



First Lutheran Church

We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.

May 2020 Parish Visitor

From the Pastor...

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope and pray that all is well with all of you as we start to emerge from our “stay at home” status! Please know that your staff and council are working hard to figure out how to do worship so that everyone is safe!

Along that line, I want to personally thank everyone who has helped us worship in our homes (over the internet/t.v./radio) these last months – and will continue to help us do so! We have learned a lot in a very short time, a knowledge that will help our worship services continue to improve!

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help your at-home worship experience!

Looking ahead to our summer: as a congregation we will be reading the book, **What's So Amazing About Grace?** by Philip Yancey, as the basis for worship for six weeks starting June 21 and continuing through July 25.

We want every household to have a copy and plan to order through Marshall's own “Treasured Times” store. Please let us know by June 10th if you want us to order a copy for you at the price of \$15.00 (no tax charged). You can send an email to firstluth@iw.net stating your name, address and how many copies you want. Or you can call the church office at (507) 532-2429 and leave the same information.

If you can't afford a book – or if you're able to donate the cost of a book for someone who can't afford it – please call and share than information with us.

May God bless you and keep you safe!

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

Children, Families and Youth News

We continue to create "time" with each other whether this be through social media, texting, calls, video calls, or zoom. But I have to say, it's not the same. I miss the youth hanging around and the activities. But it is what it is, and we need to work together to get through it all. Take time to look at all of the good things that are also happening around us! There are blessings in the midst of uncertainty! Help be JOY in the world!

Here are a few updates to reminders:

1. With everything going on around us and our country, we are going to cancel our High Adventures Summer Trip to Washington for the summer. I've had many conversations with the youth committee, the staff, and the council. The camp itself is still open as of the date I emailed the group. However, with a group of 75 people, the amount of close traveling, and the number of different states we would be traveling through (which are at different peak dates), we just do not feel like it would be a good idea to go on our summer trip. This is so disappointing but I and First Lutheran always are thinking safety first. If something would happen and someone would get sick, I would never forgive myself. Even with the slowing re-entering phases, we ARE still a group over 50 people. I am as disappointed as the youth are....but it is a pandemic that we need to take seriously and look at the bigger picture rather than our sadness. It's ok to be sad but then I hope we can turn to pray for our country and world now at this time.
2. If anyone would like to continue purchasing HyVee cards, please just contact me and we will find a way to meet at the church for you to get them. Please give me a day's notice if possible to meet you. Thanks much 😊
3. We would love to continue to see families greeting us in video, sharing a "From My Home to Yours" that your family has fun making, maybe record a special music item? This is a fun time to be creative! Just contact the staff.

Psalm 46:10 *"Be still, and know that I am God".....*

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*"The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people."*

by Iona Dickinson

I really feel blessed to be a part of this family of faith called First Lutheran where you all have done such a great job finding so many ways to stay connected while we are practicing Social Distancing!! It is my prayer that with God's wisdom, we will continue to figure out ways to thrive in the midst of difficulties. It is my prayer that with God's strength, we will make it through this time together. It is my prayer that with God's love, we will continue to share that love in virtual ways.

Updates in Christian Education

- We are excited to announce that the 2020 8th Grade Confirmation Students celebrate their Affirmation of Baptism on Reformation Sunday; Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 2:00pm.
- Reminder that because of COVID-19, Rocky Railway VBS 2020 has been cancelled. However, we putting together some online Rocky Railway VBS activities this summer for PreK-6th Grade students so be watching for more information about that!

The chorus of one of our opening songs is "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together." In this time, let's be the church. Reach out. Share God's love. Connect with others as you are able. Know that you are not alone — especially when it feels like it. Trust that God is with you.

God's Blessings,
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Other Important Items

Remember this time with FIRST LUTHERAN APPAREL!

Social distancing can bring us together in different ways! Check out our "Spiritually Closer" t-shirts. \$10 of each shirt purchase will go to First Lutheran Church. Store closes May 22, 2020. <https://store.western-printing.com/first-lutheran-s/141.htm>



First Lutheran has materials to make face masks. Materials have been bagged separately with instructions and can be picked up outside the office entrance door.

Be sure to look for **two new Faith Formation resources** on **First Lutheran Church's Facebook Page!!**



1. **Clergy Stuff Daily Devotional:** This daily devotional follows the Bible Texts that will be read and preached about each week. They are quick, sometimes inspiring, sometimes uplifting, sometimes thought provoking, and sometimes all three.
2. **Clergy Stuff at Home Family Devotions:** This weekly family devotional helps families learn in a fun way about the Bible Story that will be talked about during each weekend's worship!!

Giving Options

Mail to
100 Church St
Marshall, MN 56258

OR

Give Online!

The screenshot shows the website for First Lutheran Church. The navigation bar includes: ABOUT US, WORSHIP, MINISTRIES, CALENDAR, STEWARDSHIP, VISITORS/NEW MEMBERS. The main content area has a header for 'First Lutheran Women - Quilting' and a grid of sections: Welcome, Worship, Connect, and News. The 'Worship' section states 'All in-person activities are canceled through March 30' and lists 'Radio Broadcast' and 'Online Giving' as alternatives. The 'Connect' section lists 'This Week's Readings', 'God's Story Our Story', 'Kids Stuff - March 22', 'Daily Devotions', 'SMSU Campus Ministry', and 'Southwest MN Synod ELCA'. The 'News' section lists 'March 2020 Parish Visitor.pdf', 'Stay Connected During the Pandemic', 'The Rock Serving Schedules', and 'Register for VRS 2020!'. A large red arrow points from the 'Give Online!' text in the blue box to the 'Online Giving' link in the 'Worship' section of the website.

If you are interested in signing up for Simply Giving, please complete the attached form and return to the church office.



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- Radio broadcast – Sundays at 11am on 1400AM or 101.7FM
- Local Cable TV – Wednesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 5pm Charter 180 or Vast 17
 - [First Lutheran Marshall website](#) and [YouTube channel](#):
 - Services available by 5pm on Saturday evenings

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www.1stlutheran.org – click on [Stay Connected During the Pandemic](#)