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June 2023



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June

The deadline for the July Newsletter is June 18.

CHURCH COUNCIL (*Executive Council)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, another school year is over and summer is here. We have some changes on the horizon. If you have not heard yet Pastor Halaas will be ending his contract with FLC. June 18 will be his last Sunday with us. I would personally like to thank him for all of his hard work and dedication he gave FLC. Also, to the members of St. Mark for allowing him to share his time and talents with us.

With that being said, on May 30 the Council will interview Patti Meyer for an interim position. More details will be revealed in the near future.

We will be having a work day this summer to clean up the inside of the church, so please keep your calendars open once the date is set. If you have any questions, please feel free to call myself or any council member.

– Jarrod Knudsen
Council President

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

VISITING YOU...FROM PASTOR HALAAS

I shared the following letter at the May 25 Church Council meeting, and share it here for everyone in the First Lutheran family:

I will conclude my responsibilities as Transitional Minister at First Lutheran thirty days from today (June 24). Following on-going and positive discussion with both the Western Iowa Synod and the Nebraska Synod a proposal will be brought forth for a new part-time Transitional Minister. I fully affirm this recommendation by the Nebraska Synod, and assure you of my commitment to provide a helpful, supportive transition, working closely with your new pastor.

The next “chapter” of ministry at First Lutheran is bright – as you together discern future priorities. The leadership and the people of St. Mark Lutheran in Sioux City will continue to keep you in prayer and look forward to continued opportunities for partnership in ministry.

I am indeed VERY GRATEFUL for the time we have shared since last September. I am VERY GRATEFUL for the supportive leadership of the Church Council, staff, and other ministry leaders – and for the many friendships that have been a blessing.

– Pastor David Halaas

Email – david.halaas.rev@wissynd.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

June 4	Pastor Halaas and Pastor Joy Gonnerman. Pastor Joy serves as a prevention educator at Rosecrance Jackson Recovery.
June 11	Dennis Remington of Carol Joy Camp.
June 18	Pastor Halaas will preach/preside on his last Sunday with us.
June 25	The Prodigal Sons return!

LECTORS

June 4	Pam Knudsen
June 11	Josie Geveshausen
June 18	Tristan Kinnaman
June 25	Mary Wolf

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- June 4 The Holy Trinity
First Lesson: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a
Second Lesson: 2 Cor. 13:11-13
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20
- June 11 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
First Lesson: Hosea 5:15 – 6:6
Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
- June 18 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
First Lesson: Exodus 19:2-8a
Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 9:35 – 10:8-23
- June 25 4th Sunday after Pentecost
First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13
Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

APRIL ATTENDANCE

April 2	80
April 6 (M. Thurs.)	38
April 7 (G. Friday)	26
April 9	95
April 16	110
April 23	42
April 30	50

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 3	Norma Geveshausen
June 5	Mark Johnson
June 6	Kelsey Krontz
June 7	Chris Lake
June 9	Adam Durant
June 9	Bonnie Prosser
June 11	Sally Hansen
June 13	Linda Hovde
June 13	Elsie Peters
June 16	Bob Barto
June 16	Graciella Trautwein
June 23	Lynelle Conley
June 24	Kris Bergstrom
June 29	Kathryn Prescott-Kvidera
June 30	Carla Jo Morgan

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

June 6	Riverlee Voss
June 16	Tayden Kinnaman
June 18	Maya Weiland
June 21	Brooklyn Sorem
June 27	Axton Davis

ANNIVERSARIES

June 7	Chris and Michelle Kinnaman
June 9	Bob and Patty Blessing
June 18	Gerald and Carol Krieger
June 19	Mike and Carla Jo Morgan
June 22	Terry and Angie Sorem
June 25	Bart and Terri Gotch
June 26	Roger and Ruth Jensen

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

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 GRADUATES

We thank Terri Gotch for being the graduate speaker on Sunday, May 21. The following graduates were recognized:

Jessica Baker
Branden Lieber
Ashlyn Rich

Congratulations to Tanner Koeppel who graduated from UNL with a Master of Architecture Degree.

