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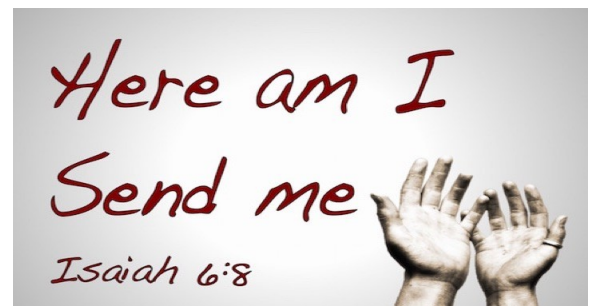


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The deadline for the October Newsletter is September 17.

Worship at First Lutheran

September 6

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Psalm: 119:33-40

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

September 13

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

Psalm: 103:1-13

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

September 20

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jonah 3:10—4:11

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

Psalm: 145:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

September 27

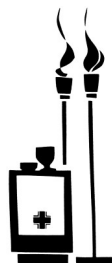
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Psalm: 25:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32



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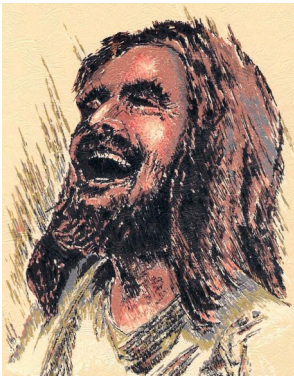
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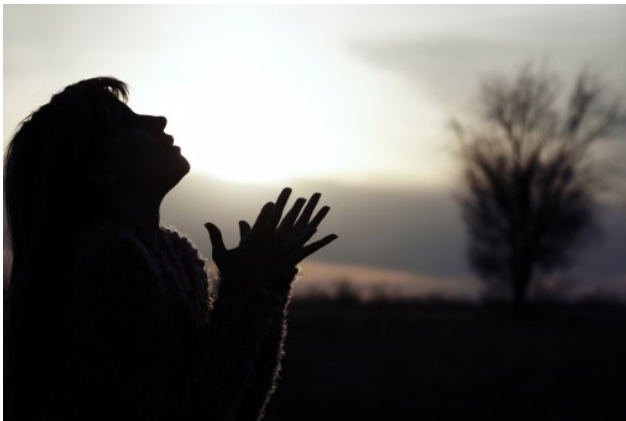
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Prayer Pastor Doug

On the surface, if you ask most Christians if they think that prayer is important, I suspect you would get a positive response. I believe most would say, "sure prayer is important". Just how important is another question. Is it daily? Weekly or monthly or when something is going wrong? In 2016 Pew Research updated a blog post from 2014, with some interesting statistics about prayer. The whole article can be found here, <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/05/04/5-facts-about-prayer/>



Below are a couple of the statistics I would like to highlight.

For many Americans, every day is a day of prayer. More than half (55%) of Americans say they pray every day, according to a 2014 Pew Research Center survey, while 21% say they pray weekly or monthly and 23% say they seldom or never pray. Even among those who are religiously unaffiliated, 20% say they pray daily. Women (64%) are more likely than men (46%) to pray every day. And Ameri-

cans ages 65 and older are far more likely than adults under 30 to say they pray daily (65% vs. 41%).

A Pew Research Center survey conducted in 2014 found that 45% of Americans – and a majority of Christians (55%) – say they rely a lot on prayer and personal religious reflection when making major life decisions. The same survey found that 63% of Christians in the U.S. say praying regularly is an essential part of their Christian identity.

I tell my confirmands a prayer can be as simple as an arrow prayer. Simply pull back the arrow and shoot even a single word to God. Simply say, help, thanks, or get a little more complicated with a few words or a full sentence and keep expanding. God wants to hear from us.

Prayer is a conversation with God. It is our chance to speak to God and say what we need, what we are thankful for, what others need and to be in a relationship. There are many prayer practices, and one that I personally like is to sit in silence, and let God in. Even in silence, we can be in prayer. God knows what is going on and will speak. This can be a difficult practice in our world of busyness but can also be very rewarding.

When I was leading a softball team, one of the things that I insisted upon was prayer. Not only would we pray with the other team before the game, but after the game as well. We gave thanks for the opportunity to play. We asked that all have fun and that no one was hurt. After the game, we gave thanks that we had the game and we gave thanks for winners and thanks for those that lost the game. We gave thanks because God gives all the time.

