



First Ev. Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter 2026



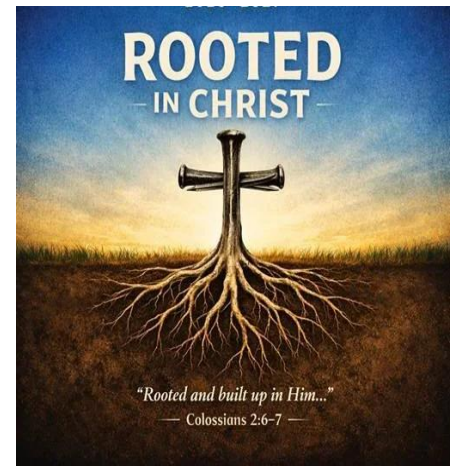
Rooted in Christ

One of my favorite things about September is admiring the trees as their leaves gradually change color. The beautiful red, orange, amber, and golden foliage make for an amazing spectacle.

In order for a tree to grow big and tall and produce such lovely leaves in the fall, it's essential for it to have deep, healthy roots. Not only do roots deliver water and nutrients to the rest of the tree, but roots keep the tree from falling over. When high winds blow, the roots keep the tree secure.

Speaking of roots, in Colossians 2:6-7 Paul writes, **"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."**

To be "Rooted in Christ" means that Jesus, the Promised One of God, is our anchor, our foundation, and our Savior from which we draw our spiritual sustenance, faith, and salvation. To be "Rooted in Christ" means we draw our life from the living Root - Jesus Christ.



In addition to awe-inspiring leaves on strongly rooted trees, the month of September also brings with it a new year of Christian education at First Ev. Lutheran Church and First Lutheran School. No matter how young or old, big or small you are God wants you to continue to **"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"** (2 Peter 3:18).

In order to grow in your faith in Christ, it's essential that you remain rooted in Him. Much like roots are imperative for a tree, developing roots of faith are a necessity for us. When we're deeply rooted in Jesus, we are able to endure when hard times come. When we're deeply rooted in Jesus, our faith is being fed and sustained by Him!

God works to root us deeply in Jesus through His Word and Sacraments. In Baptism, we are rooted in Jesus as it says in Colossians 2:12: **"having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead."** Through hearing and reading God's powerful Word, we continue to receive essential "nutrients" for our faith. As Jesus Himself says in quoting from the Old Testament of the Bible, **"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"** (Matthew 4:4).

We are blessed with so many opportunities to grow in our faith and remain strongly rooted in Christ our Savior both at our church and our school! We have Sunday School for all ages, Catechism (Confirmation Classes) for grades 5 through 8, Youth Bible Studies, LWML, Men's and Women's Bible Studies, Religion Classes, New Member Classes and more! Please see the church calendar and other parts of this newsletter for much more information!

God's Blessings to you in this new year of Christian Education as together we will continue to be rooted in Christ!

*In Him,
Pastor Dan Welch*

Coming Soon...

Your New Money Mindset

This series of sermons and Bible classes lays out a countercultural and **biblical** approach to managing our relationship with money. It makes a compelling case that being wise and generous with money leads to greater joy, less worry, and a world more the way God intends it. *Our New Money Mindset* will help us break the persistent desire for more in our consumer-driven society and ask us to reach for something better - a peace that we have enough, enough for ourselves and enough to share.

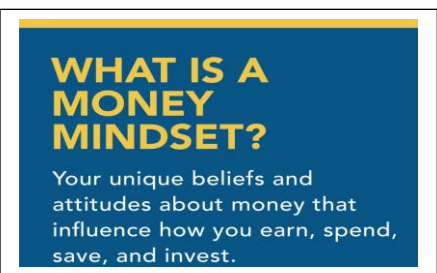
If you find yourself wrestling with credit-card debt you can't pay off, or a car you can't afford, or a house worth less than you owe on it - you'll find help over the next few weeks. If you long to feel more satisfied at the end of each day, if you want more out of life than the fleeting gratification of another purchase - this series is for you. If you want to help family and friends break free from debt and consumerism *Our New Money Mindset* will help.

The sermon lineup is as follows:

Week one (September 20th): **A Satisfied Mindset**
Week two (September 27th): **A Steward's Mindset**
Week three (October 4th): **A Servant's Mindset**

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study plans are as follows:

Week one (September 20th): **Overcoming Consumerism**
Week two (September 27th): **Why Does God Give Money?**
Week three (October 4th): **Biblical Truths about Managing Money**



Plan to be a part of these very practical sermons and classes. You'll be glad you did!

From Assistant Pastor,
Rev. Michael Ewert

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Does anyone remember film photography? You take your picture and hope it comes out alright, but you have to wait to get it developed and printed. And then you have the negative. A physical hard copy that doesn't change.

Today we take so many digital photographs with our phones, but we barely print them. I have thousands of pictures and only a couple of hard copies. And think of the time we spend editing them. Trying to make ourselves look good, or the scene just right. Then there is Photoshop, so that you can't really believe some pictures at all, as people digitally alter reality.



Today it goes even further with AI. It is certainly artificial, but it is definitely not intelligent. Now we can have images that look real but lack any truth. I've never been to the moon, and I certainly wouldn't last long there without a space suit, but here I am.

