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November 2023



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November



The deadline for the December Newsletter is November 16.

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PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR PATTI

“Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

(1 John 3:18)

This month starts with All Saints Day, which makes me ponder on those who have gone before me. I wonder about the lives of those I never got to know...like my mother's mother who died of lung cancer when my mother was only four years old. She died at such a young age, mom was just too young to remember many stories of her mother's life. I wonder what her faith journey was like.

I wonder about the journeys that started here at First Lutheran Church or the lives that developed and grew from their life and ministry here. I wonder how they grew. Was it through Sunday School? Or through worship? Did they come to know Jesus when they received the bread and wine? Or was it more gradual? Some people have a “life-changing” experience where they meet God face to face...and for some, it's a change that happens over many years of being involved in study and the life of the church. Have you ever wondered about your ancestors or the founding fathers of this church?

This year All Saints Day makes me think about verse 18 in 1 John, chapter 3, because it's not just the love that was spoken by those who have

gone before us that has made a difference in our lives. Think about that. How many of our saints do you remember because of what they said to you? My Grandma told me more times than I can count or remember that she loved me, but it wasn't what she said that I remember her for, it's the things she did that taught me how to trust in something bigger than me. She knew me better than anyone else in my life. I knew her love through her truth. She taught me many of the life skills I have. And she taught me about God's love in the truth she told. She believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself. She loved me when I felt no one else was.

This month ends with giving Thanks and this year I just want to shout out to all the saints who brought us to this point in our lives. Whether they are the founders of First Lutheran Church or those who touched our lives in a special way, like my Grandmother did.

Blessings this month as we gather to give thanks.

Pastor Patti Meyer
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The leaves are changing and there is a cool, crisp breeze in the air. The weather is changing, our church is changing as well. Pastor Patti has been discussing stewardship, and it got me thinking. Other than financial contributions, what else could we do? Well, your time and talents can be put to good use. We are always looking for ushers, lectors and soundboard operators. I would like to get our streaming back up and running. We can always use help cleaning the building. We have a very large building that needs help. Food Bank and our pantry always needs volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering, please let me know.

Upcoming Events:

Church Clean-Up – November 12

Chili Cook-Off – November 19

Jarrod Knudsen
FLC Council President
712/898-1170

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

- November 5 All Saints Day
First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17
Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
- November 12 24th Sunday after Pentecost
First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24
Second Lesson: 1 Thess. 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
- November 19 25th Sunday after Pentecost
First Lesson: Zeph. 1:7, 12-18
Second Lesson: 1 Thess. 5:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
- November 26 Christ the King
First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16,
20-24
Second Lesson: Eph. 1:15-23
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

LECTORS

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| November 5 | Pam Knudsen |
| November 12 | Mary Wolf |
| November 19 | Terri Gotch |
| November 26 | Tanner Koeppe |

If you would like to lector but haven't been called, please contact Mary Wolf at 402/494-4697.

SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

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| September 3 | 49 |
| September 10 | 49 |
| September 17 | 42 |
| September 24 | 48 |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| November 2 | Marla Bianchini |
| November 4 | Richard Potter |
| November 6 | Carol Ostendorf |
| November 10 | Shelly O'Brien |
| November 11 | Ruth Jensen |

BRITHDAYS CONTINUED

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| November 12 | Jane Krogh |
| November 19 | Sue Hunter |
| November 21 | Jeff Carda |
| November 23 | Randy Rahn |
| November 24 | Mike Gill |
| November 26 | Janet Brodersen |
| November 27 | Dennis Fischer |
| November 28 | Cheryl Kinnaman |
| November 28 | Dona Shook |

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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| November 1 | Tristan Kinnaman |
| November 9 | Jake Gill |
| November 13 | Justin Lake |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| November 24 | Bill and Linda Kendra |
| November 28 | Jeff and Ellen Prescott |
| November 29 | Dwain and Ruth Alts |

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Come and enjoy Bible stories and fun activities. Invite your friends!

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, October 8, we received Dennis Der-ochie and Chris and Anne Lofgren as members of First Lutheran. We are so pleased to welcome them to our First Lutheran family.

ATTENTION: NOVEMBER 19

The council would like to invite you to stay after worship to have conversations about Tradition and the changes that have been made or should be made here at First Lutheran Church. We would like to hear your voice.

NEW CONCRETE

Have you noticed the three areas around the church building where the new concrete has been poured? These new, smooth surfaces are greatly appreciated!

CIRCLE I

We met on October 16 for dessert and coffee. We had our regular meeting and then had a very interesting Bible study. We will have our next meeting on November 20 at 2:00 p.m. All ladies are welcome to attend.

LYDIA GROUP

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 9 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends Sunday, November 5. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

CHILI COOK-OFF is scheduled for Sunday, November 19 at 4:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY-WIDE THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 3939 Cheyenne Blvd., Sioux City, Iowa.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

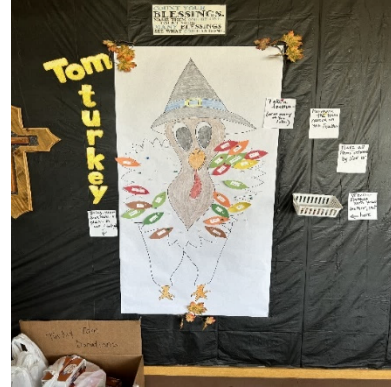
FLOWERS

Would you like to give fresh flowers for a Sunday worship? All orders are to be made directly with Jennifer Lieber at 712/212-6932. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center. Contact Jennifer with any questions.

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. If you have prayer requests that you would like mentioned in the Sunday announcements, leave a message at the church office or contact Pastor Meyer.

“Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action.”
—W. J. Cameron



TURKEY TOM

Remember to check out Turkey Tom and pluck a feather to help out with making some Thanksgiving baskets for some needy families in our community. All food needs to be provided by November 15. If you are bringing a perishable item, please label it with “Turkey Tom” and put it in one of the refrigerators or freezers in the kitchen.

GIVING TREE

On November 19 the Giving Tree will be up and tagged with numbered gift ideas for individuals needing our care this season. Please plan to take a name or two to share in this ministry. Gifts need to be bagged (NOT wrapped) and returned to First Lutheran with the identifying tag by December 4.

AMERICAN FLAGS

If you have an American flag that needs to be retired, you can place it in the designated box in the Narthex. There are scouts in our community who have projects to learn how to dispose of them properly.

IMITATING CHRIST

The biblical use of the term *saint* in the book of Acts...applies to each of us. All who are attempting to imitate the Christ in their lives merit the title of saint. Some do it more fully than others and are willing to let go of more to get the job done. —Matthew Fox, *Confessions*

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Food Bank 1:00-2:30 p.m.	3	4
5 All Saints Day Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 Fellowship Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m.	9 Lydia 6:30 p.m.	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Clean-Up Day	13	14	15	16 Food Bank 1:00-2:30 p.m.	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Council Meeting 10:30 a.m. Chili Cook-Off 4:00 p.m.	20 Circle I 2:00 p.m.	21	22 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Eve Worship FLC, Sioux City 7:00 p.m.	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	27	28	29	30		

Thanksgiving

WORD SEARCH

F S A R E E H T A G E C O R N T Y
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| FALL | THANKFUL | NOVEMBER |
| GATHER | TURKEY | PLYMOUTH |
| HOLIDAY | CORNUCOPIA | STUFFING |
| PILGRIMS | FAMILY | THANKSGIVING |
| PUMPKIN | GOBBLE | CRANBERRIES |
| CORN | GRATITUDE | POTATOES |
| FEAST | PIE | TRADITION |