



First Ev. Lutheran Church Monthly Newsletter 2026



“IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THIS...”

If someone were to ask you, “What do you believe about God?” or “Why do you go to church, anyway?”, how would you respond? Whether it’s in a casual setting among friends or family, or even if the question were to be posed to you from “out of the blue” by a complete stranger, what would you say? “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have,” God tells us in 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV). So what do you say to someone who asks you about the hope you have? In other words, what do you believe?

The simplest, and perhaps best, answer is: **“Jesus Christ is Lord!”**

In the Large Catechism, Martin Luther writes, “Yes, the entire Gospel (good news) that we preach is based on this point (**Jesus Christ is Lord**), that we properly understand this article as that upon which our salvation and all our happiness rests. It is so rich and complete that we can never learn it fully.” (Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, CPH 2006, p.402)

Every Sunday in worship we speak together in the Creed what it is we believe about our Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Most especially, we confess with brief, concise words what we believe about Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity. These words can be an enormous help to us at all times, and particularly when someone asks us about our faith.

In the Large Catechism, Luther also has these helpful words of advice, “Now, if you are asked, ‘What do you believe ... about Jesus Christ?’ answer briefly, ‘I believe that **Jesus Christ, God’s true Son, has become my Lord.**’ ‘But what does it mean to become Lord?’ ‘It is this, He has redeemed me from sin, from the devil, from death, and from all evil....’ ‘The little word ‘Lord’ means simply the same as “redeemer.”’ (ibid., p. 400)

Everything else we believe and confess about Jesus and what He has done for us serves no other purpose than to explain how we are redeemed, that is, how we are purchased and won from sin, death, and the power of the devil. It’s all done for us through the person and work of **Jesus Christ our Lord.**

This is what it all comes down to: **“Jesus Christ is Lord.”** That’s what our faith is all about. This is what we believe, teach, and confess. This is what we hold most dear. “Jesus Christ is Lord.” Simple enough for a child to understand, yet in the words of Luther, “so rich and complete that we can never learn it fully”!

“But in your hearts **set apart Christ as Lord.** Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

“²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead **our Lord Jesus**, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, **to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**” (Hebrews 13:20-21- ESV).

*In Christ,
Pastor Dan Welch*

Fall is here, I love seeing the leaves transition from green to their beautiful reds, oranges, and yellows! **Psalm 19:1** "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." **Ecclesiastes 3:11** "He has made everything beautiful in its time." It is especially beautiful when you see the overlook and a forest lay before you with trees of all colors.



But it also makes me think of two things the world denies first the fall of mankind and second that we are God's creation. When people hear the word "fall" I think the first thing they think of is a season which started on September 21st. But I do not think they think about what St. Paul writes in **Romans 3:22b-23**, "For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

People recognize that there is something wrong in this world. But no one can agree how bad it is or what the solution is. Everyone just gets along does not work no matter your age. The world tells us that people are inherently good and with just a little help everything will be all right.

But that is not true. The problem starts with me; I am a sinner who looks out for my own interest. And until I see my needs I will be lost and hopeless. But St. Paul continues, "and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith." This is the first lie the world tells us.

The second lie is just as bad, when we look at the beauty of God's creation, do we recognize it as creation? We talk of nature and natural things, but do we see our place as a creation of God. The world is impersonal. If there is no God no creator then we are just the products of random chance. There is no purpose to being here. There is no beauty. There is no good. It takes the color out of reality and makes us a bunch of animals just living on this planet until we die. We have to be the ones who determine our meaning and purpose. But there is no room anymore for God. It's a bland hopeless existence. **Psalm 14:1** The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."



But St. Paul answers this too, Colossians 1:16-17 For by [Jesus] all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

God created you! What a joy we hold onto! God is our refuge and strength when the lies of the world assault us. If you have ever struggled with these questions or others like it I invite you to our Men's Bible Study on Tuesday nights as we see the lies the world tells us and how the Word of God responds giving us a reason for our hope.

I hope as you see the leaves begin to turn that you remember how you are a created, redeemed, and loved Child of God. Blessings in the beginning of fall (the leafy kind)!

Speaking Christ,
Pr. Michael Ewert

Deacons

Sun., Oct. 4	8:00 AM *	David Polzin, Doug Dahlke
	10:30 AM	William Freberg, Dan Nikolaisen
Sun., Oct. 11	8:00 AM	Mike Cisewski, Lars Ide
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	_____, Kermit Terlinden
Sun., Oct. 18	8:00 AM *	Lenny Donnay, Lars Ide
	10:30 AM	Will Freberg, Roger H. Schmidt
Sun., Oct. 25	8:00 AM	Brian Grochow, Tanner Schafer
	10:30 AM*	Justin Petterson, _____

* Denotes Service with Communion

Acolytes

Sun., Oct. 4	8:00 AM *	Audrey Schafer, Natallie Schafer
	10:30 AM	Levi Weidendorf
Sun., Oct. 11	8:00 AM	Audrey Schafer, Brooklyn Grochow
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Mason Ortloff
Sun., Oct. 18	8:00 AM *	Emy Neubarth, Natallie Schafer
	10:30 AM	Annabelle Freberg, Levi Weidendorf
Sun., Oct. 25	8:00 AM	Audrey Schafer, Brooklyn Grochow
	10:30 AM*	OPEN, OPEN

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Greeters

Sun., Oct. 4	8:00 AM *	Dave & Betty Witthus
	10:30 AM	Emerson Edwards
Sun., Oct. 11	8:00 AM	OPEN
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	OPEN
Sun., Oct. 18	8:00 AM *	Dave & Betty Witthus
	10:30 AM	OPEN
Sun., Oct. 25	8:00 AM	Mason Ortloff
	10:30 AM*	OPEN

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Fellowship Hour

Sun., Oct. 4	Senior Choir
Sun., Oct. 11	Deacons
Sun., Oct. 18	Evangelism
Sun., Oct. 25	Christian Ed.

