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May 2025



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The deadline for the June Newsletter is May 15.

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PASTOR PATTI'S PONDERINGS

Easter Greetings and Greetings of Joy!

Our Cultivating Love theme for May is Cultivating Love through Joy. An extremely fitting theme since we just experienced the most joy-filled event in the lives of Christians everywhere. And the season of Easter continues all through the month of May.

The joy of Easter is real and comes in many ways. We will experience this joy through the observance of 50 days of the Easter season. We will experience this joy as the days become longer with spring stretching our hours of daylight, and we move ever closer to summer. Joy will be witnessed through the excitement and hope of graduations and confirmations, and in the anticipation of summer and what that might mean for vacations and new experiences.

May is a month of celebrations which means a time of true joy.

And so, I encourage you to ponder:

- On the ways you have seen, witnessed or experienced God cultivating joy in you and others.
- How might God be inviting you to cultivate joy?

– Pastor Patti Meyer

CONFIRMATION

I heard so much positive feedback about the students helping with the Lenten Midweek Studies. Thank them when you see them for their participation. They really participated with conversations and opinions in the discussions.

The month of May will be spent attending to their projects.

They will make a banner to display in the worship space when they affirm their baptismal promises and read their faith statements to us.

They will make a stole to wear on that day as well.

And we have talked about a cross project. Each student is to make a cross with the only requirement being that it can be on display in the sanctuary.

Class will be May 4 after worship to discuss the projects and schedule Pastor/Student interviews.

Confirmation Day is scheduled for June 8 during worship.

LECTORS

- May 4 Jill Gill
- May 11 Terri Gotch
- May 18 Sue Hunter
- May 25 Mary Wolf

USHERS

- May 4 Pam Knudsen
Vicki Lyons
- May 11 Jan Brodersen
Mark Peterson
- May 18 Terri Gotch
Cindy Koeppe
- May 25 Rick and Jennifer Lieber

MARCH ATTENDANCE

- March 2 54
- March 5 27 (Ash Wednesday)
- March 9 55
- March 16 49
- March 23 43
- March 30 43

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a happy Easter. This is the season for resurrection and rebirth and that’s what we do as Christians every year, thanks to the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.” (Matthew 28:5-7) Jesus Christ died for our sins and was resurrected to forgive our sins.

I bring you greetings from our new council members and wish to thank all the members who previously served FLC. Being on council is not an easy task, but we plan to move forward with transparency and friendship. We invite everyone to attend council meetings to help facilitate the future of the church and our calling in Northeast Nebraska.

– Jarrod Knudsen

THANK YOU

To My First Lutheran Family:

Thank you so much for the worship pamphlet, the beautiful pansy plant and the lovely visit with Jackie and Ottie Gierman.

I am blessed to have had this church and my friends within throughout all these years.

Forever Grateful,
Cathie Galvin

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the lovely pansies and devotion booklet.

Your time, effort and expense are much appreciated.

Thanks to Jackie and Ottie for the delivery.

Love and Blessings,
Jane Krogh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- May 1 Jill Gill
- May 2 Clint Barrs
- May 3 Robin Hansen
- May 7 Judy Blessing
- May 9 Lance Hedquist
- May 15 Carol Slaughter
- May 18 Elaine Fader
- May 18 Ashlyn Rich
- May 20 Cindy Koeppe
- May 24 Tyler Fader
- May 27 Deb Kenny

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

- May 7 Dakota Koepsell

ANNIVERSARIES

- May 7 Scott and Cindy Koeppe
- May 12 Jeff and Rita Todd
- May 16 Brian and Chris Lake
- May 18 William and Ashley Weiland
- May 23 Terry and Deb Kenny

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

CIRCLE I met in March and delivered plants in April to shut-ins. We met April 21 for Bible study and dessert. Our next meeting will be Monday, May 19.

LYDIA will meet Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

WELCA EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m.

KEYS

Do you have church keys that you no longer use or need? If so, please return them to Pastor or any Church Council member.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and heartfelt prayers to Sandy Larson and family on the death of Sandy’s step-mother, Marilyn Puttmann, on April 14.

THE LILIES ON EASTER SUNDAY WERE
GIVING TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:

Judy Blessing in memory of Gary Blessing.

