

OCTOBER 3-WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL **MEETING at 7:00 pm** OCTOBER 15-K-2 CLUB at 12:00 pm **OCTOBER 25—MEN'S BREAKFAST AND CLEANUP at 8:15** OCTOBER 29—ONE WORSHIP SERVICE/ **CONFIRMATION at 9:30 am NOVEMBER 23—OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 17—ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 9:30 am** DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP at 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm **DECEMBER 25—OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 1—OFFICE CLOSED** JANUARY 9-WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL **MEETING at 7:00 pm**

Church Office	494-5461
Douglas Dill, Pastor	402/235-6969
passorooug@ncssc.org Kerri Durant, Administrative Assistant Betty Barto, Administrative Assistant Chris Knudsen, Custodian Jennifer Durant, Nurserv	712/574-7946 494-3026 404-0626 712/577-1162
Jane Krogh, Organist	494-1630
J.R. Reider, Spirit Connection Leader	712/281-0867
Joey Hartshorn, Music Director	712/389-4492
Church Council (* Executive Council) *John Koskovich, President *Lee Novak, Vice-President *Denise Kleinberg, Secretary, Christian Ed. *Sue Hunter, Treasurer Kathy Anders, Fellowship Judy Blessing, Evangelism Mike Gill, Stewardship Terri Gotch, Support Jayden Grove, Youth Randy Grove, Youth Randy Grove, Property Deb Kenny, Social Ministry Brandon Trautwein , Worship & Music Altar Care: Lectors: Mary Wolf Ushers: Worship & Music Committee Women of the ELCA Chair: Bonnie Prosser	494-3421 712/281-9444 712/635-4006 494-1758 274-4383 255-7775 494-4430 987-1057 712/490-2097 412-2135 494-4697 494-4697

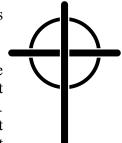


October 2017

Ministries of First Lutheran	INSIDE
Being a disciple of Christ, a follower of Jesus, is a free-willed loving and gracious response to a loving and gracious God!	• October 2017 calendar
I was recently speaking with someone about the ministries of First Lutheran. They asked me to name some of the ministries. I	• Words from the Pastor
believe they did not think that we had many ministries here. Not only do we have a bunch, the impact is significant upon Siouxland. I will name	Youth News
some of, but not all, the ministries. Why not all? Well, to be honest, there are ministries that happen that I don't even know about for sure. If I forget yours, please do not feel offended.	• Women of the ELCA schedule
Food Pantry, Food Bank, AA, Al Anon, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Prayer Shawl	• Birthdays
Ministry, Winter Scarf Ministry, Quilters, Social Ministry: supporting multiple other ministries, Christian Ed (VBS), Evangelism Ministry:	 Anniversaries
supporting multiple other ministries, Dakota Co. Amateur Radio Club, WELCA Circles: supporting multiple ministries, Worship & Music: bringing worship to all who come, TOPS, SHARE, and	 Financial Reports

www.flcssc.org office@firstlutheranssc.org

multiple ministries supported through collections in Welcome Center/Entry.



I can list these out, and some you may not have even been aware of. Your donations to First Lutheran help support each of these ministries. What you may not be aware of is that without those dollars, First Lutheran would have to shut their doors to these ministries. Without the funds

to pay for utilities, pay for staff, upkeep of the properties, then we would be forced to close our doors to these ministries, and eventually, close the door to all who want to come in.

Ministry is very important. We are called by Jesus Christ to be participants in ministry. Our presence in this world today can be the light upon the hill. Jesus says in Matthew 5:14, 14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid." (NIV) We cannot let these ministries fail; we must support them. Jesus continues in Matthew 5:15, 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (NIV)

You have heard me say it before, First Lutheran Church was not put at 3601 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City, by accident. God has put us there. Not to cover the light, but to be the beacon of light. To let the light shine in the darkness of the world. The reality is this my brothers and sisters: we need to invite, we need to support, we need to welcome, we need to give, we need to get along so we can do all the things that we are called to do.

