



# First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Glencoe, MN

## October 2020 Church Newsletter

“Sharing Christ Changing Lives”

### Where Do You Turn During Dark Times?

To say that this has been a tough year is the understatement of .... the decade. The last seven months have been extremely challenging ones. Although some semblance of normal life has begun to return, (like high school football and volleyball!) we of course continue to endure the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic: Quarantines, disrupted schedules, hybrid learning, social distancing, masks, and more.

Protests regarding racial inequality continue to occur across the land, many of which devolve into riots, looting, and burning. Tragically, several law enforcement officers have been injured and some even killed amidst the mayhem.

Although red sunrises and sunsets are pretty for us to observe here in the Midwest, the wildfires which cause them, have been ravaging large swaths of forests on the West Coast.

Then on top of everything else, 2020 is a huge election year and as if that didn't make tensions between people high enough, the vacancy created on the United States Supreme Court by the death of Justice Ginsburg adds even more fuel to political fire. It's enough to make a person scream “Enough already! Let's skip ahead to 2021!”

Perhaps on top of this, you, or ones you love have suffered setbacks and sadness of various kinds. What do we do during such challenging times? What do we do when the world we live in seems so very dark?

God's Word tells us that we should not be surprised by these things. “In the world you will have tribulation”, Jesus says (John 16:33a). But thanks be to God, He does not leave us to fend for ourselves during dark times.” The Psalmist proclaims: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.” (Psalm 46:1) Yes, ‘in this world we will have tribulation,’ but Jesus continues: “take heart; I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33b) Jesus Christ will never leave us or forsake us! ‘He is the same yesterday and today and forever’ (Hebrews 13:8).

Jesus Christ, this world's Savior from sin, death, and the devil, says to us, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12). What's more our Lord Jesus also has this to say about us: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden” (Matthew 5:14). We reflect the light of the crucified and risen Christ in our lives and we shine ever more brightly when the world is at its darkest. This we do through our words and our actions prompted by the love of our Savior. “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God” (1 John 4:7).

Whenever you are overwhelmed by despicable acts perpetrated by evil people, or by the loss of life and property in natural disasters, or by tensions or sufferings of any kind, go to Christ and His Word so that He may light your way and that you may in turn be a light of hope to others. God's promises hold true now and for eternal life! May the Lord bless you and by His Spirit working in you, enable you to shine His light in this dark world.

*~In Christ, Pastor Dan Welch*

### New Member Class is Beginning Soon!

Pastor Welch will be offering a New Member class on Mondays beginning on October 5th and continuing through November 9th. The time of the classes will be from 6:45 PM until 8:00 PM.

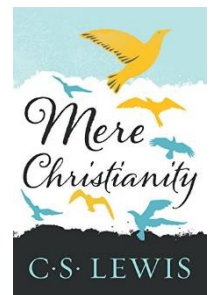


In this class we will take a close look at what we believe about our God who reveals His loving plan for our lives in His Word, the Bible. We will also examine how we confess our Christian faith through the means of the Six Chief Parts of the Small Catechism: The Commandments, The Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Confession, and the Lord's Supper.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran or if you would like to join us for a great “refresher course” in the Catechism, Pastor warmly welcomes you to join us!

### Study on C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity Begins October 27

Beginning this Fall, Pastor Adelsen will lead a book study on C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity, which is one of most popular books on Christian doctrine ever written. The ironic thing is that Mere Christianity was not originally a book, instead the contents were first given on the BBC Radio airways. The study will also conclude last year's book Embracing Godly Character by Kenneth Kremer. The book study begins on Tuesday, October 27 at 6 PM. Please contact Pastor Adelsen to sign-up and to order a book (if needed) by Sunday, October 18. The study will meet on the last Tuesday of the month through December. From January and forward, the study will meet on the last Thursday of the month.



We desire to be a church that loves and serves Jesus Christ and loves and serves our community. We are especially thankful for our greeters who help us spread the love each worship service!



**Sunday Oct. 4**

8:00 AM – Jackie Selchow / Dean & Sheila Scheele  
10:30 AM – Chad & Jennifer Pokornowski / Jessica Becker

**Sunday Oct. 11**

8:00 AM – Jeri Ring / Cory & Jess Neid  
10:30 AM – Shawn & Jessica Sullivan / Stan & Rosie Karg

**Sunday Oct. 18**

8:00 AM – Neil & Cindy Eggersgluess / Ryan & Kaitlyn Fox  
10:30 AM – Melissa Adelsen / Marilyn Vorbeck

**Sunday Oct. 25**

8:00 AM – Bruce & Linda Donnay / Lenny & Carrie Donnay  
10:30 AM – Jon & Mary Sellnow / Janel Fischer

Here we are in October and still about as uncertain as we were in March but know that we can be certain in a NEVER changing God. I am thankful for that as there have been so many new things that we are trying or have tried in these past few months. Currently we have gotten started as normal as we can with Confirmation and youth group programs for k-12th grade. As for Sunday school we are still evaluating what we are going to do for the rest of the year.

I am excited to say that we are coming up with a way to have "Trunk or Treat" as a drive thru model. As we plan, we will share details and how you can be involved this year! We are wanting to do this effectively and safely. Look for announcements in the bulletin and on Facebook about this.

Another big event happening in October is that our 2020 confirmands finally get to be confirmed! Pray for them as their faith journey hit a milestone, and that they will continue to have more of those as they grow up.

As we continue to make our way through this year please keep Christian education at First Lutheran in your prayers. We are doing our best to change and adapt to life situations as they come!

*Blessings on your month ~ Tori Kidd, DCE*



We are especially thankful for all you do to bring glory to God through the various ministries here at First Lutheran Church!

**Sunday Oct. 4**

8:00 AM - Dean Scheele / Doug Dahlke  
10:30 AM – Brian Witte / Dean Scheele

**Sunday Oct. 11**

8:00 AM - Don Hepner / Lars Ide  
10:30 AM - Roger Schmidt / Dave Uecker

**Sunday Oct. 18**

8:00 AM - \_\_\_\_\_ / Rich Jannusch  
10:30 AM - Dean Dahlke / Dave Hoese

**Sunday Oct. 25**

8:00 AM - \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 AM - Tim Schauer / Roger Schmidt

**ANGEL SEEDS**

The October-December Angel Seeds will be donated to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf which was organized in 1983 to assist residents of McLeod County, Minnesota in the area of hunger relief.



MEFS receives financial donations and food support donations from the individuals, organizations, civic groups, businesses, food rescue partners, and faith partners of McLeod County.

Since 1983, millions of meals have been provided by the generous support of the local community. In the first year, 109 households were served with the number stretching over the years to as many as 1,857 distinct households. More than a half million pounds of food are distributed each year!

