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

Isaiah 60:1

The deadline for the November Newsletter is October 17.

Worship at First Lutheran

October 6

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Psalm: 37:1-9

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

October 13

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Psalm: 111

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

October 20

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

Second Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

Psalm: 121

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

October 27

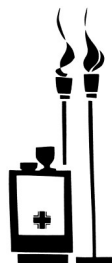
Reformation Sunday

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Psalm: 46

Gospel: John 8:31-36



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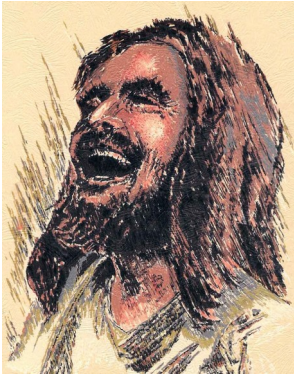
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Chant

What is chanting? That is good question. Recently the idea of chanting has been used in a negative light by some. Chanting is biblical and is used in multiple religious settings. Defined in the Nelson's New Christian Dictionary, a chant is: Melodic recitation of prose, especially the Psalms. Throughout the Middle Ages the Psalms were chanted in unison to a series of short, plainsong melodies known as tones.

You will note, *especially the Psalms*. The call and response in music with the Psalms is in itself a chant. Chanting is done by many monks during vespers. In the Lutheran Handbook, Vespers and Compline are spoken about. The daily services of readings and prayer, including Morning Prayer (Matins), Evening Prayer (Vespers), and Night Prayer (Compline). Note that Vespers, Matins and Compline relate to prayer just as chant does.

In Ezekiel, a chant of lamentation is mentioned at the desolation of Egypt.

¹⁵When I make the land of Egypt desolate
and when the land is stripped of all that
fills it,
when I strike down all who live in it,
then they shall know that I am the LORD.

¹⁶This is a lamentation; it shall be chanted.
The women of the nations shall chant it.
Over Egypt and all its hordes they shall chant
it,
says the Lord God.

From The Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms, **plainsong/plain chant** (Lat. *cantus planus*, "unaccompanied song"): An unmeasured, unaccompanied unison vocal melody sung in church during worship. It is often considered to be synonymous with the Gregorian chant and may be called "plain chant."

Where have you heard chants in Lutheran Worship? Most every Sunday you can hear a form of chanting. I choose not to chant because I am not comfortable with my ability, but you still get some of the chant in responses from the congregation. Where? In Kyrie, which finishes by chanting with "The Lord be with you" and the congregation responds with "And also with you." We only use a small portion of the possible chanting in our worship. We currently use setting two of the Lutheran Book of Worship. The prayers are all meant to be chanted. Note, prayers and chant work together.

Chant, Biblical, Liturgical, Lutheran and it is a prayer. Chant away to the Lord.

The Lord Be With You

Pastor Doug

Anniversaries

Jerry and Jeana Davis—October 4
Dennis and Linda Fischer—October 21
Mason and Amy Groth—October 10
Chris and Misty Hedquist—October 18
Kimon and Ronda Litras—October 1
Andy and LeAnn Mohning—October 20
Danny and Alisha Ostendorf—October 24
Lane and Carol Ostendorf—October 27
Rick and Manon Thramer—October 9

Congratulations

Britton James Taylor and Brielle Lee Taylor, grandchildren of Janice Knight, were baptized September 29. Sponsors were Tricia and Chris Dieger. Congregational sponsors were Gary Panko and Bev Rautenberg-Panko.

Happy Birthday

Ranelle De Jong—October 11
Douglas Dill—October 29
Cathie Galvin—October 11
Madison Gunderson—October 20
Sara Gunderson—October 5
Rick Heuertz—October 29
Melissa Jensen—October 15
Linda Johansen—October 3
Diana Jones—October 8
Bill Kendra—October 26
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
Ray Schleusener—October 10
Randy Walsh—October 11

Youth Birthdays

Myles Chytka—October 4
Daniel Gonzalez—October 8
Bubba Hartshorn—October 13
Grace Hunter—October 13
Katelyn Lieber—October 28

Photos Needed

We are putting together First Lutheran's 100 years in pictures that we will celebrate in the fall of 2020. If you have any pictures you would like us to include, please make copies (pictures won't be returned). Make sure to include the year, event and names of people. Please also include your name and phone number so we can contact you with any questions. Pictures can be given to Kathy Anders, Marla Bianchini, Judy Blessing, or the church office. Please have all pictures turned in by December 30.



