

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

By Pastor Tom Boeck



Abounding in Generosity

⁶ *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

¹² *For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. **2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 12 (ESV)***

When I was reading these words of the apostle Paul to the church at Corinth, I was reminded of our family here at Marco Lutheran Church. When we were forced, because of coronavirus, to shutter our in-person worship our hearts sank because we knew that we would not be able to see so many of our church family for a period of time that we could not determine. At that time, there was a concern about the church's ability to continue its mission for potential lack of financial resources resulting from our in-person worship being stopped.

And while we saw a dip in giving, and an increase in need in our local area, it turned out to be short lived. You realized the need of the ministry and continued giving to God's mission and this ministry via mail and online means that helped us to be able to continue serving others and our God! While some have been adversely affected by the pandemic through loss of employment and decreased means to manage household expenses, others have increased their giving to meet the needs of others. Our church family, regardless of circumstance has continued to be faithful in worship and in generosity, and it has manifested itself in a thriving ministry to our community and to the glory of God! Thank you

for continuing to be faithful. Your love of the Lord and your fellow man is very evident by your actions.

This month also happens to be the month that we celebrate our fathers. While this Fathers' Day will be my first without my dad, I am able to celebrate my father's memory and glorify God for taking him home to be with Jesus! What a wonderful day this Fathers' Day will be, as we thank our heavenly Father for His generosity and wisdom in giving us those important men who have offered guidance and love to us in our lives!

Take a moment this month to thank your "dad." Whether it's your real father, or an uncle, granddad, husband, brother or friend who has provided support and love to you and made your life better for their being in it. Praise God that he has given us faithful men in our lives who show leadership, compassion, and support in our lives through both good times and bad. God has blessed us with these men in our lives, so let's be sure to say "Thanks."

The month of June has certainly come upon us quickly in a year filled with ups and downs. Isn't it incredible, that despite any challenges that have beset us, God has continued to be faithful and generous with us? Our God is a generous God, who loves us more than anything or anyone! Thank you, God, for being our awesome Father!

Pastor Tom

Blessings, Pastor Tom

Dear Marco Lutheran Church Family,

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dawn Snyder



The coronavirus appears to have changed people's view of their faith. It has also effected their ability to attend their houses of worship. Most people who had been attending church regularly are now following worship services online. *God is in control and faith has deepened during this crisis.* We have just started back with an in-person experience and continue our on-line church service experience. We encourage congregants not comfortable to return or are in their northern locations to continue our on-line experience to stay engaged, loved and encouraged with God's word!

Thank You.. for your engagement, your prayers, your encouragement.. Thank You.. for trusting in God's promises. God will bring us through this. I believe we will be refined and renewed through this period of time so that our ministry and missions will be more fruitful and faithful to God's calling!

We are here for you .. you are there for your families, friends and neighbors.. Remember...

Through You Christ Shines.. Bless You Today and Everyday!

Dawn

Watch the Worship service anywhere and at anytime with any device that connects to the Internet.



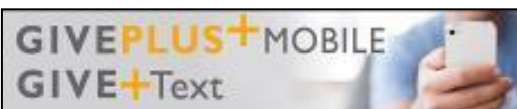
Services are streamed "live" and are archived for later viewing. Use your computer, tablet, mobile phone or smart TV.



On our website at: www.marcolutheran.org

- 1 Click on "CLICK HERE for our video page" to get to the page with the videos.
- 2 On The VIDEO STREAMING page, click on the worship image to start the video.

Recent and older videos are available to watch on the same webpage. You can follow along with each Worship Service using bulletins that are always available located on the website's "What's Happening" page under "Publications /Forms."



GivePlus – a way of giving to the church using your mobile phone – either by a downloadable app or by text.

It's Simple. Convenient. Secure.

For more information on either mobile giving or text giving please see our website. Click on the [Giving] link on the left side of the page. Our website still has online giving available where you can make a one-time donation or set-up a regular weekly or monthly donation.

