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Palm/Passion Sunday
March 28

8:15 Drive-in, 10:15 Livestream
Palms & Communion

Maundy Thursday
April 1

5:00 pm Drive-In
Communion

Good Friday
April 2

1:00 pm, Drive-In

Easter Sunday
April 4

8:15 and 10:15 Drive-in
communion

A pre-recorded video will premiere at 10:15am
on
Facebook and You Tube





First Lutheran Youth Foundation Scholarship

(For High School Seniors)

Sponsored by the Youth Board

Find a link to the application at flcj.org

Deadline: April 1, 2021

Any questions call Eric Engen at 608 290 7083

Introduction to Centering Prayer

The Introduction to Centering Prayer will meet on Zoom, on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM. We will use a short course, designed by Cynthia Bourgeault, a well-known teacher of Centering Prayer.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81616969038?pwd=eGRSQytzQmg3VzVsbnE9NnBDBlalo1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 816 1696 9038

Passcode: 224107



First Lutheran is scheduling baptisms. We are scheduling one baptism a Sunday at 11:30am. Your guest limit is 50 and we ask that everyone wear a mask.

If you have a baptism you would like to schedule please contact Jeanie at 608-752-7434 x10.



Welcome to Arwen Twitchett our new Business Administrator.

Arwen started at the beginning of December replacing Sue Goike who has retired.

A Deep Dive into John 1:1-18

Our study will meet 6:30-8:00 PM on the five Wednesdays of Lent, through March 24. We will meet on Zoom, which allows for large group presentation and small group break outs for discussion.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84943345835?pwd=M29kRjlfVHR3ZGxKY2FZcXdlajEvdz09>

Meeting ID: 849 4334 5835

Passcode: 841438



Men of Iron

9:00am

Meeting:

Saturday, March 13

Fellowship Hall

Inviting men of all ages to a morning of comradery, learning, and snacks. Saturday morning, 9-10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Eric for more information
608-290-7083 or eengen@flcj.org

On the Way Together

The new vision that we have discerned for First Lutheran Church includes the expectation that we will invite everyone to walk a path of discipleship together.

Jesus regularly called people to follow him and learn his way of love, sharing his trust in the healing and life-giving power of God's presence. We envision a congregation in which we are all learning to live the way of Jesus together. That can be powerful, exciting and deeply challenging all at the same time.

A story from my time at St. Andrew in Racine shows something of the possibilities and the challenge.

Ravven first came to worship at the invitation of her manager at a local fast food restaurant. She heard good news on that first Sunday and was eager for more. At her request I worked with Jean, who had invited her, to start a bible study. They, in turn, invited some of their co-workers, and we began reading Mark's Gospel from the beginning, meeting weekly.

Ravven did not fit readily into the mold of a traditional Lutheran congregation. For one thing, she was a young adult, 22 years old. There were few, if any, in her age bracket among us. She was also a gay woman of mixed race, who had already suffered layers of trauma in her life. As we came together around our weekly reading in Mark, she brought her whole life. It was no intellectual exercise for her – this was life and death. She shared that some weeks she barely held on until she could get to bible study. Her insights were deep and the connections she made to the Gospel story were real. Her honesty and vulnerability challenged me to engage at a deeper level myself. We built a community of trust, and we all were changed in the process.

After a few months Ravven asked to be baptized. She shared the story of a child who had taught her the meaning of love. Though not her own child, she cared for him as her own. Yet all the love she could offer was not enough to save him, nor could the medical team. A serious health issue caused his death while he was just an infant. This child had given her a reason to live, and his death had sent her into a spiral of despair. She was now climbing out of that pit, and she asked to be baptized on his death date to mark it also as the beginning of new life.

It happened that the date fell on a Sunday, so we began to prepare. We talked together about the promise of baptism – the transforming work of God's love and presence in the community that journeys together as Christ's body in the world. She asked to make a confession of sin, which gave her the opportunity to release a profound burden. We continued our weekly bible studies. Life did not instantly become a smooth road for her, but she had a community to walk with her.