☸☸☸ CIRCLE MEETINGS ☸☸☸

LYDIA GROUP October 10, 2019 7:00 p.m.

LEADER: Sue Hunter
HOSTESS: Vicky Johnson

CIRCLE I October 21, 2019 2:00 p.m.

LEADER: Lee Mathiason
HOSTESS: Donna Krantz
Lee Mathiason

CIRCLE II October 8, 2019 9:15 a.m.

LEADER: Linda Johansen
HOSTESS: Cathie Galvin



Bible Study

"Poetry of the Old Testament"

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 Deana Peck, who passed away Sunday, September 22. Services were held Thursday, September 26 at Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home.

Bill and Myrna Gotch and family, on the death of Bill's sister, Ruth Jensen, who passed away Thurs-

day, September 26. Services were held Saturday, September 28 at Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home.

Church Council Minutes

FLC Council Meeting Minutes - Wednesday August 21st, 2019 at

Attendance/Roll Call – Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm

Present: Pastor Doug, Chad Cain, Deb Ken-ny, Linda Johansen, Kathy Anders, Judy Blessing, and Trevor Brass.

Terry Sorem and Brandon Trautwein were excused.

Acceptance of Agenda – Sue moved to approve, Judy seconded. Ayes carried it, Linda opposed.

Prayer – Devotion from Martin Luther on Luke 6:36

Prayer – Lord, change them or remove them from our midst.

Reading of Vision and Mission Statements

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.

Guests - Rita Todd, Mike Hunter, and Jan Johansen are present as guests. Mike Hunter announced he will no longer do "supply pastorage" (substitute pastor when Pastor Doug is absent). Additionally, he shared points from his written questionnaire that he gave to the ELCA Nebraska Synod listening team last week (8.14.2019).

Minutes from July Council meeting & Executive Meeting – Sue Hunter moved to approve the July Council meeting minutes, Kathy Anders seconded. Ayes carry the motion.

The letter dated July 29th which was submitted by Gary Panko to the Executive Council on July 31st, 2019 was read aloud. Motion to accept as written by Deb, seconded by Sue. Ayes carried it unanimously.

Reports -

July Team Reports:

Worship and Music Report – Submitted orally by Rita Todd: Two leaking flower vases were fixed by Pastor Doug by spraying them with sealant.

Fellowship, Worship, and Evangelism team reports – motion to accept by Kathy, seconded by Sue. Ayes carried it.

Pastor Report from July 2019 read aloud by Chad Cain. Deb's motion to accept, seconded by Judy. Ayes carry the motion, none opposed.

Old Business

Tree removal – No updates.

Parsonage Work and Sewer Smell

May need new wax ring on toilet. Pastor Doug will call plumber tomorrow.

Sacristy Ceiling Damaged

The ceiling was never replaced from water damage 3 years ago

Randy Grove was to replace the ceiling tiles.

Sue and Deb have a plan in place with Terry, who will sheetrock the damaged area in the fall. Sue and Deb have offered to paint.

Food Pantry cabinets to be finished update – Randy Rahn must stain and install handles.

South Garage-Update – Terry will work on this.

Property Repair/Update/Replace

Repair of caulking on floor to ceiling stained glass windows –

Replacement of lights in sanctuary that light up Altar –

Replacement of incandescent to LED lights outside of choir loft –

Repair/replace tower lights –

Repair/replace trinity sign on tower –

Repair light on South side of metal FLC sign –

Repair/update lighted sign on Dakota Ave to LED –

Change of Entrance/Exit on Dakota Ave into FLC –

Deb & Terry Kenny installed new street-side parking lot entrance signs. Kathy and Judy helped.

Proposal to make double wide drive on South to Exit only with left and right turn lanes. Drive North of the double wide to be made into entrance only. Signage to indicate same for these locations.

Deb mentioned the signs can be adjusted easily once the new arrows are painted on the parking lot cement.

Sound equipment Protection

Power conditioner was purchased and installed and is working as expected.

Nursing Home Letter status

Latest letter received June 26 - Deb reported that nursing home disputes extent of repairs (in terms of which concrete is to be replaced - i.e. the curve of concrete around the corner) and wants to meet with a representative of FLC during business hours to discuss this matter.

