



STATE OF THE SCHOOL

Our Mission at FLS is to empower and equip all students for **Christian Discipleship** and **Academic Success** in serving others for **Christ and His church.**



2025
EDITION



MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

At Faribault Lutheran School, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Every class, chapel, and conversation begins with Him. We strive for students to know their Savior personally, grow in His Word, and share His love daily.

Through Christ-centered teaching, we also provide strong academics that equip students to use their gifts in service to God and others. This fall, sixth graders explored Faribault's history on local field trips, Spanish students practiced their language skills at a neighborhood bakery, and our older students deepened faith and friendships during a fall retreat focused on God's promises.

We thank Peace and Trinity Lutheran Churches for your faithful prayers and support. Your partnership keeps tuition affordable and opens doors for children, many from families without a church home, to hear and experience the Gospel. Together, we are shaping hearts and minds for Christ and His Church.

Peace & Blessings,
Chrysteena Saehler, Administrator



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Faribault Lutheran School turns 30 in 2026. The first official school year at FLS kicked-off in 1996, but LCMS Lutheran education has been a part of the Faribault community for over 140 years with Trinity Lutheran and Peace Lutheran schools.

While the 2024-2025 school year brought many changes and challenges, we have been encouraged by new opportunities for our students to grow their faith, learn more about Jesus and excel academically.

FLS has lots to celebrate moving into the 2025-2026 school year from an investment into a full-time music teacher to help meet the needs of musical talent in our churches to updated signage celebrating who FLS is for our students and prospective families. We also have three new wonderful faculty on staff, two of which are focusing on elevating our ELA and Math curriculum in the middle school.

FLS is blessed with the support of our partner churches, as we continue to make disciples for His church and kingdom and sharing the love of Christ with FLS students and their families.

