



JULY 30-AUGUST 2—VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 6—ONE CHURCH SERVICE at 10:00 am
AUGUST 6—CHURCH PICNIC at 11:00 am
AUGUST 11-13—FLEA MARKET
AUGUST 13—OUTDOOR WORSHIP at 10:30 am
SEPTEMBER 4—OFFICE CLOSED
SEPTEMBER 10—RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 13—CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS at 6:00 pm
SEPTEMBER 24—FELLOWSHIP FISH FRY
OCTOBER 29—CONFIRMATION at 10:30 am

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First Lutheran Church

August 2017

► Where is the Spirit Calling Us To Go?

In August, it will be 10 months since I have started. There have been some exciting new things that have happened, but more is to come. Here are some of the new things that have happened, but don't stop there in this article, please read on to hear what is coming.

1. Church-wide study on Daniel Plan
2. Sermon Series on Daniel Plan
3. Shared Lenten Services with St. Paul United Methodist
4. Adult Lutheran Catechism classes
5. Kris and I were trained as Stephen Ministry Leaders and are putting together a plan of implementation
6. SCRIP program has started and the youth are benefiting from the sales
7. Equal Exchange program has started and again, the youth are benefiting from the sales
8. VBS this year was combined with St. Paul and First Presbyterian and promises to be something very special
9. Ecumenical VBS worship service
10. Ecumenical picnic
11. We have video announcements in the sanctuary and in the Welcome area. The TV in the

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welcome area was repurposed from an Eagle Scout project TV that was sitting for the last two years unused.

12. Recordings of the worship and sermons are now posted on our website

13. A new website design was put in place

14. Luther Book Library opportunity and free library for FLC

15. New LED bulbs and fixed fixtures in sanctuary, donated

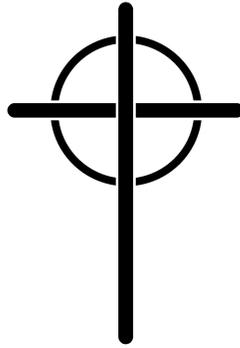
16. New LED bulbs in many rooms, donated

17. We have two Assisting Lay Ministers, and more to be trained when they become available. (See Pastor Doug to become an ALM)

There are other things I could list, but this is a lot for now. This does not include baptisms, new members and a whole host of good stuff. Let's get on to what is upcoming. These items are not cemented in stone. Some are more fluid than others, but this gives a good picture.

1. Sermon series in August on "Spiritual Gifts"
2. Eight-week adult study on Spiritual Gifts
3. 16-week confirmation study on Spiritual Gifts
4. Book Study on "Christian Caregiving, a Way of Life"
5. Stephen Ministers Training
6. Reformation Book Library opportunity and free library for FLC
7. Spirit Connection worship service
8. Spirit Connection band
9. Training for two people to attend Mediation Training, paid for by a grant from the Nebraska Synod
10. More replacement LED bulbs inside building, donated
11. Reformation Tree to be planted in place of the one that came down in the storm
12. Improved wireless mics for Pastor and Assisting Lay Minister
13. Internet access in the sanctuary
14. Live broadcast of worship services
15. Council retreat to work on leadership and look at where FLC currently is and what it might look like a generation or two from now. Through this we can develop plans to take FLC into the future. This

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will not be done in a bubble. We are in the beginning stages. More to come.

As you can see, in just ten months, we have done a lot. Now in the next six plus months, we have more opportunities. There is something missing, but not forgot. Most of what was done and what is to be done, relates to ministries inside of First Lutheran. This is not to say these are not important. In fact, there is some very important ministry going on here that will prepare us to do ministry outside of the four walls of First Lutheran.

This congregation has been challenged over the last several years. Much has changed and there has been some heart ache. It has not been an easy road. Do you recall what happened to Jesus following his baptism?

¹Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. ²There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving.

Common English Bible (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Lk 4:1-6.

Are you all starving and ready? It was following His temptation by the devil that Jesus began His ministry. We have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. We have been equipped as the Saints. Jesus has promised to be with us to the end of days. Now is the time for ministry!

The council and I are looking for what you all are passionate about in ministry. Let's give it a shot and see how it goes. We will not know how it will turn out until it is tried. What do you want to do? What do you want to be involved in? Where is the Holy Spirit calling us to go?

[And Jesus said], I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.

The Holy Bible: The Contemporary English Version (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1995), Mt 28:20b.