Chad offered to meet, and Mike Hunter volunteered to tag along.

Response received from nursing home that they will begin repair.

Nursing home does not want to fix around turn by our garages.

Security Cameras –

One camera to be installed on garage. Need

electric to unit for it to function.

Picnic/Food/Band Shelter –

Need to see plan and estimated costs. Boy Scouts may be able to have this as an Eagle project. Waiting on Terry.

New Business

Sound cabinet has been modified for new sound board – Terry installed.

Carpets in hallway, bathrooms and sanctuary have been cleaned – Lee and Carrie Novak did this.

Correspondences received –

Custodian says that the new vacuum works great.

Anonymous said that Pastor Doug saved their life.

Letter from FLC member Nancy Sivill on August 12th, 2019: requested a transfer of membership from FLC, SSC to Hope Lutheran Church, SSC. Her motivation was the ELCA's recent announcement (early August 2019) regarding sanctuary policy for undocumented immigrants.

Her paperwork has already been sent to her new church.

Synod conflict update –

Bishop sent Pastor Doug an email saying that the listening team is currently compiling the data gathered during the listening sessions last week (8.14.2019). Future dates as to when the results will be presented are currently yet to be determined.

Sue Hunter proposed a financial assessment on those who signed the petition to remove Pastor Doug for the costs of responding to the petition. This is estimated for 3 churchwide mailings at about \$300 each (a mailing for *each member* was required.) The ultimate cost, in terms of paperwork and mailing expenses, is currently uncertain.

After discussion, Sue tabled her motion for next month.

Chad Cain made a motion for Kerri the church secretary to record her hours spent on handling matters regarding to the petition to remove Pastor Doug (supplies for mailings to each church member) - with these numbers to be published on an ongoing basis. Judy seconded this motion. Ayes carried the motion; Linda opposed.

Chad Cain made a motion to publish Kerri's hours spent responding to the petition and the physical costs in the church. Sue seconded the motion. Ayes carried the motion, no opposed.

Discuss attendance trends – Pastor Doug reviewed long-term attendance trends dating back to 2007, data which includes the previous two pastors at FLC, Pastors Kelley (2014-2016) and Jer (2006-2014). Trend: uptick until petition to remove Pastor Doug was circulated in May.

Mission Support Financial Reports and Status – Sue Hunter gave her report: Giving for July was down, giving was \$12,364, last month was \$15,000.

Pastor Doug has been in continual contact with the Bishop regarding FLC's finances. The practice of "rolling" FLC's deficit has been a source of continual confusion, but this practice is done by other churches.

Deb motioned to approve the Mission Funds as reported, Judy seconded. Ayes carry the motion unanimously.

2020 Theme Verse

Isaiah 6:8

"Here am I; send me!"

This was proposed by Pastor Doug for the council's consideration and reflection.

Open for other new business –

Pastor Doug: Announced he had registered for TheoCon in Kearney, NE (October 7th through the 9th) for \$200 and has booked his hotel. Will cost

\$515, slightly over the \$500 budgeted.

Prayer Shawl ministry: discomfort with Paula Reider attending in light of J.R. suing the church. A letter to her requesting that she leave the knitting ministry was drafted and read aloud. The letter was modified with council feedback, and signed by Kris Dill and the FLC Council. Sue made a motion to send the letter to Paula Reider, Chad seconded. Ayes carry the motion unanimously.

Rita Todd – Sunday School leadership and teachers are being arranged. Two more teachers will be necessary for Sunday School to be possible: Brianne Lake will be superintendent/instructor, Jenni Durant will also be an instructor. Linda Kendra, Rita Todd, and Deb Kenny have volunteered to teach Sunday school.

Mutual Ministry will be looking for a replacement for Gary Panko.

"God's Work, Our Hands" is coming – Sunday, September 8th – potluck for the congregation and working on Lutheran World Relief.

Fellowship – has accumulated money it has been trying to spend: looking to brighten some lights around the church, starting with the fellowship hall and the lounge. Lee Novak is looking at a price for this. Also, Fellowship is looking at the blinds in the fellowship hall as they are dirty and need to be replaced.

Pastor Doug – looking to replace the current fluorescent lights in the hallway, welcome center, and office with LED strip lights to save energy and bulb replacement costs. Lee Novak to look at costs.