In Christ,
The FLS School Board



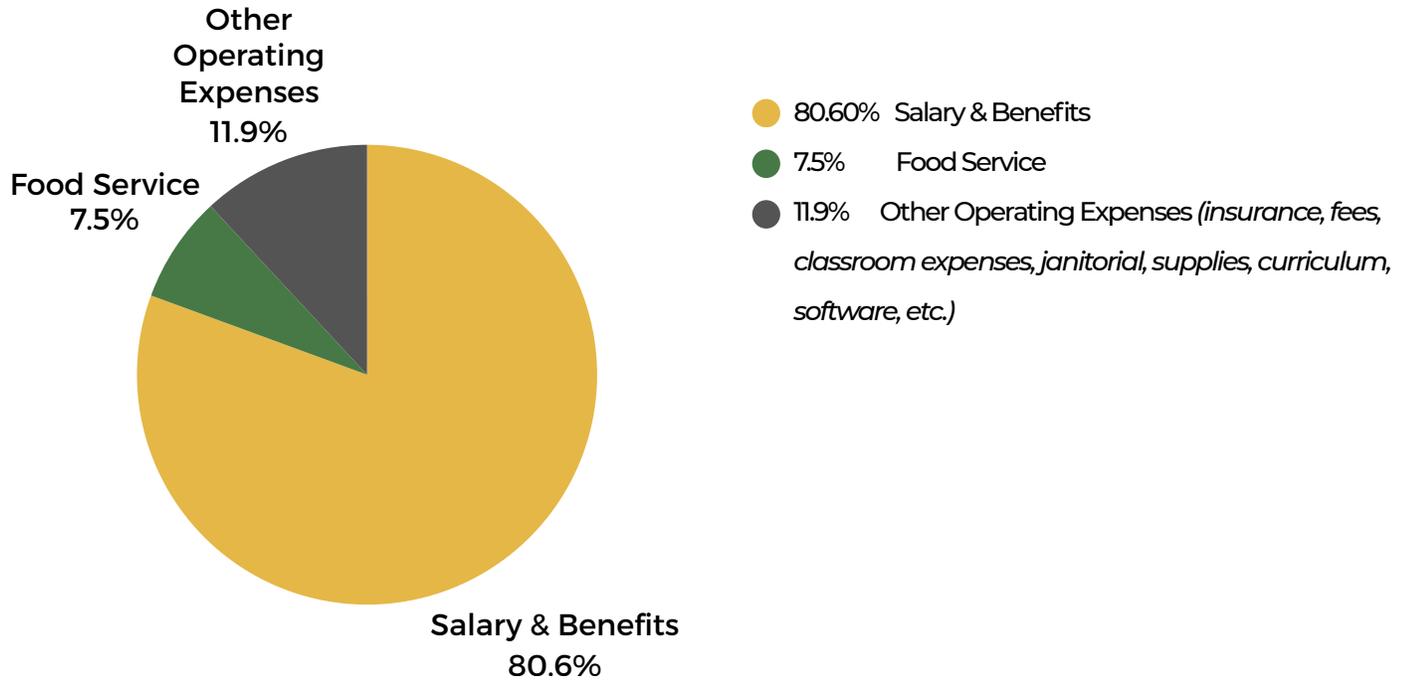
2024-2025 BUDGET

We ended the 2024-2025 school year with a \$18,123.75 deficit.

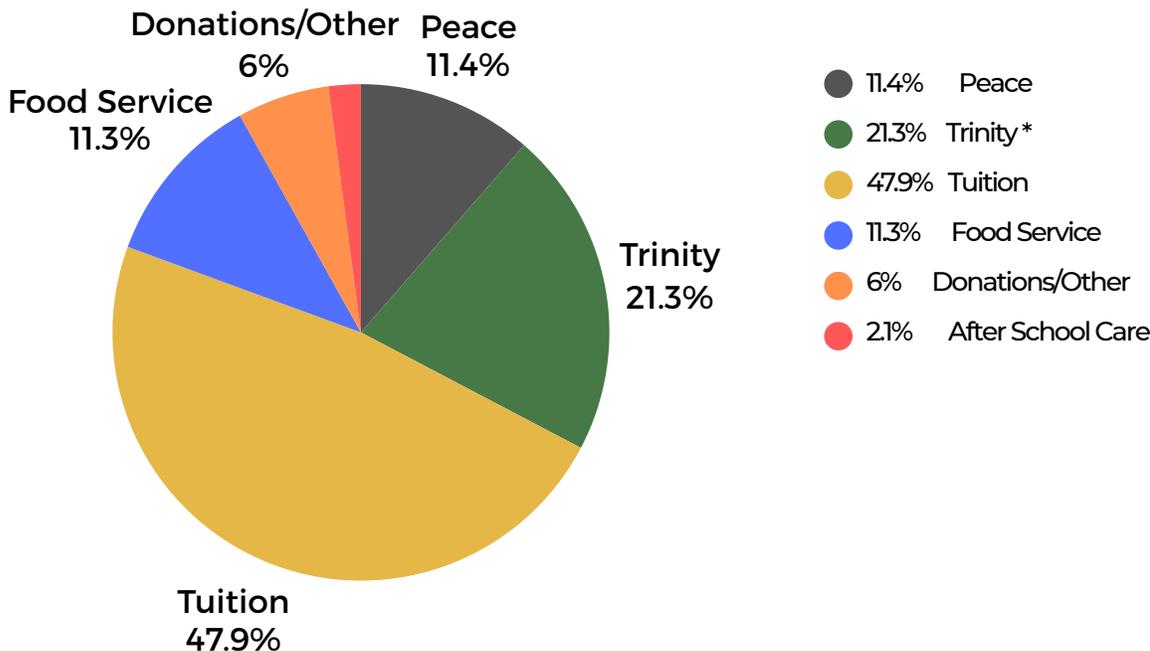
It is important to note that our scholarship funds/financial aid currently come directly from our operating budget. Food Service funds are restricted to use in the kitchen/for food service only as those are now state dollars through the school lunch program that are audited annually.

