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May 2018



Obeying Christ and Opening Doors to Faith

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The deadline for the June Newsletter is May 17.

Worship at First Lutheran

May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

Psalm: 98

Gospel: John 15:9-17

May 13

Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

Psalm: 1

Gospel: John 17:6-19

May 20

Day of Pentecost

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Second Lesson: Romans 8:22-27

Psalm: 104:24-34, 35b

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27

The Holy Trinity

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

Psalm: 29

Gospel: John 3:1-17



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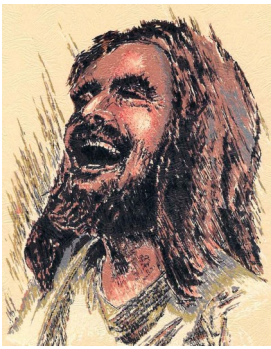
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A Letter from the President (not that President)

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

As a congregation we have had our trials and tribulations over the last few years. We have lost members we have loved. We have lost members that left our congregation to go spread the Gospel and learn of the Lord elsewhere. We keep all of them in our thoughts and prayers. We have also gained brothers and sisters of the fellowship to help spread the Gospel of the Lord near and far.

There is a plan for us in the eyes of the Lord. It is going to take a lot of undertaking in this next year. We are changing not only as people of the faith, but as a congregation. I know change is hard. Everyone fears one thing, and that is change. I think that is because when it comes to change it comes with the unknown. Change can be good. Change means we are evolving as people of faith. We need change at times to make things happen for the better. We all can't change by ourselves but if we change as a congregation we can handle any storm that comes to us. Deuteronomy 31:6 says "*be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you, he will never leave you nor forsake you.*"

Part of this change is that we are going to be more digital, which is good; it allows anyone to donate anytime to our church. We will be able to help anyone get set up with this. We have also seen an increase in hits on our website; our YouTube viewings have gone up as well. I know this all scares everyone here. Which, given time, we can and will prove that moving towards the digital age for our church will help. It won't happen overnight. I know we are a hurry up and show me the results type of society. But we need to be patient. Patience will be the key to all of this.

We have things that are going to be going on as well. We have camp trips and leadership lab for the kids. We have the flea market in August. We are trying to get a golf outing for the church and the community to be a part of. With doing these events not only do we get our church's name out there, but we are spreading the gospel when we do. We do have things that we need help with that we don't have in the budget. Instead of us asking for more donations from our current members, I would like to ask that everyone who has a Thrivent account get ahold of Burt and put your Action Dollars to work for us. We have \$25,000 that our congregation has in Action Dollars that can be designated to our congregation to help fund VBS, more dances, and the ability to help fix things within the church that have been neglected over the years. Also, everyone that has Thrivent has Choice Dollars that they can designate to any charity they want. As members of the church we hope and pray that you will designate your Choice Dollars to us. The Choice Dollars are a use it or lose it.

If you don't designate them you lose the chance to do so. So please designate those dollars to YOUR church, my church, our church. Let's do some fabulous things for the church.

We want to make the experience of being involved in the fellowship for everyone to be enjoyable and a release from the stresses of life. We want you to come to church and enjoy some good coffee at the Coffee Bar. Have some conversations for the day with friends. Smile and laugh. We all can be better followers of Christ when we trust that each of us is doing the right thing for our church. We need to spread positivity, not negativity. We need to spread good news about things that are happening here. We need to be kind to each other. We need to look upon each other as brothers and sisters of Christ and that we can all help make OUR church better every day.

A reminder that the council meets the third Sunday of every month after second service. Please come and join us. We want your input and ideas. This is YOUR church just as much as it is my church or the pastor's church. We have so many good things going on with us that I would love to meet with anyone who wants to know the good. We are very much alive and active in the community. Anyone that has not met me I am usually hanging around with the kids between 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. I also try to get to both services twice a month. Let's have a chat anytime.

