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Mission Statement: Christ has called us to: Invite, Connect, Disciple and Go.

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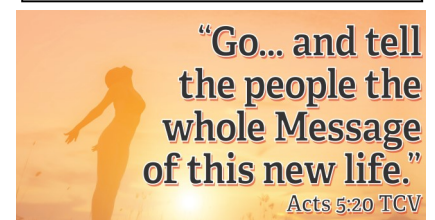
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The deadline for the May Newsletter is April 15

Worship at FLC / ANL

4/1 Maundy Thursday 6 pm worship

4/2 Good Friday 6 pm Movie

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 I (Semicontinuous.) All scripture during worship will be from the New International Version (NIV), unless otherwise specified.

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Did you know?

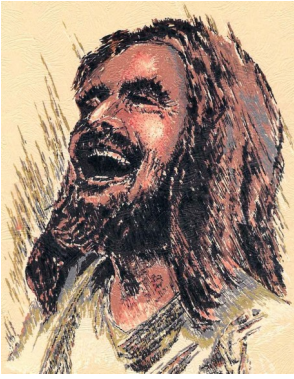
Thank you for the offerings to support the missions here! **Did you know** that a re-occurring offering is the best to help us plan how we can support mission.

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?



Blessed Pastor Doug

We recently gathered on a Wednesday evening, to examine the assets that FLC/Abundant New Life has available to reach into the community to do ministry, through our mission statement.

When I am speaking about assets, it is not just financial. Financially speaking, we do have some assets, but they are small while the other assets are immense. Financially we need everyone to pitch in and do their part to finance ministry. This is an opportunity of being blessed to be a blessing.

What assets do we have then? We are blessed to have creative people inside the congregation. We have a lawyer, nurse, care givers and both active and retired teachers. This is only a snippet of the assets.

Outside of the congregation we are blessed to have access to coffee houses, large corporations, and we are located on Dakota Ave, near an expressway and a bus stop.

Physically, we are blessed to have a wonderful building, lots of classrooms and space. There is a large parking lot, a shelter, green space and multiple access points to the property.

All of the asserts I listed are just a fraction of what the group came up with. We placed all of the assets under the different parts of our mission statement, Christ has called us to: **Invite, Connect, Disciple** and **Go**. We are blessed to be called by Christ into a great mission.

The asset mapping also revealed an opportunity to dig deeper into just what Invite, Connect, Disciple and Go looks like.

We are in study as a council to look deeper into each of these parts of our mission statement. We will then invite others to dig deeper with us as well.

We are blessed in an exciting time at FLC/ Abundant new life. It is full of opportunities to dig deeper into our relationship with Jesus. We have so many opportunities....and more to come, to serve in carrying out the mission Christ calls us too.

This is a time of Abundant new life!

We are blessed.

Remember:

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

Fellowship Breakfast



When: **April 25th @ 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.

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)

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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

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, APRIL 16-17

FRIDAY SET UP and CRAFT TIME 4PM-9PM

SATURDAY CRAFTING AND LUNCH 8AM-5PM

\$25 REGISTRATION REQUIRED ... LIMITED SEATING

MUST RSVP BY PHONE ONLY ... by APRIL 9th

Call Bev 308-991-8324

2021 Nebraska Synod Mission Trip

The trip is scheduled for May 3-7th.

Have you been wanting to serve God with your hands on a mission trip? If you have been on a trip with the Nebraska Synod, 2021's trip will look somewhat different while still allowing for your heart to be touched as you touch the hearts of those you will serve and those you will serve with. God is awesome that way.

The plan is to serve at King's Lake near Fremont, NE. Our work will include home repairs from the flooding of 2019.

At this time we are asking for participants to make their own lodging plans. We feel this way,

participants can better accommodate their comfort level. We know some will go home each night, some will stay with family, and some will stay in nearby hotels. There is some availability at the volunteer center at King's Lake.

We will address food at a later time. Options may include making food at the center, providing your own meals or a combination. For more information and to register, click <https://t.e2ma.net/click/ynypld/ecwsur/y7xifk>

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 Study

Postponed until further notice. People are being trained to lead this valuable study as soon as they are, we will have the study. Please let Pastor Doug or Jarrod Knudsen know if you plan on attending. We want to make sure that there are ample study books.

