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SUNDAY, APRIL 18  
JOHN 20:19-29

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LIVE  
LOVE  
LEAD  
*like Jesus*



**ON BROADWAY**

*let your  
light  
shine*

MATT. 6:18



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INSPIRE. EQUIP. REACH.



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**WELCOME!** If your life has been a moral victory or a scarlet letter...  
**WELCOME.** We are just glad you are here.

Please make yourself at home and let us know if there is anything you need. This bulletin will help you navigate worship at First Lutheran and opportunities to serve and connect with our faith community.



## WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?

*We want to make Jesus famous.*

It is as simple as that. Our purpose in gathering here today is to make Jesus known and to know him better. Because if this isn't about Jesus, it isn't worth doing.



**COMMUNION** The sacrament of Communion is celebrated at all services the first and third Sundays and Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome to participate in this act of worship and remembrance. Children

who do not receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

**WORSHIP** We believe that all instruments, all voices and all people should praise the Lord. We do not worship a "style," we worship Jesus.



**Traditional Worship** follows a liturgy and the music centers around the organ and piano. The order of worship is inserted into the bulletin.

**9 a.m. Sundays; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary on the north end of the church**



**CONNECTING** We would love to get to know you better. Peruse our website for ways to connect through service, study, or community-building events. Fill out the blue post-it so we can keep in touch.



**Celebration Worship** uses a praise band and the order of worship and song lyrics are projected on the wall.  
**9 & 10:30 a.m. Sundays in the Celebration Center on the west end of the church**



**OFFERING** We give tithes and offerings as an act of worship, obedience, and thanksgiving. If you are a guest, you are not expected or obligated to give.



**BELONGING** Each quarter, we host a new member BELONG class to introduce and welcome new members to First Lutheran. The next class will be held Sunday, May 23. Contact the church office for details.

*The mission of First Lutheran Church is to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in the Christian faith.*

**April 18, 2021: Celebration Worship**  
***Live, Love, Lead like Jesus***

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SONG:** *Open The Eyes Of My Heart*

**CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM:** (10:30 a.m.)  
*Charlie and Sawyer Halverson,*  
sons of Laura and Ross Halverson

**SONG:** *Jesus Messiah*

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

L: We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.  
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes  
to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.  
Breathe your peace on your church when we  
hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share  
your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.  
To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**QUIET TIME**

**SONG:** *Jesus Messiah (refrain)*

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE:** John 20:19-29

**MESSAGE:** Pastor Laurie Neill

**OFFERING:**

*Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. In-person offerings may be dropped in the offering baskets at the entry/exit. Offerings can also be mailed to the church office and we encourage you to use our online giving and texting options. Please reference the back page of the worship bulletin for more information or visit our website.*

**SONG:** *Who Am I*

**WORDS OF PROMISE / LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION SONGS:**

*God With Us*

*All Who Are Thirsty*

**PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

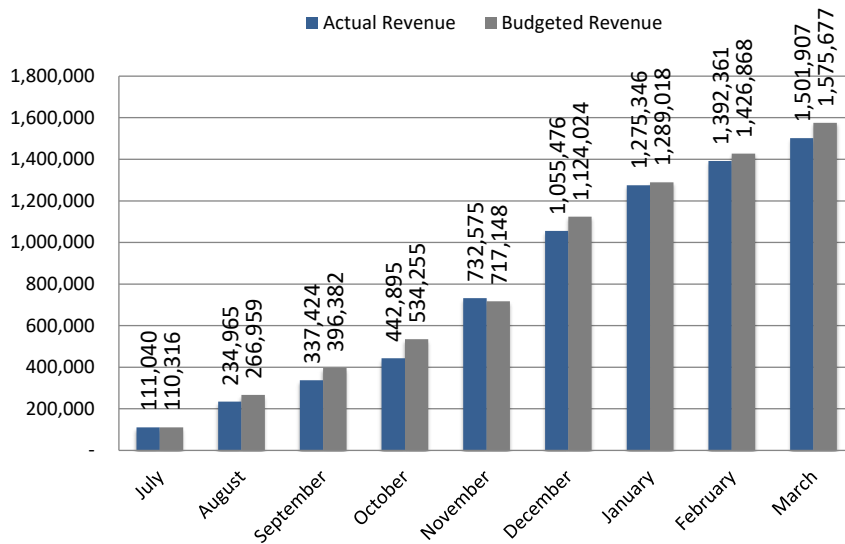
**BLESSING/BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG:** *Rise Up*

