different organization. Throughout **August**, we’ll gratefully accept donations of gently-used eyeglasses. Coming up in September, we’ll collect Baby Supplies for Hope Pregnancy Center of Willmar.
- **Heritage Sundays**: On the **second Sunday of each month**, we hold a Divine Service featuring various elements of our Lutheran heritage: historic liturgies, hymns, and treasured traditions from our past. Vintage collection plates are used, vintage floral arrangement baskets (you may sponsor one in honor or in memory of someone), attendees are encouraged to dress in old-fashioned attire (hats are available to borrow for this service), and we close each service singing the doxology in German. If you or someone you know might be **interested in singing or performing special music**, please let us know. **August 9th will be our eighth Heritage Sunday!**
- Four **videos** have been uploaded to our YouTube sight. Anytime, you can watch these previously presented videos – **The Bell, Buildings & Properties, Silent Stories Tour, First-Half 2026 Events & Activities**.

We especially wish to thank all volunteers who helped prepare for and work at the July 12th Event. Many, many labors of love were given. Consider how you might participate in more ways during the balance of 2026!
-150th Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs, Cindy Eggersgluess and Dennis Wolter.

Can you help? (1) With Bible Reading on August 13th (2) Many volunteers needed for Oct 9 Blood Drive.

Handmade Little Crosses Recap

Thank you to the many individuals who hand-crafted crosses for our 150th Anniversary! We were delighted by the wide variety of styles and designs. We affixed a tag that commemorated it for our July 12 event (thank you volunteers). Each person who attended received one of these crosses as a special keepsake to remind them of Christ's love and faithful presence.

Thanks to the generous number of crosses that were donated, we were also able to share them with the Flames of Faith children, recipients of quilts sent to Venezuela and Ukraine, area Care Centers, the St. Paul homeless encampment recipients of the plastic mats, families attending School Parent Information Night, and in the church visitor bags. Many crosses will continue to be available in baskets near the church entrances, so please feel free to take one and share it with others!

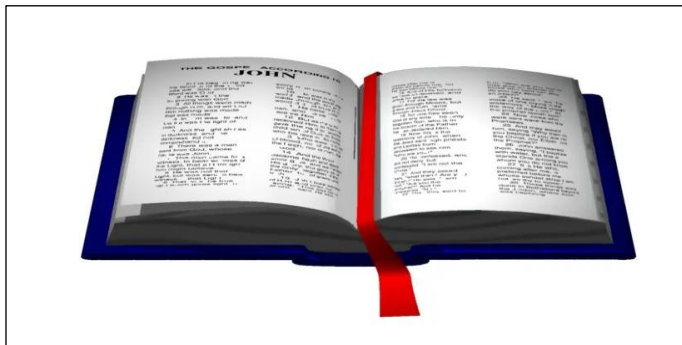
The following is a list of donors. We apologize in advance if we inadvertently missed anyone. Thank you to:

	Qty Made
Sharon Storms	150
Tony Storms	23
Amy Welch	49
FLS Students	124
Loren Engelmann	160
Brenda Birkholz	4
Bonnie Teschendorf	51
Joyce Schiroo	27
Cindy Hoese	12
Sue Engelmann	266
Dave Wolff	2
Les Engelmann	111
Mary Mielke	95
Sandy Kunkel	11
Tyle Schauer	73



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

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





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 Archives August, you will hear recorded sermons from past years.

Aug 2 **"Why Jesus Told Parables"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Effective communicators tell stories to make a point. Hear how Jesus' parables point us to Himself. (Mark 4)

Aug 9 **"Extreme Neighborliness"** with former Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Gregory Seltz](#). Jesus is the ultimate "Good Samaritan," the unlikely Rescuer who binds our wounds, carries us to safety, and pays the price through His cross. (Luke 10:25-37)

Aug 16 **"Look at Me"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). God hears our cry for justice, not as an indifferent judge, but as our merciful heavenly Father. (Luke 18:1-8)

Aug 23 **"Real Riches"** with former Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Ken Klaus](#). It's not wrong to have possessions, but to love anything in such a way that it takes the place of God is spiritually deadly. (Luke 12:15)

Aug 30 **"Tell Me a Story!"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer](#). God lavishly sows the seed of His Word. Responses vary. (Mark 4:1-20, 26-34)

Become a KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporter

Our 2026 Sponsor Campaign has been reached. **"To God be the Glory"**! As of July 23, we have received \$5,218.00 or 102 % towards our goal of raising \$5,096.00 for the 52 broadcasts in 2026.

New contributions received will be used towards the 2027 Lutheran Hour broadcasts and KGLB Lutheran Hour broadcast promotion ads and postage/misc. office expenses. 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.



