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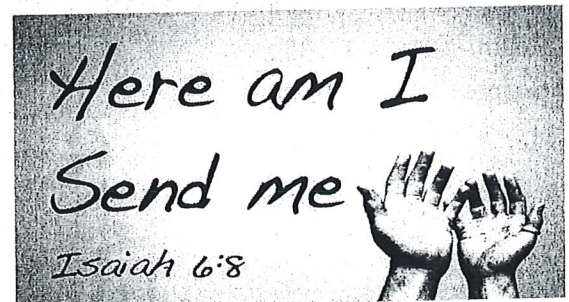
May 2022

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*Loving others in Christ for outreach to all,
while providing for God's diversity.*



The deadline for the June Newsletter is May 21.

CHURCH COUNCIL (*Executive Council)

- *President - Jarrod Knudsen
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- *Vice President - Jennifer Lieber
712/212-6932
- *Treasurer - Mike Hunter
712/490-2998
- *Secretary - Bob Bianchini

- Jake Gill 494-2332
- Rick Heuertz 712/251-2799
- Branden Lieber 712/259-4312

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jarrod Knudsen (and the council) for the wonderful Easter Sunday service. An enlightning message about Christ's disciples and the beautiful organ music made the service so meaningful. The 90-some people in attendance went away with the true Easter spirit.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would first like to thank the ladies who volunteered to make a newsletter for the church membership. This is a difficult time that our church family is facing. I have found out in the past few months how dependent we were on Pastor Doug, obviously the big things such as Sunday worship and visitation, but little things add up too - bulletins, monthly newsletters, keeping our Facebook page and webpage updated and mowing. I know for those of you who hear me in church each week asking for volunteers it seems redundant, but these are the basic tasks needed for our church to survive. So, if you are wanting to help give time to the church, please let me, or another council member, know and we can help find some task that needs to be accomplished.

I know Jesus has great things planned for First Lutheran Church. We just need to keep praying and doing the little things until He reveals what His plan is.

WORSHIP at
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- May 1 3rd Sunday of Easter
First Lesson: Acts 9:1-6
Second Lesson: Rev. 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19
- May 8 4th Sunday of Easter
First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43
Second Lesson: Rev. 7:9-17
Gospel: John 10:20-30
- May 15 5th Sunday of Easter
First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18
Second Lesson: Rev. 21:1-6
Gospel: John 13:31-35
- May 22 6th Sunday of Easter
First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15
Second Lesson: Rev. 21:10
22-22:5
Gospel: John 14:23-29
- May 29 7th Sunday of Easter
First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34
Second Lesson: Rev. 22:12-14
16-17, 20-21
Gospel: John 17:20-26

WORSHIP LEADERS for May

- May 1 Janelle Norton
- 8 Rick Lieber
- 15 Jarrod Knudsen
- 22 Janelle Norton
- 29 Pastor Kristen Van Stee

March Attendance

March 6	45	9 Sun.School
13	54	5 Sun.School
20	58	7 Sun.School
27	63	7 Sun.Sch001

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Clint Barrs	May 2
Austin Bass	May 1
Judy Blessing	May 7
Suzette Curry	May 26
Elaine Fader	May 18
Tyler Fader	May 24
Jill Gill	May 1
Robin Hansen	May 3
Chris Hedquist	May 1
Lance Hedquist	May 9
Lori Jones	May 30
Deb Kenny	May 27
Cindy Koeppe	May 20
Kyle Koskovich	May 2
Lukas Litras	May 22
Carolyn Slaughter	May 15
Janet Tondreau	May 7
Brian Van Berkum	May 24

ANNIVERSARIES

Todd and Chris Gehner	May 30
Bill and Myrna Gotch	May 28
Gary and Marian Hayes	May 12
Terry and Deb Kenny	May 23
Scott and Cindy Koeppe	May 7
Brian and Chris Lake	May 16
Del and Sharie Lieber	May 22
Jeff and Rita Todd	May 12

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

Special congratulations to Bob and Betty Barto who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

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The Church parsonage has been sold. Complete details of the sale will be forthcoming.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION

We will be recognizing our graduating students at our May 8th service.

Graduating high school seniors are:

Drew Benson	Tyler Fader
Nate Feenstra	Ashley Hedquist
Michael Sigsbee	Breck Swanson
Aubree Van Berkum	

If you, or a family member, are graduating from high school or college, please call Marla Bianchini (712/259-4596) with the information so they may be included in the recognition.

MOTHERS' DAY

"A Mother's Love Blossoms In Joy"

A mother scatters seeds of kindness
Everywhere she goes,
And a lovely garden follows her
With joy that grows and grows.

Mothers will be acknowledged at the May 8th service.

PASS IT ON

Pass on the word of encouragement
in an honest compliment...
Pass on the look of encouragement
in a generous smile...
Pass on the touch of encouragement
in a hearty handshake...
Pass on the kindness of encouragement
in a thoughtful deed...
And let the encouragement of Christ
flow through you.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Women of the Church delivered Easter plants and devotional books to eleven shut-ins. Thank you Jackie Gierman, Sandy Larson and Maray Wolf for delivering them. The recipients were so thankful and enjoyed the church-related visit.

Circle I

Circle I meets in the church lounge on the third Monday of each month during the months of September through June at 2:00. We begin the afternoon with a dessert and coffee and good fellowship. The meeting is followed by a Bible study.

Lydia

Lydia group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship, Bible study and dessert. By meeting in the evening, we hope to provide a chance for working women to participate in a Circle. Our current Bible study is from the Women of Faith Study Guide Series, "Encouraging One Another". We work on projects of Christmas gifts for school students, Joy Boxes, and Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief. All women are welcome, and we hope you just come join us. Anyone who has interest or questions, please contact Rita Todd (712/574-1769).

FOOD BANK OF SIOUXLAND

First Lutheran Church continues to be the gathering place for the Food Bank of Siouxland. The food bank is open the first and third Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00. An average of 60-some families are served each time. Thank you to all the smiling and happy volunteers who help distribute these food items and those who help unload the truck, put out food and help the people load the filled boxes into their vehicles. We are always looking for more volunteers on those two days. Help is also needed from 9:00 to 11:00 when the truck is unloaded.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Church's food pantry is available each Wednesday. Hours are from 9:00 to 11:00 in the morning and again from 5:00 to 7:00 in the afternoon. Donations are always accepted for this project - either in the form of grocery items or monetary. All grocery items must be non-perishable. The grocery cart is always in the entryway where you may place your donation.

Church Council Minutes

Church council minutes are available upon request. Contact any of the executive council.

Financial Report

Financial reports are available upon request. Contact Mike Hunter, treasurer (712/490-2998)

Note: Read this newspaper carefully. There will be a prize for the one who can find the most typing errors!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Sun.school 9:30 Worship	2	3	4 Food Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 5:00 - 7:00	5 Food Bank 1:00 - 3:00	6	7
8 9:00 Sun.school 9:30 Worship (Graduation recognition)	9	10	11 Food Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 5:00 - 7:00	12 Lydia Circle 7:00 p.m.	13	14
15 9:00 Sun.school 9:30 Worship (Communion) 10:30 Council meeting	16 Circle I 2:00	17	18 Food Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 5:00 - 7:00	19 Food Bank 1:00 - 3:00	20	21
22 9:00 Sun.school 9:30 Worship	23 WELCA Exec. 7:00 p.m.	24	25 Food Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 5:00 - 7:00	26	27	28
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