



First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Glencoe, MN

May 2018 Church Newsletter

Sharing Christ Changing Lives”“

What Is Pentecost?

On May 20th we remember and rejoice in that amazing day! May is a busy month, an extremely busy month! There's Mother's Day, end of the school year, end of the Sunday School year, graduations, and much more. I would like to focus on an important Sunday in the midst of this hectic time. That Sunday is called Pentecost and it draws us back to an important event that happened quite early in the history of the Christian church and has a big effect on us today. It had been ten days since the disciples saw Jesus ascend into heaven. It had been fifty since He fulfilled His promise to rise from the dead. Now, it was the Day of Pentecost and all the believers were together in one place and those disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit in a most miraculous way: Through a loud rushing wind, and tongues of fire above their heads (See Acts 2: 1-4). To an outsider that may not sound very peaceful and yet it was. Here was Jesus' gift of peace for them; the promised Holy Spirit. They were not left abandoned and alone. They had Christ's peace through the powerful working of the Holy Spirit.

The same comfort is yours today as the same Holy Spirit continues to work in Word and Sacraments; Baptism, the Lord's Supper and though God's spirit-filled Word. Here God, the Holy Spirit, delivers to you the forgiveness of sins and the sure and certain hope of everlasting life in the perfect peace of heaven. Peace is offered to you, even now, in the midst of lives that sometimes feel anything but calm and peaceful. Do you know what peace is? It's not the absence of sin. It's the forgiveness of sin. God loves you and forgives you every day for all of your sins, because Jesus died for you. You never have to feel like God hates you or is punishing you. Jesus died for all of that. There is peace between you and God. Like the disciples on Pentecost, you also are never abandoned by the Lord.

Peace is not the absence of death in this world. Peace is having the sure hope of eternal life. Peace is believing that "whoever lives and believes in (Jesus) will never die" because He is "the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25-26). Peace is not the absence of trouble in this world. It's the presence of Christ which comes to us through God's Holy Spirit. It is believing that Jesus is with you always. He is your strength when you feel weak; your shelter, your wisdom. What awesome, comforting news! For anyone and everyone in search of peace, the search is over in Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Christ's peace be with you as we celebrate the day of Pentecost this year and always!

~In Him, Pastor Dan Welch



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

- Sunday May 6 8:00 AM - Dennis Wolter / Rich Jannusch
10:30 AM - Don Hepner / Quinn Beneke
- Sunday May 13 8:00 AM - Dave Uecker / Lee Terlinden
10:30 AM - Dennis Wolter / Stan Karg
- Sunday May 20 8:00 AM - Dean Scheele / Quinn Beneke
10:30 AM - Dennis Wolter / Roger Schmidt
- Wed. May 23 7:00 PM - Dean Scheele / Quinn Beneke
- Sunday May 27 8:00 AM - Dean Dahlke / Doug Dahlke
10:30 AM - Dave Uecker / David Wolff



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

- Sunday May 6 8:00 AM - Jenna Trippel / Faith Wertz
10:30 AM - Braxton Rose / Conner Sullivan
- Sunday May 13 8:00 AM - Benjamin Grimm / Hunter Pratley
10:30 AM - Lily Becker / Meara Busse
- Sunday May 20 8:00 AM - Madison Schuch / Lena Touailat
10:30 AM - Jenna Trippel / Faith Wertz
- Wed. May 23 7:00 PM - Alyssa Gruber / Jacqueline Lemke
- Sunday May 27 8:00 AM - Alyssa Radke / Crystal Richards
10:30 AM - Hunter Lukes / Alexander Martin

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Recently, the editors of GQ magazine released its list of the "21 Books You Don't Have to Read."

One of the books GQ listed is the most translated book in the history of the world: the Holy Bible, itself. The article reads, "The Holy Bible is rated very highly by all the people who supposedly live by it but who in actuality have not read it. Those who have read it know there are some good parts, but overall it is certainly not the finest thing that man has ever produced. It is repetitive, self-contradictory, sententious, foolish, and even at times ill-intentioned."

