



NOVEMBER 6—CONSECRATION SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20—COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE at 6:00 pm
NOVEMBER 24—OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 6—WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL MEETING at 7:00 pm
DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP at 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm
DECEMBER 26—OFFICE CLOSED

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First Lutheran Church

November 2016

► What Is the Holy Spirit Up To?

I cannot say exactly what the Holy Spirit is up to, but this much I am sure of- the Spirit is alive and active here at First Lutheran and South Sioux! When God comes on the scene, anything and everything is possible. Our God has plans, should we choose to open our ears to the Word and listen for what possibilities we have.

Here comes something scary now. CHANGE! Yes, I said it, change! Now, take a deep breath in...Bring the Spirit inside of you. As Jesus said in the Matthew 13:9, *Let anyone with ears [to hear] listen!* There is change, simply by calling a new pastor. That does not mean all things will change. I want to assure each and every one of you, no change will be done in a vacuum. We must continually be asking ourselves. *Why do we do what we do? Is it working? Can it be improved? Does it need to be eliminated? Do we need to add on to what we do?+*

Let me assure the people at the 8:15 am service. It will be staying the same. There will be no significant changes in the foreseeable future. I like to hear feedback, both good and bad as well as neutral. Feedback is an opportunity for conversation, and conversation is an opportunity to learn to know each other better and exchange ideas. I have an open door policy. If you see my office door open, feel free to come and speak with me. The first service is a traditional service and will continue to be so, until such

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a time that asking the questions from the previous paragraph necessitate a change to that service.

The Holy Spirit not only provides change but also stability to what we do. The Holy Spirit is with us constantly, prompting, guiding, nurturing, protecting, in all things we do. Now is a time going forth, **%Obeying Christ and opening doors to faith.+** How, you might ask, how do we do that? We can use the old clichés, **%Lutherans don't evangelize.+** How about, **%we have not done it that way before.+** We all have spoken to a stranger about something we are excited about. We may tell them about a new restaurant, a new food, a good place to vacation, a new product and so on. What about the best thing/person to ever happen to humankind?

God came down to us, not because God needed to for God's sake, but for our sake. God takes upon the flesh of a human being in the form of the Son. The Son of God, now in human form as 100 percent God and 100 percent human (Jesus), walked upon this earth. If that were not enough, God with us (Immanuel), Jesus obediently follows the will of God, again not for God's sake but for ours. Jesus suffers a horrific death. A death reserved for the worst of prisoners. Not only a death, but a shame and suffering. Not for Jesus, but for me, for you, for your neighbor, for all of the world! God brings Him back to life so that we can partake in the resurrection upon our deaths and be with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in heaven for all of eternity.

Now isn't that something worth sharing! If that is not worth stepping out and sharing, then I just don't know what else could be worth more. Remember, the Holy Spirit will be there with us. If we are to follow our mission statement: **%Obeying Christ and opening doors to faith.+** Then we must also listen to what Jesus says to the disciples (you and me too) in Matthew 28, ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, **%All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.+**

What is the Holy Spirit up to? We are being challenged to grow. The growth is spiritually- grow in faith, grow in evangelism, and to grow the kingdom of God here on earth. And...that is only the beginning! God is great all the time! All the time God is great! Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Alleluia!



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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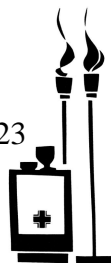
28:2, NIV

Answer: “All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God.” Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

Worship at First Lutheran

November 6, All Saints Day

First Lesson: Dan. 7:1-3, 15-18 Second Lesson: Eph. 1:11-23
Psalm: 149 Gospel: Luke 6:20-31



November 13, 26th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a Second Lesson: 2 Thess. 3:6-13
Psalm: 98 Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

November 20, Christ the King

First Lesson: Jer. 23:1-6 Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20
Psalm: 46 Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

November 27, First Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5 Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14
Psalm: 122 Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44



November Flower Chart

November 6 (Altar) Given by grateful members of First Lutheran Church in honor of all of the volunteers of First Lutheran.

November 13 (Altar) Given by Gordon and Jane Krogh in honor of God's many blessings.

November 20 (Altar) Given by Marv and Kathy Muirhead in honor of their seven greatest blessings: Chase, Bailey, Ian, Rylie, Noah, Emmy and Liam.