Pastor Doug – has changed the confirmation program, it will no longer be on Wednesday nights. It will now be on *Sunday after the second service*. 8th graders to have their parents as a mentor, whereas 7th graders will need to find a mentor that is not a parent.

No more sermon notes – confirmand will instead attend a service with their mentor and discuss

and then journal.

Confirmands will be required to do service/volunteer hours, which will be tracked by the mentors.

This system can be run by a supply pastor/call pastor/interim pastor. Pastor Doug is attempting to set-up a smooth transition for FLC in the case that he is asked to leave in the near future as part of the Synod listening process.

Pastor Doug verbally recommended to the church council that they vote "yes" to whatever the Synod listening team recommends to the members of FLC once the team presents its report.

Close in Prayer – Deb's motion to close the meeting, Kathy seconded. Ayes carry it. Chad closed in prayer.

Next church council meeting is: Sunday, September 29th, 2019.

One Service

We will have one service at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 27. This is Confirmation Day for the 9th graders.

Al-Anon

Due to declining attendance, the Tuesday night Al-Anon group will no longer meet.

Social Ministry

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

Giving Statements

If we have your email address on file, your giving statement will be emailed to you after October 1. All others will be printed and available to pick up at the Welcome Center.

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report - August 2019

Beginning General Fund Balance: \$ - 7,616.53

Receipts:

Contributions	\$12,655.00
Misc. Income	40.00
TOTAL:	\$12,695.00

Expenses:

Pastor's salary	\$ 3,583.34
Pastor's allowances / exp.	4,459.06
Auxiliary staff salaries	4,074.08
Payroll Taxes	311.67
Parsonage Payment/Utilities	826.98
Parsonage exp.	132.68
Utilities	910.54
Grounds Maint.	123.96
Building Maint.	925.24
Office Expenses	312.15
Parish	120.66
Christian Ed.	323.00
Food Bank	400.00
<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>980.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$17,483.36

Transfer to Capital Improvement: \$ 100.00

Ending General Fund Balance: \$ -12,504.89

August Attendance & General Fund Receipts

August 4	119	\$ 2,637.00
August 11	105	\$ 2,581.00
August 18	132	\$ 1,835.00
August 25	125	\$ 3,087.00
Online/Electronic Giving		\$ 2,515.00

Church Council Correspondence

July 29, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is with deep sadness and a heavy heart that I need to inform you that I will no longer be available to perform any pastoral activity at First Lutheran.

I have decided to take this action following supply preaching on July 21. After first service, I was told that, "It was finally good to hear a good sermon." It was not a compliment, it was a spear launched at Pastor Doug. During the week, I was complimented on the service and that people had commented that going to church really felt like worship again. Again the launching of a spear at Pastor Doug.

I will not, I cannot allow myself to be used as a club against Pastor Doug.

I will continue for the time being as Chair of the Mutual Ministry Team at least until after the Synod Consultation. So this is my resignation from that team as of August 15. Other than that I will not involve myself in any other activity having to do with leadership at First Lutheran.

I wish you all well as you navigate this sea of conflict. You will be in my prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely,

Gary Panko

Thank You

Dakota City Elementary-We would like to thank you for bringing school supplies for our students. We very much appreciated it!

First Lutheran Food Pantry-Thank you to Circle I for their donation of food. Seventy-six food boxes were distributed in August.

God's Work, Our Hands-Thank you to those

who helped put together kits and backpacks. We packaged 50 backpacks, five fabric kits, 110 boxes of soap, 11 baby care kits and 16 personal care kits.

Harney Elementary-Thank you so much for the tote full of socks, underwear, tissues and notebooks. What a great gift to receive! We need ALL of those items. Thank you for thinking of our kids at Harney Elementary. It is so appreciated!

Janell Sila-Thank you to everyone for all you have done for me during my surgeries and recovery in the last 9 months. I appreciate it so much!

Correspondence

We are at the stage of the process where each individual gets to have their voice heard through a congregational vote. On October 20th we vote to either accept the recommendations of the synod or reject the recommendations of synod. This is a very important vote. I cannot stress that enough. I cannot state how important this vote is for First Lutheran Church. We are either going to be continuing the mission with Pastor Doug as the pastor of this church that God has asked us to do, or we are going to be in a holding pattern of that mission with an unknown time frame on our hands.