I know the answer to the question I am about to ask you all. I will not give you the answer, but ask yourself this: would they notice if First Lutheran of South Sioux City, was no longer here? Pray upon this. I posted an article related to this same question on August 15 on our blog site. If you did not get a chance to read it, I invite you to do that now. If you do not have internet access, I will have a few copies in the welcome area of First Lutheran. Here is the link to the blog site: http://www.flcssc.org/wordpress/2017/08/15/would-they-notice/

Let me leave you with the Words of God from Isaiah, chapter 60 (NIV)

60 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

In the name of our Lord and Savior,

Being a disciple of Christ, a follower of Jesus, is a free-willed loving and gracious response to a loving and gracious God!

Pastor Doug

► Worship at First Lutheran

October 1, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

 First Lesson: Ez. 18:1-4, 25-32
 Second Lesson: Phil. 2:1-13

 Psalm: 25:1-9
 Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

October 8, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7Second Lesson: Phil. 3:4b-14Psalm: 80:7-15Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

October 15, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9	Second Lesson: Phil. 4:1-9
Psalm: 23	Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

October 22, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7	Second Lesson: 1 Thess. 1:1-10
Psalm: 96:1-13	Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

October 29, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jer. 31:31-34 Psalm: 46 Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28 Gospel: John 8:31-36

October Flower Chart



October 1 (Altar) Given in honor of Chris Knudsen in appreciation for his 28 years as our faithful custodian. Thank you, Chris.

October 8 (Altar) Given by Chris and Denise Kleinberg.

October 15 (Altar) Given by Dob and Carol Zastrow in honor of their children: Karlie Zastrow and Brett, Molly and Lincoln Benson.

October 22 (Altar) open

October 29 (Altar) Given by Jenni Durant in honor of her wood badge project dedication and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



Anniversaries This Month ◀

Dana and Barb Bring Jerry and Jeana Davis Dennis and Linda Fischer Fred and Flo Frey Mason and Amy Groth Chris and Misty Hedquist Kimon and Ronda Litras Andy and LeAnn Mohning Lane and Carol Ostendorf Rick and Manon Thramer

October 11 October 4 October 21 October 28 October 10 October 18 October 1 October 20 October 27 October 9



Congratulations <

Sophie Rose Chytka and Myles Thomas Chytka, children of Mark and Laci Chytka, were baptized September 17. Sophie's sponsors were Pam Stolze and Rex Stolze. Sophie's congregational sponsors were Wilbur and Sandy Larson. Myles' sponsors were Wendy Lacey and Kayne Montang. Myles' congregational sponsor was Rita Todd.

Fellowship <

The Fellowship Committee will be having an Italian meal on Saturday, November 11. More details to come later!

Daylight Saving Time ◀

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

► Happy Birthday

Renee Anson—October 8 Dana Bring—October 16 Sam Curry—October 25 Ranelle De Jong—October 11 Claire DeRoin—October 25 Douglas Dill—October 29 Cathie Galvin—October 11 Jace Graves—October 24 Nathan Groth—October 1 Sara Gunderson—October 5 Stacev Hamilton—October 18 Mel Hansen—October 10 Rick Heuertz—October 29 Melissa Jensen—October 15 Linda Johansen—October 3 Diana Jones—October 8 Bill Kendra—October 26 Andrea Kleider—October 26

Greg Kleider—October 9 Becky Knudsen—October 9 Sharie Lieber—October 22 Patty Matz—October 31 LeAnn Mohning—October 3 Bob Oberg—October 5 Sharon Parker—October 18 Kaylana Pedersen-October 29 Amanda Phommavong—October 21 Mike Rich—October 13 Jennifer Rosenbaum—October 20 Ray Schleusener—October 10 Audra Thramer—October 19 Jarren Wallace—October 30 Jensen Wallace—October 30 Michelle Wallace—October 24 Randy Walsh—October 11