And images like that capture life today. Life that seems solid and real but actually rests on nothing. We lack grounding today. The foundations the world offers are not enduring or stable; they change, and they have changed throughout time. Job, money, success, fame, pleasure, family, hobbies, none of these will provide a sure foundation. There is only one who can: God.

And he does provide. We heard it a few weeks ago from Matthew 16: "He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God! What a rock to stand upon. He is the founder and perfecter of our faith, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hopefully it doesn't seem too long ago that we heard Rev. Vue Lee share this verse from Hebrews with us, reminding us that even in a celebration and an anniversary we may be tempted to take our eyes off of Jesus and trust fallible foundations. But Jesus is the sure foundation.



I took several pictures on the anniversary with a film camera. Those pictures will not change over the years. They may fade eventually, but they depict what happened, and they will not change.

Greater still is our God, whom we worship and adore, who changes not. He made his love manifest on the cross for you. And that love endures through all things.



Speaking Christ,

Pr. Michael Ewert

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Deacons

Sun., Sept. 6	8:00 AM *	Tyler Mielke, Dean Dahlke
	10:30 AM	Brian Grochow, Cullen Hoffmann
Sun., Sept. 13	8:00 AM	Mike Cisewski, Doug Dahlke
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Justin Petterson, Lars Ide
<i>Education Sunday</i>		
Sun., Sept. 20	8:00 AM *	Dean Scheele, Mark Schmidt
<i>1st Day of S.S.</i>	10:30 AM	Will Freberg, Tanner Schafer
Sun., Sept. 27	8:00 AM	Lenny Donnay, David Polzin
	10:30 AM*	Justin Petterson, Kermit Terlinden

* Denotes Service with Communion

Acolytes

Sun., Sept. 6	8:00 AM *	Emerson Edwards, Matthew Iddings
	10:30 AM	Nora Cohrs, Axel Gruber
Sun., Sept. 13	8:00 AM	Piper Polzin, Brooklyn Grochow
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Emerson Edwards, Matthew Iddings
<i>Education Sunday</i>		
Sun., Sept. 20	8:00 AM *	Danica Vinkemeier
<i>1st Day of S.S.</i>	10:30 AM	Axel Gruber
Sun., Sept. 27	8:00 AM	Brooklyn Grochow
	10:30 AM*	OPEN

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Greeters

Sun., Sept. 6	8:00 AM *	Dave & Betty Witthus
	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., Sept. 13	8:00 AM	Emme Neubarth, Lina Oelfke
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Lina Oelfke
<i>Education Sunday</i>		
Sun., Sept. 20	8:00 AM *	Dave & Betty Witthus
<i>1st Day of S.S.</i>	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., Sept. 27	8:00 AM	OPEN
	10:30 AM*	OPEN

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Fellowship Hour

Sun., Sept. 6	Dave & Betty Witthus
Sun., Sept. 13	Day School
Sun., Sept. 20	Deacons
Sun., Sept. 27	150th Anniversary Committee

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Sunday School Assistants

Sun., Sept. 6	No Sunday School
Sun., Sept. 13	No Sunday School
Sun., Sept. 20	
Sun., Sept. 27	

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Sound System

Sun., Sept. 6	8:00 AM *	Glenn Cohrs
	10:30 AM	Steven Schauer
Sun., Sept. 13	8:00 AM	Kevin Cohrs
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Grady Schuff
<i>Education Sunday</i>		
Sun., Sept. 20	8:00 AM *	Andrew Mackenthun
<i>1st Day of S.S.</i>	10:30 AM	Lynn Exsted
Sun., Sept. 27	8:00 AM	Lynn Exsted
	10:30 AM*	Tyler Schauer

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Screen Presenters

Sun., Sept. 6	8:00 AM *	Chloe Donnay
	10:30 AM	Tyler Schauer
Sun., Sept. 13	8:00 AM	Willa Polzin
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Annabelle Freberg
<i>Education Sunday</i>		
Sun., Sept. 20	8:00 AM *	OPEN
<i>1st Day of S.S.</i>	10:30 AM	Jeri Bennett
Sun., Sept. 27	8:00 AM	Gemma Goff
	10:30 AM*	OPEN

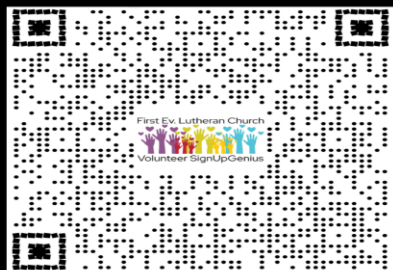
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Sun., Sept. 6	either	Andrew Mackenthun
Sun., Sept. 13	either	Robert Schuff
<i>Heritage Sunday and Education Sunday</i>		
Sun., Sept. 20	either	Pam Ahlbrecht
<i>1st Day of S.S.</i>		
Sun., Sept. 27	either	Linda Ranzau

Facebook Live

Sun., Sept. 6	either
Sun., Sept. 13	either
<i>Heritage Sunday and Education Sunday</i>	
Sun., Sept. 20	either
<i>1st Day of S.S.</i>	
Sun., Sept. 27	either



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 August 20

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and affirmed the August minutes from each of the individual Boards at the August 20th meeting.

