



UPcoming EVENTS

- MAY 7**—SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY at 8:30 am
MAY 15—LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
MAY 15—GRADUATION RECOGNITION at 8:15 am
MAY 29—SUMMER WORSHIP TIME STARTS: 9:00 am
MAY 30—OFFICE CLOSED
JUNE 5—OUTDOOR WORSHIP at 10:30 am
JUNE 19-JUNE 24—CONFIRMATION CAMP
JULY 3—OUTDOOR WORSHIP at 10:30 am
JULY 4—OFFICE CLOSED
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

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First Lutheran Church

May 2016

Congratulations, Graduates

As we enter the month of May, I would like to congratulate all of our graduates who will be graduating from high school, college, and other learning institutions. First Lutheran is very proud of you as you take your next step in your life journey. May your future endeavors be filled with much enthusiasm and excitement.

This is an exciting time of life as you move forward heading to new adventures. Know that our loving God truly cares for you, and he will be with you as you seek him in all you do. You are precious, and our loving God wants the best for you. Continue to seek Him as you continue to discern his path for you. In Jeremiah 29 it states, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will

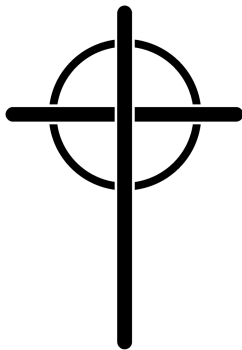
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The deadline for the June Newsletter is May 19.

hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart."




God's gracious hand will lead you as you put your full trust and confidence in Him. God who created and formed you from the very beginning has gifted you with many talents and gifts. May you use them in your future endeavors as you seek to follow his good and gracious will with your whole heart.

God is good, and as you continue to grow in relationship with Him you will see his gracious leading. Know that First Lutheran will continue to pray and support you as you take these next steps in your life.

Enjoy the summer, and all the activities that it will bring.

In the hands of Christ,
Rev. Kelley L. Pedersen, Transitional Pastor

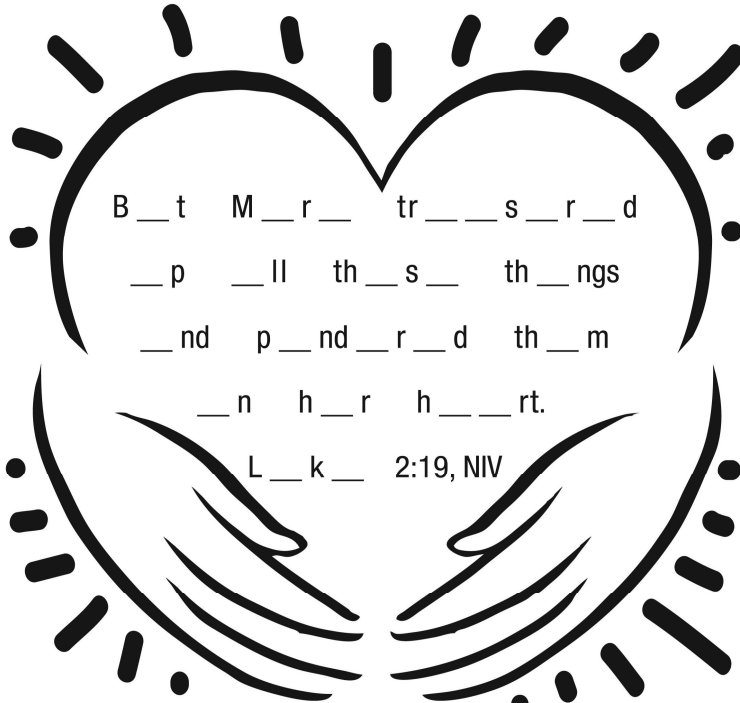


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y



B _ t M _ r _ tr _ _ s _ r _ d
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L _ k _ 2:19, NIV

Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

Worship at First Lutheran

May 1, Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15 Second Lesson: Rev. 21:10, 22—22:5
Psalm: 67 Gospel: John 14:23-29



May 8, Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34 Second Lesson: Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
Psalm: 97 Gospel: John 17:20-26

May 15, Day of Pentecost

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17
Psalm: 104:24-34, 35b Gospel: John 14:8-27

May 22, The Holy Trinity

First Lesson: Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31 Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5
Psalm: 8 Gospel: John 16:12-15

May 29, Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 Second Lesson: Galatians 1:1-12
Psalm: 96:1-9 Gospel: Luke 7:1-10



May Flower Chart

May 1 (Altar) Given by Amanda Phommavong.

