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JANUARY

The deadline for the February Newsletter is January 12.

CHURCH COUNCIL (*Executive Council)

*President	Jarro Knudsen 712/898-1170
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*Secretary	Bob Bianchini
Bob Barto	712/490-1676
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Pastor David Halaas	701/430-3393

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I just wanted to thank everyone for all that they have done this year. It's amazing how much can get accomplished when everyone works together. The church looks beautiful. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and look forward to a happy new year. I am not sure when everyone will receive this, but just a reminder that Christmas Day and New Year's Day services will be at St. Mark. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 22 following service. Make sure you meet the criteria to vote. If you have any questions, contact myself or another council member for clarification.

– Jarrod Knudsen
FLC President

CHURCH COUNCIL

At our Annual Meeting on January 22, we will be voting to fill one council position to complete the remaining term of the late Rick Heuertz. The Council will be appointing a new youth representative to replace Jacob Gill. If you are interested in serving on the Church Council, contact Jarrod Knudsen or any Council member by January 8.

FROM PASTOR HALAAS

1. THANK YOU! Thank you to the Church Council and congregation for the gift of a \$150 gift card. You are most kind people! I pray all of your family Christmas gatherings were a blessing – and that the new year be one of health and happiness.
2. THANK YOU! It continues to be a privilege to walk with the congregation of First Lutheran in these months. I am optimistic about the ministry of this place! The current arrangement is a September 2022 until February 2023 plan. The Church Council and I will keep everyone “in the loop” as we together look at options and possibilities for the future.
3. IN THE NEW YEAR – I look forward to a positive and productive Annual Meeting on January 22. If you are interested in serving on the Church Council, please contact Jarrod Knudsen no later than Sunday, January 8.

– Pastor David Halaas

Email – david.halaas.rev@wisynod.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

January 1

NO worship at First Lutheran, BUT YOU ARE INVITED to 9:30 a.m. worship at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 5200 Glenn Avenue, Sioux City.

January 8

Worship at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School begins again!

January 15

Worship at 9:30 a.m. (with Janell Norton).

January 22

Worship at 9:30 a.m. (with Pastor Halaas). Annual Meeting follows worship.

January 29

Worship at 9:30 a.m. (with Janell Norton).

LECTORS

January 8	George Weiland
January 15	Josie Geveshausen
January 22	Bob Barto
January 29	Mary Wolf

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Jan. 8 Baptism of Our Lord
First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9
Second Lesson: Acts 10:34-43
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
- Jan. 15 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel: John 1:29-42
- Jan. 22 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4
Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 1:10-18
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
- Jan. 29 4th Sunday after Epiphany
First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8
Second Lesson: 1 Cor. 1:18-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

November 6	77
November 13	68
November 20	88
November 27	62

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 1	Shirley Luehr
January 3	Alexis Tobin
January 6	Carol Marmo
January 7	Bob Blessing
January 8	Joyce Williams
January 9	Mike Morgan
January 10	Bill Bass
January 10	Tim Niemeyer
January 11	Jennifer Durant
January 11	Sharon King
January 11	Clark Kleinberg
January 14	Breck Swanson
January 16	Melissa Baker
January 16	Amy Hinline
January 17	Lucas Fader
January 23	Josie Geveshausen
January 24	Bev Bates
January 25	Chris Reyes
January 26	Charlene Kollbaum

BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

January 27	Melissa Reyes
January 29	Billy Denker
January 29	Ruth Weiland

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

January 10	Lena Trautwein
January 21	Ryker Stolze
January 27	Coralyn Barr

ANNIVERSARIES

January 14	Matt and Cheryl Kinnaman
January 17	Tom and Jennifer Durant

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY (January 1) worship will be held at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 5200 Glenn Avenue in Sioux City at 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, January 8 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!

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of John Fader who passed away Wednesday, December 7.

THANK YOU to Jennifer Durant for her dedication in taking care of the rose bushes in front of the church this past year.

THANK YOU to Marla Bianchini and those who helped her beautifully decorate the church for Christmas.

THANK YOU – A huge thank you to all who gave to the Cardinal Christmas Baskets. We had such a great turn out.

CIRCLE I

Circle I met for a Christmas lunch in December. In January we will meet on the third Monday at 2:00 p.m. in the church lounge. We have a dessert, coffee and Bible study. Please join us!

LYDIA GROUP

Lydia Group will meet January 12 at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship, dessert and a study from Women of Faith "Encouraging One Another." All women are welcome to attend.

WELCA provided 10 fruit plates that were delivered to shut-ins by women of the church.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There was a total of 90 Christmas gifts distributed to Lutheran Social Services, Haven House and South Sioux City Schools.

ANNUAL MEETING

Members of FLC, the Council has set the annual meeting, which will be January 22, 2023.

Please make sure you attend this meeting. It will be following the 9:30 a.m. service. Please make sure you read the requirements to be a voting member. You must satisfy all three requirements to be a voting member at FLC. If you do not meet the requirements, you can still attend and sit in the back rows of the church, but you will not be allowed to vote or address the congregation. Requirements as stated in the constitution (C8.02.c) are as follows:

Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of this congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions of this constitution and its bylaws. They shall not have voted as a seasonal member of another congregation of this church in the previous two calendar months.

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER 18

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council will be meeting with both Bishop Johnson (Nebraska) and Bishop Halaas (Iowa) to discuss a variety of options for First Lutheran to consider in the new year. Church Council will also discuss these possibilities: continuing to work with Pastor Halaas and St. Mark; pulpit supply and musician options; application to host a seminary intern student.

Annual Report will be compiled for the January 22 Annual Meeting. Please submit reports to the church office as soon as possible.

Church Council, serving as the Nominating Committee, requests that those interested in serving on the Council inform Jarrod Knudsen no later than January 8.

The Foundation Committee will meet after worship on January 8.

Bathroom upgrade project is still on track, likely to begin in early January.

See the bulletin board for Church Council minutes, financial reports, and other information.

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.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 a.m. Worship at St. Mark 5200 Glenn Ave. Sioux City	2	3	4 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-7:00 p.m.	5 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Foundation Mtg.	9	10	11 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-7:00 p.m.	12 7:00 p.m. Lydia	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	16 2:00 p.m. Circle I	17	18 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-7:00 p.m.	19 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	20	21
22 9:00 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. Worship (Communion) 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting	23 WELCA Executive 7:00 p.m.	24	25 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-7:00 p.m.	26	27	28
29 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	30	31				