



UPcoming EVENTS

APRIL 5—WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL MEETING at 7:00 pm

APRIL 20—FELLOWSHIP MEAL at 5:30 pm

APRIL 27—25TH ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

APRIL 29—LAST DAY OF CONFIRMATION

MAY 15—LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 30—CONFIRMATION at 10:30 am

Staff			
Church Office	home	494-5461	
Kelley Pedersen, Interim Pastor	cell	241-8171	
		402/750-9944	
Kerri Durant, Administrative Assistant		712/574-7946	
Betty Barto, Administrative Assistant		494-3026	
Chris Knudsen, Custodian		404-0626	
Jennifer Durant, Nursery		404-8053	
Jane Krogh, Organist		494-1630	
Claire DeRoin, Keyboardist		712/389-7214	
Eleanor Tasker, Director of Music		276-4072	
Church Council (* Executive Council)			
*Scott Koeppe, President		494-3584	
*John Koskovich, Vice-President/		494-3421	
*Rita Todd, Secretary		494-2968	
*Sue Hunter, Treasurer		494-1758	
Kathy Anders, Fellowship		274-4383	
Judy Blessing, Social Ministry		255-7775	
Josh Curry, Stewardship/Support		712/898-2921	
Mike Gill, Youth		494-2332	
Randy Grove, Property		494-5858	
Denise Kleinberg, Christian Education		712/635-4006	
Paul Knudsen, Evangelism		494-2770	
Brandon Trautwein, Worship & Music		412-2135	
Church Coordinators For:			
Altar Care:			
Lectors: Barb McLarty		494-3877	
Ushers: Worship & Music Committee			
Women of the ELCA Chair: Rita Todd		494-2968	

First Lutheran Church

April 2016

The Great Commission

As we have just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and are now living in the season of Easter, may we again remember the gift of life that God has truly given us. May you continue to share the message of the resurrection, and enable others to experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 28 we are reminded of the Great Commission, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And I will be with you to the end of the age."* You might have noticed that there are many action verbs within this passage that call us to act with the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. These action verbs are go, make, baptize, and teach. These words remind us of the vocation/call that God places in each one of our lives—the opportunity to truly live out the good news in word and deed, and always remembering that he will be with us to the end

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The deadline for the May Newsletter is April 21.

Worship at First Lutheran

April 3, Second Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 5:27-32 Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8
Psalm: 118:14-29 Gospel: John 20:19-31



April 10, Third Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-20 Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14
Psalm: 30 Gospel: John 21:1-19

April 17, Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43 Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm: 23 Gospel: John 10:22-30

April 24, Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18 Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6
Psalm: 148 Gospel: John 13:31-35



April Flower Chart

April 3 (Altar) Given by Cindy, Haley and Tanner Koepp in honor of Scott's birthday on April 4.

April 10 (Altar) Given by the Johansen family in memory of Eric Johansen.

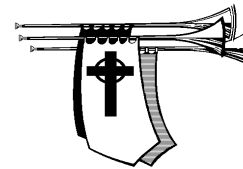
April 17 (Altar) Given by George and Ruth Weiland in honor of William Weiland, who celebrates his 21st birthday on Thursday, April 14.

April 24 (Altar) Given by Kathy Muirhead.



Anniversaries This Month

Bob and Betty Barto	April 15
Bill and Betty Bass	April 24
Shane and Jaimee Benson	April 21
Ken and Lynnelle Conley	April 21
Lance and Jean Hedquist	April 29
Todd and Sheila Heitman	April 30
Gordon and Jane Krogh	April 29
Merle and Kim Long	April 14
David and Carrie Meyers	April 6
Roger and Susan Monk	April 6
Kelly and Joey Robinson	April 17
Lonnie and Carolyn Slaughter	April 14



Congratulations

Congratulations to Haiden and Jen (Gotch) Smith on the birth of their daughter, Katherine Nicole, on Friday, February 26. Katherine weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 19 inches long.

Giving Statements

Giving statements will be available at the Welcome Center after April 1. Please pick yours up to help save on postage costs.

Happy Birthday

Rose Dudley—April 14
Brett Durant—April 11
Tom Durant—April 26
Flo Frey—April 19
Lucy Gagnon—April 26
Jan Johansen—April 12
Scott Koeppe—April 4
Jackie Lacy—April 8
Del Lieber—April 15
Mildred Linafelter—April 11
Kimon Litras—April 30
Bill McLarty—April 23
Carrie Novak—April 12

Paige Oliva—April 18
Ellen Prescott—April 30
Kelli Rahn—April 22
Les Rahn—April 16
Earl Shook—April 2
Cindy Stastny—April 10
George Weiland—April 27
William Weiland—April 14
Caroline Yohe—April 27



Youth Birthdays

Nyamal Diew—April 12
Julie Geveshausen—April 13
Tyrese Gill—April 5
Jayden Grove—April 11
Bailey Johnson—April 26

Aiden Kleinberg—April 29
Lucas Leiting—April 23
Michael Sigsbee—April 16
Aubree Van Berkum—April 2
Shelbee Van Berkum—April 29