Apparently GQ does not hold the Holy Bible in high regard, since the editors wrote that the Bible "is certainly not the finest thing that man has ever produced."

This opinion is nothing new, for the culture through the work of Satan has been trying its hardest to make God's Word irrelevant, since the Fall of Adam and Eve.

Personally, I believe GQ included the Holy Bible on its list to get attention, but in case they are actually serious that the Bible isn't worth reading and that it's not the "finest thing" written, I have some answers for them on why it is the finest book ever written.

Throughout God's Word, the reader is told that each Biblical writer was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write according to God's will.

As the Apostle Paul wrote, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

All Scripture is breathed out by God. This means that God is the author and He tells us of what He has done and continues to do with His Word. And, through God's Word, we come to God, Himself.

Famed author C.S. Lewis once wrote, "It is Christ Himself, not the Bible, who is the true Word of God. The Bible, read in the right spirit and with the guidance of good teachers, will bring us to Him."

God brings us to Him through His written Word.

The reason why the Holy Bible is the most-read and most-translated book in the history of the world is simple: the written Word of God tells us of God's saving work from creation until Jesus Christ's future return and renewal of creation.

Through God's Written Word — led by the Holy Spirit — countless generations have come to know what God has done to redeem His fallen people by bringing us back to being righteous through Jesus Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection from the dead.

This is the good news that no man could ever produce. This is the work of God. So, let us all continue to read God's Word and be ever thankful for what has been done by God's grace for us.

In Christ, Pastor Adelsen



ANGEL SEEDS

The April-June Angel Seeds will be donated to Faith Comes by Hearing Military Outreach program. Their goal is to provide audio Bibles, called BibleSticks to all of the United States

Armed Forces. The "BibleSticks" have the entire New Testament of the Bible plus selected Psalms for the service men and women to listen to. It comes with headphones in a small, convenient size for the listener to take with them wherever they go.

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

As we can see, April showers only brought snowplowers this past month. I hope that we can jump into spring as soon as May arrives. Even though the weather may have gotten the best of us one weekend, we can still rejoice because He is Risen! Thank you to those that attended and enjoyed the Easter breakfast. I am always so pleased with how much our congregation supports the youth going on trips to strengthen their faith. The month of April will conclude our confirmation program for the year. As a congregation, I pray that you continue to pray that those confirmed remain involved so their faith can be strengthened. We are prayerful that what we do here at First Lutheran encourages each youth to be a lifelong learner. That they always have a desire to know more about their Creator. Youth group schedules will be ending during the month of May. Be on the lookout for summer dates to be announced for both tweens, and IMPACT.

Blessings ~ Tori Kidd



A Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30th at 6:30 PM in the Church Fellowship Center. All First Ev. Lutheran Church members age 18 and older are encouraged to attend. Among other business, the 2017-18 Budget will be reviewed as well as reports from the Boards and committees.

Library News:

Wisconsin Blessings by Becky Melby and Cathy Wienke.

Three sisters of the heart are bonded by family and friendship in a small Wisconsin town. They are seeking the blessings promised in God's Word, but can they trust love not to let them down again? There is Karlee, a widow who is left to raise two children alone. She meets two men. There is Hailey Austin, who carries a secret that keeps her from getting close to any man, even Cody a prospective suitor. And then there is Paige Stern, who is happy being a single successful artist until she meets a child she longs to adopt. Will these women discover that blessings come in all shapes and sizes?



Colorado Weddings by Joyce Livingston. Three Colorado career women, Shelly, Stormy and Tula all are determined that old ways are safer than facing change and romance. Will these women find the faith to look change in the eye? Can three determined men use persuasion, renewed friendships, and an older man convince them to take the walk down the aisle to find love's surprising treasures?

An Amish Harvest (four novellas) Under the Harvest Moon by

Beth Wiseman. Love and Buggy Rides by Amy Clipston. A Quiet Love by Kathleen Fuller. Mischief in the Autumn Air by Vannetta Chapman. These four novellas all have the same theme running through them. Faith, hope and love that navigates through each couple with hope for meaningful relationships and the blessing of God to overcome their own doubts. Each is approximately 100 pages long and is an easy read for rainy days or sleepless nights.