Myles Chytka—October 4 Diew Diew—October 3 Nyaluet Diew—October 3 Sara Diew—October 14 Madison Gunderson—October 20

Raelyn Hamilton—October 12 Katelyn Lieber—October 28 Abigail Orlando—October 1 Lincoln Phipps—October 25

► Giving Statements

We now have the ability to email giving statements. If we have your email address on file, we will email your giving statement to you. All others will be printed and available at the Welcome Center. Please pick up your giving statement to help us further save on postage costs.

Everything Happens For a Reason \blacktriangleleft

What is "Wood Badge"? The object of the wood badge course is to demonstrate practical aims and methods of scouting. We start out as Cub Scouts until we reach Eagle Scout. This course is for adult leaders and is pretty much an Eagle Scout project for leaders. During the course you learn a blend of scout craft skills, practical troop operation, with a variety of leadership exercises. The primary purpose is to strengthen scouting in our units, districts and local council.

What is a "wood badge ticket"? The ticket was created to help you realize your personal vision of your role in scouting. Ideally, you write your own ticket. The ticket consists of three parts:

- 1. A description of your role in scouting.
- 2. A statement of your vision of success.
- 3. A mission composed of five significant goals that can be attained within 18 months.

Tickets must be "SMART" (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time based). My ticket last fall when I completed the cause, which was approved by the Wood Badge Committee, was denied by the Mid-America Boy Scout Council this fall. With a change in committees, they didn't want me to disrupt anything at the Little Sioux Ranch Camp in Little Sioux, Iowa, where four scouts and 48 others were injured. I was supposed to put in a small prayer garden, but it was recently denied. But as I said, everything happens for a reason. Since Thrivent Financial sponsored me, and the church was very gracious in letting me put on a coffee bar fundraiser, I decided to do my "ticket" at our church. I have put a new tree close to where the other tree fell in the storm this summer. I had Earl May plant the tree, a non-fruit producing Jack Pear tree, in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. I will have stepping stones from the tree to the rose garden. I will also be cleaning up the rose garden and painting the benches and sealing them. In the spring, I will buy some more roses when they are available again.

I would like to thank everyone who supported me and donated. Please know that I appreciate it very much. Thank you to the Church Council and Executive Council for letting me do this here at the church. A big thanks to Lydia Group for supplying food for the coffee bar fundraiser. I also couldn't have done this project without the help from Randy Rahn, Marla Bianchini, Boy Scout Troup #451, and the church youth group.

It's really heartwarming the absolute love and caring our church has for scouting.

– Jenni Durant

P.S. Also, please plan on attending the dedication on October 29 at our church service.

► Thank You

First Lutheran Church Food Pantry-Thanks to First Presbyterian Church for their donation of food and to Salem Lutheran Church for their monetary donation. Fifty-one food boxes were distributed in July.

► Food Bank of Siouxland

On Thursday, September 7, 3,472 pounds of food and 500 pounds of fresh produce were distributed to 88 households, providing food to 174 adults and 129 children. Fresh garden items from the local Cooperative Living Gardens was also given to the people.

On Thursday, September 21, 3,510 pounds of food (also fresh garden produce from Cooperative Living Gardens) was given to 162 adults and 98 children living in 80 households.

The students from the South Sioux City Schools that are helping us again are much appreciated. They are very helpful in unloading the morning delivery truck and in the afternoon helping carry out the boxes for the people.

Come and see what goes on in the Fellowship Hall the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Volunteers are busy unloading the truck, sorting the food and then giving it to the people. We invite you to stop in any time to see what is happening—10:00 am-11:30 am or 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. You will see 20+ members and friends of First Lutheran and SSC students busy sorting, filling people's carts with food and helping them to their vehicles. You might want to stay and join in the fun and show your Christian love for those receiving the food.

