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November 2020



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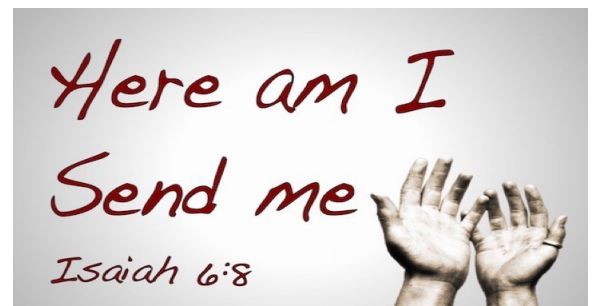
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The deadline for the December Newsletter is November 19.

Worship at First Lutheran

November 1

All Saints Sunday

First Lesson: [Revelation 7:9-17](#)

Second Lesson: [1 John 3:1-3](#)

Psalm: [34:1-10, 22](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 5:1-12](#)

November 8

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: [Amos 5:18-24](#)

Second Lesson: [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

Psalm: [70](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 25:1-13](#)

November 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: [Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18](#)

Second Lesson: [1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#)

Psalm: [90:1-12](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 25:14-30](#)

November 22

Christ the King

First Lesson: [Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24](#)

Second Lesson: [Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

Psalm: [95:1-7a](#)

Gospel: [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

November 29

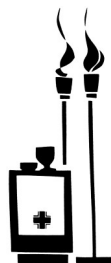
First Sunday of Advent

First Lesson: [Isaiah 64:1-9](#)

Second Lesson: [1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#)

Psalm: [80:1-7, 17-19](#)

Gospel: [Mark 13:24-37](#)



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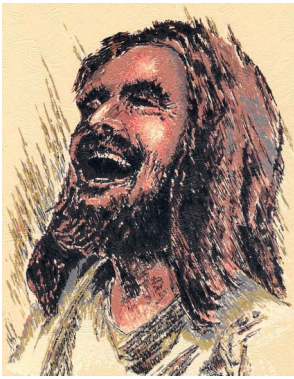
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New Life Pastor Doug

Welcome in the name of the risen one, Jesus

We have embarked on a great journey. Although we do not yet know what paths God will take us on, we have been given direction by the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus, through the Effective Church Group. That journey of new life started on Reformation Day, October 25, 2020. Throughout the coming year (and it will be a new church year as well) we will be guided by the Spirit to embark on taking the steps to be reborn.

As your pastor, I must confess that I have some apprehensions about these changes. Yet at the same time I am very excited and have felt the Holy Spirit present. Being engaged in the entire process is very important. I invite you see the *Becoming Engaged*, Top 5 on our Website or in the September Newsletter. Everything is in prayer and that is where it must start.

I admit, there may have been some scary stuff I just mentioned above. Change, Holy Spirit, being Re-born, and being engaged. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be changed, to be re-born and to be engaged in change. It is what we say we do and now it is time to "DO".

When Jesus gave his disciples, you and me, the Great Commission, it called for change and it called upon the Holy Spirit. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. (Mt 28:19–20 NRSV)

Jesus tells Nicodemus, and us, that we must be born again. If that is not scary, I do not know what is. "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit." (Jn 3:3-7 NRSV)

No, I have not gone crazy with all this talk about the Spirit, New Life and being Born Again. It is what we must do. We enter our 101st year of ministry. Ministry and the makeup of the congregation cannot look like it did 50 years ago, nor can it look like it did 100 years ago or even 10 years ago. God does not change, but how we hear God, how the community hears God and how the community responds to God does change.

We as a congregation must find new ways to engage the community where they are. Provide a meaningful way for others to be engaged in mission and ministry. Find a way to be inclusive of all of God's people that allows this congregation to grow in mission and ministry for another 100 years. That means that this congregation will look different tomorrow, but it will also look different 5 years from now.

In Romans, Paul tells us that "...we also should live an entirely new life." (Ro 6:4d WNT)

Our 2021 Theme verse requires that we evangelize, by going and telling others. "Go," ... and tell the people the whole Message of this new life. (Acts 5:20 TCV) We will be known in the community and in the Nebraska Synod as the "Church of Abundant New Life". Who is ready to be part of this? Become engaged at all levels in the congregation and beyond. We are sent, now let's GO!

In the name of the one who provides New Life, Jesus.