In addition to hunger relief, MEFS focuses on providing community support service information.

Thank you for prayerfully considering donating to this important mission endeavor!



Your faithful service is what continues to make First Lutheran Church a wonderful place to worship, fellowship and serve together!

**Sunday Oct. 4**

8:00 AM - Grace Brickzen  
10:30 AM – Joseph Sullivan

**Sunday Oct. 11**

8:00 AM - Lauren Brinkmann  
10:30 AM - Joseph Sullivan

**Sunday Oct. 18**

8:00 AM - \_\_\_\_\_  
10:30 AM - Joseph Sullivan

**Sunday Oct. 25**

8:00 AM - Grace Brickzen  
10:30 AM - Seth Mathews



## How Shall I Vote as a Christian?

How do you plan to vote in November? Have you thought about your candidates? Are you picking your candidate purely by political party preference? Are you picking your candidate purely by campaign promises? Are you picking your candidate through your Christian values?

We are all familiar with the phrase “Do not discuss religion or politics.” This phrase seems to be as American as baseball and fireworks on the Fourth of July. But, where does this phrase come from? Can we, in fact, discuss religion and politics?

It is likely that the phrase “Do not discuss religion or politics” began in 1947. Prior to 1947, public discussion of politics and religion was widespread, and it was primarily peaceful, unlike on today’s social media platforms, like Twitter and Facebook. As Americans discussed politics and religion back then, each person listened, and people typically found common ground. So, what caused this change to begin in 1947?

The change began following the U.S. Supreme Court landmark decision called “*Everson v. Board of Education*,” which decided that politics and religion should remain separate. One of the exhibits brought up in its decision was President Thomas Jefferson’s letter to the Danbury Baptists of Connecticut from January 1, 1802 in which Jefferson wrote about a “wall of separation” between church and state. So, this “wall of separation” is not supported by the Constitution of the United States, but is instead supported by a letter from a man who had no dealings with the Constitution, since at the time he was serving as the American Ambassador to France. So, from 1947 to today, our education system has indoctrinated generations of people to believe that religion and politics should remain separate.

The result of this landmark decision eventually got the American people getting the idea that even Christians should not be taught how to vote, even according to our faith in Christ that we are to live day in and day out. After all, voting is the ultimate exercise in individual choice and the expression of personal opinion.

But, should we, as Christians, vote in a certain way? How shall I vote as a Christian? Is there ever a time when we shouldn’t vote, because of our Christian faith?

As Christians, we should always have the Ten Commandments in mind and what these Commandments collectively mean, according to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ: **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the Prophets”** (Matthew 22:37-40).

So, when we vote, we are first to love the Lord your God. What does this mean? As Martin Luther puts it, “We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.” So, when you vote, are you

trusting in the one true God, or are you putting your trust in the politician to be your earthly savior?

So, how does the one true God want His flock to vote? God wants us to vote for people, principles and platforms that will uphold and advance His justice in the world.

But, just as the Jewish lawyer asked Jesus, we may ask the same question today: **“Who is my neighbor?”** (Luke 10:29)

Our neighbor is not just the family who lives next door. Instead, our neighbor is everyone that we meet within our daily life. In fact, our neighbor is everyone on the face of the earth. As we care for our neighbor, we are to think of them as Jesus thinks of us. We are to think of our neighbor and their salvation. Of course, their salvation is found in the same place as our salvation: in Jesus Christ alone. So, when we vote, as well as visit our neighbor, we are to proclaim God the Father’s saving grace that is found only in Jesus Christ. Now, this is where voting gets hard since there is no perfect candidate. Instead, we must choose from flawed candidates. And, oftentimes, we must choose between “the lesser of two evils.” So, what should we look for when we vote as a Christian?

First, where does the candidate stand on the sanctity of life? As Christians, we believe that all lives are precious from conception to life’s natural end. This means that Christians should not vote for politicians who support abortion and physician-assisted suicide. As God’s Word says in Psalm 139:13-14, **“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”**

Second, where does the candidate stand on marriage? As Christians, we believe that marriage was created by God as the one-flesh lifelong union of a man and a woman for their mutual help and joy and for the procreation and nurturing of children. This man and woman enter into marriage by the public promise to live faithfully together until death. This means that Christians should vote for politicians who uphold the holy estate of marriage as being between one male and one female. From Mark 10:6-9, Jesus said, **“But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So, they are no longer two by one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”**

Third, where does the candidate stand on welfare? As Christians, we believe that we are to care for those who are truly in need. However, Christians are not to be enablers to those who are able-bodied and refuse to work. As God’s Word says in 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12: **“For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we**

**might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living."**

Fourth, where does the candidate stand on the First Amendment?

The First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; of the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." As Christians, we have the right to worship the one true God – the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit – without restrictions placed upon the church by the government. This means that we should not vote for a politician who promises to restrict Christ's Church from proclaiming His Law and Gospel, in meeting together, and in receiving His Means of Grace (Baptism, hearing God's Word proclaimed, and the Lord's Supper). As God's Word says in Acts 2:42-44: **"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common."**

At the same time, a part of me does think that religious persecution may be a good thing to wake up Christians in America. After all, the Christian Church – especially the Lutheran Church – is growing through persecution in Africa and Asia, due to persecution from Islam and anti-Christian governments. But, we as Christians, should not vote to persecute ourselves.

Lastly, could there be a time when a Christian should not vote in order to remain faithful? No! Voting is not just a mere right or privilege. Voting is in fact a holy obligation. Voting is our vocation. Voting is our calling. Voting is a vocation given by God to each Christian citizen, so we need to vote.

So, before you vote in November, research what each politician believes. As Christians, we should all vote with our Christian values in mind. So, when you vote, vote for the candidate who you believe would best please God and help and support your neighbor.

*~In Christ, Pastor Adelsen*

### **Cemetery Board**

The Cemetery Committee will be meeting on **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** at church. If you have any questions, contact Jason Dahlke.



### **How to Watch Facebook WITHOUT Having an Account**



Did you know that you can watch Worship Services, Events, Bible Studies, Videos and see Pictures and Posts on First Ev. Lutheran's Facebook page without having your own Facebook account? Here's how you do it:

From your computer's internet browser, go to the First Lutheran website at: [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org)

From the home page, click on the slide "Watch Worship Services Online on our Facebook page. The First Ev. Lutheran Facebook page will open in a new tab and you'll see a picture of the south entrance of our building (to properly identify). On the left-hand side of the page you'll see "videos". Click on videos and scroll down until you see the specific video (Divine Services, Behind the Hymn, Children's Messages, etc.). You can also search for First Ev. Lutheran School and see School related posts. These are "public" pages and so you can peruse without becoming a Facebook member.