Women of the ELCA \triangleleft

WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL MEETING <u>Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.</u>

Program: The Part Time Trio **By:** Tim Niemeyer, Fred Washburn, Steve Stouffer **Hostesses:** Jackie Gierman and Beth Koster

��� CIRCLE MEETINGS ���

LYDIA GROUP	October 12,	2017	7:00 p.m.
	LEADER:	Rose Dudley	
	HOSTESS:	Sue Hunter	
CIRCLE I	October 16,	2017	2:00 p.m.
	LEADER:	Lee Mathiaso	n
	HOSTESS:	Joann Kleinbe	erg
CIRCLE II	October 10,	2017	9:15 a.m.
	LEADER:	Group	
	HOSTESS:	Jan Durant	



Bible Study "The Apostles' Creed" Lydia: "Resting in Him: I Need to Slow Down But I Can't!"



► With Deepest Sympathy

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

Carl and Shirley Hansen, on the death of Shirley's brother, Clayton Millie, who passed away Wednesday, August 30. Services were held Tuesday, September 5 at Moser Memorial Chapel in Fremont.

► Social Ministry

The Social Ministry committee collects "Pantry" items each month to donate to the needs of our community. The Pantry items collected for October are food items for families in need. Please leave your donations in the cart in the entryway.

► Future of the Body of Christ

You have heard it said that, the believers are the body of Christ. That is true, oh so true. Just like any body, there are times when it is no longer young, times that it gets tired, and times that it is sick.

²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰ for we are members of his body.

The New International Version (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), Eph 5:29–30.

We are the body here and the future includes our youth. For them to stay in church, body of Christ, we need to support them in any way possible. During baptism, we bind ourselves with God and the person being baptized. *The presiding minister addresses the assembly*. People of God, do you promise to support <u>names of those being baptized</u> and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

The assembly responds **We do.**

Reformation/Confirmation Service

Remembering the 500th anniversary of the reformation, we will have a special service on October 29. There will be a single service at 9:30 am. We will also be celebrating the confirmation of two of our youth. In addition, we will be dedicating the new tree that was planted in front of the church, for the Reformation and the Lutheran Catholic dialogs.

Why a single service and why at 9:30 am? Simple, the youth will be the leaders of the service. They will be the lectors, ushers and communion assistants. Who better to lead than the future of the church? Sounds like another reformation even.

As your pastor, I will deliver the sermon and confirm the two confirmands we have. But the youth will be doing as much of the rest of the service as we can possibly have them do. That means even the prayers and other parts of the service that do not require, for good order, an ordained minister.

Since this will be a combined service, I have directed our music leaders to work with each other to combine their talents into one unified service of worship. It is my hope that there will be hymns and praise music, along with choir and handbells. It is further my hope that the wide variety of musical talent will be blended on the instruments into a cohesive wonderful expression of worship of our God.

Please join in supporting our youth, our music ministries, and our confirmands during this service. Please plan on a 9:30 am service on October 29. Bring some guests so they can be a part of a wonderful new experience.

Being a disciple of Christ, a follower of Jesus, is a free-willed loving and gracious response to a loving and gracious God!

Peace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pastor Doug

► Equal Exchange

Please consider supporting our youth in purchasing from our Equal Exchange table. Not only do the profits from this go to our youth, but you are also part of world wide ministry. When we purchase coffee, tea, chocolate and other items, the farmers are receiving a fair price for their products. This allows them to compete with large corporations and support their families. Support the youth and small farmers around the world.

Being a disciple of Christ, a follower of Jesus, is a free-willed loving and gracious response to a loving and gracious God!

