

First Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

~ Lutheran Church Missouri Synod ~

"Sharing Christ, Changing Lives"

AS WE GATHER

Faith is Abraham's legacy – nothing more! He believed God's credibility in fulfilling the incredible. How could an aged, childless father boast of countless heirs? How could a rich Pharisee be born again through water, Word, and Spirit? How could a condemned world be redeemed by the death of a Son? All these things are grasped, believed, and confessed by God's gift of faith – nothing more!

Visitors, thank you for being here today and please fill out a welcome card found in the cardholder slot in your pew.

You may tear off the top portion to keep, and place the bottom in the offering plate. Please stop by the welcome center as you depart today and pick up a gift as our token of appreciation for worshipping with us!

Members, please use these cards only to notify the Church Office of any changes or needs. Thank you. **Blue Binders in the pews** are for signing in for Communion only.

Sunday, March 8th, 2020 | Second Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF SERVICE: Divine Service, Setting 3, Page 184 ORGANIST: Paul Otte

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8:00 AM #607, 708, 571, 936 **10:30 AM** #607, 708, 571, [555, 419, 421], 936

BIBLE READINGS SERMON

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9 "Faith Alone?"

Epistle Lesson: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 Romans 4:1-8, 13-17 ~ Pastor Peter Adelsen

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

ACOLYTES DEACONS

8:00 AM - Cavin Streufert / Aleisha Teubert 8:00 AM - Lars Ide / Dave Sell

10:30 AM – Owen Schauer / Wyatt Pratley **10:30 AM** – Brian Schuch / Rich Jannusch

CABLE TV, CHANNEL 10: Wednesdays 6:30 PM | Fridays 5:30 PM

INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- -- The LaMott Family, Troy Jenneke, Marcella Cohrs, Vernetta Brinkmann, Adele Suttles, Roger Montgomery, Jeanne Friske (Mother of Sheila Scheele), Cindy Johnson (Daughter of Lester & Linda Ranzau)
- -- Ashley Elliott & Dustin Voigt as they were united in marriage on Saturday, March 7th. We pray God's richest blessings upon their marriage! Flowers are placed in their honor.

FELLOWSHIP TIME: There are still dates available for serving fellowship time. Contact the church office if you are interested!

March 8 – Endowment March 22 – Elders

March 15 – Thrivent March 29 – Christian Ed / Youth

This Week at First Lutheran

Sun. March 8

Daylight Savings Time Begins
8:00 AM – Divine Service
9:00 AM – Fellowship: Endowment
9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School
10:30 AM – Divine Service w/ Communion

Mon. March 9

1:00 PM – Quilt Tying
7:00 PM – Altar Guild

Tues. March 10

NO Bible Study
9:30 AM – GlenFields w/ Communion
6:30 PM – Christian Ed / Youth

7:00 PM – Men's Network
2:00 PM – Lent Worship Service (Kings Kids)

3:15 PM – Christ Chimes

3:40-4:55 PM – Public School Catechism

6:00 PM – Gospel Ringers 6:00 PM – Senior Choir

7:00 PM – Lent Worship Service (Senior Choir)

Thurs. March 12 8:10 AM – FLS Chapel (Ms. Thiesfeld)

Wed. March 11

1:00 PM – Staff Meeting

1:30 PM –Chapel at Grand Meadows

Pastor's Circuit @ FLC

Sun. March 15 8:00 AM – Divine Service w/ Communion

9:00 AM – Fellowship: Thrivent

9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School

10:30 AM – Divine Service (Senior Choir)

6:30-8:00 PM – I.M.P.A.C.T.

COMMUNION POLICY: We believe that the Lord's Supper is a Sacrament in which Christ's Body and Blood are given in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:26-28). When we receive Holy Communion at a church, we show that we agree with the faith that is taught there (1 Cor. 10:14-18). St. Paul cautions us about receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, we invite to Holv Communion those who have received instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church and who agree with the confession of faith as taught in the LCMS. If you are not a member of an LCMS church, we kindly ask that you speak to one of the pastors.

COMMUNION NOTE: If you would like to have Holy Communion brought to you in the pew, please inform an on-duty Deacon, Elder, or Greeter before service so that they may let one of the Pastors know your wishes.

<u>HOLY COMMUNION:</u> GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION WAFERS are available at all services of Holy Communion for those in need of them. Please see a Pastor or a Deacon before the service to let them know of your request. "NON-ALCOHOLIC" WINE is available at all services of Holy Communion. These are the lighter colored cups in the center of the communion tray.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." This is perhaps the most well-known and well-beloved verse in the New Testament – and for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father, who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Join us this morning at 9:15 AM in the sanctuary for Sunday Morning Bible Study! We will be exploring and expanding upon the theme of our midweek worship services based on Isaiah 40-55. Today's session is called "Marked" and is centered on Isaiah 44:1-5. See the March newsletter article for more information!

This Week at First Lutheran

LENT WORSHIP: Join us on Wednesday, March 11th for worship services at 2:00 PM or 7:00 PM as we focus on Isaiah 44:1-5 "Marked".