FLC Prayer Chain

We're always looking for new members to join our Prayer Chain! We have both a phone chain and an email chain. You can join anytime. Participation as a member is simple, but so very powerful! The Bible says in Phil 4:6, "But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be known to God." If anyone would like to join the prayer chain or make a prayer request, please contact the church office or one of the prayer chain phone numbers listed on all Sunday bulletin notes.

Lutheran Witness Subscription



Try a subscription to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod family magazine, the Lutheran Witness. You can review the latest issue on an end table in the south main entry sitting area. Have this magazine delivered to your door

each month for only \$19.70 per year. To renew your subscription or to be added to the subscription list, stop by the Church office with your payment OR put your \$19.70 in your offering envelope (separate check please) and note "Lutheran Witness" on the outside of the envelope. The deadline is Friday, May 18th. Your subscription will start with the August issue and continue for 11 issues (June and July are combined). Thank you.



An article about Rebecca Wagner, the LCMS missionary that FLC is supporting in Minneapolis, recently appeared in the Spring 2018 issue of Lutherans Engage the World, a quarterly publication of LCMS. First Ev. Lutheran Church supports Rebecca; both financially and prayerfully.....please note that she is included in our weekly prayers. She visited FLC, along with a group of students from China, last Sept 9th (see October 2017 newsletter for a recap of the visit). Spoiler Alert! Rebecca mentions a memorable visit in the article - I suspect that it is the visit to FLC that Rebecca is talking about! Copies of this article are available on the entrance stands. Read more to learn more about Rebecca's ministry and how it works.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

First Lutheran LWML will meet on Monday May 7th at 7:00 p.m. Addie Luehrs will be speaking and showing pictures of the Ysleta Lutheran Mission where she volunteered last year. This mission provides human care services while planting and nurturing missions on the U.S./Mexico border in the El Paso/Juarez region. It is a recognized service organization of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. **All women** of the congregation are encouraged to join us for this meaningful service. We will also hear a short report from Principal Scheele about the 7th and 8th graders out-door education trip to northern Minnesota which we helped fund. Executive board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow.



Blessed May birthday to LWML honorary members Dorothy Herbst and Lorraine Murch. A \$5 gift in your honor has been given to "mites" LWML mission grants.

Lutheran Hour Topics for May

Each Sunday during May at 12:30 PM listen to the Lutheran Hour over radio station KDUZ 1260 AM. This month you will hear the following program topics:

May 6th "Love One Another as I Have Loved You" with Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Jesus calls His followers to be different as they deal with difficult people. (John 15:9-17)

May 13th "Keep Them" with Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. There are times Christians might readily wish the Lord would airlift them out of this world. Because we have some work to do, the Lord Jesus prays we be kept safe. So, how's that working for you? (John 17:14-17)

May 20th "Functional Atheist No More!" with Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Christians like to think of themselves as following the first disciples. That's uncomfortably true. The first disciples had trouble believing the promises of Jesus for their daily lives. Too often, we do too. On Pentecost, the Spirit of the risen Lord Jesus gave the first disciples faith like they had never had before. Today the same Spirit is ready to do the same for us. (Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27)

May 27th "Impossible" with Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus. Can death hold us? Experience says, "Yes!" the Apostle Peter says, "No." Today's sermon talks about making possible that which can't happen. (Acts 2:22-24)

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



May 2018 News Thrivent Financial

✓Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thank you Thrivent members for taking action in March! Our church and school received \$5820! We gratefully thank you! If you are a Thrivent member, please check to see if you have Choice \$. If you qualify, Choice \$ are periodically released to you throughout the year....you must keep checking and directing. First Lutheran Church and First Lutheran School are two of the many organizations you can direct your monies to. It's fast and easy to do. You can visit (www.Thrivent.com/choice) or phone 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars." Have your Thrivent ID# handy. You can phone Monday – Friday from 7:00 AM - 6:00 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.