If you still do not think that prayer is not that important, look through the Bible. In the NRSV Bible, pray or a version of pray is in the Bible 287 times. Prayer is important enough that Jesus taught how to pray. Jesus taught what is known

as the Lord's Prayer. This prayer is an important prayer that has a significant impact upon our lives. If you have not seen my Blog Post (<https://www.flcssc.org/wordpress/2017/01/19/the-lords-prayer/>) on the Lord's Prayer, it is in this Newsletter today, but it is also posted on our website. In fact, that post is the most often viewed post/page over another page/post. Prayer is important.

In August, I preached about Anxiety. In that sermon, prayer is listed as very important. If you missed it, here is a link to it. <https://vimeo.com/449346462>. If you missed the blog post on Five Ways to Become Engaged, you will notice that prayer is listed in each step. This is also in the newsletter today. You can also view online at <https://www.flcssc.org/wordpress/becoming-engaged-top-5/>

I pray that each of you hear the importance of prayer. I pray that through prayer you hear God. I pray that in your prayers, you experience the peace that only comes from God. I pray that in prayer, you will be engaged in what God is calling you to do.

In prayer for each of you,
Pastor Doug

Becoming Engaged, Top 5

How can you get engaged? Being engaged in mission, external and internal, will lead to a life centered upon Christ. Jesus the Christ promised to send another to be with us. The Holy Spirit is active in a variety of ways. Through prayer, Christians will learn how to become more deeply involved in mission. Here is a top 5 to get you started.

1. Become actively involved in worship (Pray for guidance)

- a. Worship from home is a start, but do not just worship from home, seek to serve and support

- b. Worship inside the congregation is a start, but do not just worship in the church building, seek to serve and support

2. Study (Pray for guidance)

- a. Bible study (Bible studies are offered, come and engage)
- b. Devotions & Prayer (There are supplies inside the building)

3. Volunteer for worship service opportunities (Pray for Guidance)

- a. Do this through our web signup forms, <https://signup.flcssc.org>
- b. If, while worshipping, you see something that is needed, do it

4. Give (Pray for guidance)

- a. This is not just money, but mission costs, so money is needed
- b. Giving of your time and Spiritual Gifts (See the sermon series)
 - i. Come and be part of a team, see our list of teams
 - ii. Assist inside the office, welcome center, phone calls, etc.
 - iii. Assist with technology, such as email, text and web

5. Give support to others (Pray for guidance)

- a. You may be physically or financially limited, but you can pray
- b. Be a cheerleader for those that are actively involved in ministry

These are just the top 5. There are many ways to become engaged. Each of the top 5 can lead to so many other ways to be engaged. As you pray for guidance in being engaged, God will speak. Maybe it is time to get a Spiritual Director, to help you determine where God is engaging you, to become engaged. Each congregation has mission. We have a Mission Support Plan

that details the cost of mission, but it also shows what goes into mission and may give you some more ideas on how to be engaged.

The Lord's Prayer

Have you ever stopped and really thought about the Lord's Prayer? Even beyond that, have you ever thought about what you are asking God to do? Especially when we are asked to be forgiven of our "Debts", "Sins", "Trespases", whichever format of the Lord's Prayer you pray.

Below are two versions of the Lord's Prayer, as printed in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship. Note on the versions, there are some word changes, but they say essentially the same thing. The choice of words when translating from Greek into English can make a difference in how we hear and take into ourselves, what we hear, see and feel. They are still, however, essentially the same.

Lord's Prayer from the (ELW)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from
evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours,
now and forever. Amen.

or

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespases,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the

glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pastoral Care – ELW
(Fortress Press, 2008).

There are two locations in the Bible that we can find the prayer. We can look at Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. Luke's version is shorter, and it does not include something that I find is crucial to an understanding of what we are asking God to do. Thus, the point of this post. So, first let's look at Matthew's account of the prayer.

Below is from Matthew 6:9-13, (NRSV) where Jesus tells us how to pray.

9 "Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
13 And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version
(Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1989), Mt
6:9–13

What I think we often fail to see, because we do not say it in our prayer and maybe often we fail to see because of taking the prayer out of its full context, are the verses that follow the prayer.

Jesus continues to speak, and says;

14 For if you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

The Holy Bible: Today's New International Version. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005), Mt
6:14–15

Now think about the prayer and read it carefully.

2 And forgive us our debts, [sins, trespasses] as we also have forgiven our debtors. [those who sin against us, trespasses against us]

Now go back to verse 14 and 15. Are we really prepared to be forgiven by God, how we forgive others? Do we need a change of heart before we pray this prayer?