Chad Cain

New Ways of Giving Back

¹³ Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

You may recall that last month we announced that there would be new electronic giving options available very soon. Well, soon is now. May 31 will be the last withdrawal of electronic funds. We are asking that you switch to our new system as soon as possible and cancel the former option with the First Lutheran office.

There are many ways to electronically give and now there are ways to direct your funds to specific funds within the congregation. You can sign up at <http://giving.flcsc.org>. You can also give by texting to 402-557-0882 and follow the instructions given. Lastly, you can download the EasyTithe™ app from the Google Play Store or from the Apple Store. During the month of May, between worship services, we will have people helping assist those who wish to do electronic giving.

The council realizes that electronic giving is not for everyone, but it is for some. Electronic giving from EasyTithe™ will allow for you to decide what funds you want to give to. It allows for you to change how you give, at any time. With electronic giving, there is no more remembering cash or checks. There is no need to put aside the money when you are not able to make it to church. You can give: one time, weekly, bi-weekly and monthly. Give it a shot and see if it is for you. You won't know until you try. We will also be making electronic giving cards that can

be placed in the giving trays and re-used the following week.

With EasyTithe™ we now can give our guests a way to contribute even if they don't carry cash or checks on them. They can just pull out a cell phone. On our website, we can now take payments for a variety of items. Right now, there is a registration form for the New Members/Spiritual Gifts class. Like always, there is no charge for education. However, we can take the registration and if someone would like to donate towards the cost of the supplies, it can be done. We have also placed a link on the Live Video Feed page of the website.

EasyTithe™ will allow us to be able to take credit cards at other events or even for Equal Exchange at some point. The system is very robust and full of options. Ultimately, we are prayerful this system will equate to regular giving and, in the long run, more giving with the flexibility that EasyTithe™ affords ministries of First Lutheran.

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¹⁴ "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Peace and blessings

Pastor Doug

Why I Give

I grew up on a farm during the 1950's. That decade was not a good decade economically for farmers. My family was very committed to activi-

ty in the church. My dad served two terms on the Congregation Council. My mom was active in the Women's Group. So I grew up immersed in the church and in faith in Jesus Christ.

One day I happened upon my parent's giving statement for the year—\$100. WOW! \$100. That seemed like a lot of money to me. And, considering how we scrimped to make ends meet, it was.

All the time I was in college I didn't have much money to contribute, but I did find a little to put in the offering plate.

After getting married and settling into a job, I found a church to join. Remembering what my parents gave, I tried to match what my parents gave. No matter that my income was quite a bit greater than theirs.

As I continued to grow in faith, I grew in gratitude to Jesus. I involved myself in many activities. But something seemed to be lacking. One year we had a Stewardship program that introduced us to the art of **TITHING**—setting aside 10% of my income to help share the good news of Jesus. It began to register in my brain that this was also a way to give thanks to God. I made the decision to work toward **TITHING**. It was a stretch to go from where I was to being a **TITHER**.

It took a few years to reach that goal. I was held back by fear that I could not provide appropriately for my family. An amazing thing happened. I discovered that not only did my family have everything we needed, but we were even saving. But

the most important thing that happened is that I grew in the joy of giving.

If you haven't already experienced the joy of giving, I invite you to focus on the great love of God and how we are partners with God to share the good news of Jesus through our giving.

Anniversaries

Doug and Kris Dill—May 27
Todd and Chris Gehner—May 30
Bill and Myrna Gotch—May 28
Chris and Melanie Graves—May 20
Gary and Marian Hayes—May 12
Terry and Deb Kenny—May 23
Scott and Cindy Koeppel—May 7
Brian and Chris Lake—May 16
Del and Sharie Lieber—May 22
Ronnie and Jennifer Rosenbaum—May 26
Jeff and Rita Todd—May 12

Congratulations

Eyan Henry Barr, Baylee Rose Barr and Coralyn

Elaine Barr, children of Nate Barr and Caitlyn Todd, were baptized April 1. Eyan's sponsors were Craig and Sara Todd. Baylee's sponsors were Kallen and Jordan Sparks. Coralyn's sponsors were Craig and Lindsay Todd. The congregational sponsors were Mike and Sue Hunter.