Currently we are, as I see it, a train going down the tracks at 90 mph with an engineer that has his hands tied. We are the only ones that can stop it by voting no. If we don't stop it the train is going to crash and burn. We need to vote no on the recommendations if we want to be able to keep the church's decisions and future in our hands. We need to vote no because we have made so many positive strides with our current mission at hand. Our mission of being more community oriented. A mission of taking the Word to the people as Jesus says for us to do. We have done this by doing the positive things such as a Pray Ground, Online streaming, Outdoor services, and a Contemporary Service and opening our doors for more groups to meet

here. I know we have done outdoor services before but Pastor has made it point to make sure the public knows about them by going on KMEG and talking about them. He has also taken on the job of doing all of our social media posts. Another way we have moved towards taking the Gospel to the people.

I love the fact that we have two services to choose from. It gives us the ability to give something for everyone to worship. I love the fact that we have a Pray Ground. I know I have seen plenty of smiling faces from the children in the Pray Ground but also the adults that watch them walk down the aisle every Sunday morning to take their place up front. I love the fact that we have online streaming. If I am having a bad day I can go back and watch Sunday's service. If I can't make it a Sunday due to life happening, I can watch it where I am. I am not the only one that gets a benefit out of the online streaming. We get about 20-30 hits for it either on Sundays or throughout the week. That's how we get to the people. I have seen new faces that enjoy our band at second service. That is amazing. All these things that we are doing and that Pastor Doug is leading us to do, is wonderful for us. We keep doing the right things we are going to continue to grow.

I don't want to give up on what has been accomplished so far. But if we don't have a Pastor that gives us his all, we will be doing a disservice to this congregation, to the children of the church, and the community that we have reached out to. If we don't vote no we will not have a pastor that would be able to continue what we are doing now. I am not saying Pastor is the be all, end all, but the reality is we will be having a Supply Pastor that comes in for service on Sunday and then leaves after, if we can even get one to come here. Once we get an interim it will be his way as written in the contract and approved by the synod. We have the Pastor we need to not only get us through this but will be able to continue to grow our ministry into the community.

Pastor Doug and his family are involved with everything that is happening in the church. I love that. I don't want a pastor that shows up on Sundays and leaves right away. I want a Pastor that is personable, that is reliable, and that is always there when you need him. When my grandma was in the hospital and was declining in health quickly, Pastor was there within 10 minutes of my phone call with him. He was there to help console the family, to help me get through it, and prayed with my family and grandma as she was passing. That is a pastor I want to be able say is my pastor and our pastor. How many others have had that happen to them? A loved one or yourself is not in the best of health and Pastor finds out about it his first thing is to call. Then he shows up and is there for you and the loved ones. That is a small sample of what our Pastor does and why we should vote No.

May you find peace as you meditate upon what the Holy Spirit is calling you to do.

Chad Cain

Craft Fair

A craft fair will be held here Saturday, November 2 from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. If you would like to sell a craft, registration forms are available in the entryway. Baked goods are also needed.

Crop Walk

The Dakota County Crop Walk is Sunday, October 6. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. here at First Lutheran. The walk begins at 3:30 p.m. Sponsor forms are available in the entryway.

Prayer Gathering

On October 19 at 6:00 p.m. come to First Lutheran for a Prayer Gathering

We will gather to pray in the sanctuary over each of the pews and the entrances to the sanctuary.

This will be a time of guided, individual silent prayer for healing, peace and reconciliation prior

to the congregational meeting Sunday.

Following the prayer time, there will be coffee and cookies to share.

All are encouraged to come and pray together.

Come and share time with the Holy Spirit and be in Christian community.

Lutheran World Relief

Sunday, October 20 is the deadline for bringing LWR projects, kits, etc. to the church. A sample of the items will be on display. 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).

Lunch and Learn

Come on Sunday October 27 for a free lunch following the Reformation/Confirmation service. At 11:00 a.m., Meyer Brothers Funeral Home will provide a lunch. There will be a short presentation on pre-funeral planning. Learn how this can help you and your family have peace of mind. There is no obligation to purchase, this is about planning. Following the presentation, there will be a question and answer time.

Church Building and Property

If you see something that needs to be picked up, please pick it up.

If you see something that needs to be wiped up, please wipe it up.

If you see something that needs to be put away, please put it away.

If you see something that needs to be refilled, please refill it.