- July 12 150th Celebration of FLC
- August 18th| Preschool Orientation
- August 26 | K-8 Back to School Event
- August 30 | Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sept. 1st | 1st Day of school
- Sept. 13th Education Sunday
- September 16 | Parent Information Night



Rooted in Christ

The nation wide LCMS school theme for next school year is "Rooted in Christ" based off of Colossians 2:6-7, May we be Rooted and built up in Christ in 2026-27.



\$200 for free!

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



6th Annual Golf Tournament

Join us for the 6th annual golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 19th at the Glencoe Golf Course! Tee Time is at 1:00! A meal for golfers will be included. Stay tuned for more information coming out soon to register your own team! Not a fan of golfing? No worries - you can sponsor a hole!



Together we pray for:

- Our teachers and other staff that they may have a restful, rejuvenating, and relaxing Summer.
- All the people who are traveling this summer, that they may reach their destinations safely and enjoy God's creation!
- The people in our area who are without a church home, that they may be moved by the Holy Spirit to find a church that fulfills their spiritual needs and that we might be courageous enough to share God's Word with them.
- All parents who are seeking a Christian education for their child, that they may choose First Lutheran
- Good weather that the gardens and crops may flourish!
- Safe travels and a smooth transition for Our New Staff members.

thank you

- Travis Uecker, Connor Donnay, and Bill Ewert for getting our floors ready for next school year!
- Gary Schauer and Loren Engelmann for working on tedious school upkeep projects
- Board of Education for their continued efforts in ensuring the Christian faith is being taught at First Lutheran
- Michelle for all of her hard work in the school office
- Jaylene Miller with helping with financials for both School and Church



Flames of Faith Summer Kids Club

The summer kids club has been off to a great start! Every day the students have a Devotion as they continue to grow in their faith. The kids enjoy time outside playing and building up a community of believers! 4-H comes in once a month to do activities with them. This summer they are going to Lava Island, the Minnesota Zoo, Highland Park, the Glencoe Police Dept., Glencoe Fire Dept, McLeod County Fair, Can Can Wonderland, Stages Theater and more! They continue going to the Glencoe Pool twice a week as a refreshing afternoon in the hot summer heat! Since these kiddos are always so busy playing, they work up quite an appetite! If you feel led to donate, Madi is always looking for snacks to feed them. Here are things the kiddos like:

- Juice
- Fruit
- String Cheese
- Popcorn



Blessing of the Backpacks

Students and their families are invited to attend the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, August 30th at First Lutheran. They can bring their backpacks to the front of church where our congregation will say a prayer over them for the upcoming school year!



Come and See our new Signs!

Flames of Faith

Flames of Faith also offers before and after school care for all students age 5 through 6th grade. They are available from 6:30-7:30 am and 3:00-6:00 pm. If you would like more information, please reach out to Mrs. Madi Mathews at flamesoffaith@1stglencoe.org

School Staffing:

Homeroom

- **Mr. Miller:** Principal
- **Mrs. Hoffmann:** Preschool
- **Mrs. Donnay:** Kindergarten
- **Mrs. Ewert:** First Grade
- **Mrs. Willett:** Second Grade
- **Miss Goff:** Third Grade
- **Mrs. Miller:** Fourth Grade

Middle School

- **Ms. Lilienthal:** 5th grade homeroom and 5-8 Social Studies
- **Mr. Edmison:** 6th grade homeroom and English
- **Mr. Lilienthal:** 7th & 8th grade homeroom and 5-8 Science

Extras

- **Mrs. Eng:** Preschool-8th music and choir
- **Mrs. Petterson Aide PS/K**
- **Mrs. Mathews Aide PS**
- **Mrs. Weidendorf Aide 1/2**



Fall Sports

Stay tuned for more information on the following fall sports. (All sports are subject to change based on interest).

- K-3 Soccer
 - 3-8 Cross Country
 - 4-8 Volleyball (team availability based on interest)
- Mr. Lilienthal | Athletic Director



Musical Park

The outdoor musical park is here for everyone to enjoy! During COVID, it was great to release some energy at a musical park in Buffalo, Minnesota. That is when the idea sparked. In 2021, we started researching, writing grants, getting permissions, and started a memorial fund. Music is good for the soul, the brain, the heart, the senses, for our memory, and to promote joy. This musical area will help with emotional and social connections, communication skills, build creativity, and is accessible. We would like to thank our contributors Bruce and Linda Donnay; Rich Valley Township; Crow River SnowPros; the Board of Education - First Lutheran fundraisers; and our anonymous congregational members. Thank you to Jayson and Charity Neubarth for covering the installation cost and Thrivent for covering the cement cost. Praise the Lord while you are tapping on the 5 drums, the Duet, the Yantzee, or the Melody Bee. We hope that you will stop by soon to check it out and continue to come and play! Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Psalm 98:4

This is year 150 for First Lutheran and we want to continue to share Christ and change lives.