The following actions were taken:

- ☐ Approved the Christian Education Board to enter a 30-day trial period for the group subscription using "Planning Center" software.
- ☐ Approved Cullen Hoffman filling open deacon position.
- ☐ Added the name of a baptized infant that was inadvertently left off, to retrospectively update the 2020-2021 fiscal year annual report list of baptisms.
- ☐ Approved increasing the emergency replacement/repair total that Trustees can authorize without requiring special Voters' Assembly meeting/approval from \$1K to \$10K. The \$1K amount was originally in a resolution from 2015. This recommended change will go to the Voters' Assembly meeting September 29th.

Information reported:

- ☐ A member has offered a \$5K donation to be used as a matching fund.
- ☐ Deaconess Megan Polzin will be reducing time as DCE from 1.0 full time equivalent (FTE) to .8 FTE with some changes in task responsibility.
- ☐ The school gym's insulating material that was dropping debris has been scraped off.
- ☐ Pastor Adelson will return as guest speaker on Sunday, October 10th as part of our 150th anniversary celebration.
- ☐ New communication and reporting software will be used by the school, "School Worx". This will replace the "Fast Direct" system that had been in use, but has gone out of business.
- ☐ Business manager continues to be recruited. One applicant offered position; but declined.

Board of Christian Education August 10

The board discussed Planning Center, the cancellation of VBS due to low enrollment, upcoming events and programs, Sunday School needs, storage concerns, and preparations for the 2027 Mission Trip. Various ministry activities, including the Color Bomb competition, Blessing of the Backpacks, Education Sunday, Sunday School helpers, and busy bags, were also reviewed. A motion was **MADE, SECONDED, AND CARRIED** to move forward with a **0.8 FTE Called DCE position** for our current DCE, Megan Polzin, with modifications to her proposal.

Day School

The Day School Board has been working hard with the church boards to get needed maintenance on the north campus. We are welcoming back many of our teachers this school year and will have some new teachers in the school. Please give them all a kind welcome as they get ready to share Christ with our students. Important Dates: Preschool Orientation is on Tuesday, August 18. Grades K - 8 Registration night is on Wednesday, August 26. Blessing of the Backpacks is on Sunday, August 30 at both church services. First Day of School is on Tuesday, September 1. Education Sunday is on September 13. Parent Information Night is on Wednesday, September 16.

Board of Deacons August 6

The board has been reviewing a policy and procedure for disadvantaged people who may come to FLC seeking help. Board vacancies have now been filled.

Board of Evangelism August 4

The Board of Evangelism met on Tuesday, August 4th, 2026. The board discussed the upcoming 150th table display set for September 14th - October 11th. We began initial planning for the annual Fall Hayride. The board passed the motion to ask the Stewardship Board and the Christian Education Board to see if they would like to jointly do the cards sales fundraiser with the Board of Evangelism. The board passed a motion to help set up and serve refreshments for the Nativities on Display event to be held in December. The board passed the motion to set the date of March 20th, 2027, for the 2nd annual indoor Easter Egg Hunt which will also include the telling of the Easter story. The Board continues to seek names for the Nominating Committee. The board continues to work on updating the greeter guide and duties.

Board of Stewardship August 3

The board discussed having quarterly giving updates that would be read at the end of the church service. Angel Seed was also talked about with the Adopt-a-Student program as a possibility.

Board of Trustees August 3

The board recommended approving the bids for a school dishwasher and cooler. Foster Mechanical will be repairing the rooftop A/C units. Numbering of the church doors will be completed. The east door of the school (east campus) will be repaired.

Security Reminder

This is again the time of year to remember to securely lock your car doors while parked in the church parking lot. Otherwise, someone will put a zucchini (or 2 or 3) in there. (anonymous)



~ October Dates to Keep in Mind ~

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

- ▶ Friday, October 2 – First Lutheran School Marathon
- ▶ Saturday, October 3 @ 9 AM – Cemetery Clean Up
- ▶ Thursday, October 8 @ 7 PM – Cemetery Board Meeting
- ▶ Friday, October 9 – First Lutheran Blood Drive
- ▶ Saturday, October 10 – Fall Hayride and Bonfire
- ▶ Sunday, October 11 – Former Pastor Peter Adelsen will be our Guest Preacher.
- ▶ Monday, October 19 & Tuesday, October 20 – Fall Pastors' Conference in Corcoran, MN
- ▶ Saturday, October 24 from 4 to 6 PM – Trunk or Treat



✓ **Thrivent Choice** Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$1,471 for FLC and \$447 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 Monday – 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 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 need more action teams to use for upcoming Nativity Display event, Giving Tuesday events, Living Nativity Drive Thru-event, and Fall Flowers)

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!

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.

~ Giving Tuesday 2026 ~

#GIVING
TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday
is Tuesday, December 1

GIVING TUESDAY is a global-giving movement that bring millions of people together to support and champion the causes in which they believe and the communities in which they live. We have two days designated for shopping and getting deals – Black Friday and Cyber Monday. GIVING TUESDAY follows and is now on the annual calendar as the opening day of the "giving season."

Every act of generosity counts, and each means even more when we give together. Everyone has something to give. You can give time or expertise, monetary donations large or small, simple acts of kindness, food, or clothing. Stay tuned for how you might **get involved!**

If you have Christmas Cards to donate, please drop them off at the Church office. Also, if you are a Thrivent member with an available Action Team, please let Cindy Eggersgluess know. (We would use the Action Team to purchase postage stamps).

~ Stewardship Message ~

LCMS Stewardship

Stewardship in the First Commandment

Originally published in September 2023

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word "enchiridion" is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for "handbook." The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments.

