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

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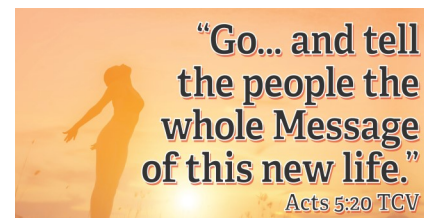
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The deadline for the July Newsletter is June 17

Worship at FLC / ANL

6/6 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

6/13 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

6/20 4th Sunday after Pentecost

6/27 5th Sunday after Pentecost

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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Bible Study

Update

Circle II, which meets on second Tuesday of each month, is hosting a Bible study. In June, the Bible Study will be at Dakota Perks on Dakota Ave, in South Sioux City. You are cordially invited and encouraged to attend the study. Part of discipleship, is studying the scriptures.

The next meeting will be May 11th, at 9:15 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Gagnon at 605-999-1332

Did you know?

You are greatly blessed

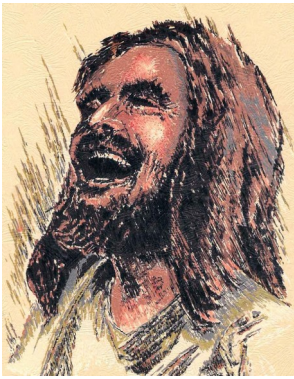
Highly Favored

Imperfect

But a forgiven child of God

All because of the Love of God for us, in Jesus Christ, and all through the cross.





Our Mission Pastor Doug

By now you may know we have a different Mission Statement from last year. If you are a guest reading this, well, here is our mission statement.

Christ has called us to:

Invite, Connect, Disciple and Go.

Invite

Inviting may seem like inviting someone to come to worship, but it is so much more. When you give an invitation, it is for the opportunity for a life changing event. Although worship can be that, it can also be to a fellowship event, Bible Study, a concert we are holding. What is important is that we invite, in a welcoming way, with a hopeful expectation of someone receiving that invite through the Holy Spirit. We invite, because we want to connect, so others may encounter the risen Christ.

Connect

To connect is more than finding something in common with them. It is more than coming to the same events and socializing. Connecting is building a deep relationship built upon the Cornerstone, Jesus. That relationship built upon Jesus is with Jesus, with us through the Holy Spirit. As Christians we believe that the Holy Spirit is in each of us. It is the Spirit that connects us to Jesus, who is no longer in our presence, but who will come again. It is a connection to Jesus, to be grafted into the vine, as sisters and brothers with Christ, that we are all connected.

Disciple

To disciple is not just us being a disciple but to carry out the great commission in making disciples of all nations. Disciples are deeply connected individuals, who make up the body of Christ on earth. Together, we are called The Church. Disciples love as Jesus commended, Love one another as I first loved you. Jn 13:34

Disciples Love, even the “unlovable”, deeply care for one another in the name of Jesus. Each day is centered upon Jesus, for the sake of the world. Prayer, Study, Giving of Tithes (Money, Time, Self).

This is the life we hope for ourselves, for those we Invite, for those we Connect with the Word (Jesus the Christ) and for all nations.

Go

Go is an important part of the mission. We hear it directly from Jesus when he says, “Go and make disciples of all nations.”

To go, is to leave the four walls of this congregation, serving the people of God, loving them in the name of Jesus and **Inviting** them, to **Connect** and **Disciple** to **Go** out and do it all again, but now with new disciples at your side, along with the Holy Spirit and keep on repeating the process.

Next Month, I will write out our Vision:
Cultivating Lives for God.

Every Leader is a disciple-maker

Every member is engaged

Every week we welcome new guests

Yours in Christ Jesus, Pastor Doug

Fellowship Root Beer Floats

When: **June 20th Following Worship**

All dads/fathers and let's face it, anyone that wants a Root Beer Float, and who would not want that? After worship Fellowship is making floats and handing them out. Come get yours!

Outdoor Worship

Starting with the first Sunday in June and running through the first Sunday of September, we will have outdoor worship on the first Sundays of each month.

Food Bank Mission

Dear Friends, the faithful disciples. I am writing to tell you about the Food Bank and the people we serve through the Food Bank. I know many of you know about the Food Bank and some of you have served and are serving now. However, I just wanted to refresh your memory.



