



**MARCH 1—ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP** at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm  
**APRIL 13—MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP** at 7:00 pm  
**APRIL 14—GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP** at 7:00 pm  
**APRIL 14—PRAYER VIGIL BEGINS** at 9:00 pm  
**APRIL 16—EASTER WORSHIP** at 6:30 am, 8:15 am, and 10:30 am  
**APRIL 17—OFFICE CLOSED**  
**APRIL 26—26TH ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE** from 11:00 am—1:30 pm  
**AUGUST 6-AUGUST 9—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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# First Lutheran Church

February 2017

## ► What is God Calling Us To?

I can do all things through him who strengthens me. (Php 4:13 NRSV) Grace and peace from the One who strengthens you and me. As we begin another new chapter in ministry together, I look forward to many continued years serving as your pastor. 2017 will be a fantastic year of ministry for us and for the community we serve. With the congregational meeting, the passing of the budget, and several other mission opportunities that are to come, it is shaping up to be something special.

In Philippians 4:13, we look towards not our strength but to that of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In Christ, all things are possible, and we will look for all things in Christ Jesus. We are embarking on a journey that is full of energy and excitement. We have been taking in new members, attendance has increased, giving has increased, there is something building up.

As part of this new beginning here at First Lutheran and to refer to my first Newsletter article, we must always ask ourselves "Why are we doing what we are doing and is it working?" First Lutheran is here in South Sioux City for a reason. FLC is on its

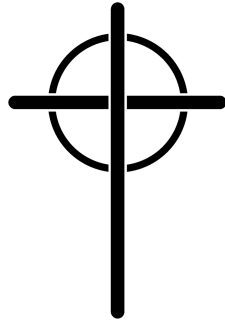
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current location, with a sizeable plot of land and a sizeable building, for a reason. God has placed us here in this community, where we are at, with who we are with, for a reason.



As we figure out just who God has called us to be and what God has called us to be, we have an opportunity as a congregation to walk together in a learning process that will help us do just that. We will be studying the book, *The Daniel Plan*, as a congregation. I hope everyone will be willing to get a copy of the book, come to the DVD small groups and attend the worship services that will be focused upon the Daniel Plan.

This year we will be sharing our Wednesday evening Lenten meals and services with St. Paul United Methodist Church. See the end of this article for more detail. This way, in a wider community we can see just what God is calling us to do. During Lent, we will look at ways to improve our Spiritual, Physical and Mental health. All three are interrelated and all three God has given us.

I have been making posts to our Facebook page with interesting information from the Daniel Plan. We will start to see some videos during worship, leading up to the start of the program on February 26. Look for information by the welcome center and more announcements. We will have a limited number of hardback books, deeply discounted. We will also have the DVD participant guides as well. These resources can be purchased at Amazon, Barnes and Noble or other book sellers. If you cannot afford the materials, please see me and I will make arrangements for you to get a book.

We want everyone to participate in this. Look for signup sheets for the DVD small groups. They will be held at a variety of times and locations, to provide optimal participation. If you miss a session, make it up on another day, either through First Lutheran small groups, or St. Paul small groups. We will also be encouraging and offering some physical activities as part of this plan. Jenni Durant  
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has offered to help lead us in some Zumba classes. Curves, the woman's workout facility in South Sioux City, is offering some discounts for Daniel Plan participants. I am currently working with the YMCA for some discounts as well.

The Lenten noon meal service will not change for First Lutheran. I will be leading and there will be a simple and hopefully very healthy meal provided. Lenten evening meals and Wednesday services will work as follows: First Lutheran will host three of the meals and services. There will be no meal on Ash Wednesday and no shared service. The remaining services and meals will be on a rotational basis. When St. Paul's attends the service at First Lutheran, Pastor Jose will be the one preaching. I will preach at St. Paul's. Pastor Jose and I have arranged the readings and sermons to complement each other during the week.

I am still working out the details of the evening meals. I am looking for groups that might volunteer to provide two Wednesday meals at First Lutheran. Our final meal at First Lutheran, I would like to make as a Pot Luck, keeping to what we have learned in the Daniel Plan. I wish I had all the details worked out now, but we will get there. This much I do know; God will be there and walk with us as we walk with God during Lent.

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## Worship at First Lutheran

### February 5, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12 Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 2:1-16  
Psalm: 112 Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20



### February 12, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Deut. 30:15-20 Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 3:1-9  
Psalm: 119:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

### February 19, Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18 Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 3:10-11, 16-23  
Psalm: 119:33-40 Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

### February 26, Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lesson: Ex. 24:12-18 Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21  
Psalm: 2 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

## February Flower Chart



**February 5 (Altar)** Given by Bill and Barb McLarty.

**February 12 (Altar)** Given by Marv and Kathy Muirhead.

**February 19 (Altar)** Given by Scott and Cindy Koeppe.

**February 26 (Altar)** Given by Marv and Kathy Muirhead.



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## Anniversaries This Month

Randy and Theresa Grove  
Wilbur and Sandy Larson  
Doug & Janet Tondreau

February 27  
February 19  
February 14

## Siouxland Food Bank

The Food Bank on January 5 distributed 3,358 pounds of food to 60 households with 118 adults and 92 children.

January 19, 78 households received 2,627 pounds of food. 208 adults and 142 children received the food in these households.

Thank you to all who volunteer their time for the distribution of this food. Their help (along with the help from the students from South Sioux City Schools) is very much appreciated.

## Lenten Lunches

We are in need of people to help provide the Lenten lunches beginning on Wednesday, March 8. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.