If you see something that needs to be dusted off,

please dust it off.

If you see something that needs to be mowed, please mow it.

In other words, we need everyone pulling together to keep our Church clean and presentable—we are all responsible. If you see something that you cannot take care of yourself, be sure to let the office know so that LeAnn is made aware. The church is a home away from home. A clean church eliminates distraction, keeping the focus on beautiful surroundings, worship and prayer.

One Master

No slave can serve two masters.

—Luke 16.13

God I admit: so often
I am trying to look good.
I'm serving the master of being right.
I'm loyal to the boss of my ego.

But I can walk away from that master.
I am free to serve you,
to belong to your grace alone,
to seek only to receive and give love.

Faithful in small things, to be faithful in great,
I submit to your grace.
Help me each moment to examine my loyalty
and serve only your love, absolutely devoted.

Your love ... alone.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Unfolding Light

www.unfoldinglight.net

Scholarship Opportunities

There are lots of scholarship opportunities out there, but how many let applicants give back to their community in a very real, very impactful way?

LifeServe Blood Center has scholarships available to students now!

High school and college students who organize a successful blood drive in their community this December or January can score \$500 to put toward school! Scholarship blood drives help build and strengthen skills such as leadership, event planning, and communication.

This opportunity is drastically different than other scholarships – no essays necessary! Students who work with one of our representatives to set up a blood drive, serve as the blood drive chairperson, and have 40 donors register to donate the day of the drive will earn this scholarship! When the day's over, students will have made a significant impact in their community *and* earned some big bucks to put toward their education.

Do you know a student who has what it takes? Call 800.287.4903 or e-mail at blood-donor@lifeservebloodcenter.org to get connected with your area's rep.

2019 Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2019 has been hung up on the bulletin board in the entryway for anyone wishing to sign up to give flowers. The first name on the line gives altar flowers, which are \$18. The second name on the line gives chancel flowers, which are \$20. If you sign up for a date, please take time to completely fill out a flower form located near the flower chart; then turn the form (along with your payment) in to the office or place it in the offering tray.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

October Flower Chart

October 6 (Altar) Given by Ray and Colleen Schleusener in honor of their blessings—kids and grandkids.

October 13 (Altar) Given by Mike, Sue, Kris and Kandy Hunter in honor of Grace Hunter's 5th birthday.

October 20 (Altar) Given by Tom, Jenni, Brett and Ad-

am Durant in honor of Gabbi's 1st birthday and Celeste's 29th birthday.

October 27 (Altar) open



OCTOBER 6—CROP WALK from 3:00-5:00

OCTOBER 13—FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST from 9:30-10:30

OCTOBER 19—PRAYER GATHERING @ 6:00

OCTOBER 20—CONGREGATIONAL MEETING @ 11:30

OCTOBER 27—ONE WORSHIP SERVICE @ 9:30

OCTOBER 27—LUNCH AND LEARN W/MEYER BROTHERS @ 11:00

OCTOBER 27—CONFIRMATION CLASS @ 11:30

OCTOBER 27—HALLOWEEN PARTY from 1:00-2:30

NOVEMBER 2—CRAFT FAIR from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 10—FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST @ 9:30

NOVEMBER 24—CONFIRMATION CLASS @ 11:30

NOVEMBER 28—OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 8—FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST @ 9:30

DECEMBER 13—SOUP KITCHEN

DECEMBER 22—CONFIRMATION CLASS @ 11:30

DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP @ 5:00 and 11:00

DECEMBER 25—OFFICE CLOSED

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																																	
		1 5:30pm Worship & Music Meeting	2 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir 8:00pm Spirit Connection	3 2-4pm Food Bank 6:30pm Fellowship Meeting	4 8:30am TOPS	5 1:30pm Dakota County Amateur Radio Club Testing																																																	
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Thanks to our October Volunteers

<u>October 6</u> <u>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	<u>October 13</u> <u>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	<u>October 20</u> <u>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	<u>October 27</u> <u>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</u>
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<u>AV Operators:</u> 8:15 am Scott Koeppe 10:30 am Mike Hunter	<u>AV Operators:</u> 8:15 am Janell Sila 10:30 am Mike Hunter	<u>AV Operators:</u> 8:15 am Trevor Brass 10:30 am Jenni Durant	<u>AV Operators:</u> 9:30 am Jenni Durant Janell Sila
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