We serve on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. This starts off at 10 a.m., where we begin the process of sorting and bagging of food for God's people who will grace our parking lot and we will be blessed by their presence. Around noon, we take a break to have lunch, fellowship and refresh and prepare for the loading of the food into the cars from 2-4 p.m. This is a time that we are very short handed. It is a great time to interact with those that come for food and with others that are helping out. We can distribute food from 150-200 families, each Thursday. Did you know that we have several volunteers from different congregations, but we could always use more help.



This is a great mission, a good time of fellowship and serving. Can you help out? Come and see how you can be part of this mission and how your donations are used actively in mission to others in the community.

Share in a cup of coffee and a cookie or two made fresh by Ray Schleusener and share in this great mission. If you want to know more, contact me at 712-212-3726 or KAnders@flcsc.org.

Serving Jesus

Kathy Anders, Council Member at Large and Team Lead for Food Bank.

Opportunities to serve

New summer hours for Food Pantry. Our hours have changed but the opportunity to serve has not. Open: Every Wednesday 9-11 am & again from 5-7pm.

No heavy lifting ... food selection is grocery store style. Sometimes your 2-hour shift is quiet ... other times we are very busy.

Call Bev Rautenberg-Panko

308-991-8324 or email at pantry@flcsc.org

Youth Support

I just want to thank everyone who has helped support our youth. Because of your generosity, we are able to send our confirmation students to confirmation camp, where they will learn and grow in their relationship with God! This is vital to our youth's spiritual growth. You have supported through direct donations, SCRIP and Equal Exchange purchases.

Jennifer Lieber (Council Member at large)

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.

Thank You for the Kind Welcome

By Scott Koepsell

I have been casually attending First Lutheran Church over the past ten years, mostly driving to South Sioux City from our home in Omaha for holiday celebrations and to see my mother-in-law. I've very much enjoyed candlelight services, Christmas cantatas, and of course Easter services. If it had not been for a life-changing event in January of 2020, I would likely be on this same schedule.

In 2019, Rob and I decided that in our forties we would like to explore becoming foster parents. There was the usual courses and inspections and trainings, but I do not think anything really prepares you for having children actually placed in your home. In December of 2019 we met two very special children. In January of 2020, they moved in to our home. I cannot imagine how scary it must be to have an entirely new system and people as your home, especially when you have little or no control. Then add on a world changing event that took control away from all of us: Sars-CoV-2, better known as Covid-19. We did like most parents did, a combination of home-schooling, well-timed outings to find toilet paper and hamburger, and creative new social distancing activities.

As the pandemic is winding down and we have become vaccinated, we decided again to casually visit Marla for Church service a few weeks before Easter. This time, though, we saw and felt the service through not only our eyes and hearts, but our children's eyes and hearts. We felt welcome and love pouring over us and our children. We saw how the message of Easter resonated with everything going on in the world. I saw how our children craved learning songs and prayers, and I found myself having the same desires. It is very common to hear either of the kids humming or singing the Blessing as we drive to school or run errands. It truly feels as if the Holy Spirit brought us 90 miles north on a random Sunday to change

our lives.

In this short time, we wanted to thank everyone at First Lutheran for the kind and welcoming embrace. We feel the love of our Savior filling a void that we didn't know we had until children entered our life, and we again started hearing and celebrating His message regularly. I am excited to learn more about myself and the First Lutheran Church with my family.

See part 2, Pg. 7, Scott talks about Covid-19

Evangelism Corner

Red Foley was a country music singer and songwriter but he's also a poet

and he wrote this inspirational gem I discovered this morning on this CD by

Lewis & Royal who put music to this beautiful poem. After the song was

over I just have to press repeat. The song adaptation is one of those tunes

that made me cry and see how blessed i actually am. Unfortunately the song

isn't available online. But fortunately i have a friend named Nheyghel Nigel

who supplies me with forgotten Canadian country and folk CDs.

"Today upon a bus, I saw

A lovely maid with golden hair; I envied her - she seemed so gay -

And oh, I wished I were so fair.

When suddenly she rose to leave,

I saw her hobble down the aisle,

She had one foot and wore a crutch,

But as she passed, a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;

I have two feet - the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets,

The lad who served me had such charm;

He seemed to radiate good cheer,

His manner was so kind and warm.