May 8 (Altar) Given by Haley and Tanner Koeppe in honor of the anniversary of their parents, Scott and Cindy Koeppe, on May 7.

May 15 (Altar) Given by Eleanor Tasker, Director of Music, in honor of Burnished Brass, Sr. Choir, and Youth Choir.

May 22 (Altar) Given by Elaine and John Fader in honor of Tyler's birthday on May 24.

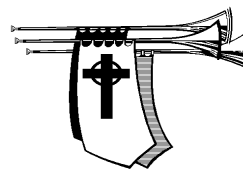
(Chancel) Given by Scott, Haley, and Tanner Koeppe in honor of Cindy's birthday on May 20.

May 29 (Altar) Given by Terry and Deb Kenny in honor of family and friends.

Anniversaries This Month



Todd and Chris Gehner	May 30
Bill and Myrna Gotch	May 28
Chris and Melanie Graves	May 20
Gary and Marian Hayes	May 12
Terry and Deb Kenny	May 23
Scott and Cindy Koeppe	May 7
Brian and Chris Lake	May 16
Del and Sharie Lieber	May 22
Ronnie and Jennifer Rosenbaum	May 26
Jeff and Rita Todd	May 12



Liam John Fischer, son of Preston and Suzie Fischer, was baptized April 17. Liam's sponsors were Danny & Alisha Ostendorf. The congregational sponsor was Carol Ostendorf.

Congratulations

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. The office will be open as usual on Tuesday, May 31.

Electronic Giving

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

Happy Birthday

Austin Bass—May 1
Judy Blessing—May 7
Maynon Burson—May 21
Katie Conley—May 24
Suzette Curry—May 26
Dale Durant—May 13
Elaine Fader—May 18
Brittney Foxhoven—May 11
Callie Foxhoven—May 4
Don Gagnon—May 9
Jill Gill—May 1
Robin Hansen—May 3
Chris Hedquist—May 1
Lance Hedquist—May 9
Sheila Heitman—May 19
Mike Hofmeister—May 25
Deb Kenny—May 27
Cindy Koeppe—May 20
Kay Lowell—May 27

Barb McLarty—May 9
Lorene Moyse—May 11
Stacy Niemeyer—May 4
Lee Novak—May 18
Rob Oliva—May 22
Milt Peters—May 19
Nate Phipps—May 1
Marc Rahn—May 1
Carol Slaughter—May 15
Janet Tondreau—May 7
Brian Van Berkum—May 24
Madison Yohe—May 16



Youth Birthdays

Baylie Bass—May 24
Ashlynn Cooper—May 25
Tyler Fader—May 24
Lukas Litras—May 22

Noah Meyers—May 11
Ashlyn Rich—May 18
Alexis Rosener—May 26

Spring Cleanup

Spring cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 7 at 8:30 am. Cleaning will be done inside and out. We will need many people to get everything done, so if you can help out, it would be greatly appreciated.

A Fresh Look at Pentecost

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, on a day called Pentecost, the Christian church was born. Because Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest (a bit like our Thanksgiving), the apostles and a large crowd had gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem.

Many people had assembled near Peter and the other followers of Christ when, "From heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violet wind..." (Acts 2:2). Then tongues of fire descended on everyone in the crowd.

After the wind and fire descended, all sorts of languages, known and unknown, came out of the crowd. Each person spoke "about God's deeds of power" (verse 11). No wonder Luke wrote, "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'" (verse 12).

The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people; they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst.

On Pentecost many years ago, some 3,000 people came to believe in Christ. That's why today Christians remember this powerful event as the birthday of the church. Pentecost occurs on May 15 this year.

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry committee collects "Pantry" items each month to donate to the needs of our community. The Pantry items collected for May will be food items for families in need. Also being collected are toiletries and household cleaning supplies for the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Please leave your donations in the cart in the entryway.



*I will sing to
the LORD
as long as I live.*

Psalm 104:33, NRSV

Graduation Recognition

At the 8:15 am worship service on May 15, we will recognize all of our members who are graduating this year. If you or a family member is graduating from high school or college, please call the church office with the information so that they may be included in the recognition. We would also like to display pictures of our graduating seniors on the bulletin board in the entryway. Please submit your pictures to the church office.