~ Some Pictures from the 150th Anniversary Celebration, page 1 ~



These are three Divine Service Officiants: **Rev. Vue Lee**, Liturgist – Senior Pastor Rev. Daniel Welch, and Lector – Assistant Pastor Rev. Michael Ewert.



Guest Preacher, Rev. Vue Lee delivered a wonderful message. Note the beautiful floral display in the historic basket, provided by Dawn Schauer of Milkhouse Flowers.



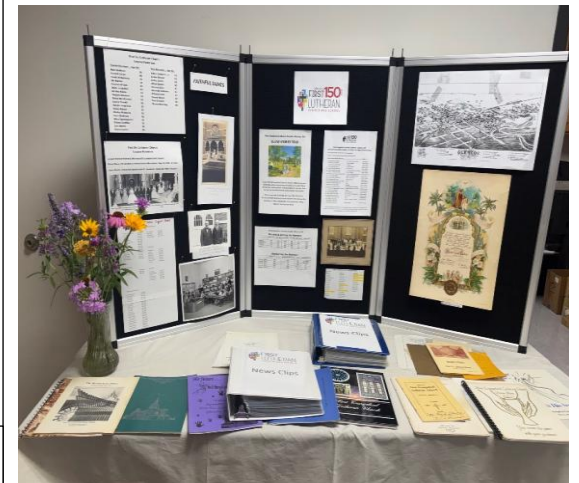
Here is a bird's eye view of the sanctuary from the church balcony. 492 people were in attendance! If you look closely, you can see the quilts and plastic sleeping mats on the back of the pews. All were donated to those in need.



Offering was collected in the historic pole baskets. This has been the tradition for the 2nd Sunday of the month "Heritage Sundays," as well as singing the Common Doxology in English and then in German at the end of the church service.



The reorganized Handbell Choir, under the direction of Rev. Michael Ewert, played "The Church's One Foundation" during the preservice special music and then "Holy God We Praise Thy Name" during the offering. Also featured were organ selections "Trumpet Voluntary in D" and "Amazing Grace" while another organist played "St. Anthony Chorale. There was also an Instrumental Trio who featured "Highland Cathedral."



This is an example of one of the many 150th Anniversary displays. Not pictured is the new Confirmation and Saturday School classes display easel. It is located on the west side of the church.

~ Some Pictures from the 150th Anniversary Celebration, page 2 ~



On Sunday morning, the Senior Choir, joined by previous members and guests, sang "My Strong Word" after the first Bible Reading. Two other small groups sang "150 Years in God's Amazing Grace" and "Thy Word" during the preservice special music.



This is an example of the beautiful landscaping provided and attended by Dennis Wolter and other volunteers.



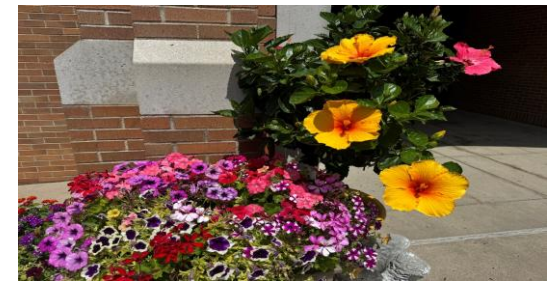
Many, many volunteers came together to plan, cook, set up, serve, and clean up. Pictured are (1st row) Jeanne Polzin, Chloe Donnay (2nd) Lars Ide, Isaiah Nikolaisen, Carrie Donnay, and (3rd) Dan Nikolaisen, Keenan Dummer.



Pictured is the 150th Anniversary Quilt assembled by members of the Quilted Ladies. It is hanging on the west side of church by the ramp. The quilt makers were Linda Donnay, Sharel Hoops, RaNay Lentsch, Ida Rutske, Joyce Schiroo, and Madrienne Weber. Pictured are RaNay and Joyce.



Above is the 150th Anniversary Meal. Food featured was pulled pork sandwiches, German and regular potato salad, coleslaw, sauerkraut, and desserts. A free will offering was taken.



These are some of the beautiful outside flowers.



This is an example of the table centerpiece designed and set up by Myrna Frauendienst and her sisters. The ladies also provided many inside church decorations.

																																									
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