## Fellowship Game Night

The Fellowship Committee is having a game night on February 26 at 4:00 pm. Bring your favorite snacks and games!

## Happy Birthday


Ruth Ailts—February 14  
 Tom Barber—February 2  
 Robert Brodersen—February 24  
 Nyabiel Bukjiok—February 15  
 Kerri Durant—February 4  
 Chris Gehner—February 23  
 Jackie Gierman—February 7  
 Jessica Gill—February 17  
 Terri Gotch—February 24  
 Chris Graves—February 25  
 Gordon Hansen—February 27  
 Eddie Hernandez—February 10  
 Ilene Hofmeister—February 6  
 Brandi Johnson—February 12  
 Jeremiah Johnson—February 14  
 Linda Kendra—February 11

Denise Kleinberg—February 2  
 James Kleinberg—February 21  
 Chris Knudsen—February 27  
 Kathy Muirhead—February 11  
 Shaynie Porter—February 18  
 Mae Reuter—February 27  
 Diane Sands—February 24  
 Angie Sorem—February 27  
 Starla Sorensen—February 3  
 Linda Swanson—February 8  
 Manon Thrumer—February 22  
 Jeff Todd—February 24  
 Rita Todd—February 21  
 Paula Verzani—February 5  
 Nanci Walsh—February 14

## Youth Birthdays

Jessica Baker—February 9  
 Drew Benson—February 5  
 Ian Hernandez—February 28  
 Khaia Herron—February 13  
 Alex Kleider—February 2  
 Tanner Koeppe—February 22  
 Sadie Krantz—February 7


Carli Lake—February 27  
 Ethan Lake—February 22  
 Spencer Leiting—February 25  
 Hannah Niemeyer—February 3  
 Alyssa Orlando—February 24  
 Logan Rahn—February 12  
 Katherine Smith—February 26



# Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love.  
 How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

*Directions: Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12<sup>th</sup> letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

(1) You really like ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_ 

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. \_\_\_\_\_



(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. \_\_\_\_\_

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. \_\_\_\_\_

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. \_\_\_\_\_

 "Honor \_\_\_\_\_ and   
 \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ your  
 \_\_\_\_\_."

Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV



*Delight  
to draw  
near to  
God.*  
ISAIAH 58:2

## Women of the ELCA



### ❁❁❁ CIRCLE MEETINGS ❁❁❁

**LYDIA GROUP      February 9, 2017      7:00 p.m.**

LEADER:    Rose Dudley  
HOSTESS:   Sue Hunter

**CIRCLE I            February 20, 2017      2:00 p.m.**

LEADER:    Group  
HOSTESS:   Mae Reuter  
                 Paula Verzani

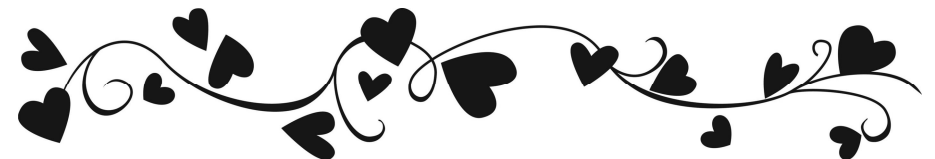
**CIRCLE II            February 14, 2017      9:15 a.m.**

LEADER:    Group  
HOSTESS:   Cathie Galvin



### **Bible Study**

øGalatians: Christian Faith and Christian Freedomö  
Lydia: øResting in Him: I Need to Slow Down But I Canø!ö



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## **With Deepest Sympathy**

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

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The family of Ann Davis, who passed away Thursday, January 5. Services were held Tuesday, January 10 here at First Lutheran.

Mike and Tanya Rich and family, on the death of Mike's mother, Renee Rich, on Saturday, January 7. Services were held Wednesday, January 11 at River Hills Church.

The family of Doris Georg, who passed away Monday, January 9. Services were held Saturday, January 14 here at First Lutheran.

Lyle Todd and family, on the death of Lyle's brother, Alan Todd, on Saturday, January 14. Services were held Friday, January 20 at Mohr Funeral Home.

Marla Bianchini and family, on the death of Marla's brother-in-law, Lloyd Myers, Jr, on Monday, January 16. Services were held Saturday, January 21 at Rush Family Care Service in Onawa.

## **Ash Wednesday**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Worship times are 12:00 pm or 7:00 pm.

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## **Thank You**

Cardinal Elementary-Thank you so much for the gifts! The kids LOVED them! You made their day better. Thank you!

Bonnie Cooper-Thanks so much for the lovely Christmas gifts. The fruit basket and cookie box were delicious.

Doris Georg-Thanks for the fruit tray and gift package. I enjoyed it very much. Thank you to Mary Wolf for delivering them.

Lutheran Services in Iowa-Thank you for your gift of 15 Christmas presents. Your compassion helps so many children, families and adults as they face challenging situations, such as abuse, disability, poverty, mental illness, addiction or family crisis.

Pat Matz-Thank you to Circle 2 for the gift bag of goodies I received. Also, thank you to Mary Wolf for the nice visit and for delivering it. It was such a nice thing to do. Thank you for the fruit basket and the other little gift bag. Thank you also to Sandy and Wilbur Larson for delivering the gifts.

Les Rahn-Thank you so much for the care package. When you are working and going to school fulltime, away from home, it's nice to get things like this from people who care.

South Sioux City Middle School-I wanted to let you know what a big impact your thoughtful ministries brought our Middle School students! Thank you for including SSCMS in your giving tree efforts. The smiles and heartfelt thank yous from the recipients were genuine! They proudly wear their new SSC apparel!