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July 2025



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The deadline for the August Newsletter is July 17.

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PASTOR PATTI'S PONDERINGS

The theme of our Synod Assembly this year was "Imagine! Imagine? Imagine..." inspired by Ephesians 3:20 "***Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.***"

Bishop Scott and workshop leaders talked about how we are one church, better together. That was certainly shared in the Creative Worship Ideas workshop that I attended as we all learned together some ways to share God's love in the world. What I loved most about Assembly is seeing colleagues that I don't get to see but twice a year and sharing our joys and disappointments with each other. It's a support that is unmatched in any other part of our worship lives.

What I learned from this year (maybe it's more a reminder) is that we are all together in this mission of Sharing God's Love. It's by the

power (of God) at work within us that makes us able to accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine. We can comfort others, work together, help those in need, and feed the hungry by working together and letting God be our guide...we can't do it alone.

Can we imagine together? Can we work toward a better us? Let's imagine working together for the good of the community we live in. Let's imagine what God can do through us when we work together. Will you imagine with me?

– Pastor Patti

COMMUNION TRAINING OR REFRESHER?

Anyone interested in a class this summer that will refresh our knowledge about communion? We will bake bread together and review the biblical references to our reasons for the ingredients. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend.

Please let me know if you are interested in a class on July 20 after worship.

prdpmeyer@gmail.com

THANK YOU to the Fellowship Committee for the scripture key chains that were gifted to the men of the congregation on Father's Day, June 15. Thanks also for serving tasty root beer floats to everyone following the worship service that day.

GIVING STATEMENTS

If you would like your second quarter giving statement, please contact the office by email at office@flessc.org or phone 402/494-5462.

NOISY OFFERING

Are you aware that the noisy offering that is taken each Sunday morning by the youth will be used to purchase gifts for names on the Giving Tree at Christmas? So clear out that extra change in your purse or pocket and give generously all year long.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow, school is out and it's finally summer. It's a busy time around the church. I would first like to thank the Sioux City York Rite for coming to visit for Ascension Sunday, and our recent confirmands who will do great things for our church.

Progress is still continuing at FLC and our food bank is a great example. On the 19th of June we helped over 100 people. This shows our commitment to our community.

I want to send a personal thank you to Mary Wolf. She has ended her years of service of coordinating funeral lunches and lectors. Again, thank you Mary for all you have done for FLC. If you are interested in helping fill these roles, please let me know.

Yours in Christ,
Jarrod Knudsen

LECTORS

July 6	Carli Lake
July 13	Brooklyn Sorem
July 20	Mary Wolf
July 27	Tanner Koepp

USHERS

July 6	Bev Bates Rita Todd
July 13	Judy Blessing Denny Derochie
July 20	Marla Bianchini Ranelle De Jong
July 27	Corliss Bianchini Pat Brandes

MAY ATTENDANCE

May 4	45
May 11	48
May 18	59
May 25	43

"There are two freedoms – the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where he is free to do what he ought." – C. Kingsley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 1	Tanya Rich
July 2	Rick Robinette
July 3	Pastor Patti
July 4	Kelly Robinson
July 8	Lane Ostendorf
July 10	Jaimee Benson
July 11	Jim Hansen
July 17	Chad Cain
July 20	Betty Barto

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

July 6	Tinley Kinnaman
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ANNIVERSARIES

July 2	Darvin and Carol Zastrow
July 23	Ottie and Jackie Gierman
July 24	Randy and Kerri Rahn
July 24	Lance and Linda Swanson
July 25	Jeff Carda and Shelly O'Brien

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

CIRCLE I met on June 23 and enjoyed fellowship, dessert and Bible study. Please note that we do not meet in July or August. Mark your calendar for our next meeting on Monday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. All women are invited!

LYDIA will not meet in July or August. Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.

WELCA EXECUTIVE BOARD will not meet in July, August or September.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Pearl Curry. Pearl passed away Saturday, June 7. Services were held here at First Lutheran Monday, June 16. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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 100 families at each pantry, June 5 and June 19.

Thank you to the GTL summer school students for helping set up the food for distribution in the mornings. In the afternoon we had help from Linda Swanson's students.

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.

We also had some produce from the Community Gardens – radishes, rhubarb, cabbage, lettuce and several different herbs.

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, MARY WOLF

Mary Wolf has recently resigned her position as coordinator for the First Lutheran funeral luncheons. We are so grateful for the many years Mary has dedicated to this important function of the Women of the ELCA. She has worked tirelessly in making the luncheons successful and meaningful to grieving families who gather after funerals for food and fellowship. Thank you, Mary. Job well done!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND LUNCH

An outdoor worship service is planned for Sunday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served following worship that day. Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share.

“Prayer is where the action is.” – John Wesley

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

July 6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14
Second Lesson: Galatians 6:1-17
Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Second Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14
Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

July 20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a
Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

July 27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32
Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-19
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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 or call or text me at 623/910-7859 to let me know.

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

John Adams, who became America's second president, was so elated when the United States was about to celebrate independence from England that he wrote:

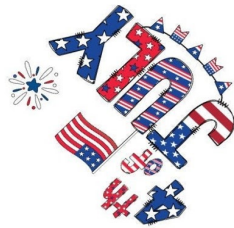
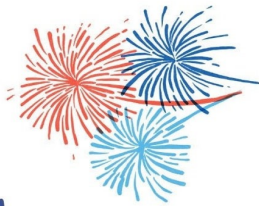
“It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore.”

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m. <i>Happy Birthday and Anniversary to Pastor.</i>	4 Independence Day	5
6 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by cup)	7 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Worship Plan- ning Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	8 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by intinction) Council Mtg. 10:30 a.m.	14 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	15 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	16	17 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.	18	19
20 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by cup) "Baking the Body" Class" 10:30 a.m.	21 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	22 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m. Amateur Radio Club 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26
27 Outdoor Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by intinction) Congregational lunch follows worship.	28 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	29 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	30	31		

INDEPENDENCE DAY

WORD SCRAMBLE



- ANDL FO TYIBREL _____
- RDPEI _____
- RHTOUF _____
- LYJU _____
- TOPITRA _____
- SPRIEST _____
- THEWI _____
- CEBBRAEU _____
- NCICIP _____
- DRE _____
- LABD GEALE _____
- ITYNU _____
- ICEUTSJ _____
- TPMAORIIST _____
- LUBE _____

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