Upcoming Events at First Lutheran

CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY: will meet at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 27. Note the date and time change. We will be discussing chapters 10 and 11 of "Embracing Godly Character" by Kenneth Kremer. For more information, contact Pastor Adelsen.

CONFIRMATION GOWNS: The 8th grade confirmation students will be measured for their gowns on Tuesday, March 10th (FLS) and Wednesday, March 11th (Public School). It is important that the students wear the shoes they plan to wear the day of Confirmation to ensure the gown length is appropriate.

May I have your attention please?

2020 MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN: The Board of Evangelism will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf during the month of March and first part of April to "Pack the Baskets". Baskets will be placed at all church entrances. If you prefer to donate cash instead, cash donations greatly multiply the Food Shelf's ability to purchase healthier fresh, frozen and perishable foods. Cash donations can be made utilizing your offering envelope noting "Food Shelf" on the "other" line.

<u>CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY</u>: There are still directories waiting to go to their loving homes. If you participated by having your photo taken for the directory or submitted payment, stop by the church office to pick yours up!

EASTER LILLIES: The Mary Martha Altar Guild will again order lilies for the Easter worship service. Would you like to purchase a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, person, or group? Acknowledgements of these donations will be made in the Easter bulletin notes. Sign-up tables for the lilies will be available before & after services beginning Wednesday, March 4th. Members will be available to assist with sign up. The cost will be \$9 per lily.

<u>FLS POPCORN SALES:</u> Please help by participating in the 2020 Popcorn Fundraiser. This is an excellent way to support our school! Sales began on Friday, March 6th and continue through Friday, March 20th. Popcorn orders can be placed with a FLS student or in the church office. Thank you for your support and continuing to make this fundraiser a success!

STREET ASSESSMENT CAMPAIGN: THANK YOU to all who have contributed funds so far...To date; we have received roughly \$56,863. Please prayerfully consider contributing. Be sure to watch the displays at each entrance as they are updated weekly to reflect contributions received!

STRONGHOLD CAMBODIA: Please continue to remember Samantha Welch in Your Prayers. She is currently serving in a two-year program of mission work at "Stronghold Cambodia" in Kampot, Cambodia. For more information, please visit: missionofchrist.org/samanthawelch and the display located at the south entrance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT: The 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Sunday School class is working on two service projects to benefit the McLeod County Food Shelf, and we need your help! We will be collecting items to fill "Birthday Blessing Boxes" and "Toiletry Bags" now through Sunday, March 22nd. You may bring donations and place them in the box in the entry area of church. Items needed for the "Birthday Blessings Boxes" include: Cake mixes, frosting, cupcake liners, balloons, candles, party favors, etc. Anything you can think of that can help make a birthday a little brighter. "Toiletry bag" items needed include: full size shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, new hand towels/washcloths, etc. Thank you for your help in supporting the Sunday School class, and the McLeod County Food Shelf. A Thrivent Action Team will help supplement needed items.

THRIVENT CHOICE PROGRAM: In 2019, FL received \$17,055 thru Thrivent's Choice \$ program! If you are a Thrivent member with 2019 Choice \$, you must designate them prior to March 31. It's fast and easy to do. Have your Thrivent ID# handy and do one of the following: Visit the Thrivent website – www.thrivent.com/choice, Phone Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Choice Dollars", Contact your Thrivent Financial Representative, or Contact the church office and someone will get back to you to assist. TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: During the Lenten season, Tuesday morning Bible study will be postponed until after Easter.

WHOLE KIDS FOUNDATION GARDEN GRANT: We are thrilled to announce that First Lutheran School has been chosen as a recipient of a 2020 Garden Grant from Whole Kids Foundation! This will provide us with a \$3000 monetary grant to support our edible educational garden. A sincere thank you to Michelle Alsleben and Cindy Eggersgluess for helping make this happen!

Thank you!

FLAMES BOOSTER CLUB: Would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for your support at the 13th Annual Silent Auction & Luncheon. Approximately 320 people enjoyed the meal and preliminary results show that over \$20,000 was raised to support FLS! This event would not be possible without the love, support, and generosity of each and every one of you!

LENTEN DESSERTS: A special thank you to the FLC Youth, Thrivent Financial (Cindy Eggersgluess), and the LWML for serving fellowship and desserts following the Lenten worship services. If you haven't given up sweets for lent, please join us!

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



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Measure of Our Stewardship:

Budgetary Needs = Total budget divided by 52. The General Fund Receipts include Sunday through Friday receipts. These amounts are <u>not</u> reconciled to any bank statement at the time of this publication.

GENERAL FUND INCOME	03/01/20-03/07/20	Attendance 03/01/20 - 03/07/20	
General Fund Receipts	\$ 39,374	Sunday Worship Total:	454
Weekly Budgetary Needs	\$ 21,061	Communed:	133
, , ,	\$ 18,313	Visitors:	8
		Wednesday Worship Total:	152
2019-2020 YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS		Visitors:	0
Receipts = \$829,084.70***	Disbursements = \$ 840,780.01		
Total Indebtedness as of 3-5-20 (including prior years) \$(287,799.37)		Sunday School Total:	63
*** (includes a \$25,209.75 Line of Credit Loan)***		Adults:	22
	•	Children:	41

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