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September 2025



God's Work. Our Hands.

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September

The deadline for the October Newsletter is September 18.

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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.***"

I suggested last month that we imagine what it means for us to "be" church in the world and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Imagine how the collective gifts of this congregation can benefit the community at large. What did you come up with in your pondering? I thought about the Siouxland Food program which is distributed from our facility twice a month and how many in the community come together to help serve others in the community who are in need. This is a wonderful example of God at work in our community. In and through those who volunteer their time and in those who utilize this

service. We can imagine together how God is at work in this opportunity.

Imagine what God can do in and through each of us for the world. In a book study this week, some colleagues and I discussed our "world view" of the church and what makes it healthy or breaks it down. I call it "world view" because we are not capable of understanding God at work ... we only have our human understanding to go by. In our discussion, we agreed that our limited human ability to comprehend God at work tends to keep us focusing on the crisis of dwindling members and participation in church activities as a measure of success. We worry about how to balance the budget each year when there is less money to cover expenses and less people to pick up the slack of things that need to be done. But as our conversation continued, we came to conclude that the real crisis is not in the dwindling numbers, but in *not* focusing on where God is in our midst ... where God is in our lives. It's important for us to slow down a minute and experience God in the silence. It's important for us to take time to listen and explore what God wants for us as a church ... as a congregation ... as a force of God in this community and in the world.

And so again I say: we are called to be church in the world. We are called to be disciples of Christ, willing to lay our lives down for the sake of God's mission in the world ... to love all others and to share God's love in the world with others. So, let's imagine together what that means. Imagine what we can do! Imagine how much God can do in and through each of us if we work together. Just imagine!!

Just pondering,
Pastor Patti

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special meeting of the congregation is scheduled following worship on Sunday, September 14 to vote for the approval of replacing the flooring in the entryway and hallway. Please make plans to attend.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that we are almost in September. It seems like just yesterday Betty was reminding me that it's time to write my piece for the newsletter, so here we go again. Not a whole lot to say, other than the fact I am very grateful for all those who have stepped up doing things for the church. I know it's hard to list everyone, but I would like to thank those who mow, clean and pull weeds. If you would like to help do something, please let me or any other Council member know.

Yours in Christ,
Jarrod Knudsen

LECTORS

September 7	Pam Knudsen
September 14	Bob Barto
September 21	Jenni Durant
September 28	Kendall Gill

USHERS

September 7	Ruth Ailts Marla Bianchini
September 14	Justin Baker Melissa Baker
September 21	Linda Fischer Vicky Johnson
September 28	Jenni Durant Jill Gill

JULY ATTENDANCE

July 6	36
July 13	47
July 20	57
July 27	37

SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to Jeff and Ellen Prescott and family. Jeff's father, John Prescott, passed away on August 18.

COMING EVENT!

A Craft Fair is planned for October 25. Mark your calendar and watch for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 1	Mike Hunter
September 1	Rick Lieber
September 4	Ottie Gierman
September 5	Gerald Krieger
September 6	Ruth Jensen
September 7	Betty Bass
September 9	Patty Blessing
September 12	Colton Novak
September 14	Michelle Kinnaman
September 14	Holly Schleusener
September 17	Amy Groth
September 19	Robin Petrick
September 20	Jan Durant
September 21	Sophie Swanson
September 22	Chris Kinnaman
September 23	Joey Robinson
September 26	Terry Sorem
September 28	Colleen Schleusener

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

September 22	Alyvia Davis
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ANNIVERSARIES

September 12	Rich and Sharon Potter
September 16	Mark and Vicky Johnson
September 20	Chris and Becky Knudsen
September 21	Mike and Tanya Rich
September 30	Todd and Melissa Baker

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

CIRCLE I

Our next meeting is 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.

WELCA TEA

This event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. All women are invited, not just the Circles. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend!

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 90 families at each pantry, August 7 and August 21.

Thank you to Linda Swanson and her Student Council students for helping on the afternoon of August 7 to load groceries into the cars for people.

The students from Gateway to Learning (GTL) were back on August 21 to help 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 also had produce from the Community Gardens – beets, cabbage, kohlrabi, onions, leeks, 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.

RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 7 includes activities during worship as well as after to celebrate our learning programs. Dig out your WWJD t-shirt and wear it to worship to brighten up our gathering! Sunday School will begin on September 14.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS

After worship on September 7, we will put together Personal Care Kits for LWR.

THANK YOU

With a happy heart I wish to say a very sincere thank you for the many cards of love and kindness for my 92nd birthday. Thank you ... you made my day.

Blessings and love to all,
Helen Koskovich

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Sept. 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost
First Lesson: Deut. 30:15-20
Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 14 14th Sunday after Pentecost
First Lesson: Exodus 32:7-14
Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 21 15th Sunday after Pentecost
First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7
Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 28 16th Sunday after Pentecost
First Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

BUILDING USE CALENDAR

There is a new calendar in the Welcome Area that shows when there are activities happening in our church. If you are planning an event and want to use space in the church, you can check this calendar to see if the space is available for that date. There is a file with "Building Use" forms next to the calendar. If someone would like to reserve space in our church building for activities or gatherings, fill out a form and give it to a council member to get that date reserved on the calendar. The council members will mark your date on the calendar when it has been cleared by the office staff.

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"Don't find fault. Find a remedy." - Henry Ford

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 LABOR DAY	2	3	4 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.	5	6
7 RALLY DAY* God's Work. Our Hands – Personal Care Kits Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by cup)	8 Worship Plan- ning 5:30 p.m. Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Beginners' Line Dance 7 p.m.	9 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	10 WELCA Tea 6:30 p.m.	11 Lydia 6:30 p.m. Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by intinction) Congregational Mtg. 10:30 a.m.	15 Circle I 2:00 p.m. Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	16 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m. Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	19	20 Quilting Group 9:00-noon
21 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by cup) Council Meeting 10:30 a.m.	22 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	23 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m. Amateur Radio Club 7:00 p.m.	24	25 Couples' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion by intinction)	29 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m. Beginners' Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	30 Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.			*Wear your WWJD t-shirt to worship. Per- sonal Care Kits will be put to- gether after worship.	



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2. SLAPEP _____

3. OWCSEACRR _____

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9. LEVSAE _____

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