Nathaniel Thomas Barr was baptized April 1.

Isabella Suzanne Hunter-Junceau, daughter of Robert Junceau III and Kandyce Hunter, was baptized April 1. Isabella's sponsors were Kris Hunter and Caitlyn Todd. The congregational sponsor was Sue Hunter.

Taylor Jader Martinez, son of Jader and Shantell

Martinez, was baptized April 1. Taylor's sponsors were Jared and Nikki Nobbe.

Taya Marie Mohning, daughter of Andy and LeAnn Mohning, was baptized April 1. Taya's sponsors were Suzie Fischer and Jim Mohning. The congregational sponsor was Carol Ostendof.

Happy Birthday

Austin Bass—May 1
Judy Blessing—May 7
Maynon Burson—May 21
Suzette Curry—May 26
Dale Durant—May 13
Elaine Fader—May 18
Callie Foxhoven—May 4
Don Gagnon—May 9
Jill Gill—May 1
Robin Hansen—May 3
Joey Hartshorn—May 20
Chris Hedquist—May 1
Lance Hedquist—May 9
Sheila Heitman—May 19
Deb Kenny—May 27
Cindy Koeppel—May 20
Lukas Litras—May 22
Kay Lowell—May 27
Lorene Moyse—May 11
Lee Novak—May 18
Jackie O'Brien—May 24
Gary Panko—May 22
Milt Peters—May 19
Carolyn Slaughter—May 15
Janet Tondreau—May 7
Brian Van Berkum—May 24

Youth Birthdays

Ashlynn Cooper—May 25

Tyler Fader—May 24

Ashlyn Rich—May 18

Would They Notice?

LivingLutheran May 2017

By Kurt Lammi

“If your church closed its doors tomorrow, would the surrounding community notice?”

I imagine many of us have heard this line. It’s meant to encourage a congregation to be an active presence in their community, which is fine. In another sense, it can also be a serious guilt trip. It can make small congregations and their leaders feel like they aren’t doing enough.

According to ELCA Research and Evaluation, there are just over 3.6 million baptized members in the ELCA. Of those members, half worship in congregations with an average attendance of 150 or less. Out of the ELCA’s 9,392 congregations, 82 percent have an average worship attendance of 150 or less. Clearly, the ELCA is mostly made up of “small congregations.”

Karl Vaters, author of *The Grasshopper Myth: Big Churches, Small Churches and the Small Thinking that Divides Us*, says more than half of all Christians in the world are involved in small congregations. That’s 1 billion people. Still, small congregations are often told they must be big to do important ministry.

If the local megachurch closed, would people notice? That’s a bit like asking, “If the local Walmart closed, would anyone notice?” Of course they would. On the other hand, if the neighbor-

hood mom-and-pop store—or a small congregation—closed, would anyone notice? Maybe, but probably not. But as it turns out, that’s OK.

It’s sad when a congregation of any size closes, but that’s not really the point of the question. It’s actually asking, “Does the surrounding community know your congregation for something in particular? What makes you stand out?” But those questions are based on competition.

When it comes to selling a product, competition is the name of the game. You want the customer to buy your product instead of the one next to it on the shelf. The local congregation’s role, however, isn’t to compete but to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. We aren’t in this to stand out—we are in this to proclaim the name of Jesus.

Does your congregation, regardless of its size, proclaim the name of Jesus? Do you share the love of God? Do you let people know that, in the midst of this hard life, God is still with them? If so, then keep doing what you’re doing.

Yes, if you’re part of a small congregation, the surrounding community may not always know about you. But remember, throughout the Bible, God had a tendency to work through people whom others didn’t expect.

Think about the 1 billion people in the world who are part of small congregations. Think of how half of all ELCA members attend small congregations. If the local small congregation closed, then the people of that church would certainly notice.

