



# First Evangelical Lutheran Church and School

~ Lutheran Church Missouri Synod ~  
"Sharing Christ, Changing Lives"

## AS WE GATHER

Sin mars living; distorts perceptions; ignites quarrels; endorses lies! This is the journey that believers navigate – suffering, enduring, and hoping. It is the singular hope in Christ that catapults us through our own difficult wilderness journey. We know that Jesus in justice and truth brings down the gavel on sin and the sinner. But in His definitive care, He refreshes with Word, water, bread, and wine. In these sacred forgiving gifts, Christ is among us and for us.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | Third Sunday in Lent

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Divine Service, Setting 4, Page 203

**ORGANIST:** Paul Otte

#### ♪ HYMNS

**8:00 AM** #435, 761, 563, [430, 684, 642], 738

**10:30 AM** #605, 761, 563, 738

#### SPECIAL MUSIC:

**10:30 AM** FLC Senior Choir

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#### BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

Epistle Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel Lesson: John 4:5-26

#### SERMON

"Getting Back to the Basics"

Romans 5:1-8 ~ Pastor Dan Welch

#### ACOLYTES

**8:00 AM** – Lydia Dietel / Madyson Mathews

**10:30 AM** – Dylen Terlinden / Wyatt Pratley

#### DEACONS

**8:00 AM** – Joe Streufert / Doug Dahlke

**10:30 AM** – Dean Dahlke / Dave Uecker

**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)

-- Luran Quinn Alonzo, daughter of Victor & Ellie Alonzo, whom we welcome into God's family here at First Lutheran through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 10:30 AM service. May God bless you and keep you in the palm of His hand!

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

March 15 – Thrivent

March 29 – Christian Ed / Youth

March 22 – Elders

April 5 – Evangelism

## This Week at First Lutheran

**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.

**Mon. March 16**  
1:00 PM – Quilt Tying  
6:30 PM – Flames Booster Club

**Tues. March 17**  
NO Bible Study  
3:00-5:00 PM – TWEENS  
7:00 PM – Men's Network

**Wed. March 18**  
2:00 PM – Lent Worship Service (FLS Singers)  
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

**Thurs. March 19**  
8:10 AM – FLS Chapel (Pastor Niehbur)  
1:00 PM – Staff Meeting  
6:30 PM – Church Council

**Sun. March 22**  
8:00 AM – Divine Service  
9:00 AM – Fellowship: Elders  
9:15 AM – Bible Study & Sunday School  
10:30 AM – Divine Service w/ Communion

**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 Holy 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.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** 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:** Ex. 17:3 – "But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' " Even the Israelites who saw miracles with their own eyes fall into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> for worship services at 2:00 PM or 7:00 PM as we focus on Isaiah 45:1-8 "Breaking Down the Gates".

**Upcoming Events at First Lutheran**

**CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY:** will meet at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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.

**CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** 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 4<sup>th</sup>. Members will be available to assist with sign up. The cost will be \$9 per lily.

**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. If you would like to join the Prayer Chain or make a prayer request, please contact the church office or one of our prayer chain phone numbers: 320-864-3892 or 320-238-2148.

**FLS POPCORN SALES:** Please help by participating in the 2020 Popcorn Fundraiser. This is an excellent way to support our school! Sales began on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and continue through Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. 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...This week we received \$3,000. To date, we have received roughly \$56,863. A current amount from the last 3 years will be available in next week's notes. Please continue to prayerfully consider contributing.

**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** We would like to thank the FLC Senior Choir for providing special music at the 10:30 AM worship service this morning. We appreciate you sharing your time and talents with us here at FIRST!

**THRIVENT CHOICE:** For January and February, we received \$2353 for FLC and \$1843 for FLS. Thrivent Members - please remember to designate your Choice \$ before the end of March deadline. We appreciate your generosity!

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



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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 not reconciled to any bank statement at the time of this publication.**

<b>GENERAL FUND INCOME 03/08/20-03/15/20</b>		<b>Attendance 03/08/20 – 03/15/20</b>	
General Fund Receipts	\$ 27,370	Sunday Worship Total:	300
Weekly Budgetary Needs	\$ 21,061	Communed:	81
	\$ 6,309	Visitors:	2
		Wednesday Worship Total:	183
		Visitors:	0
<b>2019-2020 YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS</b>		Sunday School Total:	68
Receipts = \$ 845,317.10***	Disbursements = \$ 890,109.81	Adults:	36
<b>Total Indebtedness as of 3-13-20 (including prior years) \$(322,149.56)</b>		Children:	32
<b>*** (includes a \$23,780.75 Line of Credit Loan)***</b>			

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