



# Moment of Contact

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## Pastor's Message

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. So the Psalmist writes. We have seen amazing weather this summer. The wildfires up and down the western coast. Storm, after storm, after storm, in the gulf coast. A derecho in our own state, moving through the middle of the country like a hurricane. Who knows what winter will bring?

God's creation is a moving, living, breathing wonder. On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, during our worship service we will focus on God's creation. It's beauty, its power, its strength.

Greta Thunberg, the Swedish environmental activist, stands up for the world we occupy. As a teenager she uses her voice to advocate for climate change with a passion which is hard to ignore. And we should not ignore it.

Caring for creation is an ongoing, ever changing topic in our world. As people of God, we are called to care for the earth. We are also called to serve as stewards and to protect the land, sea, air, animals, plants and people. Sustaining life on this planet is our responsibility.

No effort is too small. There are many things we can do. The damage to our climate calls for good stewardship, hope and action. As people of faith we have the opportunity to make a difference.

The world is a reflection of God's goodness. We express our gratitude when we fulfill our responsibility to be good stewards of this creation and the people in it.

As we explore God's wondrous creation on October 18<sup>th</sup>, I encourage you to imagine what you can do to impact climate change in your daily lives. Perhaps this time is the right time, to take action, to be good stewards of the earth.

*Pastor Kristine*



## Seasonal Worship in October HOLY COMMUNION

The time after Pentecost continues, as does worship by way of radio, livestream and in-person.

The congregation council has approved a monthly communion worship service. This service will be held on **Wednesday, October 7 at 12 noon and 7 pm.** We will gather safely distanced in the sanctuary. The service will include confession and forgiveness, a reading and short homily, the words of institution and communion. Every effort will be made to ensure our safety as we receive Christ's supper.



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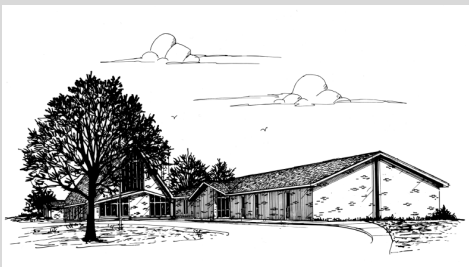
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**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

This weekly offering continues at **11 am every Thursday morning**. We gather on Zoom to discuss the Acts of the Apostles, with a focus on Paul's life of faith. If you are interested in being part of the conversation, please let Pastor Kristine know, she will provide you with call-in information.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Learning to know and love God for all ages!**

**Faith Formation on Sunday mornings**

**LLC on Wednesday evenings**

Faith Formation touches all aspects of our lives. Here at First we believe "life-long confirmation" prepares us to be faithful people of God. Faithful people worship together. Faithful people have healthy relationships, formed with all kinds of different people and ages. Faithful people gather to learn about God, hear one another's stories and discover the wonder of God. Faithful people recognize the need to respond in action by serving.

Children, confirmands and youth have two weekly opportunities to gather and learn to be faithful children.

On Sundays, children and families gather at **9 am** in Fellowship Hall. Through Bible stories and activities, worship and song, children learn together.

On Wednesday evenings, **October 7 – November 11**, grade school children 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, confirmation students, grades 6-8, and youth in high school and their parents and grandparents, will gather for a meal at 5:30 pm. Stories about Bible characters in the old testament will model for us how people just like us come to know and love God.

For more information, please contact Pastor Kristine or Julie Thiele, council representative for Faith Formation.



Radio Broadcast **2021** signup available in the narthex.

**FLC Finance Update**

Needed weekly per budget  
\$5,442.31 / for the month of  
September \$21,769.24. Income  
for September is \$13,877.00.



## First Lutheran Church Council Report, September 15, 2020

President:	Alison Hertenstein	Vice President:	Lori McClaren
Secretary:	Enola Peters	Treasurer:	Jen Snyder
Worship & Music:	Chris Taylor	Faith Formation:	Julie Thiele
Youth:	Jenny Denne	Mission:	Candy Johnson
Operations:	Lee Knop	Pastor Kristine	

The Council of First Lutheran Church met **Tuesday, September 15, 2020**. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- During the review of the financial reports, it was noted that the congregation giving is down a little at the present time. The heating and air conditioning seem to be functioning well at the present time.
- In her Pastor's Report, Pastor Kristine reviewed the priorities of Worship, Faith Formation and Administration. Pastor asked the Council for input on all of these areas so that her focus could be in compliance with the wishes of the Council. The work of the two recent task forces was thought to be very successful.
- The Boy Scouts have been inquiring about the use of the building. The Pastor and the Council both felt that it is the responsibility of the Scouts to develop a "plan" which includes their approach in regard to wearing of masks, social distancing and cleaning and sanitizing of the areas of the building which they will occupy. Pastor Kristine will discuss this with the Scout organization.
- Pastor Kristine presented the topic of "Grow, Hold and Fold" to help us set our priorities for the upcoming months. She will be sitting down with the parents of the Sunday School parents this Sunday to see what the parents foresee as the process of youth education and faith formation. The Bibles will be blessed during this Sunday's Worship service.
- Candy Noonan-Johnson will lead a new program called Caring Callers along with four volunteers of the congregation. This program will seek out members who may be in need of assistance or companionship during this pandemic time.
- The Faith Formation and Youth teams will be working on the future of their programs. It is unknown at this time how much participation there will be.
- Confirmation classes will start on October 7, 2020. There are eight sixth graders who will start confirmation this fall and four who will continue for a total of twelve confirmands.
- The Council discussed with Pastor Kristine the inception of a Wednesday noon service and a Wednesday evening service at 7:00 PM for the first Wednesdays during October and November. At this service, communion would be distributed. Pastor does not wish to have communion at the Sunday 10:00 Worship because that would leave out those participating in Worship through either Facebook or the radio. These services would be held in the sanctuary.
- Food Pantry processes are being changed, and the distribution will be done out of the Narthex starting this week. This will allow for better social distancing. The number of clients is down somewhat at this time.
- Numerous other topics were discussed in general terms with no decisions at this time. Some of those topics included hand bells, Advent services, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.
- Council will need to establish a Nominating Committee. There is one opening on the Council at the present time, and that is for Jenny Denne's position. We talked about the possibility of adding additional council persons to discuss the 150th Anniversary of the congregation which occurs in April 2022 and also for Long Range Planning/ Strategic Planning. More information on that as it develops.
- Stewardship Season and the Campaign will start on November 8th with a soft focus. All Saints Sunday will be observed on November 1st.
- The Crop Walk will be done virtually this year with on line donations being possible.
- The new Employee Handbook will be available for the Council to review at the October Council meeting.