I’m not saying that we shouldn’t pay attention to the people in the community. Rather, I’m saying

church members, regardless of how many there are, need to hear and proclaim the good news too.

Because of that, small congregations have a special calling. We aren't the church version of Wal-Mart—and shouldn't be. We're much more like the mom-and-pop store—the one that knows the people who enter, helps them find what they're looking for, and sends them out with something they treasure.

That's not to say that the small congregation is better than a bigger one simply because it's smaller. Again, it's not about competition. It's about doing what God has called us to do. Big congregations play an important role—but so, too, do small ones.

So I pray that your church never closes and God continues to bless your congregation's ministry. I also pray that, amid everything that tells us to stand out and be noticed, you remember that it's not about recognition. It's about Jesus. If he is your focus, then it doesn't matter what size you are. Even if the surrounding community doesn't always know about you, there are still people who know about Jesus because of you. And isn't that the point anyway?

Kurt Lammi

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☼☼☼ CIRCLE MEETINGS ☼☼☼

LYDIA GROUP: May 10, 2018 7:00PM

LEADER: Marlene Heithold

HOSTESS: Group

CIRCLE I: May 21, 2018 2:00PM

LEADER: Group

HOSTESS: Donna Krontz
Lee Mathiason

CIRCLE II: May 8, 2018 9:15AM

LEADER: Group

HOSTESS: Jane Krogh



Bible Study

“Intergenerational Devotional”

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.

Bill and Linda Kendra and family, on the death of Linda's mother, Jewell Cavner, who passed away Thursday, March 22. Services were held Monday, March 26 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne.

The family of Dale Anderson, who passed away Friday, April 20. Services were held Monday, April 23 here at First Lutheran.

Live Video Feed

We now have a live video feed on our website. Visit flcsc.org to watch online if you are unable to join us on Sunday!

Cleaning Supplies Needed

If you would like to help support First Lutheran by buying cleaning supplies, the following items are used: Kleenex, glass cleaner, cleaning cloths, furniture polish, spray cleaner and sanitary wipes for the nursery. Please place any donations in the box by the narthex.

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting Sunday, May 6, at 9:30 a.m. This meeting is to approve the purchase of a new air conditioner for the sanctuary. The current air conditioner is unrepairable.

Altar Care

Volunteers are needed to help with altar care. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Anders (274-4383) or Sandy Larson (494-2135).

New Members

On April 1 we welcomed Cheryl Cale, Linda Hovde, Janice Knight and Beverly Rautenberg-Panko into our congregation. Please greet them warmly!

Music Ministry Volunteers

There have, again, been some questions about the amount of time that our music volunteers should be singing. I addressed this directly with our choir last month and reported their feedback. I again polled them, and the same feedback was given to me. The choir is happy with practice, music selection, quality of their performance and for them as volunteers they are happy with how often they sing and do not want to have an increase in their regular schedule. I am pleased with the fine work of our Choir Director, Joey Hartshorn, based upon the feedback that the volunteer choir members provided. In case you were not aware, not all the choir members are members of this congregation, but all are volunteers. Please, seek out the choir members and thank them for their hard work and their time of serving in mission through music.

Since I had not previously spoken with the Bell Choir, I took the opportunity this month to ask them similar questions that were asked

of the adult choir. Like the adult choir, there was accord in their responses. All felt that the time allowed for practice and work on new pieces was sufficient. They are happy with how often they perform and the choices of music. They too do not want to see a regular increase in their performance schedule. A few of them voiced some critique of the quality of their music on Sunday but also indicated that they would always like to be perfect but are trying the best they can. Like the adult choir, some of the Bell Choir members are not members of this congregation but volunteer their time to play. Please, seek out the Bell Choir members and thank them for their hard work and their time of serving in mission through music.