Visit Thrivent.com/actionteam for more information or to complete the online application. You must make your request a minimum of 3 weeks (but less than 90 days) before your event. You'll sign on using your current user name and password. When applying, you'll be asked the proposed project date and details. Once you submit your application, you'll get an email within a week letting you know if it's approved.

When your project is approved, Thrivent will provide resources (Action Team Kit) to help you 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).

Each Thrivent member is eligible to lead two Action Teams per calendar year. Involve others – it's all about your friends, family and community coming together to make a positive impact! If you need inspiration, check out the "101 Thrivent Action Team Ideas" on the Resources page of the web site or on the Literature stands here at church.

✓Twins Game – Cindy is organizing an Action Team to attend Lutheran Night at the MN Twins on July 31st. All community members are encouraged to attend!

✓Workshop for Preparing for College

Would you like ideas on discovering grants and scholarships? When should one start preparing for college? Watch for details on an upcoming workshop!

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

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

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



Tickets are reserved for the 7 PM game on Tuesday, July 31st against the Cleveland Indians. Seats are located in the Home Plate Terrace at a cost of \$34 each. Bus transportation will be arranged from Glencoe at a cost of about \$12 per person. Please contact Cindy at 238-2148 or eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com to reserve your spot!



The Young Investors Club program (for ages 0 to 18-years-old) will be wrapping up in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to all of our young savers who are taking their first steps in practicing financial management, investing for future needs, and supporting ministry. We can't forget about the parents who help encourage them and even send money with them on a weekly basis. Young Investors can earn "extra credit" for good grades and participating in community service projects (up to \$25 per year). Parent forms can be found at lcef.org. In addition, the Y.I. Club's interest rate on the first \$1,000 is 3.5%! Did you know that adults could be an LCEF investor, too? Visit lcef.org for the online "Fast Form" or call 800-843-5233. (Becky Edwards Y.I. Club coordinator at FLC, 320-864-5522).

ARE YOU A SUMMER TRAVELER?



Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? First Ev Lutheran Church offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account.

If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving offers you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Contact Debi in the Church Office (864-5522) to get a form to complete and return. Or go to the Church's website at www.firstglencoe.org and click on the tab at the top of the page that says, "giving". Then click "online giving" on the left side of this page. Create a profile, and then you're ready to enter your amount in the correct category.

To Our Current Electronic Donors



If you're like me, you feel "funny" when the offering plate comes around and you have nothing to place in it. I'm sure people don't watch as closely as I think they do, but it still makes me feel uncomfortable and

slightly embarrassed. Well we've come up with something that we hope will help. We've made a card that says "I Give Electronically". It's about the same size as a church envelope, and you just toss them on the plate. There'll be some on the stands so you can get one before the Service. I know I'll feel better because it kind of explains why I don't have an envelope. And who knows, maybe it will inspire someone else to give electronically as well. We will do our part for recycling by collecting them and returning them to the stands for the next Sunday. Please contact Debi in the church office at 864-5522 with any questions or comments.



Two new causes/funds/programs have been added to our Auto Payment options on our web site. For more information, go to

www.firstglencoe.org Click on "giving" at the top of the page, then "online giving" on the left of that page. You can

see that it's a great option to make a one-time donation or to add a recurring payment for tuition, contributions such as General Fund, Missions, Angel Seeds, to fund projects like our church boiler fund, and to help programs along such as the two additions.

One of these programs is the Flames of Faith Kids Club which is our after school program. "Flames" is a place where children grades K-6 can go to have some fun, get their homework done, and bond in a healthy, Christian atmosphere until their parents are able to pick them up after work. This program is open only

when school's in session. It's been suggested that we open up for snow events to help parents who need to go to work when there's a late start or school closes early. To keep this self-sustaining program open and/or to add additional hours, it will need donations of cash. Gifts of gift cards for healthy snacks, or donations of snacks, juice, paper products, etc. are also very welcome. Also, if you're thinking of bringing your child, please come in and talk with our Director, Nancy Ahlers. Currently, the fees are \$8 per day and it's open from 3-6 PM.

