



First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Glencoe, MN

September 2018 Church Newsletter

“Sharing Christ Changing Lives”

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)

No matter how big or small, old or young we are, God wants us to grow and keep on growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ! He has so many blessings to give to us and He doesn't want our sinful desires to stunt our growth. This is why He says to grow in the grace and knowledge that is ours in Christ. And it's all a gift. Grace is “God's Riches At Christ's Expense.” We have the forgiveness of all of our sins, eternal life with Christ in heaven, and so much more given to us free of charge. The knowledge of Christ that Peter also talks about comes to us as we continue to study, read, and hear God's holy Word. 'Keep growing in that knowledge and grace,' is God's command to us.

We have many opportunities to do this growing here at First Lutheran through the several Bible studies that are offered and through Sunday School, Catechism (Confirmation) classes, youth Bible studies, and more. What a blessing we've been given through our Church and through our Christian Day School to help us to continue to grow in our faith.

We live in an ever-changing world, and not all of that change is for the better. Thankfully we have as our Savior, the changeless Christ who is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) to guide us. So please join us this fall as we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as God's family!

~In Christ, 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!

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| Sunday | Sept. 2 | 8:00 AM - Brian Schuch / Doug Dahlke
10:30 AM – Stanley Karg / Dave Sell |
| Sunday | Sept. 9 | 8:00 AM - Lester Schauer / Lee Terlinden
10:30 AM - Brian Schuch / Richard Jannusch |
| Sunday | Sept. 16 | 8:00 AM - Dean Scheele / Richard Jannusch
10:30 AM - Dave Uecker / Bruce Bergmann |
| Sunday | Sept. 23 | 8:00 AM - Don Hepner / Lee Terlinden
10:30 AM - Dean Scheele / Richard Jannusch |
| Sunday | Sept. 30 | 8:00 AM - Dave Uecker / Quinn Beneke
10:30 AM - Joe Streufert / Roger Schmidt |

New Sunday Morning Bible Study starts on September 16th! Proverbs: God's Gift of Wisdom for Everyday Life

The wisdom of the Lord underlies and supports the universe. Wisdom is more precious than any worldly wealth, and God wants to give it to everyone. Through faith strengthened by the Holy Spirit working through His Word, God provides wisdom.

-The Book of Proverbs is filled with short and to the point wise sayings.

-Proverbs seeks to teach us that the foundation of wisdom is the fear of the Lord.

-Proverbs seeks to teach us wise living through righteousness and justice.

-Proverbs wants us to learn wisdom in family life and how to relate wisely to all people.

-Proverbs wants us to recognize the value of instruction, rebuke, advice, and discipline.

The book of Proverbs has instantaneous appeal. It is personal, practical, and very applicable to everyday living. It is true to life and down to earth. It gives sensible advice for many aspects of living. It makes you think. Before long you will catch yourself reviewing attitudes and habits that you took for granted. Some of its truths will truly hit home. You will soon agree that it is a most helpful manual of practical religion.

Proverbs is instruction in wiser living based on faith in God. Its purpose is to strengthen Christian character and conduct in relation to people and to situations. Proverbs is more than an explanation of the Ten Commandments; it argues that the Law of God is wise and good and that it is to our advantage if we keep it. Proverbs provides the know-how as well as the incentive for wiser living.

Please come and join us this fall on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 in the First Lutheran Fellowship Center for our study of Proverbs: God's Gift of Wisdom for Everyday Life.

Catechesis: The Life of the Christian

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Is there ever a time when we know everything there is to know as a Christian? Could this time be confirmation day? Could this time be if you were installed as a Director of Christian Education of a congregation? Could this time be if you were ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry? Could this time be if you were installed as a Deaconess?

No! There is never a time when a Christian masters the Christian faith. But, there is always time to learn.

You see, the life of the Christian is that of learning. We continue learning because the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, so that we would hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, so that we may embrace and ever hold fast to the blessed hope of everlasting life.

As we begin another year of catechism and Sunday School classes, it is always good to hear that we never know it all when it comes to our Christian faith. And, we should never be satisfied with what we know. We should always strive to learn more, even though we will never learn it all.

This is who we are as justified and sanctified Christians.

We are justified because of what Jesus Christ has done once and for all time: taking upon Himself our sin as He died upon the cross and rising to life three days later to show that His sacrifice was accepted by God the Father for our sins. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we have life. He has justified us as being right – being correct – before God. Today, God the Father only sees us as He sees His Son – righteous, blameless, sinless, and perfect.

But is this where it ends for Christians? No! We don't stop with our justification. For the Apostle Paul says, "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?" (Romans 6:1-2)

Because we are justified before God, we live a sanctified life. We live the Christian life. We live a life of a sheep following the Good Shepherd – Jesus Christ.

