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# **First Lutheran Church**

**November 2024**



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

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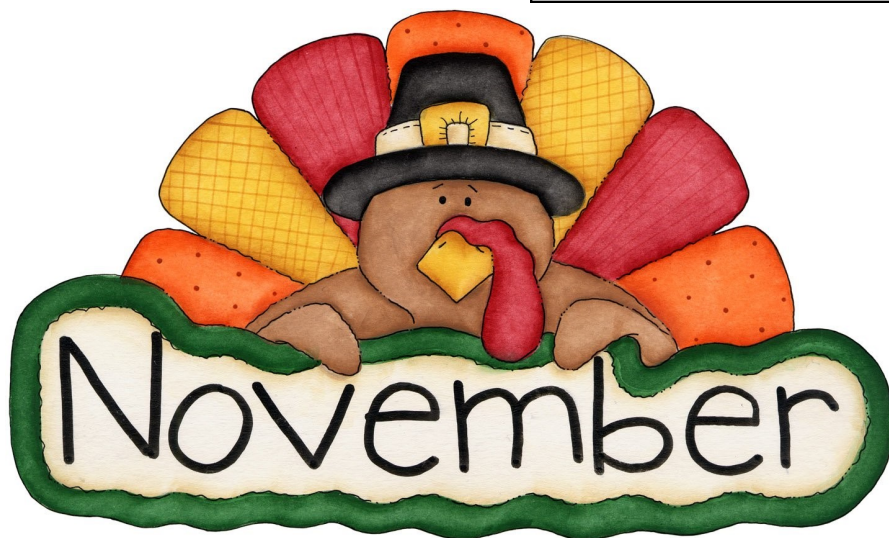
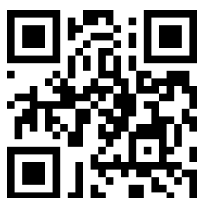
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**The deadline for the December Newsletter is November 21.**

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## PASTOR PATTI'S PONDERINGS

Greetings and Grace to you all.

***“For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption of Christ Jesus.”***

**— Romans 3:22-24—**

How can it be possible that we are entering the month of November already? It's hard to believe...isn't it? The year is coming to a close quite quickly, but this time of year brings lots of activities with it...especially centered around food. The November calendar includes: All Saints Sunday, Election Day (and the results from election day), Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving and end of the harvest celebrations...

And I wonder how we might create community that is grounded in the community we are called into and are a part of through the Body of Christ together?

The thing is that November's Theme is Cultivating Love through Community. Community is important and almost necessary, but brings with it complications and conflict from time to time. So, it's important that we bring love into our community.

Love is cultivated through relationships and similarly, community is cultivated through connections and grace. In this month of November,

we gather as God's people together around our tables for meals and conversations as well as in worship. We share gratitude with and for God and for one another, and we embody that gratitude through generosity as signs of God's abundant and generous love for us. These opportunities also provide an opportunity to have some deep and honest conversations with ourselves and others. Through such conversations, relationships and community grow and are cultivated.

Pray with me...Dear God, prepare our hearts to be a sanctuary for your word and love. And let us cultivate your love in our families, in our communities and in your world. Amen.

— Pastor Patti

## FAITH FORWARD INITIATIVE

The Faith Forward initiative is about finding ways that we can share our faith stories with each other and with our families. Here is a fun activity to do with your family.

What you will need:

A piece of paper for each person.

Pen or pencil for each person.

1. Give each family member a sheet of paper and writing utensil.
2. Ask each to place six dots randomly on the paper.
3. Collect the papers, shuffle, and then redistribute them.
4. Family members then use the six dots to make a picture.
5. Have family members share their pictures.

You can connect to the Faith Forward website just by scanning the QR code on the magnets found in the welcome area...or taking one of the packets that have many activities that you can try.

The website and 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.

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Harvest is rapidly coming to an end. May the harvest be bountiful and the grain prices rebound.

Terri and I wish to thank our church family for their thoughts and prayers, cards and memorials for the loss of my father, Bill. He had a tremendous impact on my/our family and will be missed but we have many memories to cherish.

We appreciate everyone's support and helping hands – whether you get caught or not! We have many members dedicating their time and talents towards the well-being of the church and its facilities. Keep up the good work!

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!

Again, the Council invites you to attend any and/or all of the Council meetings.