Just food for thought, when we pray this prayer.

On a couple of other notes. I encourage you to look at both Matthew's and Luke's account of the prayer. I also highly encourage you to look at different translations of the Bible. I used a couple here, but there are many other translations.

There is a difference between translations and paraphrase and interpretations. The Message Bible is an example of a paraphrase interpretation. The best translations were translated by using the original Greek and Hebrew scriptures. When you start looking at the footnotes to the verses, you will also note that some of the original copies of the Greek and Hebrew scriptures, can be slightly different as well. They may use different words, add words or not have other words included. The word choice when translating is chosen by the translators. Often there is NOT a word-for-word way to translate from one language into another. What also has to be taken into consideration is:

Translator's background (Context)

The context of the original text

The year of the translation

The audience of the translation, their context

There are many other factors as well, but all of this makes a difference when looking at other translations.

Studying the scriptures can be a lot of fun. It can also be confusing and frustrating at times. Listening for the Holy Spirit during those times can make it even more interesting and fun. God continues to speak to us today, in words of the Bible,

the environment, other humans, other written words, etc. God continues to speak.

In all things:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
10 Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
AMEN

Anniversaries

Todd and Melissa Baker—September 30
Mark and Vicky Johnson—September 16
Bryan and Diana Jones—September 13
James and Jennifer Kleinberg—September 7
Chris and Becky Knudsen—September 20
Jose and Kelli Perez—September 15
Rich and Sharon Potter—September 12
Michael and Bonnie Prosser—September 16
Mike and Tanya Rich—September 21
Randy and Nanci Walsh—September 9

Happy Birthday

Bob Anderson—September 19
Betty Bass—September 7
Patty Blessing—September 9
Jan Durant—September 20
Jo Ann Garvey—September 1
McKenna Gehner—September 27
Ottie Gierman—September 4
Randy Grove—September 11
Mike Hunter—September 1
Ruth Jensen—September 6
Chris Kinnaman—September 22
Michelle Kinnaman—September 14
Jerry Krieger—September 5
Kurtis Krieger—September 22
Pat Krantz—September 25
Rick Lieber—September 1
Colton Novak—September 12
Joe Prescott—September 20
Joey Robinson—September 23
Brenda Rose—September 18

Holly Schleusener—September 14
Colleen Schleusener—September 28
Terry Sorem—September 26
Sophie Swanson—September 21
Lee Trautwein—September 24
Melodee Van Bekrum—September 14

Youth Birthdays

Sophie Chytka—September 16
Alyvia Davis—September 22
TJ Gunderson—September 18
Peyton Martinez—September 12
Taya Mohning—September 7
Beau Ostendorf—September 14

With Deepest Sympathy

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

Donna Krontz and family and Ron Frank and Pat Krontz and family on the death of Donna's son and Pat's brother, Larry Krontz, on Sunday, August 2. Services were held Thursday, August 6 at Lanier Funeral and Cremation Services in Lakeland FL.

Tyrese Gill and family on the death of Tyrese's father, Terrell Wickey, on Friday, July 31. Services were held Wednesday, August 5 at Heartland Community Baptist Church.

Brian and Molly Leiting and family on the death of Molly's father, John "Pat" Brady, on Thursday, August 20. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, September 5.

Del and Sharie Lieber and family on the death of Del's brother, Herman Lieber, on Tuesday, August 25. Services were held Friday, August 28 at Mohr & Becker-Hunt Funeral Home.

Church Council Minutes

Church Council minutes are available upon request. Contact the office at 494-5461 or office@flcssc.org.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports are available upon request. Contact the office at 494-5461 or office@flcssc.org.

Thank You

The family of Gladys Hedquist-Thank you to Jane Krogh and Marla Bianchini for the music; for the prayer shawl stitched with love and care; for the visits and cards and caring words; for the words of peace from Pastor; and for the answers to our questions from Kerri Rahn. Thank you to all who gave us so much support from mom's faith community.

Smoke Off

Calling all master/amateur smokers & grillers! First Lutheran will have The Great Smoke Off & Grill Tasting on Saturday, September 12 (rain date the following Saturday). Judging will be at 12:30 and tasting will take place from 1-5 p.m. Contestants are required to provide 20 pounds of meat and your own smoker or grill (no electric is provided). If you would like to participate please contact the church office. If you would like to take part in the tasting, tickets can be purchased online or from the church office. Tickets are \$15 for adults (includes 5 tastings, 2 salads, chips, cookie and bottled water) and \$6 for kids 10 and under (hot dog, chips, cookie and bottled water).