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Sunday School Assistants

Sun., Oct. 4	OPEN, OPEN
Sun., Oct. 11	OPEN, OPEN
Sun., Oct. 18	OPEN, OPEN
Sun., Oct. 25	OPEN, OPEN

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Sound System

Sun., Oct. 4	8:00 AM *	Glenn Cohrs
	10:30 AM	Steven Schauer
Sun., Oct. 11	8:00 AM	Kevin Cohrs
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Grady Schuft
Sun., Oct. 18	8:00 AM *	Andrew Mackenthun (radio)
	10:30 AM	Lynn Exsted
Sun., Oct. 25	8:00 AM	Glenn Cohrs
	10:30 AM*	Tyler Schauer

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Screen Presenters

Sun., Oct. 4	8:00 AM *	Chloe Donnay
	10:30 AM	Tyler Schauer
Sun., Oct. 11	8:00 AM	Willa Polzin
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	10:30 AM *	Annabelle Freberg
Sun., Oct. 18	8:00 AM *	Brittney Wolff
	10:30 AM	Jeri Bennett
Sun., Oct. 25	8:00 AM	Gemma Goff
	10:30 AM*	OPEN

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Camera

Sun., Oct. 4	either	Andrew Mackenthun
Sun., Oct. 11	either	Robert Schuft
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>		
Sun., Oct. 18	either	Pam Ahlbrecht
Sun., Oct. 25	either	Linda Ranzau

Facebook Live

Sun., Oct. 4	either
Sun., Oct. 11	either
<i>Heritage Sunday</i>	
Sun., Oct. 18	either
Sun., Oct. 25	either

**VOLUNTEERING? LOOK TO CHURCH CENTER!**

As a way to streamline our volunteer sign-ups we are integrating Church Center Services. This allows us to more easily see who has signed up and when. It is a free app but like the Sign-Up Genius you can access it from your phone, computer, or even through the office.

Pr. Ewert has been working on integrating it and so if you have any questions please speak to him or send him an email and he will be able to help you set it up and access it. We will also soon have a sheet that will explain the process. This is something we are continuing to work on so if you run into any problems we thank you for your patience.



~ Church Council Summaries ~



Church Council September 17

The Church Council reviewed, discussed, and affirmed the September minutes from each of the individual Boards at the September 17th meeting. In addition to hearing reports from the Boards and affirming minutes, **the following actions were taken:**

- Approved application for a different credit card for the organization.
- Approved recommendation from the Trustees, for lease of new church copier/printer.
- Approved use of the Fellowship Center as schedule allows, for school children to eat lunch on some days of each week, until acoustics in the gym are improved.
- Approved to bring to next Voters' Assembly the Nominating Committee's recommendations and the termination and receiving of members since May 2026.
- Changed next Council meeting date from October 15th to October 22nd to avoid meeting during MEA break.

Discussion was held related to the following:

- Safety concerns related to having the East lower-level school entry doors at the church open during funerals. Some signage suggested to post during funerals for bathroom access apart from the school area. Accessible entry is available for South and Southwest church entry areas; but some obstacles and distance from parking lot to get to the one small ramp opening on south parking lot curb.
- Employee handbook wording to comply with local, state, federal applicable laws – new Paid Family Medical Leave act effective Jan. 1, 2026 in Minnesota.
- Acoustical remedy for the school gym now that the loose and falling prior sound insulating material has been removed. Contractors with experience in acoustical (sound level) corrections will be evaluating and making recommendations. The sound level is too high for any extended time in the gym.
- New format Board Finance expenditure reports were distributed. Statistical reports were distributed as available from the new church software: Planning Center.
- Continuing to recruit Business Manager position via multiple posting venues.

Board of Christian Education September 14

The Christian Education Board discussed upcoming baptisms and ordering Cradle Roll supplies. The Board also discussed Planning Center, Sunday School helper sign-ups, and moving some youth activities into the church building. Planning continued for Trunk or Treat on October 24 and Ignite beginning October 19. The meeting ended at 7:24 p.m.

Day School Board September 8

School board welcomes 118 students to First Lutheran School. SchoolWorx will be the new communication platform for enrolled families, replacing FastDirect that went out of business. We are working hard with Trustees and executive board to update the school's acoustics, bell system, doors and security to make the school safer for students and staff.

Board of Deacons September 3

The board continued reviewing a policy and procedure for disadvantaged people who may come to FLC seeking help. Working to fill board vacancies expected in 2027. Started to review 2027 worship schedule.

