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May 2023



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The deadline for the June Newsletter is May 18.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

It's been an exhausting month of April, not to mention that the weather is not cooperating either. We have had some ups and downs at church this month. We lost our dear friend, Kathy. I can count on one hand the times she told me no when I needed help. Our church will not be the same without her, but her presence will always be here at FLC. We had two baptisms and three first communions this month, so we have life and young children rejuvenating our congregation. For those that missed our breakfast on the 23rd of April, it was excellent – biscuits and gravy. Keep your eyes on May's calendar for upcoming fellowship events. On May 7 we welcome the Prodigal Sons.

Just an FYI...we have graduation Sunday, May 21 so please come out and support our three graduating seniors. Also, this will be the last week of Sunday School until the fall.

I would encourage everyone to please attend our council meetings which are the third Sunday after church.

– Jarrold Knudsen
Council President

FROM PASTOR HALAAS

1. MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

– My prayer is that the Holy Spirit will continue to give grace, wisdom, and courage to us all as we worship and serve at First Lutheran Church. And remember that in our daily life responsibilities, actions, and vocations our Christian faith and witness makes a difference in our relationships, neighborhoods, communities, nation, and world.

2. SLOWLY BUT SURELY...

– The Church Council has been diligent to work together on a variety of concerns and issues. This ***IS*** a year of transition after some difficult times. God has been faithful, and indeed YOU – the readers of this newsletter – have been faithful as well. We are seeing good signs of renewed worship attendance, participation, and giving. We are grateful for the completion of the bathroom project as well as care for other ongoing building issues.

– Both Synods – Nebraska and Western Iowa – are being diligent in seeking a permanent pastor for First Lutheran. This would no doubt be a part-time position (based upon our size and financial stewardship). Hopefully by early summer there will be more information to share!

3. THANKFUL FOR...

– Our Sunday worship leaders, with special thanks to Mike Hunter and Marla Bianchini. Thanks to those that assist with reading, greeting, welcoming, and serving. Thanks to Carol Zastrow and Sandy Larson for altar care.

– Rita Todd, and those assisting her, for sharing the love of Jesus with our kids.

– All who cared for the family of Kathy Anders, and to those who served the funeral lunch.

– Those that give Memorial Gifts so generously with First Lutheran.

– To all of you for your encouragement, prayers, suggestions, patience, and kindness as I “shuttle” between St. Mark and First Lutheran!

4. CONGRATULATIONS TO...

– All celebrating graduations this month!

– Pastor David Halaas

Email – david.halaas.rev@wissynod.org

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 7	<u>5th Sunday of Easter</u> Acts 7:55-60, 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
May 14	<u>6th Sunday of Easter</u> Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
May 21	<u>7th Sunday of Easter</u> Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11
May 28	<u>Day of Pentecost</u> Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY

May 7	Janell Norton and Prodigal Sons
May 14	Dennis Remington
May 21	Pastor David Halaas
May 28	Kristen Van Stee

LECTORS

May 7	Jill Gill
May 14	Tristan Kinnaman
May 21	Ellen Prescott
May 28	Mary Wolf

MARCH ATTENDANCE

March 1 (Wed.)	26
March 5	46
March 8 (Wed.)	21
March 12	46
March 15 (Wed.)	23
March 19	45
March 22 (Wed.)	20
March 26	50
March 29 (Wed.)	20

GIVING STATEMENT

If you would like a 1st quarter giving statement, please contact the office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will end for the summer on Sunday, May 21.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1	Jill Gill
May 2	Clint Barrs
May 3	Robin Hansen
May 7	Judy Blessing
May 7	Janet Tondreau
May 9	Lance Hedquist
May 15	Carol Slaughter
May 18	Elaine Fader
May 18	Ashlyn Rich
May 20	Cindy Koeppe
May 22	Lukas Litras
May 24	Tyler Fader
May 27	Deb Kenny
May 30	Lori Jones

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

May 17	Dakota Koepsell
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ANNIVERSARIES

May 7	Scott and Cindy Koeppe
May 12	Gary and Marian Hayes
May 12	Jeff and Rita Todd
May 16	Brian and Chris Lake
May 18	William and Ashley Weiland
May 23	Terry and Deb Kenny

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

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcomed the following into the Lord's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Gabriella Durant on Sunday, April 2 and Brinkley Yacevich on Sunday, April 16.