The other program is The Lighthouse. This is a "hang out" for the older children, our teens and young adults. There are bible studies, games, and open discussion in a supervised, Christian environment. It's located above "The Temple" and donated by the Grochow family. There is no rent charged by the Grochow's, but there is Wi-Fi costs of \$55 per month. We received a grant from McLeod Coop the first year, but since then we're relying on donations. Donations of gift cards, snacks, paper products, cleaning supplies, etc. would be great, as well as those gifts of cash. If you have any questions about this program, please contact our Director of Christian Education, Tori Kidd or either of the Pastors, Pastor Welch or Adelsen. I think you'll agree that the ministry of our youth is vitally important to them becoming active, responsible members of our Church family.

Happy Spring from Stewardship Board!

It's been a long winter but spring really does seem to have finally arrived!! Even those skiers, snowmobilers and ice fishing fans have to have joy in seeing the season change to spring. The joy of stewardship comes from serving and giving to others in Christ's name. Our stewardship is a response to God's love and goodness to us – gifts like the snow finally melting!

With the change of seasons, the stewardship board has a change we'd like to prayerfully consider – switching to online offerings. Our board has a goal of increasing the number of online giving members/families to 65 by the end of 2018. Will you be one of them? It's easy. If you pay loans, cable/satellite, credit cards, etc. electronically, why not consider doing your offering electronically? No more checks to write or looking for cash before heading to church.



To get started, go to our congregation's website, www.firstglencoe.org and click the "GIVING" tab, then click the Online Giving picture:

Questions? You can always call or stop in the church office for confidential assistance. Electronic giving is just as confidential as the envelope system. Look for more information in upcoming emails, at church or on the "I Give Electronically" cards you may see in the offering plate. Or get started now by visiting www.firstglencoe.org and click GIVING across the top. For those who already use electronic methods for paying bills, it will take less time than writing out that check!



Stories of Faith

Have you ever struggled with the idea of God's timing?

For 13 years, I worked as a hairstylist. Every day people sat in my chair, asked me advice, told me their problems, we laughed and sometimes we even cried together. When they left, my hope was that they left feeling better than they did when they first walked through the salon door. Maybe they felt more confident because of their hair, maybe they had a sense of relief after sharing their thoughts, feelings and struggles with me, or maybe they simply needed to laugh with someone. What I can tell you is that no matter what emotions we shared, I felt a sense of purpose and fulfillment when they walked out that door. Most days, they left me feeling like a better person! God knew what He was doing when He placed each and every one of them in my chair!

So when the day came that I made the decision to take another path, I reminded myself of how lucky I was...to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard! There's something bitter sweet about taking a new path. The fear of the unknown and the excitement of something new! Struggling with the idea of the unknown but the urge to dig in. Trusting in the path God had set before me. For the next three years, I showed up to that job, put in my time and collected a paycheck but never really felt satisfied. I found myself longing to be fulfilled again. Needing to be around people again. Therefore, I started searching. I filled out various job applications, submitted my resume, attended interviews, and it just seemed God kept saying "NO!" I started to struggle with every "no" and eventually I started taking it personally. God had to know how difficult it was to show up day in, day out, and leave feeling unsatisfied and unfulfilled. Is it me? Is it something I said? What exactly are they looking for? Why can't God see my "need" for something different? Why hasn't God answered my prayers? What is "HE" waiting for?

Just over a year ago, it was brought to my attention that there was going to be a vacancy in the church secretary position here at First Lutheran Church. I thought it might be a good fit. One of my sons would be a sixth grader in the fall at First Lutheran School and the other would be a sophomore at GSL High School. I'd be in town. I could run at any given time...if they needed me. I'd get the opportunity to be around people again. It all sounded so good! I decided to submit my resume. Once again, I found myself waiting, worrying and wondering if this would be another disappointment. If God would say "NO" again. Time went by, I continued to wonder and eventually I got a call. This time it would be a call with a job offer! This is what I'd been waiting for! This is

what I'd been praying about! Then I found out that they had decided to hire 2 part time employees, when all along I just assumed it would be a full time position as it was in the past. How could I go from working 40 hours per week to 20 hours per week? Less pay? What would I have to sacrifice? Here I was questioning the things I had been praying for! God answered my prayers, yet I found myself questioning "His plan" the path God intended for me!

