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# **First Lutheran Church**

**August 2024**



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

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### PONDERINGS FROM PASTOR PATTI

Greetings and Grace to you all.

***“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.”*** – Ephesians 3:17

Our summer continues, but a new school year and ministry programs are just around the corner. And August is that time when many parents and grandparents are beginning preparations for school to start back up.

It's a time filled with newness. A new school year is about to begin, our Confirmation students will begin a new year studying the Catechism, and new opportunities for all of God's children to learn and grow.

The Synod's Cultivating Love focus in August is “Cultivating New...”

But as we enter this time of newness, there's a couple of questions that come to mind:

What might God be cultivating new in you? For you? With you? Paul writes, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17, NRSV).

Consider this month a “Choose Your Own Adventure” of sorts. You fill in the blank, “Cultivating New \_\_\_\_\_.”

Think outside the box. What might God be cultivating new in your life? Or here at First? What might God be cultivating in this community?

And then consider...what new things will you try?

Pray with me as you ponder on how we can become new together:

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I look forward to sharing this theme of Cultivating Love with all of you.

– Pastor Patti

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Plans are underway for our Confirmation Class to kick-off a year focused on getting to know the reformer Martin Luther and study the Catechism. August 25, the Confirmation class will meet following worship. We will be reviewing the guidelines, setting a schedule for the new year, and talking about mentor participation for the year. I will need parents and mentors to attend this meeting with the students.

### THANK YOU, MARY WOLF

Mary goes above and beyond when planning a funeral lunch. She makes calls to women for help...making sandwiches, cutting cakes, etc. She calls parishioners to request cakes and salads. She orders the buns and meat for the sandwiches, etc., etc. The list goes on and on! Needless to say, the lunches go smoothly because of Mary's leadership, and we VERY MUCH appreciate her dedication to this important ministry. Thank you!

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We were lucky to catch one of the nicer days to have our outside service! Thank you to the Worship Committee and others for setting up and cleaning up along with bringing great food.

We appreciate everyone's support and helping hands – whether you get caught or not!

We have witnessed several new and old faces at our worship services. Please welcome and encourage them to join us each and every Sunday. Please continue to invite a past member, a friend or family member to church!

The Council plans to provide another quarterly financial report in August. Again, the Council invites you to attend any and/or all of the Council meetings.

WOW!! Summer is almost over, and football is just around the corner! **GBR!**

– Bart Gotch

### LECTORS

August 4	Brooklyn Sorem
August 11	Bob Barto
August 18	Chris Lofgren
August 25	Ellen Prescott

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

### USHERS

August 4	Judy Blessing Dennis Derochie
August 11	Sandy Larson Carol Zastrow
August 18	Sue Hunter Rita Todd
August 25	Chris and Anne Lofgren

### JUNE ATTENDANCE

June 2	53
June 9	47
June 16	72
June 23	58
June 30	51

### WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

August 4	<u>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> First Lesson: Exod. 16:2-4, 9-15 Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16 Gospel: John 6:24-35
August 11	<u>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:4-8 Second Lesson: Eph. 4:25 – 5:2 Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51
August 18	<u>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6 Second Lesson: Eph. 5:15-20 Gospel: John 6:51-58
August 25	<u>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</u> First Lesson: Josh. 24:1-2a, 14-18 Second Lesson: Eph. 6:10-20 Gospel: John 6:56-69

### SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the following:

The family of Randy Bianchini. Randy passed away on Friday, July 5.

Judy Blessing and family on the loss of Judy's daughter-in-law, Carmen Light. Carmen passed away on Wednesday, July 10.

The family of George Weiland. George passed away on Sunday, July 14.

### THANK YOU

I want to extend a very special THANK YOU to you women of our First Lutheran Church. We recently served a funeral lunch and received many compliments from those who were in attendance. You are the ones who should be getting those compliments. You know when you see my name on your telephone caller ID that I am going to be asking for your help – either in the form of a cake or a salad to be served, and especially if I can find a willing worker on that call. You all respond so readily and so willingly and that is what makes those funeral lunches so good. The lunch is a very important part of the funeral service, and I thank you for doing your part.

– Mary Wolf

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 9      Jeana Davis  
August 11     Carol Krieger  
August 12     Joan Robinette  
August 16     Bob Porter  
August 21     Karen DeRoos  
August 21     Helen Koskovich  
August 21     Lance Swanson  
August 22     Jennifer Lieber  
August 24     Ronda Litras  
August 27     Linda Fischer  
August 28     Kendall Gill  
August 28     Pam Knudsen  
August 31     Haley Koepp

### YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

August 17     Rylie Johnson  
August 19     Teagan Kinnaman  
August 27     Liam Johnson

### ANNIVERSARIES

August 15     Jim and Sally Hansen  
August 20     Rick and Joan Robinette  
August 24     Chris and Milissa Reyes

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

### CIRCLE I AND LYDIA

Circle I and Lydia do not meet in August. Both will resume in September.

### QUILTING GROUP

Quilters will start meeting the third Saturday of the month starting August 17 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. You do not have to know anything about quilting or sewing. Please join us!

### FOOD BANK

First Lutheran Church continues to be the gathering place for the Food Bank of Siouxland. We have Food Bank on the first and third Thursday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

June 20 and July 18 Dakota County Voices For Food Community Gardens delivered a good supply of fresh produce. Just to name a few – kohlrabi, onions, broccoli, cabbage, radishes,

beets, zucchini, cucumbers and a few green beans. The Gardens will continue delivering a variety of fresh produce throughout the growing season.

Thank you to the boys from the Sioux City Metro Hockey Team who came on June 20 and July 18 to help with unloading the pallets of groceries onto the tables for distribution in the morning and also for coming back in the afternoon to help load the groceries into cars. Thank you also to Rianne, who attends Siouxland Christian School, for her help.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to ALL who show up to volunteer. This ministry would not be possible without all of the volunteer help received.

### FAITH FORWARD INITIATIVE

Thank you to all who helped to make our July outdoor worship a successful kick-off for the Faith Forward Initiative.

Notice the new altar cloth in our sanctuary that you all “had a hand” in creating.

The Faith Forward initiative is about finding ways that we can share our faith stories with each other and with our families. And the plan is to have an activity from time to time during worship or set up in the fellowship area before and/or after worship.

There are parent and grandparent packets in the Fellowship area for your taking. The packets include tools and suggestions of how to share your faith stories at home with your families. There are plenty for all to take one home, and the ideas can be interchangeable. Parent’s ideas can be used by grandparents and grandparent ideas can be used by parents.

There are also magnets with a QR code that you can scan to connect you to the Faith Forward website that has been created just for us and contains more suggestions and information on how to share.

# August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Food Bank 1:00-2:30 p.m.	2	3
4 Worship (Communion) 9:30 a.m.	5 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.  Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	6 Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11 Worship (Communion) 9:30 a.m.  Worship Planning Meeting 10:30 a.m.	12 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	13 Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	14	15 Food Bank 1:00-2:30 p.m.	16	17 Quilting Group 9:00 a.m.-noon
18 Worship (Communion) 9:30 a.m.  Council Meeting 10:30 a.m.	19 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	20 Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25 Worship (Communion) 9:30 a.m.  Confirmation Class "Retreat" 10:30 a.m.	26 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	27 Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	28	29	30	31

We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him. He appointed them to be saved in keeping with His purpose. — Romans 8-28

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Find these words from this week's lesson and Bible verse:

JESUS	ALL	THINGS	WORKS
PAUL	GOOD	APPOINTED	THOSE
ROMANS	GOD	PURPOSE	SAVED
KNOW	LOVE	KEEPING	