

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH IMPACT

Today is about celebrating what God has done and what God is doing in and through First Lutheran Church since last November. The pandemic of 2020 may have caused us to pause some activities for awhile, but our mission continues to focus on raising up disciples and transforming lives.

This IMPACT is detailed and organized below by using our FOUR CORES. Together we are making a difference and having an IMPACT on God's kingdom. We hope you find yourself connected to one of the bullets listed. If you feel called to help with one of the areas of impact, please contact the church and we will get you connected. We have much to CELEBRATE – take a look!

## Worship

- 1156 people came for Christmas Eve
- 483 people attended Ash Wednesday worship where Pastor Paul Oman painted *On the Road to Emmaus*
- Worship services continued even when Directed Health Measures prevented us from worshipping in-person March 18-June 20
- Easter was celebrated with virtual worship
- Wednesday worship was provided through June
- Live virtual worship options of both services continue even after in-person worship resumed on June 21
- 9 Baptisms thus far...
- Community outreach through radio broadcast and livestream/video worship opportunities
- Core group of lay leaders assist with worship
- *9 Books in 9 Months* ~ Sep 2019-May 2020 preaching/teaching series
- *Romans* ~ Summer preaching/teaching
- 12 6<sup>th</sup> graders celebrated First Communion in November as it was postponed from March
- 26 confirmands affirmed their faith
- **Volunteers ~ PRICELESS**

## Discipleship

- Welcomed Deacon Kristin Johnson to the staff
- Pastor Lowell Hennigs served as transitional pastor (Feb-May)
- Call Committee for new lead pastor
- 29 new people to our faith community
- Membership Review
- Group studies for Ruth, Philemon, Jonah, James and Romans
- Book studies for *Unshakeable Hope*, *Color of Compromise*, *One Thousand Gifts*, *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way*, *He Chose The Nails*
- 22 participated in The Chosen video study in person or via Zoom
- 2 Sunday morning group studies
- 2 Women's Bible study groups
- 2337 FirstCare contacts thus far...
- 31 Adult & Youth KidsFirst volunteer for the spring semester
- Online Bible stories/lessons March-May
- 10 Confirmation Small Group Guides
- 4 junior confirmation guides
- Prayer Event held to teach new prayer practices
- Love FLC Style dinner
- Chick Flicks
- Weekly podcast by Morgan Putnam
- Mortgage debt paid off. All In! Phase 2 awaits
- Teens in Ministry Team
- **Volunteers ~ PRICELESS**

## Children and Youth

- Celebrated with our 18 High School seniors with a drive-thru recognition
- The Early Learning Center has stayed open since the pandemic began
- Early Learning Center has 69 kids enrolled. 14 full-time staff and 7 part-time staff
- First Lutheran Women mailed gift cards to 42 college students in Dec 2019
- Confirmation overnigher at the zoo
- Scholastic Book Fair for ELC
- 9 third graders received their Bible
- 35 kids participated in Nooma! Musical Theatre in the spring and/or fall
- 25 kids in Puppet Ministry in the spring and/or fall
- 30+ high school youth meet each week. March-May this group met via Zoom
- 38 confirmation students met weekly via Zoom (March-May)
- KidsFirst Sunday School moved from in-person to online lessons (March – May)
- We blessed John Patton with a drive-thru send-off in May
- ReGeneration began in September – the new multi-generation Sunday morning education
- **Volunteers ~ PRICELESS**

## Mission and Outreach

- \$6,414.54 collected for LifeHouse Holiday Food Drive 2019
- Operation Christmas Child Boxes collected in 2019: FLC (300), Relay Center (1529)
- \$2,271.30 was raised through Cocoa and Carols for The Banquet
- Good Gifts December 2019 - \$1249 for The Banquet, 124 items for Joseph's Closet, 110 utensils for LifeHouse, \$485 Carol Joy Holling scholarships, \$452 ELCA Good Gifts
- Undie Sunday collected 49 pairs of underwear and 2,116 diapers for LFS
- Red Cross Shelter 2 days in February
- Confirmation students completed Service & Kindness projects
- 150 school kits and 79 personal care kits were completed for LWR
- 321 quilts made by our Quilt Ministry
- 400 food totes for Summer Lunch Program
- Appreciation lunch for Three Rivers Health Department staff
- \$379.13 for United Way Back Pack Drive
- 84 pairs of shoes given to Lutheran Family Services plus \$30 gift card
- The Banquet missed only 1 week due to the pandemic. Served 8340 meals so far this year
- Mask/gown making
- First Lutheran Habitat Build Day
- Packed 20,088 meals for Kids Against Hunger
- \$16,250 will be given to our Ministry Partners in 2020
- \$66,000 will be given to the Nebraska Synod in 2020
- \$19,781.86 was given to local, regional, and global ministries by our Endowment Fund thus far in 2020
- 70 pints of blood donated at Red Cross Bloodmobiles
- 78 vaccinated at community flu immunization clinic
- Joseph's Closet provides warm clothes to those in need
- Recognized our Veterans and those who continue to serve
- LifeHouse Meal served up to five times a month
- Northeast Nebraska Community Action Program monthly food distribution
- Friday Morning Moms/Growing in Grace Bible study and fellowship group
- Prayer shawls and baptismal blankets
- Home build with Houses for Health in Tanzania
- Sold 82 quarts of soup for LFS
- Bread Delivery outreach
- Polling Place
- **Volunteers ~ PRICELESS**

**Thank you First Lutheran for all you do. We have many reasons to celebrate!**