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Dear Friends in Christ,

A few weeks ago I wrote a letter asking for your financial support during the current health restrictions. You came through, thanks!! Our giving was down only slightly, which is to be expected with the economic hardships we see in our community. Small businesses and their employees are particularly hard hit.

I have three requests for the month of April to keep First Lutheran Church's ministries healthy.

First, and most important, stay in touch with God's word and with God's people. Read scripture every day and pray. View the weekly fireside chats and streaming services. Call us and let us know how we can help. Call each other to see how things are going or just to chat. Loneliness is a big problem now.

Second, keep faithfully giving. We don't know exactly when restrictions will end, but they will end. Until then we need your support more than ever. This congregation is truly filled with God's Spirit. Additionally, the CARES act will allow up to a \$300 deduction in 2020 for charitable giving above the standard deduction for those who do not itemize.

Third, consider using the "Simply Giving Program" for your gifts. I decided that if I was going to hound you about Simply Giving, I should sign up myself. I did so, and it took less than five minutes to set up an account and make a donation. The application is very flexible, and you can change your instructions easily week by week. Go to the First Lutheran Church website and click on the Simply Giving tab at the top of the page. The application will lead you through to create an account and set up a donation.

Thanks to every one of you and God Bless You,

Terry Krupp, Director
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