Board of Evangelism September 9

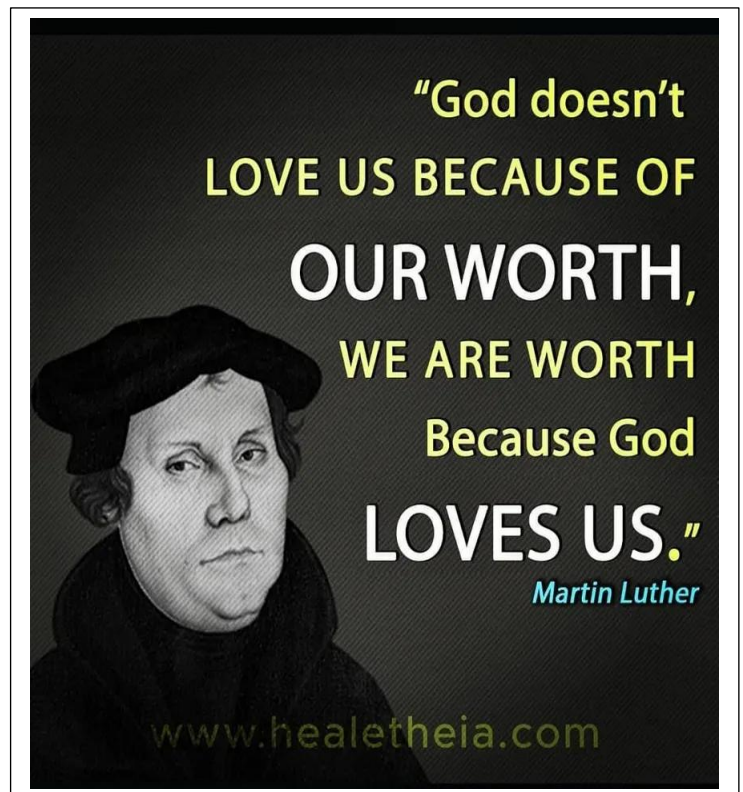
The Board of Evangelism met on Wednesday September 9th, 2026. The board discussed the details of the upcoming Hayride on October 10th at the Robert and Gina Schufft residence. The time of event will be 4:30 p.m. through sunset. Hotdogs, chips, and bars will be served. There will also be smores and hot chocolate. The board will have their 150th Anniversary display set up from September 14th until October 11th highlighting our main events as well as past major events. The board continues to work on the Greeter guide. We continue to seek willing individuals to nominate to serve on our board.

Board of Stewardship September 14

The board met on September 14 and discussed several upcoming activities and ministry opportunities. Discussion regarding the greeting card fundraiser, Planning Center giving, and the Stewardship mission was tabled until the October meeting. The board set the Fall Appreciation Meal for November 8 at 11:00 a.m. Plans were also discussed for an Estate Planning Seminar, which was tentatively scheduled for November 8 in conjunction with the Fall Appreciation Meal, pending the speaker's availability.

Board of Trustees September 8

The board approved a new lease for the church copier. Concerns over the noise level in the school gym and possible solutions were discussed. A request was made for the youth to use room 111 as their meeting space. Discussion was held on keeping the east doors of the school locked for safety purposes when there are funerals or other events during the school day. This would not allow access to the elevator.





✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$25 for FLC. 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. **Order your kit and let Cindy know – she can organize a group assembly build for Giving Tuesday.** .

✓ **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!** (**Thank you to several members who have already stepped forward**). All Thrivent members have 2 Action Teams each calendar year! 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 / eggsglueesscindy@gmail.com – Your Congregational Volunteer

Mat-Makers and friends will be delivering over 70 warm sleeping mats crafted from recycled plastic bags along with warm clothing and boots to the homeless encampment on Randolph Street and Shepard Road in St. Paul.

As you may have heard in the news, the former encampment near Pig's Eye Lake Park was recently bulldozed by the city of St. Paul. There were only a few safe spots available in shelters. Most of the residents packed up and moved their meager belongings to the Randolph Street encampment. It is now regularly serviced by the "New Freedom Mission" of LCMS Minnesota South District.

In addition to sleeping mats, items specifically needed are:

- Warm Coats
- Warm Boots
- Suitcases, duffle bags, large backpacks
- Warm sweatshirts

You may drop off your items at the Fellowship Center between now and October 18. Items can be used but should have lots of wear left in them.

Please: no other items, no children's items at this time.

Any First Evangelical Lutheran member is welcomed to join the Mat-Makers to make this delivery. You will NOT GO ALONE. Several frequent mission volunteers will be leading us.

The ground is uneven. You should wear strong walking shoes and "work clothes." As you deliver the mats and clothing, you may visit a little with the residents. Tell them you know the people who made these mats and brought these warm clothes - Christians who love Jesus and want you to be warm this winter. You may ask them if they would like you to pray with them. Ask them their names and what they would like you to pray for. You may sing a familiar hymn. Singing gentle hymns about Jesus often calms some of the residents struggling with mental illness.

See New Freedom Store Facebook for more information and photos.

Phone the church office if you'd like to be a part of this delivery.

MAT MAKERS -- NEED CROCHETERS!

Tuesdays, October 13 and 27 at 1:30 p.m.

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

First Evangelical Lutheran Mat-Makers continue making sleeping mats at a faster and faster pace! The bag smoothers, folders, cutters and loopers have become more proficient! The donated bags are regularly POURING in! (Thank you very much, donors!)