We begin our sanctified life by being in the Word of God as divinely inspired in the Holy Bible. We begin our sanctified life by coming to the Divine Service as we receive God's gifts in Word and Sacrament. We begin our sanctified life by attending Bible studies.

We don't want to go back to the wretched time when Martin Luther saw that the basic Christian didn't know anything. Yes, they were baptized, but most were incompetent in the Christian faith.

Luther believed that teaching the Christian faith was important and he did not hold back on that in his preface to The Small Catechism.

"The deplorable, wretched deprivation that I recently encountered while I was a visitor has constrained and compelled me to prepare this catechism, or Christian instruction, in such a brief, plain, and simple version. Dear God, what misery I beheld! The ordinary person, especially in the villages, knows absolutely nothing about the Christian faith, and unfortunately many pastors are completely unskilled and incompetent teachers. Yet, supposedly they all bear the name Christian, are baptized, and receive the holy sacrament, even though they do not know the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, or the Ten Commandments! As a result they live like simple cattle or irrational pigs and, despite the fact that the gospel has returned, have mastered the fine art of misusing all their freedom."

Luther does have a way with words, doesn't he? Luther continues on from there with 23 more paragraphs on why being educated in the Christian faith is important.

I know that I do not know it all, but I am continually learning more about how to live out the sanctified Christian life in my studying of God's Word.

I challenge you to continue your growth in sanctification by reading and digesting God's unchanging Word, which is true in season and out of season. It is God's Word that gives us true knowledge, because "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10). For in God's Word, we always read what we need to hear.

And, if you have any questions on what you read, I'm here to help!

Have a blessed September as we all grow stronger in the Lord through His Word!

~In Christ, Pastor Adelsen

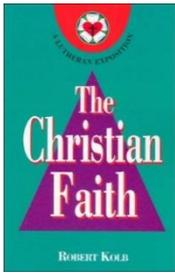


ANGEL SEEDS

The July – September Angel Seeds will be donated to "Adopt-A-Student Concordia

Seminary", St. Louis. Adopt-A-Student gifts are used to prepare future pastors and missionaries. Standing together, students and sponsors overcome the single greatest obstacle to students coming to the Seminary — affording it! By overcoming this challenge you are making an eternal difference as the students you prepare now will proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ today and for decades to come. In faith, these seminarians have come to Concordia Seminary. Now you can encourage them with your prayers and make their preparation financially possible.

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



Christian Book Study to Begin in October

As the world is changing all around us, what do we believe as Lutheran Christians?

Martin Luther believed that true Christian doctrine springs life. But, what is it that we believe? Find out as Pastor Adelsen leads a study using Robert Kolb's book "The Christian

Faith: A Lutheran Exposition."

Some of the topics explored in the book are:

- God as Creator and Provider
- Sin and God's Law
- The Person and Work of Christ
- The Church and Public Ministry
- The End Times

Prior to the first class meeting, those who sign up will receive a personal copy of the book. The cost of the book will be discounted depending on the number of sign-ups. The approximate cost of the book will be announced in the October newsletter.

At each class session, Pastor Adelsen will lead a discussion on the assigned chapters and provide additional insight on the chapters.

The class will meet one Thursday evening per month until June. The tentative start date is Thursday, October 25.

To sign up, visit the First Lutheran Church office. For more information, please see, call (864-5522) or email Pastor Adelsen (padelsen@firstglencoe.org).

First Edition Book Club

The next meeting for book discussion will be Thursday, September 13th at 7 PM at Cathie Hueser's home. ***A Shred of***



Evidence by Kathy Herman is the next book. This is the first book in the four book "Seaport Suspense" series by this author. Ellen Jones is enjoying a leisurely lunch at a Seaport restaurant when she overhears a private conversation at the table next to her—and disturbing accusations involving the husband of a woman she has recently befriended. But as Ellen digs through old newspaper articles and stumbles onto information too frightening to keep to herself, will she become enmeshed in speculation and gossip—or will she take the lead and become a catalyst for truth and healing? All women are welcome to join in the discussion.

Garden Bounty

If you have extra garden produce to share, or if you would like some, please drop off or pick up at the table in the church main entry. Any leftovers will be taken to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. Thank you for sharing! "Taste and See That the Lord Is Good!"



College Planning Strategies

The Board of Evangelism is hosting a workshop with financial representative Jeffrey Rotz from Thrivent Financial on

Wednesday, September 19th titled "College Planning Strategies - Three things you never knew about college... and how it may save many families thousands!"



You will leave knowing:

- What to expect when transitioning from high school to college
- Why published costs may not be as important as you think
- Tips about FAFSA and its importance to you about cost of attendance, out of pocket, expected family contribution, need-met and gift-aid ratios, and how they apply to you
- How to improve your student's odds of graduating in four years

This FREE workshop will be held in the FL Fellowship Center and will run from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. It is offered to families who have high-school students, with a special emphasis on those with sophomores and juniors. Doors will open for registration at 6:00 PM and a light meal with refreshments will be served.

