



LUKE 9:35

This is my Son, my Chosen;
listen to him!

Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.

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UPDATES FOR COVID PROTOCOLS

(updated by Ministry Moving Forward Committee February 24th)

Due to the increased health of our community and in continued awareness of CDC and county health guidelines for safe gatherings, our congregation will be implementing these new practices this coming weekend for worship and removing many of the restrictions.

NEWLY ADJUSTED PRACTICES

- Congregational singing will resume.
- Social Distancing in the pews is being removed.
- Communion will return to pre-Covid practices of inviting members to come forward to receive the holy wafer and cup of wine.
- There will no longer be a staggered dismissal.

CURRENT PRACTICES THAT WILL REMAIN until continued improvement in community health:

- Masks are still required (especially since we are no longer social distancing and are now singing again).
- Sharing the peace will still be done from the pews.
- The offering plate will remain at the back of the sanctuary at the bulletin table.

The committee continues to faithfully review our community health score that is shared by the health department. Our current objective is to witness two weeks of increased community health in the 'yellow' or 'moderate' rank. To learn more about this, go to

https://www.snco.us/HD/Document/Severity_Indicator_02242022.png

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

5:00 P.M. & 10:00 A.M.

FEBRUARY 26 & 27, 2022

Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you. After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE “*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*”
“*How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*”

(D. Buxtehude)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: It is you who light my lamp; you, my God, who lights up the darkness.

C: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

A: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

C: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

A: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

C: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

Congregation shall sit.

867 GATHERING SONG *“In Thee Is Gladness”*

GREETING

P: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE *“Come, Let Us Join”*

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- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



- ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99 (*Spoken Responsively with Lector*)

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 9th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Congregation shall sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

315 HYMN OF THE DAY “How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

A: Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Heal those who are in distress especially Phil, Sara, Carolyn, Jeanie, Joyce, and Laura, as well as our homebound members, all unable to worship this weekend, and all family, friends and even enemies we name now, either out loud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Surround them with your unwavering presence. Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you. **R:** Peace be with you.

Brief word about peace: *As we practice Social Distancing, the sharing of the peace will take place as we remain in our pews: waving, bowing, blessing, or sharing the peace sign with our fellow worshipers.*

Congregation shall sit.

OFFERING VOLUNTARY “Deo gracias” (“O Love, How Deep”)

(arr. P. Manz)

Brief word about offering: *Offering plates are available at the back of the worship space, on the bulletin table. To give online, please go to FirstLutheranTopeka.org and click on ‘contribute’.*

Please place attendance form in the offering plate.

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

C: You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, —

hea - ven and earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry, Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Congregation shall sit.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
 e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

VOLUNTARY "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Jubilation Ringers Bell Choir (arr. S. Stokes)

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Congregation: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, † bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Congregation shall sit.

318 SENDING SONG "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

DISMISSAL

A: Called by the spirit,

C: **We serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.**

A: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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ETERNAL CANDLE FOR FEBRUARY *is given by JoAnn Stanley in memory of Herb & Helen Nunemaker and in honor of the Boy Scouts.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Phil Engelhardt (St. Francis Hospital), Sara Welch (Stormont Vail Hospital), Carolyn Sandquist (home), Jeanie Schuler (home), Joyce Koenig (home), David Schmidt (home), Kevin Eaton (home), Martha Donohoe (home), Laura Martin (home), Lois Lykins (home), Verla Buch (home), Blake Hopper (home), Dale Edelman (Margaret Stewart’s nephew), Marilyn Tretcher (friend of Barb Collins), Linda Naugle (friend of Barb Collins), Linda Meyer (Verla Buch’s sister-in-law), Shad Horchem (Shirley Perry’s brother-in-law), Manny Ramos (Shirley Perry’s nephew-in-law), Michael Kuner (friend of Mark Fuller), Heidi Mark (Bill & Joyce’s daughter), Richard Holliday (Marian Orton’s son), Amanda Gill (friend of Trudi Myers), Drew Hartz (Steve & Kathy Couch’s son-in-law), Sheila Mitchell (Shirley Brower’s niece), Deloris Patton (Nancy & Charlie Vaughn’s sister-in-law), Don Kaphingst (Margaret Stewart’s brother), Newt Newstrom (Dawn Graham’s father), William Durham (Trudi Myers’ son-in-law), Tavia Shaker (friend of Lindsay Blank), Pat Grant (friend of Ron Bessler), Dan Fraleigh (Sherrie Petersen’s brother-in-law), Velda Jacobs (Eileen Caspers’ aunt), Lewis Sanders (Rachelle Witherspoon’s father), Syndee Haake (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Blanche Stephansen (Ron Bessler’s sister), Nicole Klein (Patti’s God-daughter), Georgi Peterson (Rhonda Dealey’s mother), Lawrence & Lenette Kottas (Eileen Caspers’ parents), John Browne (Penny & Marvin Boleski’s brother-in-law), Camille Baehni Engler (former member), Brennan Soukup (Julie Bender’s cousin), C.A. & Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders’ parents), Heather Roesch (Tracy’s sister-in-law), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler’s great niece), Linda Myers (Trudi’s daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud’s son).