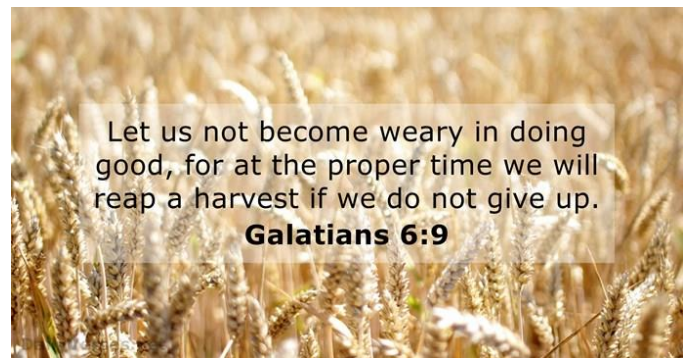
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Becky for further direction.

### **E-Giving – Electronic Giving**

Members and Visitors – We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give electronically, in just seconds you can make a weekly offering or pay for events/activities. e-Giving allows you to give anytime and anywhere, donate to your favorite funds, and make your gifts recurring. You can give via a smartphone app, texting, or online.



GivePlus Church – Mobile App  
Text \$ (your \$ amount) to 855-976-6919  
Give online via [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org)





**FLC Prayer Chain**

New members are needed to keep our PRAYER CHAIN going! You can join either a Phone or an E-Mail Chain. Participation is simple, but so powerful! The Bible says in Phil 4:6, "But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God." Thank you to all of our current members for their commitment to prayer – to confidentiality, discretion, and listening to the Holy Spirit.

How does it work?

Phone Chain – Simply receive a phone call from another prayer chain member with a request. When you receive the call, write down the prayer request word for word as dictated to you. Pray immediately and then call the next person on your chain passing on the dictated info. If you are unable to reach that person, leave a message relaying the information. Continue phoning on down the list until you reach a person or the end of the chain.

E-Mail Chain – Simply receive the email from the prayer chain leader and pray immediately.

Have questions, want to join, or have a prayer request? Prayer requests are confidential and may even be made anonymously. Feel free to contact the church office or one of the prayer chain phone numbers: 320-864-3892 or 320-238-2148.

**First Lutheran Church & School Web Site**

After investigating, meeting, and discussing, we feel confident that we should partner with Studio West Designs for the updated FLC/FLS website and logo design.



This is a husband/wife team out of NYA. They are creative, responsive, flexible, and good to work with. After comparing several vendors, we feel that they will deliver all and more of what we want at a more competitive cost.

Because of the time urgency in getting a new logo (before ordering new school clothing), we did give Studio West the ok to proceed with creating new logo/artwork options (keeping in mind our goal of encompassing both church and school with a logo that is recognizable in our community). The logos will be utilized to market both our church and school. We have been presented with round 1 of our new logo options from Studio West Designs. Once we have completed the logo re-design, we intend to move forward with the website.

Respectfully ~ Web Site/Marketing Committee

**First Edition Book Club**

The book club will not meet until further notice due to Covid 19 safety precautions. In the meantime - keep reading, especially that greatest book, our Bible!



**Flames of Faith Kids Club**



Flames of Faith Kids Club is the before and after school student care program at First Lutheran School. It is for children Age 5 through Grade 6. Your child does not have to be a member of FLS to participate. The morning (6:30-7:45 AM) session is \$6.00 and the afternoon session (until 6:00 PM) is \$8.00 or both sessions are \$13.00. Our program director and contact person is Nancy Ahlers. To register or for more information, you may contact Nancy through the following contact information:

1. FLS FAST DIRECT
2. Nancy's PERSONAL CELL NUMBER: 320-510-0905
3. PROGRAM EMAIL: flamesoffaith2015@gmail.com
4. Visit the church/school website at [www.firstglencoe.org](http://www.firstglencoe.org) for more information or to register.
5. Flames of Faith Kids Club Handbooks are available to pick up at each of the entrance stands.

**PROGRAM DONATIONS** needed include: Healthy, low sugar snacks, Low sugar drink or drink mixes, Clorox wipes, small paper cups, gently used board games, and Legos.

**Garden Bounty**

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



**Fun & The Son**

This is formerly known as the SUMMER SON group! We invite kids from K-3rd grade to join us for games, snacks, crafts, music, and a Bible Story! We encourage this as FAMILY time, so we ask if a parent can also come and be present!

| Fun & The Son, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month. 3:00-4:30 PM |                |                |                          |              |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| SEPTEMBER  | OCTOBER        | NOVEMBER       | DECEMBER                 |              |
| First One<br>9/22  | 10/13<br>10/27 | 11/10<br>11/24 | Christmas Party<br>12/08 |              |
| JANUARY  | FEBRUARY       | MARCH          | APRIL                    | MAY          |
| 1/12<br>1/26   | 2/9<br>2/23    | 3/9<br>3/23    | 4/13<br>4/27             | 5/11<br>5/25 |

## GIVING TUESDAY IS DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

It won't be long before retailers start the constant barrage of ads for Black Friday. How many stores will "start" their Black Friday early on Thanksgiving Day? Then not to be out done, small business owners dubbed the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend Small Business Saturday. But we're not done yet Cyber Monday may be last, but online retailers certainly don't want us to forget that day!



So, is Giving Tuesday just another retailer made up "holiday" to keep us shopping? Absolutely NOT!! It is a global day of giving which kicks off the charitable season. The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays should not be forgotten. Giving Tuesday can help us focus on the real meanings of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and end-of-year giving.

It's a day to inspire generosity in all forms, a day for people to generously share whatever they can, whether it is their time, talent, or treasures. So, watch for more information in newsletters, bulletins, Facebook, our website.

## I.M.P.A.C.T.

Are you an 8th-12th grader? Here at First Lutheran we have this group that meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm at the Lighthouse. This group stands for "Influencing My Peers as Christian Teens" and we prayerfully hope that is what is being done. We exist to bring together teenagers in fellowship, to be a place where prayerfully they grow in their faith and have fun while doing it. What you can expect if you come to this is, youth your age, adult mentors that want to invest in your life, games, large-group discussions, small-group Bible studies, and food! You do not have to be a member to attend. We encourage others to bring their friends and hope that this feels like another family for you. Contact Tori Kidd for more info.