Peace and blessings Pastor Doug

► SCRIP

Please consider supporting our youth in ordering SCRIP cards. SCRIP is a way of purchasing gift cards for common items like gasoline and restaurants. It is not limited to just those; there are many other options. This costs you nothing but what you would spend already. First Lutheran will get a percentage of what is purchased. That in turn will be put towards youth events. There is a book on the welcome center with all the vendors available. We take the orders on the first Sunday of the month. The cards will normally be available the following Sunday. Support the future of the youth.

Being a disciple of Christ, a follower of Jesus, is a free-willed loving and gracious response to a loving and gracious God!

Peace Pastor Doug

Future of the Body of Christ (cont.) ◀

After the baptism, we continue our covenant with the following: *A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.* Let us welcome the newly baptized. *The assembly responds.*

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

If we take this covenant seriously, which I hope we do, then it is incumbent upon us to respond accordingly. Supporting the youth is one part of the future of the Body of Christ. You can support the youth through your donations, purchase of Equal Exchange and SCRIP cards, by becoming a confirmation mentor, by supporting youth groups and by being part of the confirmation service, where the youth now take on the responsibilities of their baptism and we promise to again support them.

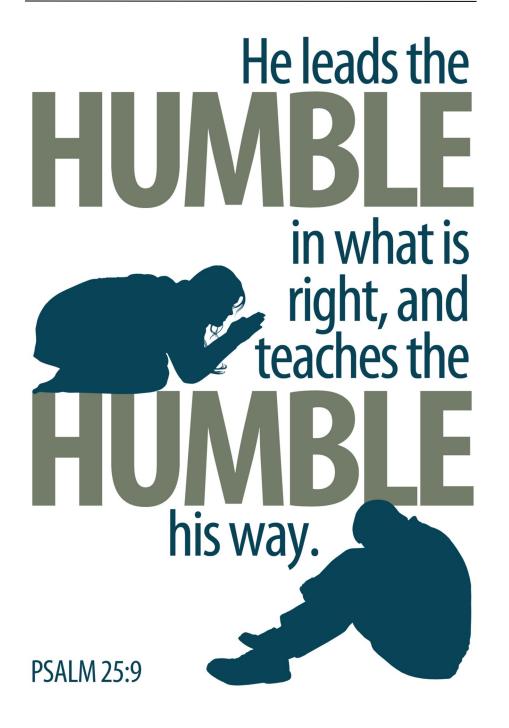
We cannot support the youth unless we are healthy ourselves. We need the youth there for us to stay strong but we also need to act in healthy ways. Last month you heard what Jesus says about conflict: take it to the person, if that does not work, take two others with as witnesses. Lastly, take them before the church. Jesus goes on to say forgive, not seven but seventy times seven times. (Matthew 18:15-22)

Believe me, the youth can see problems easier than you and I see the log in our own eyes. But worst of all, they begin to emulate what they see. When they see that their parents and other adults do not attend regularly, then they do not. When they see the adults do not attend Bible studies, they do not. When adults do not attend fellowship events, the youth will not. When there is a lack of volunteers, it tells the youth, do not volunteer.

To build up the body of Christ, we are called to support and love one another. That is the emulation our youth need and they will be supported in their growth into the body of Christ.

Being a disciple of Christ, a follower of Jesus, is a free-willed loving and gracious response to a loving and gracious God!

Peace be unto you. Pastor Doug



Weddings, Anniversaries, Funerals

<u>POLICIES</u>:

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 - 50	\$75.00	151 - 200	\$ 105.00
51 - 100	\$85.00	201 - 250	\$ 115.00
101 – 150	\$95.00	251 - 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.



Support Committee

The Support Committee joins all members in praying that First Lutheran Church can be a consistently, profitable, and viable entity in the South Sioux Community. We are proud of the many programs that your hard earned dollars help support and provide to and for our congregation. We are busy working on tightening the budget proposal for 2018. We ask your help in sustaining a balance in our fiscal responsibilities. **God's** presence can make a dramatic difference in our lives and we are asking you to pray for your church and church family. Ask not what your church can do for you but, ask what can you do for your church! If that is your question: the committee's answer is to please give of yourself and commit additional financial support to sustain our quest to deliver God's word.

