



JUNE 4—SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS at 9:00 am
JUNE 11—OUTDOOR WORSHIP at 10:30 am
JULY 4—OFFICE CLOSED
JULY 9—OUTDOOR WORSHIP at 10:30 am
AUGUST 6-9—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 11-13—FLEA MARKET
AUGUST 13—OUTDOOR WORSHIP at 10:30 am
SEPTEMBER 4—OFFICE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 24—FELLOWSHIP FISH FRY
OCTOBER 29—CONFIRMATION at 10:30 am

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First Lutheran Church

June 2017

► Gifts of the Spirit

We have many spiritual gifts given to us by God. Most of us have heard about Spiritual gifts in some way or another. Some of those gifts include things such as the gifts of: Fellowship, Finance, Caring Ministries, Christian Education, Management, Hospitality and many others. The gifts that God gives to us are not limited to just those things that can be done through our congregation, but also what we do here while not attending or serving our congregation directly. Please allow me to go deeper into this.

On the day of Pentecost, which is fast approaching, when the Apostles are speaking to fellow Israelites, about the Lord Jesus, those that hear are cut to the heart. They ask what should we do? ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38 NRSV)

If you recall, Jesus has already told the Apostles that the Father will send another, the Holy Spirit. In Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descends upon Him like a Dove. The baptism calls for the Holy Spirit to respond and remain within the baptized. The consequence of this is vast. Further in Acts, we see that the Holy Spirit is even given to the Gentiles, which is you and me, all non-Jews. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles (Acts 10:45 NRSV)

The Spirit is a gift itself, but the consequence, not in the negative sense, is that the Holy Spirit also brings gifts to those who receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁴The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are

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discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶for, *ō*Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?*ō* But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Cor. 2:14-16 TNIV)

As I pondered what is said in 1 Corinthians 2:14-16 and what I just wrote, I find it strange that God gives us a gift of the Sprit, and the person who has the gift of the Spirit in turn also receives more gifts. Hmmm, the gift that actually keeps on giving. For the preceding scripture, I invite you to open your Bible and read this and take the time to follow the annotations in verses. I believe you will find this enlightening.

From 1 Corinthians 12, ⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but they are all from the same Spirit. ⁵There are different ways to serve but the same Lord to serve. ⁶And there are different ways that God works through people but the same God. God works in all of us in everything we do. ⁷Something from the Spirit can be seen in each person, for the common good. ⁸The Spirit gives one person the ability to speak with wisdom, and the same Spirit gives another the ability to speak with knowledge. ⁹The same Spirit gives faith to one person. And, to another, that one Spirit gives gifts of healing. ¹⁰The Spirit gives to another person the power to do miracles, to another the ability to prophesy. And he gives to another the ability to know the difference between good and evil spirits. The Spirit gives one person the ability to speak in different kinds of languages and to another the ability to interpret those languages. ¹¹One Spirit, the same Spirit, does all these things, and the Spirit decides what to give each person. (1 Cor. 12:4-11 NCV)

In the letter to the church in Corinth, Paul does not cover all gifts available by the Holy Spirit but does cover some. There are many gifts yet one Spirit. Each of the gifts can even be broken down into sub-categories to help us discern what God is calling us to do. It is in finding out our spiritual gifts and then discerning how God is calling us to us them, that we embrace: ⁵There are different ways to serve but the same Lord to serve. ⁶And there are different ways that God works through people but the same God. God works in all of us in everything we do. (1 Cor. 12:5-7 NCV)

Do you want to learn what God is calling you to do, both inside and outside of the congregation? Do you want to know what your spiritual gifts are? One of the first steps is to ask the people who know you best, what gifts do you see that God has given me? Be prayerful and meditate upon what you hear. Speak (pray) to God, then listen and watch to see how the Holy Spirit guides you in your life. Having a prayer partner and a spiritual director is a good way to focus.

The Nebraska Synod is offering a fantastic opportunity to get spiritual direction. The synod is offering spiritual direction sessions called Drinking from the Well. Both Kris and I are signed up for this, too. You can check out their website for details at: <http://nebraskasynod.org/discernment/spiritualdirection/drinking-from-the-well.html> I have also put some information at the welcome center and in our information center.

