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July 2021



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

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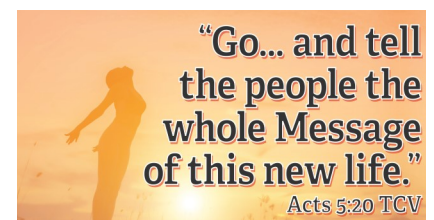
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The deadline for the August Newsletter is July 15

Worship at FLC / ANL

7/4 6th Sunday after Pentecost

7/11 7th Sunday after Pentecost

7/18 8th Sunday after Pentecost

7/25 9th 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 1 (Semicontinuous.) All scripture during worship will be from the New International Version (NIV), unless otherwise specified.

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Books Anyone

A new book sharing box has been installed at the entrance of the church. Come and take a book or leave a book.

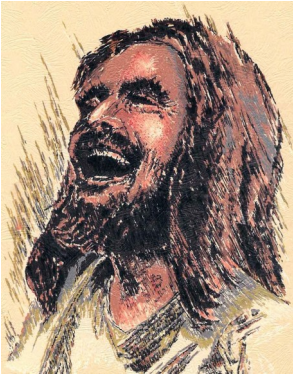


Marla Bianchini obtained the box and Deb and Terry Kenny were able to install the box and add a variety of book inside. Spread the word.

Abundant New Life

Jesus said; "...I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. John 10:10 b (NRSV)

**ABUNDANT
NEW LIFE**



Our Vision Pastor Doug

Each Sunday, together we state our vision statement. Our vision is:

Cultivating Lives for God

Every leader is a disciple maker

Every member is engaged

Every week we welcome new guests

Cultivating Lives for God

The overarching part of our vision is to cultivate the lives of God's people, for the sake of God. The center of why we are called by God, is to carry out the great commission. Which is also related to our mission, see last month for an in-depth look at our mission statement. Through our mission, we walk step by step in cultivating the lives that God puts before us.

Every leader is a disciple maker

Leaders are not limited to the pastor or paid staff. Leaders are anyone that others will look to for answers. From people involved in WELCA (Woman of the ELCA), the custodian, music/ band members and all those that are part of any team. Essentially, we are all leaders, but some have a more prominent role and have a greater weight of responsibility.

A disciple is one who has been called to follow Jesus. As a leader, we have the responsibility to help others see that we all have been called to follow Jesus. In that call, we are to become as Jesus would have us be by responding to his call to engage others through mission and ministry.

Every member is engaged

Being a member of the congregation is more

than worshiping, giving, taking communion and voting. Being a Christian was never meant to be a spectator sport. Being a member requires more.

Being engaged is all that I mentioned above and it involves being actively engaged in prayer, Bible study, supporting the mission and vision of the congregation at all times. Not just when it is convenient. See the top 5 of engagement on our website under [Becoming Engaged](#).

Every week we welcome new guests

Our mission involves us inviting others to be part of the family of Christ. A guest is more than a visitor. A visitor can be defined as; a person visiting a person or place, especially socially or as a tourist.. Where a guest is more aptly defined as; a person who is invited to visit the home of or take part in a function organized by another.

Daily we should be walking in our mission statement. There is not a time when Christ is not calling us to Invite, Connect, Disciple and Go back out to do it all again.

When living into the mission, it is our hope through the habit of living into our mission, that our vision then can be accomplished.

Neither the mission nor the vision is every completed until we hear Jesus tell us, "Well done, good and faithful servant. That is the day we meet our God in heaven.

Go is an important part of the mission. We hear it directly from Jesus when he says, "Go and make disciples of all nations." We Go, bring others back and start the process again.

Outdoor Worship

July the outdoor worship has been moved to July 11th. We are still planning on outdoor worship August 1st and September 5th.

Sit in your car, on the bleachers, a blanket or bring a chair, but come, Jesus is calling you.

Spiritual Corner

Kris Dill, FLC/Abundant New Life Spiritual Director

So how did your prayer practice go last month? Well, if that one wasn't for you, that's okay. Council was introduced to a new prayer practice to help them slow down and prepare for the task at hand. This new prayer practice is a mindfulness prayer.

I invite you to stop, slow down and listen for what God has to say to you. After each position, allow yourself a minute of silence before going on.

A Mindfulness Practice

AWAIT (hands at waist, cupped up to receive) Await God's presence, not as you expect, hope or imagine, but just as it is in this moment.

ALLOW (reach up, with hands open): Allow a sense of God's presence (or not) to come and be what it is, without meeting your expectations.

ACCEPT (hand at heart, cupped towards body): Accept as a gift whatever comes or does not come. Accept that you are not in charge. Accept the infinity of God's presence, present whether or not you are aware.

Attend (hands outstretched, ready to be responsive): Attend to what you are called to, actions that God invites you to from this stance of openness.

Silence 1 Minute

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 al-

ways 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.

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 will report to the praise band leader.

Christmas in July

July 11th 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>

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.

July Devotional

Kris Dill, FLC/Abundant New Life Spiritual Director
1 Corinthians 1:10 The Voice (VOICE)

¹⁰ My brothers and sisters, I urge you by the name of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed, to come together in agreement. Do not allow anything *or anyone* to create division among you. Instead, be restored, completely fastened together with one mind and shared judgment.

