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# **First Lutheran Church**

**June 2025**



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

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## PASTOR PATTI'S PONDERINGS

Greetings and Grace to you all.

As we enter into the summer months, I like to think sometimes that our schedules will slow down. I pray for that after the vigorous work of Advent and Christmas Worship Planning and then Lent and Easter Planning.

Less festivals to plan for now in the Church liturgy. For some families, this time and season means a break from school and work or a slower pace of life. But for others, summer brings intense seasonal work, tiring family obligations or taxing travel itineraries.

These months of sultry heat bring back “ordinary” time in the low of the church year. The last festival of Holy Trinity serves as a hinge-point between the sparkly season of Easter through Pentecost and an extended time of Sundays without festivals. However, this is not an idle time or a break from gospel celebration. Rather, the liturgical color turns to green as a sign of sprouting and growing faith in the resurrection life in Christ.

Through all this, there is a common thread of life and growth in faith, and the ongoing story of God’s love for the world, no matter what changes and chances of life arise. And while

you might imagine “ordinary” time as a season without distinction, these next few months may be a great opportunity for us to explore the details that provide foundation and structure to our lives of faith.

Let’s start with prayer. Throughout the summer, I will post some 5-minute prayer practices each month. Because no matter which season we are experiencing, we can always find 5 minutes in our day to talk with God.

Consider trying one of these 5-minute prayer practices this month. Here we go:

### **To Love God With All Your HEART**

1. Read a short passage of scripture and pay attention to what word or short phrase especially stirs your heart. Write that word or phrase in a journal. Then write and reflect on how these words help you love God. His mercies are new every morning. Enjoy this word or phrase as the new gift of his mercy for you today.

### **To Love God With All Your MIND**

1. Read as much of a book of the Bible as you can within five minutes. Read relatively slowly without rushing. Pay attention to what makes sense and don’t worry about the parts that don’t make sense. Look for recurring words or phrases.

### **To Love God With All Your SOUL**

1. Read through a short passage of scripture (3-5 verses) three times. Sit quietly at rest between each reading. Focus on how the passage can help you trust that God is near you without trying to figure it out with your mind.

### **To Love God With All Your STRENGTH**

1. Read a short passage of scripture carefully and then prayerfully identify one specific way that you can respond to the passage with your words and actions.

– Pastor Patti

## CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation class has been working very hard to complete all their responsibilities by June 8. I have included a page with their information along with their pictures. Please come and hear their faith statements, celebrate with them and congratulate them on June 8.

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's official, school is out for the summer, but we still are going strong at FLC. Our members who are doing the mowing are doing a great job. If you are interested in helping with the mowing, contact Randy Rahn.

Projects are still being done and planned out for the future of the church. I hope to see everyone in church. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I leave you on this note: What is our church known for? I think that's what FLC needs to work on.

– Jarrod Knudsen

### LECTORS

June 1	Branden Lieber
June 8	Pam Knudsen
June 15	Justin Baker
June 22	Bob Barto
June 29	Mary Wolf

### USHERS

June 1	Jarrod Knudsen
June 8	Jeff and Rita Todd
June 15	Chase Jensen Raegan Jensen
June 22	Justin Baker Melissa Baker
June 29	Holly Schleusener Lincoln Schleusener

### APRIL ATTENDANCE

April 6	45
April 13	55
April 17	11 (Maundy Thursday)
April 20	101
April 27	53

### THANK YOU

On Mother's Day the Fellowship Committee gave each woman in the congregation a Pocket Prayer Quilt made by Vicky Johnson. Thank you Vicky and the Fellowship Committee for the special gift.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 3	Norma Geveshausen
June 5	Mark Johnson
June 7	Chris Lake
June 9	Adam Durant
June 9	Bonnie Prosser
June 11	Sally Hansen
June 13	Elsie Peters
June 16	Bob Barto
June 24	Kris Bergstrom
June 29	Katie Prescott-Kvidera
June 30	Carla Jo Morgan

### YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

June 6	Riverlee Voss
June 18	Maya Weiland
June 19	Tayden Kinnaman
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.