Women of the ELCA



🌸🌸🌸 CIRCLE MEETINGS 🌸🌸🌸

<u>LYDIA GROUP:</u>	May 12, 2016	7:00PM
	LEADER: Marlene Heithold	
	HOSTESS: Rita Todd	
<u>CIRCLE I:</u>	May 16, 2016	2:00PM
	LEADER: Group	
	HOSTESS: Jo Ann Addison Barb McLarty	
<u>CIRCLE II:</u>	May 3, 2016	9:15AM
	LEADER: Linda Johansen	
	HOSTESS: Cathie Galvin	



Bible Study
 “Being of One Mind”
 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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Lee and Carrie Novak and family, on the death of Lee's father, Leroy Novak, who passed away Sunday, March 20. Services were held Wednesday, March 23 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pender.

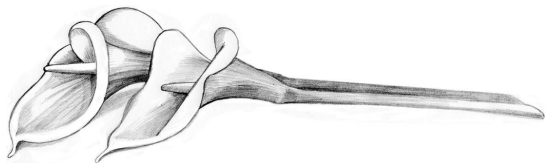
The family of Pat Sands, who passed away Thursday, March 24. Services were held Tuesday, March 29 here at First Lutheran.

The family of Viola Greene, who passed away Friday, March 25. Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 29 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City.

Dale Kai and family, on the death of Dale's brother, Bill Kai, who passed away Tuesday, April 5. Services were held Saturday, April 9 at Mohr Funeral Home.

The family of Mildred Linafelter, who passed away Wednesday, April 6. Services were held Monday, April 11 here at First Lutheran.

Tom and Denise Barber and family, on the death of Denise's father, Don Hartstack, who passed away Monday, April 18. Services were held Saturday, April 24 at Fairview Christian Church in Gladstone MO.



Thank You

First Lutheran Church Food Pantry-Thanks to Bobier Studio, Salem Lutheran Church, and First Presbyterian Church for their donations of food. Thirty-nine boxes were distributed in March.

Gladys Hedquist-I appreciated the cute little pail of pansies so much for Easter. Thank you to Lee Mathiason for the delivery and an enjoyable visit as well. Thank you to all who pray for Pam Moore as she recovers from undergoing double lung transplant surgery in Minneapolis. Wishing everyone a blessed Easter season.

The Matz Family-Thank your for the pretty pansies and to the person who brought them at Easter time. Also, thanks for the prayers and condolences in the recent passing of our loved one. It was much appreciated.

Janell Sila-Thank you for the Easter flower and to Miriam Phipps for delivering it and for her visit.

Outdoor Worship Service

There will be an outdoor parking lot worship service on June 5, July 3, and August 7 at 10:30 am. Volunteers will direct all participant cars to park in rows facing the west. Pastor Kelley will be on a stage at the west end of the parking lot. The service will be broadcast by a PA system and a FM radio signal so that each car can simply tune in the service in the parking lot on their radio.

Summer Worship

Beginning May 29, we will have one worship service at 9:00 am. Summer worship time will continue through Labor Day.

Salad Luncheon Thank You

Wednesday, April 27, we CELEBRATED First Lutheran Church's 25th annual salad luncheon and bake sale! It was another great day! Much good food, many good friends and great fellowship among all. Can you believe it? Something Pastor Jirousek initiated and spearheaded 25 years ago (he called it the Salad Bowl luncheon) is still going strong, and I know it will continue.

So, to encompass 25 years, I will say:

THANK YOU to the men who set up the tables and chairs, getting us ready, and then taking them away when it is over.

THANK YOU to you who make the telephone calls.

THANK YOU to all who respond so willingly, furnishing the array of salads, desserts and bake sale items.

THANK YOU to the ladies who handle the bake sale and the many customers you have. (You are the first greeters, and I know you do that well.)

THANK YOU to Paul, who also greets the visitors as he takes their tickets or money, and who also hears the compliments as they are leaving, full and satisfied.

THANK YOU to all who work so diligently in the kitchen the day of the luncheon, getting everything ready, and then work on throughout the luncheon.

THANK You to you who serve the beverages, greeting the many people whom we serve.

THANK YOU to you who work in the dining rooms

Salad Luncheon Thank You (cont.)

(fellowship hall and Sunday school rooms), taking care of the diners and keeping the tables clean and ready for the next ones.

THANK YOU to the men who pour coffee and iced tea, who spoil our visitors with your courteous service.

THANK YOU to the ones who carry the dirty dishes and silverware back to the kitchen, keeping that dishwasher busy.

THANK YOU to those who stay, even though I know you are tired, helping to clean up after the festivities are over.

THANK YOU to the office staff for the work you do behind the scenes.

THANK YOU to our janitor, who has some busy days, I know (but who also enjoys all the food that is there in the kitchen all day).