(Chancel) Given by Linda and J.C. Johansen in honor of Wendy and Mark Rollins.

November 27 (Altar) Given in memory of Mark R. McLarty by his loving family.



Anniversaries This Month

Josh and Samantha Curry
Dale and LuAnn Durant
Bill and Linda Kendra
Tim and Stacy Niemeyer
Jeff and Ellen Prescott

November 7
November 10
November 24
November 30
November 28

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be in the entryway on November 20. On the tree will be names of underprivileged children (provided by Lutheran Social Services) and names of seniors, as well as names of less fortunate children from our own congregation. Please pick a name from the tree and give a gift to a child or senior this year! Gift suggestions are listed on each tag. Presents need to be returned to the church no later than **Monday, December 5.**

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will be open as usual on Wednesday, November 23 and Friday, November 25.

Happy Birthday

Adesh Adesina—November 1
Denise Barber—November 12
Nancy Beekman—November 24
Marla Bianchini—November 2
Jan Brodersen—November 26
Laci Chytka—November 15
Linda DeRoin—November 25
Abbe Fellin—November 28
Dennis Fischer—November 27
Fred Frey—November 11
Doris Georg—November 5
Mike Gill—November 24
Marian Hayes—November 4
Sue Hunter—November 19

Roger Jensen—November 11
Bobby Johnson—November 12
Donna Krontz—November 30
Ken Larson—November 22
Don Linafelter—November 27
Dorothy Lux—November 8
Rachel McFarland—November 26
Carol Ostendorf—November 6
Miriam Phipps—November 21
Rich Potter—November 4
Adam Rich—November 7
Teresa Santee—November 16
Dona Shook—November 28



Youth Birthdays

Jaecee Benson—November 3
Lucy Blessing—November 10
Jake Gill—November 9
Tristan Kinnaman—November 1
Justin Lake—November 13
John McFarland—November 26

Kaylee McFarland—November 9
Ben Niemeyer—November 18
Pyper Perez—November 2
Lola Phipps—November 16
Autumn Phommavong—November 18
Baeli Phommavong—November 14

Food Bank of Siouxland

1,504 pounds of food items plus 990 pounds of produce was distributed to 78 households that included 149 adults and 117 children on October 6. Students from the South Sioux City Schools helped the church volunteers in the morning unload the food and in the afternoon to help families load the boxes of food into their vehicles.

October 30, 3,308 pounds of food was distributed to 196 adults and 158 children in 88 households.

Thank you to those that take time to volunteer for this worthwhile church project.

DCMA Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at 6:00 pm on Sunday, November 20 here at First Lutheran Church. The offering taken at this service provides the Dakota County Ministerial Alliance funding to help those in need. Please come and enjoy worshipping as a community of believers!

Ringers Needed

We are in need of bell ringers who will accept monetary donations for the Cardinal Christmas baskets on Saturday, December 10, from 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center if you would like to volunteer.

Confirmation Class



2016 Confirmation Class

The following 9th graders were confirmed on October 30, 2016:

Nyabuay Gatluak Diew

Josie Mary Kay Geveshausen

Joseph Scott Graves

Jayden Michael Grove

Ashley Marie Kleider

Lucas Rae Leiting

Lincoln Jade Rahn

Women of the ELCA



❁❁❁ CIRCLE MEETINGS ❁❁❁

Don't forget to bring your Thankoffering this month!

LYDIA GROUP **November 10, 2016** **7:00 p.m.**

LEADER: Jennifer Durant

HOSTESS: Vicky Johnson

CIRCLE I **November 21, 2016** **2:00 p.m.**

LEADER: Paula Verzani

HOSTESS: Jackie Gierman
Sandy Larson

CIRCLE II **November 8, 2016** **9:15 a.m.**

LEADER: Lucy Gagnon

HOSTESS: Jan Durant



Bible Study

öWhen God's Not Fairö

Lydia: öResting in Him: I Need to Slow Down But I Can't!ö



With Deepest Sympathy

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

The family of Earl Shook, who passed away Thursday, September 29. Services were held Tuesday, October 4 here at First Lutheran.

Kay and Sandy Harris and family, on the death of Kay's mother, Thelma Harris, who passed away Friday, September 30.