CIRCLE I did not meet in May. Our next meeting is Monday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m. All women are welcome. Please note that we do not meet in July or August.

LYDIA will meet Thursday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

WELCA EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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

– Natalie Sleeth

### FOOD PANTRY

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

Food Pantry served around 60 to 70 families May 1 and May 15.

Thank you to the students from Gateway to Learning for their help during the school year. They will not be back until school starts in the fall.

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.

On May 10, 2025 the Letter Carriers of the U.S. Post Office held a food drive. The food they collected was all donated to our Food Pantry. If you know or see a letter carrier, please tell them thank you. Thank you for the donation.

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.

### VOICES FOR FOOD

In the month of April, Brenda Sale with Voices for Food presented First Lutheran Church with a 10-year certificate for providing us with produce and vegetables from the Dakota County Garden area. Brenda and her group of people do a fine job providing us with everything.

– Clint Barrs

### 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

### WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

June 1 Seventh Sunday of Easter  
First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34  
Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
Gospel: John 17:20-26

June 8 Day of Pentecost  
First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21  
Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17  
Gospel: John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 15 The Holy Trinity  
First Lesson: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5  
Gospel: John 16:12-15

June 22 Second Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9  
Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29  
Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

June 29 Third Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

### BELLS

There have been some conversations recently about our bells and whether anyone would be interested in playing them. I do love playing bells myself and have been referred to as a "ding-a-ling" before. If there is anyone else who would be interested in "ding-a-linging" a little with me, please email me at [prdpmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:prdpmeyer@gmail.com) or call or text me at 623/910-7859 to let me know.

### QUILTERS NEEDS:

**Sheets** – full size or larger, used or new for backing.

**New spools of neutral color thread** – 250 or 300 yards for Lutheran World Relief Sewing Kits.

**Helpers** to put together quilts on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to noon. No skills required.

# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion)	2 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.  Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	3 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.	6	7
8 <b>Pentecost</b>  Worship 9:30 a.m. <b>Confirmation</b> (Communion)	9 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	10 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	11	12 Lydia 6:30 p.m.	13 Church Council Retreat	14 Church Council Retreat
15 <b>The Holy Trinity Father's Day</b>  Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion)	16 Circle I 2:00 p.m.  Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	17 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	18	19 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.	20	21 Quilting Group 9:00-noon
22 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion)	23 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	24 WELCA Exec. 7:00 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.  Amateur Radio Club 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28
29 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion)	30 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.					



**Chase Jensen**  
Parents: Chris and Melissa Jensen  
Mentor: Roger Jensen  
Faith Verse: Mark 9:23



**Lincoln Schleusener**  
Parents: Holly Schleusener  
Mentor: Ray Schleusener and Clint Barrs  
Faith Verse: Matthew 7:12



**Raegan Jensen**  
Parents: Chris and Melissa Jensen  
Mentor: Nancy Johnson  
Faith Verse: Genesis 1:27



**Justin Baker**  
Parents: Todd and Melissa Baker  
Mentor: Kerri Rahn  
Faith Verse: John 12:35-36



**Tristan Kinnaman**  
Parents: Chris and Michelle Kinnaman  
Mentor: Rita Todd  
Faith Verse: Isaiah 41:10

# Father's Day Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to solve the puzzle!

1. FGOL \_\_\_\_\_
2. JENU \_\_\_\_\_
3. CNHRUB \_\_\_\_\_
4. TIVSI \_\_\_\_\_
5. AFERHT \_\_\_\_\_
6. WIMS \_\_\_\_\_
7. AMGSE \_\_\_\_\_
8. PDRAGAN \_\_\_\_\_
9. PNGRSI \_\_\_\_\_
10. YLMIFA \_\_\_\_\_
11. ELVO \_\_\_\_\_
12. YDAUSN \_\_\_\_\_
13. UNS \_\_\_\_\_
14. SDCRA \_\_\_\_\_
15. YALP \_\_\_\_\_
16. LBAL \_\_\_\_\_
17. HSKI \_\_\_\_\_

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