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# First Lutheran Church

**February 2019**



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**Arise, shine, for  
your light has come...**

**Isaiah 60:1**

**The deadline for the March Newsletter is February 21.**

# Worship at First Lutheran

## February 3

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Psalm: 71:1-6

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

## February 10

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-13

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Psalm: 138

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

## February 17

### Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Psalm: 1

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

## February 24

### Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38. 42-50

Psalm: 37:1-11, 39-40

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38



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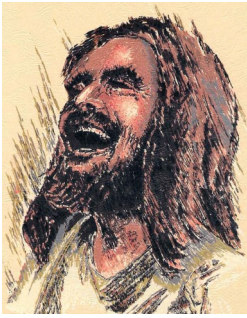
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## Now What? Pastor Doug

Church is the body of believers that come together to be the body of Christ here on earth. We trust that through the Holy Spirit, we are bound together to do Christian service in the world. The congregation is where we come to be energized and be insulated from the effects of the world.

Now what? What can we do? First and foremost, we need to pray. When things were at their worst, Jesus prayed. In the garden, Jesus prayed to the Father. Even on the cross that would bring death to Jesus, he prayed for others. In all matters, large and small, prayer is what is needed. Even when things are going well, we pray. Prayer is not just for when things are bad, or we need help. Prayer is needed all the time, and it is always the perfect place to start.

Now that the annual meeting is over and an overwhelming majority of people voted for a mission support plan that will allow First Lutheran to carry out ministries focused on God's people, it is time to come together and do just that.

Through the church, we believe that there can be healing and life through the gathering of Christians for the purpose of worship. If we did not believe so, then there would be no point of this gathering around the day that we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Christ Jesus. There is forgiveness in personal and corporate confession. There is forgiveness and life in the Eucharist.

Our family stands ready to continue to be part of First Lutheran and follow the call of God here. I am confident that you, too, stand ready to con-

tinue to be part of First Lutheran and follow God's call for mission to all of God's people.

The Father is not done, Jesus is not done, and neither is the Holy Spirit done with First Lutheran. Now is the time for us to come together, not apart. Now is the time to work with each other. Now is the time to learn to love one another, as He first loved us. Now is the time to move forward and carry God's Word into the world through mission and ministry. Now is not the time to shrink but to grow. Now is the time to be who God called us to be. Now is the time.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, we can do this. We can carry out God's call for us.

I believe with every fiber of my being that, through Christ, it is possible to move the mountain we have before us. I might not be able to do it on my own, but with you and Christ, we are going to do it!

When we collectively follow God's call, things will change.

When we are willing to step out of the boat, Jesus will be there.

When we cry out for help, God will answer.

When we praise God, all of God's angels respond in song.

Together in Christ we will be:

**Vision Statement:** Building upon the properties that God provides. To reach out in mission to the community,

**Mission Statement:** Loving others in Christ for outreach to all; while providing for God's diversity.

Martin Luther once said, "Miracles take place not because they are performed but because they are believed."

I am confident that 2019 will be a miracle year. God's got our back and we can do it with God's help.

Pastor Doug

## Anniversaries

Randy and Theresa Grove—February 27  
Clark and Gayle Kleinberg—February 13  
Wilbur and Sandy Larson—February 19  
Doug and Janet Tondreau—February 14

## Congratulations

**Pursuis Austin Grant and Kieran Louis Lasley**, foster children of Ron Frank and Pat Krontz, were baptized January 13. Sponsors were Destiny Krontz and Courtland Grant. The congregational sponsors were Gary Panko and Bev Rautenberg-Panko.

## Happy Birthday

Ruth Ailts—February 14  
Tom Barber—February 2  
Bob Brodersen—February 24  
Kerri Durant—February 4  
Chris Gehner—February 23  
Jackie Gierman—February 7  
Jessica Gill—February 17  
Terri Gotch—February 24  
Gordon Hansen—February 27  
Brandi Johnson—February 12  
Linda Kendra—February 11  
Denise Kleinberg—February 2  
James Kleinberg—February 21  
Chris Knudsen—February 27  
Tanner Koeppe—February 22  
Sadie Krontz—February 7  
Kathy Muirhead—February 11  
Hannah Niemeyer—February 3  
Diane Sands—February 24  
Angie Sorem—February 27  
Starla Sorensen—February 3  
Linda Swanson—February 8  
Manon Thramer—February 22  
Jeff Todd—February 24  
Rita Todd—February 21  
Nanci Walsh—February 14

## Youth Birthdays

Jessica Baker—February 9  
Drew Benson—February 5  
Ian Hernandez—February 28  
Carli Lake—February 27

## Happenings at First Lutheran

Just a brief article on some of the awesome things that have happened here at First Lutheran Church thanks to all who have donated time, energy and monies.