Peace and blessings through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

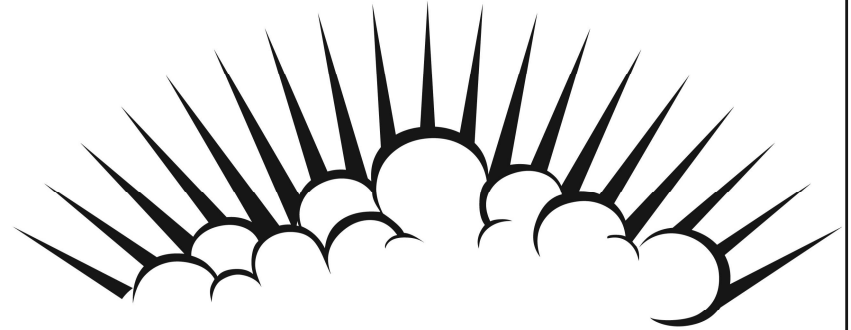
Pr. Doug



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



“H_ w_ll c_ll _ _ t t_ m_ ,

‘Y_ _ _ r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_ _ r.”

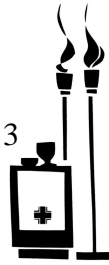
Ps_lm 89:26, N_V

Answer: “He will call out to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.’” Psalm 89:26, NIV

Worship at First Lutheran

June 4, Day of Pentecost

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 12:3b-13
Psalm: 104:24-34. 35b Gospel: John 20:19-23



June 11, The Holy Trinity

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-6 2:4a Second Lesson: 2 Cor. 13:11-13
Psalm: 8 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

June 18, Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Exodus 19:2-8a Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8
Psalm: 100 Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

June 25, Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13 Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11
Psalm: 69:7-18 Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39



June Flower Chart

June 4 (Altar) Given by Bill McLarty in memory of Barb McLarty and their 61st wedding anniversary.

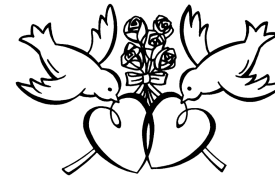
(Chancel) Given by Chris & Denise Kleinberg.

June 11 (Altar) Given by Terry and Deb Kenny in honor of their family and loved ones.

(Chancel) Given by Don and Lucy Gagnon in honor of their grandson's 40th birthday.

June 18 (Altar) Given by Jerry and Carol Krieger in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary on June 18.

June 25 (Altar) Given by Randy Rahn in honor of his loving mother, Jo Ann Addison.



Anniversaries This Month

Tom and Denise Barber	June 7
Austin and Jennifer Bass	June 6
Brian and Nancy Beekman	June 6
Larry and Kathy Blair	June 6
Bob and Patty Blessing	June 9
Dean and Rose Dudley	June 7
Dick and Jan Durant	June 9
Mike and Jill Gill	June 18
Bart and Terri Gotch	June 25
Gordon and Harriet Hansen	June 23
Eddie and Lacey Hernandez	June 5
Chris and Melissa Jensen	June 7
Roger and Ruth Jensen	June 26
Jan and Linda Johansen	June 10
Chris and Michelle Kinnaman	June 7
Jerry and Carol Krieger	June 18
Mike and Carla Jo Morgan	June 19
Nathan and Aftan Phipps	June 16
Terry and Angie Sorem	June 22

New Member

On May 7 we welcomed Randy Rahn into our congregation.

Please greet him warmly!

Happy Birthday

Kathy Anders—June 13
Bob Barto—June 16
Kris Bergstrom—June 24
Lynnelle Conley—June 23
LuAnn Durant—June 21
Dick Durant—June 25
Tom Flackoy—June 25
Norma Geveshausen—June 3
Cheryl Guy—June 16
Sally Hansen—June 11
TJ Hinds—June 14
Taylor Hofmeister—June 29
Mark Johnson—June 5
Sami Kenny—June 9
Joann Kleinberg—June 15
Kelsey Krantz—June 6
Chris Lake—June 7
Brian Leiting—June 28

Mary Lindquist—June 13
Carla Jo Morgan—June 30
Elsie Peters—June 13
Aftan Phipps—June 13
Susan Porter—June 1
Katie Prescott—June 29
Bonnie Prosser—June 9
Todd Sands—June 29
Gracie Trautwein—June 16



Youth Birthdays

Axton Davis—June 27
Adam Durant—June 9
Hailey Hamilton—June 10

Tayden Kinnaman—June 19
Edie Phipps—June 4
Brooklyn Sorem—June 21

From the President (Cont.)