- Anytime, anywhere donations
- Safe and secure giving
- One-time or recurring gifts
- Easy account management



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sally Horner	2-Jun	June Davis	13-Jun	Rita Stiehl	22-Jun
Rudolph Lisch	2-Jun	Denise Greene	13-Jun	Roland Leypoldt	23-Jun
Karen Lien	3-Jun	Ilse Holler	13-Jun	Robert Heins	24-Jun
Greta Eckerle	4-Jun	Brody Pappas	13-Jun	Gregory Henke	24-Jun
Cherie Schmidt	5-Jun	Marjorie Eyster	14-Jun	Robert Ninker	24-Jun
Elizabeth Hammond	6-Jun	Paula Lacefield	14-Jun	Frances Silcock	24-Jun
Ron Rickers	7-Jun	Donna Uhl	17-Jun	Lynne Chan	25-Jun
Charles Witherington	7-Jun	Marlene Walter	17-Jun	Robert Harrison	27-Jun
Barbara Amendola	9-Jun	Christine Dupie	19-Jun	Lisa Roberts	30-Jun
David Daggett	9-Jun	Madeline Barbour	20-Jun		
Patricia Naughton	9-Jun	William Kaschube	21-Jun		
Gerri Maurer	10-Jun	Denise Long	21-Jun		
Jeanette Franchino	11-Jun	Carolyn Crowell	22-Jun		

Kirk and Gwen Nestaval	1-Jun	Jim and Beverly Nyce	22-Jun
Gerry and Melinda Geartz	3-Jun	Ron and Jean Groenke	23-Jun
Tom and Rochelle Wittkopf	3-Jun	Charles and Susan Oestreicher	25-Jun
Roger and Beth Miller	4-Jun	Charlie and Judi Vollmer	26-Jun
Karen and Michael Lien	9-Jun	Dick and Olga Hakanson	27-Jun
Dave and Betty Moenkhaus	9-Jun	Joe and Nancy Carrington	30-Jun
Loren and Dee Beck	12-Jun	Michael and Regina DeLazzer	30-Jun
Bob and Terri Heins	13-Jun	Jim and Francia Shaw	30-Jun
Warren and Nancy Rasmussen	13-Jun		
Frank and Elfie Walter	13-Jun		
Paul and Lydia Krueger	16-Jun		
Karl and Nancy Mueller	18-Jun		
Larry and Bev Spees	19-Jun		
Bill and Margie Eyster	21-Jun		



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Thank You for participating
in our
Happy Honking Hallelujah!
On May 10.



We had a wonderful time celebrating—finally coming together as a congregation maintaining social distancing— and seeing our friends at Marco Lutheran!



Outreach Update



BOARD OF OUTREACH By Sharon Boeck

I am so excited to serve as the new outreach chairperson for MLC. First, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Dave Tobiasz, our outgoing board chair. I know we are all grateful for his past leadership.



It is both a privilege and blessing to put together activities and events that provide services to populations in our community who might not otherwise have access or means to attain themselves. I have many new opportunities to share with our committee.

With this pandemic in our midst, volunteer opportunities are on hold for now. I have begun to reach out and connect with some of our crew members on the outreach committee, and I am enjoying the exchanging of ideas for outreach. There will be more opportunities for those of you who are seasonal. I would love to hear from each and every one of you, even if you are not on the committee, and wish to share an idea or two.

I will keep you all in my prayers, in the hope that the current situation will improve in the nearer future, and keep you informed of previously scheduled outreach opportunities. I am always available to meet in person at the church. You can also call or text me at 678-467-9817, or email me at sboeck@comcast.net.

Blessings & Hugs,

Sharon Boeck

Welcome back to in-person Worship!

- WE URGE ANYONE WHO DOES NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE IN ATTENDING CHURCH IN PERSON TO CONTINUE TO VIEW OUR SERVICES VIA LIVE-STREAM AT WWW.MARCOLUTHERAN.ORG.
- WE REQUEST THAT ALL PEOPLE ATTENDING WORSHIP WEAR A FACEMASK.
- WE WILL BE SEATING EVERY OTHER ROW ONLY. Please sit in rows as directed by the ushers. This separation is to allow for proper six-foot social distancing as recommended by the CDC.
- USHERS WILL BE SEATING YOU PRIOR TO THE SERVICE AND DISMISSING YOU AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE. Please be patient.
- We will NOT BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER at this time during Sunday worship.
- WE WILL NOT BE SIGNING IN ON THE FRIENDSHIP PADS during this time.
- PLEASE WEAR A MASK WHILE SINGING. To minimize spread of any virus, a mask should be worn while singing.
- WE WILL NOT BE SHAKING HANDS OR HUGGING WHILE GREETING EACH OTHER.
- USHERS WILL WEAR GLOVES WHEN HANDING BULLETINS/ANNOUNCEMENT.
- INSTEAD OF PASSING THE PLATE—TITHES AND OFFERINGS WILL BE GATHERED IN THE OFFERING PLATES PLACED AT THE EXITS.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance of the sanctuary. PLEASE SANITIZE YOUR HANDS PRIOR TO COMING INTO THE SANCUTARY.
- DOORS WILL REMAIN OPEN to reduce the touching of the hard surfaces.