The cost for the study material will be \$5.00.

If you cannot afford the cost, please contact pastor Doug. He has resources to help cover your cost. We want everyone to be part of this.

Food Pantry

Opportunities to serve

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

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.

Food Pantry/Food Bank Awareness month.

Jenni Durant ran another marathon. She has been collecting monies for the Food Pantry at work. She invites each of us to donate to these. It was 10 years ago, that Jenni began an Abundant New life, in healthy food choices and exercise.

Many people are not fortunate to be able to eat healthy, let alone be able to have enough to eat. We will have a table in the welcome center, where you can donate non-perishable healthy food. This is also an opportunity to financially support through your giving. Please indicate on the check or envelope if you are giving to the Food Pantry or to help support the twice monthly Food Bank.

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

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 FLC / 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.flcsc.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.flcsc.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 for your faithfulness and continued generosity

Confirmation Corner

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

Confirmation Camp

When: Sunday, June 13, 2021 Session

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 (Update)

Lab 2021 will be from July 26th through the 31st. Registration opens on April 15th. This will be virtual again, this year. The Lab Levels have been suspended and you will be organized by age. Most material is pre-recorded, except small group time.

By being virtual, this means it can fit into your schedule easier. There is flexibility in taking lab courses in 2021 and scheduled small group time. Head to <https://www.leadershiplab.net> for details.

This is open to anyone who has completed 8th grade, through adults. If you have questions about adult lab, see Kris Dill or Jenni Durant, both have attended the lab.

Ministry Opportunities

These opportunities are available to members and non-members. Only non-members will be 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 will 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.

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75 Years Ordained Ministry

Written by the ordained, Raymond W. Bartels

I was ordained on April 30, 1946 conducted by the Nebraska Synod of the United Lutheran Church in America.

As I prepare to put thoughts down on paper regarding my life and the wonderful occasion, the 75th anniversary of my ordination "into the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament", quoting from my 50th Anniversary as signed by the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of which, I am member. I recall an event about three years ago, sitting in the back pew of the congregation where I had been its pastor for 27 years before retiring. Pastor Wilson had returned from a church meeting out west. He talked about an event there where each participant was to think of six letters from our alphabet where each letter would be the first letter in a word that would relate to you and your relationship to God. I thought a bit, then turning to Christie, a fellow member who often is there with several of us oldies, to whom I had been pastor for three funeral occasions., "I got it!" I said to her:

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DON'T DOUBT GOD GOD WORKS WONDERS

And God started right here in First Lutheran Church! My parents had moved from Missouri to Dakota County with their family of four living sons. I was born on the first farm he rented. I return to Dakota County for family reunions I have gone to the farm to visit with the people who farm it today. Over the years I have taken with me my wife (now deceased) and one of my sons who would be driving me. We visit the occupants and they let me show my family the bedroom where I was born. What memories! When I was in the 7th grade at Meredian School in the spring my parents rented a farm a mile east of the location where the people of First Lutheran worship today! To tell the truth I wasn't very happy leaving my friends at Meredian School and at Salem Church. At that period of time, as an 8th grade you entered confirmation class and you did not take Holy Communion until you had been confirmed. So, in the fall on Saturday, I would bicycle out to Salem, go to class and then bicycle home. But snowy and freezing weather stopped my bicycling. My parents just let me quit.

My brother, Bob, (who later became a seminary professor) had entered the 8th grade. at the junior high in the fall of 1936 and started confirmation class at First Lutheran. Both of us had been going to Sunday School. I was a 10th grader so I belonged in the High School Sunday School class, taught by Pastor de Freese, We met under the balcony, a room made by the folding doors. I was too ashamed to stay for church on Sundays of Holy Communion since I was not confirmed. So, in that interval between Sunday School and worship service I would go outside, then keep on walking, ending at home. After the second time of doing this Pastor de Freese asked to talk with me. "What is the matter? Why aren't you staying for worship on the Sundays we have Holy Communion?" I told him the truth. I am not