Joey Hartshorn, our Adult Choir, Bells Choir, Spirit Connection keyboardist and substitute organist, has an extensive music and drama background. We are very fortunate to have such talent here to help lead in the music ministries and other ministries. Although she is a paid staff person, she also is a member who volunteers many hours of her time to the music ministries and drama ministries. All the Lent dramas and the Living Last Supper were her brainchild. We give thanks for those who put in their hard time alongside of Joey to make these ministries a success. We give thanks to God that Joey was sent to us by God and that God continues to use her for the benefit of ministry inside and outside of the four walls of this congregation. Joey will be attending a training for Bell Choir leaders over the summer. She has chosen to do this on her own. She has not asked for paid

time off nor reimbursement to improve her skills for the sake of the mission of the kingdom. Praise be to God, whose Spirit is the one that enters and remains with us in all that we do.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Consider joining the choirs and using the gifts that God has given you. To find out more about your Spiritual Gifts, take one of the Spiritual Gifts classes that we offer here.

Peace, in the name of the one who provides for us all.

Pastor Doug

Electronic Giving

Sign up for electronic giving at:

<http://giving.flcsc.org>

Download the EasyTithe app from the app stores.

Text give at:

402-557-0882



Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report - March 2018

Beginning General Fund Balance: \$ - 43,557.22

Receipts:

Contributions	\$18,104.16
Interest	62.43
Misc. Income	(64.80)
TOTAL:	\$18,101.79

Expenses:

Pastor's salary	\$ 3,458.34
Pastor's allowances / exp.	3,136.20
Auxiliary staff salaries	7,606.56
Payroll Taxes	578.08
Parsonage Payment/Utilities	807.60
Utilities	1,773.26
Grounds Maint.	26.95
Building Maint.	297.39
Office Expenses	47.98
Altar Care	30.25
Postage	257.60
Worship & Music	(27.54)
Insurance	(143.00)
Parish	334.28
Synod Convention	635.00
Youth	35.00
<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>545.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$19,398.95
Transfer to Capital Improvement:	\$ 100.00
Ending General Fund Balance:	\$ -44,954.38

March Attendance & General Fund Receipts

March 5	120	\$ 4,077.91
March 7	82	\$ 262.00
March 11	107	\$ 2,322.16
March 14	21	\$ 300.00
March 18	130	\$ 3,696.75
March 21	91	\$ 632.00
March 25	138	\$ 5,978.34
March 28	97	\$ 311.00
March 29	54	\$ 328.00
March 30	41	\$ 196.00

New Members and Spiritual Gifts

Do you want to become a member at First Lutheran? Well, you have that opportunity coming up this month. We welcome you to be part of the congregation. You do not have to have a membership to be involved here. The advantage of a membership is that you can vote in the annual meeting. You can serve on council and represent the congregation at Synod Assembly. Without membership, you cannot do those items, but you can be involved in any other way God is calling you.

On May 18 and 19, we will be holding the "New Members" class. From 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on April 18 we will be taking a Spiritual Gifts course. We will then meet on April 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. to continue

the course. We will also go over Luther's Small Catechism for the new members.

Please look for the signup sheet at the Welcome Center or contact Pastor Doug to get signed up. You can reserve your spot by calling the office, sending an email to office@flcsc.org or pastordoug@flcsc.org. You can also register for this event on the website at <http://www.flcsc.org>. There is no charge for this course but you can always donate, if you wish, towards the cost.

Lastly, I highly encourage everyone to be part of this class because of the Spiritual Gifts course that we will be taking. Even if you are a member already, consider signing up so you can take the course.

Looking forward to seeing how the Spirit calls you.