The First Commandment:

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I)

We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect this belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

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

~ NEW EVENT: Nativities on Display – Saturday, Dec 12th ~

This year, we will hold "Nativities on Display" to celebrate the Story of Christmas. Come experience the beauty and the meaning of Christmas through a unique display of nativity sets shared by members of our congregation and community.

To make this happen, we need exhibitors. See info below - contact the Office or Cindy E. at 612-840-6308 to obtain an Exhibitor Registration Form.

EXHIBITOR INFO:
Please bring your display to church on Friday, Dec 11 between Noon - 5 PM.
To register or to learn more contact Cindy E at 612-840-6308.

Nativities on Display
Saturday, December 12th
Noon - 3:00 p.m.
First Ev. Lutheran Church
925 13th St - Glencoe, MN



During the event, guest will enjoy viewing the displays, reading the stories, listening to Christmas music, sharing refreshments, and participating in a People's Choice vote. There is no cost to participate.

Exhibitors Wanted!



Share Your Christmas Nativity at NATIVITIES ON DISPLAY

• Do you have a nativity that holds a special place in your heart?

First Ev. Lutheran Church invites members of our congregation and the Glencoe community to participate in Nativities on Display, a special Christmas event celebrating the birth of our Savior through the beauty and variety of nativity scenes.

Whether your nativity is a treasured family heirloom, a handmade creation, a unique collection from your travels, or one you've displayed every Christmas for years, we would be honored to have you share it with our community.



Lutheran Women in Mission
will meet **Monday, September 14**
to put the finishing touches on plans for
the Friday, September 25 Salad Luncheon Fundraiser.

Betty Witthus will lead the devotions.
Refreshments will be served.

Guests, new members,
friends are all welcome!

Happy September Birthday!
to Lutheran Women in Mission
honorary member **Eldanna Soeffker.**

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



Some Bible Verses about Salvation

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth,
no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."
"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked.

"Surely, he cannot enter a second time
into his mother's womb to be born!

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth,
no one can enter the kingdom of God
unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

You should not be surprised at my saying,
'You must be Born again.'" ~John 3: 3-7

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!

~2 Corinthians 5:17

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins.

~Ephesians 2:1

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men
to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

~1 Timothy 2: 3-4

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.

But if anybody does sin,

we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense

– Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours,
but also for the sins of the whole world. ~1 John 2 :1-2

Annual Salad Luncheon Fundraiser

Sponsored by Lutheran Women in Mission

Friday, Sept. 25, 2026
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



This annual event is a favorite among the
townspeople of Glencoe!
Many look forward to it year after year!

We encourage our congregation
members who have not attended in the
past to give it a try!

People who need to get back to their
jobs are led to the "quick" spot in the
serving line. To-go-boxes are available
for guests to fill themselves.

Your \$15 donation (many donate
more) includes variety of salads, dinner
roll, coffee and desserts.

ALL proceeds will benefit missions that
proclaim Christ crucified here
at First Evangelical and far away.

If you would like to donate a salad or
dessert for this event,
please give the church office a call.

We'll give you guidelines
on what, when, where.

Annual Christmas Bake and Craft Sale

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026



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.



~ Mat Makers - Serving Jesus by Serving Others ~

Mat-Makers

Tuesdays, September 8 and 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Serving Jesus by providing sleeping mats for God's dear children who need a place to sleep.

Mat-Makers continued making mats throughout the entire summer! With vacations, yard work, summer sports and activities, our sometimes-small group continued to meet to make mats. Other mat makers worked from home. No mats were delivered during the warm months. We were advised to stockpile them for delivery when the weather turns colder. That day will probably be in October or November.

Perhaps you learned from the news that the large homeless encampment where our mats had most recently been used was demolished. That is true. The residents were required to leave. Social workers, police and quite a few dedicated volunteers helped the residents pack up and move out. Only a few beds in shelters were available. Most residents ended up setting up their tents and meager belongings in a different area near the river only a few miles away.

The mats we made are lightweight. They were rolled up like a log, tied securely with ties we had attached, and thrown over a shoulder with the crocheted strap we had securely woven right into the mat, leaving both hands free to carry something else. The LCMS Minnesota South District "New Freedom" mission will continue to provide food, water, and other basic needs which social services do not provide. First Evangelical Lutheran mat-makers will continue making sleeping mats.

At the beginning of this 150th anniversary year, First Evangelical Lutheran Mat-Makers set a goal of "150 mats this year!" That goal is pretty lofty; last year about 80 were made. However, we have become faster, more prolific and more mats are filling the shelves. We expect the pace to pick up in the Fall. We'll keep you informed!

Jesus said, "The poor you will always have with you." Matthew 26:11. It is a privilege to serve Jesus by serving His poor ones who need a place to sleep. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers, you did for me." Matthew 25:40.

*And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so sweet a pleasure be
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified I come. LSB 848.*

~ First Lutheran Events ~



First Edition Book Club

We will be meeting on **September 21, 2026**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the FLC lounge area to discuss the book Chasing Shadows by Lynn Austin.