The day of her baptism was a wonderful celebration. I poured more water over than she expected. We had a party afterward and shared gifts with her. And she became a member of the congregation. She acknowledged that it wasn't our music that drew her – Lutheran hymns were certainly not her thing. I asked her thoughts once, noting that we didn't have other young adults her age. Since it's not the music, what can we do to connect with other people your age? She said to me: "If you come downtown to any street corner, you'll find people who believe the church doesn't care about them at all. Show them that you care. That's what they're looking for."

I wish I could say that everything went well from there. She still had much healing work to do, and as she began to see more clearly the pain of her past trauma, facing it and working through it required more courage than I think she was ready for. At such moments the support of community is especially important, and I regret that we didn't find ways to connect her more deeply into the community life of our congregation, where she might have found more support and resources. In any case, there came a point where she pulled away and we lost touch. I continue to hope that the time and the experience we shared has been an important part of a longer and ongoing journey to healing and wholeness.

As we at First Lutheran journey this year toward Easter, I remember Ravven and am reminded of the vulnerabilities and fragility that we all share. I hold in mind also the healing power in Christ's way of love. To invite everyone into this path of discipleship will require us to risk a bolder engagement ourselves, commit to deep relationships, and acknowledge that we are together a work in progress. It is a worthy adventure to embrace. If we are willing to take that risk, then I am confident that we will find many who will also come and see -- and follow with us.

Pr. Michael Mueller

Walk With Your Neighbor

A fundraiser for ECHO and the Crop Hunger Walk

This fall we collected groceries for our neighbors, this advent and Christmas season we shared funds to warm our neighbor's homes, and this spring First Lutheran Confirmation Students invite you to walk with your neighbor to raise funds for ECHO and the Crop Hunger Walk.

Every year ECHO hosts a community wide Crop Hunger Walk to fight against the challenges of disease, disaster, displacement and other concerns that leave people hungry. Due to Covid ECHO is hosting the walk virtually but the confirmation class would like to invite you to a church wide walk.

Walk With Your Neighbor

Sunday, April 25

Palmer Park by the Wading Pool

9:45am Sign in begins

10am-12 Walk!

Ways to Participate

Make a donation to the Easter Book– this year the money from the Easter book is going to Crop and ECHO!

Sponsor a walker– Confirmation students and families are walking and will be looking for donations

Walk- Bring your neighbor, family or friends and enjoy a distanced route through Palmer park or make your own route. Call the Office to sign up as a walker– 608-752-7434.

Prayers– Pray for the walkers and pray for the world. Pray that our neighbors near and far have sustainable food security.

Our Goal

\$3000 for ECHO and Crop

100 registered walkers (you can walk with us at Palmer Park or walk your own neighborhood)

Proceeds

Proceeds from this event will be split between ECHO (25%) and Church World Service (75%). Church World Service (CWS) is a faith based organization with the goal of building a world where there is enough for all– enough food, enough housing, and enough resilience during disasters. For more information about CWS please see their website: cwsglobal.org

For more information please contact Renee at 608-359-9685 or rengen@flcj.org

Walk With Your Neighbor

This year FLC is collecting donations to help local people with their utility bills. With not knowing if we will be having a service in the sanctuary this year, poinsettias would not be needed. So instead, we will be collecting donations in honor or memory of a loved one and making a booklet, like the poinsettia booklet we usually do. With funds going to help local families with their utility bills for this winter.



What to do? Fill out the form below and return to the church by March 21.

Suggested donation is \$16.00, but any amount can be donated.

Donations will be given to a ECHO to distribute to the local community.

Walk With Our Neighbors

First Lutheran Church
612 N. Randall Ave, Janesville, WI 53545



Instead of Spring flowers this year with the COVID pandemic we are collecting funds to help CROP Walk & ECHO.. A memorial/honor booklet will include names of loved ones. Please return this form by March 21. Donation can be of any amount, suggested amount is \$16.00.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Memory or Honor of _____
(circle one)

GIVEN BY _____

Memory or Honor of _____
(circle one)

GIVEN BY _____

SURVEY RESULTS

FLC Worship Feedback Survey Results

On behalf of the Worship Board, thank you for participating in our recent survey!