confirmed, I said. "We'll take care of that" he said and went to get a copy of Luther's Catechism and gave it to me. "Read it!" Study it I did and after several discussion periods with me, he said that he would confirm me during a Sunday morning worship service. But that was just the beginning. Next: "Would you like to come to help me mimeograph the bulletins for the Sunday services?" That was drop-sheeting between each copy as he turned the mimeograph. There was no printed bulletin service then. So, I watched, learned how to prepare them and did it myself when he went on vacation. And so, I knew how to do them and make bulletins later on when I became a student supply. One thing led to another for me. "Try teaching Sunday School" and so there in the furnace room was my first classroom for teaching-in the basement of the old church. Next, I appeared, with my brother, at choir rehearsals. It must have given Mr. Ring, the director, a few "What next thoughts." But I sang in the choir my junior and senior years of high school. All these activities finally led me to ask Pastor de Freese that question: "What do you have to do to become a pastor?" God working! Like Job, speaking of God said "Who does great things beyond understanding and marvelous things without number." I remember that he took me to Good Friday services and some pastoral meetings. I think God was using Pastor de Freese! I knew that I needed to do some work while going to Midland. Pastor said that he knew of a restaurant in downtown Fremont that employed Midland students and would provide board for them. So, during the summer of 1939 one day he took me to Midland to apply for that job. I don't know if the business manager misunderstood or not. But, he arranged a job for me across town at Western Theological Seminary, cooking for the students, three meals a day, five days a week, for both room and board.

When I told my mother about the job, she said that I must know how to make a pie and proceeded to have me make a lemon meringue

pie. (Now that is another story that has come into being the last seven or eight years.) So, when September 1939 came, five young people from First Lutheran Church went to become freshmen at Midland College: Helen Englebrecht, Dick Dierking, Bob Kvam, Lowell Sund, and me. So for three years I cooked for the seminary students. In the second month of my cooking one day I read in the local Fremont paper that the very restaurant for which I had applied would be going out of business. GOD WAS WORKING WONDERS for me! And during my senior year of schooling I learned the art of keeping the college church clean and orderly! My roommate asked me to help him at a lady's Boarding business by washing evening dishes. No college dorm for men then. This contact resulted that two years later this lady said she would host the wedding reception at her home for Fern and me when we were married!

Isn't D D G G W W at work?

Then came May, 1943. Graduation from Midland College! Come September I would enter Western Theological Seminary in Fremont - the same place where I had cooked for students the first three years of my college life. So back to Mom and Dad's at 7th & Dakota Ave. (where they had opened a grocery store) for the summer. My younger brother, who had come home from Midland for the summer also, and I secured jobs at a factory in Sioux City helping to make frozen food lockers. In Dakota City lived a Mrs. Neiswanger.

She knew that I was planning to enter seminary in the fall. She called me to ask if I would consider conducting worship services during the summer at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dakota City. She had been a member but for some time the congregation was gone so the church is closed. Today as you drive through Dakota City the sign on the median points you to Immanuel, now a museum, and says "The Oldest Lutheran Church in Nebraska". I said that I would and began on the first Sunday in June, 1943! Then came that telephone call from the

Nebraska Synod president (Bishop today):

"Raymond, I know you will be entering the seminary in September, but I need you NOW. " I have placed 11 available seminary students off for the summer. Not even an active pastor to consider relocating. There's a congregation in Western Nebraska where the pastor has left for missionary work. So, for July and August I want you to go out there and supply them." So I resigned my job at the factory, packed some belongings, boarded two different trains for the trip, got off the train in Broadwater, NE., was taken by a member to an empty parsonage to live for the two months. To myself I thought it wasn't this the town that fellow student, Fern Beisheim, in psychology class was from? I had wanted to ask her for a date then but I thought Lowell Sund had been her escort in a college event that spring. I wouldn't cut in on him. And she never came back to Midland after that year. I had lost track of her. As people were leaving church after my first service they introduced themselves. "I'm Mr. Beisheim, a member of the Council" he said. "Are you any relation to a fellow student at Midland by the name of Fern B?" "I'm her father." "After her second year of teaching she took a summer position with the public power company. Maybe some weekend she will come home and you can meet her." One Sunday she was in church and as I shook hands with her as I was greeting worshippers, I glanced at her left hand. NO RING! More wonders! Summer is over. Now back to Fremont to begin seminary. Before the year was over Pearl Harbor! And a government assertion required year around study for seminary, not nine months study then summer months off. Meanwhile as summer 1943 ended the congregation, where I had been for the two months said they would have services every other week and they wanted the seminary to let me be the pulpit supply. That provided opportunity. Fern came home more frequently. Engagement after a Christmas midnight service. Then she came to Fremont, roomed where once I had washed dishes, secured a job in town, and then we mar-