I said, "It's nice to deal with you,

Such courtesy I seldom find."
 He turned and said, "Oh, thank you, sir!"
 And I saw that he was blind.
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
 I have two eyes - the world is mine.
 Then, when walking down the street,
 I saw a child with eyes of blue.
 He stood and watched the others play;
 It seemed he knew not what to do
 ,
 I stopped a moment, then I said:
 "Why don't you join the others, dear?"
 He looked ahead without a word
 ,
 And then I knew; He could not hear.
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
 I have two ears - the world is mine.
 With feet to take me where I'd go,
 With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
 With ears to hear what I should know:
 I'm blessed indeed, The world is mine.
 .
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine."

Spiritual Corner

Hello and welcome to the Spiritual Corner. Every month a new prayer practice will be published for you to try. Try this practice for a minimum of one week, if it's not for you, that's okay. There will be others, that might work better for you.

Every good profession has a toolbox. Tools that help get the job done right. Your beautician/barber has their special shears. Your carpenter has several different tools based on the job ahead. Even a chef needs special tools to make their job easier.

You are going to build a spiritual toolbox. These will be prayers you can pick up at any time.

Some will require movement, while others might just need silence. It's your toolbox, now it's time to fill it!

Prayer can change things. When you allow God to work from within you, so many doors open. Now remember this is not a Dear God, list. You are not a child asking Santa for special gifts. You are asking God for guidance and direction. If you are having trouble figuring out what God is saying to you, or asking of you, then meet with a Spiritual Director. A list of directors is available through the Nebraska Synod, and Western Iowa Synod. First Lutheran/Abundant New Life, does have a Spiritual Director on staff.

This month, we will learn about the "Welcoming Prayer" By Father Keating.

This prayer will help you learn how to accept the good and the bad, to help bring you peace. It's best to read this slowly, absorbing each line.

Welcome, Welcome, Welcome.

I welcome everything that comes to me in this moment because I know it's for my own healing.

I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons, situations, and conditions.

I let go of my desire for security.

I let go of my desire for approval.

I let go of my desire for control.

I let go of my desire to change any situation, condition, person, or myself.

I open to the love and presence of God and His healing actions and grace within.

Kris Dill, Spiritual Director

Ministry Job 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 con-

gregation, 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.

We are seeking a keyboardist 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.

Part 2: Now Come Meet us in Person!

By Scott Koepsell

My daily life is a physician at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE. I went to medical school at UNMC, and I also got my Ph.D. in microbiology there. I was involved in our response to Ebola in 2014 and again in our response to Covid-19. It truly is a miracle to think that the Covid-19 virus was first recognized 1.5 years ago, and we were able to develop a test,

treatments, and now vaccination against this virus.

With the politization of Covid-19, I have seen such a range of reactions from hate against Asians to hoaxes. Meanwhile, while people were arguing mostly over social media, there were times when we had almost 10 floors in our hospital full of patients with Covid-19. Our nurses, doctors, and staff were exhausted, and there seemed to be many insurmountable barriers such as lack of masks, testing supplies, and beds. There were too many early and lonely goodbye's and suffering at the hands of this virus, which makes our ability to overcome it so welcome.

The good news is there are two very safe and effective vaccine out from Pfizer and Moderna, and they work really well, even better than we hoped. In some studies, 0.007% of vaccinated people developed symptomatic Covid-19 after receiving the vaccine. That is truly remarkable! As such, the CDC has

Devotional

Thessalonians 5:16-18. Be Joyful and always pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Like many people, I always thought prayer was hard. I didn't have the words I hear a pastor pray. I was afraid if I offered to pray out loud, people would judge me. I also believed it was like a "wish" list, and if I didn't get what I wanted; well, then God was un-happy with me. So now I was being punished. How relived I was when I learned it didn't work that way.

Once I learned to pray in ways that fit my lifestyle and personality, prayers were being answered. Okay, not all the prayers received the answer I wanted, but the prayer was answered.

When we stop trying to control outcomes, and listen for God, everything you need will be provided for you. Again, it won't always be easy, and the answers or the need will be met in so many ways. Let it change your life!

God help me remember that prayer is easy, and the best connection I can make to you. You know

what I need, you know what I want, but you allow me to come to you and ask. Help to always remember to pray. Amen

Again, thank you to everyone who help to spread God's LOVE!

Kris Dill, Spiritual Director

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.

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.

Community 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.

Can You Feel It?

Can you?