What we NEED is more CROCHETERS. If you can crochet with yarn or string, then you can also crochet with the plastic "plarn" made by Mat-Makers. There are only 2 simple stitches necessary: "chain-stitch" and "single-crochet-stitch." You will need a large crochet hook – about the size of your finger. The "plarn" handles little differently than yarn you are familiar with, but you will soon get the feel of it.

If you are a crocheter or know of a crocheter who would like to serve God from the comfort of your own recliner by crocheting a sleeping mat for one of His dear children who need a place to sleep, then please do it! We'll supply you with all the plarn you need and we will show you how. It's a great pastime for the winter months. You will be nice and cozy when your partially completed mat is laying on your lap as you stitch while watching the leaves fall or the snow blow outside your window. And you can pray that the receiver of your mat will know the love of Jesus when he uses it.

LCMS Stewardship

"It's in the Way that You Use It"

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Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom. It's all in the way that you use it!

LCMS Church Worker Wellness

October is Church Worker Appreciation Month! There are countless ways for individuals to express appreciation and for congregations to show love and gratitude for their church workers. Here are simply a few ideas: Pray for your pastor, deaconess, Lutheran school teachers and other called church workers serving in your midst. Write a handwritten note of encouragement. Give a gift — whether big or small, a simple gesture of remembrance goes a long way. For even more specific ideas, visit thelc.ms/appreciation. What a gift when congregation and church workers mutually encourage each other, so that the Gospel may spread and that faith may grow among us all (*Romans 1:12*).

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



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

Monday, October 5 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting will begin with devotions.

We will continue making plans for the Annual December 5 Christmas Bake and Craft Sale, similar to previous years. Jeannie Polzin will lead a short program.

Refreshments will be served. All women of the congregation are welcomed to attend!

There are no
October Birthdays.



SOME BIBLE VERSES ABOUT FAITH

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. *Hebrews 11:1*

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. *Hebrews 11:6*

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. *James 1:5-6*

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. *Colossians 2:6-7*

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. *Ephesians 2:8*

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. *Galatians 3:26*

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. *2 Timothy 3:14-15*

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.



PEACE IN HIS PRESENCE A Podcast for Women Michelle Diercks

Does your heart become
distracted by anxious,
overwhelming thoughts?

Does that distraction have
you forgetting who you
are as God's child?

Find out how you can rest in God's promises
and receive the peace of His presence.

Michelle is an author, speaker and Bible teacher
whose mission is to help you do just that.

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~ First Lutheran Church and School Events ~

	<u>CONTINUOUS READING OF THE BIBLE</u> Thursday, October 1 <i>Just a few spots are left to sign-up. Thank you, Everyone!</i>	Join Us For 	<u>TRUNK OR TREAT and GERMAN MEAL</u> <i>(Meal is in the Fellowship Center.)</i> Saturday, Oct. 24, from 4 PM to 6 PM, church parking lot To host a trunk, donate candy, and/or for questions, please contact the church office.
	<u>FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL MARATHON</u> Friday, October 2 12:30 p.m.		<u>Save the Date</u> <u>.....Glencoe Living Nativity 2024</u> 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!
	<u>FIRST LUTHERAN CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY!!</u> Saturday, October 3 at 9:00 AM		
	<u>HANDBELL CHOIR RINGS AGAIN!</u> Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.	Also that day: Nativities on Display at First Lutheran 	
	<u>TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES</u> MEN's at 6 p.m. – South Fellowship Center WOMEN's at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. – North Fellowship Center		
 American Red Cross	<u>DONATE BLOOD</u> <u>IN HONOR OF FIRST LUTHERAN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY</u> 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. 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! All donors will receive a free \$15 e-gift card!	   THRIVENT FINANCIAL®	<u>GIVING TUESDAY</u> - Christmas Cards & Thrivent Cause Kits On Giving Tuesday, Dec 1st, we'll be writing Christmas cards for our shut-ins and area Veterans. We'll begin at 10 AM and go until about Noon. It's a fun project and we can use many volunteers! If you have cards to donate, please drop them off in the Church office. Coffee and pastries will be served! Thrivent Members can order either a Solar Light or a Water Filter Kit. Each kit is free and contains necessary build materials, assembly instructions, and a return mailing label. Kits can be ordered online at www.thrivent.com. If you order your kit and would like to assemble this as a group, please let Cindy Eggersgluess know. We could work on this in the early afternoon. More opportunities will be available and announced in November newsletter.
	<u>ANNUAL FALL HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE</u> Saturday, October 10, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Robert & Gina Schuff's Farm, 44612 180th Street, Arlington		
	<u>SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER!</u> Sunday, October 11 We welcome former pastor, Rev. Peter Adelsen, who will be preaching for us!	 Sunday, October 25 	
	<u>FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB</u> Monday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m. FLC lounge area Book for discussion: <u>Just Once</u> by Karen Kingsbury.		
	<u>NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u> Wed., Oct. 21 Deadline for the Newsletter is always on the 21st of the month. This ensures that the deadline is easy to remember and that the Newsletter can be prepared in time for the Sunday before the 1st of the month.		
	<u>OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL</u> Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. (Normally Council is on the 3rd Thursday. This is a change for October due to M.E.A. Break.)		

