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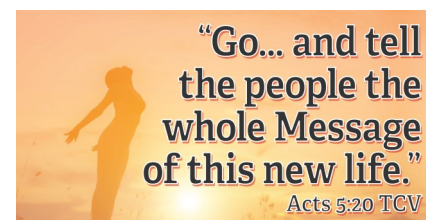
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The deadline for the April Newsletter is March 18

Worship at FLC / ANL

Wednesdays of Lent, ending March 24, worship will be at 6 pm.

4/1 Maunday Thursday 6 pm worship

4/2 Good Friday 6 pm worship

4/4 Easter Worship 9:30 am

Want the upcoming readings?

You can check out the readings by looking at the revised common lectionary. This is available online at: <https://www.dailylectio.net/calendar>

Rarely will we use the Psalm and we follow option 1 (Semicontinuous.) All scripture during worship will be from the New International Version (NIV), unless otherwise specified.

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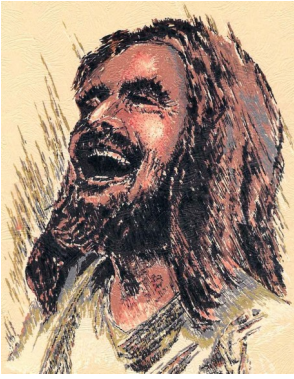
Thank you for the offerings to support the missions here! **Did you know** that a re-occurring offering is the best to help us plan how we can support mission.

Did you know that you now have an opportunity to cover the cost of e-giving? For example, a \$100 gift on a debit/credit card cost \$2.25 to process. That is a 2.25% fee. Giving via an e-check, cost 1.9%. In the giving portal, there is a check box that will allow you to cover the fee. On a \$100 gift via a credit card, you would see two charges. One for \$100 and another for \$2.25

To cover the cost on current re-occurring gifts, delete the old one and make a new one with the option to cover the cost.

There is a cost even for the envelopes that are sent to your houses. If everyone moved to e-giving, we could reduce expenses even more.

Did you know?



A New Hope Pastor Doug

In A Galaxy Far Far Away

Okay, not so far away, but on the Third Rock From the our Sun, here in the Milky Way galaxy.

Depending on your age, you may have the Star Wars theme song running through your head now or theme song from the T.V. show, Third Rock From the Sun. Sorry, it may take some time to get those out of your head!

Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, we do have a new hope, much differently than from the movie. Still a good vs evil but different. In our inherent evil ways, we commit sins, but are forgiven and we still get to celebrate new life in Jesus., **A New Hope.**

This may seem more like an article to speak about Easter, but that does not come until next month. What I am getting to is both the life that we get because of Jesus, but the life we are experiencing here. I just finished up two very important sermon series and they very much tie into who we are living into, in our 101st year of ministry. I see **A New Hope** here.

I am sure you have seen it by now, but we are going by First Lutheran / Abundant New Life. What does all that mean?

In October at the council retreat, we selected a new Theme Verse for 2021, which so appropriately launches the next 100 years. "Go...and tell the people the whole message of this new life." Acts 5:20 TCV

As the council and Effective Church Group kicked around the idea of a Tag Line that we could live into, something else happened. We saw a connection to our Theme Verse and the starting of the next 100 years of ministry.

First Lutheran is and will be the registered corporate name for this congregation. Like many business, we will also be doing business by another name as well. From a Tag Line to live into, to a congregation name we are living into. Abundant New Life, speaks to the direction that so many of you have started to take. The council is excited that after 100 years of First Lutheran, our next 100 years will be full of the Abundant New Life that God gives us in Christ Jesus.

When Jesus was raised from the dead, creation was made new in His Life, we too experience this New Life in His resurrection as well. Heaven broke through and it is still here today for us to be part of now. That is **A New Hope**, then and now.

Remember:

"Go...and tell the people the whole message of this new life." Acts 5:20 TCV

Chili Cook Off

Have you heard? The Annual Chili Cook Off is back!



March 7, 2021

4 - 6:30 p.m.

It's not too early to start thinking about our Chili Cook Off. Will Pastor Doug be able to defend his title?

Please join us as a competitor, judge or just

for some fellowship over chili. For those that do not like chili, there will be some alternatives. A good time will be had by all.

If you are competing, please bring your chili in at 4 p.m.

Pre-registration is needed, so fellowship can have enough sides and so there will be adequate electric available. You can register by calling the office, sending an email to media@flcssc.org or use the website link at <https://flcssc.org/wordpress/chili-cook-off>

If you cannot attend but would like to help support the event, you can donate at the link as well.

Fellowship Breakfast



When: **March 28th @ 8:00 a.m.**

There will be a pancake breakfast with sausage, coffee and juice.

Please come and enjoy a hot breakfast and fellowship before worship at 9:30 a.m.