Time is of the essence we need your generous financial commitment today.

As you consider this giving request, please remember **God** loves a cheerful giver!

Thank you!

Choirs ◀

Why is Music Important?

A choir helps a singer develop and improve their musical gifts. A choir adds creative artistry and beauty to a worship service. A choir is an open, welcoming and diverse group. The choral process reflects the mission of the universal church.

We need to stop and think about all we are giving up when we lose a choral presence in corporate worship. I think decreased emphasis on choral music in any church is costing us dearly. We need to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord. Why have a voice if you can't or won't lift it up to the Lord? Prioritize and make the time, be part of the Senior Choir, Handbell Choir or the Youth Choir.

I'm in need of members for all three groups; please call me at 712-389-4492, for all inquires.

The Lord thanks you, I thank you and you will thank yourself.

-Joey Hartshorn

Lutheran World Relief <

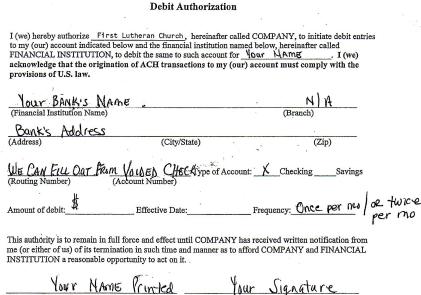
Sunday, October 22 is the deadline for bringing LWR projects, kits, etc. to the church. A sample of the items will be on display on Sunday, October 22.

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.

If you would like to fill a School Kit backpack, there are several backpacks on the Women of the ELCA bulletin board. If you need more information regarding these projects, please call Lee Mathiason (494-6125).

Giving Made Easy

Here is a way to make your monetary giving simple and easy. Like the saying "Set it and forget it!", it is with Electronic Funds Transfer. You fill out the form to allow the bank to remove the funds from your checking or savings account in the amount of your choosing and the date of each month you want the "check" disbursed. Below is a sample form for your use as a guide. Once it is completed, signed and returned to the church office with a voided check, your giving will be automatic from then on; yes, you can make changes to the amount any time you want. There would be no more missed giving, no more giving envelopes, no more writing out a check and no more guilt because you missed giving because you missed a church service or have to play catch up. Your contribution will be received by the church and can be counted on each month for that amount. It's just that easy! Forms can be found at the Welcome Center.



<u>New NAME (rin-ted</u> <u>Jour Signature</u> (Print Individual Name) (Signature) <u>Today 's Daris</u> (Date)

PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM.

Spirit Connection ◄ It's a New Way to Worship! Join Us!

It's a new worship experience--The **Spirit Connection** service started at 10:30 am on September 10 and it's gaining more momentum every week! It's a contemporary service full of music with a Lutheran message!

Are you a family with children? Bring them for Sunday School, then enjoy the service afterward—they love the music...and so will you!

If you listen to contemporary Christian music on the radio, SiriusXM or stream online, you're hearing the same music you will experience LIVE on Sunday mornings at 10:30!

And we play LOTS of music—up to 12 songs on Communion Sundays! It's a new Lutheran worship service for a new time.

We currently have a seven-piece band—and we bring in guest singers and musicians to play and sing along with us! We'll also do some special services throughout the year. (Watch for a special combined service on October 29th for Reformation Sunday! Details to come)

Haven't attended church lately? You're missing a great worship experience. Bring yourselves, your family and friends! Come and join us at the Spirit Connection service! We'll be playing music for **YOU**!

Your Music Talent is Needed! <

The Spirit Connection band needs YOUR help! If you play lead guitar or drums/percussion, we're looking for YOU! Join us and help bring an exciting new worship experience to First Lutheran Church! Contact J.R. Reider at 712-281-0867 or email at JReider@flcssc.org.