It's been a year since I accepted the job offer. During that time, God has shown me in more ways than one to trust "his plan". He's reminded me that He's in control and that it's all in HIS timing. It would be an understatement to say that God's plan has been fulfilling. I'm extremely grateful that He chose me! He chose me for the position. He chose me to sit at that desk and greet those who walk through the doors of his house. The house that I get to unlock every morning and lock every night. The house that welcomes men, women, children, students, and staff of all ages. The house that I'm honored to help take care of. The house that I spend a great portion of my day at. The house that I leave each and every day, excited for the next. I can't imagine my life any other way! My heart is overflowing with joy. I leave every day with a sense of fulfillment and excitement for what the next day brings.

Maybe you find yourself struggling right now. Praying. Waiting. Questioning. My hope is that you find some peace and comfort in knowing that God hears your prayers, He wants nothing but the best for you, and He's going to bless you with it. IN. HIS. TIMING.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope".



Summaries from Our Boards and Committees



Church Finance Committee | April 12th

The Finance Committee met on April 12 and included Randy Bussler, Cindy Eggersgluess, Les Englemann, Kathy Schiroo, and Debi Ramirez. Discussion focused specifically on relevant data and how best to clearly report financial figures to the congregation. We will continue to work on this. We ask all congregation members to pray for guidance and help concerning FL's financial situation. Our next meeting scheduled for May 10th.

Christian Education Board | April 9th

Confirmation plans are complete for Sun., April 29. We revised next fiscal year's budget request. Planning has begun for Vacation Bible School and is scheduled July 29 – August 2. The next CE Board meeting will be on Thu., May 10.

Day School Board | April 3rd

Motioned and approved changes to the School budget for 2018/19. Motioned and approved the 2018/19 school calendar. Mr. Scheele will do his skydiving on Saturday, May 19th at 10 am in Winsted. ITBS is the week of April 16th.

Board of Deacons | April 5th

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the March minutes. A motion was made, seconded and carried to maintain hourly wages at current rate. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the bills and requisitions.

Board of Evangelism | April 4th

The board reviewed changes to our upcoming budget for 2018-2019. We are also reviewing a possible Bible Study for future use. Discussions were on volunteering opportunities in our communities. Please watch for details in the bulletins and newsletters. Plans are also being made already for Christmas Caroling in December.

The members of the Board of Evangelism would like to thank everyone who contributed to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf drive in March and April. Through the "Pack the Pews" campaign, the members donated 474 pounds and \$180! The Sunday School students donated 32 pounds. Many thanks and blessings to all who participated in this great cause.



Board of Stewardship | April 10th

This quarter's Angel Seeds is "Faith Comes By Hearing". More information will be shared during Sunday services. The following quarter will "Adopt A Student". A program from Concordia Seminary designed to financially help future pastors in their education at Concordia St. Louis - alma mater of both Pastor Welch and Pastor Adelsen. Established goal to increase number of online offering members/families to 65 by year-end and discussed ways to accomplish that. Heard recap of Echurch by PushPay as another electronic tool for giving and record keeping.

Board of Trustees | April 10th

The church fuel tank was sold at Fahey Sales. The fuel oil in the outside tank at the school will be used up heating the building. We will then decide to keep or remove it. Eliminating a potential leak, as it is very old. The compressor failed on the school freezer and had to be repaired. The \$18,680 chimney removal bid will be verified. Approval of the expense to remove it now or later will then go to the Voter's Assembly in May. We are looking to hire 2 people to help Louie Tessmer with summer custodial duties. Any added volunteers would be appreciated. A representative from Glencoe Light and Power may attend the next meeting to explain the "on demand" billing they are proposing.