1. The Food Bank is held the first and third Thursday of each month. It is a really good feeling to help some of the needy people in our community. Our volunteers include several non-members of First Lutheran. The people that come through the line also give back. We had one woman give a whole bag of crocheted hats that were delivered to the elementary schools. We also receive lots of thank yous and God bless yous from them.
2. The coat rack is pushed down to the fellowship hall on Food Bank day. Participants can take what they need.
3. Social Ministry collects items in the shopping cart, which are given out to Haven House, CSADV and the Gospel Mission men with children. The team also sets up and collects the gifts on the Giving Tree and delivers them. Gift tags include Lutheran Social Services, Haven House, our shut-ins and some children of First Lutheran.
4. Fellowship team sets up an activity for most months of the year. Some activities are: game day, bingo, chili cook-off, craft fair and bake sale, etc. Please join us in these activities to get better acquainted with other members of First Lutheran Church.
5. Evangelism team reaches out to church members and visitors with calls and cards.

6. Lutheran World Relief puts together kits with the help of many church members and the Circles of the church.
7. There are many other things that go on during the year, including Christmas fruit baskets, spring plants for the shut-ins, homemade candy for the service members and college students, youth activities, fund raisers, etc.

Please feel free to join any of these activities and join the fun and wonderful feeling of doing good.

—Lee Mathiason

## Prayer of Thanks

Hello everyone. I would like the disciples of God to write prayers of thanks. You can start dropping them off, mailing them in or sending them via email. We will collect these prayers and put in the April Newsletter. Easter comes April 21 this year. Often some may look at Christmas as the best time of year and to be thankful for the birth. Agreed, it is a great time and without Christmas, there is no Easter. Without Easter, there is no gift of grace by Emmanuel who gave of Himself through death. Without Easter, we do not see the Mercy of God in the resurrection for us.

Thank you, Lord, for all that you have done for me. I thank you for my calling to be the pastor of First Lutheran and to serve in Your church as a pastor for all of Your children. You have blessed me and my family and I give you thanks for all. Amen.

Send your prayers to: First Lutheran, 3601 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City NE 68776. Drop them off in the office. You can also email them to office@flcsc.org.

Peace

Pastor Doug



☼☼☼ CIRCLE MEETINGS ☼☼☼

### LYDIA GROUP February 12, 2019 7:00 p.m.

LEADER: Kris Dill  
HOSTESS: Rose Dudley

### CIRCLE I February 18, 2019 2:00 p.m.

LEADER: Betty Bass  
HOSTESS: Jackie Gierman  
Sandy Larson

### CIRCLE II February 12, 2019 9:15 a.m.

LEADER: Group  
HOSTESS: Mary Wolf



### Bible Study

“The Gospel of John”

Lydia: “Living Above Worry and Stress”

## With Deepest Sympathy

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

The family of Kay Harris, who passed away Thursday, January 10. Services were held Saturday, January 12 at Meyer Brothers Morningside Chapel.



# Financial Reports

## Treasurer's Report - December 2018

Beginning General Fund Balance: \$ - 59,936.90

### Receipts:

Contributions	\$28,989.11
Misc. Income	123.80
Interest	10.54
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$29,123.45</b>

### Expenses:

Pastor's salary	\$ 3,458.34
Pastor's allowances / exp.	3,841.20
Auxiliary staff salaries	7,564.30
Payroll Taxes	594.64
Parsonage Payment/Utilities	771.10
Parsonage Imp.	800.00
Theological Conference	252.44
Utilities	1,370.30
Grounds Maint.	61.89
Building Maint.	259.56
Office Expenses	192.32
Postage	-27.64
Altar Care	36.10
Christian Ed.	209.00
Worship & Music	41.38
Bell Maintenance	1,000.00
Parish	863.75
Youth	74.00
Snow Removal	4,000.00
<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>545.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$25,907.68</b>

Transfer to Capital Improvement:	\$ 100.00
Transfer from other funds:	\$ 3,196.95
Ending General Fund Balance:	\$ -53,624.18

## December Attendance & General Fund Receipts

December 2	132	\$ 3,063.00
December 5	65	\$ 255.00
December 9	117	\$ 3,399.77
December 12	44	\$ 178.00
December 16	161	\$ 4,820.00
December 19	50	N/A
December 23	133	\$ 3,489.54
December 24	330	\$ 3,787.25
December 30	110	\$ 7,956.55
Online/Electronic Giving		\$ 2,065.00

## Thank You

**Jo Ann Garvey**-Thank you for the fruit plate and candy that was delivered to me by Jackie Gierman. I enjoyed it very much and appreciate the thoughtfulness!

**Haven House**-Thank you for your generosity during the holiday season. We wouldn't be able to give our clients and their children a Christmas without all your support. It is always so fun to see their faces light up and even tear up when they are given their gifts.

**Gladys Hedquist**-Thank you so much for remembering me at Christmas. I did so enjoy receiving the fruit plate from the church and lovely bag of assorted, much needed supplies from Circle 2. On a dark, very cold evening I thoroughly enjoyed the women's group who came by the house to sing beloved Christmas Carols for me. Their music was lovely and put all of us into a wonderful Christmas spirit. Thank you again for the gifts and gift of music. I wish each and every one of you all the best for our new Year. May 2019 have much good health and happiness for all.