When my dad fell ill, with COVID complications, in January of this year, he made it clear to all of us that he did not want to be intubated or resuscitated. My brother who resides in Illinois and helped care for my dad, was the one who had to call us to discuss those wishes. I received that call while sitting in a restaurant. I stepped away from the table and I agreed with my brother that I would go with whatever everyone agrees with.

Once I had some time to myself, I realized it wasn't my choice. Dad made his wishes very clear. My brothers and I had no right to fight that, even if it wasn't our choice. You see Dad was 82, and we watched as his health decline and his quality of life began to dwindle. In his younger days he loved to sing, dance, cook, and act in the theater. Dad had a real love for food too! He loved having large gatherings with friends and families, and we all enjoyed the abundance of food he would prepare. I laugh now, as I know why I make too much also. Dad always made sure there was enough for everyone, even if it meant a ton of leftovers.

In the end when it came time to take the air mask off and let Dad go, it was the best gift my brothers and I could give him. My brother who was present at the time, said Dad was thankful, his last words were "Oh thank God."

As we now prepare his memorial service, my

brothers and I continue to work together, honoring our relationship and our family. We will continue to honor Dad's wishes of no prayer service the day before the memorial and a meal to celebrate his life

Sometimes, we must remember, no matter what the situation is, we must do what's best for all not just what's best for one.

Lord, may I continue to honor you by honoring and loving my family, my friends, my neighbors, and those I meet along the way. Amen

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.



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.

Smoke Off

What a wonderful success for the inaugural event! We sold 58 adult tickets and had six contestants. There was plenty of food available and if you did not make it out to support the event, put it on your calendar for next year, you really missed out on a great event.

We had people who saw the smoke and came over in hopes of food! We did not disappoint. There were kids meals, games and face painting.

The rain held off for all the cooking. Unfortunately the rain hit during the judging, but it did not dampen the good time we all had!

Speaking of judging, we had three wonderful judges brave the weather. Troop 149 Scout Master Steve Moore, Mayor Rod Koch and Father Michael Keating of St. Michael's, did an admirable job.

1st. Place Brandon Trautwein, 2nd Rick Lieber and 3rd was Scott Koepsell. Each person donated their winnings to the congregation.

We also had a 50/50 drawing with the winner donating their winnings back. From the event, we raised nearly \$1,000. Way to go Jennifer Lieber, who spearheaded the event. All were welcome and all had a great time!



Love Can Build a Bridge

Now we are in the time of bridge building. Building between the old ways and new. It is when we welcome all, no matter of sex, age, race, sexual orientation, past denomination association, your past, or anything else.....period.

Now is a time for future, grounded in the love of God for us, in Jesus. God is the love (1 Jn 4:16) and Jesus is the love that is necessary to build the bridge. We have all sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God (Rm 3:23) and love is needed to mend, to accept, to grow, and to continue on in faith.

Faith, Love and God are all tied Intrinsically together. "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child." (1 Jn 5:1 NRSV)

here is a rough translation from the Greek. It goes like this;

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ, by God has been fathered and everyone who loves the one, who fathers, loves also the fathered by God.

When we start here, with this premise, through faith, we see others as children of God, we can begin to flow through the rest of the text because it is faith that grounds us in the love of God, which we cannot truly understand except in faith.

Delving a little further in the Greek, once again. I believe this is very important because of the impact of these words mean not for just when they were said but because they apply today as well. When we hear in verse one, has been born, this is not a single event that has only the effectiveness at that moment of the faith realization but this carries on today. The Greek word is written in the perfect tense, thereby we are told that this time of being born, although having been in the past, sometime in our life, carries on today.

Even further with the perfect tense, is also applied to child in the last word of the first verse. Verse 1b says and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. That means not just once in the past but it is part of the present state of affairs. Faith and love is intrinsically tied together, bridge building.

Faith comes in the Love by God and the Love of God, comes in faith and those born of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, come from the God, who loves. Jungel, a German theologian, says "... *faith* is trust in the fact that the loving God is also love itself."

That still leaves us with trying understand love. "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome" (1 Jn 5:2-3 NRSV).














In Verse 3, it says "For the love of God is this..." The use of Love here specifically speaks of agape love when referring to the love of God towards others. Where in verse 1 and 2, the love expressed in the Greek is not agape but a love that is a love that is out of pure concern and high regard for the other. God loves us differently, in a purer sense of love than we can love God or God's children. That does not let us off the hook in how we see others, we still see them in light of loving God and as God's children.

The gurders of the bridge building is Love, which is God but we are tied directly to Jesus/Love/ God/ and Faith, all bridge building with the children of God. Not some children but all children.

Now go out and build some bridges!

Love, Pr. Doug

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p>   <p>8:00 AM Fellowship Breakfast 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>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>8:00 AM Breakfast with the Pastor 2:00 PM Food Bank distribution 6:30 PM Fellowship Team Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>   <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Spirit Connection Worship Service Inside and online 1:00 PM Zumba</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>8:00 AM Breakfast with the Pastor 7:00 PM Lydia Group</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Saturday Quilting Group</p>
<p>11</p>   <p>8:00 AM Spirit Connection practice 9:30 AM Parking Lot Spirit Connection Worship Service and online 1:00 PM Zumba 5:00 PM Christmas in July</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:15 AM Circle II</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>9:00 AM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Food Pantry 5:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>15</p>    <p>Newsletter Deadline 8:00 AM Breakfast with the Pastor 2:00 PM Food Bank distribution 7:00 PM DC Amateur Radio Club</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
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