This is open to our entire area community, so please spread the word to all interested parties.

To reserve your place, contact the church office at 320-864-5522 or office@firstglencoe.org. Space is limited to the first 40 families to register!

There will be no product sales at this event.

Flames Booster Club



The Flames Booster Club is an organization of parents with the goal to encourage enthusiastic support and interest in First Lutheran School, to contribute to the advancement and needs of all programs at the school, and to lend support to the staff faculty at the school. We have supported various programs by funding areas that are not able to be fully

covered by the school. We provide additional support to all programs at First Lutheran School through volunteerism and financial support.

Flames Booster Club is **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS** and has various ways for members of the congregation and parents to get involved. If interested please contact, Becky Edwards at 320-296-3492 or Jen Goff at 320-864-8412 or Alissa Hanson at 320-510-0187.



Fall Hayride

You are invited to Robert & Gina Schuff's Farm on Saturday, September 22nd, starting at 6:30 PM for a Church Hay Ride! You don't want to miss out on the fun and the opportunity to enjoy the Fall weather and colors with friends and family! Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks for more details.

Flames of Faith Kids Club



Flames of Faith Kids Club is the afterschool student care program at First Lutheran. It is for children age 5 through Grade 6. Your child does not have to be a member of FLS to participate. 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 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, Legos, White board markers and playing cards.

Library News

STORIES for a WOMAN'S HEART compiled by Alice Gray – This is a collection of enchanting stories that celebrates the wondrous ways of women. These are timeless treasures selected to inspire your thoughts and stir your soul. Revel in laughter and friendship.



Be encouraged by tender stories of compassion that will tug at your heart.

Contributions by: Erma Bombeck, James Dobson, Ruth Bell Graham, Philip Gully, Max Lucado, Joni Eareckson Tada and others.



LWML Salad Luncheon

You are cordially invited to the Annual LWML Salad Luncheon, on **Friday, September 28th** from **11 AM to 1 PM** in the church Fellowship Center. The ladies will be serving a variety of salads, desserts, and beverages. Tickets will be available at the door: Adults \$9, Children 4 to 11-years-old \$5, Children under 4 are free. Supplemental Funds are being applied for through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.



Looking for Financial Peace in Your Life?

Financial Peace University (FPU) is returning to First Evangelical Lutheran Church on Wednesday, October 3rd with nine-weeks of classes beginning at 6:30PM.

Are you looking at finding ways to better understand real estate and mortgages, insurance, retirement and college planning, getting out of debt, or how to be smarter with money?

If so, Financial Peace University is the class for you! Dave Ramsey's coaching has helped countless people better understand financial planning by using Biblical principles.

This class is great for all ages from high school age and up. In fact, it is best when you are younger so you can prepare for your financial future with more confidence.

The nine-week sessions has a fee of \$99 per family unit, which includes receiving the FPU materials and the best-selling book Dave Ramsey's Complete Guide to Money.

If you are interested, but you are still not sure about the class, the first session is free! So, if you don't like what you see, you are not obligated to return to future sessions.

Also, if you have already taken the class and would like a refresher, the entire nine-week class is free as long as you have the FPU materials.

Come and find out why Dave Ramsey says: "If you will live like no one else, later you can live and give like no one else."

The following quotes are some feedback from our last Financial Peace University class:

"It was a great refresher to take the course again now that we know our full debt total. This really helped us from falling off the tracks financially and refocused our mind on the importance of giving and all that we have is ultimately from God and is God's."

"I learned many things about budgeting, insurance, mortgages and giving from a Biblical Christ-centered perspective."

Sign-up for this fall's FPU class has begun and is available in the First Lutheran Church office. For more information, please see or email Pastor Adelsen at padelsen@firstglencoe.org.

GIVE+Church

e-Giving is a convenient and consistent way to help our church grow. Electronic gifts are fast and secure, allowing you to quickly and easily give through an ACH transfer from your bank account or using your credit/debit card.

At First Ev. Lutheran, we want to offer our members and visitors options to financially contribute to our work and ministry. So while you can always make gifts via the usual methods (offering envelopes/collection plate) using cash or checks, you'll now have additional choices. We want to offer these options so that people can give how and when they want.

People go online almost every day to get their news and shop. It seems like there's a smartphone app for everything these days – paying for coffee, checking in for a flight, arranging for a ride – it's because apps make life easier. Many people also pay their monthly bills online. Texting is so popular because it's fast and simple! Now you can use these same conveniences for tithes and offerings.

e-Giving allows you to

- Give anytime and anywhere
- Set up and manage recurring donations
- Make one-time donations to special appeals
- Pay for events, programs and other activities
- Safely and securely make donations using a bank account or credit/debit card
- Your Electronic donations will be tracked and you'll be able to view your complete electronic giving history online.