Our operating budget does not include special reserved funds for PTO activities, athletics, Gala and Golf Tournament fundraisers, or earmarked funds from donors for specific capital projects or purchases.

EXPENSES: \$1,020,127.45

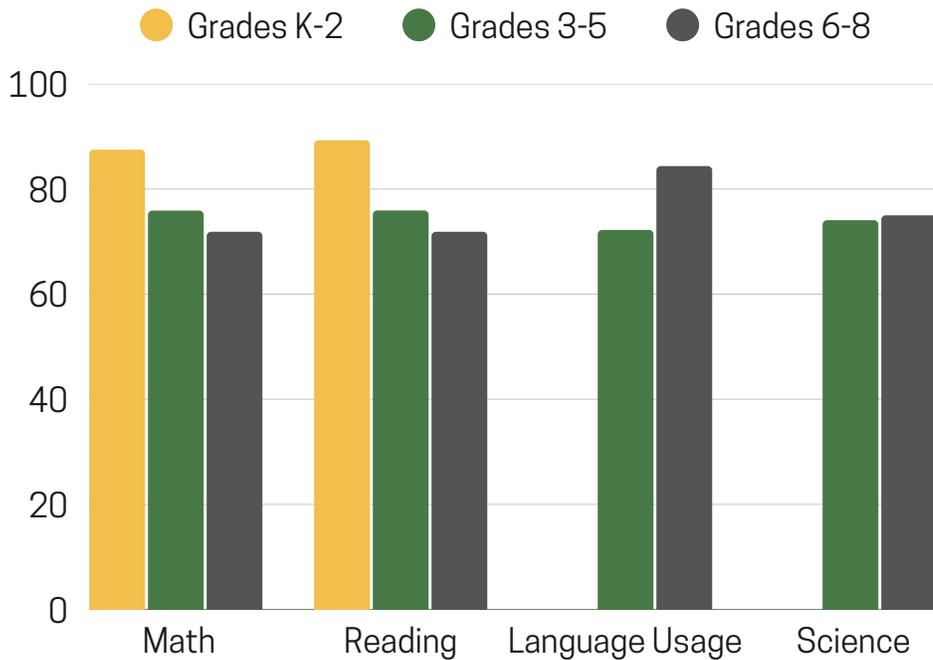


INCOME: \$1,002,003.70



*Trinity Lutheran Church also contributes approximately \$25,000 in in-kind donations covering electric, heat, snow removal, and other building expenses annually.

NWEA TESTING RESULTS



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This graph represents the % of FLS students in each grade level **at or above** national average for NWEA testing.

Grades K-2 do not take language usage or science testing.

Our students are tested 3x/year (fall, winter and spring) for growth comparison. On average, FLS grows 5 to 7 points more than other schools across the nation.