LAY MINISTERS 2/27	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 10:00 a.m.
Assisting Minister	Diane Dukat
Lector	Stephen Couch
Greeters / Ushers	Kathy Couch, Carolyn Olson / David & Patricia Drake
Council Member	Bob Wollin
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Randy Debenham & Barb Collins
Saturday Lector	Schultz Family
Altar Guild Setup/Clean up	Jeanie Schuler, Ann McConkey, Barb Collins, Nancy Besta, Karon Gambrill
Tech Team	Stephen Blank, Jenn Betz

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

LAY MINISTERS 3/6	10:00 a.m.
Assisting Minister	Robert Hanna
Lector	Kathy Koch
Acolyte	
Lenten Candle Extinguisher	
Greeters / Ushers	Nancy Besta, Karon Gambrill / David & Patricia Drake
Council Member	Bill Barker
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Marvin & Penny Boleski
Saturday Lector	
Altar Guild Setup/Clean up	Nancy Besta, Karon Gambrill
Tech Team	

✠ IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ✠

Children's Day Out Preschool (CDO) schedule: M, T, W & T 9am-3pm Friday 9-11:30 am

Sunday, February 27

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

9:00-9:45 a.m. – Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

11:15 a.m. – Art of Hospitality Class

Monday, February 28

1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. – FLC Book Group (NL)

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Troop 175 (PH)

Tuesday, March 1

NO CDO due to Parent Teacher Conferences

6:30 p.m. – Cub Scout Pack 175 (PH)

Wednesday, March 2 ASH WEDNESDAY

NO CDO due to Parent Teacher Conferences

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

Noon – Drive-thru Imposition of Ashes (South Lot)

7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, March 3

5:30 p.m. – Ministry Moving Forward Meeting (Z)

5:30 p.m. – Den Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. – Vocal Choir Rehearsal (tentative)

Friday, March 4 Pastor Jenny's Day Off

Saturday, March 5

5:00 p.m. – Worship Service

Sunday, March 6 FIRST LENT

9:00-9:45 a.m. – Sunday School–Alpha Worship

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

12:15 p.m. – Children, Youth & Family Ministry (Z)

4:00 p.m. – Parish Life Committee (Zoom)

6:00 p.m. – Pastor Jenny at Arbor Court

LESSONS MARCH 5 & 6

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING US HAVE FRESH FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR IN 2022.

THERE ARE ONLY TWO (2) MORE DATES TO FILL.

OPEN DATES FOR BOTH VASES (unless indicated otherwise) INCLUDE: 7/17, 7/31

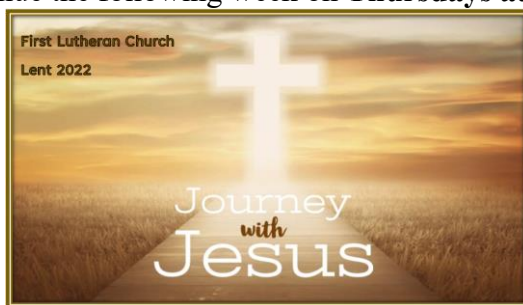
Questions - call the church office at 785-272-5302 or Jeanie Schuler at 785-845-7964.

LENT IS COMING AND WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THIS SEASON OF PRAYER, FASTING, AND SERVICE.

LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY on March 2nd. Join us for worship on Ash Wednesday with a **service of Imposition of Ashes and Communion at 7:00 p.m.** both in person and on Facebook Live. We will also be offering a **Drive-Thru Imposition of Ashes in the South Parking Lot at Noon** on March 2nd. During the drive thru, a scripture will be read, ashes will be marked on your forehead, and a prayer will be spoken. Let us come with penitential hearts as we enter into the season of Lent.

MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES “JOURNEY WITH JESUS”

will continue the following week on **Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.**



This year, in our mid-week services, we will be exploring the lives of some of those who were close to Jesus during his last week of life. These services will take place **Thursdays beginning March 10th at 7:00 p.m. both in person and online.** We will step into the lives of people like Mary Magdalene, Peter, even Judas. Who are these people and how did they impact the story of Christ?

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

A basket of Lenten Devotions will be available in the Nave Lounge. Please take one for you and take one to share with a friend or stranger.

MARCH IS FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S DOORSTEP MONTH to be one of four churches responsible for furnishing the “lion's share” of food and to supply workers in the clothing room. If you can volunteer your time on Monday, March 7th or any Tuesday in March, please **contact Anita Nelson at 785-354-8734**. Thanks!