Peace and blessing in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Doug

Worship at First Lutheran

August 6, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5 Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5
Psalm: 145:8-9, 14-21 Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21



August 13, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18 Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15
Psalm: 85:8-13 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

August 20, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Psalm: 67 Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

August 27, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6 Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8
Psalm: 138 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



August Flower Chart

August 6 (Altar) Given by Marv and Kathy Muirhead in honor of the August birthdays of Lacey Hernandez, Rylie Johnson, and Liam Johnson.

August 13 (Altar) Given by Fader
(Chancel) Given by Linda and Jan Conrad Johansen in honor of Anna Vorhes, guest harpist.

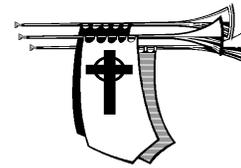
August 20 (Altar) Given in honor of our two faithful and long-time office administrators: Kerri, 11 years, and Betty, 22 years. We thank you for your faithfulness, smiling faces and willingness to help the members and friends of First Lutheran.

August 27 (Altar) Given by the Muirhead, Johnson and Hernandez families in memory of Darlene Clausen.



Anniversaries This Month

Bob and Jean Brodersen	August 14
Ron Frank and Pat Krontz	August 8
Jim and Sally Hansen	August 15
John and Barb Koskovich	August 4
Brian and Molly Leiting	August 12
Marvin and Kathy Muirhead	August 20
Gary and Bev Rautenberg-Panko	August 31
Chris and Melissa Reyes	August 25
Rick and Joan Robinette	August 20
Todd and Diane Sands	August 31
Brandon and Gracie Trautwein	August 16
Brian and Melodee Van Berkum	August 14



Congratulations

Zoey Lynn Oatman, daughter of Ryan and Katie Oatman, was baptized July 16. Zoey's sponsors were Kelli Long and Mark & Kelly Oatman. The congregational sponsor was Kim Long.

Congratulations to Chris and Michelle Kinnaman on the birth of their daughter, Tinley, on Thursday, July 6. Tinley weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches long.

Summer Worship

Summer worship continues with 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.

One exception: There will be one worship service at **10:00 am** on August 6. This will be the VBS program.

Happy Birthday

Mike Adam—August 5
Kelsie Brown—August 7
Ken Conley—August 2
Jeana Davis—August 9
Linda Fischer—August 27
Preston Fischer—August 23
Fred Glover—August 24
Amy Grace—August 18
Harriet Hansen—August 12
Lacey Hernandez—August 5
Shelly Hinds—August 29
Diane Hirschbach—August 14
Pam Knudsen—August 28
Haley Koeppel—August 31
Helen Koskovich—August 21

Carol Krieger—August 11
Jennifer Lieber—August 22
Ronda Litras—August 24
Ed Matz—August 3
Pat Matz—August 28
Roger Monk—August 6
Susan Monk—August 9
Kelli Perez—August 8
Bob Porter—August 16
Joan Robinette—August 12
Lance Swanson—August 21
Rick Thramer—August 19
Brandon Trautwein—August 17
Shelby Walsh—August 14



Youth Birthdays

Aidan Arneson—August 22
Kaitlyn Cain—August 11
James Diew—August 1
Kendall Gill—August 28
Daxton Grace—August 10

Raegan Jensen—August 9
Liam Johnson—August 27
Rylie Johnson—August 17
Teagan Kinnaman—August 19
Madilyn Schutt—August 17



Spirit Connection Band

Still Seeking Members!

The Spirit Connection Band is already starting to play at Sunday services, in preparation for launching the all new Spirit Connection Contemporary Worship service on Sunday, September 10th!

But we still have openings for musicians—both singers and players are needed. Lead and backing vocalists, guitar, keyboard, brass, woodwind, and strings. Sorry, the Kazoo section is already filled.

You don't have to play/sing every week and there are certain times of the year where we need a bigger variety of instruments (Advent, Easter, etc.). So even if your time is somewhat limited, we can still find a place for you in the band! We do rehearse once a week, a little more often during seasons with additional services.

Contact J.R. Reider, Contemporary Worship Leader, at 712-281-0867 or via email at jrreider@flc.org to get more details! Full band rehearsals will start in early August! There are information and sign-up sheets in the entryway on the welcome center desk. Please complete one and drop in the collection plate or leave it in the office.

Help our congregation Catch the Spirit! We NEED your help!

Produce

If you have an excess of garden produce, the Food Bank would love to distribute it. Food Bank distribution is on the first and third Thursday of the month. Any donations of produce may be left in the kitchen.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Be involved!

Help give hope to people overseas.
Help them fight disasters, poverty and disease.

Along with the quilts that the Saturday Quilting Group sends to Lutheran World Relief, members of the congregation can become involved by making the following kits.

Do not enclose kits or any of its contents in plastic bags.