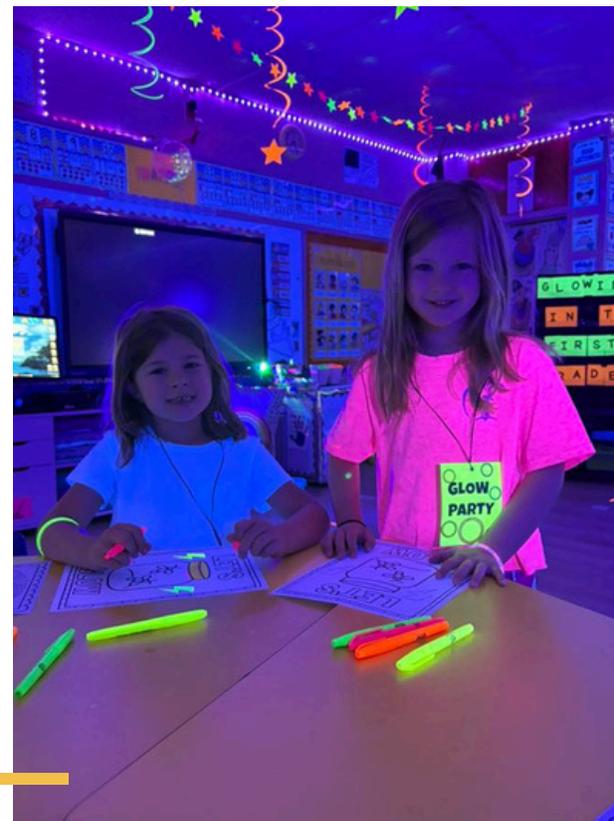
ENROLLMENT TRENDS

Enrollment at FLS has held steady between **140-145 students** the past four years. Ideally, we would love to see that number at **150 for the 26-27** school year.

Our max capacity is approximately **180 students** with **20 at each grade level** Kindergarten - 8th grade. While our goal is to keep classes around 20 students per grade, we occasionally go slightly higher when needed, but never above 24, to maintain small class sizes and a good fit within our school building.

We encourage you to share about all the good things FLS has happening with your friends, family and other community members! When you see our marketing or advertising, please share that with your network and help us tell the FLS story! The more we support our school and believe in its mission, the stronger it becomes.

Please pray for the school and all that is done at FLS to share about Jesus and His love, grace, and forgiveness, for the students and their families.



Classrooms

- Average class size is **16 students** with a student teacher **ratio of 14:1**. Total enrollment in 2024-2025 was **145 students**.
- Additional funds of \$350 were given to each classroom thanks to **volunteer funds and the golf tournament**.
- Elective courses in middle school include **cooking, life skills, gaming, Faribault history, and more**.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in **choir, handbells, tone chimes and band** with **12 students** in FLS band for 25-26.



Investments



- 1** Installed new foam on basketball backboards in gymnasium. Purchased new basketballs. Repaint and repair of gymnasium mats.
- 2** New signage on East student entrance and doors on 4th street to complete accreditation requirements with NLSA.
- 3** New classroom furniture for middle school classrooms including shelving, flex seating options, decor, lockers and desks. New shelving for library.
- 4** Additional tablets and tablet carts to move to a 1:1 device school. New laptops for all teachers.
- 5** Deep clean of the school building. Wall repair and paint of the stack and upper level classrooms. Paint in lower level classrooms. New commercial vacuum was purchased.
- 6** Donations towards new safety supplies from Kilkenny Fire Dept., curriculum from Faribault Rotary Club, new library books for middle school from Rice County Farm Bureau and more.
- 7** Generous donations from Camp Omega and several Trinity church members allowed us to install window air conditioners in every classroom.

2024-2025 SNAPSHOTS

The 2024-2025 school year was a busy one. Here are just a few photos of a small amount of happenings at the school!



Mrs. Kromminga retired after 45 years of teaching in Lutheran education.



Mr. Meyer's class took home the Souper Bowl trophy this year during National Lutheran Schools Week.



Students in grades 4-8 were able to play basketball this past winter and sharpen their skills.



Our after school care program and Ms. Kandi are a blessing to many FLS families!



Field trips to various places continue to be a highlight for students (and parent chaperones!)



Winterim was another crowd favorite with projects from designing bags to welding to flower arranging for students.

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Kindergarten celebrated Dr. Sueuss week to help our littlest readers continue their love of reading!



Students in Spanish class were able to practice ordering in Spanish at Panaderia Y Pasteleria La Estrella in Faribault.



Dressing up to support the Minnesota Vikings continues to be a school favorite!



Students had the opportunity to go talk about Jesus and FLS on KDHL radio during National Lutheran Schools Week.



Volcano explosion day is a highlight of science for the kindergarten class.



December at FLS is full of celebrating Jesus with Christmas-themed dress up days.



Raising the Next Generation of Disciples

Faribault Lutheran School is building faith and our next leaders. Your support and prayers are vital to ensuring we can continue this important work, providing a Christ-centered, Lutheran education that prepares students to lead and serve both in the church and the world.



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