Future Flames Fishing Contest Meeting

Sun., Sept. 27 at 6:00 p.m.
Church Library



Save the Date

.....Glencoe Living Nativity 2026

Plans are underway for a Drive-Thru **Living Nativity** at Oak Leaf Park in Glencoe on Saturday, December 12, from 5 – 7 PM. The committee, made up of members from Glencoe-area churches, is looking for additional help with organizing this special event. We will also need volunteers to portray Biblical characters (angels, shepherds, wisemen, Holy Family), as well as help with food/beverages, costumes, scene set-up and take-down, traffic control, straw bales, and live animals.

This bi-annual event is a wonderful blessing, giving us the opportunity to celebrate the Christmas story right here in our own community. We hope you'll consider being part of this meaningful and special evening! Contact Cindy E. at 612-840-6308 to get involved!



**American
Red Cross**

DONATE BLOOD **IN HONOR OF FIRST LUTHERAN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Friday, Oct 9 – 9 AM to 3 PM

Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many kinds of patients. All blood types are needed, but the situation is especially dire for type O. The blood supply is now at a four-year summer low. **Donors are asked to take action immediately to help save lives.**

Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've helped. You can also help by encouraging others to give, too!

Farmer's Market

Every Thursday 3-6 pm

Food Trucks -

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

POP 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!

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

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!

Lutheran Night at MN Twins

On Tuesday, August 11, a motorcoach full of Glencoe-area community members enjoyed an evening at Target Field. It was a beautiful summer night to watch the MN Twin take on the Baltimore Orioles, despite the loss.

Several from our group were honored to sing the National Anthem with a choir of Lutherans – what a fun experience! First Lutheran's name was recognized on the Big Scoreboard, too!

Thank you to Thrivent Action Team for helping toward the transportation costs. We were delighted to join with members from Good Shepherd, Christ Lutheran, Immanuel (Brownston), St. John's (Plato), and St. Paul's (Green Isle). We hope the Twins make the playoffs!!!

Go Twins!

*Why are frogs good baseball players?
They're good at catching flies!*



Extra Garden Produce?

If you have extra garden produce that you would like to share, bring it to church and drop it off at the table in the main entry. If any is left over, it will be taken to the McLeod County Food Shelf.

If you would like some fresh garden produce, please check out the table at church!



~ 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
eggsglueescindy@gmail.com

This month's article was submitted by Sandy Templin, who shared an update on her granddaughter, Kali. We praise God with Sandy for Kali's progress and will continue to keep her in our prayers.



My granddaughter, Kali Marshall, was diagnosed with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia on April 1, 2025, and she has been on our prayer list ever since. She has been receiving chemotherapy and treatment at Studer Family Children's Hospital in Pensacola, FL. On April 27, 2026,

Kali was admitted to the hospital for chemotherapy. She developed pneumonia and was taken to the ICU, where she remained for 101 days. Kali was connected to many machines, including an ECMO (advanced life-support machine). Most of her organs were shutting down, and she was heavily sedated while receiving numerous antibiotics. Her immune system was gone, leaving her unable to fight the infections on her own. It was an incredibly frightening time for her entire family.

Although pastors were praying for her in church every Sunday, I felt that I needed additional support. I called Pastor Welch, and he prayed with me one-on-one several times. To me, those prayers were a turning point in Kali's recovery and her steady improvement each day. It truly seemed like a miracle from God!

Kali continued to improve, eventually coming off all of the machines and then beginning rehabilitation. On August 2, 2026, she was transferred to Brook Rehab in Jacksonville, FL. She spent six days there and was released on August 9, 2026. She is now home, but she still needs to go through the maintenance phase of chemotherapy to make sure all of the cancer cells are gone.

We want to thank the church and congregation for all of the prayers lifted up for Kali. We still need to keep her in our prayers as she continues through this next stage of treatment.

All glory bꝛ to God!

~ New Church Membership Classes ~

Our Next New Member Class Is Starting Soon!

"Basic Bible Teachings: An Introduction to the Lutheran Faith" is the name of the new, easy-to-understand, and highly visual resource we will be using for this class.

Chapters Include

- Living with Expectations
- Living with Jesus as Savior
- Living as God's Child
- Living the Christian Life
- Living Forever with Jesus

This 72-page book is specifically designed to teach the basics of the Christian faith from the framework of Luther's Small Catechism.

Whether you are interested in joining our First Ev. Lutheran church family after learning more about the Lutheran faith, or if you just want to brush up on some of the basics of what you were taught in Confirmation classes as a youth, you are warmly welcomed to join us on Mondays at 6:30 PM, starting on September 21st.

Our schedule is as follows:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, September 21 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM • Monday, September 28 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM • Monday, October 5 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM • Monday, October 12 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM • Monday, October 19 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM • Monday, October 26 6:30 PM to 7:45 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter 1: Living with Expectations Chapter 2: Living with Jesus as Savior Chapter 3: Living as God's Child Chapter 4: Living the Christian Life Chapter 5: Living Forever with Jesus Summary and Looking Ahead |
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If you are interested in attending this class, please call or email the church office (864-5522 or office@1stglencoe.org).

~ From D.C.E., Deaconess Megan Polzin ~

ALL catechumens and a parent/guardian are asked to be present for this info meeting. We will try to keep it as brief as possible!

PARENT/ CATECHUMEN INFO NIGHT

Wednesday, September 9th @ 7pm
Church Fellowship Center

✓ Catechism Classes BEGIN
September 16th

✓ Confirmation will be held on
April 25th, 2027 @ 10:30am

✓ Please contact the
church office if you are
unable to attend

Catechism Classes BEGIN SEPT. 16TH



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



EDUCATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INVITES YOU TO JOIN US ON SEPT. 13TH FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR ALL YOUTH AGE 2 - 8TH GRADE. SEE YOU THERE!