ried two months before my graduation and lived above the funeral home where Pastor de Freese's brothers and I had worked part-time. As early as was allowed for graduating seminary seniors to receive a call here was one for me, from that congregation where I had gone back in July, 1943!

Pastor de Freese knew that I was I was scheduled to graduate from seminary in May, 1946 so to the congregation he said: "Lets host the April, 1946 convention of synod so Raymond's ordination will be here at his home church. And we can witness that service right here. That request to synod for that date was made April, 1945. Now I would finish seminary classes in September, 1945. So, until that April date in 1946 the synod at its April, 1945 meeting gave me a license for one year to function as a pastor; baptizing, administering Holy Communion, confirming classes. There would be no ordination before the candidate had completed seminary at the time of the regular synod meeting. So, First Lutheran Church, hosting the 1946 convention of the Nebraska Synod of the ULCA, was privileged to witness the ordination of one of its members to the Holy office of the Ministry of the United Lutheran Church.

(so reads the Certificate above my desk) at a service on April 30, 1986!

Yes, D D G G W W!! DON'T DOUBT GOD, GOD WORKS WONDERS! HE certainly has with me and continues to this day doing so!

Smoke Off & Grill Tasting

June 26, 2021 from 1-5 p.m., in the parking lot. Each contestant should supply 12 pounds of meat. Prize money will be split between 1st, 2nd and 3rd. There will also be a 50/50 drawing at 4:30 p.m.

Contestants cost is the 12 pounds of meat.

Tasters: Adult \$8.00, includes 2 oz from each contestant, side and includes a drink. Children: \$6.00 hot dog, side and drink,. Check website for more details and registration.

Flea Market



We will be hosting our annual Cardinal Flea Market, August 13-15, 2021.

Friday, from 12:00 pm-7:00 pm

Saturday, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, from 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Free admission to shop and browse the indoor and outdoor spots. You can purchase lunch on Saturday and Sunday, onsite.

Neighborhood Picnic

Pet Blessing

August 28th, 2021 the Fellowship Team will host an End of the Summer Neighborhood Picnic. It will run from 1-4 p.m. and is FREE to the entire Neighborhood !!

Free Hotdogs, Hamburgers, chips and dessert. We are looking at providing outdoor games. If you have Horse Shoes, Volley Ball nets and Corn Hole set available, please contact Kris Dill.

Pastor Doug will be available to bless any pets brought to the picnic. If you cannot bring your pet, bring a picture!

We hope to have local animal organizations in attendance to register animals and provide adoption.



APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</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 1:00 PM Zumba</p>	<p>29 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>1 Maundy Thursday</p>  <p>2:00 PM Food Bank distribution 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship 8:30 PM Fellowship Team Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>6:00 PM Good Friday Movie</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>   <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Contemporary Easter Worship Service Inside and online 1:00 PM Zumba</p>	<p>5 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>8 7:00 PM Lydia Group</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Saturday Quilting Group</p>
<p>11</p>   <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 1:00 PM Zumba</p>	<p>12 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>13 9:15 AM Circle II</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Newsletter Deadline 12:00 PM Creative Crafters 2:00 PM Food Bank distribution</p>	<p>16</p>  <p>4:00 PM Creative Crafters</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>8:00 AM Creative Crafters</p>
<p>18</p>   <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 11:30 AM Church Council Meeting 1:00 PM Zumba</p>	<p>19 2:00 PM Circle I 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM Food Pantry 1:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 6:00 PM DC Amateur Radio Club</p>	<p>24</p>
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