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# **First Lutheran Church**

**July 2026**



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

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The deadline for the August Newsletter is July 16.

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## PASTOR PATTI'S PONDERINGS

Happy Fourth of July.

I pray that you all stay safe this summer as you travel and adventure into spaces known or unknown. Whether those spaces include a flower bed that needs sprucing up, a lawn chair in your back yard that beckons your presence or traveling to far-off places...know that God is present with you.

*Acts 17:27 – [His purpose in all this] is that they should seek after God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. (NLT)*

Like the lawn chair beckoning your presence, God beckons you as well. God beckons us to stop and smell the freshness of nature, to enjoy the sounds and rhythms of this world we live in, and to live into our baptismal promises. Summer, in the liturgical sense, is a time of connection, a time to learn more about our connection with the creator of all things. And one way to experience that connection more is to live into it. To be aware of our surroundings wherever we are this summer. God's creation is more vibrant during the summer with all the plants in

bloom and the animals frolicking about, and so it's not hard to encounter God with any and all of our summer activities.

This verse from Acts can be a very good reminder for us...that God has a purpose and presence with us.

Join in with worship this summer to explore the lives of some of the Old Testament saints, and experience Jesus hidden in the Old Testament which He has now fulfilled.

Blessings in your summer journey,  
Pastor Patti

## GIVING STATEMENTS

If you would like your second quarter Giving Statement, please contact the office by email at [office@flssc.org](mailto:office@flssc.org) or phone 402/494-5462.

## PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH/PASTOR

Due to confidentiality laws, Pastor is not notified when members of our church are admitted to the hospital or other facilities. If you or your family would like Pastor to visit while in a facility, please contact the church (402/494-5462) or Pastor (623/910-7859) to let her know which facility and your room number.

## THANK YOU

The Fellowship Committee served root beer floats after service on June 21 in honor of Father's Day. Thank you for the tasty treat!

## FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Watermelon Feed after service on July 5.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

August 9 there will be an outdoor service and picnic. Bring a chair and a dish to share. If your last name begins with A-M, bring a dessert. If your last name begins with N-Z, bring a salad or side. This time we plan to grill hamburgers and hot dogs.

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July Greetings!

Congratulations Pastor Patti on another birthday and also her third year with our congregation. Thank you for putting up with us! I appreciate and accept the new ideas we have tried since she has been here as well as her awareness of traditions that are hard for some to modify.

Thank you, Pastor Patti for the refrigerator for FLAP. Now we are able to keep some more perishable items for those who have a food emergency. Thank you, congregation for resurrecting and supporting this much needed ministry. Please continue to bring food.

Anyone who has keys to the building, please make sure doors are locked and closed securely when exiting. The doors have been found unlatched a few times recently.

Tanner and I are learning the sign and are still puzzled as to why it's turning off at times. We will figure it out!

We do try to do what we can for others (outside of our congregation) but sometimes I think we are less attentive to our own members. Sometimes I feel our members even become secretive and do not share when care could be available, if only others knew. Please, let's all try to be there for each other more. If you can make a call or reach out to help or even a card, let's make the effort.

Please share any comments or concerns with any Council member.

Rita Todd  
FLC Council President

CIRCLE I AND LYDIA GROUP do not meet in July or August.

## SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to Dennis Derochie. Dennis' brother, Ralph "Mickey" Derochie, passed away June 1.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 1	Tanya Rich
July 2	Rick Robinette
July 3	Pastor Patti Meyer
July 8	Lane Ostendorf
July 10	Jaimee Benson
July 11	Jim Hansen
July 20	Betty Barto

## YOUTH

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.

## USHERS

July 5	Vicky Johnson Vicki Lyons
July 12	Jan Brodersen Mark Peterson
July 19	Terry and Angie Sorem
July 26	Beverly Bates Rita Legg

## MAY ATTENDANCE

May 3	35
May 10	50
May 17	42
May 24	32
May 31	48

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## FOOD PANTRY

First Lutheran Church continues to be the gathering place for the Food Bank of Siouxland as a Mobile Food Pantry. We serve our neighbors on the first and third Thursday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Food Pantry served nearly 177 families at our two June pantries.

The summer school students from Gateway to Learning (GTL) helped to put groceries on the tables in the morning. Student Council students helped in the afternoon assisting neighbors get their groceries in their car.

The Community Gardens are up and running again this year. They brought us kale, kohlrabi, bunching onions, and cabbage. More produce to follow this summer season. We also had representatives from Growing Connections. Thank you.

We are still accepting clean egg cartons. Just leave them in the kitchen. Thank you in advance.

### “WHERE CAN I GET FOOD?”

Neighbors looking for food assistance can access all of our food pantry partners locations and times on the Food Bank of Siouxland website, [www.siouxlandfoodbank.org/get-food](http://www.siouxlandfoodbank.org/get-food).

Info is from the Food Bank of Siouxland, Inc. Facebook page.”

Did you know that Dakota County has four Mobile Food Pantries a month?

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.

*Please, Lord, fill my mouth with worthwhile stuff, and nudge me when I've said enough.*

## S.R.T.S.

Curious about the white transport van that parks in our parking lot?

It is dispatched as needed to provide rides for Siouxland residents. The van is handicap accessible for scooters, walkers and wheelchairs.

Rides can be for medical appointments, pharmacy, Sr. Center, grocery or other shopping, very much anywhere there is a need to go. Rides can go as far as Sioux Falls or Omaha. Some rides can be covered by insurance and others are for a very reasonable fee. This is available for everyone and must be scheduled. The best thing to do is call 712/279-6919 and ask for assistance.

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a concern or need for which you would like prayer, please contact Sandy Larson at 402/494-2135 or Mary Wolf at 402/494-4697 or Pastor Patti at 623/910-7859.

## 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 from the Giving Tree at Christmas? So, clear out that extra change in your purse or pocket and give generously all year long.

## A PRAYER FOR JULY 4

Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise you for the nation in which you have allowed us to live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities.

We thank you for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, special wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness.

Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of the land we love. Amen.

# July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.	3 <i>Happy Birthday and Anniversary to Pastor Patti.</i>	4 <b>Independence Day</b>
5 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion)  Watermelon served following worship.	6 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.  Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	7 Bible Study 6:15 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion)	13 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	14 Bible Study 6:15 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	15	16 Food Pantry 1:00-2:30 p.m.	17	18
19 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion)  Council Mtg. 10:30 a.m.	20 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	21 Bible Study 6:15 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 9:30 a.m. (Communion)	27 Closed AA 6:00-7:00 p.m.	28 Bible Study 6:15 p.m.  Advanced Line Dance 7:00 p.m.  Amateur Radio Club 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31	

# Independence Day

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