Pr. Doug

Anniversaries

Bill and Linda Kendra—November 24
Jeff and Ellen Prescott—November 28

Happy Birthday

Denise Barber—November 12
Nancy Beekman—November 24
Jaecee Benson—November 3
Marla Bianchini—November 2
Jan Brodersen—November 26
Jeff Carda—November 21
Laci Chytka—November 15
Dennis Fischer—November 27
Mike Gill—November 24
Marian Hayes—November 4
Sue Hunter—November 19
Roger Jensen—November 11
Cheryl Kinnaman—November 28
Donna Krantz—November 30
Dorothy Lux—November 8
Andy Mohning—November 28
Ben Niemeyer—November 18
Shelly O'Brien—November 10
Carol Ostendorf—November 6
Rich Potter—November 4
Randy Rahn—November 23
Dona Shook—November 28

Youth Birthdays

Lucy Blessing—November 10
Jacob Gill—November 9
Tristan Kinnaman—November 1
Justin Lake—November 13

Church Council Minutes

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

Financial Reports

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

Thank You

Circle 2-We sincerely thank everyone who supported our annual pecan project with purchases and donations. This year's profit is \$189.60 which will be used for various circle projects.

Confirmation Class

The following 9th grader was confirmed on October 25, 2020:

Jacob Michael Gill

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Our tradition of providing a Thanksgiving dinner to families from First Lutheran that are in need continues this year. Items needed are: canned pumpkin, canned milk, canned fruit, cranberries or cranberry sauce, stuffing croutons, pie crusts, marshmallows, and sweet potatoes. Please place your food donations in the cart in the entryway before November 15.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Shutterfly

Do you shop at Shutterfly? If you shop through First Lutheran's storefront flcsc.shutterflystorefront.com, we will receive 8% of your purchase!

Armed Forces Candy

We will again be sending candy to our service personnel. We need names and addresses in to the office by November 6. If you are able to provide candy (individually wrapped) or money for postage, please contact the office (494-5461) or Jackie Gierman (494-1218).

2021 Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2021 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.

College Care Packages

College care packages will be packed the first week of November. Please contact the church office with your son or daughter's address by Sunday, November 1, even if it hasn't changed. If you would like to donate treats, fun items, or money for shipping the care packages, you can bring them to the church office.

100 Years in Ministry

Dear Members and Friends of First Lutheran:

Jan and I send our deep congratulations upon the 100th Anniversary of First Lutheran Church, South Sioux City, Nebraska, on October 18, 2020! You are, and have always been, a great Christian witness to South Sioux and the Siouxland area.

As I look back at the fifteen years spent at First Lutheran, I am reminded of several of the accomplishments done and the people mainly responsible. The Message Board on Dakota Avenue (Ned Buser), the Salad Luncheon (Mary Wolf), the Junior and Senior High Dances (Rita Todd), the Pipe

Organ (Jane Krogh), the Praise Band and Worship (Burt Heithold), the Bells and Bell Choir (George Hirschbach and Eleanor Tasker) and the Bell Tower (I can't remember who was primarily responsible) so probably the entire congregation. Personally; the two non-church related memories that I have are being chair of the school bond issue that was passed in the 1990's, and cheering for those wonderful SSC girl's basketball teams!

Also, in a personal note; allow me to share just a little about our family since leaving First Lutheran in 2003. As you remember we moved to Bella Vista, Arkansas for our 'first retirement'. After fully retiring in 2005: I served several interim assignments in Conway, Arkansas; the Oaks Indian Mission in Oaks, Oklahoma; and Peace Lutheran in Rogers, Arkansas. Sally's family moved to Palm Coast, Florida in 2013. We then moved to Ponte Vedra, Florida in 2017; thus beginning our 'second retirement'. We really love living in Florida and being close to our granddaughter, Annslee.

Sarah lives in the Washington D.C. area; having worked, as a lawyer in the United States Department of Agriculture Department (USDA), FBI, and now United States Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). She lives with husband, Dennis Cunanan, and near her son, Kyle (some of you may remember Kyle when he lived with us for a few months when he was 18 months old). He is now twenty-one.

Sally married Tim Hunt in 2010 and they have a daughter Annslee, who is nine. She is the joy of our life but is a true "spit-fire" and a mini-me of Sally. Sally, who has her Master's Degree in Education, and Tim both worked for Corporate Wal-Mart but started their own E-Learning Consulting Business when they moved to Florida. They also have purchased a Dream Vacations Franchise that up until the pandemic kept them VERY busy.

Jan and I are celebrating our 47th anniversary two days after your anniversary, on October 20th. We have been fortunate to travel the world since

With a rich heritage and exciting accomplishments behind you, I call on you to look to the future with even greater excitement and a fuller appreciation of what God's power and mercy can do in our lives.

May the years ahead be equally filled with promise and grace, and may your mutual ministry inspire others to reach out with God's love in their own ways.

Pastor Kruse



Dear First Lutheran Church,

Congratulations on your 100th Anniversary at First Lutheran Church. May this day be a true celebration of your ministry throughout the community of South Sioux City and beyond. I pray as you reflect on this day with many special memories of true ministry that you will continue to thank and praise God for guiding you as you continue to seek Him through the many opportunities that He brings your way. You have touched many lives, and may those lives be continually nurtured in their life with Christ. The memories in my time there includes the distribution of food to the needy, confirmation class, men's bible study, visitation with the various members, leading worship with the many talented musicians and choirs, and the summer worship services outside in the parking lot. Also, the laughs and the smiles that we shared will always be remembered. May God's peace continue to surround you as you move forward through the many years to come.