Pastor Doug

Text Notifications

Signup for Text Notifications from First Lutheran

Text flcsc to 797979

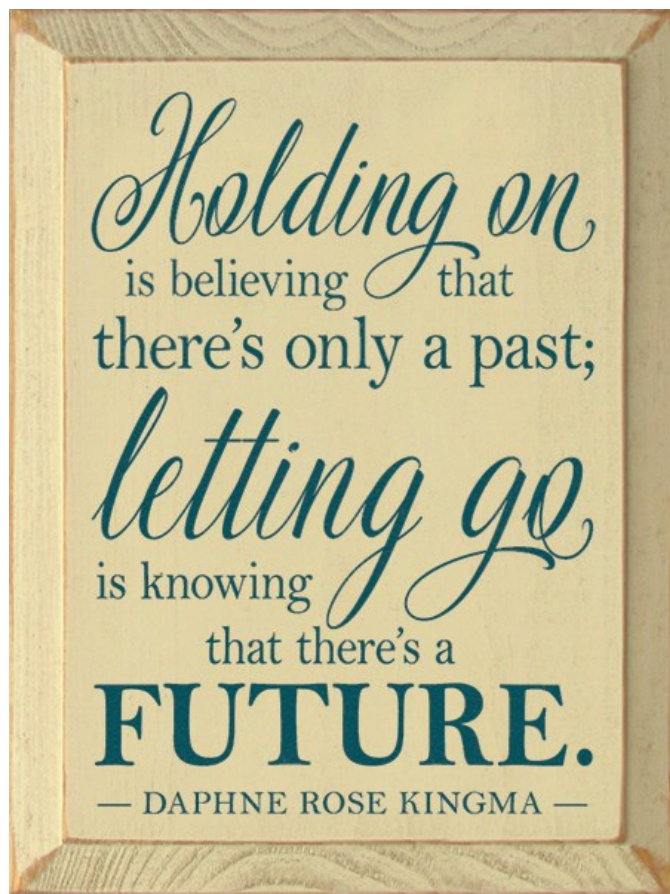
or use

<http://text.flcsc.org>



Vacation Bible School

We are looking for volunteers for Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joey Hartshorn (712-389-4492).



Thank You

First Lutheran Church Food Pantry-Thanks to Circle I, South Sioux City Optimist Club and Salem Lutheran Church for their donations of food. Fifty food boxes were distributed in March.

Gladys Hedquist-Thanks to Wilbur and Sandy Larson for delivering the cute Easter pail of pan-sies. I always look forward to receiving the holiday gifts from the church and Circle 2. I hope everyone had a blessed Easter!

Donna Krontz-Thank you for the Easter basket. It was very much appreciated.

Susan Monk-I am so very grateful for my church family. Helping me feel valued and motivated is the best for me! Thanks to Pastor and the volunteers for their visits. Thanks also for the flowers, Easter basket and the love of the Lord.

You Are Invited!

Please help Don Gagnon celebrate his 80th birthday on Wednesday, May 9 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Skyline Bar and Casino, 103 N Hwy 105, North Sioux City. Everyone is welcome!

Costumes Needed

Do you like to sew? We are looking for volunteers to sew costumes for the Children's Christmas Program. For more information, please contact Joey Hartshorn (712-389-4492).

Food Bank of Siouxland

The Food Bank of Siouxland is in need of empty egg cartons. They have a donor who brings eggs to the warehouse. However, the donor needs more egg cartons to keep the donation going. Thank you for considering helping the Food Bank out! Donations may be left in the cart in the entryway.

Graduate Recognition

At the 8:15 a.m. worship service on May 20 we will recognize all of our members who are graduating this year. If you or a family member is graduating from high school or college, please call the church office with the information so that they may be included in the recognition. We would also like to display pictures of our graduating seniors on the bulletin board in the entryway. Please submit your pictures to the church office.

Todd Strom, Superintendent of South Sioux City Community Schools, will be our speaker. Mr. Strom graduated from the University of Nebraska, Kearney, in 2012 with a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership.

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry committee collects "Pantry" items each month to donate to the needs of our community. The Pantry items collected for May will be food items for families in need. Also being collected are toiletries and household cleaning supplies for the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Please leave your donations in the cart in the entryway.

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.

Volunteers Needed

The Food Bank of Siouxland needs 100+ volunteers to help with the annual Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive on May 12. Sorting donated food will take place from 3:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. that day. Dinner will be provided. If you can help for an hour or two, please contact the Food Bank (712-255-9741).

