



Moment of Contact

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Pastor's Message

Do you remember your confirmation day? The day you stood before God and all the worshippers and confessed what you believe? I believe in God the Father. I believe in Jesus Christ. I believe in the Holy Spirit.

As parents bring their children to the font they make promises before God and the assembly. Promises to bring their children to worship and to Sunday School. To teach them the creed, the ten commandments and the scriptures. Parents make promises, but so does the worshipping assembly. We promise to be here to nurture and guide children and their parents in forming faith.

When young teenagers affirm their baptism, what they are saying is that they are now affirming the promises their parents made on their behalf when we were brought to the font. As the assembly we gather to stand with these confirmands as they confess their faith and become adults in the eyes of the church.

On Sunday, May 9th, join the assembly to welcome four confirmands as they affirm their baptism. Ian Hertenstein, is a ninth grader at Hinton High School. Nissa Downing, Tyler Hagan and Rylie Hermelbracht are eighth graders at North Middle and Hinton Middle Schools. Together they have met with me and Dan Moore for three plus years of confirmation studies, even during covid!, to study scripture, serve in worship, sing, pray and learn about the God who keeps God's promises.

May God richly bless these confirmands as they profess their faith, the faith in which we baptize!

Pastor Kristine

Congregation Council Communication Meeting, May 23, on the Day of Pentecost

On **Sunday, May 23**, we celebrate Pentecost. At the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was unleashed on God's people which propelled them to witness in many languages with flames dancing upon their heads! Following worship, you are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall or stay tuned for a livestream broadcast for a Congregation Council Communication meeting. Whether you are a member or are someone who is interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran, we would like to share some of the hopes and dreams we envision for our future. We will also invite you to sign up to share your time and talent as we resume a variety of service opportunities. Come join us on the day of Pentecost to celebrate the churches ministries and discover, or rediscover, the joy of sharing your gifts with the congregation.

The Congregation Council

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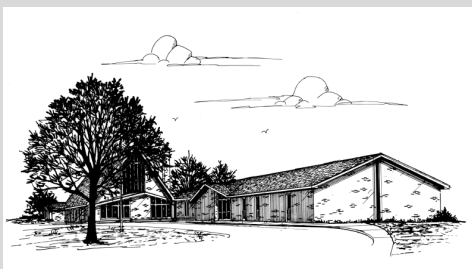
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ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Beginning on **Thursday May 6th, at 1 pm, Adult Bible Study** will resume. Join Pastor Kristine in the Fireside Room for a discussion on Paul's letters to the church in Thessalonica. The letters to the Thessalonians are the earliest writings of the church when Paul exhorts and encourages these new Christians to continue in their faith.

We will gather in-person in the Fireside Room each week to learn from Paul. If you would like to join us by zoom, simply contact Pastor Kristine and we will make arrangements to include you in the conversation!

Worship in the Time of Pandemic...continues

As we have been gathering for worship each week, we continue to gather safely. Please remember to bring and wear a mask. Every other pew in the sanctuary will remain taped off to help you safely distance from other worshippers.

Our weekly worship services will continue in-person, livestreamed on Facebook and by way of iHeart Radio. If you happen to miss a Sunday, you can worship with us by way of YouTube anytime during the week. For more information on any of these options access our website ([firstlutheransc.org](https://www.firstlutheransc.org)).

New member invitation....

A number of individuals have expressed an interest in becoming members of First Lutheran. Whether you are worshiping at First Lutheran in-person or by livestream, you are welcome to join our faith community. Whether you are already a member of another congregation, but would like to be a part of the ministry of First as an associate member, there are many ways to connect with us and be part of our ongoing ministry. Please contact Pastor Kristine (712 239 3942 or flcpastor3939@gmail.com) with any questions or interest. And, all are welcome to join in the conversation on Sunday, May 23rd, when the congregation council will provide their monthly communication meeting and plans for future ministry at First Lutheran.



Sunday Following Worship Fellowship

On three Sundays in May, in-person worshippers are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall following worship. We will gather safely for a cup of coffee, a treat and conversation!

Sunday, May 9, Affirmation of Baptism

Join the confirmands and their families to greet and celebrate!

Sunday, May 16th, Senior Recognition

Join our high school and higher education graduates to recognize their accomplishments and celebrate their future endeavors.

Sunday, May 23rd, The Day of Pentecost

Join the Congregation Council for an information Communication meeting to share ideas and opportunities for giving of your time and talent!

FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget \$5,442.31 /
for the month of April \$21,769.24.
April income is \$24,450.48.



First Lutheran Church Council Report, April 20, 2021

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, April 20, 2021**. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- The Council is reading, studying and reviewing a book entitled Becoming a Hybrid Church. A chapter of the book is being reviewed at each Council meeting.
- The finances continued to reflect the generosity of our members. Our balance in the general fund continues to be very stable. We have had a large bill (\$12,000) in the last month for furnace repair. We also received a higher water bill due to a leak that had not been discovered immediately.
- Lori McClaren will serve as our interim Council Treasurer following the resignation of Jen Snyder due to increased workload at her place of employment. Thank you to both of you!
- Food Pantry donations continue to be made to support our mission.
- The use of other Memorial Gifts is being explored.
- The lawn of the church has been updated for the Spring Season.
- Similar to the donations received to support our radio broadcasts, we will be asking for donations of \$50 to help provide our Facebook Live outreach. This will be discussed during the Worship service on April 25, 2021. Funds received as support will be placed in funds earmarked for more technology needs as they arise.
- Members are returning to Worship following the receipt of their immunizations and as their comfort and security increase. For this, we are extremely thankful!
- We have many individuals who have expressed an interest in joining our Congregation. The Council is working on good ways to involve them in the workings of the church.
- Time and Talent sheets will be requested during the month of May.
- The Faith Formation team has been making plans for the month of May and also for Vacation Bible School.
- We will be offering scholarships again to persons who attend an ELCA sponsored institute of higher education. More information on this in the months to come.
- Lee Knop stated that his House and Grounds Committee could use assistance in performing needed repairs and maintenance. If interested, please contact Carla in the office.
- Jenny Denne and the Youth cashed in \$250 in cans following 1.5 hours of work.