(These kits need to be brought to church by October 22nd.)



School Kits



To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford.

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| *Four 70-sheet notebooks of ruled paper app. 8 1/2 x 10 1/2; do not include loose leaf paper | *One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well) |
| *One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler w/centimeters on one side and inches on the other | *Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band |
| *One pencil sharpener | *Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band |
| *One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14 1/2 x 17 1/2 with shoulder straps | *One box of 16 or 24 crayons |
| | *One eraser app. 2 1/2 long |

All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack items in the bag and close.

Personal Care Kits

When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, it's often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush...and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world.

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| *Two bath-size bars of any brand of soap in original wrapping | *One adult-size toothbrush |
| *One light-weight bath-size towel, dark color recommended | *One metal nail clippers |
| | *One sturdy comb |

All items should be new and in good condition. Leave toothbrush in original packaging. Remove packaging from nail clippers and comb. Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

Christian Education Update

We are gearing up for VBS and the new school year. It's very exciting to join efforts with fellow churches in South Sioux to provide a Vacation Bible School for the younger children of the community. The Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church will be helping us to host and facilitate the program "Hero Central". This will be a fun and exciting way for our children to hear the stories of how God's heroes have Heart, Hope, Wisdom and Power. VBS will run from Sunday, July 30 to Wednesday, August 2 from 6 pm-8:30 pm with a meal provided for those who want to come early starting at 5 pm. On Thursday, we will participate in the Dakota/Thurston County Fair parade. Details for where to meet and time will be handed out during Bible School.

Rally Sunday will kick off our Sunday School program September 10. We will have games and a picnic to celebrate coming back together for the school year. We are going to change our Sunday School program a bit as well. Due to the busy schedules of high schoolers and confirmation age children, we will not offer Sunday School classes for 6th grade and up. Instead, for that age group, we would like for them to join us as helpers with the younger children if they are interested. Our program this year will continue on with our VBS theme of Bible Heroes up to Christmas, and then explore Parables to Easter. It is important that children come together to hear the Word of God. The lessons that are taught in Sunday School stay with children their entire life. If you have a child between age 3 and 5th grade, we hope that you will make Sunday School a priority this year.

Denise Kleinberg
Christian Ed

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 Mary Blessing, who passed away Wednesday, June 21. Services were held Monday, June 26 here at First Lutheran.

Ottie and Jackie Gierman and family, on their death of their son-in-law, Daryl Austin, on Friday, July 14. Services were held Tuesday, July 18 at Sunnybrook Community Church.

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry committee collects “Pantry” items each month to donate to the needs of our community. The Pantry items collected this month will be elementary school emergency supplies (underwear, socks, sweatpants, and Kleenex) and back to school food snacks for the Siouxland Family Center, Haven House, and CSADV. Also being collected are nonperishable food items for families in need. Please leave your donations in the cart in the entryway.

Sound & Video Help Needed!

Hey—were you an Audio/Visual geek in high school? Are you someone who loves to manage the remote, smartphone or tablet? We need operators willing to help manage the projection and sound system at both services! It’s really easy to manage—you help set the sound levels before the service, then monitor the sound and change the slides as needed during the service. We’re looking to train several operators—high schoolers are welcome! Please contact Pastor Doug or J.R. Reider for more information!

HELP!! (cont.)

be there every week. You would work out a schedule among yourselves in your grade group, and decide what days you can assist and what days others can assist. As my daughter has said many time ... “Lots of hands means little work.”

Be missional and be part of a growing church, doing what God has called all of us to be part of, mission. Jesus promises to be there with us. Take Him up on His promise! Please reach out to me if you would like more information on how to become a confirmation mentor. Without the mentors, there may not even be confirmation.

¹⁹Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
The New International Version (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), Mt 28:19–20.

Pastor Doug

A Smile

A smile costs you nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich and mighty that they can get along without it, and none is so poor but that they can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature’s best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, and none needs a smile so much as the one who has no more to give.

HELP!!

Your help is needed this fall. What for you ask? To keep the church and this congregation alive and thriving. How can you be involved in that? The youth are the future, just as it was 20 and 50 years ago. Just like it will be 20 years from now.

The only way that this congregation can survive is through mission. As I have spoken about in sermons before, we have two choices on how a congregation can operate: either mission or chaplaincy. Chaplaincy means closing doors at some point. Mission means we are reaching out and consequently, growth is the natural outcome.