Youth Board | April 10th

Youth Group and Tween Youth Group both continue to go well. Summer schedules will be looked at soon. "Case for Christ" was shown on April 7th. The board discussed ways to stay connected with youth in High School and College, and will continue to look at options. NYG group will meet again in September. Easter Breakfast went well. Thank you to Michael's Foods for donating the eggs!

TEMPORARY CUSTODIAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Full-time and part-time positions are open to assist our Custodian with summer cleaning in the school and church buildings. Full-time hours are 7 AM - 4 PM, Monday through Friday; and the part-time hours are 7 AM – 12 PM, Monday through Friday. Applicants must be 18 years old or older, able to lift 50+ pounds, handy with tools, and capable of operating cleaning equipment. Starting wage will be between \$9 and \$10 per hour, dependent upon experience. Work will begin June 4th and will continue until the end of August. You may pick up an application at the Church Office Monday – Friday from 8 AM - 4 PM or on our web site at www.firstglencoe.org. Application deadline is May 21st.

First Lutheran School Flame Flash ~ May 2018

Please Pray for:

- Feed My Starving Children, our chapel-offering recipients, as they work to help to feed hungry children in needy parts of the world.
- Those families that are considering sending their children to FLS that they might be led to realize the importance of a Christ centered education right here in Glencoe.
- A safe planting season for our farmers as well as seasonable weather.
- Focus, as students and teachers complete the end of the school year with their best efforts.

Thank You to:

- Sue Nord, Amy Welch, and Michelle Alsleben for your great work as teacher aids.
- Everyone who volunteered this year whether for field trips, classroom activities, or other needs. We really appreciate it!
- Becky Edwards for taking on the Young Investors program.

Calendar Notes:

- **May 2** Fine Arts festival 6:30PM
- **May 5** Track Meet at MLHS
Grades 5-8
- **May 18** Play day at Zion Mayer
Grades 3-8
- **May 23** 8th grade graduation 7:00pm
- **May 24** Grades 4-8 travel to Feed My Starving Children, 11:15-2:45
- **May 25** Last day of school, closing chapel and awards 10:00, dismiss 11:01
- **May 29-30** Faculty meetings
- **June 1** Crawfish Boil 6:00PM

Authentic Cajun Crawfish Boil

Again, this year supporters can continue to help FLS raise funds and have a great time doing it. The teaching staff and others are hosting a crawfish boil on Fri., June 1, starting around 6:00 PM. It will be held at Doug and Mary Stuedeman's party barn, 1314 110 St.; Plato. This is an all-you-can-eat affair which includes: hot boiled crawfish (flown in live from Louisiana), new crop red potatoes, smoked sausage, corn on the cob, hot dogs, carrots, mushrooms all spiced up just right Cajun style. We will also have tasty Louisiana desserts and live music provided by assorted artists including the Gruber Girls Bluegrass Band! All of this for only \$35 a person! So come on, indulge in this captivating, cultural, culinary experience, and take part in an entertaining social event that will benefit our great students. 100% of your donation will go

toward the purchase of needed supplies for the school and for MLHS freshman retreat. To purchase tickets (which are limited this year) and secure a spot, just contact Mr. Scheele at 320-864-3317. "Laissez le Bon Temps Rouler," let the good times roll!

Fine Arts Festival

The First Lutheran Art Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM in the church fellowship center. If your child has talent that you believe they would be interested in sharing, please encourage them to sign up in Mr. Dahl's classroom, or tell their teacher that they are interested. It does not need to be a musical talent...everyone is blessed with different talents. Maybe they are good at telling jokes, or juggling, or... We look forward to seeing the children participate and sharing some of the gifts which the Lord has blessed them.

Last Day of School Schedule

The First Lutheran schedule for May 25th is as follows:

- 7:30 - 7:55 AM** parents drop off students
- 8:00 - 9:00 AM** parent "thank you" reception in the fellowship hall with cookies, snacks, coffee and juice. (Mrs. Bargmann and the student council will be your hosts.)
- 9:00 - 10:00 AM** 8th grade presentations including wills, skits, and valedictorian and salutatorian speeches (This has been extremely entertaining in the past so you won't want to miss it.)
- 10:00 - 11:00 AM** End of year chapel and awards
- 11:01 AM** Dismissal

There will be no GSL busing on this day so please arrange for transportation!