And last, but not least, THANK YOU for allowing me to be a part of it with you.

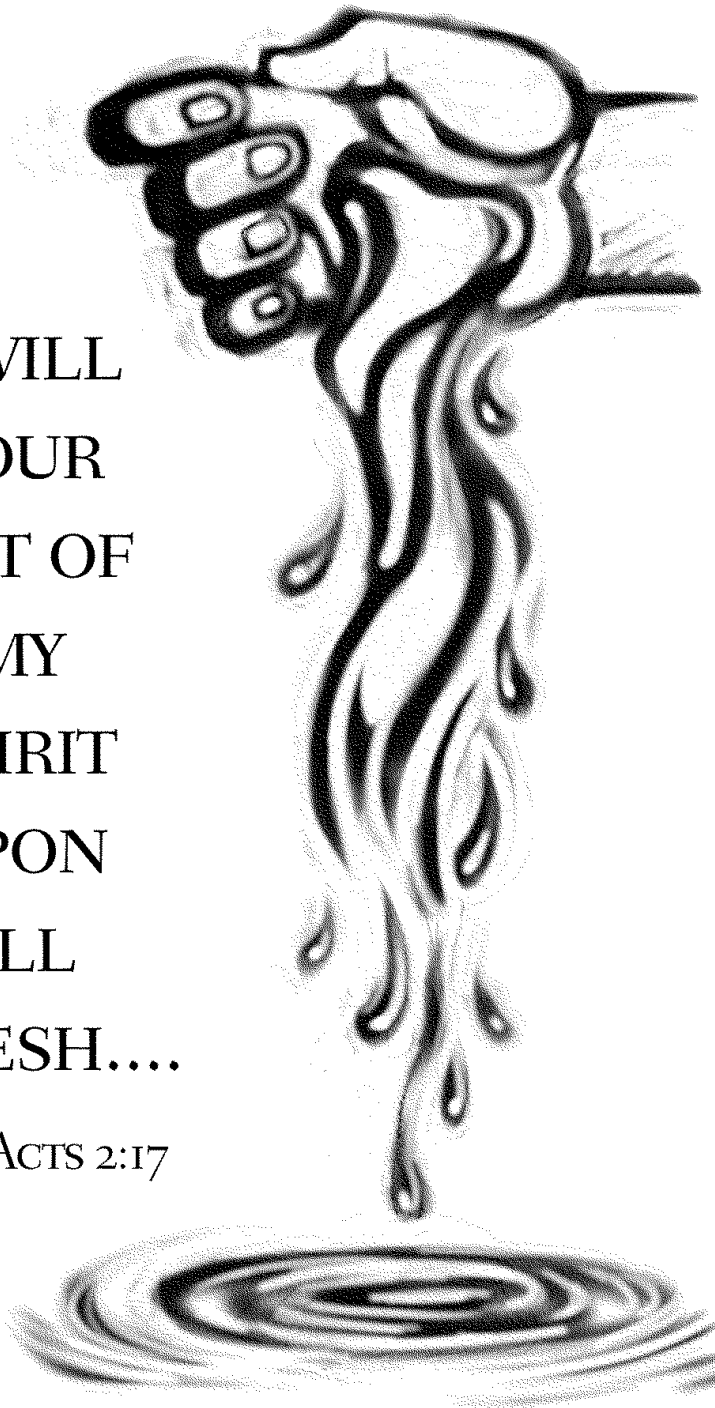
Our luncheon and bake sale continue to portray a very positive picture of our church throughout the community. Many go away already looking forward to the next year.

What great things we do as we work together in the name of our Lord!

Thanks again,
Mary Wolf

I WILL
POUR
OUT OF
MY
SPIRIT
UPON
ALL
FLESH....

ACTS 2:17



Prayer Chain

Did you know that First Lutheran Church has a prayer chain ministry?

Many of its former members have been called home. A new chain needs to be established and your help is needed!

If you choose to help, here is what you will do:

1. Believe in the power of prayer.
2. Give your name and a phone number (that you will answer) to the church office.
3. When you get a call from the church you will pray for that person.
4. You will call the next number on your chain and give them the information.
5. Continue to include the person in your daily prayers.

As the hymn says, "...take it to the Lord in prayer."

We need you!

Siouxland Food Bank

Thursday, April 6, 70 households that included 142 adults and 103 children received food items.

Thursday, April 21, 157 adults and 124 living in 74 households received food items.

Church members and friends volunteered those days to distribute the food items. Again students from the South Sioux City Schools helped the adult members with loading and unloading of the food products.
