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at the church will be cancelled
until further notice.

Our staff will be working at home
in accordance with the Governor's
"Stay at Home" order.



EMAIL US YOUR EASTER MESSAGES!

Video a 15 second "selfie" of
you and your family sending an
Easter greeting/blessing to the
church family. And then email them
to pastorgreg02@gmail.com or text
them to Pastor MJ at 368-5338. We
will put them together and play them
on Facebook, prior to our Easter
worship!



... for **Scott VanVelsor** and for his
caregivers and medical staff..
... for **David and Brenda Fell**, for
health and well-being.
...for **Christina Griswold** for health and
well-being.
... for those struggling with Covid-19.
and for an end to the pandemic.
... for health care workers.
... for those who have lost their jobs.
... for our leaders and the decisions, they
need to make for our nation.

...**Trudy Johnson**, life-long member of
our church, went to her heavenly home
on April 2. A memorial service will be
held at a later date. Please be in prayer
for Trudy's daughter, Janet Elliott and
the rest of Trudy's family.



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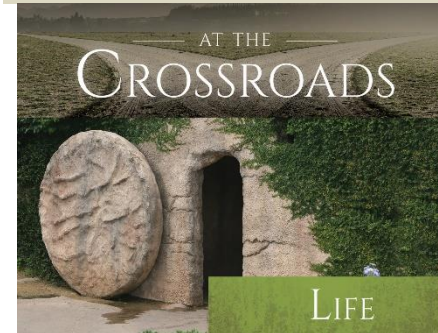
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April 12, 2020 – Easter Sunday

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

"At the Crossroads: Suffering"

Scripture: John 20:1-18

A visit with Mary Magdalene

*Please see our Facebook page, YouTube and
webpage to see our worship service on Sunday.*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES WILL BE SHOWN ON-LINE

Our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter
services will all be shown on our Facebook page, YouTube
and webpage.

The Community Holy Week Services, including
Good Friday (for years has been at Trinity Lutheran
Church) will be recorded and shown on Facebook. Here
is the link: [https://www.facebook.com/TrinityGalesburg](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityGalesburg/posts/1729390660536257)
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Prayer Vigil

We are in great need of prayer as we go through this pandemic. Among the many things to pray for, we can be very thankful for the Healthcare Workers who are making a difference on the front lines during this pandemic. They truly need our prayers of protection and courage and wisdom. **We have been asked to participate in a Holy Week Prayer Vigil for Healthcare Workers by Disciple Regions. The Illinois & Wisconsin Region has been assigned, Saturday, April 11th.** If you would like to

participate, is to follow the link below and sign-up on April 11th. We are then asked to be in prayer, at home, during that time slot for Healthcare Workers.

The link to sign-up is as follows: <https://doodle.com/poll/b3fdbxcu2fmmbwmi>

EASTER OFFERING – APRIL 12

Please give generously to this year's Easter Offering.

Among the General Ministries that receive support from the Easter Offering include:

Center for Faith and Giving and Disciples Home Missions.

Disciples Women and Disciples Overseas Ministries

Higher Education and Leadership Ministries and National Benevolent Association

Across the United States, Canada, and beyond, Disciples still rejoice in all that the Lord has made. This Easter, we rejoice together as one Church, as the One Body of Christ. We rejoice in all that we accomplish together, and the work God accomplishes through us – even under the most difficult circumstances that call us to worship and connect in new ways.

The Easter offering is especially important right now, in this time when we are reminded that church can happen in many ways and in many places, not only in our physical buildings. General ministries, including those supported by the Easter offering, are able to respond and be present in this crisis because of the covenant that binds us together as Church.

This Easter season let us rejoice in all the ways our wider Church embodies the Spirit of Resurrection, through life-giving ministry.



TITHE.LY

Dear Church Family,

We're excited to share that we've launched online giving at First Christian through Tithe.ly, a safe and secure giving platform that allows you to give one-time or recurring gifts!

You can get started by using one of the below options.

1. Tithe.ly Giving App:

Download the Tithe.ly App from the [App Store](#) (iPhone) or [Google Play Store](#) (Android). Once you've downloaded the app select your church. Since this is your first time giving with [Tithe.ly](#) you will be prompted to create an account that you can use for all future gifts. There will be a small fee to use this feature.

- The first time you will also need to add your credit/debit card or ACH/banking info.
- Once your account has been created you won't need to enter your personal or payment information. Just enter your PIN and give!
- A reminder you have the ability to set your gift up as recurring.

2. Website Giving:

Click on this link www.fccgalesburg.org to give through the church website. It's a safe and easy way to give any time. When you click on the red "give" button, it will take you to the Tithe.ly site, where you can enter the amount you want to give. You can also do this on Facebook, which will take you to our webpage.

3. Mail in your check/cash to the church.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call/email/text us and we'd be happy to assist you further! Tithe.ly also has articles that you may find useful.

Thank you for your generosity and partnering with us to build the kingdom.

God bless and keep you all! Pastor Greg and Pastor MJ