



# WEST LINN LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 22, 2020 + 4th Sunday in Lent

Our congregation is a community of faith where people come together to worship, learn, love and care for one another. Whether you're looking for a new church home or just visiting, you are always welcome at WLLC.

## 4th Sunday in Lent

### Conversations with and around the Blind Man

While the conversation begins with a simple question between Jesus and his followers, matters quickly take turns that are unexpected and enlightening. There is an abundance of grace dole out both by Jesus and the blind man as they engage in conversation matters. When does blindness affect our conversations?

### Lectionary Readings Today

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Psalm 23

Gospel: John 9:1-41

## March Outreach: WLLC Quilters

In the month of March, your outreach gifts will go to support the work of our own "in house" ministry. The WLLC Quilters and Blanket Makers! There are a few different kinds of sewing projects that this group creates together to donate to people in need.

"Quilts of Comfort" and fleece blankets are given to people in our congregation and to Legacy Emanuel chaplains to share with patients as need arises. Some are passed out to House of Zion, The Children's Center and The Father's Heart. Your support of this ministry will be greatly appreciated.

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**We invite all people into a trusting relationship  
with God through Jesus Christ.**

*WLLC Mission Statement*

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[wllc.org/westlinnlutheran](http://wllc.org/westlinnlutheran)

Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3:30pm | Sat 8:00am-12:30pm | Sun 7:00am-12:30pm

## Donating Easter Flowers in Memory or Honor of a Loved One

Since we will not be celebrating Easter in the church sanctuary, we have decided that in lieu of ordering flowers for the church, we are inviting people to donate in memory of or honor of a loved one. The flowers we purchase will be donated to members of the church or community who could benefit from receiving them.

Please write a check to West Linn Lutheran Church and please note that it is for "Flowers". Then mail it to the church. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Pastors, Jack (wllcoffice@wllc.org) or Sheila (Bookkeeper: [bookkeeper@wllc.org](mailto:bookkeeper@wllc.org)).

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at West Linn Lutheran Church

Wednesday, March 25th  
Noon to 6:00pm

You can make an appointment to give by visiting their website at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

## Lenten Midweek Program

Our Lent Midweek program has moved online! Join the virtual Zoom Dinner Table by going to the website: <https://www.wllc.org/lent---holden-evening-prayer--zoom-dinner-table-sign-up.html>

There you will find the invitation to the Zoom meeting that you can click on. Prepare your own meal and come alongside others worshipping and conversing from home!

The Lent Midweek theme is ***"Conversation Matters: The Rhythm of Speaking & Listening"***.

**6:00 pm – Holden Evening Prayer**

**6:30 pm – Zoom Dinner Table**

Join in for meaningful conversation and spiritual refreshment!

## Faith Enrichment Class on Stories in John Moving to Zoom

***"Stories of Abundance: Grace in the Gospel of John"*** is the class led by Pastor Tim. He is planning to move that class online through Zoom. If you are interested, contact him at [pastortim@wllc.org](mailto:pastortim@wllc.org) directly about times that are best for you to meet. Details will be announced!



## What do you need help with?

We are all in this together. As a church family, we are called to help each other and those in our community. Given this, what can we do for each other? Maybe you need someone to run some errands for you? Maybe have someone call you and have a chat to check in? Pull weeds? Let us know how we can help.

Please contact the Pastors so that they can be in communication with you about either volunteering or hearing however WLLC can be of assistance. You can find their information at the bottom of this email.

## Youth Update

We are **cancelling** all in-person youth activities for March with the plan to change to remote youth worship services as well as HS Bible studies. We will be planning things for April as normal with the caveat that it may be either cancelled or changed to remote access (i.e. youth worship service in April). **If you have any questions or ideas, feel free to contact Jon at [youthdirector@wllc.org](mailto:youthdirector@wllc.org)**

## Church Office Closed: Ways to Stay in Communication

For the safety and security of staff, members and guests to the church office, the decision has been made to close the church office.

However, we are still available to contact us. You can always call or email the pastors.

While there will not be anyone present to answer the phones, please feel free to email the office at [wllcoffice@wllc.org](mailto:wllcoffice@wllc.org). You can also leave a message on the church voicemail; we will still be checking it periodically.

## Keep Your Eye On Our Blog ... and Website

In times like these, it's helpful to have a place to find comfort, rest, creativity and hope. Given this, we are going to utilize our **blog** to post, poems, photos, songs, reflections and inspiration. So if you have something you want to share on the blog, please email it to Jack or the Pastors. You can find our information at the bottom of this email.

The address for the blog is <https://wllutheran.wordpress.com/>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jack.

... **the website, [www.wllc.org](http://www.wllc.org)** has two new pages. The **Lent worship page** has the link for Livestream worship, the bulletin, announcements, children's bulletins and worship slides to go along with the Livestream. When you "come" to worship, be sure to bring some bread and wine or grape juice to be able to share in communion together.

Another new page - **Faith Formation in a Time of Crisis** – can be found at the top of the website. That page has activities, videos, and links aimed at helping households, especially with children, keep involved in faith formation together. Pastor Donna will work with parents and others to bring in refreshing resources!

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