Third Trimester Chapel Offering

Our third Trimester chapel offering will be going to Lutherans in Africa. The following was taken from their website: There is a severe shortage of trained pastors in Africa. In America, the Lutheran Church has 1 pastor for every 376 members. In Tanzania, for instance, there is 1 pastor for every 3,500 members. By training Africans to be teachers of the faith, Lutherans In Africa (LIA) is able to help fill the need for pastors and further spread the Gospel, allowing God to work through His external Word. As of April 20th, we have collected about \$470. It would be great if we could bring a check for \$1000 with us on May 19th when the 4th-8th graders go to pack meals. Please help us reach this goal by donating to this great mission!

\$200 for Free!!

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

Youth Investors Program

The Youth Investors Program (formerly K.I.D.S. Stamps) is an ongoing program. Students can bring their deposits on Thursdays and carry out transactions after chapel services in the church. YIP is a way for kids to save money and help our Church Extension Fund.

Extended Preschool Update

We are waiting on a site visit from the state Dept. of Human Services.

Ongoing Fundraisers

We are collecting: Box Tops, Coborn's MORE Rewards, Kwik Trip milk tops, and Country Hearth labels. Our last check was for over \$667 from the Box Tops program and we usually receive a large check from our Coborn's receipts. Our most recent Kwik Trip tops earned us a check of \$166.35 and we received a check for over \$56 from Country Hearth! If you are interested in counting or processing any of these items please call the school office. Keep up the good work!

Sixth Grade News

Some highlights of the 6th grade current curricular progress include: Religion: a continued study of the major Bible history stories with a chance to listen to "Jesus Christ, Superstar" during the Lenten season, Science: Exploring forces-motion, work, energy and power, English: pronouns, Spelling: words from other languages and their impact with English, History: finishing the study of Asia and going into the Australian section of the world, Math: the relationships of fractions and decimals, Literature: on going Red Fern reading and study supplemented by SRA activities, Health: Review of the functional nature of eyes, ears, mouth, etc., PE: Floor hockey, pin guard and preparation for outside activities of softball, kickball, track meets.

With the school year rapidly coming to a close, the sixth graders can look forward to warmer weather (???), achievement testing, and field trips. Continued blessings to them, as the celebration of Easter with ALL its meaning of our resurrected Savior, remains in their daily activities.



Special Gifts Received in April

Lucille Kraemer (In Memory of Evelyn Burdorf)	\$20	Debt Reduction
LeRoy & Adelle Suttles (In Memory of Evelyn Burdorf)	\$10	General Fund
In Loving Memory of Delores Buss	\$7054	Boiler Fund
Frances Downer (In Memory of Evelyn Burdorf)	\$10	General Fund

First Lutheran Financial Report

GENERAL FUND INCOME (July-March)	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Offering Envelopes	\$547,369.21	\$565,205.72
Thrivent "Choice" Member Elections	5,707.00	4,760.00
CHP – Be Well Rewards	-0-	-0-
"Keep It Happening" Fund	2,420.00	6,268.20
School Tuition	<u>123,538.45</u>	<u>131,804.05</u>
	<u>\$679,034.66</u>	<u>\$708,037.97</u>

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES (July-March)		<u>Last Year</u>
Staff	\$670,344.95	\$659,046.86
CHP – Be Well Rewards	726.42	(2,708.91)
Buildings	74,306.45	68,338.07
Operations	41,432.56	30,212.02
Interest on Line of Credit	<u>1,027.54</u>	<u>9,014.09</u>
	<u>\$787,837.92</u>	<u>\$763,902.13</u>

2017-2018 MISSIONS & ANGEL SEED OFFERINGS:
\$ 15,222.78
\$ 19,045.28

March 31st GENERAL FUND INDEBTEDNESS: (\$236,711.34) Plus Line of Credit = \$38,498.70
 Last Year's March 31st General Indebtedness: (\$184,699.17) Plus Line of Credit = \$25,000