Processing/transaction fees are charged for the Electronic donations. (ACH bank transfers are charged .6% plus 20 cents per transaction and credit/debit cards are charged 2.95% plus 45 cents per transaction.) Choosing the ACH bank transfer method is the most economical for First Ev. Lutheran, but we want donors to feel free to choose the option best for their particular situation. (If you wish to offset the processing fees, you can opt to cover this at the time of your gift.)

We've offered Online Giving for a couple of years now and its usage has steadily increased. We decided to also offer the Mobile app and Text options to give donors even more flexibility. Electronic Giving allows our members and visitors to conveniently give even when they don't have cash or checks with them. It's fast and easy – no longer a need to prepare weekly donation envelopes. It allows donors to respond to special appeals, and give whenever they are moved from wherever they are. It's very simple to set up a recurring giving plan so that gifts can continue uninterrupted even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent one from attending services. Your efforts to make consistent donations throughout the year, especially during popular winter and summer travel periods, are much appreciated. We welcome all donations through any method you prefer.

Whether traditional or electronic, it is through the donations of every individual and family in this congregation that we are able to carry on our work. As you contemplate your giving, please know that we depend on and greatly appreciate your support.

On Sept 9th, we'll launch our full campaign to inform everyone about these exciting new giving options. Video demonstrations, printed details, and hands-on assistance will show how easy e-Giving is! You can also always stop by the church office to ask for help!

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e-Giving – Electronic Giving – Detailed Instructions

You can e-Give three different ways.....

ONLINE OPTION:

1. Visit the FLC website at <http://www.firstglencoe.org>
2. Click on the "Giving" tab, located near the top of the screen.
3. Along the left side of this screen, click on the "Online Giving" grey rectangle with dollar signs.
4. At this screen, select the amount, frequency, and specific fund to donate to. Then select "Continue."

(Example: If you wish to donate \$25.00 per week to General Fund, simply input 25.00 into the box next to "General Fund." Select "Weekly" from the drop down menu next to "Donation Frequency." Select the date you wish to begin the online recurring donations.)

5. At this screen, input your contact and payment information (bank checking/savings account or credit/debit card). After entering the required information, tap "Process" to confirm and complete!

(Note – Establishing a personal profile with a login/password allows you to manage your personal information and add/update donations, frequency, and payment methods. You'll also be able to view your complete online giving history!)

(If you'd like to set up recurring giving and don't feel comfortable with the computer..... you can complete a paper authorization form. Just ask at the church office)

MOBILE APP OPTION (for your Smartphone and Tablet):

1. Download the "GivePlus Church" app from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Open the "GivePlus Church" app and search for First Ev. Lutheran Church.
(You can enter the church name or tap Find Churches Near Me to start your search. Select First Ev. Lutheran. After the first time, your selected church will display as the default.)
3. Tap "Donate Now."
4. Choose a fund and a preset amount (or enter another amount). You can donate one-time or set up a recurring schedule. You can also give to multiple funds by selecting "Add."

5. Scan or enter your payment information (bank checking/savings account or credit/debit card). Review your donation summary and then select "Complete Donation." (Note – The first time you utilize, you'll create a personal account with an email address and password. Establishing this allows you to manage your personal information and add/update donations, frequency, and payment methods.)

You'll be able to view your complete online giving history (takes about 24 hours for donations to process).

TEXT OPTION :

1. Text the amount of your contribution to 320-381-1360 (this # has been assigned to First Ev. Lutheran).
2. The first time you use, you'll receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information (credit/debit card). Tap "Process."
3. After registration is complete, you will receive an immediate verification text as well as a receipt email. (Special texting codes will be established for particular fund appeals (such as Angel Seeds).

(Donors can text "Repeat" to make a previous donation repeat or text "Schedule" to set up a recurring donation.)
 (Contact the church office for info on other keyword codes to manage text giving.)
 (Text donations can only be made using credit/debit cards. ACH Bank transfers are NOT supported.)
 (Giving History is not currently available with Text Giving, however, you will receive email receipt of donation)

Men's Club

The Men's Club will meet on Monday, September 10th at 7:00 PM. All interested men of the congregation are invited to join our group.



Lutheran Hour Topics for September

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



September 2 "Eager to Preach the Good News" with Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. In a message from 1968, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann says, "The Good News (of Christ) is really good; good enough to believe, good enough to trust." (Romans 1:14-17)

September 9 "The Changeless Christ for a Changing World" with Guest Speaker: Dr. Walter A. Maier. In a message first heard in 1937, Dr. Walter A. Maier tells how Christ comes to us in our world of change and decay with a message of unchanging hope. (Hebrews 13:8)

September 16 "The Mystery of God" with Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. The undeniable hiddenness of God becomes the openness of God when you see His Son, Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 55:6-9)

September 23 "Come, Lord Jesus" with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. In a message from 1998, Dr. Dale Meyer explains how a common table prayer reminds us of our dependence upon God and His gifts. (Exodus 16)

September 30 "Cut Off-for Us" with Guest Speaker: Dr. Lawrence R. Rast Jr. Sin is serious because it cuts us off from God. Guest speaker Dr. Lawrence Rast says Jesus was cut off from God, in our place. (Mark 9:38-50)

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

What should be the long range plan for our school?

