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# **First Lutheran Church**

**November 2025**



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

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The deadline for the December Newsletter is November 20.

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PASTOR PATTI'S PONDERINGS

This month we enter into another “new” phase of our journeys. Journeys that individually will take us into new depths (and hopefully new heights) in our relationship with God. The end of this month we begin the season of Advent, which is a time of anticipation, of waiting, and of hoping for something new to break into our lives and dwell in us forever.

But there is a lot going on between now and the end of November here at First. I’ve been talking about Stewardship. And the meaning of stewardship is LOVE. I talked about the three movements of that LOVE. Down...we first look at how God’s love has come down to us through creation (God breathed life into man), and through the cross (Jesus died to save us all). Then we look at that love IN us. God loves us so much that God has entrusted all of us with gifts of the Spirit. Some have the gift of teaching, others the gift of compassion, and some with the gift of communication with others, and

much, much more. The movement from IN is OUT, and that’s about how we use all that God has entrusted to us for the good of humanity in the world we live in. And in that, we become an instrument of God’s love in the world.

This month we collect food to fill Thanksgiving dinner boxes for those in need. (Don’t forget to pluck your turkey feathers and return your non-perishables so we can pack boxes and deliver the meals in time for Thanksgiving dinner). We also make a commitment this month on Commitment Sunday (November 9) to give a part of ourselves to the world as a steward of all that God has given us (more information on that coming soon). And we give thanks (November 23) for each other and for the church we so freely worship and praise God in...all before we begin our Advent journey at the end of this month.

November is a time to give thanks for so many things. We give thanks for friends and families, for all that we have and all that we are, and for those “God Winks” that can show up at unexpected times and in unexpected ways. We give thanks that we can worship anytime and anywhere. We give thanks for God’s work in us and in the world. And we give thanks that God loves us and will never leave us.

I challenge you this month to explore those things you have to give thanks for. To open your heart and your soul in silence with God, and listen for God to speak to you in ways you don’t expect.

Just pondering,  
Pastor Patti

“FORGIVENESS” BIBLE STUDY continues on Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. All are welcome. A quote in the *Gather* magazine by Angela T. Khabeb, “Forgiveness is not an event. It’s a lifestyle. God doesn’t expect us to forgive perfectly every time. But God is encouraging us to live our lives with forgiveness as our north star. In doing so, we honor God, and we help heal the body of Christ.”

### COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe October is almost over. I would like to thank those who have donated to "Tom and Tina Turkey." The six Thanksgiving meals will make a huge difference for our middle school families. If you know of any member of our church or our community that might need assistance, please let me or Pastor know, and we will have four baskets available.

Flooring samples will be out soon to help make our selection. It was brought up that we should paint the walls before we put new flooring in. Please reach out to any Council member if you would like to lead the painting project or if you just want to help.

A Nominating Committee is being formed, and I would encourage anyone who would like to serve on Council to talk to a member of Council.

Jarrold Knudsen  
Council President

### LECTORS

November 2	Terri Gotch
November 9	Jill Gill
November 16	Bob Barto
November 23	Pam Knudsen
November 30	Kendall Gill

### USHERS

November 2	Lance and Linda Swanson
November 9	Jean Hedquist Carrie Novak
November 16	Bev Bates Rita Legg
November 23	Pam Knudsen Vicki Lyons
November 30	Bart and Terri Gotch

### SEPTEMBER ATTENDANCE

September 7	41
September 14	42
September 21	36
September 28	42

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 2	Marla Bianchini
November 4	Rich Potter
November 6	Carol Ostendorf
November 9	Jake Gill
November 10	Shelly O'Brien
November 11	Roger Jensen
November 12	Jane Krogh
November 13	Justin Lake
November 19	Sue Hunter
November 21	Jeff Carda
November 23	Randy Rahn
November 26	Jan Brodersen
November 27	Dennis Fischer
November 28	Dona Shook

### YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

November 1	Tristan Kinnaman
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### ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

CIRCLE I met on October 20. We had our meeting, Bible study and a great dessert and coffee. All women are invited to join us for fellowship and our meeting.

### LYDIA

Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.

WELCA EXECUTIVE will meet on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00 p.m.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to put up the outdoor manger scene this year...any time after Thanksgiving. Please talk with one of the Council members if you would like to help with that.

## 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 70 families in the month of October. We only had Pantry once in October. In November we will be having two Pantries.

The students from Gateway to Learning (GTL) helped to put groceries on the tables in the morning and came back in the afternoon to help load groceries into the clients' cars. Thank you so much for your help.

We had several different vegetables from the community gardens in October. We had apples, zucchini and butternut squash. This will probably be the end of fresh produce from the Community Gardens for this year. We extend our thanks to all of the garden volunteers.

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.

## “TURKEY TOM AND TINA”

Remember to pluck your feathers and return your nonperishable items to the church as soon as possible so that we can fill as many dinner baskets as possible for those families in need in our community.

A CHILI COOK-OFF will be held on Sunday November 16. Watch for more details.

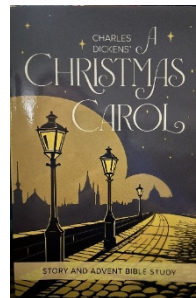
A SOUP LUNCH will be served after the worship service on Sunday, November 23. Plan to stay after lunch to help with Christmas decorating.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour on Sunday, November 2 when Daylight Saving Time ends.

## WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

- Nov. 2 All Saints Sunday  
First Lesson: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:11-23  
Gospel: Luke 6:20-31
- Nov. 9 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: Job 19:23-27a  
Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38
- Nov. 16 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a  
Second Lesson: 2 Thess. 3:6-13  
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19
- Nov. 23 Christ the King  
First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20  
Gospel: Luke 23:33-43
- Nov. 30 First Sunday of Advent  
First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14  
Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44



DURING ADVENT, let's explore this book. I posted a picture of the book so you can get it if you would like, but you won't need it to join in with some discussions. You can find the book on Amazon for \$10 or I can make copies of the pages and have them available the week prior for you to read. We will meet on Sunday mornings before worship at 8:30 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation.

*Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.*

– William Arthur Ward

# November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <b>All Saints Sunday</b> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (*Communion)	3 Worship Planning 5:30 p.m. Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	4 Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	5	6 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.  Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  Worship 9:30 a.m. (**Communion)	10 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.  Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	11 Bible Study 5:45 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	12	13 Lydia 6:30 p.m.  Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 (*Communion) Council Mtg. Chili Cook-Off	17 Circle I 2:00 p.m. Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	18 Bible Study 5:45 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	19	20 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.  Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (**Communion) Soup Lunch and Decorating	24 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.  Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	25 Bible Study 5:45 p.m. WELCA Exec. 7:00 p.m. Line Dance 7:00 Amateur Radio Club 7:00 p.m.	26	27 <b>Thanksgiving</b>	28	29
30 <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (**Communion)					*Communion by cup  **Communion by intinction	

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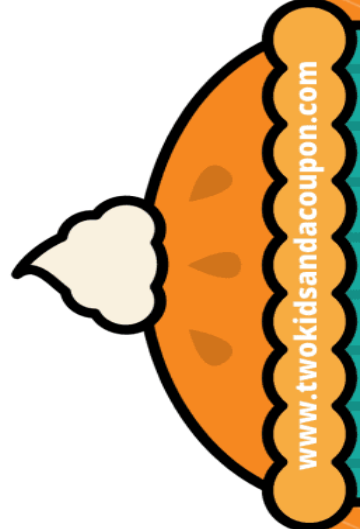
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