

First Lutheran Church

July 2016

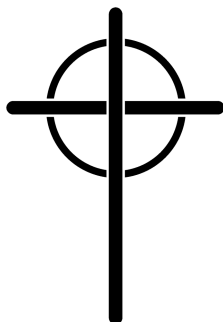
Church Council News

•The Church Council and Call Committee had a meeting with the representative from the Bishop's office. The Synod feels that we need a Transition Pastor to lead us in to our new call Pastor. Pastor Kelley is not trained for this purpose, so they recommended that we end Pastor Kelley's services with us and bring in a trained Transition Pastor. Doing this required several nights of meetings to decide how we would do this. The financial state of our church was the deciding factor. We are required to give Pastor Kelley 30 days notice and 30 days of severance and pay him any accrued vacation he has not used, which was one week. We chose to have Pastor Kelley leave before the Transition Pastor comes because we could not afford to pay two pastors in one month, as this would total \$14,000. We will use supply pastors, and Mike Hunter led us two Sundays as a volunteer. The supply pastors receive \$175 per Sunday

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plus mileage. We are fortunate to have Pastor Gary Panko and his wife, Bev Rotenberg Panko, living in South Sioux, to fill in for us, saving us mileage. Under this decision it will cost us \$7,000 for Pastor Kelley and \$575 for the month we have to cover both. Please thank Mike for volunteering to fill in. He saved us \$350 in June.



•We were informed by the Synod that lay persons can administer communion to shut-ins if they have been trained. The wine and bread would go through the sacraments on Sunday and then be used the following week. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact John Koskovich (494-3421).

•In May, John Koskovich announced that we had a member offer a \$1,000 donation with a challenge to the rest of the members to match it to make up the budget shortfall. To date, we have received \$5,000 in matching pledges. If you are interested in being part of this, please contact the church or any of the council personnel.

•The women of the church had their salad luncheon in April. They normally give half of the proceeds to the budget and keep half. This year they are giving it all to the budget, about \$3,000. Thank you, ladies, for all your hard work.

First Lutheran Church Council

UPcoming EVENTS

JULY 3—OUTDOOR WORSHIP at 10:30 am

JULY 4—OFFICE CLOSED

JULY 31-AUGUST 3—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 7—OUTDOOR WORSHIP at 10:30 am

SEPTEMBER 5—OFFICE CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 11—REGULAR SERVICE TIMES RESUME

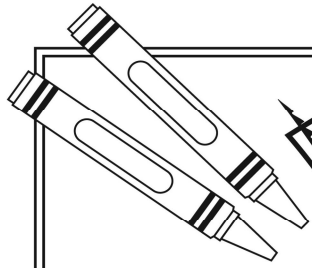
OCTOBER 30—CONFIRMATION at 10:30 am

NOVEMBER 24—OFFICE CLOSED

**DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP at 5:00 pm
and 11:00 pm**

DECEMBER 26—OFFICE CLOSED

Staff			
Church Office		494-5461	
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		712/203-1365	
Denise Kleinberg, Christian Education		712/635-4006	
Paul Knudsen, Evangelism		494-2770	
Brandon Trautwein, Worship & Music		412-2135	
Church Coordinators For:			
Altar Care:			494-3877
Lectors: Barb McLarty			
Ushers: Worship & Music Committee			494-2968
Women of the ELCA Chair: Rita Todd			

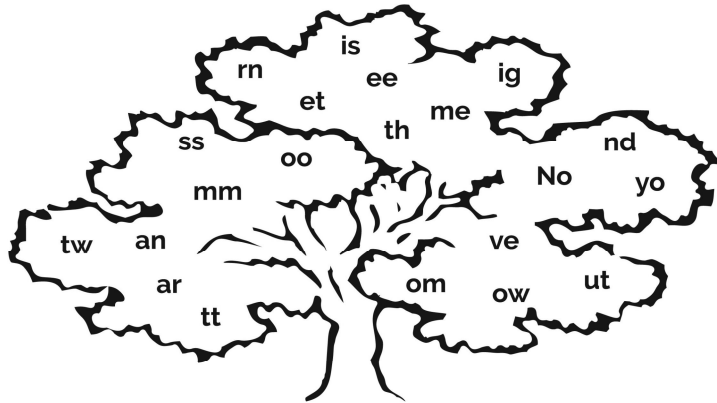


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Signs of Summer

Jesus told his disciples that fig trees indicate when summer is approaching.

Directions: Complete the Bible verse below by placing the letter pairs from the tree into the correct blanks.

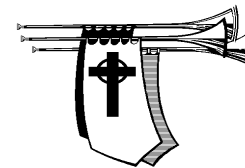


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Ma ___ hew 24:32, NIV



Anniversaries This Month

Ned and Jeanne Buser	July 20
Randy and Linda DeRoin	July 9
Dan and Daniele Feenstra	July 27
Ron and Peg Foxhoven	July 31
Don and Lucy Gagnon	July 3
Ottie and Jackie Gierman	July 23
Stacey and Leisa Hamilton	July 17
Gary and Sharon King	July 26
Paul and Pam Knudsen	July 17
Leroy and Beth Koster	July 14
Rob and Shauna Meier	July 14
Lee and Carrie Novak	July 25
Marc and Kelli Rahn	July 25
Lance and Linda Swanson	July 24
Darvin and Carol Zastrow	July 2



Congratulations

Landry Velma DeForrest, daughter of Jarred and Holly DeForrest, was baptized June 5. Landry's sponsors were Eric Augustine and Michelle Robins. The congregational sponsor was Rita Todd.