Should we build a new school to include a daycare and preschool? Should we purchase & remodel the Helen Baker School? Please plan to attend the voters' meeting on Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30 PM. Gail Schuette (GDS Design & Build Inc.) will be present with some options for us to consider. There will be no cost to the church or school as he is donating his time to do this for us!



FLC Prayer Chain

We're always looking for new members to join our Prayer Chain! We have both a Phone Chain and an E-Mail 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: 320-864-3892 or 320-238-2148.



The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) has a new logo! The symbol represents the members of both the LWML and the Church. A HEART to represent the love and giving nature of the members; a DROP to symbolize the blood of Christ; and a CROSS above all else to boldly show the purpose behind the efforts of the LWML. This new logo boldly represents the purpose of the LWML.

HEART For God so loved the world. . . (John 3:16)

The heart of God is behind all that we are and do.

DROP Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. . . (Heb.9:22) He has loved us so...seen in His only begotten Son. . .His cross and sacrifice. . .His cherished blood for us. . . shed for the forgiveness of sins.

CROSS Therefore we lift high the cross of Christ. . . guiding our thanks and praise and service. His heart is impressed upon our own. . . and by the Spirit we are blessed with joy and peace.

Lutheran Women in Mission

First Lutheran LWML will meet Monday September 10th at 7:00 PM. for devotions, fellowship and prayer. Executive board will meet at 6:30 PM.

* We will hear about the youth mission trip to Idaho.

* Melissa Adelsen will tell about her experiences as a Young Women Representative at the recent Minnesota South District Convention "Grace Above All." She was impressed with the mission zeal and heart for Christ exhibited by the women. We'll also hear from our delegates who voted on new mission grants and new district officers.

* We'll discuss the up-coming Salad Luncheon/Fundraiser.

* We'll finish with refreshments and visiting.

As always, volunteers and guests are welcomed. Our meetings are informal. Please join us!

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY to "WOMEN IN MISSION" honorary members Serena Stradtmann and Anita Thiesfeld. A \$5 gift in your honor has been given to "mites." (Mission Grants)



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee continues to recruit members for our Board of Deacons. These positions are to serve a two-year term starting January 1, 2019. If you would consider serving, please prayerfully consider joining. Contact the office at 864-5522 or any of the 2018 Nominating Committee members: Don Wolff, Cindy Eggersgluess, Dennis Wolter, Marilyn Vorbeck, Noreen Schuette, Jodi Michaelis, and Verona Bussler.



Stories of Faith

The Public Relations (PR) Team has invited members to share their stories related to situations or events in which they experienced God's love and providential care. If you are willing to share a "story of faith," contact the church office or a PR Team member. If you have a story, but would like help putting it on paper, please contact us as we'll be happy to assist!

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A kindly pastor arrived to lead devotions at a nursing home.

"Where is the lady who always sits in the front row?" he asked a man in a wheelchair. "Oh, I don't know," the man replied. "They die like flies around here!" While we may smile at the old man's cavalier response, we have to admit that death comes to everyone in time. Life seems so short. It races by. Suddenly the vigor of youth gives way to the infirmities of age. Moses wrote about this in Psalm 90. Before you created the hills or brought the world into being, you were eternally God, and will be God forever. You tell us to return to what we were; you change us back to dust....You carry us away like a flood; we last no longer than a dream. We are like weeds that sprout in the morning, that grow and burst into bloom, then dry up and die in the evening (Ps 90:2, 3, 5, 6). Though life is short and death is sure, neither can separate us from God's love. For I am convinced that neither death nor life,....nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:381, 39b). Yes, death is a sure thing. But God's love is surer still.

-from LWML Daily Devotional email

Time with Me Children's Club



"Time with Me" Club is an activity group for 2, 3, and 4 year olds with their parent(s)/guardian(s). This year's theme is Trusting God's

Care for Us. Our next session is Thursday, September 27th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Come crawl through tunnels, sing, and make a roaring lion as we hear about Daniel and the Lion's Den.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 24 (FLS gym – Bring a water bottle/friend)
- November 28 (FLS gym – Bring your water bottle)
- January 30 (FLC Fellowship Center)
- February 27 (FLS gym-Bring a tricycle/water bottle)
- Tuesday, March 26 (FLS gym – Bring a tricycle/water bottle)
- Tuesday, April 30 (FLC Fellowship Center)

For more information please contact Linda Donnay, Kindergarten teacher at First Lutheran School.

Friends are always welcome. Join us for any or all sessions. We hope to see you there!