The week of May 19-28 we will be renovating the parsonage kitchen. After Pastor moved in, we found that we had some problems with some of the appliances, so we have worked together with Pastor and Kris and we will be making the changes while they are gone. Kris should have a new kitchen to come home to. She should be able to make some more award-winning white chili.

HELP! HELP! HELP! We have been advertising on many forums and we are not having any applicants for the Contemporary Music Director, Choir Director, Accompanist, or Bell Choir Director. If you know of anyone that would be good at any of these positions, please let us know. This may be something that we need to recruit someone for. Normal channels are not working.

We are looking for a youth leader. This would be for recently confirmed members. We want to keep them involved and around!

We are attempting many things that we have been lacking and wanting to grow our church. Please be a part of the growth!

God Bless You
John Koskovich

From the President

Things have been rolling along pretty smoothly. But now, we are starting to have members questioning what we are doing and why is Pastor gone again? I will step up and take some of the blame. I feel that this means that we are not doing an adequate job of keeping the membership informed.

I will start with an update on Pastor being gone:

- April 23-29 Stephen Ministries (Pastor's continuing education)
- May 19-28 vacation
- June 1-3 Synod Assembly
- June 11-16 Confirmation Camp
- June 16-18 vacation
- July 22-29 Leadership Lab (youth leadership, part of hiring agreement)
- October 5-9 vacation

The Synod has approved our constitution that we voted on at our January annual meeting.

Last month when I addressed you in church and in the newsletter, we were \$18,000 in the hole for 2017 (January 1-April 1). I am proud to say that you stepped up to the plate and gave, and the extra worshippers for Easter helped. We have now reduced our 2017 deficit to \$11,258. Thank you! We still have \$6,500 left on the 2016 deficit. We are making a move in the right direction. Thank you for sharing your blessings.

The community garden is coming along nicely. We should start to see people planting soon. If you are interested in a plot, please contact Pastor Doug.

Women of the ELCA



❁❁❁ CIRCLE MEETINGS ❁❁❁

LYDIA GROUP: JUNE 8, 2017 7:00PM

LEADER: Rose Dudley
HOSTESS: Group

CIRCLE I: JUNE 19, 2017 2:00PM

LEADER: Jo Ann Garvey
HOSTESS: Group

CIRCLE II: JUNE 13, 2017 9:15AM

LEADER: Kris Bergstrom
HOSTESS: Kathy Anders



Bible Study

öAll Anewö

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

NOTE:

**No Circle meetings in the months
of July or August.**

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 Elise Hansen, who passed away Wednesday, May 10. Services were held Tuesday, May 16 here at First Lutheran.

Rhubarb Pies

Lydia Group is once again baking rhubarb pies as a fundraiser for their project fund. A donation of \$10 per pie is requested. To order, please call Rita Todd (712-574-1769) or Rose Dudley (404-8030).

Summer Worship

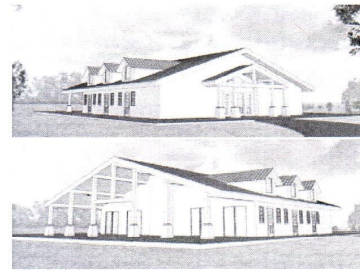
Beginning June 4, we will have one worship service at 9:00 am. Summer worship time will last through Labor Day. Outdoor worship will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:30 am.

Social Ministry

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

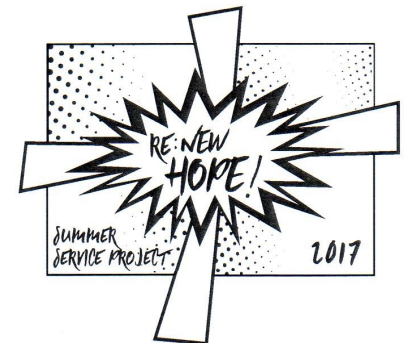


Monke Lodge at The Springs

This summer, we are partnering with Mission Builders to construct Monke Lodge at Springs! We need many groups of 3-5 adults to help with construction for one or multiple days. All skill levels are welcome.

2017 Summer Service Project

Children attending Carol Joy Holling Camp, Sullivan Hills Camp and Day Camp will focus on food insecurity. Volunteers will assist in teaching campers how to garden, making reusable bags from old t-shirts and packing emergency food kits. Individuals and groups of 2-4 adults can volunteer for half, full or multiple days.