A Word from the President.

I am writing this on a very cold morning in February, looking forward to warmer weather, I am hoping that March will bring! I do not have a lot to say, other than it has been wonderful to see many of you back in the building. We continue to take the safety measures to keep everyone who enters the doors, at First Lutheran / Abundant New Life, feel comfortable, safe and welcomed.

I hope you have enjoyed Pastor Doug's sermon series on Generosity. I really enjoyed part 2 of 3 about Talents. If you have not viewed it yet, I would encourage you to take the time. Many new things are happening and others continue to be happening. Please prayerfully consider your talents and how you can add and grow to and in the Abundant New Life here at First Lutheran Church.

As you read this we are in the season of Lent and I hope to be on schedule with reading of the New Testament plan that Pastor Doug shared. Being on the Church council and going through the challenges that our Church and our world is currently going through I hope and wish that each of us can find peace and comfort in the words of the New Testament and living our lives as Our Savior lived His.

Council President—Deb Kenny

Creative Crafters

Come and join a new "crafty group"

Who: Men and women ages 18-99!

BRING: YOUR PROJECTS TO WORK ON (No woodworking or glitter please)

BRING NACKS TO SHARE

SIDE DISH or DESSERT for [SATURDAY NOON LUNCH](#)



PROVIDED: YOUR WORK SPACE

COFFEE, TEA, WATER

HOT SANDWICH MEATS, BUNS and CHIPS for SATURDAY NOON LUNCH

GATHER at FIRST LUTHERAN / ABUNDANT NEW LIFE

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Ambassadors From the Nebraska Synod

The Nebraska Synod is looking for one or two people from each congregation in the state to serve as Synod Ambassadors. Please review the invitation below and share with members of your congregation. Maybe there are 1 or 2 members that you think would be willing to serve as a Synod Ambassador.

Did you know that there are 1,000 more open calls for full-time pastors in the ELCA than there are pastors to fill those calls? Is it challenging for people from your congregation to keep up with all the resources, events, and trainings that the Synod and ELCA offer? The Nebraska Synod is looking for Synod Ambassadors who can use their gifts to connect and invite people in your congregation to serve in and through the church.

There are many people in our congregations who may not know about the need for pastors, deacons, and parish ministry associates in the church. Even more importantly, there are people in our congregations and communities who have a wide variety of gifts for ministry, who may be sensing that God is calling them to ministry, and who want to be involved in some way in the life of the church, but without the support and encouragement of others, they may dismiss or ignore this call.

How can you help? The Nebraska Synod is inviting one or two people from each ministry setting in the state to serve as a Synod Ambassador. One role of an Ambassador is

to **connect** people in your congregation to what's going on in the larger church. Another role of an Ambassador is to **invite** people in your congregation to discern their vocation--or God's call--in their lives. Ambassadors will:

- Pray regularly, asking God to point out people God is calling in your congregation or community to serve in some way, and listening and watching for the ways God responds.
- Pay attention to the gifts people of all ages have. How are people using those gifts? What are they talking about? What seems to interest them? How could they be connected with a ministry of the Nebraska Synod or the ELCA?
- Say things like, "Hey! I've noticed something in you." This "something" might be easy to see—like working well with others and speaking up when there's an issue to discuss. It might be harder to see, too, like—wondering where people can find hope during a challenging time and asking questions about where God is when people grieve.
- Invite people to visit with their pastor, a deacon, a seminary or the parish ministry associate program if they would like to visit more about a call to professional ministry, or connect people with information about ministry events or trainings of the Synod or the ELCA if they'd like to learn or serve in this way.
- Visit a variety of groups in the congregation or community to share resources available to them from the larger church as well as information about a call to be a pastor, deacon, or parish ministry associate. These groups could include the children's choir, confirmation students, youth group, college students hanging out while home for Christmas break, people who are doing a God's Work Our Hands project, quilting groups, food pantry volunteers, the church council, a career fair at the local school, local service organizations, etc.

- Pray again—this time for all connections and invitations you’ve shared and for the people who have been part of these conversations.

Depending on your interests and time, you might want to serve as both a connector and an inviter, or there might be another person from your congregation who could serve as an Ambassador, too, and you could work as a team, with one of you being the connector and the other serving as the inviter. Ambassadors won’t be alone in this work! Nebraska Synod staff and members of the Synod’s Sow the Seeds team will walk with you on this journey. Here’s how that will look:

- On March 4, 2021, from 7-8pm Central/6-7pm Mountain, there will be a free, online Ambassador orientation session. This will include time to get to know other Ambassadors, learn about the role, and be given resources to use as you pray, connect, and invite. This will be recorded and shared with those who can’t attend on that date.
- Once a month Ambassadors will receive a brief email with a short “menu” of resources that you can choose to use or not, based on what you think will most help you and the people in your setting.
- Once every three months all Ambassadors will be invited to gather online for 45 minutes to share their insights, learn about resources and pray.