Trunk or Treat

On October 31st from 5 to 7 PM, First Lutheran Church will be hosting 'Second Annual First Lutheran City-Wide Trunk or Treat' in the church parking lot. We will be working with other churches in town, and our church and school to

make this event happen! You are invited to help and / or participate in the event. More information will be made available in the weeks to come. This will be a Thrivent Action Team event.

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! It is FREE. Please register with Tori by calling 864 – 5522, emailing tkidd@firstglencoe.org, visiting Facebook, or picking up a registration form. First Date: Tuesday, September 18th.

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

I. M. P. A. C. T. is an older student's youth group for Grades 8 to 12. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. This month we will be meeting on Sunday, September 16th from 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM at the lighthouse.

Sunday School Carnival!



The 2018-2019 Sunday School year is about to begin. On Education Sunday, September 9th, from 9:00-10:00 AM, the Christian Education Board and Sunday

School teachers welcome children and their parents to attend our annual registration & carnival taking place in the Fellowship Center. Parents will register their children while the children play games, meet their teachers and have a snack. All children ages 2 through grade 8 are encouraged to attend!

Sunday School Sponsoring Ethiopian Child

The First Lutheran Church Sunday School is sponsoring an Ethiopian child through the Compassion International organization. Abdi is a toddler 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.



Lutheran Social Services seeks volunteers to provide respite care for caregivers in McLeod County as part of its Caregiver Support



Program. As an AmeriCorps volunteer with LSS, you will provide an average of 8-10 hours a week of non-medical, respite care so that caregivers can get out of the house and get a much needed break. Time spent with care receivers consist of things like visiting, playing cards, possibly making a light meal, getting out in the community if the care receiver is able to do so. Volunteers do not provide any medical or personal cares. Training is provided on an on-going basis to ensure volunteers feel comfortable caring for people with multiple conditions.

There are great benefits to becoming an AmeriCorps volunteer:

- Flexible schedules
- Receive a monthly stipend of \$200
- Earn a \$1,600 education grant that can be used for your own college expenses or gifted to a child/grandchild if you are over 55 years old!

For more information about becoming a volunteer with the Caregiver Support Program in McLeod County, contact Sarah Doering, LSS Caregiver Support and Respite Program Coordinator, at 320-221-4513 or email her sarah.doering@lssmn.org.

September 2018 News Thrivent Financial

✓Thrivent Choice

Thank you Thrivent members for continuing to designate your Choice \$. Our church and school received \$1134 this past month (\$465 for school and \$669 for church). 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 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 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.

Visit Thrivent.com/actionteam to complete an online application (minimum 3 weeks before your event). NEW** Feel free to ask at the office for a detailed instruction sheet. 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).

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.

IF YOU ARE A THRIVENT MEMBER WITH AVAILABLE ACTION TEAMS (every Thrivent member receives 2 each year), WOULD YOU CONSIDER LETTING US USE ONE FOR A CHURCH ACTIVITY OR EVENT? Please contact the church office to let them know you'd like to help (bring your email address).

✓Workshop for Preparing for College

Wednesday, September 19th. Doors open at 6:00 PM for light meal. Workshop will run from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. This free workshop is open to all community members with high-school age

children/grandchildren. Read details in separate newsletter article for further info.

✓Relay for Life

Each year thousands of Thrivent members, their family and friends come together at American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraising events. They raise funds and awareness, support cancer survivors and caregivers and honor those who have lost their battle with cancer. Thrivent members are again invited to start a team or join one associated with Thrivent in communities across the country. Simply visit relayforlife.org/thriventfinancial to select your event to join or start a team. When starting a new team, use Thrivent in a team name, and select Thrivent from the drop-down list of company names.

✓Workshop for Retirement Planning

We're working with the Board of Evangelism on plans for a retirement workshop later this year. Watch for further info.

✓Free First-time Home Buyers Guide

Many American families feel pressure to have the best of everything. The nicest car, the nicest lawn, the nicest house. But bigger isn't always better. Thrivent Federal Credit Union wants Christians to feel confident, secure and stable in their new home choices. Go online to request the First-time Homebuyer's Guide and find the home and loan that fits your lifestyle.

Cindy & Neil Eggersgluess - 320-238-2148 /

eggersgluesscindy@gmail.com

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



A Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting will be held on

Wednesday, September 26th 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, Gail Schuette (GDS Design & Build Inc.) will be present with some options for us to consider regarding a long-range plan for our school. There will be no cost to the church or school as he is donating his time to do this for us!

Summaries from Our Boards and Committees



Christian Education Board | August 8th

VBS was held at the end of July with about 65 children attending each evening. The Sunday School Carnival will be held on Sunday, September 9th in the fellowship center between services. The first day of regular Sunday School classes will begin Sunday, September 16th. The next CEB meeting will be held on September 6th.