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry committee collects “Pantry” items each month to donate to the needs of our community. The Pantry items collected for April are women’s and children’s clothing, along with toiletries, pillows, and twin mattress pads for Haven House and the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Food items for families in need will also be collected. Please leave your donations in the cart in the entryway.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH’S
25th ANNUAL

SALAD LUNCHEON



AND
BAKE SALE



First Lutheran Church
3601 Dakota Avenue
South Sioux City, Nebraska
(402) 494-5461

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016
11:00 am to 1:30 pm

TICKETS:
\$7.00 Adults - \$2.00 Children
Tickets will be available in advance
or at the door

25th Annual Salad Luncheon

The time is coming for our 25th annual Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale! It will take place this year on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Mark your calendars for this date. The church will be alive with great smells and fantastic tastes!

A variety of homemade salads and desserts will be available, and we will also hold the ever popular bake sale. Come join us for fabulous food and fantastic fellowship. This is not only a fundraiser for our church, but also a wonderful sharing of food and fellowship for our community.

We are looking forward to another successful salad luncheon, and this is only possible because of our dedicated members who respond so willingly when called! Volunteers are needed to bring food and also to work in the kitchen. If you are interested, please call Mary Wolf (494-4697) or the church office (494-5461). We would like for you to bring two items (salads, desserts, or items for the bake sale), and we are always looking for workers.

Our salad luncheon serves two purposes. Half of the proceeds will fund the treasury of the Women of the ELCA, and the other half will be added to our church general fund. Your contributions of salads and baked goods will be your part in this endeavor.

We hope to call every member to remind you of the luncheon, but please do not wait to be called. Mark your calendars, and plan to attend our 25th annual Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale on April 27 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Women of the ELCA



WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Program: Marci Broyhill—Storyteller

Devotions: Jane Krogh

Hostesses: Kathy Anders and Kris Bergstrom

❁❁❁ **CIRCLE MEETINGS** ❁❁❁

LYDIA GROUP: April 14, 2016 7:00PM

LEADER: Vicky Johnson

HOSTESS: Rose Dudley

CIRCLE I: April 18, 2016 2:00PM

LEADER: Helen Koskovich

HOSTESS: Mae Reuter
Paula Verzani

CIRCLE II: April 12, 2016 9:15AM

LEADER: Lucy Gagnon

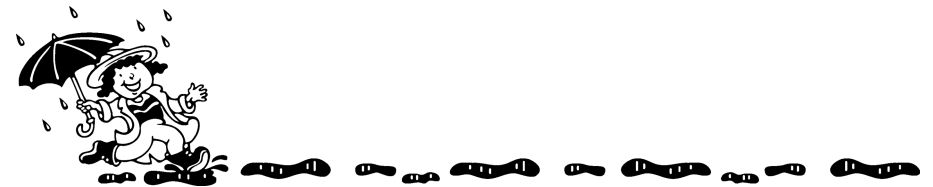
HOSTESS: Carol Marmo



Bible Study

“Servant-Shaped Soldiers”

Lydia: “Choosing Simplicity”



With Deepest Sympathy

*We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following families.
Please keep them in your prayers.*

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Lane and Carol Ostendorf and family, on the death of Lane's father, LaVern Ostendorf, who passed away Wednesday, March 9. Services were held Monday, March 14, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne.

College Care Packages

The 9-12 Club will be packing college care packages on Sunday, April 10. Please contact the church office (494-5461 or office@firstlutheranssc) or Rita Todd (494-2968 or toddsix@aol.com) with your son or daughter's mailing address by Friday, April 8, even if it hasn't changed from the last time.

Monetary donations or donations of individually wrapped goodies will be accepted. Please bring your donations to the church no later than Sunday, April 3.

Siouxland Food Bank

On Thursday, March 3, 25 adult members and friends of First Lutheran Church distributed food items to 77 households, which included 168 adults and 143 children. Youth members and friends helped unload and unpack food items in the morning.

On Thursday, March 17, 60 households, 124 adults and 107 children were given food. Students from the South Sioux City schools helped the adult members in the morning and afternoon with the unloading and loading.

Thank You

The Family of Kerri Hartman-We would like to thank First Lutheran for letting us hold the Celebration of Life for Kerri on Saturday, March 5. Thanks to everyone who attended, provided baked items, donated and participated in the silent auction. We all feel it was a big success.

First Lutheran Church Food Pantry-Thanks to Salem Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church for their donations of food. Forty-five boxes were distributed in February.

Jackie Gierman-Thank you to the following for delivering Easter plants to our church shut-ins: Jo Ann Addison, Wilbur and Sandy Larson, Lee Mathiason, Barb McLarty, Miriam Phipps, and Mary Wolf.

Helen Koskovich-Thank you to Pastor Kelley for his visit, and special thanks to all who sent condolences upon the death of my brother, George. All are deeply appreciated.

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Lenten Lunch Volunteers

A big thank you to all of the volunteers that provided food for our Lenten lunches and everyone who pitched in to help. The money raised from the free will offering was deposited into Pastor's discretionary fund to help those in need. Thanks to everyone for their generosity!