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FEBRUARY

The deadline for the March Newsletter is February 16.

CHURCH COUNCIL (*Executive Council)

*President	Jarro Knudsen 712/898-1170
*Vice-President	Bob Barto 712/490-1676
*Treasurer	Mike Hunter 712/490-2998
*Secretary	Jennifer Lieber 712/212-6932
Tayden Kinnaman	712/490-9360
Branden Lieber	712/259-4312
Randy Rahn	928/551-2464
Pastor David Halaas	701/430-3393

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, it's almost February. I can't believe how fast 2022 went. We had some highs and lows within the church, but we came out stronger than ever. I was elected to serve again as Council President, so I would first like to thank all the members of Council for their continued support. Also, a big thanks to Sue Hunter for being our scribe. This is a thankless job, and I am grateful that you continue to help our church.

2023 Council

President – Jarrod Knudsen
Vice-President – Bob Barto
Treasurer – Mike Hunter
Secretary – Jennifer Lieber
Randy Rahn
Branden Lieber
Tayden Kinnaman

I would encourage everyone to help and volunteer. A goal of mine in 2023 is to get our streaming back, and we need people to help with this. So, if you are interested, please reach out to a Council member or Pastor Halaas.

Yours in Christ,
Jarrod Knudsen

FROM PASTOR HALAAS

– Thank you! It has been a privilege to serve you as Interim Pastor since September of 2022. I anticipate serving you in 2023! Please read the Annual Report (and ask me about any questions or concerns you might have!)
– Thanks to the very capable and faithful Kerri Rahn. Thanks to the “newsletter crew.”
Thanks, also, to Ruthie Ailts!
– Thanks to the 2022 Church Council, Council President Jarrod Knudsen, and to all who take responsibility for and participate in various ministries.
Special thanks to Jake Gill and Rob Bianchini who have completed their service on the Church Council. They both provided very good leadership.
– Thanks to all who – in so many ways – assist families at the time of the loss of a loved one.
– Thanks to those who work faithfully on Food Pantry and Food Bank days.
– Thanks to those who assisted with the financial audit, to those serving on the Endowment Committee, and to all who participated in the Annual Meeting. It was a good meeting!
– Looking forward to the new year. I will be continuing to serve all of this year, and my priorities will be:
---- pastoral care and concern for all of the First Lutheran family, including worship, prayer, funerals, baptism, first communion classes, confirmation, and working with the Church Council.
---- looking together at our potential and best options for our ministry in the years to come.
---- talking with everyone about worship priorities and ideas, including introduction of the new (2006) red hymnal (we'll talk about why the change, what is new in this book and are the familiar hymns that we know in the new red book.) (ANSWER: YES!)
---- AND – invite others to church – tell friends and neighbors about these new days at First Lutheran – pray regularly that God will continue to guide and guard us every day!

– Pastor David Halaas
Email – david.halaas.rev@wisynod.org

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Feb. 5 5th Sunday after Epiphany
First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-12
Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 2:1-16
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20
- Feb. 12 6th Sunday after Epiphany
First Lesson: Deut. 30:15-20
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37
- Feb. 19 Transfiguration of Our Lord
First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18
Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
First Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Second Lesson: 2 Cor. 5:20b – 6:10
Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- Feb. 26 1st Sunday in Lent
First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19
Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

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| February 5 | Pastor David Halaas |
| February 12 | Dennis Remington |
| February 19 | Pastor David Halaas |
| February 22 | Pastor David Halaas |
| February 26 | Janell Norton |
- (Music by Prodigal Sons)

LECTORS

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| February 5 | Pam Knudsen |
| February 12 | Terri Gotch |
| February 19 | Bob Barto |
| February 26 | Mary Wolf |