~ Sharing Your Time, Talents, and Treasures ~

BUSINESS MANAGER RECRUITMENT

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

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

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

NEW \$8,000 MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY!

In light of this summer's \$40,000 Gift Matching campaign, and in hopes of encouraging ongoing generosity, another generous donor has come forward with a **new matching challenge of up to \$8,000.**

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.



This challenge will end after Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26th.

OCTOBER ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

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!

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.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT THE HISTORIC CLOCK OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH OFFICE

Dennis Wolter is responsible for winding this historical clock.
If you notice an issue with it, please let Dennis know.
He is taking care of the maintenance for the clock.

(Larry Stepien, who used to care for this special clock,
asked Dennis to see to its care. Dennis will be taking the clock
in for repair, should you happen to notice its absence.)

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS

The **Nominating Committee** is asking for your help to fill the following Boards: Christian Education, Day School, Deacons, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Trustees.

We need any member interested in volunteering, to first prayerfully consider, then if you feel it is your calling to volunteer,
Call President Roger Schmidt @320-864-6523.

This is a great way to serve your Lord with your time and talents and becoming involved with the day-to-day operations of this Church.

Thank-you, Roger



QUILTS OF VALOR

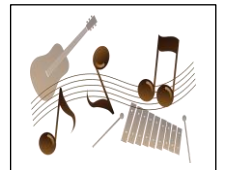
You are invited to donate supplies and / or nominate veterans. Beverly Mackenthun and RaNay Lentsch are continuing to make quilts of valor for all Veterans at First Lutheran.



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC LEADER

Sunday School has started and it's always a good thing to have the children learning Sunday School songs and occasionally singing in church. 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



#GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 1

GIVING TUESDAY is a global-giving movement that brings 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).

GANDY DONATIONS!

We will be passing out loads of candy at our annual Trunk or Treat event on October 24th (4-6pm). Thank you so much for helping support this outreach opportunity.

~ Miscellaneous ~



Disney PIXAR
**INSIDE
OUT 2**

OCTOBER

BIG SCREEN BIBLE STUDY

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
OCTOBER 11TH**

COME WATCH INSIDE OUT 2 WITH US!

6:30-8PM @ THE LIGHTHOUSE

PIZZA WILL BE SERVED, SO

YOU MUST RSVP ON THE CHURCH APP

IMPACT: OCTOBER 18TH

BLAZE: OCTOBER 25TH

(6:30-8PM @ THE LIGHTHOUSE)

**Rummage
& Bake Sale** 2026

Thursday, October 15th 4 p.m.—8 p.m.

Friday, October 16th 8 a.m.—8 p.m.

**Saturday, October 17th 8 a.m.—noon
(\$3.00 Bag Sale)**



**Huge
Sale!**

Infant through Adult Clothing & Shoes

Toys Books Furniture

Household Items +++ Much Miscellaneous

Taking donations Oct 10 until noon Oct 13

Volunteers: Please sign up when you can help at www.martinlutherhs.com



Martin Luther JR/SR High School

**315 Martin Luther Drive Northrop, MN
4 miles north of Fairmont & 1/2 mile west www.martinlutherhs.com
Honoring Christ...Welcoming All**

Come to the LWML
Chicken Dinner

**Sunday, October 11
11 AM to 1 PM**

**St. James Lutheran Fellowship Hall
1000 Sixth Avenue, Howard Lake**

**Suggested Donations
of \$15 or more will go to
support mission projects**

Serving: Baked Chicken, Dressing, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Buns, Coleslaw, Apple
and Pumpkin Pie



Shop the Country Store for all kinds of goodies

Dine-in ~ Take-out ~ Drive-Thru

Homegrown! It's A Good Thing!

As we utilized all previous Farm to School Dept. of Ag. grant monies, we are once again applying for another future grant. Stay tuned for more info on this opportunity. If we receive the award, we will once again utilize the monies to purchase locally grown and raised foods (beef, pork, poultry, eggs, vegetables, fruits) for our school lunch program.

Gardeners continue to be busy harvesting and preserving the last produce of this season. The Farmers Market concludes on October 10th. If you're fortunate to be blessed with friends who are gardeners/farmers, be sure to thank them for sharing their delicious bounty! Fellow Church members are also sharing – check the table at the Main Entrance after Sunday services! We thank all who have donated!

For the September Homegrown meal, we served Sweet Corn (from Seneca) that was dipped in sweet Butter (made from local cows). They also learned that late summer is a busy time for processing sweet corn. The workers at Seneca work very hard and the factory operates 24 hours a day, and 7 days a week. Some of the corn is preserved in cans and some is frozen in bags. By preserving it, we can enjoy delicious sweet corn all year round. Fun fact – a cob of corn has between 500-800 kernels! Thank you to a few of the students who helped Cindy husk the corn – especially Wyatt!

The students also enjoyed Watermelon grown in a New Auburn garden. The melons were sweet and delicious and each weighed more than 20 lbs.

The students also taste-tested the tiniest tomato! It was amusing to see how small this tomato variety (called Candy Land) grows!

If you have produce or recipes to share, please reach out to First Lutheran School Secretary Michelle Alsleben at 864-3317 or Program Assistant Becky Ostlie, or Program Coordinator Cindy Eggersgluess at 612-840-6308 or eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com.

Remember, eat healthy and local -- it's a "Good Thing!"