We received 54 responses from people who attended the drive-in service, and another 55 responded through the online form. Your feedback has confirmed that the drive-in service is quite popular and that you would eagerly recommend it to others. Livestream worship is less well attended, which corresponds to a lack of comfort or enthusiasm for digital communications expressed by many survey respondents.

While relatively few took part in this year's Wednesday Advent Meditations in the sanctuary, those who did expressed strong appreciation for the experience. The Christmas Eve services, outdoors and online this year, were quite well received by most participants – and our partner congregations were excitedly grateful for the chance to share the celebration in our parking lot.

Challenges for the future include improving our use of digital tools, balancing the desire for physical in-person gatherings with the need for online meetings and events, and staying connected through the remainder of the pandemic.

Overall, having two options for worship (online and drive-in) has been a favorable experience over the past year. We appreciate the feedback and look forward to continue improving the worship experience as we keep growing in our mission to Reach, Nourish, and Empower people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Below are the results:

FLC Worship Board Survey Results – January 2021	Online - 55 Respondents	Drive-in 54 Respondents
Attended the drive-in service more than 3 times per month	58%	70%
Attended the livestream service more than once per month	53%	12%
Average rating with the prepackaged communion cup, with 5 being exceptional	4.1	4.1
# that attended the Advent Meditation	14	7
Average rating by those that attended the Advent Meditation, with 5 being exceptional	4.5	5
Christmas Eve drive-in	81% attended 3 pm 62% 4 pm 7% 6 pm 31%	79% attended 3 pm 50% 5pm 8% 6 pm 42%
Average rating for Christmas Eve drive-in experience, with 5 being exceptional	n/a	4.8
Would recommend drive-in worship – average rating	4.7	4.7
Would recommend livestream worship – average rating	4.2	3.8

Immigrant Support Network

"The King said I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:14

The Immigrant Support Network's mission statement: The Immigrant Support Network welcomes and supports immigrants in our community through building partnerships and raising awareness of immigrant needs.

During this difficult time there are people in our community that are really struggling with the fact that their already low wage jobs are disappearing. These people can't get some of the help that others are getting from government because they are not yet citizens. This is where the Immigrant Support is trying to help. You can help by donating money or gift cards at places like grocery stores, gas stations etc. If you can help, the donation can be left at the church ear marked for this cause and it will get to the proper place. Thanks so much. Barbara Clem, chairman of Witness Board.

SAFE FAMILIES

Safe Families for Children provides a secure circle of support for parents who are in difficult situations. They can provide secure, temporary homes for children (and possibly a mom) while the family figures out their life situation. They work towards helping families to stabilize their circumstances and thrive. All volunteers are extensively screened. How could you help? Be a host family, be a family friend, be a resource for lightly used beds, furniture and clothing to help parents get back on their feet, or help out financially. The Witness Board is looking for a Ministry Lead Person/Couple who would be the liaison from the church working with safe families when they have a need. The Ministry Lead would have a list of people to call when Safe Families calls on First Lutheran. Maybe you could prayerfully consider this worthy cause in this time of pandemic and beyond.

To learn more please visit safefamilieswi.org or contact Barbara at 608-247-3006.

"For a video about Safe Families for Children please visit the Adult page at FLC.org."

FLC COOKBOOKS

If you are interesting in purchasing cookbooks, please call Jeannine Bown at 754-2071, they are also available in the church office. The cost per book is \$10.00



FLC COOKBOOK CORRECTIONS:

FRUIT DIP page 4: It should read "2 ENVELOPES of Dream Whip, DRY", and cross out "~~... (prepared) or 4 cups Cool Whip~~". The recipe will not turn out with Cool Whip.

YUM YUM CAKE page 105: ADD 1 1/2 cups flour to ingredients list.