FIRST COMMUNION

Tristan Kinnaman, Teagan Kinnaman and Tingley Kinnaman celebrated their First Communion on Sunday, April 16.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"City Wide VBS", sponsored by ELCA churches in Siouxland, happens on June 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the evening at Riverside Lutheran Church. Watch for the posters and more details!

SYMPATHY

We extend our heart-felt sympathy to the family of Kathy Anders who passed away on Saturday, April 15.

CIRCLE I

Circle I met on April 17, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. for dessert, coffee, fellowship and Bible study. We will meet again on May 15, 2023. Everyone is welcome.

LYDIA GROUP

Lydia Group will meet May 11 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, dessert, and a study from Women of Faith "Encouraging One Another." All women are welcome to attend.

THANK YOU very much for the wonderful baptism service for Gabbi on Palm Sunday. Gabbi really enjoyed sharing her day with her family and church family all together. We want to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts. She was so happy with them all.

– Tom, Jenni, Celeste and Adam Durant

THANK YOU to my dear First Lutheran family. Thank you for the pretty house plant and devotional booklet that Jackie and Oattie brought for me to enjoy during this Easter and beyond. Those Giermans have been "brightening up" so many lives in this way over the years.

– Gratefully, Cathie Galvin

THANKS TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

I should have written this last Christmas but I didn't. Thanks to Helen K., who brought us communion. At Christmas Sandy L. brought us a fantastic fruit plate which was delicious. Last week Sandy again stopped at our door with a pot of hen and chickens with a springy Easter pin wheel. Their visits have been so enjoyable. Thanks for being so thoughtful. Always nice to receive the devotional book. Also, thanks to all who call to let us know what is happening at church. Thanks for all your goodness. God bless each of you. – Marian and Gary Hayes

THANK YOU

FOR FINANANICAL GENEROSITY

Mike Hunter, Treasurer, reported to the Church Council that the first three months of giving this year is ahead of last year at this time by \$2,620. Income in March was \$10,310. Expenses were \$7,291.

PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the family of Kathy Anders, George Weiland, and Jean Hedquist.

EASTER LILIES

The following gave Easter lilies for our Easter worship on April 9:

Tom, Jenni, Celeste and Adam Durant in honor of Gabbi Durant's baptism.

Elaine, Lucas and Tyler in memory of John Fader.

In memory of Lee Novak, my husband, dad and grandpa. Love, Colton, Marissa, Austin, Summer, Ellie and Carrie.

Randy and Kerri Rahn in memory of Jo Ann Addison.

Randy and Kerri Rahn in memory of Dick Durant.

Randy and Kerri Rahn in memory of Lowell Rahn.

Randy and Kerri Rahn in memory of David Rahn.

Ray and Colleen Schleusener in honor of their girls and grandchildren.

Ray and Colleen Schleusener in memory of Mike Hingst and Kenzie Kollect.

In memory of my husband, Bob Wolf. Love you always, Mary.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	4 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. Wor- ship (Prodigal Sons)	8	9	10 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	11 Lydia 6:30 p.m.	12	13
14 Mother's Day 9:00 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. Wor- ship	15 Circle I 2:00 p.m.	16	17 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	18 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	19	20
21 9:00 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. Wor- ship (Communion and Graduate Recognition) 11:30 a.m. Council Meeting	22 WELCA Exec. 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28 9:30 a.m. Wor- ship	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.			

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Adam & Eve Word Search

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