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!



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.

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 E. 612-840-6308 or eggsgluecsscindy@gmail.com

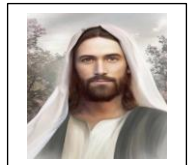
A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl, Shelly. She wanted to know what the United States looked like.

Finally, he tore a sheet out of his new magazine on which was printed a map of the U.S.

Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Shelly and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together. This will show you our whole country."

After a few minutes, Shelly returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted and taped together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then our country just came together!"



Lutheran Night at the Twins

Just a few pictures from our August 11th outing to Lutheran Night at the MN Twins! Consider joining us next year!



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.



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**.

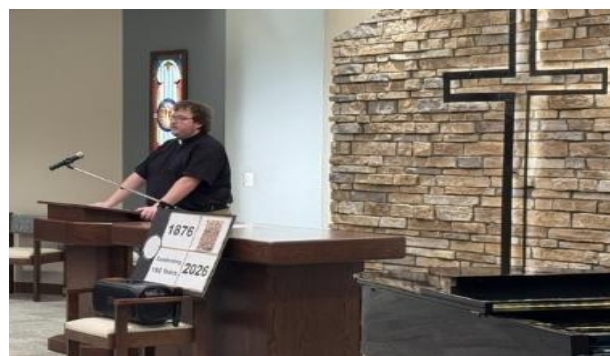
Event & Activity Updates:

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

- **View the Historical Display Table** in the main entry.. **The Evangelism** Board display will run until October 11 and Lutheran Women in Mission/Quilters will follow Oct 12–November 8. The 150th Committee will take the final time slot of the year.
- Special **Anniversary T-Shirts have been reduced to only \$10**. Get yours (or an extra) at this bargain price!
- **"I'm Part of the Legacy" Anniversary memento pins** are still available to donors of \$150 or greater..
- Have you viewed the **Anniversary Banner** hanging over the stairway in the Main Entry? Thank you to Charleen Engelman for locating this banner used in 2021 and updating it with our anniversary year! The **Anniversary Quilt?** The **Confirmation Display?**
- **Continuous Bible Reading:** On October 1, we will gather for "Round 4" of Reading the Bible Aloud. A few time slots remain if you'd like to participate. Or, feel free to come and listen. FLS students will read from 9 – Noon and other volunteers from Noon - 10 PM.
- **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 and the German Meal from .5 – 7 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 October 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 **August**, we collected 24 pair of glasses that were donated to the Lions Eye Glass Donation site. Throughout **October**, it's Pastor Appreciation & Concordia Seminarian Support month.
- **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. **October 11th will be our tenth 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**. In January, we will preset a 2nd-Half 2026 Events & Activities video

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

Here are a few pics from the Anniversary Service held at GlenFields/Grand Meadows! We were pleased to present them with a special service that included some of the features from our July 12 Worship.



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. Please see info below - contact the Office or Cindy E at 612-840-6308 to obtain an Exhibitor Registration Form.

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.

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.



LWML MCLEOD ZONE FALL RALLY



Saturday, October 17, 2026

Registration: 8:30 am with coffee and treats

Rally begins: 9:00 am

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
800 Bluff Street NE
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Use
North
Door

All are
welcome!

Donation baskets
will be set out for
the following:

LWML MN South
District

Mites for Missions

Gifts from the
Heart for McLeod
County
Emergency Food
Shelf. Bring
nonperishable
food items or
cash/check.

Make all checks
payable to LWML
McLeod Zone and
note purpose in
memo line.

Lunch will be
served after the
program.

Please RSVP to:

Gwen Dahl,
320-552-3099, by
October 11, 2026.

**Pastor Biebighauser (Hosanna
Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN)
will speak on "The Importance of
the Table."**

***The Son of Man came eating and
drinking, (Luke 7:34a NIV).***

Bethany Lutheran College and Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary present

The Bjarne Wollan Teigen Reformation Lectures

58th Annual

October 29-30, 2026

Did Luther have an Agenda? Luther's Liturgical Writings

Dr. Joseph Herl

*Concordia University Nebraska
Seward, Nebraska*



OCTOBER 29 — 10:30 A.M.-12 P.M.
Luther's Divine Services

Prof. Dennis Marzolf

*Bethany Lutheran College
Mankato, Minnesota*



OCTOBER 29 — 2:00-3:30 P.M.
Luther's Hymns

Dr. Jon Vieker

*Concordia Seminary
Saint Louis, Missouri*



OCTOBER 30 — 10:30 A.M.-12 P.M.
Luther's Reforms and a
Lutheran Theology of Worship

OCTOBER 30 — 2:00-3:30 P.M.
Discussion

Bethany Lutheran College, Ronald J. Younge Gymnasium
775 Luther Drive, Mankato, Minnesota 56001

Register online: blc.edu/reformation-lectures

Bethany
LUTHERAN COLLEGE

For more information, contact:

Elsa Ferkenstad at 507-344-7354
or email: elsa.ferkenstad@blc.edu



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 October you will hear the following sermon topics:

Oct 4 "**Embrace Life**" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Germán Novelli, who is the Speaker for the Spanish Lutheran Hour Program Para El Camino. Jesus offers His abundant life to people plagued by pain and problems. John 10:10-11