Learn more and sign up by
visiting NLOM.org/Volunteer or
calling us at 402-944-3544.

2017 VBS REGISTRATION FORM

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

VBS Dates: Sunday-Wednesday, Aug. 6-Aug. 9
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.) _____

Thank You

Rose Dudley-Thank you to my church family for the beautiful flowers. They brighten my day as well as all the cards, visitors, and prayers I received while hospitalized and since home. Special thanks to Jackie Gierman and Wilbur and Sandy Larson for delivering the flowers.

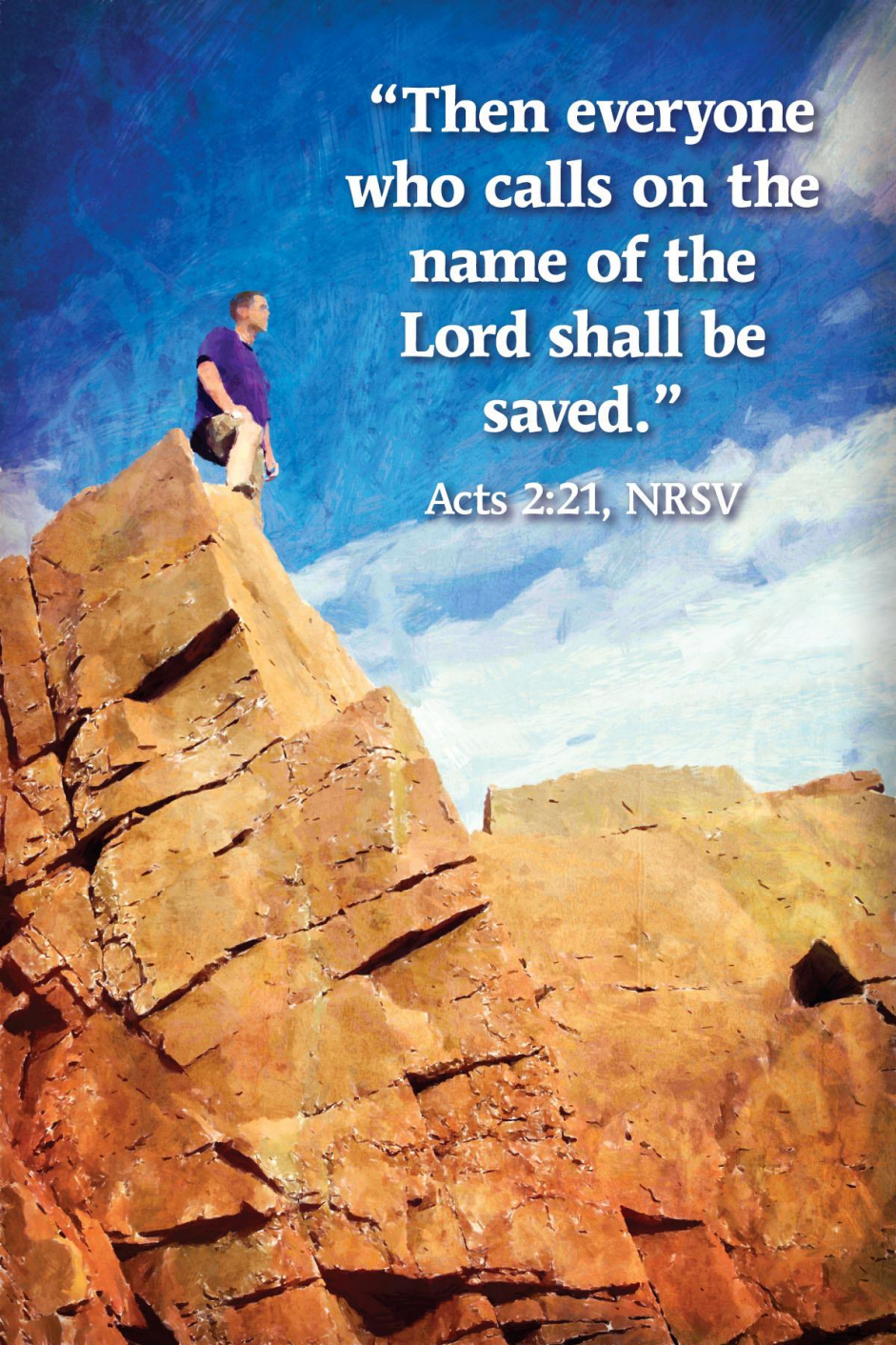
First Lutheran Church Food Pantry-Thanks to Circle I for their donation of food. Sixty-four food boxes were distributed in April.