MARCH MADNESS

Yes, it's almost that time again, both in the NCAA and at FLC. We will again sponsor a food drive, with **FANS OF KU, K-STATE AND WASHBURN COMPETING** to see who can donate the greater quantity of foodstuffs for Doorstep. **ITEMS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY DOORSTEP ARE:** Oatmeal, Dry Cereal, Tuna, Macaroni N Cheese, Pinto Beans, Spaghetti Sauce, Powdered Milk, Evaporated Milk, Canned Fruit, Canned Soups, Peanut Butter/Jelly and Egg Noodles. **Tubs for collection of donations will be located in the Nave Lounge throughout the month of March (be sure to look for the logo of the team you're supporting).** If you're unable to shop for items for this drive, **monetary donations** will be gladly accepted, and the Social Concerns Committee will do your shopping for you! If you don't designate a team to support, your donation will be divided equally between them.

Since Harvesters has not provided bread for some time now, **WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF LOAVES OF BREAD – WHEAT OR WHITE** to put in our food orders.

HYGIENE KIT ITEMS NEEDED: Full-sized Shampoo + Conditioner (2 in 1), Full-sized Shampoo, Full-sized Conditioner, Deodorant – Men's/Women's/Neutral, Toothbrushes, Winter additions: Body/Hand Lotion, Lip Balm - Chapstick

Doorstep currently needs the following items for our neighbors in need SEEKING CLOTHING:

- Men's Coats – ALL Sizes
- Sneakers – Men's & Women's, ALL Sizes
- Adult Sweatpants & Sweatshirts – Men's & Women's, ALL Sizes
- Men's Jeans – Waist sizes 32 & 34
- Women's Jeans – Sizes 16 & 18
- Girls Jeans – Sizes 4 – 14
- Boys Jeans – Sizes 4 – 8
- Queen & King Comforters



March is First Lutheran Church's Month at Doorstep!

How You Can Help...

Donate food items for the pantry. We are one of five congregations responsible for stocking the food pantry during the month of March. **Needed items are:**

Macaroni N Cheese	Pinto Beans	Powdered Milk
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Fruit	Evaporated Milk
Canned Soups	Oatmeal	Dry Cereal
Peanut Butter/Jelly	Tuna	Egg Noodles

Make a monetary donation to Doorstep and note your membership with First Lutheran Church for credit.

Your Doorstep Contacts are:

Board Member - Pastor Bob Dealey

Coordinator- Anita Nelson

We are in the second half of Doorstep's 55th Anniversary year!

If you haven't heard we are raising funds for our 55th Anniversary Fund to replace the 60+ year old HVAC system in our building! Our original bid of \$150,000 was at the beginning of COVID. Unfortunately, with the changes COVID has brought, we now need to raise at least \$180,000!

Beginning Feb 16th through April 15th Doorstep has a Matching Funds Challenge to help Doorstep meet our goal!! We have a generous couple who has pledged \$20,000 towards Doorstep's HVAC replacement fund. They understand this type of 'fundraising' is not perhaps the 'tug at your heartstrings' type of need, but for a non-profit like Doorstep, it is very necessary! Please note the HVAC Match with your donation.

Doorstep's HVAC Matching Funds Challenge!

Donate to our special one-time project between Feb. 16th - April 15th, and a generous couple will match \$1 for every \$2 you give, up to \$20,000!

Glimpses of Glory

Sometimes transformation happens before our very eyes without us even noticing it.

God's glory was on full display for the disciples that day on the mountaintop, and as people of faith, we profess that God's transforming power is still at work among us today. But if we are waiting for a dazzling mountaintop moment, we just might miss God's glorious work happening in and around us in real time. These are the pivotal moments that change our perspective, invite us to embark on a new adventure in discipleship, and expand our capacity for love of God and neighbor. These are the moments when Christ is revealed to us. With generations before us, we too are invited to enter the mysteries of faith.

Perhaps Christ is revealed in the chaos of a children's choir, in kneading bread that will nourish bodies, in the careful stitches of quilters that will bring warmth to a cold night. Perhaps you have glimpsed God's glory in the casseroles lovingly prepared for funerals, in a baby shower for teenage parents, in a meal shared among unlikely table mates. Maybe you have been surprised to find Jesus' love in the eyes of a stranger. Maybe you have experienced God's transformative power in the hard work of justice, in the learning and unlearning and courageous reimagining of new ways of being so that all of God's creation might flourish. Perhaps today you will meet God in the proclamation, in bread broken and wine poured, in water splashed gently onto a forehead.

God is here. Christ is among us. The Spirit leads us in every time and place. Where do you see God's glory on display in your life and community?