Oct 11 "**Covered**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Proper Attire Required: how God covers us with the robe of Christ's perfect righteousness. Matthew 22:11-12

Oct 18 "**The Heart of the Matter**" with Guest Speaker: Pastor Ryan Tinetti. How do you respond to tough questions about God and faith? Hear how Jesus delivers us from the tightest of tight spots and keeps us from falling into a trap. Matthew 22:15-22

Oct 25 "**Relief**" with Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). You don't have to earn God's favor. It is the relief waiting to find us before we even knew we had a problem. Romans 3:23-24

Computerized KGLB Radio Broadcasting

A few years back KGLB Radio and its affiliate radio stations went to weekend computerized broadcasting for their radio programs. They do not have a person in studio as an announcer (as a "live person announcer") during The Lutheran Hour broadcast. This can be challenging for you the listener, to understand, and frustrating for us to coordinate when the program is not heard on a Sunday morning. Mistakes do happen. If the Lutheran Hour broadcast is not entered correctly into the system the program will not be heard. KGLB radio personnel will not be back in the office until Monday morning.

We try to monitor the broadcast each Sunday morning. The Lutheran Hour program was not heard on KGLB Radio on September 20 and on a Sunday in August. The station was contacted and were told about the problem of not hearing the broadcast. Our sales contact at the station has been very good about giving us credit and not charging for the Sundays when the broadcast is not heard.

Thank you for your patience when human error and computerized glitches do occur. We hope that you will understand.

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.

October, 2026

"Nurturing Spiritual and Academic Growth"

Upcoming Events

- **Oct. 1st** 5-8th Continuous Bible Reading by Students
- **Oct. 2nd** | Marathon |
- **Oct. 5-9th** | Map Testing
- **Oct. 5-6th** |
- Fire Prevention Days- GFD
- **Oct. 9th**
- Red Cross Blood drive
- **Oct. 11th** | FLS School Choir 5-8
- **Oct. 13 and 14th** |
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Oct. 24th** | Trunk or Treat

Thank you

- All the School Board members for their time and dedication to making FLS an affordable and
- acceptable choice for Christian Education in Glencoe.

Custodians and Trustees for the upkeep of our Facilities.

- The Neubarth's for taking care of our Lawns and Field. They make the place look wonderful.

- Pastor Welch and Pastor Ewert as it is Pastor Appreciation Month. Thank you for teaching and leading Chapels.

Thank you!

principal@1stglencoe.org



Please Pray For:

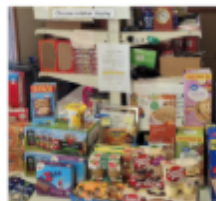
- Our school and church as we partner together to share the love of Jesus in a world that thinks it is not necessary.

School Marathon

- Weather for the Day
- Fundraising for the School Safety and thanks for Police and Park help

SchoolWorx

- for a smooth transition, with learning invoicing, grading, and information needed for Parents, Teachers and Students



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.



Spotlight 7-8

The 7/8th graders have taken a huge step as leaders in our school.

It has been a joy to see them work alongside one another, as well as the younger students.

With confirmation starting this month, adjusting to a new schedule and some new cleases, they have done a great job of adjusting and staying on top of their work.

We will be going on our class trip to Wolf Ridge this February. This will be a great time of fellowship and a wonderful experience for our students! There will be multiple fundraisers coming up to fund this trip, such as the German Meal on October 24th and an unhinged Pizza Sale.

Mr. Lilienthal

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

- **Save the Dates**
- **Oct. 15-16th MEA No School**
- **Nov. 25th Grandparents Day**
- **Dec. 9th Choral Concert**
- **Dec. 16th Christmas Program**

Back to School Night

Teachers and Parents got to meet and share some of the expectations and schedules that the students will be going through this year. The classrooms were looking great and the staff has prepared for a wonderful year. We thank the teachers for thier extra effort each day to share the Gospel each day with these precious children of God.

Our Theme is evident in all of the classrooms.

ROOTED IN CHRIST

- Top 2 Pictures - (left) Mrs. Willett shares with parents. (2nd Grade)
(right) Ms. Lilienthal ready to meet the parents.



Spotlight on Mr. Edmison

Mr. E or "Gordy" as know by many has been teaching for 41 years. This year he is enjoying teaching his passion of English (ELA), Religion and Math to the 5th thru 8th graders.

He is our 6th grade homeroom teacher.

God bless you Mr. Edmison for your many years of service in teaching and coaching .



Our New Teachers

- (middle left) Mrs. Miller shows off her 4th grade classroom to parents
- (middle right) Ms. Goff is delighted to share what the students will experience in 3rd grade.
- (Below left) Mrs. Ewert leads the parents through 1st grade expectations and lessons to come

Mrs. Ewert comes from the Public Schools in Wisconsin. And Both Mrs. Miller and Ms. Goff are taking Master's classes for there tier 4 license in Minnesota and K-6 Masters in Education



TRUNK OR TREAT

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US!

OCTOBER 24TH, 2026 FROM 4-6 PM

@ FIRST LUTHERAN 925 13TH ST. E.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY AS WE CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN IN A SAFE AND POSITIVE WAY!