Office Closed

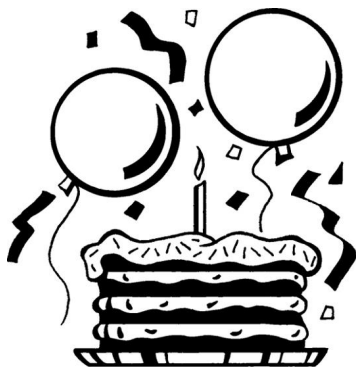
The church office will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Answer: "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."
Matthew 24:32, NIV

Happy Birthday

Charlie Adam—July 29
Nellie May Anderson—July 22
Betty Barto—July 20
Jennifer Bass—July 22
Will Bass—July 24
Jaimee Benson—July 10
Josh Curry—July 6
Mallory Feenstra—July 5
Dan Feenstra—July 1
Jeremy Grace—July 21
Austin Groth—July 11
Jim Hansen—July 11
Hailey Hinds—July 8
Nathan Hinds—July 8
Chris Jensen—July 29
Chris Kleinberg—July 6
Paul Knudsen—July 23
John Koskovich—July 17

Rosemary Larson—July 5
Kim Long—July 9
Merle Long—July 19
Carrie Meyers—July 15
Lane Ostendorf—July 8
Barb Quintard—July 7
Tanya Rich—July 1
Rick Robinette—July 2
Kelly Robinson—July 4
Lonnie Slaughter—July 24
Eleanor Tasker—July 27
Marge Teager—July 19



Youth Birthdays

Lilly Fellin—July 5
Ali Gill—July 6

Chase Jensen—July 22
Jed Litras—July 7

Worship at First Lutheran

July 3, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14 Second Lesson: Gal. 6:1-16
Psalm: 66:1-9 Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Deut. 30:9-14 Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14
Psalm: 25:1-10 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 17, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28
Psalm: 15 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

July 24, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32 Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-19
Psalm: 138 Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

July 31, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Second Lesson: Col. 3:1-11
Psalm: 49:1-12 Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

July Flower Chart

July 3 (Altar) Given by Don and Lucy Gagnon.

July 10 (Altar) open

July 17 (Altar) open

July 24 (Altar) open

July 24 (Altar) Given by J.C. and Linda Johansen in memory of their children, Eric, Kristin and Adrienne.



2016 VBS REGISTRATION FORM

First Lutheran Church, South Sioux City, NE Ph. 494-5461

VBS Dates: Sunday-Wednesday, July 31-Aug. 3
6:00 pm-8:30 pm.

Child's Name: _____

(circle one) Youth Adult
T-shirt size: S M L XL S M L XL XXL

Birth Date: _____ Male Female

School grade **completed**: _____

Cost: \$15.00 per child with a maximum cost of \$30 per family.

Parent's Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

home _____ cell _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Special Needs
(i.e. allergies/medications, etc.) _____

Lutheran World Relief

Now is the time to think about purchasing supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. At the end of July and first part of August the stores have school items on sale and we can save much money if we purchase these supplies at this time. Bags and a list of supplies needed for each bag will be on the bulletin board if you wish to fill one. Kits won't be shipped until the first part of November, but now is a good time to buy and save money! For more information contact Lee Mathiason at 494-6125.

Outdoor Worship Service

There will be an outdoor parking lot worship service on July 3 and August 7 at 10:30 am. Volunteers will direct all participant cars to park in rows facing the west. The service will be broadcast by a PA system and a radio signal so that each car can simply tune in the parking lot service on their radio. This service will be a half hour and will include music, the gospel and sermon, and offering with prayers.

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry committee collects "Pantry" items each month to donate to the needs of our community. The Pantry items collected for July are school supplies and nonperishable food items for families in need. Please leave your donations in the shopping cart in the entryway.

With Deepest Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following families.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Todd and Melissa Baker and family, on the death of Todd's father, Richard Baker, on Tuesday, June 14.

Ministry Builders

Do you shop at Family Christian Stores? Every time you shop there, you can help our church. Just ask the cashier for Ministry Builder Stamps. For each 20 stamps we receive, we get \$5 towards merchandise for the church. You will receive one stamp for every \$5 you spend.

Giving Statements

Second quarter giving statements will be available at the Welcome Center after July 1. Please pick yours up today to help save on postage costs.

Saturday Quilting Group

The Saturday Quilters will meet July 9 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. If there are any high school students that would like to come and help quilt to earn community service hours for scholarships, or if you just want to come to learn the process of quilting, you are more than welcome to come!

Thank You

First Lutheran Church Food Pantry-Thanks to First Presbyterian Church and Circle I for their donations of food. Forty-eight boxes were distributed in May.

Bill and Barb McLarty-What a wonderful surprise to have so many of our family present at worship to celebrate our 60th anniversary. We want to thank our family and friends for our many cards and good wishes. We especially want to thank our daughters for arranging it all. We are truly blessed.

Electronic Giving

Electronic giving is now available. If you are interested in giving electronically or would like more information, please contact the church office.

Siouxland Food Bank

On June 2 3,540 pounds of food was distributed to 275 adults and children living in 73 households.

On June 16 83 households that included 178 adults and 147 children received 5,213 pounds of food.

Again, thank you to all the volunteers that help make these wonderful days happen for so many people. All those that receive food items are very appreciative.