I.M.P.A.C.T : Sundays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM @ The Lighthouse

| SEPTEMBER                                | OCTOBER                   | NOVEMBER                  | DECEMBER                  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| First One of the School Year!<br>9/20/20 | 10/04/20<br>&<br>10/18/20 | 11/01/20<br>&<br>11/15/20 | 12/06/20<br>&<br>12/20/20 |                           |
| JANUARY                                  | FEBRUARY                  | MARCH                     | APRIL                     | MAY                       |
| 01/03/21<br>&<br>01/17/21                | 02/07/21<br>&<br>2/21/21  | 03/07/21<br>&<br>03/21/21 | 04/04/21<br>&<br>04/18/21 | 05/02/21<br>&<br>05/16/21 |

## FLS Garden Club



Garden club took advantage of the beautiful weather during the month of September. The photo above shows some Kennebec's that all came from one hill of potatoes they dug up.



In addition, garden club also decided to dig one hill of sweet potatoes. These were also from only 1 hill. Great weather, great kids, and an awesome Creator who supplies us with all things!



**Rev. Vance Becker**

Former pastor at  
 First Evangelical Lutheran, Glencoe  
**Missionary in Kenya, Africa**

Upon retirement at age 65 as a Lutheran Pastor, Rev. Vance Becker has begun a new “retirement career” as a missionary in Africa! He is teaching men preparing to be pastors and Christian leaders at Matongo Lutheran Seminary in Kenya, Africa.

Perhaps you remember as a child becoming aware of pioneer Lutheran missions in Africa. Remember the visiting missionaries who rolled out a white screen on a tripod, turned the lights down low, and clicked a slide projector showing slide after slide (some even in color!) of African landscapes, trees in unusual shapes, huts with mud floors and natives with bare feet and colorful clothing? And you learned they were just like us – loved and desired by Jesus and needing the sweet Gospel of Jesus who died on the cross for them. Perhaps you also gave offerings to spread the love of Jesus in Africa.

Now, a couple generations later, those early missionary efforts and offerings are coming to fruition. The Lutheran Church in Africa has GROWN and IS STILL GROWING! The African country of Kenya even has its own synod “Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya.” (ELCK) The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has supported work in Kenya since 1998 in partnership with ELCK. Specifically, LCMS supports pastoral formation through Matongo Lutheran Theological Seminary in Matongo, Kenya. LCMS is in full altar and pulpit fellowship with ELCK.

As a residential missionary professor, Pastor Becker teaches theology at the college level. He has learned the local language. He teaches in both the local language and English and has a translator with him for help. Mrs. Becker has also learned the local language. She assists with teaching children and women in the deaconess program.

You can learn more about Rev. Vance and Linda Becker at [lcms.org/becker](http://lcms.org/becker).

You can receive his JAMBO newsletter and “Mission Minute” video messages by e-mailing them at [vance.becker@lcms.org](mailto:vance.becker@lcms.org) or [linda.becker@lcms.org](mailto:linda.becker@lcms.org). They love to hear from Glencoe folks.



**Happy October birthday** to honorary “Lutheran Women in Mission” member Mable Stradtman. A \$5 gift to LWML Mission Grants “mites” has been given in your honor.



**Fundraiser for Rev. and Mrs. Vance Becker  
 Matongo Mission, Kenya, Africa**

Sponsored by First Ev. Lutheran “Women in Mission” LWML

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**DRIVE-BY MEAL – No need to leave your car!**

**Cost: \$10**

Menu: Mr. Rib Sandwich, Brown Beans, Potato Salad, Pickle, Deviled Egg, Cookies

- Purchase tickets at the curved drive near South (main) Entrance
- Proceed to gray door
- Your meal will be handed to you
- ALL proceeds will be for the Beckers
- You may wish to donate more than \$10!
- Cash, credit card, check accepted
- Make all checks payable to “First Ev. Lutheran LWML.”

Rev. Vance Becker, former pastor at First Ev. Lutheran, Glencoe, and Mrs. Becker are now missionaries at Matongo Lutheran Seminary in Kenya, Africa. He teaches men preparing for ministry. She teaches at-risk children and helps with the Deaconess program. You can read more about them at [lcms.org/becker](http://lcms.org/becker).

*This fundraiser is a Thrivent Action Team activity.*

**Lutheran Women in Mission  
 Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> | 7:00 PM  
 FLC - Fellowship Center**

**Opening Devotions:** Melissa Adelsen

**Business:** We'll discuss the up-coming fundraiser for Missionary Vance Becker

**Program:** A speaker from “Prairie Care,” a mental health organization will tell about the inpatient and outpatient services available for people with a variety of mental health needs and concerns.

**Guests:** You are especially welcomed to hear this interesting speaker. Please join us. We'll sit distanced. Please wear a mask if you can. Refreshments will be carefully served. Executive board will meet at 6:45.

## Library News

**RIDING THE HEAVEN** by Max Meyers – This is a book of riveting, true stories and more. It is a journey of the heart and spirit that will draw you closer to God. In *Riding the Heavens*, Meyers shares with you the unforgettable slices from his forty years as a missionary pilot: moonrise at 35,000 feet in the cockpit of a jet fighter; medical help administered at arrow point; a night in a jungle lean-to with a cannibal-turned evangelist...this is no Hollywood script. It's the remarkable true memoirs of a man who has known the drama, the humor, the tragedies, and the life changing power of missions like few people ever know them. This book is filled with incredible adventures that will fuel your hunger to know God more deeply and experience his power and presence in your life.



**ANXIOUS for NOTHING** by Max Lucado – Does the road you're traveling loom large with mountains to cross, obstacles to avoid, and hairpin curves to navigate?

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:6-7*

With God as your helper and this verse at your side, you can sleep better tonight and smile more tomorrow. Discover a life that is characterized by calm and develop tools for facing the onslaughts of anxiety. Invite God to reframe the way we face our fears and win the war on worry. By His power we will "be anxious for nothing" and experience the "peace of God".

**TOGETHER With JESUS** by Richard E. Lauersdorf – A devotional book that will take you through the year, good for personal use and to use at meetings.