PICKUP ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER
15TH BETWEEN 3-6PM IN THE
CHURCH PARKING LOT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH'S YOUTH!

Do you have
yours yet?

Now
\$10!

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays 9am or 7pm

Women of ALL ages are welcome!

8-Week Study: Ask, Seek, Knock
September 8th-October 27th

8-Week Study: Chosen by God
January 19th-March 9th

Both of these are from the Discipleship Series put out by Concordia Publishing House. Please bring your own Bible!

SAVE THE DATE

2027 Sr. High Mission Trip

June 20th - 26th, 2027
+travel days

Talk to or text Megan to hold your spot/ask questions!

At LEAST 1 boy and 1 girl must be signed up by
September 28th in order to have this go through!

*Participants must be 11+
at the time of the trip!

Megan's Cell:
952-232-9844

THANK YOU

...from our 2026
Mescalero
MISSION TEAM!

your financial and prayer
support is invaluable in the
lives of these youth
participants...thank you for
being willing to make a
difference!



pastor Dan Welch,
Deaconess Megan Polzin,
and the Board of
Christian Education



~ Gift Matching Updates ~

CELEBRATING GOD'S PROVISION: DONATION MATCH MET AND SURPASSED

Thank you to everyone who accepted the MATCH Challenge presented earlier last month. Through your generous response, our congregation met the full \$40,000 Matching Challenge, with total matched donations currently at \$51,265. As promised, our anonymous donors joyfully matched those gifts with their contribution of \$40,000, increasing the impact of your generosity. What a wonderful demonstration of God's blessings and the faithful spirit of our church family.

The matching fund support came through a variety of heartfelt contributions:

- The **Flag Campaign**, where members selected envelopes on a large US flag display, marked from \$1 to \$150, provided a joyful and creative way to participate. This campaign brought in \$11,816.
- Other additional gifts were received through **offering envelopes, mailed or in-person donations, online giving, and the "Be Part of the Legacy" campaign** (featuring commemorative buttons available with gifts of \$150 or more). These gifts total \$39,449.

While we celebrate these encouraging results, there is still work to be done. Additional funds are needed as we continue preparing for and celebrating First Lutheran's 150th Anniversary. "Be Part of the Legacy" buttons are still available and may be picked up in the church office with your qualifying gift. These tokens serve as a meaningful reminder of God's faithfulness across generations and the shared commitment of our church community.

A NEW Matching Gift Opportunity!

Earlier this summer an anonymous donor generously pledged to match every added gift made to First Ev. Lutheran Church through a special campaign, up to \$40,000. Thanks be to God, and the generosity of members, this goal was achieved.

In light of this recent campaign, and in hopes of encouraging ongoing generosity, another generous donor has come forward with a new matching challenge of up to \$8,000.

What this means is that 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. (Please note: Match gifts are to supplement, not replace, regular offerings. Your regular weekly/monthly giving is not included for the matching funds.)

Ways to Give

- 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."
- You may also either drop off your specially marked donation in the church office or send it through the mail to the church office.

Let's reach the full \$8,000 match so our combined giving becomes \$16,000 to strengthen our general fund and support our ministry. Thank you for your generosity and partnership in meeting this goal. This matching challenge will end after Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, 2026.

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

(2 Corinthians 9:10-12 -ESV)

~ Miscellaneous Announcements ~



Sunday School REGISTRATION will occur on Education Sunday (September 15th) before or after services. If you can't make it, or wish to streamline the process, please use this QR code to register!

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

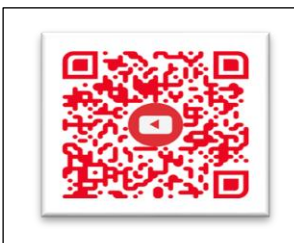
SEPTEMBER ANGEL SEEDS

L. E. R. T.

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 right.

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



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 or tomatoes could be blanched and frozen.....or zucchini could be grated and frozen.....or apples chopped and frozen.....use freezer bags and mark quantity and date. As fall approaches, we can also utilize cucumbers, squash, etc.

Please contact Cindy Eggertgluess at 612-840-6308.

QUILTS OF VALOR

You are invited to donate supplies and / or nominate veterans. Beverly Mackenthun and RaNay Lentsch are continuing to make quilts of valor for all Veterans at First Lutheran.

If you or anyone you know are a veteran, or if you would like to donate materials, time, or funds for this worthy cause, please contact Beverly at (612) 578-1713 or RaNay at 320-510-0804.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

In at least one of the new church directories, page 37/38 is missing. Please check your directory and if this page is missing, please bring it to the church office and we will give you a new one. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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.

ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARIES

For the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

– All church boards, committees, and auxiliaries, please submit your summaries to the church office. Please provide a brief explanation of what your organization does and what your organization accomplished in the past fiscal year. You do not necessarily need to be concerned about the wording. All reports will be submitted to ChatGPT so that all entries are in the past tense and are uniform in structure. If you have questions, please contact the church office. **Please submit by Sept. 30.**

LARGE PRINT LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK

We have a large print edition of the Lutheran Service Book available for sale in the church office. It is brand new and is available for \$54.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC LEADER

The start of Sunday School is quickly approaching and it's always a good thing to have the children learning Sunday School songs and occasionally singing in church. I have not been gifted with those abilities. We are looking for a volunteer to lead S.S. music, as many times and at the time, of your choosing. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with our Sunday School program. ~ Amy Welch



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:

Have you picked up your **Church Pictorial Directory and Historical Recap (1876–2026)?**
Extras are available for purchase for \$20.

(Reminder, if you had your picture taken for the Directory, they are free.)

Directories can be picked up in the office.

- **View the Historical Display** tables. **Altar Guild** has Aug. 10-Sept. 13, **Evangelism** has Sept. 13-October. 11, and **Lutheran Women in Mission/Quilters** have Oct. 12-November 8. There is still one more time slot available (Nov. 9-Dec. 13).
- Might anyone **volunteer to make delivery of Abundant Blessings Drives to Willmar?** Items collected for the **Youth Shelter Safe House** and **Hope Pregnancy Center** need delivery.
- Special **Anniversary T-Shirts** remain **available for \$10**. We invite you to wear this shirt around the community!
- **Have you seen the “I’m Part of the Legacy” pins?** Donors of \$150 or greater to First Lutheran can receive this special Anniversary memento.
- Have you viewed the **Anniversary Quilt?** The **Confirmation Display?** The **Display Board** in the north Fellowship Center?
- **Continuous Bible Reading:** On August 13, we completed “Round 3” of Reading the Bible Aloud (15 hours - from Judges through 2 Chronicles 14). Please join the growing list of participants and watch for the next reading date. One reader stated, **“It is a great honor to read God’s Word in a place where I worship Him!”**
- **Care Center Anniversary Services** were held at Grand Meadows and Glenfields/Orchard Estates in August. We repeated much of our July 12th service so everyone could take part in this memorable and special worship service..
- The Lutheran Women in Mission **Salad Luncheon is Friday, September 25th from 10:30 – 12:30.**
- **Make your appointment to GIVE BLOOD** on October 9 from 9 AM – 3 PM (see details in newsletter).
- The **Trunk or Treat** is Saturday, October 24 from 4 – 6 PM.
- **Giving Tuesday** is Tuesday, Dec 1.
- The **Outdoor Living Nativity** AND **Indoor Nativity Display** are both set for Saturday, Dec 12th..
- **Monthly “150th” Calendars:** Have you **picked up** your September 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. In July, we collected 92 toothbrushes, 72 tubes of toothpaste, 3 mouthwash, 69 packs of dental floss, and 90 dental picks for Lutheran Social Services Oral Health Drive. Throughout **September**, we’ll gratefully accept donations of 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. **September 13th will be our ninth Heritage Sunday!**
- Have you watched the four **videos** that were uploaded to our YouTube site? Anytime, you can watch these previously presented videos – **The Bell, Buildings & Properties, Silent Stories Tour, First-Half 2026 Events & Activities.**

-150th Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs, Cindy Eggersgluess and Dennis Wolter.

The poster is decorated with various autumn-themed illustrations. At the top left is a large red and orange oak leaf. Next to it is a branch with yellowing green leaves. To the right are two acorns on a stem. Further right is a cluster of small orange berries. On the left side, there is a cluster of small purple berries, a branch with red berries, and a branch with dark red leaves. On the right side, there is a single orange maple leaf and a large orange maple leaf at the bottom right.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

SALAD

Luncheon

FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 25
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

- **VARIETY OF SALADS**
- **HOMEMADE DINNER ROLLS**
- **DESSERTS**
- **COFFEE/BEVERAGE**

SUGGESTED DONATION \$15

Takeouts & Express Line

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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 September you will hear the following sermon topics:

Sep 6 **"Come and See"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). The Book of Nature can open your mind to the possibility that God is real. The Book of Scripture, the Bible, goes further, like a friend who's been there. John 1:46

Sep 13 **"Forgiveness Is a Non-Negotiable"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). In God's family, forgiveness is non-negotiable. It's not up for debate because forgiveness is what makes us who we are. Matthew 6:12

Sep 20 **"High Bar to Clay Jar"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). In Jesus, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone else. Instead, we are free to better appreciate them. Matthew 20:16

Sep 27 **"Teachable"** with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). To be a disciple is to be a learner. Jesus loves you enough to make you teachable. Matthew 21:31

Share your news of the KGLB Lutheran Hour broadcast with friends!

Have you told a friend about the KGLB Lutheran Hour broadcast? We are at the end of summer. School is starting, fall is beginning. Now is a good time to tell a friend about the 7:00 am Sunday broadcast of the Lutheran Hour heard on KGLB.

As we begin fall, the KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters are sharing news of the broadcast with KGLB listeners (with 30 second radio ads) on three Saturdays: August 29, September 5, and September 12. You will hear a total of (10) 30 second ads on KGLB on each of the Saturdays between 6 am and 6 pm.

Rev. German Novelli, speaker for the Spanish language Lutheran Hour program Para El Camino and Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour speaker, are heard in the radio ad encouraging KGLB listeners to listen to the Sunday morning KGLB Lutheran Hour broadcast.

We air the ads on three Saturdays at the end of summer and on the first three January Saturdays after the Christmas Holiday Season. Are you interested in sponsoring end of summer and after holiday radio ads? When you send a contribution, note that you would like to help support the KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast radio ads.