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Sign Up Online

Online signup is available for Sunday clean up, Sunday door watch, Sunday waiver checker, lecturers, ushers, streaming, and slides/Proclaim at signup.flcssc.org.

Online Directory

Our Mobile Directory contains contact information for all the families of First Lutheran and is an easy to use tool to help you stay connected. PLUS, you will see portraits of all our families that participated in our recent photography event. What a great way to connect names and faces!

To access the mobile directory:

1. Click on the link listed on our website:

www.flcssc.org/wordpress/member-directory

2. Enter your Access Code: (contact church office for this code)

Once you are logged in, you can scroll through the directory, search by name, view family profiles, call/map, and view the staff only page. The onscreen Guided Tour will walk you through each of these areas.

To update your contact information, please contact the church office. Periodically, we will be hosting additional photography events to include even more of our family's portraits in our mobile directory. Connecting has never been easier!

AmazonSmile

Do you shop at Amazon? Did you know that First Lutheran will receive a .5% donation from your purchase if you shop through smile.amazon.com/ch/47-6000954?

Shutterfly

If you shop through First Lutheran's storefront at flcssc.shutterflystorefront.com/. First Lutheran will receive 8% of your purchase!

Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program

You can help First Lutheran's Food Pantry by buying a red "My Heart" bag. Here is what to do:

1. Visit myHy-VeeCause.com within 7 days of your purchase.
2. Remove the scratch-off layer on the Giving

Tag to reveal the unique code.

3. Submit your code and select First Lutheran to receive a \$1 donation.

Your donation must be made within 7 days of your purchase, or the donation will be sent to the Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program beneficiary—the monthly featured non-profit selected by store leadership at the store where you purchased the bag.

Salem Lutheran Rummage

Salem Lutheran in Dakota City is having a rummage on Saturday, September 26 from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. They are accepting donations for their rummage Monday, September 21-Wednesday, September 23 from 6-8 p.m. If you need help transporting large items or for more information, call Salem's church office (987-3582). Proceeds from the rummage will go towards their roof capital campaign with a percentage being donated to an outside organization, yet to be determined.

Pampered Chef Fundraiser

September 19 – September 26 (You don't need to wait for the party to start; you can order now!)

To place an order: <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/flc0925>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/594311131238096>

All Proceeds will go to FLC.

In this trying time, FLC needs your help. FLC will be hosting a Pampered Chef fundraiser. You don't need to go anywhere to participate. You can visit the link above to place your order, and the Facebook link will be showing products, just as if you were participating in a group.

This is a good time to shop for Christmas. Currently lead time on shipping can be as much as 9 weeks.

I also want to confirm there is NO commission being made on this show. ALL proceeds will be going to FLC.

Why not get some new kitchen tools, while supporting First Lutheran at the same time?

If you have any questions, please contact Kris Dill
Kris@kookinkris.com

Phone: 715-680-9062

Please share this link with all your friends and family. Thank you.

Confirmation Starts

This information is important to everyone in the congregation. When we confirm the youth, this is something that everyone promises to be part of. During the journey of confirmation, the youth need mentors, which is you. Please read this, so you have an overview of confirmation.

At this point, because we intend to have indoor worship again, we will move forward with confirmation, in the same way that we had intended for all of last year, before the pandemic struck.

Incoming 6th graders will use their parents for their mentors. Last year's 6th graders will need to find a non-relative in the congregation to be their mentor. Last year's 8th graders are expected to still be part of confirmation, until the confirmation service at the end of October.

At this point we are still planning to have a single worship service for Confirmation/Reformation Sunday in October. Those that will be confirmed are not required to take on any roles in the service. However, ***all other students are expected to lead the worship.*** This would entail readings, ushering and acolyting. Normally there is communion and assistants are needed for that as well. At this point, it is unsure how communion will be served in the coming months inside.

We want all persons desiring to be confirmed to be confirmed, but all the requirements must be completed prior to being confirmed. There will

be no exceptions to this. Mentors, if you believe that your confirmation student fulfilled all the requirements, please contact Pastor Doug. Please see the overview, if you have any questions of the requirements. Each grade level is expected have fully completed their level for all three years in order to be confirmed.

Confirmation 2020-2021 should start September 27, at 11:45 am. This may be in person; it may be via teams. If your child is in confirmation, we need an email address to send the Teams invite to, should we be using Teams and not in person meetings.