ENGSTROM CHEESECAKE BARS page 113: A step in the instructions was omitted; "...Combine cream cheese, 1 cup sugar, egg yolk and vanilla. Spread on rolls. Then top with remaining rolls. Brush top with egg white..." The instructions before and after this section are correct. Do not omit them.

REVISED MUNCHY MIX page 131: In directions it should read: Grease 3 large cake pans or 1 roaster.

Contributing cooks, please check over your recipes to make sure they are accurate. Please report any corrections to Jeanette 608-868-4240. I apologize for any and all errors. Jeanette Beard for FLCW BOARD.

January 2021 Memorials

Don Guse Memorial

General: Bill & Deanna Foss, Terry & Barb Ryan, James & Gladys Otterson

Foundation: Jack & Midge Kislia, Jerry & Doris Roehl, Mike & Nina Peterson, Jeanette Beard, Lyle & Ardith Eddy, Charles & Carol Smith, Tom & Kathy Dorscheid, Stuart & Suzanne Hamilton, David & Mary Peterson, David & Susan Cress, George Brunner, Magda Nelson, Betty Johnson, Shirley Sowatzki, Lynne Bienash, Tom & Lynn Kevern, Ronald & Deanna Cox, Ruth Keehn, Peg & Mat Haeger, Curt & Kay Nodolf, Darlene Becker, Karen Clark & Doreen Gunness, Jerry & Rita Downing, Dan & Joy Lederman, Virginia Nitz, Marjorie & Kenneth Haberman, Jim & Sally Schuenke, Friends & Family, Harvey & Dee Miller, Jim & Rachael Dowd, Christopher & Lisa Engstrom, Vernon & Leola Schultz, Kathleen Pratt, Orland & Connie Fredrick

Wayne Holman Memorial

Foundation: Jerry & Doris Roehl

Richard Kinsley Memorial

Foundation: Midge & Jack Kislia, Jerry & Doris Roehl, Jeanette Beard, Jim & Sally Schuenke

General: James & Gladys Otterson

Paul Leeder Memorial

Foundation: Leanne Schroeder

Holly Losching Memorial

Foundation: Jean Motsinger

Pat Playter Memorial

General Witness: Jim & Sally Schuenke

James Polarski Memorial

Warming Our Neighbors: Carol Polarski

Donald A. Russell Memorial

Foundation: Mary Russell

Robert & Marjorie Throndsen Memorial

General: P.J. Throndsen Family

Frances Utzig Memorial

General: Mary Paul, Darlene Becker, Janice Quade, Phyllis & Don Stoker, Lorraine Orland, Christine Marusiak, Friends and Family, Diane Quade

Gifts Received

ECHO: Magda Nelson, Gwen Sunday, Bill & Kay McCumber, Vince & Frances Kessenich, Catherine Garvin

Foundation: Linn & Ann Duesterbeck, Karen Winn, Jerry Wells

Warming Our Neighbors: Anne Thomas, Vern & Leola Schultz, Barb Clem, Elwyn & Leslie Brunsell

Rock County Covid Vaccine

Looking for information to get a covid vaccine? Go to the Rock County Department of Health, using the link below or web search for Rock County Wisconsin –Coronavirus 2019.

Once you get to the site there is a form to fill out. If you need help filling out the form you can call 608-352-6727.

<https://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth-familycommunity/publichealth-communicabledisease/coronavirus-disease-2019>

Second Harvest: Another Way to Help

Are you feeling cooped up inside? Looking to help others? If so, Mat and I invite you to join us in our new adventure with Second Harvest. In addition to helping with our monthly food distribution at First, we have begun to drive to Madison once each week to help organize and package the food that goes out to sites like ours.

The first week we opened a box of 138 frozen hamburgers, cracked them apart, put them into bags of 7 or 8, and then sealed the bags shut. Those bags were put back into the boxes and we sealed them shut for shipment out. Second Harvest supplied gloves to keep our hands warm and all necessary supplies. Mat was a pro after the first box. I, on the other hand, fought, for most of my shift, with the machine that sealed them shut.