If you are willing to serve as a Nebraska Synod Ambassador, please complete the online form at this link: <https://forms.gle/vzkmBwPyq7Sw6z73A>.

Church Council Minutes

Church Council minutes are available upon request. Contact the office at 402/494-5461 or office@flcsc.org.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports are available upon request.

Contact the office at 402/494-5461 or office@flcsc.org.

Hopes to Habits Update

There are people being trained to lead this study. Pastor Doug is asking for all the confirmands and mentors to take part in this and as many people as possible from the congregation. If needed, we will hold this in multiple rooms. For the confirmands, this will help make up for some the missed time due to the pandemic.

When: Sundays after worship, starting April 11 and will run through May 23rd, skipping May 9th for mother’s day.

As part of our changes that have been recommended by Effective Church Group, we will have a Bible Study, that will help bring some positive changes to the congregation.

From Hope to Habits is a 6-week group study that provides participants the opportunity to explore a variety of spiritual practices that allow Christians to turn their hope for something different into habits that make a difference.

There will be a cost to the materials, to cover binding and printing. If you cannot afford the cost, which is still be determined, please contact pastor Doug. He has resources to help cover your cost.

Food Pantry



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hours of Open: Every Wednesday 9-11 am again from 1-7pm.

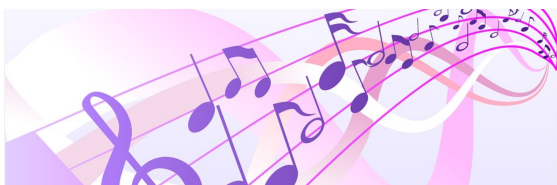
Volunteers especially needed 9-11, 3-5.

No heavy lifting ... food selection is grocery store style.

Sometimes your 2-hour shift is quiet ... other times we are very busy.

Call Bev 308-991-8324

Sponsor a Song



Would you like to sponsor a song for worship? There are many songs that we will use over and over. Normally songs are rented as part of our package we have with MultiTracks.com. However, if we use it often, it would be better to purchase it. The cost to do so is \$30 per song. If you would like to sponsor a song, please indicate this on your check or use online giving to give towards Sponsor a Song found under Worship and Music.

When Christians Act Like Christians: God's Call to Christlike Civility Update

The date is still to be determined. However, if you have not purchased a book, do so soon. There are a limited number of copies at Amazon. Pastor Doug is waiting for the Hopes to Habits study to be completed and for his leader copy of the study to be finished, before we pick dates to run this study.

As we have seen before and after the election, there is a lack of civility among the people in our nation. What is worse, it is the same among those that say they are Christians. Discipleship

calls for love and in love we will be civil. We do not have to agree, but we are called to love and be civil.

This will be an upcoming Bible Study, at First Lutheran / Abundant New Life. Be part of this study. We will do this both online and in person.

Get your copy of the book at Amazon. Before you click the link, make sure you sign up for Amazon Smile. Choose First Lutheran for the smiles benefit. This will ensure that First Lutheran / Abundant New Life will benefit financially from your purchases at Amazon, at no cost to you.

Get your paperback book here: <http://amzn.to/3oulap7> For financial assistance, please speak to Pastor Doug.

AmazonSmile

Do you shop at Amazon? Did you know that First Lutheran / Abundant New Life will receive a .5% donation from your purchase if you shop through smile.amazon.com/ch/47-6000954? \$145.47 has been raised from 16 donors since we joined the program. Help increase the number of donors and the money raised for mission.

Giving to First Lutheran / Abundant New Life

Here are ways you can give to support mission.

Currently, we have five ways you can give, or catch-up on your giving:

1. **TEXT**: Text the word "GIVE" to 402-557-0882, then follow the instructions texted back to you.
2. **APP**: (did you know we have an app!?!?) <https://app.flcssc.org/>
3. **CHECK** Sent to the office at 3601 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City NE 68776
4. **AUTOMATIC PAYMENT** can be arranged through your bank, or in our e-Giving at <https://give.flcssc.org>
5. **AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL** can also be arranged through your bank, or with e-giving
6. **FACEBOOK** Many of the posts on our Facebook

have an option to give.

Don't forget: if you have trouble remembering your offering, both our text and app have a "recurring" option that will send your offering to FLC every week or month (you choose), regardless of whether or not you're in the building! And you can always arrange for Automatic Payment or Withdrawal through your bank!

We can't begin to say enough THANK YOU'S for your faithfulness and continued generosity

Confirmation Corner



Confirmation Camp

When: Sunday, June 13, 2021

Where: Camp Carol Joy

We will be attending Ranch Camp once again. The cost is \$430. Please register ASAP and make the \$100 deposit. We will do fundraising to help offset the additional costs. Register at <https://www.caroljoyholling.org/register>

Leadership Lab

Lab 2021 will be coming up from July 26th through the 31st. The planning of Lab 2021 is still in progress. We are hopeful that this will take place in person. However, we also realize that the pandemic makes this a fluid planning time.