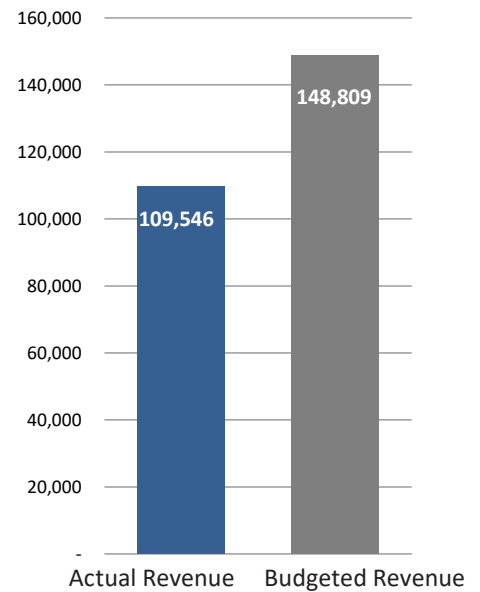
***Worship has ended. Now service begins.***

# GENEROSITY REPORT

## STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS FY 2020-21 GENERAL FUND



## FLC MARCH STEWARDSHIP



## MARCH MEMORIALS

**In Honor of Bill Parkers 90th Birthday**  
for Helping Hands from Elaine Nelson

**In Honor of Britta Gustofson's Baptism**  
for General from Rebecca Gustofson

**In Memory of Dr. Jim Frisk**  
for General from Bob & Joy McMains  
for Online Streaming from Carol Feste  
for General from Dale & Mona Shook  
for Music from David & Cynthia Baumgardner  
for Quilters from David & Mary Rasmussen  
for General from David & Sonya Teigen  
for Helping Hands from Del & Joanne Herrmann  
for Parish Nurse from Dorothy Heidt  
for General from Emmett Worth and Todd Olson  
for Youth from Harriett Light  
for General from Matt & Mary Glessner  
for General from Merron Skramstad  
for General from Private Wealth Group  
for Foundation from Reed & Marianna Malm  
for First in Mission from Rev James & Carol Bjorge  
for General from Richard & Bev Levenson  
for 2020 Club from Wini Christensen

**In Memory of Gothard "Knut" Knutson**  
for Helping Hands from Julaine Nettum

**In Memory of Nancy Erickson**  
for General from Brian Hayer  
for Online Streaming from Carol Feste  
for General from Chet & Betty Levenson  
for General from Erwin & Arlene Johnson  
for Foundation from Gary & Ruth Hanson  
for Foundation from Irv & Beverly Aal  
for Radio from Julaine Nettum  
for Abigail Circle from Lillian Cole  
for Abigail Circle from Noel & Judy Fedje  
for Samaritan from Rev James & Carol Bjorge  
for Abigail Circle from Robert & Elizabeth Gibb  
for Foundation from Ruth Dunningcliff  
for General from Susan & Troy Anderson  
for 2020 Club from Wini Christensen

**In Memory of Rod Capistran**  
for Dubois Cantata from Jane Linde Capistran

**In Memory of Terry Bladholm**  
for Radio from Julaine Nettum

**In Memory of Tom Vangerud**  
for Sunday School from Friends and Family  
for Sunday School from Randy & Debra Bakken  
for Helping Hands from Virginia Borgen

**In Memory of Violet Rindy (Mother of Pastor Bill Rindy)**  
for Global Missions from Reed & Marianna Malm



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## Calling All Closet Cleaners and Miracle Makers...

*This spring,*

First Lutheran is partnering with Lutheran World Relief to make baby care kits to provide the basics to families in need. We invite you to participate!

Visit [lwr.org/babycarekits](http://lwr.org/babycarekits) for more information on kit items and instructions for making cloth diapers from flannel or cotton t-shirts.

Donations can be dropped off at the church Welcome Desk now through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9.

### Kit items include

- » Lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- » Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- » Receiving blankets; cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)
- » Jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with a hood
- » Socks
- » Hand towels (dark color recommended)
- » Bath-size bars of gentle soap
- » Diaper pins
- » Gently-used cloth diapers

**Questions?** Contact Pr. Stephanie Tollefson,  
[stollefson@flcfargo.org](mailto:stollefson@flcfargo.org), or 701.235.7389.

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Visit our website for more detailed information and to register, [flcfargo.org](http://flcfargo.org).**

### GRIEF SUPPORT AND SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

Two of our community ministry partners, Hospice of the Red River Valley and Living Free/Jail Chaplains, are offering online small groups to help deal with many types of personal loss. Several groups are beginning in the following weeks. We invite you to visit their websites to learn more and to register.

- [Hospice of the Red River Valley](http://Hospice of the Red River Valley), [hrrv.org](http://hrrv.org), various community grief support classes and programs.
- [Living Free/Jail Chaplains](http://Living Free/Jail Chaplains), [jailchaplains.com](http://jailchaplains.com), small groups on facing fear, anxiety, worry; and anger management.

Contact Polly Kloster, [pkloster@flcfargo.org](mailto:pkloster@flcfargo.org), or 701.235.7389 with any questions.

