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August

The deadline for the September Newsletter is August 21.

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*Pastor Patti Meyer	623/910-7859

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.***"

It's that time of the year again when teachers prepare their classrooms to welcome the students returning for their academic studies. I wonder how much imagining needs to happen for the school to become a cohesive learning center for all who enter. I wonder how much imagining has to happen for teachers and the students as well. Students need to prepare for a new year, meeting new people, getting used to a new classroom and sometimes a new daily schedule. And teachers prepare their room, their supplies, their resources and sometimes their support system. That's a lot of imagining.

I wonder if this would be a good time for us all to imagine. Imagine our community as life for the community. I wonder if you will wonder with me how we can be better stewards of the gifts we have here at First...and how these gifts can benefit the community at large.

We are called to be church in the world. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves. So, let's imagine together what that means to us. Imagine how many gifts First Lutheran Church has to offer. Imagine how those gifts can make a difference to the community and the world. Imagine what we can do! Imagine how much God can do in and through each of us if we worked together. Just imagine!!

– Pastor Patti

BELL CHOIR?

Is there any interest in using the bells to create some wonderful music to ring through our community? If you are interested in getting a group together that could offer special music or you are interested in creating a full bell choir, please contact the church office (402/494-5462) or any of the council members whose numbers are listed at the front of this newsletter.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to all who helped clean while Ruthie was on vacation.

And thank you to Ruthie for volunteering her time to clean our worship and fellowship spaces.

This facility is a very large building that takes a lot of care to keep up. We have one volunteer that comes in to clean our most commonly used spaces and even that is a lot to expect of one person. We cannot expect Ruthie to do all the cleaning. If you are interested in helping her ...or even coming in occasionally to do some of the deep cleaning, there is a list in the janitor closet (in the hall between the bathrooms) and there are supplies in that closet as well. If we all helped a little, a lot could be accomplished in a shorter period of time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I am writing this, it is mid-July and summer has come and gone. School will be starting before we know it (August 11 for SSC), and I keep thinking what role are we playing in our community? We do a great job with our food bank which averages about 160 people served each month. But what else do we do? I started to think, and I am proud to say, how much we do for the schools. We have provided Thanksgiving dinners for families and gifts at Christmas time. We now have the chance to help again. We will have a list of school supplies needed.

If you would like to help, we encourage it and I will make sure they get delivered to the proper locations. The council continues to work on improving the church so if you have any suggestions, please let a member of the council know.

I know it was addressed by Pastor Patti but I want to make sure it is known – we will continue to have funerals here at the church. Unfortunately, there are individuals who communicated the wrong facts and that's how misinformation gets spread around. If something concerns you, please reach out to myself or Pastor Patti or any other member of council. We will be glad to answer any questions.

Council President
Jarrod Knudsen

LECTORS

August 3	Justin Baker
August 10	Branden Lieber
August 17	Terri Gotch
August 24	Jill Gill
August 31	Mary Wolf

USHERS

August 3	Jeff Carda Gary Peters
August 10	Jan Brodersen Mark Peterson
August 17	Ottie and Jackie Gierman
August 24	Jean Hedquist Pam Knudsen
August 31	Marla Bianchini Mary Wolf

JUNE ATTENDANCE

June 1	45
June 8	78
June 15	39
June 22	43
June 29	36

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 Koeppel

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

August 15	Jim and Sally Hansen
August 20	Rick and Joan Robinette
August 25	Chris and Milissa Reyes

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

CIRCLE I

We are preparing 15 school backpacks and five personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Mark your calendar for our next meeting on Monday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. All women are invited!

LYDIA

Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.

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 again at each pantry, July 3 and July 17.

Thank you to Coach Nelson Wilson and the SSC Boys Basketball team for helping on the morning of July 3 to unload the pallets of food to the tables. Also, thank you to Linda Swanson and her Student Council students for helping on both the afternoons to load groceries into the cars for people. The help is appreciated very much!

We also had produce from the Community Gardens – beets, cabbage, kohlrabi, onions and a few zucchini.

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.

SCRIP

Scrip is a way of purchasing gift cards for common items like gasoline, restaurants and shopping. It is not limited to just those. First Lutheran will get a percentage of what is purchased. There is a white binder in the entryway with order forms that list all the vendors available. Just turn in your completed order form along with your check to Sue Hunter. Scrip orders are due the second Sunday of each month and gift cards will normally be available the following Sunday. Contact Sue Hunter with any questions.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

There will be a backpack and back to school blessing at the 9:30 a.m. service on August 3.

“The aim of education is the knowledge not of facts but of values.” – W.S. Burroughs

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

August 3 8th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

August 10 9th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6

Second Lesson: Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16

Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

August 17 10th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Second Lesson: Heb. 11:29 – 12:2

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

August 24 11th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

August 31 12th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7a

Second Lesson: Heb. 13:1-8, 15-16

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

VBS ACTIVITY DAYS

All are welcome to stay after worship for activities (for all ages) to help us learn about God.

August 10 includes a mini beach ball toss, a pick-up challenge and speed stack.

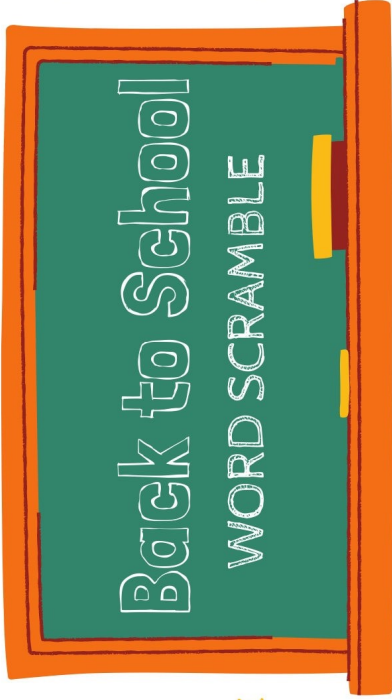
September 7 includes another Grateful Prayer activity and a Bible story with fly away prayers. Bring your grandkids and your neighbors to join in the fun!

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.

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by cup) Backpack and Back to School Blessing	4 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	5 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	6	7 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.	8	9
10 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by intinction) VBS Activity 10:30 a.m.	11 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	12 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	13	14	15	16 Quilting Group 9:00 a.m.-noon
17 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by cup)	18 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	19 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.	22	23
24 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by intinction) Council Mtg. 10:30 a.m.	25 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	26 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m. Amateur Radio Club 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by intinction)						



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