May 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Key FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room YR = Youth Room SS = Sunday School Room CR = Comm. Rm						1 3:30 Lippke/Rommel Wedding
2 9:00 Sundaes on Sunday 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion	3 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 Scouts in FH	4	5 9-11:30 Food Pantry 6:00 Affirmation of Baptism Dinner & Rehearsal in FH	6 1:00 Bible Study in FR 6:30 Worship & Music in FR	7 7:00 AA in FH	8
9 Affirmation of Baptism 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion After Worship - Reception in FH	10 Pastor's Day Off Carla Gone - Office Closed 7:00 Scouts in FH	11 Carla Gone 5:00 First Responder Support Mtg. in CR 6:30 Exec in FR	12 9-11:30 Food Pantry 6:00 Confirmands/Youth Outing	13 1:00 Bible Study in FR	14 7:00 AA in FH	15
16 Senior Recognition 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion After Worship - Reception in FH	17 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 Scouts in FH	18 6:30 Council in FR 7:00 Kaia in Comm. Rm.	19 9-11:30 Food Pantry	20 1:00 Bible Study in FR	21 7:00 AA in FH	22
23 Pentecost 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Comm. After Worship - Council Comm. Mtg. in FH	24 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 Scouts in FH	25	26 9-11:30 Food Pantry	27 1:00 Bible Study in FR	28	29
30 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion	31 Memorial Day Office Closed 7:00 Scouts in FH	Hoeferer/Barrenechea Wedding				

ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	May 2 Vine and Branches	May 9 Affirmation of Baptism	May 16 Senior Recognition	May 23 Pentecost
Assisting Minister	Alison Hertenstein	Dan Moore	N/A	Bruce Miller
Sacristan	David Gross	Chris Taylor	Kaia Downing	Julie Thiele
Crucifer	Rylie Hermelbracht	Confirmand	Senior	All Confirmands
Reader	Tammy Mahaney	Confirmands	Senior	Families
Covid Hosts:	Jay Schenzel Jennifer Denne Jacob Simons August Schenzel	Gary Johnson Emma Webb Riley Irwin	Gary Troth Jen Snyder Joe Peters	Kaia Downing Diane Baker LaVonne Lundgren

Sundaes on Sunday, May 2

Our final Sunday for Sunday School this spring is **May 2nd**. Children, youth and parents please join us for a sweet treat. Grade school children will be singing in worship.

Life Long Confirmation

Children, confirmands and their parents resumed LLC in April learning about worship and the sacraments. We gathered each week to learn together. As we conclude this LLC covid year we are thankful for those who served on the Faith Formation team, the parents who came with their children to learn and to those who helped lead discussions in small groups.

Affirmation of Baptism

On **Sunday, May 9th**, four confirmands will be received as adult members of the congregation. After three or four years of confirmation studies, these young people will confess their faith. Because of the covid restrictions, our ninth grader, Ian Hertenstein, has waited an additional year to be affirmed in his baptism. Joining him our three eighth graders, Nissa Downing, Tyler Hagan and Rylie Hermelbracht.

When these young people began coming to Sunday School and LLC (life long confirmation) they began to form their faith. Parents nurtured their child's faith in the home. Sunday School teachers and mentors taught them stories of Jesus and the church. Dan Moore and Pastor Kristine have had the privilege of walking with them in these past few years as their faith formed and grew. And now we welcome Ian, Nissa, Tyler and Rylie as adults of the church where they will share their gifts with us as we live out our faith in God's world.

HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

May 4, 11, 18, 25

Casandra & Catrina Tounjian preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
LaVonne Lundgren Dorothy Goettsch August Schenzel	Dorothy Chauncey Nadine Holst August Schenzel	Candy Johnson Ann Doellinger August Schenzel	Chris Taylor Katherine Henshaw August Schenzel	Dorothy Chauncey Nadine Holst August Schenzel



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Opportunity to sponsor a Livestream Broadcast

Beginning in May the congregation council invites you to consider sponsoring a livestream broadcast. The sponsorship of a Sunday morning or any worship livestream broadcast would be a gift of \$50. This special gift can be given in memory or in honor of family or friends. Gifts can be given for birthdays, anniversaries, life passages (baptism, confirmation, wedding) and thanksgivings. The monies received will be used to purchase and update technology equipment in the sanctuary.

Radio broadcast sponsorships will continue as well. We are grateful for those who sign up each year to sponsor our radio broadcasts. Both radio and livestream opportunities provide worshippers with options for joining the worshipping life of our congregation.

For more information about giving opportunities please visit with Pastor Kristine. Thank you for considering a special gift to our congregation to enhance our worship ministry. Contact Carla in the office to sponsor a worship service date of your choice.

Anyone that would like to volunteer at the Soup Kitchen please contact Candy Johnson at 251 9411 or Carla in the church office.