## Lutheran Church Extension Fund

> where investments build ministry

### Who is LCEF and How Does It Fit with the Church?

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## October 2020 Lutheran Hour

### Sermon Topics

Each Sunday during October at 12:30 pm listen to the Lutheran Hour broadcast on radio station KDUZ 1260 AM. This month you will hear the following program broadcast topics:



**October 4** "Victory in Defeat" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The thing about God is, He's winning-even when it doesn't look like He's winning. Maybe, especially when it doesn't look like He's winning. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a series of messages based on the book of Daniel that tells how God uses history as a vehicle to bring about His eternal kingdom. (Daniel: 1)

**October 11** "Unscaled Heights of Empathy" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A king's dream, a mysterious statue with feet of clay, an unearthly rock that grows to fill all the earth, and God's empathy for a weeping world, embodied in Christ-it's all part of Dr. Michael Zeigler's message, this week. (Daniel 2)

**October 18** "What I'm Looking For" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. (Daniel 3)

**October 25** "No Boasting, Just Belonging" with Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. (Romans 3 :19-31)

Thank you for supporting these broadcasts with your gifts and your prayers. We have been blessed with sponsors through November of 2020. There is one available Sunday left in 2020 (December 27) which you can sponsor. Call to sponsor or inquire about sponsoring a radio broadcast. The current cost for each broadcast is \$94.00. Contact Rich Streufert at 320-864-6884 or e-mail [richstreufert@embarqmail.com](mailto:richstreufert@embarqmail.com) with your sponsorship requests. Checks should be made out to "KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour Broadcast". Send your checks to "KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters", % Rich Streufert, 1620 Knight Ave. N., Glencoe, MN 55336

### KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour Broadcast

#### Sponsor Drive 2020 - 2021

Because of Covid 19 the fall sponsor dinner which had been planned has been postponed until 2021. In lieu of the dinner and presentation this year information will be mailed out to past sponsors, interested broadcast supporters and those attending the dinner last year. This is your invitation to sponsor a broadcast between now and October 1, 2021.

When we spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour broadcasts we have no way of knowing who is listening. We trust in God's promise that when the Gospel is preached it will not return void of results but will sprout and grow where it is heard. The last two sentences of a Portals Of Prayer devotion (a number of years ago) ended with these words: "But the core of our purpose here on earth after being baptized in eternal life is to be witnesses for Jesus in a hostile world. Both the cross of Jesus and His resurrection give us the determination and the joy, through the Holy Spirit, to follow in Christ's footsteps." This is our motivation to spread the Gospel!

**God's Word provides the light we need. Psalm 119:105**



## 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.

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### Stand on the Rock

You always hear the usual stories of pennies on the sidewalk being good luck, gifts from angels, etc. This is the first time I've ever heard this twist on the story. Gives you something to think about.

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband.

He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment.

Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny.

He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her

daughter once had a coin collection and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this?

'Look at it.' He said. 'Read what it says.' She read the words 'United States of America'

'No, not that; read further.'

'One cent?' 'No, keep reading.'

'In God we Trust?' 'Yes!' 'And?'

'And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin, I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him. Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change. I read the words, 'In God We Trust,' and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message.

It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And, God is patient..

**In God we Trust! I have found many pennies as I have walked to school since mid-March 2020! Walking gives you time to pray too.**

– Submitted by Linda Donnay

## New Lunchroom Tables for FLS

Our current tables continue to be used; however, future replacements are on the horizon. They must be mobile and able to be folded up, fit through doorways, and easy to move and clean under. (No specific tables have been identified, but we are showing an example of a photo above.) We were extremely fortunate to find one "just like new" at an auction sale. We are not sure if that will happen again, but it is certainly possible. The price of a new 12' table is around \$1300. Please prayerfully consider donating!



## October 2020 News Thrivent Financial

✓ **Thrivent Choice** – Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. This past month, we received \$476 for FLC and \$505 for FLS. Visit ([www.Thrivent.com/choice](http://www.Thrivent.com/choice)) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say, “Choice Dollars.” Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Mon – Friday from 7 am to 6 pm. If you would like assistance, please contact Cindy or the church office.



✓ **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](http://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 BECKY KNOW! Involve others – it's all about your friends, family and community coming together to make a positive impact!

✓ **Facebook page for Thrivent Network** – Be sure to check out and “Like” to stay updated on exciting new opportunities and newly created events!

✓ **Be part of the Thrivent Volunteer Program** and be sure to sign up to receive e-mails regarding upcoming free educational events and other Thrivent opportunities. Sign up at <https://www.thrivent.com/leader-resources/thrivent-volunteers/> or email [TwinCitiesTMN@Thrivent.com](mailto:TwinCitiesTMN@Thrivent.com)!

**Thrivent Member Network - Twin Cities Region** has been working hard to create fun and educational content that you can engage in from the comfort of your own home. Below is a listing of what is coming soon. **Guests are welcome!** Please feel free to share these events with your friends, family, and community. See all the info and resources at: <https://www.thriventfinancial.com/member-network/twin-cities/>  
Upcoming VIRTUAL WEBINAR events include:

### Basic Beer Ingredients with A Perfect Pint

October 1<sup>st</sup> – 5:30 PM

Malt, hops, yeast, and water – the countless variations of just these four ingredients make the flavor palate of beer virtually

limitless. But beyond these basics, brews can add a myriad of non-traditional ingredients, including fruits and vegetables, herbs and spices, coffee, chocolate, and even oysters. Beer can be made to taste like anything. In this event, we will explore the impact of ingredients on the flavor, aroma, and other aesthetic elements of beer.

### Beer Styles with A Perfect Pint

October 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

Based on grape varieties and/or place of origin, wine varieties are straightforward. To identify beer styles, one enters into a murky, ever-evolving world that includes sensory characteristics, history and tradition, ingredients, and brewing processes. Some style categories were recently invented by a single man. What is a beer style? How are they defined? Who oversees them? In this event, we'll dive in headfirst in an attempt to answer those questions and explore the stories behind some of history's most important styles.

### Understanding Annuities & Social Security with Robin Mueller

October 13<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM

(Repeated on October 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM, October 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM, October 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 PM)

Learn how annuities and Social Security may impact your financial strategies and goals.

### 7 Challenges Men Encounter with Vince Miller – A 7 Part Webinar Series

Wednesday (Oct 14<sup>th</sup> – Nov 25<sup>th</sup>) – 9:00 AM

In this series, international author and speaker to men Vince Miller provides direction for the seven unique challenges he believes men encounter. Together, discover how to reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously, love unconditionally, live with integrity, serve humbly, and invest eternally. Overcome these complicated challenges with other men and search for direction in this unprecedented time. And do it together with other men as we open the Bible – the ultimate guide. The first 150 registrants who register by 11:59 pm CST on Oct 7, will receive a complimentary copy of the 7 Challenges handbook.

### Thrivent Presents: Dream Big with NYT Best-Selling Author Bob Goff

October 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

Know what you want, why you want it and what you are going to do about it. Dream big and join us for an exclusive webinar with New York Times bestselling author Bob Goff. Bob will take us through clearly defining or redefining our goals.

### So, You're a Thrivent Member.....Now What?!

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM

Be a part of a LIVE webinar where we will cover exactly what it means to be a Thrivent member and why it's so great! From member benefits to local events and activities....we will cover it all!