Gary and Sharon King and family, on the death of their daughter, Linda Stadlander, who passed away Sunday, October 9. Services were held Wednesday, October 11 at Meyer Brothers Morningside Chapel.

The family of Lois Carlson, who passed away Sunday, October 16. Services were held Saturday, October 22 at Mohr Funeral Home.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Our tradition of providing a Thanksgiving dinner to families from First Lutheran that are in need continues this year. Food offerings will be collected during November. Items needed are: canned pumpkin, canned milk, canned fruit, applesauce, instant or boxed potatoes, canned vegetables, cranberries or cranberry sauce, stuffing croutons, pie crusts, marshmallows, and sweet potatoes. Please place your food donations in the cart in the entryway.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to participate in the placing of poinsettias for our Christmas worship, please designate below on the appropriate line.

Please return this form no later than
Friday, November 25th.

Poinsettias are \$13.25 each

I would like to order _____ poinsettias.
(quantity)

_____ I will send payment in to the church office.

_____ I have enclosed payment for the poinsettia(s) ordered.

I wish to place my poinsettia in (honor) or (memory) of:



Please specify how you would like your %given by+information to appear in the bulletin:

- ◆ This information is needed for us to be accurate in our recognitions that will be printed in the bulletin.
- ◆ Poinsettias may be picked up after the second worship service on December 25th.

Thank You

I wanted to take a moment of your time to just say thank you.

Thank you First Lutheran for such a warm welcome you gave our family. I also wanted to thank you for letting us take a moment of your Sunday to introduce ourselves.

For those of you who worked so hard on the parsonage, well, thanks just is not enough. When I walked in, there was nothing I had to do, but start planning were to put things. It was such an overwhelming feeling to see all that hard work just for our family. I'm sure as time goes on we will learn much about each other and I for one am looking forward to it!

I wanted to be sure to let you know that my son and I are open to any questions you may have for us. The best way to get to know someone is through conversation and questions.

If you are not familiar with Asperger Syndrome or want to learn more about it, the best web site I can send you to is the "Autism Speaks" Web site (<http://www.autismspeaks.org>). I am working on handouts for those who do not have access to the internet or just like paper copies.

Please come and visit us! Pastor and I enjoy potlucks and playing cards or board games. Maybe you can introduce us to a new game or two. I hope we can introduce you to a new game or two as well.

If you made it this far, thank you for reading. I look forward to what the future holds in store for all us!

Jeremiah said it best in 29-11: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Eternal, "plans for peace, not evil, to give you a future and hope—never forget that."

Kris Dill

Thank You

First Lutheran Church Food Pantry-Thanks to Circle I for their donation of food. Seventy-seven boxes were distributed in September.