We welcome you back to worship! Although our doors will be open, we are concerned with the safety of each person in our midst and we respect your decision to remain at home, joining us via live-stream, if that is what you feel is best. As we re-open, we are committed to offering a worship experience that includes as many safety protocols as we can to minimize any sickness within our congregation.



Thrivent Webinar Series – Thrivent Members and Prospective Members are invited to join me for Thrivent Webinars during this quarantine time. Due to the ongoing social distancing efforts, Thrivent will continue hosting entertainment and informational webinars to help you through this difficult time. Space may be limited, so please email me if you are interested in receiving information and an email invitation to the upcoming Thrivent Webinars.

For Thrivent Members wishing to make personal donations to Marco Lutheran Church and other charities:

Join the \$1 million online donation challenge.

From now through June 30, 2020, Thrivent will be providing an extra \$1 for every \$2 donated for the first \$1 million in donations made through Thrivent.com. Join us in making a combined impact of \$1.5 million.*

***Matching Donation Details:**

Donations must be made online through our Thrivent Choice Giving Platform. Search for your organization of choice and click "Make a Personal Donation" to get started. Only donations made to organizations within the current Thrivent Choice Catalog are eligible for the match. The matching opportunity will go until the \$500,000 match is met or June 30, whichever comes first. Thrivent will pay the online processing fees for personal donations made through InFaith Community Foundation, up to \$100,000 in fees per calendar year.

If you would like to become a Thrivent member, contact me, David Contessa, at (239) 300-5139 or David.Contessa@Thrivent.com.

During this time of uncertainty, Grace Place has continued to support our community. We have reached out to all our students and families to assist them with resources they may need through our food pantry, and other agencies as needed such as Salvation Army, United Way, and Legal Aid. Our educational programs have transitioned to an online platform while our Food Pantry continues to operate and grow rapidly every Saturday. We continue to receive donations through Harry Chapin, but the need continues to grow and there are many items that we are not able to secure through Harry Chapin. If you are able and called to do so we are collecting donations for the following items.

- Dish soap, laundry detergent and other household cleaning supplies
- Body soap & toothpaste
- Toilet Paper & paper towels
- Diapers
- Rice, beans, dried milk, cooking oil, canned tuna and canned chicken
- Reusable shopping bags

For more information, please call Chrissie Missal, Development Relationship Manager, at 239.255.7213 or email chrissie@graceplacenaples.org.



MLC STAFF UPDATE:



We are sad to announce that our wonderful and dedicated property manager, Larry

Carlen, has announced his retirement from MLC. Larry will be with us through mid-June then he and Betty will be moving to Michigan to be closer to their children.

Per their request, we will not be holding a retirement party or goodbye party.

If you would like to send a word of thanks to Larry for his service at MLC, you can send a card to the church or e-mail him through June at property@marcolutheran.org.

Thank You Larry!

We appreciate your service to MLC!

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS

Laura Rydson, Cindy Anderson, Bob Reinig, Joanne Foote, Donna Uhl, Martin Koepke, Kitty Argobright, Al Wilke, Jim Lacefield, Barbara Knoll, Al Quick, Joni Lowe, Cea Horton, Jeanette Leonard, Mike Naughton, Bob Kelley, Dee Beck, Jeff Bertelson, Paula Lacefield, Walter Murphy

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY

June (the Silcocks), the Harley family (Flo Hendricks), Barb Raphael (Jaye Spencer), Annaleigh Gielo (the Shaws), Sandra Miniutti (Janet Miniutti), Marsha McKenzie & Gretchen Ashbacker (Joyce McKenzie), Bertha Houk (Shirley McLaughlin), Jen Heller, (Colleen Moser), Tammy Milaro (Joni Lowe), Ed Holsopple (Louise Shaffer), Bobby Kelley (Louise Shaffer)

We want you to join

the MLC PRAYER CREW

Pray weekly for the prayer needs that we have and any special requests that come in during the week. After the quarantine is over, we would like to begin to gather our "crew" monthly to pray together. You can still be a member of our crew if you are out of Florida for the summer!

Contact the church office to sign up!

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OFFICE HOURS:

Office open M-TH 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

FR 8:30 a.m.—noon

WORSHIP

Sunday 9:30 a.m.



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