This week we created variety packs of frozen items donated by area businesses. After checking for expiration dates, our goal was to take the truly random array of items, pack an assortment into plastic garbage bags which were placed into boxes for delivery.

The Second Harvest website makes this whole process very easy. We are able to sign up for any open 3.5 hour shift (either AM or PM) that needs to be filled at one of three sites: Stoughton, the Alliant Center, or Dairy Drive in Madison. We prefer to drive to the Dairy Drive location because it is just off the Stoughton Road exit, requiring only a minute of Beltline driving and avoiding heavy traffic.

COVID precautions are enforced, helping us to feel very comfortable. The staff has been welcoming, providing instruction and guidance as needed. **If you are interested, but would like to hear a bit more about our experience, feel free to call on my cell: 608-449-7722.**

So many people living with food insecurities count on Second Harvest Food Bank. The need for volunteers is never-ending. Every shift is an adventure... new tasks, new people, and new ways to serve.

MARCH READINGS



March 7 3 Lent

Exodus 20:1-17
 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 John 2:13-22

March 14 4 Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
 Ephesians 2:1-10
 John 3:14-21

March 21 5 Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
 Hebrews 5:5-10
 John 12:20-33

March 28 Palm Sunday

Isiah 50:4-9a
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Mark 14:1-15:47

COUNCIL MINUTES

January Church Council Meeting

Pr. Michael said opening prayer and President Dorscheid called the meeting to order

Financial Report (Don Jensen)

Income Statement Analysis

- \$51,344 of our budgeted income comes in December, which represents 7.52% of our total for the year
- We have a projected budget deficit of \$32,643
- Need 12K to make budget

No line of credit! Completely paid down total of \$73K in 2020 (recently paid down remaining \$49K with cash balance as approved by CC last month)

Current Financial Status

Cash balance is up \$7,034.92 mainly due to the forgiveness from the SBA of the PPP Loan

Care Act/ PPP Loan

Arwen T. looking into additional PPP Loan coming available in 2021

2021 Budget Status

2021 Budget reviewed by Church Council and will be presented at the Annual Meeting for approval.

New Business

Annual Meeting

- Contact with synod prior to Annual Meeting to discuss options for Annual Meetings
- CC1.19.MMS04 Pass adoption of Emergency Resolution Bylaw using the template provided by the Synod to conduct meeting with voting members via digital format. MG/MZ
- Barb E. to sign resolution and return to church office.
- Discussed preparations for identification and voting during meeting in progress.
- Dry run to help with Zoom education and connections scheduled for Saturday Jan. 30, 4:00pm

Open meeting Sunday Jan. 31, 11:00am ten minutes early given nature of meeting.

Visioning Process

- Pastor Michael shared strategic priorities for 2021
- Focus on aligning program boards, conversations and work with values and vision
- Discussed how we focus on engaging children in baptism, Sunday school, confirmation. Suggestion to think about how we reach our and connect in relationship building/inviting adults and help lead all into a relationship

Old Business

Nominating Committee

- Lori S. to update nomination/voting slate for Annual Meeting
- Tom D. and Lori to discuss and look into creating current list of leadership terms/length
- Mandi Z. offered to fill spot on Worship Board

HR Manual updates- will require work going forward to update and keep viable

Ministry Report/Update Items- Pr. Michael

Visioning Process- see Visioning Process

Worship

Survey created by Worship Board will be shared this Sunday at the Outdoor Worship and Online Service to gauge how things are going and feed back on Advent and Christmas.

Lent

- Continue established Sunday schedule
 - February 17, outdoor Ash Wednesday service planned for 5:00pm
 - Introduction to litany and prayer/study of John planned for Midweek Service (to begin week after Ash Wednesday)
- "Embrace the Journey" reflections continues beginning on February 18
- Outdoor stage continues to be comfortable during chilliest days
- Continue to be grateful for Staff

Council minutes continued.