**Current Beer Trends & Themes with A Perfect Pint**

October 29<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM

Brewers today are catering to a more diverse and demanding crowd. Beer fans are notoriously fickle, with little loyalty to brand or beer. They are constantly clambering for whatever the next thing is. To keep up and stay relevant, brewers must constantly produce something new. This has led to trend-chasing by both consumers and producers – like a dog chasing its tale. In this event, we will look at some of the current trendier beer styles from hazy IPA to milkshake and pastry beers.

**Holiday Wine Pairing with Leslee Miller**

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 PM and Repeated Nov 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

Leslee will run through her favorite whites, reds, roses + sparklings paired to the holiday season. She'll show you how to get the best bang for your buck and all the best tips for pairing to everything on your table this holiday season.

Cindy & Neil Eggersgluess - 320-238-2148 /  
eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com

Linda Becker, Charles Jensen, Verna & Harold Kunkel, Pastor Mathison, Amy Welch – Your Congregational Volunteers

**Sunday School Sponsoring Ethiopian Child**

The First Lutheran Church Sunday School is sponsoring an Ethiopian child through the Compassion International organization. Abdi is a young boy who lives with his mother in central Ethiopia. One of Abdi's needs is to continue to receive developmental and healthy support from his local child development center. Abdi's also needs to hear about Jesus and how he is loved by our God. The Sunday School children will be given opportunities to communicate with Abdi, support Abdi's needs with gifts of Sunday School offerings, and pray for a new friend.



**Tweens Youth Group**

Students in grades 4 – 7 are invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from after school to 5 PM at First Lutheran for youth group, designed just for you. Tori Kidd and Amy Welch are the leaders. We will meet in the youth room / west-end classroom for a snack, devotions, and games. You may come once, or many times! We look forward to seeing you!

Tweens : 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, after school-5:00 PM

| SEPTEMBER          | OCTOBER        | NOVEMBER       | DECEMBER       |                |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| First One!<br>9/15 | 10/06<br>10/20 | 11/03<br>11/17 | 12/01<br>12/15 |                |
| JANUARY            | FEBRUARY       | MARCH          | APRIL          | MAY            |
| 01/05<br>01/19     | 02/02<br>02/16 | 03/02<br>03/16 | 04/06<br>04/20 | 05/04<br>05/18 |

**This is the Life - TV Program**

Starting in the late 1950's, Lutheran Hour Ministries aired a TV program, called "This is the Life" in their efforts to bring Christ to the nation. It was a critically acclaimed show that used story and drama to convey eternal truths from God's Word. It featured actors that were just getting started in their careers. Recently, Lutheran Hour Ministries in partnership with Main Street Living re-mastered and brought to HD quality about 50 of these programs. Even though the props and styles are of the 1960's and 70's, the subject matter is still very relevant.



In the Twin Cities area, This is the Life airs every Sunday at 8:30 am on WFTC Channel 29 (set your DVR).....or you can also watch it anytime online at [mainstreetliving.com](http://mainstreetliving.com).

**Trunk or Treat**

**Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat happening at**  
**First Ev. Lutheran Church**  
**Saturday October 31st**  
**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
*We will also have a free will offering meal TO GO!*

More information to come!



## Summaries from Our Boards and Committees

### Christian Education Board | September 8<sup>th</sup>

No Summary Submitted

### Day School Board | September 8<sup>th</sup>

First Lutheran School

enrollment is now at 126 students. Picture day will be held on September 16th. The school marathon will be held on October 2nd. The school also purchased a bench In Memory of Joe Fountain. Lastly, please welcome Payton Lilienthal to FLS who was hired for the 2020-2021 year!



### Deacons | September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pastor Welsh opened with an analysis of the book of Jude. Motion made and seconded to approve the August minutes. Carried. There was discussion on the proper procedure for removing a bat from church. Pastor Welsh shared options for confirmation instruction for this fall. Motion made and seconded to approve paying bills and requisitions. Carried. Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

### Evangelism Board | September 1<sup>st</sup>

Several Board members assisted at the LWML Mission Event on 8/15/20, by packing and setting up the "grab and go" lunches for participants. Since the Lutheran Hour Ministry speaker and dinner originally planned for September 2020 was postponed due to Covid-19 safety issues, a letter is being developed to send to area LCMS Churches to solicit continued support and funding for the weekly radio broadcasts on KDUZ. There were two Sundays needing sponsorship in December – otherwise all broadcasts are covered until the end of 2020. A Thrivent Action Team grant was submitted to provide interested members with church-year booklets from Concordia Publishing and Christmas and Easter children's booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries. Candy canes with the printed story of the candy canes Christian significance, will again be provided at Christmas services and these will also be provided to the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce to include in the annual gifts to those living in residential care facilities. Those provided to the Chamber will have First Lutheran contact information included.

### Stewardship Board | September 1<sup>st</sup>

There is a BBQ tentatively scheduled for the 1st Sunday in May 2021 to raise funds for the new Church roof. The Board of Stewardship is following e-giving closely...Continuing to discuss various ways of raising offerings and funding during the on-going pandemic and limited Church attendance.

### Trustees Board | September 8<sup>th</sup>

Denise Vacek is our new part-time custodian at school. We discussed the flat roof repair and have several contractors working on quotes and which option of repair to use. The sanctuary's north wall has water leaking in due to a gutter rusting out. We have a contractor hired to repair it and put on a new "seamless" rain gutter. The north air handler leaked condensation water and ruined some ceiling tile. Discussed another fellowship hall rental. A contractor is getting us a cost estimate to repair the "rose window".

## GET TO KNOW

### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

**Purpose:** Assist the pastors in maintaining proper decorum during worship services, assist the pastors in the work of church discipline, and make decisions for the spiritual life of the congregation.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Attend monthly meetings of the Board; one member to attend monthly church council meetings
- Work at worship services on a rotating basis assisting with ushering, offerings, and communion
- Concern for the spiritual well-being of church members
- Review the needs, salary, and performance of the pastoral staff, music staff, and the DCE
- Prepare and submit an annual budget

**Should you or someone you know have questions or concerns, please contact one of the board members listed below:**

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Dean Dahlke      | 510-4315     |
| Don Hepner       | 612-655-0953 |
| Terry (Lars) Ide | 510-0519     |
| Les Schauer      | 864-3666     |
| Dean Scheele     | 952-250-1149 |
| Roger Schmidt    | 864-6523     |
| Brian Schuch     | 864-6614     |
| Dave Uecker      | 510-1884     |
| Brian Witte      | 320-300-8940 |



# First Lutheran School

## Flames Flash ~ October 2020



### Please Pray For

- All of the people around the world who have experienced trouble as a result of the pandemic.
- A safe and plentiful harvest season.
- A school year in which students, families, and teachers work together to build loving, lasting relationships with each other and their Lord and Savior.
- A safe hunting season for all of the people who are taking part in this activity.