There's a change. It's palpable. It's all around. It feels good.

What is it?

Openness.

Yes, openness.

Openness tinged with relief and bathed in a bit of anxiety. We have been open since Lent, but not all of you have returned. You can, it is time, your family is awaiting to worship and fellowship with you.

Yes, there's a growing sense of openness; but I have specifically avoided the word "normal." We're *not* going back to "normal" — too much has changed, we've lost too many people, and our lives have been inextricably changed. To return to "normal" means everything's all better. And it's not.

Moving forward — changed, altered, resilient — that's what we're doing. We're moving forward the best that we can in the still-present ethos of a disease that ravaged our society and community — to say nothing of the families who are emerging from the pandemic without loved ones.

Yes, there's a change and it's palpable and it's all around and it even feels good — but it's not a return to normal — it's a tentative step into a future that is markedly different from just 16 months ago.

Markedly different in all ways but one way:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God is good. God will provide.

Be well, stay safe, and God bless,

Pr. Doug & the Council of FLC/ANL

Concert, The Klassens

On August 14th at 5 p.m. in the parking lot and shelter, come and listen to The Klassens entertain us with some great music.

The Klassens are a family of singers, who found that together they could have fun singing some good old gospel songs and that they sounded really good! <https://theklassensmusic.com/>

[The Klassens](#) will be coming to FLC/Abundant New Life to perform an outside concert. The concert will be held in the parking lot and shelter.

When: August 14th at 5:00 p.m.

Where: FLC/Abundant New Life, 3620 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City NE

What: Gospel Concert put on by the Klassens

Why: Fundraiser for the Food Bank of Siouxland. 1/2 of the free will offerings will be donated to the Food Bank.

The Klassens will help raise funds for the [Food Bank of Siouxland](#), through their very talented voices. During the [Cardinal Flea Market](#), we are taking up collections for the Food Bank and then on Saturday, the Klassens cap it off with their singing.



The Klassens are a family group from Worthington, MN, who started singing Southern Gospel music together in early 2016.

Siouxland Discovery Chorus

Who: Barberghett

What: Barbershop Harmony & Spaghetti

Where: Redeemer Lutheran, 3204 S. Lakeport St, Sioux City IA.

When; June 14th 5:30 p.m.

Cost: Free Will Offering

Christmas in July

July 11 th at Klasey Park in South Sioux City @ 5:00 p.m

Come and celebrate Christmas with food, music and a short message. The DCMA will provide grilled food, drinks and chips. A free will offering will be taken to support the DCMA ministries.

Siouxland Food Bank

All during the Flea Market, we will be collecting donations to benefit the Food Bank. You can give in person, electronically at <https://give.flcssc.org> or you can give on our Facebook Site, <https://fb.com/firstlutheranssc>

JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30</p>  <p>This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.</p>  <p>WORKOUT</p> <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 1:00 PM Zumba</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>3</p>  <p><i>Feeding the Hungry</i></p> <p>2:00 PM Food Bank distribution 6:30 PM Fellowship Team Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>  <p>WORKOUT</p>  <p>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 Parking Lot Spirit Connection Worship Service and online 1:00 PM Zumba</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:15 AM Circle II</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 PM Lydia Group</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Saturday Quilting Group</p>
<p>13</p>  <p>This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.</p>  <p>WORKOUT</p> <p>Confirmation Camp 8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 1:00 PM Zumba</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Confirmation Camp 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Confirmation Camp</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Confirmation Camp 9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>15 Deadline</p>  <p><i>Feeding the Hungry</i></p> <p>Confirmation Camp Newsletter Deadline 2:00 PM Food Bank distribution 7:00 PM DC Amateur Radio Club</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Confirmation Camp</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>  <p>This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.</p>  <p>WORKOUT</p> <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 11:30 AM Church Council Meeting 11:30 AM Father's Day Root Beer Floats 1:00 PM Zumba</p>	<p>21</p> <p>2:00 PM Circle I 6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>1:00 PM Smoke Off & Grill Tasting</p>
<p>27</p>  <p>This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.</p>  <p>WORKOUT</p> <p>8:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 1:00 PM Zumba</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Women of the ELCA Executive Committee Meeting</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>1</p>  <p><i>Feeding the Hungry</i></p> <p>2:00 PM Food Bank distribution 6:30 PM Fellowship Team Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>