Confirmation Program Overview

First Lutheran Church, South Sioux City, NE

The Congregational Council of First Lutheran Church has adopted the following Confirmation Program Model for Confirmands (students) starting Confirmation in the fall of 2020:

- Confirmands entering the program must be starting sixth-grade in the fall or older.
- Attend at least 15 worship services with your mentor (Parents for sixth-grade) during each of the three years of the program (45 total) (Note: 52 weekly services, 9 Lenten services, Christmas Eve). After each service, discuss your reactions to and impressions of the service, and any questions you may have, with your mentor (Parents for sixth graders). There is not a sermon note form to fill out. You must attend at least 15 worship services, each year, not to be all done in a single year.
- Sixth graders only, will read and discuss with their parents "The Small Catechism." Seventh graders will thoroughly read and discuss the Gospel of Luke with your mentor during your seventh-grade year. As each of you reads at home, keep a notebook and note those passages you find interesting, confusing, or inspiring. Every month, when you meet with your mentor,

make some time to discuss what you have read.

- Thoroughly read and discuss at least one other book of the Bible during your eighth-grade year, using the same format as you did when reading the Gospel of Luke during your 7th grade year.
- Attend one Confirmation class with Pastor Doug each month on a Sunday following worship, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The first class is set for Sunday, September 27nd for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. 9th Graders are expected to attend the September and October classes and help plan for their confirmation day and train 6th graders in Acolyt-ing.
- Seventh and Eighth grade, meet monthly with your mentor to complete a section of your confirmation journal. Sixth graders journal about each worship service you attend with your parent, based upon your conversations with them.

Year 2 (Seventh Grade)

- Getting Acquainted—September
- God—October
- Jesus—November
- Holy Spirit—January
- Worship—February
- The Bible—March
- Saints and Gifts—April
- Attend at least one church council meeting with your mentor (sixth grade with parents) each of the three years. One each year.
- For seventh and eighth-graders, if possible, attend a funeral and wedding with your mentor. After the service, discuss: Where was God in this service? When in the service did you feel closest to God? Why is the church involved in this service? What is the purpose of this service?

- Spend 21 hours or more volunteering during the three years (7 hrs. per year). Do not wait until the end. These hours must be documented by parents for sixth grade and mentors for the seventh and eighth-graders.
- Attend at least one Confirmation Camp at Carol Joy Holling Camp with Pastor Doug in the summer during the three-year program.
- You are encouraged to participate in worship by serving as a greeter, usher, or lector. You will be assigned as acolyte. If you cannot make your acolyte time, it is YOUR responsibility to find another confirmand to fill your spot.

Year 3 (Eighth Grade)

- Ministry—September
- Baptism—October
- Spiritual Life—November
- Death and Resurrection—January
- Life in the Church—February
- The Faith Journey Continues—March
- During your eighth-grade year, write a paper explaining in your own words, "Why I like being a Lutheran." Discuss two areas you would like to know more about in our church (ELCA Lutheran) and then meet with your mentor and/or Pastor Doug to help you find the answers to your questions. Share what you learned about your questions in your paper.
- In cooperation with your mentor, select a verse or two of Holy Scripture to share at the Confirmation Worship. Write a short paper with your verse and some background of why you chose that verse of scripture.
- Help plan and prepare for Confirmation Worship, which will include making a Confirmation banner.
- Attend Confirmation Worship practice.

- Students starting in the Fall of 2020 who meet these requirements will be confirmed during worship on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Confirmation Texts:

Making Disciples by William H. Willamon, 2018

Luke for Everyone by Tom Wright, 2004

NRSV Bible

Crop Walk

The Dakota County Crop Walk will be Sunday, October 11. More information will be available in the October newsletter and in announcements.

Sunday School

At this time we will look to open Sunday School after the Christmas break. However, this is dependent upon finding people who are willing to teach and lead. If we have no teachers, there will be no Sunday School.

Opening Up

At the August council meeting, the discussion of opening services inside the sanctuary was taken up. After a long discussion weighing options and repercussions, the council unanimously decided to resume inside worship services on Sunday, September 20, 2020. Below you will find the full details of how this is anticipated to look, based upon the current COVID conditions in Dakota and Woodbury Counties. ***There is a lot of information here. Please read it carefully and thoroughly.***

We will again hold our traditional based worship at 8:15 a.m. and the contemporary based worship at 10:30 a.m. In order to do this, there are several conditions that must be met and there are some things that everyone should be made aware of.