Gladys Hedquist-Thanks to Sandy and Wilbur Larson for delivery of the lovely Easter pansies. I also appreciated the lovely Easter lilies, beautiful choir music and special music. Pastor Dill's sermons are always so inspiring and I am sorry he was feeling ill at Easter time. Seeing so many attending the three services was very encouraging. Happy Spring to all!

Jackie Larson-Thank you for the plant and thinking of me at this time. It is very much appreciated.

Pat Matz-Thank you for the pretty little violets. Always a sign of Spring. Also a big thank you to Sandy Larson for delivering it.

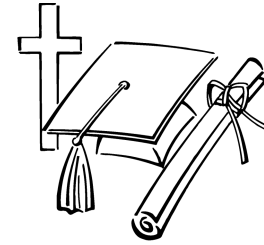
Social Ministry Committee-Thanks to all who have donated items in the grocery cart this month. The following items were delivered to Haven House and CSADV: travel size bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and clothes.



“Then everyone
who calls on the
name of the
Lord shall be
saved.”

Acts 2:21, NRSV

Class of 2017



High School Graduates

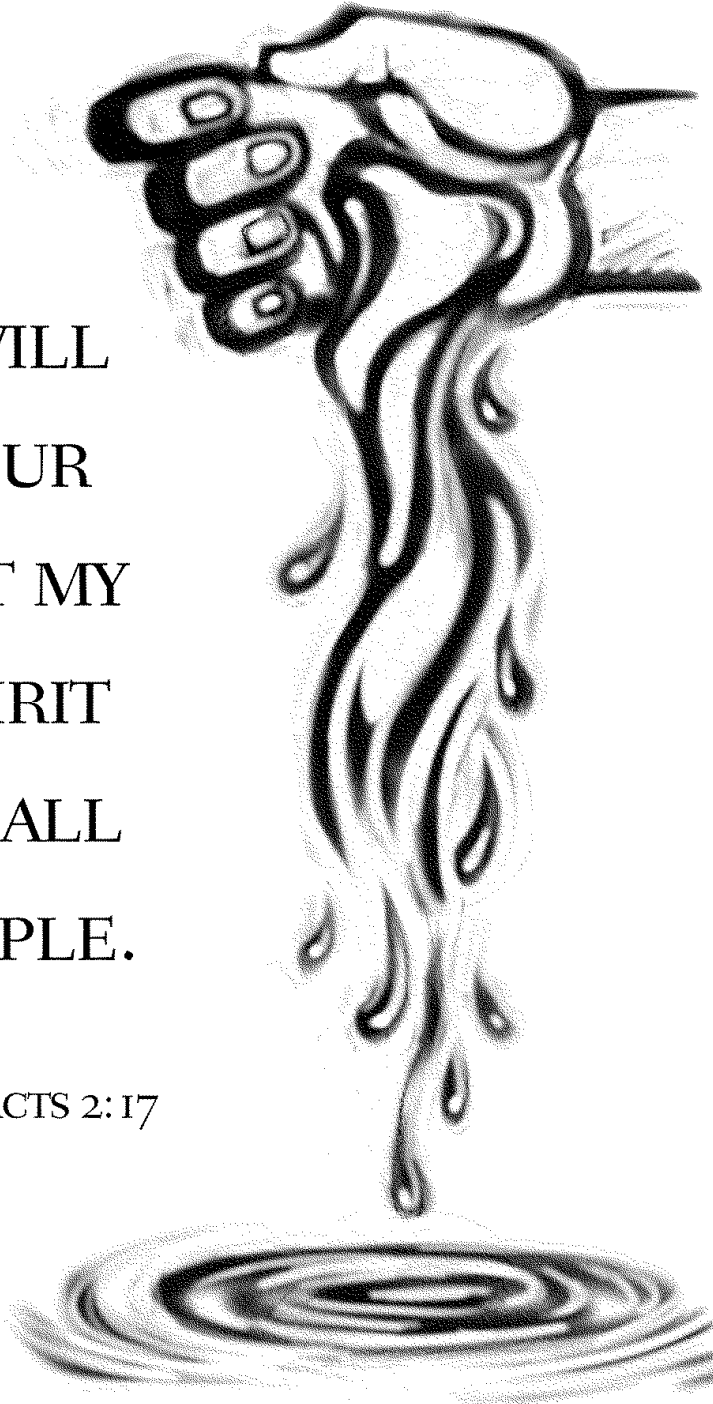
Jaecee Benson, daughter of Shane and Jaimee Benson.
Noah Coughlin, son of John Coughlin and Melissa Coughlin.
Emily Fellin, daughter of Dail and Jill Fellin.
Kori Fischer, daughter of Ryan and Laura Fischer.
Emily Groth, daughter of Mike and Amy Groth.
Sophia Hartman, daughter of Jillian Koch.
Tanner Koeppe, son of Scott and Cindy Koeppe.
Sadie Krontz, daughter of Ron Frank and Pat Krontz.
Spencer Leiting, son of Brian and Molly Leiting.
Nyakuma Loroa, niece of Gatluak Diew and Nyabiel Bukjiok.
Anakin Porter, son of Donald and Susan Porter.
Logan Rahn, son of Marc and Kelli Rahn.
Zach Saunders, son of Alison Pierce.
Brileigh Uhing, daughter of Gerry and Shelly Uhing.
Jarren Wallace, son of Michelle Wallace.
Jensen Wallace, son of Michelle Wallace.