May Flower Chart

May 6 (Altar) Given by Don and Lucy Gagnon in honor of Don's 80th birthday and Mark's 60th birthday and in memory of their son, Darrell.

(Chancel) Given by Scott, Cindy and Tanner Koepp in honor of Haley on her graduation from Wayne State College on May 5.

May 13 (Altar) Given by Jeff and Rita Todd in honor of all of the First Lutheran Church volunteers.

May 20 (Altar) Given by Lance and Linda Swanson; Breck Swanson; Papa and Grandma Larson in honor of the Class of 2018 Graduates, especially Sophie Swanson.

May 27 (Altar) Given by Pastor Doug and Kris Dill in honor of their anniversary.

(Chancel) Given by Pastor Doug and Kris Dill in honor of their anniversary.

MAY 6—SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR SANCTUARY AIR CONDITIONER

MAY 12—MOTHER'S DAY TEA at 1:30 pm

MAY 18 & 19—NEW MEMBER AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS

MAY 28—OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE 16—FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT at 3:00 p.m.

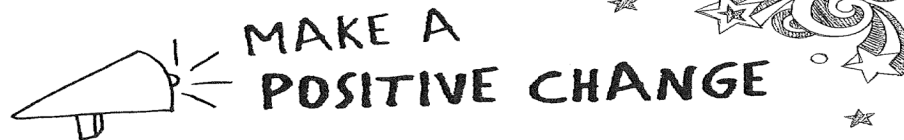
JUNE 24-29—RANCH CAMP

JULY 4—OFFICE CLOSED

JULY 21-27—LEADERSHIP LAB

SEPTEMBER 3—OFFICE CLOSED

OCTOBER 28—CONFIRMATION



Apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team

Want to help meet a need in your community? Thrivent Action Teams can help you get started!

If you're a member of Thrivent Financial, you can apply to lead a volunteer team in a one-time:

- Fundraiser
- Service activity
- Educational event



Thrivent will help you get started

Bring a team together—family, friends, community members—to make an immediate impact. We'll help you get started with:

- Resources to help you plan the event.
- Promotional items, including Thrivent T-shirts.
- Community Impact Card with \$250 of seed money.

Learn more at Thrivent.com/actionteam and apply online.

Not a member of Thrivent? Share your service idea with me. Together, we can make a difference.

Contact me for more information:

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Thanks to our May Volunteers

<u>May 6</u>	<u>May 13</u>	<u>May 20</u>	<u>May 27</u>
<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>	<u>Day of Pentecost</u>	<u>The Holy Trinity</u>

Lectors: 8:15 am Mary Wolf
10:30 am Daniele Feenstra

Lectors: 8:15 am Deb Kenny
10:30 am Janet Tondreau

Lectors: 8:15 am Tyler Fader
10:30 am Jill Gill

Lectors: 8:15 am Josie Geveshausen
10:30 am

Cantor: 8:15 am Chris Knudsen

Cantor: 8:15 am Tim Niemeyer

Cantor: 8:15 am Joey Hartshorn

Cantor: 8:15 am Brandon Trautwein

Acolytes: 8:15 am Julie Geveshausen
Jake Gill
10:30 am Diew Diew
Breck Swanson

Acolytes: 8:15 am Jessica Baker
Branden Lieber
10:30 am Nyaluet Diew
Michael Sigsbee

Acolytes: 8:15 am Aidan Arneson
Ashlyn Rich
10:30 am Drew Benson
Peyton Martinez

Acolytes: 8:15 am Tyler Fader
Autumn Phommavong
10:30 am Nate Feenstra
Britton Taylor

Ushers: 8:15 am
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Communion Assistants:
8:15 am Judy Blessing
10:30 am Chad Cain
Lee Novak

Communion Assistants:
8:15 am Kathy Anders
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10:30 am Chad Cain
Sue Hunter