CITYWIDE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is

June 3-6 at 5:30 p.m. at Riverside Lutheran Church. All children are welcome to attend. To register call St. Mark Lutheran at 712/276-2418.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a concern or need for which you would like prayer, please contact Sandy Larson at 402/494-2135 or Mary Wolf at 402/494-4697.

God is like a friend, full of loving care; someone you can trust who's always there.

– Natalie Sleeth

CIRCLE I

Circle I met on May 15, 2023 for dessert and coffee. Then we had our Bible study. We will meet again on June 19, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. You are welcome to come.

LYDIA GROUP

Lydia Group will meet June 8 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, dessert, and a study from Women of Faith “Encouraging One Another.” All women are welcome to attend.

PASTOR SANDRA BRAASCH of Salem Lutheran in Dakota City will be participating in a summer mission trip to Tanzania. The Church Council has voted to support Pastor Sandra in this effort with a gift of \$1,000. If you would like to make a contribution to this gift, please share with Mike Hunter or note on your check “Tanzania Trip.” Our thanks to Pastor Sandra for all of her help given to First Lutheran in these past months and years.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the privilege of being with you on Easter Sunday. It was good to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with you in South Sioux – I will especially remember the donuts! I wish you continued joy in this Easter season, and I give thanks for your partnership in our ministry together as the ELCA.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Scott Johnson

DID YOU KNOW?

Were you aware that the First Lutheran Church building at 3601 Dakota Avenue is celebrating its 60th birthday in June? The educational wing was dedicated May 31, 1959. The sanctuary was dedicated June 3, 1963. Bob and Patty Blessing, who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on June 9, were the second couple to be married in the new building. Congratulations to the Blessings and happy birthday First Lutheran Church.

MORE VISITING (!) from Pastor Halaas

At the May 25 Church Council meeting:

– Pastor Kristen Van Stee, Assistant to Bishop Johnson of the Nebraska Synod, was present at the meeting and shared with the Council information about a recommendation for a new Transitional Minister. The Council will interview this person and inform the Congregation about all the details and plans. It is possible that the new interim pastor will be here for all to meet on Sunday, June 18.

– ONGOING PROJECTS AT FLC

– The water fountain has been repaired; the bathroom project is completed.

– The “play/pray area for children” in the sanctuary will be moved from the pulpit side to the other side...much better for the kids, the preacher, and for all!

– The current Nursery will be cleaned and shelves added so that all decorating items can be stored nicely.

THANK YOU to the group responsible for the lovely gift bags that were handed out to the women in the congregation on Mother’s Day, May 14. They were greatly appreciated.

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.

A FATHER’S LOVE

In all that you do, a dad’s love plays a part. There’s always a place for him deep in your heart.

And each year that passes, you’re even more glad.

More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!

– Author unknown

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	2	3
4 9:30 a.m. Worship (Communion)	5	6	7 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	8 Lydia 6:30 p.m.	9	10
11 9:30 a.m. Worship	12	13	14 Flag Day Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	15 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:30 a.m. Worship (Communion) 11:30 a.m. Council Mtg.	19 Circle I 2:00 p.m.	20	21 Summer Begins Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	22	23	24
25 9:30 a.m. Worship (Prodigal Sons)	26 WELCA Exec. 7:00 p.m.	27	28 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	29	30	

Books of the Bible

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Acts	Habakkuk	Lamentations	Psalms
Amos	Haggai	Leviticus	Revelation
Chronicles	Hebrews	Luke	Romans
Colossians	Hosea	Malachi	Ruth
Corinthians	Isaiah	Mark	Samuel
Daniel	James	Matthew	Song of Solomon
Deuteronomy	Jeremiah	Micah	Thessalonians
Ecclesiastes	Job	Nahum	Timothy
Ephesians	Joel	Nehemiah	Titus
Esther	John	Numbers	Zechariah
Exodus	Jonah	Obadiah	Zephaniah
Ezekiel	Joshua	Peter	
Ezra	Jude	Philemon	
Galatians	Judges	Philippians	
Genesis	Kings	Proverbs	