### MISSION SOUP: TO-GO

Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m.-noon, Great Hall

April 25 is the last Mission Soup of the season. Stop into the Great Hall to pick-up soup to-go. Proceeds benefit local and global non-profits providing assistance to those in need. Soup varieties include Knoephla, chili, chicken noodle, and more...

### MAAH DAAH HEY HIKING TRIP

A trip in the making... A pandemic last April and a blizzard in October postponed this trip two times. Fire conditions permitting, 40 hikers depart on Wednesday, April 21 for a four-day hiking trip in western North Dakota. Please hold them up in prayer for safe travels and faith growing opportunities together in God's creation.

**CHURCH OFFICE: 701.235.7389**, [info@flcfargo.org](mailto:info@flcfargo.org)

### OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:

**MON, TUES, WEDS, THURS 8 a.m.—5 p.m.**

**FRI: 8 a.m.—12 p.m.**

**SUN 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.**

**Wi-Fi:** FLCGuest, password: FirstLutheran619

## CELEBRATE PRAYER

We as God's people believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for the following who have asked to be prayed for publicly: *Brenda Cummins, Gail Zimprich, Janice Ames, Pam Burley, Paul Hulberg, Orlan Loraas, Dan and Janna Westerholm, Marilyn Parker, Betty Wilson, Liz Gibb, Roger Hansen, Marlene Young, Wes Briggs, Shawn Orvedal, Doug Aseby, Wayne Lebeda, Barb Orvedal, Charlotte Nielson, and Linda Merkens.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Mary Kenward**, mother of Jeanne Laugtug.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! In-person classes will resume in Fall 2021. Online classes and at-home resources will continue through the school year.

**Nursery (0-5 yrs):** Closed until further notice (COVID precaution)

**Kids at First (age 3-4th grade):** at-home FLOCK Magazine and FLOCK online resources

**56ers (5-6th grade):** Wednesdays, 6 p.m., online Zoom

### Servant Leadership Academy/Confirmation

**(7-8th grade):** Wednesdays, 7 p.m., online Zoom

**Youth Group (9-12th grade):** Wednesdays, 8 p.m., Great Hall

## YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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View the entire staff online at [flcfargo.org](http://flcfargo.org)

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Tracy Farmer, Treasurer	701.356.0324
Chris Kraemer, Secretary	701.371.5718
Gary Inman, Past Chair	701.371.1563

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 18 - Communion Sunday

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café

### Monday, April 19

- 9 a.m. Quilters Ministry Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. Staff Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- 5 p.m. Maah Daah Hey Hiking Trip Meeting, Gym

### Tuesday, April 20

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 9 a.m. MomTalk Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Bethany on 42nd
- 5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym

### Wednesday, April 21

- 12 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Luther Room
- 12:45 p.m. Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Great Hall
- 6 p.m. 56ers, online Zoom
- 7 p.m. SLA/Confirmation, online Zoom
- 8 p.m. Youth Group, Great Hall

### Thursday, April 22

- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, Heritage Room
- 1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering, Fellowship Hall

### Friday, April 23

- 12 p.m. Church/Church Office Closed

### Saturday, April 24

No Scheduled Activities

### Sunday, April 25

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10 a.m. Mission Soup To-Go, Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café

## BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptisms of **Charlie and Sawyer Halverson**, sons of Laura and Ross Halverson; and the recent baptism of **Timothy Winter**, son of Sarah and Brent Winter.

## BUS SERVICE TO FLC

This past year, our contracted bus service providing transportation to worship on Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon was discontinued for COVID safety precautions. We are happy to be able to provide bus service again to those needing transportation to attend worship.

- Contact Becki Tollefson, [btollefson@flcfargo.org](mailto:btollefson@flcfargo.org) or 701.235.7389 to be added to the bus pick-up schedule.
- Our contracted carrier is not able to cover the entire Fargo-Moorhead area. The covered address zone is primarily focused in north Fargo. Contact Becki to discuss availability/options.
- The bus does not have a wheelchair lift. Riders must be able to navigate a few stairs to board/exit the bus.

## SUPPORT FLC MINISTRIES

- **Online Giving:** [flcfargo.org](http://flcfargo.org) (from the Quick Links banner, select "Donate Now")
- **Text to Give:** Text 701.354.1495 with the dollar amount you would like to give
- **Mail a Check:** 619 Broadway N, Fargo, ND 58102

## BROADCAST SCHEDULE

- **Online:** Sundays 9 & 10:30 a.m., [flcfargo.org](http://flcfargo.org) and Facebook.
- **Radio:** Sundays 9 a.m., 970AM and 93.1FM.
- **TV:** Fargo: Sundays 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. (channels Midco 68, Sparklight 1068); Moorhead: Sundays 5 p.m., Tuesdays 7 p.m. (channels Midco 99, Sparklight 69).