Synod and Church wide Updates

Bishop leading group meetings every other week

Released update on pandemic information- guidance is to go slowly, follow community guidelines and meet congregational needs

Dialogs on Race update

- o Met with Faith Lutheran Church to discuss experience and next step going forward
- o Recognition- there is an awareness that there is a lot more to learn
- o Considerations to repeat this study with this group or extend to another group as well
- o Lots of good energy on this topic

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Accrual Basis

First Lutheran Church Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January 2021

	Jan 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Income				
4002 · PLEDGES	58,688.58	40,500.00	18,188.58	144.9%
4010 · SPECIAL FUNDS/ENVELOPES	258.00	400.00	-142.00	64.5%
4020 · Rentals	2,108.00	2,159.00	-51.00	97.6%
4030 · Weddings/Funerals	75.00	100.00	-25.00	75.0%
4040 · OTHER RECEIPTS	752.00	1,235.00	-483.00	60.9%
4050 · 4-H Fair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 4000 · Income	<u>61,881.58</u>	<u>44,394.00</u>	<u>17,487.58</u>	<u>139.4%</u>
Total Income	<u>61,881.58</u>	<u>44,394.00</u>	<u>17,487.58</u>	<u>139.4%</u>
Gross Profit	<u>61,881.58</u>	<u>44,394.00</u>	<u>17,487.58</u>	<u>139.4%</u>
Expense				
700000 · GENERAL FUND-FIRST				
711000 · BENEVOLENCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
712000 · ROSTERED LEADERS	10,936.84	10,750.00	186.84	101.7%
713000 · ADMINISTRATION	10,913.69	11,030.20	-116.51	98.9%
714000 · BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	21,870.72	26,910.33	-5,039.61	81.3%
715000 · STEWARDSHIP	192.97	210.00	-17.03	91.9%
716000 · WITNESS	0.00	171.00	-171.00	0.0%
717000 · WORSHIP	8,598.94	7,883.85	713.09	109.0%
718000 · YOUTH & FAMILY	7,404.45	7,978.50	-574.05	92.8%
718600 · Life Together				
718601 · Events/Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total 718600 · Life Together	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 700000 · GENERAL FUND-FIRST	<u>59,915.61</u>	<u>64,933.88</u>	<u>-5,018.27</u>	<u>92.3%</u>
Total Expense	<u>59,915.61</u>	<u>64,933.88</u>	<u>-5,018.27</u>	<u>92.3%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,965.97</u>	<u>-20,539.88</u>	<u>22,505.85</u>	<u>-9.6%</u>
Net Income	<u>1,965.97</u>	<u>-20,539.88</u>	<u>22,505.85</u>	<u>-9.6%</u>

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Accrual Basis

First Lutheran Church Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison As of January 31, 2021

	Jan 31, 21	Jan 31, 20	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
1100 · General Fund	48,388.61	22,887.73	23,698.88	104.5%
1110101 · Thrivent Annuity	74,893.55	72,360.92	2,532.63	3.5%
1200 · Memorials and Gifts	48,052.06	53,594.79	-5,542.73	-10.3%
Total Checking/Savings	169,332.22	148,643.44	20,688.78	13.9%
Accounts Receivable				
11000 · Accounts Receivable	335.04	0.00	335.04	100.0%
Total Accounts Receivable	335.04	0.00	335.04	100.0%
Total Current Assets	169,667.26	148,643.44	21,023.82	14.1%
Fixed Assets				
1130000 · Land, Building and Equipment	7,003,964.07	7,003,964.07	0.00	0.0%
Total Fixed Assets	7,003,964.07	7,003,964.07	0.00	0.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	7,173,631.33	7,152,607.51	21,023.82	0.3%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	4,826.56	21,984.70	-17,158.14	-78.1%
Credit Cards	604.64	0.00	604.64	100.0%
Other Current Liabilities				
2100000 · Payroll Liabilities	2,744.10	3,076.52	-332.42	-10.8%
2100140 · Line of Credit	0.00	73,000.00	-73,000.00	-100.0%
Total Other Current Liabilities	2,744.10	76,076.52	-73,332.42	-96.4%
Total Current Liabilities	8,175.30	98,061.22	-89,885.92	-91.7%
Total Liabilities	8,175.30	98,061.22	-89,885.92	-91.7%
Equity				
310000 · Church Fund Balance	7,054,819.84	6,873,763.56	81,056.28	1.2%
3200000 · Memorial & Gifts Fund	121,985.18	124,871.48	-2,886.30	-2.3%
Net Income	-11,348.99	-44,088.75	32,739.76	74.3%
Total Equity	7,165,456.03	7,054,546.29	110,909.74	1.6%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	7,173,631.33	7,152,607.51	21,023.82	0.3%