The CDC makes recommendations based upon age and underlying health conditions.

Please check with your medical professional before attending indoor worship in our sanctuary.

Risk for Severe Illness Increases with Age

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/older-adults.html>

As you get older, your risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases. For example, people in their 50s are at higher risk for severe illness than people in their 40s. Similarly, people in their 60s or 70s are, in general, at higher risk for severe illness than people in their 50s. The greatest risk for severe illness from COVID-19 is among those aged 85 or older.

There are also other factors that can increase your risk for severe illness, such as having underlying medical conditions. By understanding the factors that put you at an increased risk, you can make decisions about what kind of precautions to take in your daily life.

Please see the underlying health conditions at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fneed-extra-precautions%2Fgroups-at-higher-risk.html

Before anyone can attend an indoor worship, you must sign a hold harmless waiver, which was supplied to us by our insurance company. This can be found on the last page of the newsletter. You will only need to sign this once. Sign as soon as possible and drop off at the office. A list of those who have turned this in will be maintained and checked prior to entry.

Each Sunday we MUST HAVE the following positions filled on the Friday prior to the Sunday service. We will NOT be looking for people to fill these positions on Sunday and people are expected to call the office to volunteer or use our online signup at <https://signup.flcssc.org>

1. We must have someone to check our waiver list for those entering the building at each service.
2. We must have someone to open doors for all people entering the building at each service. This is to limit the amount of possible cross contamination by touching the doors.
3. We must have a volunteer from the 8:15 a.m. service cleaning immediately following the worship service. Volunteers will be trained to use the atomizer gun that holds the disinfectant.
4. We must have a volunteer from the 10:30 a.m. service cleaning immediately following the worship service. Volunteers will be trained to use the atomizer gun that holds the disinfectant.

All doors will remain locked. Entry should be done through the south doors only. On September 20, council will handle all the volunteer duties. After that, it is expected that others will volunteer to do these duties. If not, then the service that does not have volunteers in place on the Friday prior to Sunday **will be shut to the public and will be streamed only.**

Inside the sanctuary, all Bibles, Hymnals and anything that can be reused by each service will be removed. We will continue to use the laminated attendance cards and those will be done by the ushers. If there are no ushers available, then for your attendance, you will need to use our app (<https://app.flcssc.org>) to fill out that you were present or go to <https://present.flcssc.org/> This needs to be submitted on the same day you attended. The submission does stamp a date and time on the submission. **Please signup to be an usher by calling the office or using <https://signup.flcssc.org>**

As part of following the distancing guidelines, every other pew will be left empty. Only families should sit together. Everyone should follow all the same guidelines that have been in place during this pandemic. If you feel ill or are running a

fever, **DO NOT COME TO WORSHIP.** We do not have a way of testing temperatures and you are all left on your honor system. **Your decisions can have a significant impact on others.** We will refrain from the sharing of the peace in the traditional way of shaking hands. We are not going to mandate masks, but if you are going to be near one another inside, please consider wearing a mask.

Communion will still be served every week. We will continue the same practice that was started in the parking lot. Please bring your own bread/crackers. Please bring either white wine or white grape juice. Please only share communion within your own family, not friends and neighbors. When we take communion, we take communion with all that are present, around the world and with those who have died before us.

We want to open the doors and worship together in the sanctuary. This does not take into account how groups will use the building. We have an obligation to some outside groups to be able to use the building. We will have them clean before and after their use of the building and they will be given access the atomizer gun to do so. They already have keys that can access the equipment. The gun was very expensive and should not be left unlocked.

September Flower Chart

September 20 (Altar) Given by Floanne Frey in memory of Fred Frey.

September 27 (Altar) Given in memory of Barb McLarty from her loving family.

SEPTEMBER 7—OFFICE CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 12—GREAT SMOKE OFF AND GRILL TASTING from 1-5 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 19—PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER until SEPTEMBER 26

OCTOBER 11—CROP WALK

OCTOBER 25—CONFIRMATION CLASS @ 11:45

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. We are doing everything we can to be compliant with all regulations and ensure your safety. We have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that you or family members will not become infected with COVID-19.

By participating in programs, services, and activities of our Organization, you agree to the following:

On behalf of yourself and your children, you hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless **First Lutheran Church**, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to your participation in our programs, services or activities. You understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of this organization, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any hosted or programmed event by this organization.

Parent Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Names of Minors:

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