Confirmation will be starting in September. The goal is to have 12 mentors to assist in the grade groups of 6th, 7th and 8th. So far, I have only heard from three people willing to help. Being a confirmation mentor is missional, and thus keeps this congregation growing. If we do not get the needed mentors, confirmation will suffer. Confirmands will not have the learning opportunity they need to keep involved in this or any other congregation. They also lose out on the opportunities and so do those who the confirmands encounter, the new life from Jesus. How can that be? Because the new life is not just at death but here and now. If they are ignorant of who and what God does for us in Jesus Christ, how can they partake in that new life, here and now?

Knowledge is key to understanding what God did and does for us in God's love for us in Jesus Christ. This knowledge is very formative during confirmation. A bad experience there could cause the youth to leave the church after confirmation, if not sooner. They may never return and the result is that we are then concentrated in chaplaincy, just taking care of ourselves (us adults) and the doors will close.

Time commitment is not as much as you may think, especially if we get the 12 mentors. This means that you would not need to

Thank You

Patty Matz-Thank you for the pretty prayer shawl brought to mom by Pastor Doug and for the visit too by Pastor Doug. It was really appreciated.

St. John Lutheran, Albert City IA-Thank you very much for generously offering your paraments to our church. The white and green are so beautiful and will add to our worship services when the seasons to use white and green are here. We thank you for them. The symbols are exquisite.

Social Ministry Committee-Thanks to all who have donated items in the grocery cart this month. The pantry items, clothes, and personal hygiene items were delivered on June 26. Also in the cart were items for VBS.

Find Us on Facebook

“Like” First Lutheran on Facebook. You can find us at www.facebook.com/firstlutheranssc. Check it out! Church services and other interesting things are posted frequently.

Spirit Connection Coming September 10th!

Ready to Catch the Spirit? Contemporary Worship returns to First Lutheran on Sunday, September 10th at 10:30 am! The “Spirit Connection” Service features a new leader, new band, new service and new music! You can expect contemporary worship that is fast paced, with lots of music and interaction!

We're already previewing some of the music—the Spirit Connection Band is playing during parts of the summer service at 9 am on Sundays. *Come and Catch the Spirit!*



Starting September 10th at 10:30 AM...

Weddings, Anniversaries, Funerals

POLICIES:

WEDDING AND ANNIVERSARY RECEPTIONS

A donation to the First Lutheran Church Women of the E.L.C.A. is requested as follows, based on attendance:

1 ó 50	\$75.00	151 - 200	\$ 105.00
51 ó 100	\$85.00	201 ó 250	\$ 115.00
101 ó 150	\$95.00	251 ó 300	\$ 125.00

If food other than cake, punch, coffee, nuts and mints are served, there is an additional charge of \$25.00. If sandwiches are to be made, the meat and cheese should be sliced or the filling prepared by the family.

FUNERALS:

Church members will help at funerals by providing and serving cake and/or salads and coffee. The family will pay for any additional food; it is customary to make a donation to the Women of the Church.

Non-member funerals will be charged the same as for weddings. Only cake and coffee will be served unless there is a special request for additional food provided by the family.

OTHER:

Anyone using the church kitchen for a non-church related activity requires:

1. Checking with the church office for availability and fees.
2. A 30-day notice to enlist First Lutheran Women to serve activities, other than funerals.
3. First Lutheran Church to be reimbursed the cost of kitchen supplies used for fundraisers.
4. The presence of a Woman of the E.L.C.A. for use of kitchen appliances and/or contents (i.e. dishes, pans, silverware, punchbowls, etc.)
5. Dishwasher use requires a Woman of the Church who has had formal training; an additional fee will be applicable based on the time required, with a minimum fee of \$25.

Pastor Doug's Office Hours

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

Other hours by appointment.

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

Reformation Commemoration Service

Sunday, October 29, 2017

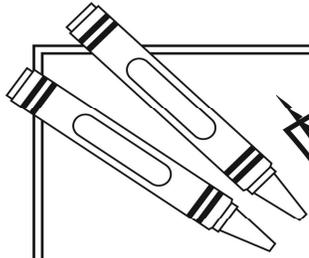
2:00 pm-5:00 pm

St. John's Parish, Creighton University,
2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE

Save the date for a Reformation Commemoration Service to be held jointly by the Nebraska and Western Iowa synods at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 at St. John's Parish on the Creighton University campus in Omaha, Nebraska.

Bishop Brian Maas of the Nebraska Synod and Bishop Rodger Prois of the Western Iowa Synod will be leading the worship service. The service also will feature choral music to help commemorate the occasion. Representatives of the ELCA's ecumenical partners will be invited to attend and participate.

A reception will follow the service. More information will be made available soon.