College Graduates

Kelsie Brown, Western Iowa Tech, Sioux City IA.
Kelli Long, Midland University, Fremont NE.

I WILL
POUR
OUT MY
SPIRIT
ON ALL
PEOPLE.

ACTS 2:17



Chili Cook Off

April 30 was a great night for a chili cook off! There were 11 different kinds of chili, with 26 people attending. Everyone had a good time tasting chili and deciding which ones were good. The winners were: Kris Dill, 1st place with white chicken chili; Randy Rahn 2nd place; Randy Grove 3rd place. After taste testing, everyone enjoyed a chili dinner. What fun!

We would like to thank Lyle Todd for purchasing and donating a plaque for the 1st place winners. It is hanging in the fellowship hall.

If you missed this cook off, we will be having another one next year. Don't miss it!

Fellowship Committee

Volunteers Needed

Summer is coming! The Food Bank will need help from our young adults on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each summer month. Help is needed in the morning at 10:00 and in the afternoon around 1:30. If you can help, please sign up at the Welcome Center. Lunch will be provided.

Acolytes Needed

We are in need of two acolytes on Sunday, July 2. If your child is available to help, please contact the church office.

Lutheran World Relief

In 2016, our support of Lutheran World Relief reached 534,144 people in 16 countries with 7 projects. Number of kits given:

Quilts	346,170
School Kits	191,720
Blankets	12,180
Personal Care Kits	144,970
Fabric Kits	17,138
Baby Care Kits	48,900
Soap in pounds	46,247

Now it is time to think about making and giving kits for this year's ingathering at the end of October. Kit items and needs will be posted on the bulletin board soon. For more information, contact Lee Mathiason (494-6125).

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday school will take place on the first and third Sunday of the month, with one exception (July 2; no Sunday school). Sunday school will be held during the church service. Youth will leave church after the children's sermon. Sunday school will conclude at 10:00 am. Dates for Sunday school are:

June 4
June 18
July 16
August 6
August 20

Salad Luncheon Thank You

A belated (I know) but oh so sincere "THANK YOU" to each and every one of you who participated in any way in our First Lutheran's Church's 26th annual salad luncheon and bake sale. It was a wonderful day (even if the weather wasn't so wonderful). It was a successful day, and it is all because of all of you. You make this success possible. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Mary Wolf

Siouxland Food Bank

On May 4, 80 households received 3,875 pounds of food. One hundred seventy-eight adults and 150 children benefitted from this food.

On May 18, 184 adults and 141 children residing in 81 households received 3,934 pounds of food.

Thank you to the South Sioux City School students and their sponsor for helping us each time. We will miss them and hope they have a very good summer vacation. We will need volunteers to take their places—helping unload in the morning and helping the people load their boxes of food into their vehicles in the afternoon.

Men's Work Event

A men's work event will take place at 8:15 on June 28. We'll start off with breakfast and then do some of the miscellaneous "fix-it" jobs around the church. If you can help, please contact the church office or Pastor Doug.