Day School Board | August 7th

Met with Mr. Husberg, Mr. Fountain and Nancy Ahlers (F.O.F.) to see if there are any questions or needs. It was the first time we have met with Nancy and have her answer questions for us since we have recently taken on overseeing Flames of Faith. Discussed the plans for the 5th - 8th grade to attend and sing at the Naturalization Ceremony at the River Center in St. Paul in September. Have a student waiting list for 4 year old preschool. Will be serving a meal at the school after the 10:30 AM service on August 26th following Blessing of the Backpacks. A family gave a memorial donation of \$500.00 to our preschool.

Deacons | August 2nd

The Deacons will be serving fellowship on August 26. There will be a DCE conference on January 2-4, 2019. Costs were approved for Tori to attend. It was approved that there will be name tags for the Elders. The pastors' reports were reviewed, as was the statistics report. The bills and requisitions were also approved. Meeting closed with Luther's evening prayer at 7:35 PM.

Evangelism Board | August 7th

The board reviewed the upcoming events that we will be inviting members of the congregation to attend. We will be helping the Thrivent group with hosting the College Preparation Seminar on September 19th, 2018. The program will start at 6:30 PM and will go until 8:00 PM. Anyone interested in attending, please contact the church office. We also are asking members to join us in helping pack food at Feed My Starving Children on September 8th starting at 9:00 AM. We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 7:30 AM. We are scheduled for a 2-hour shift. Please contact the church office if you're interested in going. We are also hosting a hayride at Robert and Gina Schuft on September 22nd. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

Stewardship Board

Preparations for the campaign to launch E-giving (Electronic Giving) have been underway. Presentations to the congregation are scheduled for September 9th and 16th. Financial Peace University classes (9 weeks) will begin on October 3rd. Pastor Adelsen will once again be leading this course. It is being marketed to entire area community (see details for course on 5 of the September newsletter) We encourage our members to consider taking this valuable money management course.

Trustees Board

There was no meeting during the month of August. Therefore, there is no summary at this time.

Youth Board | August 14th

Tori reported that the Safety program is Free. She will be sending it out to the Board Members to use, and will have available to others as it is needed. There is a Safety Policy filed away as well. High School and Tween Youth Groups are going well. They will return to their regular schedules for the School year (High School 1st and 3rd Sundays, Tweens 1st and 3rd Tuesdays). New confirmation curriculum has been ordered. VBS went well with 60+ kids and 40+ volunteers. Will be meeting with Superintendent Jackee Fountain to discuss the upcoming Sunday school year. Discussion was brought up about a possible merge of the Youth and Christian Ed Boards. It was felt that with the establishment of the DCE position, these boards now overlap quite a bit. Both boards are in agreement to move forward with this idea. This will hopefully be brought up to the Council and Voters in September, with hopes to have it finalized by the January re-organizational meeting. NYG will meet September 9th. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 11th.

First Lutheran School

Flames Flash ~ September 2018

Please Pray For

- The safety of our children as they move to and from school here at First Lutheran as well as around the country.
- Appropriate weather that the crops and gardens might flourish and the harvest might be plentiful.
- A school year in which students, families, and teachers work together to build loving, lasting relationships with each other and their Lord and Savior

Thank You To

- All the parents and families who have made the commitment to bring up their children in a God pleasing way by having them attend FLS. Proverbs 22:6
- The teachers who have worked tirelessly preparing for the upcoming school year.
- The staff at church who make the entire First Lutheran operation run smoothly.

Calendar Notes

August 28	First day of school
August 28-30	Parent Drive days
August 31	No School
September 3	No school - Labor Day
September 6	Open House @ 7:00PM
September 9	Education Sunday @ 10:30am service
October 5	School Marathon

School Year Theme

At a recent faculty meeting the teachers chose as the theme for this school year "Real. Present. God" and it comes from Psalm 46:1 The three simple words will be the focus of hundreds of thousands of preschool, elementary, junior high and high school students as they gather for weekly worship in Lutheran schools. "Real. Present. God." summarizes the Psalm of the Reformation, Psalm 46. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1). The only real God, the Triune God, is truly present in the person of Jesus. The only real God, the Triune God, entered the real world to save us from sin. The only real God, the Triune God, is present and powerful in the troubles of life. As we walk through the year, we will examine these attributes of our Lord. Everyone is invited to attend our chapel services each Thursday morning at 8:10 AM where we will explore more about our REAL. PRESENT. GOD.

Chapel Offerings

School is under way, and we are off to a great start. During the first trimester FLS Chapel stewardship offerings will be going to support K-9 Comfort Dogs. Lutheran Church Charities (LCC) is a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod with a mission of bringing the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those suffering and in need. LCC does national and international work in disaster response and assists congregations in their outreach ministries. They started with their response to Hurricane Katrina, and now they take the dogs to other disaster areas including shootings. For more information about comfort dogs for human care go to the LCMS website.