NOTE: WE WILL BE IN THE "LOWER" PARKING LOT NEAR THE PRESCHOOL DOORS. ALL PARKING IN THE CHURCH LOT WILL BE FOR THE GERMAN MEAL ONLY, PLEASE PLAN ON STREET PARKING AND STARTING THE TRUNKS ON THE CORNER OF JUDD AND 14TH.

WANT TO HOST A TRUNK?
IF SO, PLEASE REGISTER HERE



SUNDAY – THE LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EDUCATION HOUR Sundays 9:15 to 10:15 AM 2 nd , P.S. K Flames Room 1 st -4 th Room 111 5 th -8 th Library 9 th -Adult Fellowship Center	Congregation in Prayer Daily at 1:50 PM Angel Seeds Adopt-a-Seminarian	OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD Carrie Donnay 651-270-6218 Lynn Schauer 612-210-3626 Amy Welch 320-510-4583	OCTOBER 2026 	1 8:10 AM – Chapel (Pastor Dan Welch) 6:00 PM – Deacons CONTINUOUS READING OF THE BIBLE ALOUD NOON to 10 PM	2 FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL MARATHON 12:30 PM	3 FIRST LUTHERAN CEMETERY CLEAN UP 9 AM
4 19th SUNDAY a. PENTECOST 8:00 AM – DS w/ Comm. 9:00 AM – Fellowship: Senior Choir 9:15 AM – Education Hour 10:30 AM – Divine Service  First Lutheran School Singers (Grades 5-8) sings (Setting 1, p.151)	5 1:00 PM – Quilt Tying 1:30 PM – L.W. in Mission 6:30 to 7:45 PM – New Members Class 7:00 PM – Trustees	6 9AM –Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM – Stewardship 5:30 PM – Day School 6:00 AM – Evangelism 6:00 PM – Handbell Choir 7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Studies	7 9:00 AM – Lectionary Study 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 3:30 to 4:45 PM – Public School Catechism 6:00 PM –Flames Boosters	8 8:10 AM – Chapel (Ms. Lilienthal) 2:00 PM – Grand Meadows 7:00 PM – Cemetery Board	9 FIRST LUTHERAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 9 AM to 3 PM	10 FALL HAYRIDE and BONFIRE 4 PM
11 20th SUNDAY a. PENTECOST HERITAGE SUNDAY Guest Preacher: Rev. Peter Adelsen 8:00 AM – Divine Service 9 AM –Fellowship: Deacons 9:15 AM – Education Hour 10:30 AM – DS w/ Comm. 6:30 to 8 PM – Youth Fellowship (Gr. 5 – 12) = (Setting 3, p. 184)	12 1:00 PM – Quilt Tying 3:15 PM – School Staff Meeting (2 nd Monday) 6:00 PM – Christian Ed. 6:30 to 7:45 PM – New Members Class	13 9 AM –Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM – Glen Fields 1:30 PM – Mat Makers 3:15 PM – FLS Parent/ Teacher Conferences 6:00 PM – Handbell Choir 7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Studies	14 8:00 AM – FLS Parent/ Teacher Conferences 9:00 AM – Lectionary Study 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting NO CATECHISM CLASSES	15 M. E. A. BREAK – NO SCHOOL	16 	October is Pastor Appreciation Month!
18 21st SUNDAY a. PENTECOST 8:00 AM – DS w/ Comm. 9 AM Fellowship: Evangelism 9:15 AM – Education Hour 10:30 AM – Divine Service 6:30 to 8 PM – IMPACT (Gr. 9 – 12) (Setting 4, p. 203)	19 1:00 PM – Quilt Tying 3 to 4:45 PM – IGNITE 6:30 to 7:45 PM – New Members Class 7:00 PM – First Edition Book Club FALL PASTORS CONFERENCE IN CORCORAN, MN	20 9 AM –Women's Bible Study 1:30 PM – FLS Kindergarten at Grand Meadows 6:00 PM – Handbell Choir 7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Studies	21 9:00 AM – Lectionary Study 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 3:30 to 4:45 PM – Public School Catechism November Newsletter Submissions Due	22 8:10 AM – Chapel (Pastor Michael Ewert) 6:30 PM – Daily Office 7:00 PM – Church Council (Normally Council is on the 3 rd Thursday. This is a change for October due to M.E.A. Break.)	23 WEDDING OF DANIEL BERG & NICOLE MANTEUFEL Fellowship Center Private Rental FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH and SCHOOL C.H.P. BENEFIT REGISTRATION 3:15 PM	24 TRUNK OR TREAT 4 PM to 6 PM GERMAN MEAL 5 PM to 7 PM
25 22nd SUNDAY a. PENTECOST REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:00 AM – Divine Service 9AM – Fellowship Christian Ed. 9:15 AM – Education Hour 10:30 AM – DS w/ Comm. 6:30 to 8 PM – BLAZE (Setting 4, p. 203)	26 1:00 PM – Quilt Tying 6:30 PM – Endowment 6:30 to 7:45 PM – New Members Class	27 9 AM –Women's Bible Study 1:30 PM – Mat Makers 6:00 PM – Handbell Choir 7:00 PM – Men's and Women's Bible Studies Common Cup Ministry Diaper Distribution @ City Center	28 9:00 AM – Lectionary Study 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting 3:30 to 4:45 PM – Public School Catechism	29 8:10 AM – Chapel (Deaconess Megan Polzin)	30 	31 REFORMATION DAY 

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