Become a KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporter

The 2027 KGLB Lutheran Hour Broadcast Sponsor Campaign begins October 1st. 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.



Flames of Faith Extended Care is a before and after school program for your school aged child to attend. After school, the students do homework, enjoy a snack, and play with friends while still being immersed in a Christian setting. If you have any questions about the program, please reach out to the director, Madi Kokoruda | 320-298-2546



2026-27 Theme



**SCHOOL
YEAR
THEME**

principal@1stglencoe.org



Security & Doors

For safety and liability reasons, doors will be locked during the school day. If you need to get into the north building and the day has started please ring the Doorbell and someone will open up the door for you. In the south building (PS-Grade 2) the open door will be the front entrance by the church office (south side). All parents and visitors should check in at the office before proceeding to classrooms. Students arriving in the north building before 7:35 am will need to wait on the steps inside by the office.

Thank you!

You're Invited!

Parent Informational Night

Our Parent Informational Night will be on Wednesday September 16th, from 5:30-7:00 PM in your child's homeroom classroom. During this time, teachers will be going over classroom expectations, important parent notes, and so much more! We ask that at least one parent from each family attends this event.

Teachers will have 3 different sectionals, each lasting approximately 20 minutes:

5:30-6:00
6:00-6:30
6:30-7:00

Thank you in advance for coming out. This really helps make our year run smoother!

First Ev. Lutheran School | 1015 14th St. E, Glencoe MN 55336 | 320-864-3317

Ongoing Fundraisers

If you haven't already, check out some of our great ongoing fundraising opportunities! Bread labels, Box Tops for Education, and Thrivent Choice Dollars are just a few. New this year, we are collecting Menards Rebates. If you're a frequent at Menards and get their 11% rebate, but don't want to cash them in, bring them to FLS and we will send them in for you! Thank you to those of you who are already utilizing these resources. They are a great way to continue to support First Lutheran with no added expense to you!



Fast Direct has gone out of Business.

We will still use their text messaging for now, until we get another APP or message center -set up with SCHOOLWORX

We are changing over to SCHOOLWORX.

Please be patient as we make the transition with grades, lunches, tuition and all that goes with learning a new technology system.



Upcoming Events

- **Sept. 1** | First Day of School |
- **September 4** | No school
- **September 7** | No school
Labor Day
- **September 13** |
Education Sunday | K-8 Sing in
church at 10:30am |
- **September 16** | Parent
Information Night | 5:30-7:00
- **September 16** | Picture Day
- **September 19** |
Golf Fundraiser 1:00pm
- **October 2** | School Marathon

Thank you

- All the parents and families who have made the commitment to bring up their children in a God pleasing way by having them attend FLS.
- Michelle Alsleben for handling most of the new family inquiries, dealing with SCHOOLWORX and hot lunch requirements (including workshops and piles of paperwork) and the multitude of other demands that fall on a school secretary.
- The teachers who have worked tirelessly preparing for the upcoming school year.
- The staff at church who make the entire First Lutheran operation run smoothly.
- Gary Schauer, Josh and Matt Oelfke for their hard work fixing things, painting, scraping and putting in the Music in the Park.
- Bill, Connor, Tom, and Travis who have worked hard to wax the floors and prepare the school for students.

Thank you!



Please Pray For:

- Our school and church as we partner together to share the love of Jesus in a world that thinks it is not necessary.
- The Hoffmann's as they are expecting any day now! Looks like it is 50/50 Boy or Girl... Speaking of BABIES...We have alot of 3's and 4's in Preschool and alot of those Mom's are pregnant or just had another baby...WOW! Growing FLS
- Our teachers and staff as they prepare for the year, that they may lean into the Word for a Christ-centered classroom.



1st Trimester Chapel offerings

The first trimester chapel offering are going to Common Cup ministries. Common Cup Ministry is a nonprofit organization that unites local churches to serve individuals who often slip through the cracks of traditional aid systems. Through a voucher-based assistance program, local churches and dedicated volunteers provide not only financial support but also spiritual and emotional care. The ministry is guided by a board of directors representing member churches and the local Ministerial Association, and it benefits from the insight of an Advisory Council. Together, they work to address immediate needs while planning for a more compassionate and connected future.



School Lunch

Lunch & Breakfast:

K-8: Free
Milk: \$0.40 @ 20 for \$8
Seconds: \$1.25 @ 20 for \$25
Adult: \$5

*Lunch and milk must be paid with a separate check since the Hot Lunch is totally self-supporting and not connected with congregation funding.



7th and 8th Grade Year! Looking Back -we all remember some of our Junior High Years. Some were great, and some we fell flat on our face. But that is the JOY of learning and growing up. These students will have a tremendous year to grow, to fail, to learn, to experience all that God has planned for them. As they prepare for Confirmation, Graduation and High School I hope we stop and enjoy this time, as they go off to Wolf Ridge and we learn Religion, Science and Math-as we eat and play with friends and we bond with our sisters and brothers and Mom and Dad and Grandparents. Above all we want to stay ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST and remember what he has done for us -so that we can have everlasting life. Mr. Miller

American Red Cross



Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.

Give blood.

Blood Drive **First Lutheran Church**

Fellowship Hall
925 13th St E
Glencoe, MN 55336

Friday, October 9, 2026
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