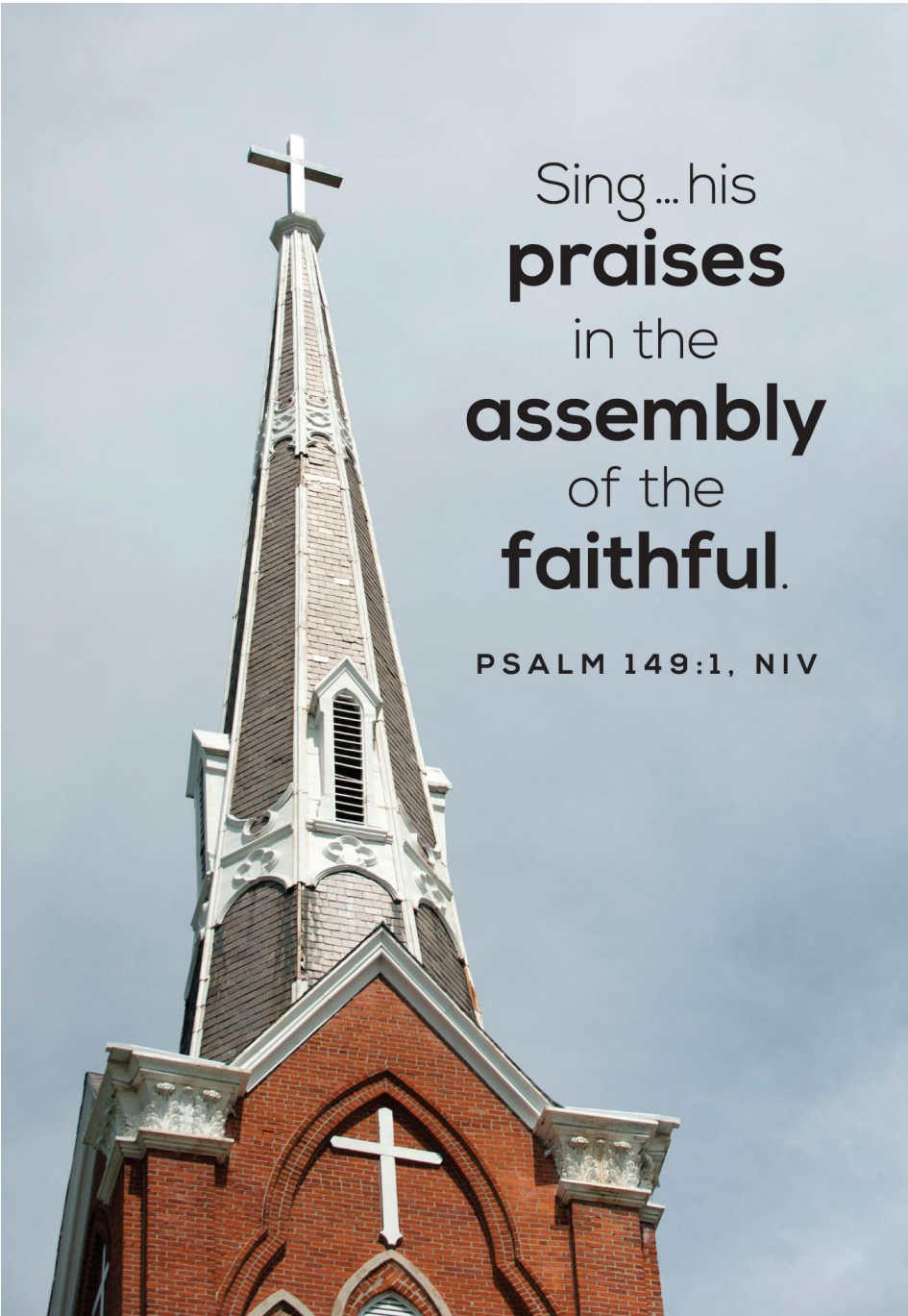
2017 Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2017 has been hung up on the bulletin board in the entryway for anyone wishing to sign up to give flowers. The first name on the line gives altar flowers, which are \$18. The second name on the line gives chancel flowers, which are \$20. If you do sign up for a date, please take time to completely fill out a flower form located to the left of the flower chart; then turn the form (along with your payment) in to the office or place it in the offering tray. Even if the date you signed up for seems a ways off, you still need to turn in your flower form and payment right away to the office as we "work ahead" due to newsletter deadlines!

Armed Forces Candy

In November the church will be remembering our current service personnel with homemade candies. If you have a family member in the service you would like to be remembered, please give their name and current address to the church office by November 11.

If you are able to help with homemade candy, please call Jackie Gierman at 494-1218. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help with postage costs.



Sing...his
praises
in the
assembly
of the
faithful.

PSALM 149:1, NIV

Pastor Doug's Office Hours

Monday	off
Tuesday	8 am-4 pm (limited availability until 2 pm)
Weds/Thurs	8 am-4 pm
Friday	8 am-12 pm

Other hours by appointment.

Pastor Doug can be reached by phone (402-235-6969) or by email (pastordoug@firstlutheranssc.org).

College Care Packages

Close to final exam time, the Youth Committee will be sending out college care packages. Because addresses change so frequently, we will be sending care packages only to those who notify us of their current address each semester, even if it hasn't changed. Please take a moment to inform us of your son or daughter's address by either calling (494-5461) or emailing (office@firstlutheranssc.org) the church office, or by calling (494-2968) or emailing (toddsex@aol.com) Rita Todd.

Approximately 20 care packages are sent each year. The cost of this ministry is approximately \$200 each spring and fall. Monetary donations or donations of individually wrapped goodies will be accepted. We will accept your leftover Halloween candy! The college care packages will be packed at 9:30 am on Sunday, November 13. Please bring your donations to the church no later than Sunday, November 6.