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

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| December 4 | 71 |
| December 11 | 73 |
| December 18 | 53 |
| December 24 | 106 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| February 1 | Todd Oss |
| February 3 | Hannah Niemeyer |
| February 4 | Kerri Rahn |
| February 7 | Jackie Gierman |
| February 7 | Sadie Krontz |
| February 8 | Linda Swanson |
| February 9 | Rita Legg |
| February 11 | Kathy Muirhead |
| February 11 | Linda Kendra |
| February 12 | Brandi Johnson |
| February 14 | Ruth Ailts |
| February 18 | Drew Benson |
| February 21 | Rita Todd |
| February 22 | Tanner Koeppe |
| February 24 | Terri Gotch |
| February 24 | Jeff Todd |
| February 25 | Tom DeRoos |
| February 27 | Chris Knudsen |
| February 27 | Angie Sorum |

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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| February 9 | Jessica Baker |
| February 27 | Carli Lake |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| February 14 | Janet and Doug Tondreau |
| February 29 | Robert Bianchini and Scott Koepsell |

If we have missed any birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

First Lutheran Church will be offering an Ash Wednesday service at 5:00 p.m. on February 22 with Pastor Halaas. Should you not be able to make it to this service, you are welcome to attend Ash Wednesday service at St. Mark, 5200 Glenn Avenue in Sioux City at 7:00 p.m.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Sharie Lieber who passed away January 14.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Please encourage all young people to come for a lesson and interesting stories from the Bible. Come, join the fun!

THANK YOU to all who so willingly provide desserts and/or salads for the funeral lunches.

THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the support you gave us during the time of John's passing.

I would like to thank the Lydia Group for serving coffee and cookies at the viewing and Prayer Service. Next, we would like to thank the women of the church for the wonderful lunch they provided for everyone.

I would like to thank Jane Krogh for the beautiful music she provided. It was very much appreciated.

Also, I would like to thank Pastor Halaas for the wonderful service he had for John.

Elaine, Lucas, Tyler and Family

CIRCLE I

Circle I met January 16, 2023. We had dessert, fellowship, meeting and Bible study. We will meet again at 2:00 p.m. on February 20, 2023. All are welcome to come.

LYDIA GROUP

Lydia Group will meet February 9 at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship, dessert and a study from Women of Faith "Encouraging One Another." All women are welcome to attend.

"Faith doesn't get us out of trouble; faith gets us through it."
– Anonymous

WELCA

We are in the beginning stages of organizing a Prayer Chain. First Lutheran has had prayer chains in the past, and we are now planning to begin again this important ministry. In order to make this happen, we are asking for your help. We need volunteers to pray! We will be assembling a list of volunteers for this endeavor so if you would like to participate, please contact Sandy Larson at 402/494-2135 or Mary Wolf at 402/494-4697. If you aren't quite sure how a Prayer Chain works, Sandy or Mary can answer any questions you might have.

THE 2023 CHURCH COUNCIL met following the Annual Meeting and elected officers, approved previous minutes and financial reports, and approved the purchase of the new "red hymnbooks" from funds that were designated Thrivent Choice funds that can only be used for special projects.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

January 22, 2023

- 55 people in attendance.
- Copies of the Annual Report (including Treasurer's Report and Foundation) are still available for you to pick up at church.
- Council President Jarrod Knudsen and Pastor Halaas shared their reports.
- Elected to the Church Council: Bob Barto and Randy Rahn, and Tayden Kinnaman (as youth representative).
- Financial Year in review: Regular giving was \$141,489.06; **year-end financial summaries are posted on the church bulletin board.**

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 p.m. Besides the food distribution in the afternoon, help is needed from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. when the truck is unloaded.

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-7:00 p.m.	2 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship (Communion)	6	7	8 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-7:00 p.m.	9 7:00 p.m. Lydia	10	11
12 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	13	14	15 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-7:00 p.m.	16 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. Worship (Communion) 11:30 a.m. Council	20 2:00 p.m. Circle I	21	22 Ash Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Worship Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-7:00 p.m.	23	24	25
26 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship (Prodigal Sons)	27 WELCA Executive 7:00 p.m.	28				