

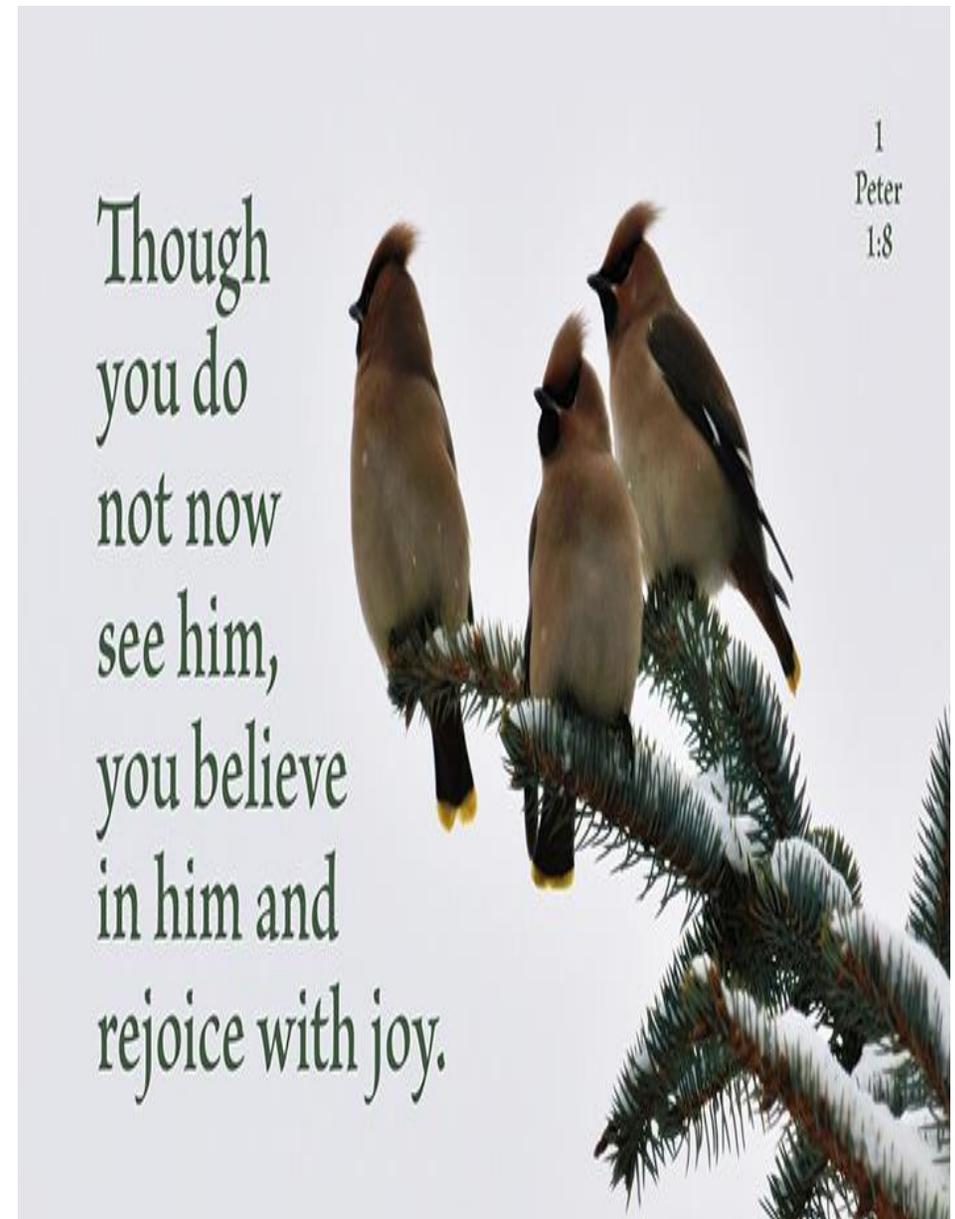
PARISH CONCERNS

May all those whose loved ones who will be with our Lord soon, find comfort to know God is with us all.

- Carolyn Peterson passed away peacefully Friday morning. A private graveside committal service has been arranged for family only. A public memorial service will be here at First Lutheran Church at a later date.
- Bill Koehnke had a major stroke. He has not regained consciousness and is receiving hospice care at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elgin.
- Bob Coyle's uncle, Larry Rogers, is nearing the end of his life. Pray for his family.
- Bob & Lisa Coyle's friend, Peter Coe is in ICU. His prognosis is bleak. Pray for Peter and his wife, Bev.

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Malcolm Anderberg has multiple myeloma and is taking chemotherapy treatments in Madison, WI. He is doing well.
- Jo Boehmer's sister, Loni Henning, had ovarian surgery on Apr. 14. Loni's daughter, Jackie Conner, is home recovering from a fractured pelvis, hip and leg suffered in a fall.
- All those who are working to provide essential services during this crisis and all affected by this crisis!
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially those with complications.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



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Second Sunday of Easter*

²⁹Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

Psalm 148 (Together in unison)

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¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
²Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.
⁶He made them stand fast forever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
¹²Young men and maidens, old and young together.
¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his
splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



Easter Memorial Garden

FLOWERS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- **Debra Nolf**, by Robert & Lisa Coyle
- **All of our Loved Ones**, by the Rehn Family
- **My son, Joel William**, by Trudy Loomis
- **James Loomis**, by his family
- **Ron Oakleaf & Carol Westland**, by Saturday Night Friends
- **June & Ernie Ecklund, Ruby & Elmer Ecklund and Marvin Ecklund**,
by Beulah Ecklund
- **George & Dorothy Tindall, and Russell & Pauline and Pat Lacefield**
by Russ & Judy Lacefield
- **Carol Haag, and Fred & Marian Manni** by James & Sara Haag and family
- **Our brother Braxton, Nana Cook, and Uncle Scott**,
by Reagan & Delaney Cook
- **Our daughter, Dominique Wince**, by Richard & Peggy Wince
- **My husband Ken, and son Roger**, by Loraine Krabbe
- **Loved ones**, by Roger & Jean Bauer
- **Bud & Luella Vodden, and all our loved ones**, by George & Jill Vodden
- **Edwin & Hazel Johnson, Charlie & Hannah Brandt, Bobby Anderson, and
Mary Jane Ollmann**, by Nova (Johnson) & George Quigley

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

- **Pastor Carl and Nancy Rasmussen**, by the Congregation

Choir Music Fund – in lieu of flowers

GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- **Curly Sanford**, by Elsie Sanford
- **My husband John Massey**, by Charmaine Massey
- **My daughter Joan Moss**, by Charmaine Massey

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

- **Nathan and Noah Ross, our grandsons**, by Vernon & Jane Johnson

Good Samaritan Fund – in lieu of flowers

GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- **Curly Sanford**, by Elsie Sanford

Kirkland Food Pantry – in lieu of flowers

GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- **Curly Sanford**, by Elsie Sanford
- **Jerry Awe**, by Judy & Fred Goltermann
- **My husband John Massey**, by Charmaine Massey
- **My daughter Joan Moss**, by Charmaine Massey

FLC Youth Group – in lieu of flowers

GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

- **Loved ones**, by Roger & Jean Bauer
- **Curly Sanford**, by Elsie Sanford