Who can attend? Pastor Doug must sign off on any youth attending. Pastor Doug also highly encourages any adult who wants to partake in the two year course of learning to lead youth, take adult lab. If you have questions about

adult lab, see Kris Dill or Jenni Durant, both have attended the lab.

Leadership Lab is designed to assist youth in acquiring skills that will be useful in congregational, local communities, and the world; while experiencing Christ's love in community. Each level of lab is structured to help participants progress in their ability to be responsible ministry leaders and helps them grow in their awareness of God, self and others

Participants must have completed **eighth grade. You must also complete Basic.**

(i.e. must complete Basic before Advanced; Advanced before Phase 3; Phase 3 before Step Fourth)

If you have not been to Lab before and you are younger than a senior in high school you MUST start in Basic. Once you start you need to complete each level before going on to the next. There will be others your age in each level.

No previous lab experience is necessary to attend Phase 3 for those who are entering their senior year of high school.

Lab is NOT a place to send your whole youth group. Leadership Lab is a unique experience aimed towards those youth who have shown leadership potential. If you have questions or concerns about a particular youth's to fulfill the Lab experience, please be in contact with the Directors to address those concerns or issues.



We gather in worship nightly, lead in songs and always an inspiring message. Each year a new

them for the week is chosen. Labs, worship and sermons center on the theme.

The Lab Mission

To be an active LABORATORY, practicing church leadership for the future

We see a bright future for the Gospel of Jesus. However, in order for the 'church' to be a part of that future we need leaders who are looking forward more than they are looking backwards.

That is not to say that the 'church' doesn't have a beautiful history and tradition...it does! But if that history and tradition gets in the way of our ultimate calling from Jesus to spread, live and be the Good News, then we need to be able, willing and equipped to look forward beyond those traditions more that we look backwards and learn about them.

Leadership Lab is designed to teach students leadership skills as they encounter Jesus within the community. The mission is that student will grown in the faith while learning skills they can take back to their churches, schools, and communities. There are six unique levels of learning, all designed for high school, young adult, and adult ages.

The vision is for us as a community of youth AND adults to be willing to look into the future and practice what leadership looks like within the community of Christ.

Ministry Opportunities

These opportunities are available to non-members as paid compensation for their work. We are always looking for talented people from the congregation, to share their musical talents.

We are seeking a guitarist.

Compensation negotiable.

We are seeking a guitarist to participate in our

9:30 am Sunday Contemporary worship. Practice with the band and participation on Sunday a must. Keyboardist would report to the praise band leader.

Contact Pastor Doug at 402-235-6969 or at pastordoug@flcssc.org

Send your resume to Pastor Doug, Apply on Facebook below. https://www.facebook.com/job_opening/442038713411095/?source=job_at

We are seeking a keyboardist:












Compensation negotiable. We are seeking a keyboardist to participate in our 9:30 am Sunday Contemporary worship. Practice with the band and participation on Sun-day a must.

Keyboardist would report to the praise band leader. Contact Pastor Doug at 402-235-6969 or at pastordoug@flcssc.org Send your resume to Pastor Doug. Apply on Facebook below. <https://www.facebook.com/>

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MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p>  <p style="font-size: small;">This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.</p> <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 11:00 AM Confirmation Class 3:30 PM Josiah Mullins Concert</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Lent Worship</p>	<p>4</p>  <p><i>Feeding the Hungry</i></p> <p>2:00 PM Food Bank distribution 6:30 PM Fellowship Team Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p>  <p style="font-size: small;">This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.</p> <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 4:00 PM Annual Chili Cook Off</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:15 AM Circle II</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 PM Lent Worship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Lydia Group</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Saturday Quilting Group</p>
<p>14</p>  <p style="font-size: small;">This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.</p> <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 2:00 PM Baby Shower</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Lent Worship</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>Newsletter SEPTEMBER 15 Deadline</p>  <p><i>Feeding the Hungry</i></p> <p>Newsletter Deadline 2:00 PM Food Bank distribution</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 PM DC Amateur Radio Club</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p>  <p style="font-size: small;">This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.</p> <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 11:30 AM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Women of the ELCA Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM Food Pantry 6:00 PM Lent Worship</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p>  <p style="font-size: small;">This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.</p> <p>8:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 11:00 AM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>Maundy Thursday</p> <p><i>Feeding the Hungry</i></p> <p>2:00 PM Food Bank distribution 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30 PM Fellowship Team Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>GOOD FRIDAY 6:00 PM Good Friday Worship</p>	<p>3</p>