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# **First Lutheran Church**

**July 2023**



***God's Work. Our Hands.***

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe it's July already. I would first like to personally thank Janell Norton for being a great fill in minister for us these past two years. We could not have done it without her. Some exciting news is that we will have more consistency with Pastor Patti. I look forward to working with her to grow in faith together.

Finally, I am sending out a favor request. If you have a flag that needs to be retired, Jake Gill is doing a flag retirement ceremony on July 15 at 7:00 p.m. This is open to the public, so please come and support him. If you have a flag, it can be put in the flag retirement box located at the church.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

– Jarrold Knudsen  
Council President

## WELCOME, PASTOR PATTI

All of us at First Lutheran extend a hearty welcome to Pastor Patti. We look forward to a bright future under her spiritual leadership.

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PATTI

I am so excited to be here and to begin this journey with you all here at First Lutheran. I love creating and leading worship, but something else that excites me as much is meeting new people and building new relationships. I get to meet so many wonderful people like you.

And so to kick-start these newly formed relationships, let me introduce you to myself and my family:

I am a single mom to three adult children and grandmother to seven. I grew up in northeast Iowa. I am not a cradle Lutheran, but learned about God's grace at the first worship I attended at Galilean Lutheran Church in Clear Lake, IA. And that is where I learned; for the first time, that God could love someone even as broken as me. I was encouraged a short time later to enter ministry but argued with God about that "calling" for many years to come.

I love serving the church and am very excited about the journey we are about to embark on together. But the most exciting thing about this journey is that we are not embarking alone. Listen to God's promise in Isaiah:

*I am about to do a new thing; ...*

*I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.* Isaiah 43:19

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## LECTORS

July 2	Ellen Prescott
July 9	Mary Wolf
July 16	Tanner Koepp
July 23	Terri Gotch
July 30	Josie Geveshausen

## WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- July 2      5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23  
Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42
- July 9      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12  
Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a  
Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
- July 16     7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13  
Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11  
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
- July 23     8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: Isaiah 44:6-8  
Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25  
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- July 30     9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: 1 Kings 3:5-12  
Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39  
Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## MAY ATTENDANCE

May 7	63
May 14	42
May 21	54
May 28	45

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 1	Tanya Rich
July 2	Rick Robinette
July 4	Kelly Robinson
July 10	Jaimee Benson
July 11	Jim Hansen
July 14	Ron Frank
July 17	Chad Cain
July 20	Betty Barto
July 29	Destiny Krontz

## YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

- July 5      Xzavier Sheridan-Parker  
July 5      Zander Sheridan-Parker  
July 6      Tinley Kinnaman

## ANNIVERSARIES

- July 2      Darvin and Carol Zastrow  
July 12     Bob and Trish Porter  
July 13     Todd and Nikki Oss  
July 23     Ottie and Jackie Gierman  
July 24     Randy and Kerri Rahn  
July 24     Lance and Linda Swanson

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

PLEASE DONATE your used American flags. Jake Gill's Eagle Scout project is to dispose of these flags properly. Used flags can be placed in the designated red box in the entryway.

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to Jan Durant and family. Jan's brother, Marlin Schuttler, died June 6. Services were held June 10 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wakefield, Nebraska.

## 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.

## GIVING STATEMENT

If you would like a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter giving statement, please contact the office.

*Let us be the first to give a friendly sign, to nod first, to smile first to speak first – and if such a thing is necessary – to forgive first.*

### CIRCLE I

Circle I met on June 19, 2023 for dessert and coffee followed by a short meeting. Then we had a Bible study. We will not meet in July or August. Our next meeting will be September 18, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. We would like to see you there!

### LYDIA GROUP

Lydia Group will not meet in July or August. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 14 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

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.

### FOOD PANTRY

Our Church's food pantry is available each Wednesday. Hours are from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and again from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. 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.

### 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.

### "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, "America the Beautiful."

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes "who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life." She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good "with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.

### A PRAYER FOR JULY 4

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise you for the nation in which you have allowed us to live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities.

We thank you for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, special wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness.

Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of the land we love. Amen.

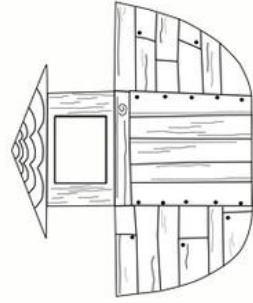
*Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. – Leo Buscaglia*

# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 a.m. Worship	3	4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	6 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Worship	10	11	12 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	13	14	15
16 9:30 a.m. Worship (Communion)  Council Meeting following service	17	18	19 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	20 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	21	22
23 9:30 a.m. Worship	24	25	26 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	27	28	29
30 9:30 a.m. Worship	31					

# Noah's Ark Word Search

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| Boat    | Build    | Forty Days |
| Ark     | Destroy  | Mountain   |
| Dove    | Storm    | Covenant   |
| Flood   | Preserve | Rainbow    |

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