Tom and Jenni Durant in honor of their four blessings: Celeste, Brett, Adam and Gabbi.

Elaine, Lucas and Tyler Fader in memory of Harold Fader and John Fader.

Jackie and Ottie Gierman in memory of Beth Koster and Daryl Austin and in honor of all their blessings.

Jean Hedquist in memory of Gladys Hedquist.

Jarrod Knudsen and Jill Gill in memory of Paul Knudsen.

Scott, Cindy, Haley, Tanner and Madison Koeppel in honor of their many blessings.

Grandma Sandy Larson in honor of her 7 grandchildren.

Rita Legg in memory of Larry Legg.

Vicki Lyons in memory of her sister, Maxine Linafelter.

Shelly O'Brien and Jeff Carda in honor of their grandchildren.

Colleen, Holly and Lincoln Schleusener in memory of Ray Schleusener and Mike Hingst.

Dob and Carol Zastrow in honor of their grandsons, Lincoln and Teddy.

*"Mothers write on the hearts of their children
what the world's rough hand cannot erase.*

– Author unknown

2025 GRADUATE RECOGNITION

On Sunday, May 18, the following 2025 graduates will be recognized at the 9:30 a.m. worship service:

Justin Lake

Son of Chad Cain and Brianne Lake.

Katelyn Lieber

Daughter of Rick and Jennifer Lieber.

Brooklyn Sorem

Daughter of Terry and Angie Sorem.

BEGINNING...AND BEGINNING AGAIN

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello – and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

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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 80 families at each Food Pantry, April 3 and April 17.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to place flowers on the altar for Sunday service, please note the following:

We are using Bittersweet Floral, 2114 Dakota Avenue, SSC (402/404-8383). Two bouquets are required at a cost of \$50. Please sign up on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the entryway. The flowers need to be ordered and paid for **AT** Bittersweet Floral. Let them know they are for First Lutheran Church and will be picked up on the Saturday before the Sunday needed. (They will be picked up by Altar Care.)

Let the church office (402-494-5462) know they are ordered and paid for. The flowers can be picked up after Sunday service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will be taking a break for the summer. Their last class will be May 18.

Thank you to Rita Todd for her dedication to teaching each week and helping FLC youth to grow in their Christian education.

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

May 4 Third Sunday of Easter
First Lesson: Acts 9:1-20
Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

May 11 Fourth Sunday of Easter
First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43
Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel: John 10:22-30

May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter
First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18
Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel: John 13:31-35

May 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter
First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15
Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10,
22 – 22:5
Gospel: John 14:23-29

REMEMBER TO REMEMBER

One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the holiday meant to them.

“That’s the day the swimming pool opens!” answered one eager boy. What he didn’t realize or appreciate was that he can freely go to the pool because more than one million people have put their lives on the line to preserve America’s democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social and economic freedom.

Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America’s best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes on May 26.

AMERICAN FLAGS

If you have an American flag that needs to be retired, you can place it in the designated box in the entryway. Scouts in our community have projects in which they learn how to dispose of them properly.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m. Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	2	3
4 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion) Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m.	5 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fellowship/Wor- ship Planning Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Advanced Cou- ples' Dance 7:00 p.m.	6 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	7	8 Lydia 6:30 p.m. Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	9	10
11 Mother's Day Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.	12 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Advanced Cou- ples' Dance 7:00 p.m.	13 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	14	15 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m. Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	16	17
18 SS 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion) Graduate Recognition Council Mtg. 10:30 a.m.	19 Circle I 2:00 p.m. Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Advanced Cou- ples' Dance 7:00 p.m.	20 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	21	22 Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	23	24
25 Worship 9:30 a.m.	26 Memorial Day	27 WELCA Exec. 7:00 p.m. Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m. Amateur Radio Club 7:00 p.m.	28	29 Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	30	31

♥ Mother's Day ♥

WORD SCRAMBLE

1. SFOEWRL _____
2. MHORET _____
3. UALFIEBTU _____
4. SISSEK _____
5. SUHG _____
6. RAAIIOPEPNTC _____
7. ECRDNIHL _____
8. LAMYFI _____
9. AGNCIR _____
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