**Helen Koskovich**-Thank you to the group that provided the beautiful plate of fresh fruit that was delivered to me by Jackie Gierman. It was very tasty, and came at a time when all I could

accomplish was some tea and a can of soup. Thank you for your kindness. Thanks also to Joey and the choir, who came to sing Christmas Carols. I appreciate the choir whenever they sing.

## Acts

We will be having a Bible study coming up on the book of Acts. The list of instructors and days is still being worked out. There will be a sign-up sheet on our activities table below the TV in the entryway.

Acts is a book of the early church. It is full of success and problems. The early church had some difficulty in getting off the ground. God made sure that the church was a success. God works through the Holy Spirit to bring about God's mission in the church.

Doing a study on Acts will be a great opportunity for each of us to learn and re-learn how to be church. It will be a great opportunity to share in the apostles' successes and failures. This will be a time of open sharing of what God is doing through the scriptures. I am confident this will be a great study.

If you are considering the study, then start to read the book of Acts now. You do not have to, but why not read the Bible anyway? Each week, there will be assigned reading. Anywhere from 1-3 chapters for the following week. Some chapters are smaller than others.

Then you will gather to have open and honest discussions about what you heard. I am going to let you in on a secret. Not always will you hear the Holy Spirit speaking to you in your reading. That is okay. Sometimes there are insights and sometimes not. Sometimes we are to be there for others who have insights, to listen and affirm. Sometimes it is us who brings the insight. Whatever the way, be open to the Spirit.

If you have never done a Bible Study before, this is the time to start. This is the book to jump in on. This study is an adult Bible study. If you are

in High School or older, come. Bring someone with you and you will be amazed at what happens.

I am excited to see what this brings.

Pastor Doug

## Giving Tree Thank You

Thank you for the present. I love it.

Thank you for getting stuff for me. Thank you for giving me great stuff. I love it!

Thank you so much for the presents! I love them.

Thank you for the present you got me.

Thank you for the legos, sketch pad, the cardinal shirt, pencil, color pencils, and how to draw dinosaur book. Those things are really cool and awesome.

Thank you for all the gifts your brought me and other kids. I love all these toys and clothes.

## Traveling Light

The theme for Lent will be based upon the book by Max Lucado, *Traveling Light: Releasing the Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear*. Often, we can find ourselves burdened down by guilt, fear, worry and so much more. The time of Lent is a perfect time to reflect upon what weighs us down and distracts us from what God has in mind for us.

Max Lucado's book uses Psalm 23 to take us on a journey of releasing those things binding us from responding to God. The sermon series will walk along with the chapters of the book, giving visual aids and expanding on what Max presents. We will look at Psalm 23 in context of First Lutheran and how we can become freed to respond. Free to be who we were meant to be. Freed in our brokenness to be whole again and hear that we are beloved by God in Christ Jesus and that He wants so much more for us.

There will be an order form for those who want

copies of the book. I highly encourage you to read along as we journey together. I have noticed that in the past, there have been only a few purchases of books to follow along during sermon series.

Showing up to church is not enough. God asks so much more of us. God asks us to invest in ourselves and in others. If you cannot afford the book, that is okay. Just order the book, you will get a copy. If you can donate to cover the book, do so. The books will cost \$12. You can also purchase on your own. They can be found at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, ChristianBook.com. This book comes in a variety of formats, but as a bulk purchase, we will be getting paperback copies.

Looking forward to the journey,  
Pastor Doug



## February Flower Chart

**February 3 (Altar)** Given by the McLarty family in honor of Denise Kleinberg and Jill Brown.

**February 10 (Altar)** Given by Todd, Melissa and Justin Baker in honor of Jessica's 14th birthday.

**February 17 (Altar)** open

**February 24 (Altar)** open



**FEBRUARY 10—POTLUCK/BINGO @ 11:30 a.m.**

**MARCH 6—ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**MARCH 10—CHILI COOK-OFF from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**APRIL 2—WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL MEETING @ 7:00 p.m.**

**APRIL 18—MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.**

**APRIL 19—GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.**

**APRIL 21—EASTER WORSHIP at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.**

**APRIL 22—OFFICE CLOSED**

**APRIL 28—FAMILY GAME DAY from 2-4 p.m.**

**MAY 12—MOTHER'S DAY TEA & COOKIES FOLLOWING BOTH SERVICES**

**MAY 27—OFFICE CLOSED**



# February 2019

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# Thanks to our February Volunteers

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<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> 8:15 am Marla Bianchini Ottie & Jackie Gierman Jan Johansen 10:30 am Mary Wolf	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> 8:15 am John & Tyler Fader Scott & Cindy Koepp 10:30 am Merle & Kim Long Mary Wolf	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> 8:15 am John & Tyler Fader Julie Geveshausen Jan Johansen 10:30 am Lonnie & Carolyn Slaughter	<b><u>Ushers:</u></b> 8:15 am Wilbur & Sandy Larson Randy & Nanci Walsh 10:30 am
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