### Thank You To

- Everyone who is considering a donation for our School Marathon as well as all the people who are soliciting.
- Coborns for collaborating with FLS in their school rewards program.
- The anonymous donors who have contributed to our tuition assistance and lunch funds.
- Grady Schuft, Seth Mathews, Rachel Pixler, Lauren Betcher, and Grace Puckett for serving on our student council.
- Gary Schauer, and Loren Engelmann, among others, for putting in COUNTLESS hours making your school a better place as they completed many projects.
- The school board for their often-thankless work of maintaining a quality school.
- Glenn Cohrs for tilling/plowing the school garden.
- Michelle Alsleben for her dedicated effort in the school office as she works hard to make sure many different tasks are accomplished.

### Calendar Notes

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| <b>October 14</b>    | FLS Parent Drive Day<br>Parent Teacher Conferences |
| <b>October 15-16</b> | No School  |
| <b>October 31</b>    | Trunk or Treat and Wolf Ridge German meal          |

### 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Chapel Offerings

During the first trimester FLS Chapel, stewardship offerings will be going to support Vance and Linda Becker's mission work in Kenya. We had planned to have this as our offering project in the spring, but we were not learning on campus.

### Nonpublic School Marathon

The nonpublic school marathon has been postponed until April 30. The purpose of the Marathon is to enable those who support and advocate Nonpublic Education to make a public demonstration of their belief and involvement. Nonpublic Schools and church education programs make a real contribution to the total community. Participants also raise funds in a fun activity for the Nonpublic Educational Organizations project of their choice. We are planning on beginning the pledge drive soon. This year the majority of the money will be used to improve our new technology needs, as well as purchases of classroom and textbook materials. Last year we raised over \$10,000. As the major incentive this year, if students raise over \$7000, the school will host a pizza and pool party for all students and their families. AND if they raise over \$11,000 we will plan on having all students visit Powder Ridge for a day of snow tubing. Let's see who can garner the most pledges since there are prizes for the top individual students too!!! There will be special recognition for those individuals donating sums of \$250, \$150, or \$75 amounts.

### Welcome to the FLS Family

We would like to offer a warm welcome to our new families! We are so happy that you have chosen First Lutheran School. We pray that all of our students will grow in their faith as they develop a closer relationship with their Savior. If you are a new family please reach out to staff members or "veteran" families if you have questions about anything at school.

### Trunk or Treat German Meal

The 7th and 8th graders are trying to work out plans to provide a German meal (or at least bratwurst and frankfurters) for people at our trunk or treat event on October 31. More details to follow.

### \$200 FREE

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

### Ongoing Fundraisers

We are collecting: Box Tops and Country Hearth labels. Our last check was for over \$320 from the Box Tops program and over \$1200 from the Coborn's More Rewards program for the 2019-20 school year. Our Country Hearth labels earned us \$58.90 and our Amazon Smile credits got us over \$463. Keep up the good work!



It's hard to tell with the masks on, but these amazing students and our faculty were all smiles being back in school today. We thank God that we had a successful first day back and we pray that our learning can continue to be done in our school building!  
#senttoserveatfirst



It took them 3 weeks, but the first graders finally got their licenses! They're on the move, ready to serve!



Our Second-Grade friends received their very own copy of the Bible. They were eager to dive into God's Word this morning after chapel!



Third grade enjoyed a STEM project where they learned about how seeds are dispersed. Fun and Learning go hand-in-hand here at FIRST!



Blessing on the Backpacks looked a little different this year. Pastor Welch so kindly came to each classroom and give us all a blessing on our upcoming school year. We know that God is with us wherever we go!

**A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER**

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## First Lutheran Financial Report

### 2020-2021 Financials: July-August (YTD)

#### GENERAL FUND INCOME (July-August)

|                                    |              | <u>Last Year</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Offering Envelopes                 | \$110,343.71 | \$100,899.80     |
| Thrivent "Choice" Member Elections | \$425.00     | \$803.00         |
| School "Keep It Happening" Fund    | \$110.00     | \$350.00         |
| School Tuition                     | \$50,066.41  | \$64,958.01      |
|                                    | \$160,945.12 | \$167,010.81     |

#### GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (July-August)

|                            |              | <u>Last Year</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Staff                      | \$156,300.18 | \$154,215.50     |
| Employer Payroll Expenses  | \$771.39     | \$1,224.82       |
| Buildings                  | \$15,475.51  | \$16,751.35      |
| Operations                 | \$4,912.83   | \$9,091.08       |
| Interest on Line of Credit | (\$4.96)     | -0-              |
|                            | \$177,454.95 | \$181,282.75     |

|   |                |            |
|---|----------------|------------|
| 2020-2021 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:    | \$2,225.00     | \$2,944.00 |
| August 31st GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS:        | (\$334,534.49) |            |
| Last Year's August 31st General Indebtedness: | (\$271,265.55) |            |

## Special Gifts Received in September

|  |           |                    |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| Gayle Schwarze (In Memory of Joe Fountain)   | \$20      | FLS                |
| Family & Friends of Mel Dose (In Memory of Mel Dose)                                 | \$150     | FLS                |
| Family & Friends of Mel Dose (In Memory of Mel Dose)                                 | \$25      | General Fund       |
| Kenny & Virginia Adams (In Memory of Mel Dose)                                       | \$10      | General Fund       |
| Dale & Jeanne Schauer (In Memory of Ted Schugg)                                      | \$10      | FLS – Technology   |
| Ruth Karg (In Memory of Gilbert "Bud" Soeffker)                                      | \$10      | FLS                |
| Donald & Darlene Dammann (In Memory of Gilbert "Bud" Soeffker)                       | \$20      | FLS                |
| Dennis Wolter (In Memory of Gilbert "Bud" Soeffker)                                  | \$50      | FLS                |
| Peter & Melissa Adelsen (In Memory of Gilbert "Bud" Soeffker)                        | Anonymous | General Fund       |
| Lucille Kraemer (In Memory of Alice Fransen)   | \$15      | General Fund       |
| Ken & Joyce Schiroo (In Memory of Gilbert "Bud" Soeffker)                            | \$20      | Street Assessments |
| Chuck Jensen (In Memory of Gilbert "Bud" Soeffker)                                   | \$20      | General Fund       |
| Ralph & Marjorie Duenow (In Memory of Gilbert "Bud" Soeffker)                        | \$10      | FLS                |
| Ralph & Marjorie Duenow (In Memory of Joe Fountain)                                  | \$10      | FLS – Technology   |
| Gayle Schwarze (In Memory of Patti Schwartz)   | \$10      | General Fund       |
| Alan & Brenda Birkholz (In Memory of Gilbert "Bud" Soeffker)                         | \$20      | FLS                |
| Marlys Friauf (In Memory of my husband Donald Friauf & our 60th Wedding Anniversary) | \$100     | General Fund       |
| Ralph & Judith Bulau (In Honor of our 57th Wedding Anniversary)                      | \$500     | Street Assessments |
| LeRoy & Sylvia Lewin (In Honor of our 60th Wedding Anniversary)                      | \$250     | FLS – Lunch Tables |
| LeRoy & Sylvia Lewin (In Honor of our 60th Wedding Anniversary)                      | \$250     | FLS – Technology   |
| LeRoy & Sylvia Lewin (In Honor of our 60th Wedding Anniversary)                      | \$100     | Street Assessments |