# October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Key</b> FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room YR = Youth Room SS = Sunday School Room CR = Community Room				1  11:00 Bible Study via Zoom	2	3
4 9:00 CE in FH/CR 10:00 Worship -FB Live/Radio/In Person 11:15 Worship & Music Mtg. in FR	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 11:00 Pastor's Text Study	7 9-11:30 Food Pantry 12:00 Holy Communion Worship 1:00 WELCA in FH 5:30 - 7:00 LLC/ Confirmation in FH/ CR 7:00 Holy Communion Worship	8  11:00 Bible Study via Zoom	9	10
11 9:00 CE in FH/CR 10:00 Worship -FB Live/Radio/In Person	12 Pastor's Day Off  5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym	13 11:00 Pastor's Text Study 5:00 First Responder Support Mtg. in CR 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 6:30 Exec in FR	14 9-11:30 Food Pantry  5:30 - 7:00 LLC/ Confirmation in FH/ CR	15  11:00 Bible Study via Zoom	16	17
18 <b>CREATION THEME</b> 9:00 CE in FH/CR 10:00 Worship/FB Live/Radio/In Person	19 Pastor's Day Off  5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym	20 11:00 Pastor's Text Study  5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 6:30 Council Mtg. in FH	21 9-11:30 Food Pantry  5:30 - 7:00 LLC/ Confirmation in FH/ CR	22  11:00 Bible Study via Zoom	23	24
25 <b>REFORMATION</b> 9:00 CE in FH/CR 10:00 Worship - FB Live/Radio/In Person	26 Pastor's Day Off  5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym	27 11:00 Pastor's Text Study  5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym	28 9-11:30 Food Pantry  5:30 - 7:00 LLC/ Confirmation in FH/ CR	29  11:00 Bible Study via Zoom	30	31 

## ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	October 4	October 11	October 18 Creation	October 25 Reformation
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Bruce Miller	Enola Peters	Alison Hertenstein	Dan Moore
<b>Reader</b>	Kaia and Shae Downing	Jim Lippke	Mike Mahaney	Chris Taylor
<b>Choir</b>	Kaia Downing Shae Downing	Jami Denne Ian Hertenstein Shae Downing	David Gross Janet Gross Enola Peters	Jim Lippke Ann Doellinger Kaia Downing
<b>Radio</b>	Craig and Sandie LaMaster	Mike and Tammy Mahaney	Gary and Candy Johnson	Family of Jim Hollander
<b>Covid Hosts:</b>				
<b>Lead</b>	Gary Johnson	Kaia Downing	Gary Troth	Jay Schenzel
<b>Narthex Door</b>	Candy Johnson	Diane Baker	Julie Thiele	Enola Peters
<b>Seating</b>	Ken Carlson	Jay Schenzel	Emma Gross	Gary Troth

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Pastor Kristine for a replacement. Let Carla know ASAP so the weekly bulletin is correct. Thank you.



### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

As we resume in-person worship we invite you to consider serving as a worship leader. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Kristine.

The Food Pantry is in need of more volunteers on Wednesday mornings. Please contact Randy Burnight at 712 251 4955 or Candy Johnson at 712 251 9411.



## FOOD PANTRY

## HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28	November 4
Ann Doellinger LaVonne Lundgren	Mary McCoy Chris Taylor	Orville and Diane Kenowith	Katherine Henshaw Dorothy Chauncey	LaVonne Lundgren Dorothy Goettsch





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**Communication is important....**

Please continue to keep us informed on how you would like to receive communication from us, U.S. Mail, Email or pickup at the office.

The Sioux City CROP Walk will look a little different in 2020, but our goal is still the same! TO help fight hunger locally and around the world. The safety of our walkers is our number one priority, therefore this year the Sioux City CROP Walk will be virtual.



This year, instead of meeting to walk as a group, you will have a 2-week window to take a 3.5 mile walk. Walk anytime between **October 4th-18th**. Walkers are encouraged to find a route in their neighborhood or for those that have a regular route, feel free to walk that. Just note, that there will be no popcorn or water break at the halfway point. :)

You can donate online at the following web address or I will have a basket in the narthex for donations as well. <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/siouxcityia/Team/View/139684/First-Lutheran-Sioux-City>

Another opportunity is Drive Down Hunger. This is a chance for you to decorate your car/truck and help spread the word about CROP in a fun parade style canned food delivery. We will meet at Grace United Methodist on **October 18th at 12:45** and drive around Morningside Avenue ending at the Community Action Agency to drop off any food donations.

Check out the Sioux City CROP Facebook page (SCCROPWALK) and share pictures of your walk.

Please contact Jennifer Denne at [jennndenne@yahoo.com](mailto:jennndenne@yahoo.com) or 712 251 3069 if there are any questions.