Nonpublic School Marathon

The nonpublic school marathon is Friday, October 5th. 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. This year the majority of the money will be used to enhance our STEM curriculum, classroom uses, and textbooks. Last year we raised over \$9100. As the major incentive this year, if students raise over \$5000, the school will host a pizza and pool party for all students and their families. AND if they raise over \$7000 fortunate students will choose and color the hair of selected teachers. But wait, there's more, if students raise over \$9100 Mr. Scheele will sleep outside...overnight...IN JANUARY! 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. Everyone from FLC, FLS, and the greater Glencoe community is invited to join us as we raise funds and walk from the school to Oak Leaf Park for an afternoon of fun, snacks, and games!

Staffing 2018-2019

We would like to welcome to our staff our new music instructor Mrs. Cynthia Eng. Cindy graduated from Crown College with a degree in vocal music. She has taught music and directed various choirs over the last 30 years in multiple states. If you see Cindy please give her a kind word of welcome.

2018-2019 Staff

Preschool classes	Mrs. Bargmann
Kindergarten	Mrs. Donnay
Grade one	Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Willett
Grade two	Mrs. Willett
Grade three	Mrs. Scheele
Grade four	Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Scheele
Grade 5-8 Health	Mrs. Welch
Grade 5&6 Art	Mrs. Welch
Grade PS-8 Music	Mrs. Eng
Grade PS-8 Choir	Mrs. Eng
Grade 5-8 Religion	Mr. Fountain
Grade 5-8 Technology	Mr. Fountain
Grade 5-8 Language Arts	Mr. Fountain
Grade 5-8 Social Studies	Mr. Scheele
Grade 5-8 Science	Mr. Scheele
Grade 3-4 P.E.	Mr. Scheele
Grade 5-8 Religion	Mr. Husberg
Grade 5-8 Math	Mr. Husberg
Grade 5-8 Literature	Mr. Husberg
Grade 5-8 Spelling	Mr. Husberg
Grade 5-8 Life Skills	Mr. Husberg
Grade 5-8 P.E.	Mr. Husberg
Teacher's Assistants	Michelle Alsleben, Sue Nord, Mrs. Welch

Complete class schedules are available from each classroom teacher

First Day of School

Classes at First Lutheran School began on Tuesday, August 28th. An opening service, led by Pastor Welch, was held at 8:15 AM in church to open the new term. Parents were encouraged to help start the school year off right by attending this service. Class time: All day PS-8 (7:55 – 2:55). Half day preschool 7:55-11:00AM

Updating Your Fast Direct Information

Many parents, students, and teachers have been using our Fast Direct communication system extensively and have become very familiar with it. Parents can view grades, calendars, lunch accounts, and many other valuable items on our system. The calendar on the “principal” bulletin board has a little more info than the Master calendar. The office and most of the teachers send out information via FD. If you are unable to access a computer to view FD, please contact the office ASAP to insure that all families are receiving vital information. To update your Fast Direct information or to change your notification settings go to your homepage and click “View/Edit Parent Information” near the top of the page. Once there you will be able to update all of your information so that in an emergency the teachers or the Principal will be able to reference important contact numbers etc..

2018-19 Lunch/Milk/Seconds

K – Grade 3 lunches	\$2.35 each or 20 for \$47
Grade 4 – Grade 8 lunches	\$2.45 each or 20 for \$49
Milk prices	\$0.40 each or 20 for \$8
Seconds	\$1.25 each or 20 for \$25

\$200 FREE

First Lutheran is offering \$100 to any church or school family who recommends a family to First Lutheran School and that family registers a child, or children, for the current or upcoming school year. If you get two families to register, you will receive \$200! 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, Kwik Trip milk tops, and Country Hearth labels. Our last check was for over \$320 from the Box Tops program and we are expecting a check for over \$2000 from our Coborn’s receipts and Kwik Trip tops \$108. Our Country Hearth labels earned us \$30 and our Amazon Smile credits got us over \$110. Keep up the good work!



Special Gifts Received in August

Willis & Doris Herrmann (In Memory of Gary VonBerge)	\$20	Debt Reduction
Melvin & Ruth Dose (In Memory of Gary VonBerge)	\$20	Debt Reduction
Frances Downer (In Memory of Hillard Oelfke)	\$10	General Fund
Frances Downer (In Memory of Helen Sandlund)	\$10	General Fund
Earl & Dellas VonBerge (In Memory of Gary VonBerge)	\$40	Debt Reduction
Elmer Luehrs (In Memory of Helen Sandlund)	\$75	Debt Reduction
Dennis Wolter (In Memory of Delores Dreier)	\$20	Senior Choir
Lanette Grenke (In Memory of Gary VonBerge)	\$10	General Fund
Family of Melvin Dose (In Honor of his 90th Birthday)	\$555	Radio Broadcast
Family of Melvin Dose (In Honor of his 90th Birthday)	\$500	Debt Reduction