



First Evangelical Lutheran Church and School
~ Lutheran Church Missouri Synod ~
“Sharing Christ, Changing Lives”

AS WE GATHER FROM A DISTANCE

People endure debilitating disabilities – blindness, deafness – and these ailments are not punishment for sin. Without intervention, people in darkness and utter silence remain isolated. Jesus attends wholeheartedly to those who live in darkness and silence. He illuminates minds and hearts with faith, so that people would confess Him as Lord. He heals the blind so that people would see who He is! Christ’s amazing miracles confound the arrogant and enlighten the repentant.

Sunday, March 22nd, 2020 | Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

♪ HYMNS

8:00 AM #743, 571, 849

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:14-21

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

SERMON

“Light in the Darkness”

John 9:1-41 & Mark 12:29-31 ~ Pastor Peter Adelsen

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

INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

-- Troy Jenneke, Vernetta Brinkmann, Adele Suttles, Jeanne Friske (Mother of Sheila Scheele), Cindy Johnson (Daughter of Lester & Linda Ranzau)

-- The family and friends of Evelyn Schwanke who passed away on Saturday, March 14th. Blessed are those that die in the Lord.

-- The family and friends of Marcella Cohrs who passed away on Tuesday, March 17th. Her funeral service and visitation has been postponed until a later date. Blessed are those that die in the Lord.

HOLY COMMUNION BY APPOINTMENT: During this time of social distancing, the pastors are available by appointment during our regular office hours (9 AM-4 PM Monday through Friday) for individual or small group (10 people or fewer) devotions with Holy Communion. Please contact the First Ev. Lutheran Church office at (320) 864-5522 or office@firstglencoe.org to schedule.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Ps. 142:5 – “I cry to you, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.’” The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves us through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, and He is in control. We can follow His Word in confidence.

The light shines
in the darkness,
and the darkness
has not overcome it.
– John 1:5



May I have your attention please?

6TH GRADE CATECHISM: All parents of 6th grade catechism students should have received an email about the upcoming weeks. If you have not received this email, please contact Pastor Adelsen.

2020 MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MARCH CAMPAIGN: The Board of Evangelism is collecting canned goods and non-perishable items for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf through APRIL 30TH to "Pack the Baskets". During these uncertain times, donations are needed more than ever! 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.

ACOLYTES & DEACONS: Do not need to report to church for services through April 1st.

APRIL NEWSLETTER: The April newsletter will not be printed and ready until the first Monday in April... April 6th.

CHRISTIAN BOOK STUDY: The March 27th Christian Book Study is now postponed. The new date will be re-assessed at a later date. Contact Pastor Adelsen for more information.

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. Please contact Becky in the church office to order! The cost will be \$9 per lily.

FIRST EDITION BOOK CLUB: The meeting for March is cancelled/postponed and will be rescheduled at a later time.

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.

HYMNALS AVAILABLE TO BORROW: If your family does not have a Lutheran Service Book hymnal, they are available to borrow during these coming weeks. The hymnal is a good resource to follow First Lutheran Church services online and on cable access as public services are postponed until at least the end of March. Hymnals are available at the south entrance during regular office hours by checking them out.

MAIN STREET LIVING TV PROGRAM: Starting in the late 1950's, Lutheran Hour Ministries aired a TV program, called "This is the Life" in their efforts to bring Christ to the nation. Recently, Lutheran Hour Ministries in partnership with Main Street Living re-mastered and brought to HD quality about 50 of these programs. Each 30-minute episode is then followed by a Lutheran worship service, led by a different Minnesota pastor each week. In the Twin Cities area, Main Street Living will air every Sunday from 9:00-10:00 AM on WFTC Channel 29 or you can also watch it anytime online at mainstreetliving.com.

MEN'S NETWORK: is postponed until further notice.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The April through June Portals of Prayer devotional is now available at the sanctuary entrances. A larger print version is also available, by request.

STREET ASSESSMENT CAMPAIGN: THANK YOU to all who have contributed funds so far... To date, we have received roughly \$57,123. 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.

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.

Thank you!

LIGHT PROJECT: THANK YOU to the Board of Trustees, Les and Sue Engelmann, Loren & Char Engelmann, and Randy Bussler for all of the work you did in the Church on Saturday, March 14th. Activating 3 Thrivent Action Team cards (\$750 total), new 17-watt LED bulbs were purchased and installed in the Fellowship Center replacing the 35-watt florescent bulbs (cutting consumption in half). The ballasts were also removed, eliminating future hardware expense. Glencoe Light & Power will

reimburse us 75% of the cost of those bulbs in rebates, which will go out again for new bulbs for the South "living room" area and the kitchen. Amazing work!

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!

Although we are not able to join together in worship, temporarily; we continue to do important work and provide services our members depend on. We are counting on you to practice good Christian stewardship during this trying time. E-Giving is one way to give anytime and anywhere safely and securely.



Ways to e-Give:

1. Give on line via: www.firstglencoe.org
2. Give Plus Church -- Mobile App (download the app and search for First Lutheran)
3. Text to 855-976-6919 (The first time you use this option, you will be asked for setup information.)

Our office will be open... please feel free to drop off your offering at the Church. If you want to keep a distance, we will have a collection plate right inside the office door. Also, you may also mail it to 925 15th St. E... THANK YOU for your support!

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.

GENERAL FUND INCOME 03/15/20-03/21/20		Attendance 03/15/20 – 03/21/20	
General Fund Receipts	\$ 16,244	Sunday Worship Total:	306
Weekly Budgetary Needs	\$ 21,061	Communed:	118
	\$ (4,817)	Visitors:	5
2019-2020 YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS		Wednesday Worship Total:	87
Receipts = \$ 864,523.79***	Disbursements = \$ 909,093.46	Visitors:	0
Total Indebtedness as of 3-19-20 (including prior years) \$(315,019.47)		Sunday School Total:	42
*** (includes a \$23,780.75 Line of Credit Loan)***		Adults:	30
		Children:	12

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