May your hearts be filled with love, and may the imprint of Christ love continue to flow far beyond your doors into the community and world as you seek to do the ministry and mission of our risen Savior.

"O, COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN,
LET US KNEEL BEFORE THE LORD, OUR MAKER!
FOR HE IS OUR GOD,
AND WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF HIS PASTURE,

AND THE SHEEP OF HIS HAND."

Psalm 95:6-7

I thoroughly enjoyed the interim time I had with you during those two years and two months. I am now serving my second interim since leaving South Sioux City. I am serving St. Paul's Lutheran and Presbyterian Church in Rockwell City, Iowa only a short distance down Highway 20.

Blessings in your joyous celebration,
Rev. Kelley L. Pedersen, Interim Pastor

Consultant Presentation

Following worship at 9:30 (led by Kris Tenny-Brittian of the Effective Church Group) and brunch at 10:30 on Sunday, November 8, the consultants will give a presentation of their recommendations for our congregation.

One Service

Per the immediate recommendation by the Effective Church Group, and approved the church council, there will be one service only. This service will be at 9:30 and will be contemporary. For more information, be sure to come to the presentation on November 8.

Online Signup

Online signup is available for Sunday sanitizing, Sunday door person, Sunday waiver checker, lecturers, ushers, altar care, Welcome Center, streaming and AV operators at signup.flcssc.org or call the church office. If the Sunday spots are not filled by the Friday before the service, that particular service WILL NOT take place in person and will only be available online.

DCMA Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22 at Salem Lutheran Church. The offering taken at this service provides the Dakota County Ministe-

rial Alliance funding to help those in need.
Please come and enjoy worshipping as a community of believers!

Coffee Hour Treats

Please call the office or sign up at sig-nup.flcsc.org if you would like to provide store bought pre-packaged treats for coffee hour on Sundays.

November Flower Chart

November 1 (Altar) Given by Don and Lucy Gagnon in honor of their many blessings.

November 8 (Altar) Given by Gordon and Jane Krogh in appreciation of the Lord's many gifts.

November 15 (Altar) Given by Terry and Deb Kenny in honor of First Lutheran Church members and their families.

November 22 (Altar) Given in memory of Mark McLarty by his loving family.

November 29 (Altar) Given by Dian Boals in memory of Larry and Penny Morgan.



NOVEMBER 8—FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH @ 10:30

NOVEMBER 8—CONSULTANT PRESENTATION @ 11:30

NOVEMBER 22—FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH @ 10:30

NOVEMBER 22—CONFIRMATION CLASS @ 11:00

NOVEMBER 22—THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ 6:00 at SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 26—OFFICE CLOSED

NOVEMBER 27—OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER 20—CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP @ 5:00 & 7:00

DECEMBER 25—OFFICE CLOSED

JANUARY 1—OFFICE CLOSED

Thanks to our November Volunteers

November 1 All Saints Sunday	November 8 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	November 15 24th Sunday after Pentecost	November 22 Christ the King	November 29 First Sunday of Advent
Lector: 9:30 am Kathy Blair	Lector: 9:30 am Pam Knudsen	Lector: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>	Lector: 9:30 am Billy Denker	Lector: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>
Door Opener: 9:30 am Beverly Bates	Door Opener: 9:30 am Beverly Bates	Door Opener: 9:30 am Beverly Bates	Door Opener: 9:30 am Beverly Bates	Door Opener: 9:30 am Beverly Bates
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Streaming Operator: 9:30 am Jacob Gill	Streaming Operator: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>	Streaming Operator: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>	Streaming Operator: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>	Streaming Operator: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>
Waiver Checker: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>	Waiver Checker: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>	Waiver Checker: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>	Waiver Checker: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>	Waiver Checker: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i>
Ushers: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i> <i>volunteer needed</i>	Ushers: 9:30 am Jenni Durant <i>volunteer needed</i>	Ushers: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i> <i>volunteer needed</i>	Ushers: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i> <i>volunteer needed</i>	Ushers: 9:30 am <i>volunteer needed</i> <i>volunteer needed</i>
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NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																																																	
1 9:30am Worship Daylight Saving Time ends	2 6:30pm Boy Scouts	3	4 6:00pm Worship & Music Meeting 6:30pm <i>Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith</i>	5 2:00pm Food Bank Meeting 6:30pm Fellowship Meeting	6	7 10:00am Spirit Connection Practice 1:30pm Dakota County Amateur Radio Club Testing																																																	
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