CHURCH STAFF

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MEETING TIMES

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JANUARY ATTENDANCE

	3	10	17	24	31	Total
8:15 People	202	208	192	136	No Ser	738
Cars	101	104	96	68	0	369



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8:15am Sunday Drive-In Worship
 Communion served every Sunday.
 10:15am Sunday Live broadcast on Facebook & You Tube
 All are Welcome!

MARCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00pm Introduction Centering Prayer/Zoom	9:00 Knitters/GS 1:00 Staff Meeting 4:30 Witness Board Mt/Zoom	10:00 Bible Study/Zoom 4:30 FLCW/FH 6:30 John Bible Study/Zoom 7:00 Youth Group/YR	7:00 Worship Practice/SA		
	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:15 Worship Drive-In/PL 9:00 Masterpiece/YR 9:15 Confirmation 7 & 8 gr/FH 10:00 Trinity Episcopal/PL 10:15 Worship-Broadcast-Facebook/YouTube Online Sunday School/FLCFamily.org 6:30 Online Confirmation gr 7&8	5:30 Build & Grounds Bd/Zoom 7:00pm Introduction Centering Prayer/Zoom	9:00 Knitters/GS 1:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Youth Board/Zoom 6:30 Worship Bd/GS	Progress Deadline 10:00 Bible Study/Zoom 6:30 John Bible Study/Zoom 7:00 Youth Group/YR/Pit	7:00 Worship Practice/SA		9:00 Men of Iron/FH Set Your clocks ahead 1 hour
	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:15 Worship Drive-In-PL/ 9:00 Masterpiece/YR 10:00 Trinity Episcopal/PL 10:15 Worship Broadcast/Facebook/YouTube Online Sunday School/ FLCFamily.org	7:00pm Introduction Centering Prayer/Zoom	9:00 Knitters/GS 1:00 Staff Meeting 6:30 Church Council/Zoom	10:00 Bible Study/Zoom 6:30 John Bible Study/Zoom 7:00 Youth Group/YR/Pit	3:30 Second Harvest-Parking Lot 6:30 Foundation Mt/FH 7:00 Worship Practice/SA		
	21	22	23	24	25	26
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	28	29	30	31		
Palm Sunday 8:15 Worship Drive-In/PL 9:00 Masterpiece/YR 10:00 Trinity Episcopal/PL 10:15 Worship Broadcast/Facebook, YouTube Online Sunday School/ FLCFamily.org	7:00pm Introduction Centering Prayer/Zoom	9:00 Knitters/GS 1:00 Staff Meeting	10:00 Bible Study/Zoom 7:00 Youth Group/YR/Pit			



Abbreviation Key:

CH = Chapel	HG = Home Group
CR = Choir Room	OF = Office
FH = Fellowship Hall	PL = Parking Lot
FHL = Fellowship Hall Lounge	SA = Sanctuary
FHK = Fellowship Hall Kitchen	YR = Youth Room
GS = Gathering Space	#229 = Room 229
	#301 = Room 301
	#302 = Room 302

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Second Harvest
Third Thursday of the
month!

March 18

Food Distribution

3:30pm- 5:30pm

Volunteers are needed from

3:00pm-6:00pm

Second Harvest will take place outside. Food will be pre-boxed; 10 volunteers are needed. Call Mary Gallup to volunteer at 755-1399



DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

8:15am Sundays

Communion Served

Weekly

Bible Study

10:00am Wednesdays

Zoom

WORSHIP

Sundays, 10:15am

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