PUZZLE

BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

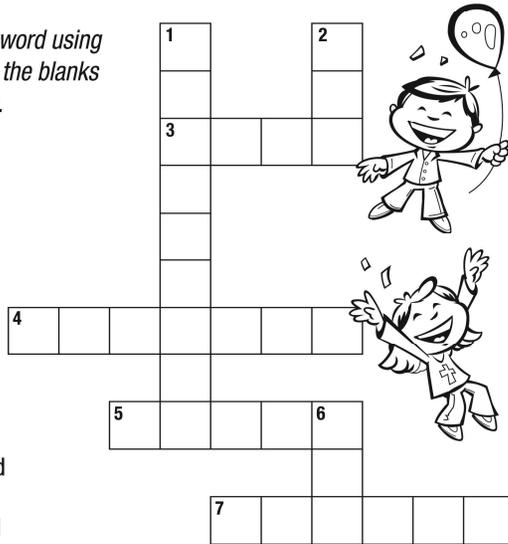
Directions: Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

ACROSS

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)
4. What you do when you're very happy
5. A song written by David
7. Full of joy

DOWN

1. People who obey God
2. Our Creator
6. The month after April



"But may the 1. _____ be 3. _____ and
 4. _____ before 2. _____; 6. _____ they
 be happy and 7. _____." 5. _____ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV

Lutheran World Relief

In 2016, Lutheran World Relief distributed 153 projects (quilts, kits, soap, etc.) to 4.7 million people in 35 countries with 129 partners. Now it is time to think about preparing more kits for shipment in November.

You can find lists of the supplies needed to complete School, Personal, Baby Care, and Fabric Kits on the bulletin board in the entryway. Wrapped bars of soap are also needed. Please have these items to the church by October 22.

If you would like to fill a School Kit Backpack, there are several backpacks available on the bulletin board. Take one, sign your name, and return by October 22.

Siouxland Food Bank

On Thursday, July 6, 2,825 pounds of food and 625 pounds of fresh produce was provided to 70 households. The 70 households represented 135 adults and 123 children. Thanks again to the young people that came to help and to the faithful volunteers that come every time. It couldn't be done without your help.

Eighty-five households received 3,155 pounds of food on Thursday, July 20. Also available were 30 dozen ears of corn donated by Chuck Beermann. There were 187 adults and 149 children in the households. The help unloading the truck and helping the people with the boxes of food is very much appreciated.

Men's Work Event

A men's work event will take place at 8:15 on August 23. 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.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation

To commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in a spirit of mutual reconciliation, repentance, and hope, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha and the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are hosting a prayer service in Omaha on September 11th.

The September service will be held at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church (2650 Farnam) on Monday, September 11th, at 7 p.m. Archbishop Lucas of the Archdiocese of Omaha will preach.

Both bishops will co-preside at each service, and all are welcome and invited to attend. The services will use *Common Prayer*, a resource developed by a joint commission of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Lutheran World Federation. The *Common Prayer* service is based on the joint ecumenical document, *From Conflict to Communion*, which calls on Roman Catholics and Lutherans worldwide to affirm their common faith.

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation is a celebration of the fundamental aspects of faith that the two bodies share in common. The two sides are committed to discussing their remaining differences with honesty and humility. By participating in these two prayer services, Roman Catholics and Lutherans give public testimony to the shared virtues of repentance and reconciliation, thanksgiving and hope through the merits of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *Soli Deo Gloria!* (To God alone the Glory!).

Who would like to carpool to this event?
Contact the office and let's get a bunch of us to go.
Pastor Doug will be attending.

Circle II News

Seven members of Circle II met at Perkins East for our June meeting. Each month we bring oleo and/or napkins for the Soup Kitchen in Sioux City. Two of our members volunteered at the Soup Kitchen in June.

Circle I News

All ladies are invited to join us on the 3rd Monday of the month at 2:00 pm. We clean the kitchen every three months (July was our month to clean). We donated \$50 for school kits for Lutheran World Relief. Circle I and II will serve two of the VBS meals. We bring items monthly for First Lutheran's food pantry.

Lydia Group News

Lydia Circle meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00. Our current Bible Study is from Women of Faith, it is called "Resting in Him".

Lydia has been making rhubarb pies and selling them for our project fund. We are getting ready to serve a meal for VBS (pizza). For Lutheran World Relief, we are doing Baby Care Kits and Fabric Kits. We welcome any women who would like to join us.

Sunday School

August 20 will be the last day of Summer Sunday school. Summer Sunday school is held during the church service. Youth will leave church after the children's sermon. Rally Day is September 10 at 9:30. Regular worship times (8:15 and 10:30) will also resume September 10.