– Bart Gotch

### LECTORS

November 3	Ellen Prescott
November 10	Brooklyn Sorem
November 17	Tanner Koepp
November 24	Jill Gill

### USHERS

November 3	Justin Baker Melissa Baker
November 10	Judy Blessing Denny Derochie
November 17	Jan Brodersen Mark Peterson
November 24	Brianne Lake Carli Lake

### SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

September 1	48
September 8	56
September 15	43
September 22	56
September 29	41

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Did you enjoy the Reformation Skit performed by our confirmation students? I hope it helped you all to get to know Martin Luther better.

This month we will be opening the catechism to learn about the Apostles' Creed and the Sacraments. Continue to pray for our students, their mentors and parents too, as we journey through this year to learn more about our Lutheran roots and help our students grow in faith together.

So, this is where we have another connection ...students – mentors – parents and the entire congregation.

### BIBLE PRESENTATION

On Sunday, October 13 Bibles were presented to Grace Hunter and Teagan Kinnaman by Rita Todd.

TURKEY TOM is visiting again this year to help us provide Thanksgiving meal baskets for six families in our community. Pluck your feathers and bring items by November 17.

### QUILTERS

Be aware there is no quilting in November and December. They will resume in January.

### 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 or Pastor Patti at 623/910-7859.

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and heartfelt prayers to the following:

The family of Ray Schleusener. Ray passed away September 25.

The family of Ardie Laird. Ardie passed away recently in Florida.

The family of Lee Trautwein. Lee passed away October 7.

Bart and Terri Gotch on the passing of Bart's father, Bill Gotch, on October 15.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 2	Marla Bianchini
November 6	Carol Ostendorf
November 9	Jake Gill
November 10	Shelly O'Brien
November 12	Jane Krogh
November 19	Sue Hunter
November 21	Jeff Carda
November 23	Randy Rahn
November 26	Jan Brodersen
November 27	Dennis Fischer
November 28	Cheryl Kinnaman
November 28	Dona Shook

### YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

November 1	Tristan Kinnaman
November 13	Justin Lake

### ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

CIRCLE I met on October 21 for dessert and coffee, then a meeting. One of our projects is the School Kits for LWR. We filled six kits. We talked about new projects for us and then had Bible study. We would enjoy having new people join us at our next meeting on November 18 at 2:00 p.m.

LYDIA will meet Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

A CHILI COOK-OFF will be held on November 10 at 4:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Bring your best chili in a crockpot for the contest. There will be prizes!

### 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.

We only had Food Bank once in the month of October. We served around 70 families. We had end of the season garden vegetables from the Community Gardens. If you know anyone that works with the Community Gardens, please let them know their time, talents and produce is appreciated by our clients. Thank you to all the Community Gardens volunteers. The month of November should be back on schedule for the first and third Thursday.

Thank you to the students from Gateway to Learning for the help with unloading the pallets of groceries onto the tables for distribution in the morning. Then, returning in the afternoon to help load groceries into the cars.

We invite anyone who is interested in helping, whether you can only help in the morning to set up or can only help in the afternoon to do the distribution of food to come and be a part of this ministry.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to ALL who show up to volunteer or has anything to do with supporting this ministry. This ministry would not be possible without all of your support.

THANK YOU to Marla Bianchini for decorating the church so beautifully for the fall season.

### A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: The Blessing Prayer

*"The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and  
be gracious to you,  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and  
give you peace."* (Numbers 6:24-26)

When we bless, we name what we already know God is wishing for people. Things like love, joy, peace, etc. ...What else?

Bless each other.

Use words!

Look someone in the eyes and say, "God bless (name) with your ....."

Add a motion!

Use a high-five, hug, trace a cross on the forehead, be creative.

# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Note:</b> Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 3. Turn your clocks back one hour.					1	2 Celebration Of Life Ardie Laird 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
<b>All Saints Sunday</b> 3 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion) <i>Poinsettia orders are due today!!</i>	4 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	5 Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	6	7 Food Bank 1:00-2:30 p.m. Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	8	9
10 SS 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m. Chili Cook-Off 4:00 p.m.	11 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	12 Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	13	14 Lydia 6:30 p.m. Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion) Council Meeting 10:30 a.m.	18 Circle I 2:00 p.m. Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	19 Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Food Bank 1:00-2:30 p.m. Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	22	23
<b>Christ The King</b> 24 SS 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m. Christmas Decorating 10:30 a.m.	25 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	26 WELCA Exec. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m. Amateur Radio Club 7:00 p.m.	27	28 <b>Thanksgiving</b>	29	30

# Thanksgiving Word Scramble

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