

What Comes Next?

“What Comes Next” is the title on the cover of Fortune Magazine this month. In the article, the founder of the Future Today Institute notes that the “desire to know the new normal is really our collective desire to have things stop changing so much.”

It is understandable after a year of disruption, sacrifice and upheaval that we want to know what comes next and to normalize the path forward.

For leaders of Lutheran social ministry organizations on the front lines fighting the pandemic, the past year has been anything but normal and the future anything but certain.

Lent began last week, a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. It also marks our second Lenten season during the pandemic. Few could have predicted a year ago the widespread and pervasive nature of the health crisis or the impact of the pandemic and its aftermath on Lutheran social ministry and the one in 50 Americans we care for.

As people of faith, we know what comes next and where Lent leads us—to the cross and to the empty tomb. Lent is a time of reflection but also of anticipation and hope.

“Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.” (Psalm 31:24).

In gratitude for all that you do,



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