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# **First Lutheran Church**

**October 2025**



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

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# October

The deadline for the November Newsletter is October 16.

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PASTOR PATTI'S PONDERINGS

This month I entered a new journey with Seeking the Spirit Within, in the Spiritual Direction Program, and our first assignment was to read a book by Henri Nouwen called *"The Way of the Heart"*. It's an excellent book for anyone who desires to deepen their relationship with God. This book examines and reflects on the spiritual lives of the Desert Fathers and Mothers who lived in the Egyptian desert during the fourth and fifth centuries.

Because it seems that the darkness in our world is thicker than ever and that the powers of evil are more blatantly visible and testing us more severely than ever before, we have to find a practical and workable response to Paul's exhortation in Romans: *"Do not model yourselves on the behavior of the world around you, but let your behavior change, modeled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that*

*God wants, what is the perfect thing to do."*  
(Romans 12:2)

What I am pondering on for this journey is that by engaging in silence, prayer and solitude, as the Desert Fathers practiced, and that as I become more in tune with my own relationship with God, I will be more present for you as well.

This is something that I am sure will transform my life, but yours as well as God works in and through me. This is a journey that I have felt called to for a long time and just didn't have the time and resources to enter into. Now that it's a reality for me, I hope I can count on your prayer support. And I pray that your life will be transformed too as we continue to journey together in worship, study and prayer.

Just pondering,  
Pastor Patti

PASTOR PATTI will be on vacation from October 24 through November 2.

"FORGIVENESS" BIBLE STUDY

This study started on September 23 on Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. and continues in October.

"TURKEY TOM" is with us again and excited to provide 10 food boxes for needy families in our community. Each of the feathers has a food item on it that you can purchase and bring back to the church. Take as many feathers as you like and bring them back with the food items. All items will need to be at the church by **November 2** so we can box the food and bless the boxes before sending them to families.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We need two to three individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee this year. If you are willing, please contact Randy Rahn or Pastor Patti.

GIVING STATEMENTS

If you would like your third quarter giving statement, please contact the office by email at [office@flcssc.org](mailto:office@flcssc.org) or phone 402/494-5462.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Well, it’s been a busy time around the church. We are moving forward with new carpet and the idea was brought up that painting would be a good option. I agree, so if you are interested in helping paint the hallways, please keep your eye out for further updates. Rod Bligh will come in and cover the water pipe that runs along the ceiling. Our mowing team hopefully is winding down so I would like to thank everyone who helped with the mowing this year. I would also like to send a special thanks to Jeff Todd. He killed and removed all the weeds in the parking lot for us.

Remember, this church needs all members to help with donations and projects so I encourage everyone to get involved!!!!

Jarrold Knudsen  
Council President

LECTORS

October 5 Terri Gotch  
October 12 Brooklyn Sorem  
October 19 Sue Hunter  
October 26 Justin Baker

USHERS

October 5 Terry and Angie Sorem  
October 12 Rick and Jennifer Lieber  
October 19 Judy Blessing  
Denny Derochie  
October 26 Mike and Sue Hunter

ALUGUST ATTENDANCE

August 3 43  
August 10 53  
August 17 40  
August 24 36  
August 31 43

SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of Bob Blessing who passed away Friday, September 12.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 5 Bob Oberg  
October 11 Ranelle De Jong  
October 11 Cathie Galvin  
October 13 Mike Rich  
October 18 Sharon Parker  
October 24 Ed Matney  
October 26 Bill Kendra  
October 28 Katelyn Lieber  
October 31 Patty Matz

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

October 13 Grace Hunter  
October 22 Gabbi Durant

ANNIVERSARIES

October 1 Kimon and Ronda Litras  
October 10 Mason and Amy Groth  
October 21 Dennis and Linda Fischer  
October 27 Lane and Carol Ostendorf

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

CIRCLE I met September 15 and assembled 15 school backpacks and five personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Our next meeting is Monday, October 20 at 2:00 p.m. All women are invited!

LYDIA

Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m.

WELCA EXECUTIVE will meet on Tuesday, October 28 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.

*“Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.”* – Martin Luther

## 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 165 families in the month of September.

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 September – beets, apples, butternut squash, a few gourds and small decorative pumpkins, onions, eggplant, potatoes, tomatoes and zucchini. Thank you to the great volunteers that work so hard to harvest and take care of the good produce. It is all so yummy!!!

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.

CRAFT/VENDOR/BAKE SALE will be on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The congregation can help serve lunch, help at the bake sale table, setting up, cleaning up and most especially by BAKING for the Bake Sale! Also, come shop and support our vendors! Contact Rita Todd (7123/574-1769) to help. Baked goods may be brought in on Friday evening from 6:00-7:30 p.m. or Saturday before 9:00 a.m.

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who donated and packed items for the Personal Care Kits for God's Work, Our Hands project for Lutheran World Relief. 29 Personal Care Kits were donated. Thank you, First Lutheran, for supporting this important ministry.

## WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

- Oct. 5      17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4  
Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10
- Oct. 12     18<sup>h</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19
- Oct. 19     19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31  
Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5  
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8
- Oct. 26     Reformation Sunday  
First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28  
Gospel: John 8:31-36

THANK YOU to all who attended the WELCA tea party September 10. It was my first tea party!! A huge thank you to Rita. The food was great, the decorations were fabulous, and the conversation and fellowship were awesome!  
– Shelly O'Brien

## THANK YOU

Since I will no longer be coordinating funeral lunches (and this is by my choice – I have come to the conclusion that I am old, and I should let someone else do it), I want to thank all you women who have been so willing to make a salad or bake a cake when I have called you. And then another thank you to those of you who have helped in the kitchen the day of the funeral – cutting cakes, making sandwiches and whatever else needed to be done. You have made the task a most pleasant one.

Just a note – I did the first funeral lunch in 1987 for the Harold Blessing funeral, and I did the last one (#150) for the Bob Blessing funeral. I feel I have been “Blessed” many times over.

– Mary Wolf

# October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.  Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by cup)	6 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.  Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 p.m.  Beginners' Line Dance. 7:00 p.m.	7 Bible Study 5:45 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	8	9 Lydia 6:30 p.m.  Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by intinction)	13 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.  Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	14 Bible Study 5:45 p.m.  Growing Community Connections (GCC) 5:30-7:00 p.m.	15	16 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.  Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Quilting Group 9:00-noon
19 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by cup)  Council Meeting 10:30 a.m.	20 Circle I 2:00 p.m. Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Beginners' Line Dance 7 p.m. Fall Leadership Conf./Kearney	21 Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m. Fall Leadership Conference/ Kearney	22   Fall Leadership Conference/ Kearney	23 Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.  Fall Leadership Conference/ Kearney	24 <b>Pastor Patti is on vacation October 24- November 2.</b>	25 Craft Fair/ Bake Sale 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
26 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by intinction)	27 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.  Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	28 Bible Study 5:45 p.m. WELCA Exec. 7:00 p.m. Line Dance 7:00 p.m. Am. Radio Club 7:00 p.m.	29	30 Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	31 <b>Reformation Day</b>	

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