# *Don't let change overwhelm you.*

*Change is everywhere today, but don't let it overwhelm you.*

*Some of us like change more than others. But like it or not, change is all around us in our work and personal lives.*




*To manage change effectively, we need to see it as an opportunity instead of just a danger. "At the very least, it's critical to develop five characteristics to keep our energy level up."*

*The five characteristics include being positive, focused, flexible, organized and proactive.*

- Positive people develop the ability to view life as challenging, dynamic and filled with opportunities. "They appreciate the dangers and threats in change, but are not overwhelmed by them." They "compartmentalize" the stress caused by disruptions to prevent it from affecting other areas of their lives.*
- Focused people determine where they're headed and stick to that goal so barriers along the way don't become insurmountable. Blocks or obstacles are given the appropriate attention.*
- Flexible people are open to different options when faced with uncertainty. They recognize their personal strengths and weaknesses and know when to accept internal or external limits.*
- Organized people develop structured approaches to managing ambiguity. They set priorities, but when necessary renegotiate them during change. They recognize when to ask others for help.*
- Proactive people work with change rather than defend against it. They draw important lessons from change-related experiences to apply to similar situations. They also use resources to creatively reframe a changing situation.*



# October 2020

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
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| <p><b>ALTAR GUILD WORKERS</b></p> <p>Linda Ranzau 864-3395<br/>Cindy Dahlke 864-5030<br/>Amy Welch 864-2753</p>               | <p><b>CHURCH CONTACTS</b></p> <p>925 13th St. E.<br/>Glencoe, MN 55336<br/>320 - 864 - 5522<br/><a href="mailto:office@firstglencoe.org">office@firstglencoe.org</a><br/><a href="http://www.firstglencoe.org">www.firstglencoe.org</a><br/><a href="#">Like us on Facebook!</a></p> |  | <p><b>SCHOOL CONTACTS</b></p> <p>1015 14th St. E.<br/>Glencoe, MN 55336<br/>320 - 864 - 3317<br/><a href="http://www.firstglencoe.org">www.firstglencoe.org</a><br/>Principal: Mr. Scheele<br/><a href="#">Like us on Facebook!</a></p> | <p>1  </p> <p>8 :10 AM - FLS Chapel<br/>(Pastor Welch)<br/>7:00 PM - Deacons</p>  | <p>2  </p>  | <p>3  </p>   |
| <p>4  </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion<br/>10:30 AM - Divine Service<br/>6:30-8:00 PM - I.M.P.A.C.T.</p>  | <p>5  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying<br/>6:30 PM - Trustees<br/>7:00 PM - LWML</p>  | <p>6  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Staff Meeting<br/>3:00-5:00 PM - TWEENS<br/>6:30 PM - Evangelism<br/>7:00 PM - Stewardship<br/>7:00 PM - Day School</p>  | <p>7  </p> <p>3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Catechism</p>  | <p>8  </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel<br/>(DCE Tori Kidd)<br/>7:00 PM - Cemetery Board<br/><i>Fellowship Center - Private Rental</i></p>                               | <p>9  </p> <p><i>Fellowship Center - Private Rental</i></p> | <p>10  </p> <p><i>Fellowship Center - Private Rental</i></p>   |
| <p>11  </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service<br/>10:30 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion</p>   | <p>12  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying<br/>7:00 PM - Altar Guild<br/><br/><i>Pastor's Conference @ Mankato</i></p>   | <p>13  </p> <p>10:30 AM - GlenFields<br/>1:00 PM - Staff Meeting<br/>3:00-4:30 PM - Fun &amp; The Son<br/>6:30 PM - Christian Ed / Youth Board<br/><br/><i>Pastor's Conference @ Mankato</i></p> | <p>14  </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel<br/>(Ms. Albachten)<br/><br/><i>No Confirmation Classes<br/>FLS Parent Drive Day<br/>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i></p>   | <p>15  </p>  <p>6:30 PM - Church Council<br/><br/><i>FLS No School - MEA</i></p> | <p>16  </p> <p><i>FLS No School - MEA</i></p>               | <p>17  </p>  |
| <p>18  </p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service w/ Communion<br/>10:30 AM - Divine Service<br/>6:30-8:00 PM - I.M.P.A.C.T.<br/>11:00-1:00 PM - LWML Drive thru Lunch<br/>(Fundraiser for Vance &amp; Linda Becker)</p> | <p>19  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying<br/>6:00 PM - Flames Boosters<br/><br/><i>Nov. Newsletter Deadline</i></p>  | <p>20  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Staff Meeting<br/>3:00-5:00 PM - TWEENS</p>   | <p>21  </p> <p>3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Catechism</p>   | <p>22  </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel<br/>(Mrs. Scheele)</p>  | <p>23  </p> <p>2:00 PM - Orchard Estates</p>                | <p>24  </p>  |
| <p>25  Confirmation/Reformation Sunday</p> <p>8:00 AM - Divine Service<br/>9:30 AM - KDUZ Radio Broadcast<br/>10:30 AM - Confirmation Service</p>  | <p>26  </p> <p>1:00 PM - Quilt Tying<br/>6:30 PM - Endowment</p>   | <p>27  </p> <p>11 AM to 12:30 PM Common Cup Diaper Distribution at City Center<br/>1:00 PM - Staff Meeting<br/>3:00-4:30 PM - Fun &amp; The Son<br/>6:00 PM - Christian Book Study</p>           | <p>28  </p> <p>3:30-4:45 PM - Public School Catechism</p>   | <p>29  </p> <p>8:10 AM - FLS Chapel<br/>(Mrs. Willett)</p>  | <p>30  </p>   | <p>31   Reformation Day<br/>3:00-5:00 PM Drive Thru Trunk or Treat</p>  |