



Moment of Contact

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Pastor's Message

I have been thinking about Jesus' transfiguration and Peter's response. It is good for us to be here! As we gather again in the sanctuary, as those who are fully vaccinated come without masks, as we raise our voices in song and as we renew acquaintances, we return to a sacred space.

And yet, there are many who join us who are finding meaning and relevance through livestream worship. Our radio broadcast has welcomed worshipers through the airwaves for decades, and if we want, we can view past worship services on YouTube whenever we want to hear a word from God.

Worship forms us as the people of God. When we were exiled from our sacred worship space it may have felt like a move from a beloved home. It happened without warning, and we were thrust into worshipping in new ways.

What is so important about where we worship? How we worship? And why we worship? Each individual will respond to these questions in a different way, as we all receive God's mercy and grace as individuals.

As we worship this summer we will continue to provide multiple communication mediums to reach out to you in a variety of ways. It is good for us to be here! Wherever and whenever "here" happens to be.

Pastor Kristine

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 in any amount up to \$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.

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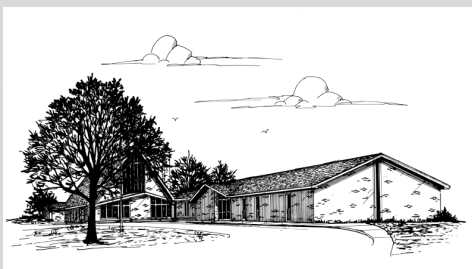
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Worship in the Time of Pandemic...continues

As we have been gathering for worship each week, we continue to gather safely. If you are fully vaccinated, as per CDC guidelines, you may gather without a mask. In the sanctuary we will continue to mark every other pew with tape to help you safely distance from other worshippers, especially families with young children who have yet to be vaccinated. Please be respectful of those who are wearing masks for a variety of health reasons.

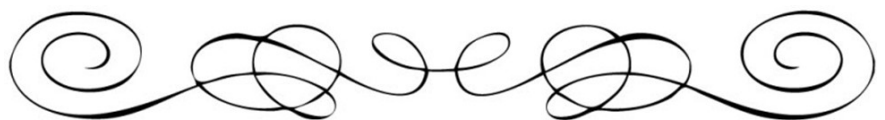
Our weekly worship services will continue in-person, livestreamed on Facebook and by way of iHeart Radio throughout the summer. Many of us are making plans to take a long overdue vacation. If you happen to miss a Sunday, you can worship with us by way of YouTube anytime during the week. For more information on any of these options access our website (firstlutheransc.org).

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

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 gather in-person in the Fireside Room each week to learn from Paul. We will take a two week hiatus on **Thursday, June 17 and 24 and return to our study on July 1st.**

Fellowship Opportunities

The congregation council is planning on fellowship opportunities for us to participate in this summer including an Explorers Baseball Game, a Cheyenne Blvd neighborhood picnic and a picnic and auction at Isaac Walton on Sunday, August 1. While details are still in the planning process, more information will be coming soon. Mark your calendars for these events to gather and enjoy face-to-face time! If you would like to help plan one of these events, please be in contact with Lori McClaren. Worship leaders will be contacted individually to be scheduled to serve on Sunday mornings.



Life Passages

Marriage

Love one another, as I have loved you

Kyle and Catherine (Lippke) Rommel

May 1, 2021

David and Clarissa (Barrenechea)

Hoferer

May 26, 2021

Affirmation of Baptism

You have known me from my youth

Ian Hertenstein

Nissa Downing

Tyler Hagan

Rylie Hermelbracht

May 10, 2021



FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly
per budget
\$5,442.31 / for the
month of May
\$27,211.55. As of
May 24th income
is \$22,353.00.



Giving of your time and talent

On Pentecost Sunday all were invited to the Congregation Council's monthly Communication Meeting. All were also asked to complete a new Time and Talent Survey. For those who participated thank you! Over the summer months and into the fall we will invite you to serve in the areas you prefer. If you would like to volunteer your service, please complete the form you will find on our webpage and return to the office by **Sunday, June 20th**.

First Lutheran Church Council Report, May 18, 2021

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

The Council of First Lutheran Church met **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**. The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- ♦ The Council is reading and discussing each chapter of the book, Becoming a Hybrid Church. This time we discussed the chapter which described the changes that faced churches in planning and sharing their music and worship during the time of the pandemic through various types of media.
- ♦ Pastor and Carla have completed the Synod Report and established our member count at 345 members. Of the total membership, approximately 200 are "active".
- ♦ A fairly lengthy discussion centered on the condition of our facility. It is hoped that we can establish a "Task Force" to complete an assessment of our building condition and needs. This will be discussed in detail at the upcoming Communication Meeting on May 23, 2021 following Worship.
- ♦ Time and Talents will be discussed and distributed at the Communication Meeting. For those not in attendance, their forms will be mailed along with the quarterly financial statements.
- ♦ Pastor is taking two weeks of vacation in June. Council will not meet in June, but the Executive Committee will meet during the month of June.
- ♦ Vacation Bible School - **July 11, 2021 through July 15, 2021** at First Lutheran Church.
- ♦ The Communication meeting on Sunday will contain a variety of subjects for discussion including the establishment of a Task Force for a Building Assessment, the Worship and Music programs, and the plans for a celebration of our 150th anniversary on **April 10, 2022**.
- ♦ Annual Picnic - **August 1, 2021**



June 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 Pastor's Day Off	2 9-11:30 Food Pantry 1:00 WELCA in FR	3 1:00 Bible Study in FR 7:00 Faith Formation Mtg. in FR	4 7:00 AA in FH	5 10:30 Glade/James Wedding
6 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion 1:00-5:00 Trometer Family in FH	7 Pastor's Day Off 7:00 Scouts in FH	8 5:00 First Responder Support Mtg. in CR 6:30 Exec in FR	9 9-11:30 Food Pantry	10 1:00 Bible Study in FR	11 7:00 AA in FH	12
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27 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion	28 Pastor's Day Off	29	30 9-11:30 Food Pantry			



We are renewing our mission work at the Soup Kitchen and looking for volunteers. There are two shifts available: one from **2:00 - 4:00 pm** for prep and the other from **4:00 - 6:00 pm** for serving. Please consider this opportunity to serve our community.

The dates of **Wednesday and Thursday, June 9th and 10th** are available for us to work. Please let Candy (251-9411) or Carla at church know if you could help out. Both shifts are available both days! If you have ANY questions please ask Candy. If you cannot work either of those dates and would still like your name on the list of volunteers, please let us know that also. Thank you!

City-Wide VBS, July 12-15

(Vacation Bible School with our Siouxland Working Together Congregations)

The ELCA congregations in Siouxland will join together to offer Vacation Bible School for students completing kindergarten through fifth grade. **July 12-15, Monday through Thursday night from 5:30 - 8:00 pm.** Lutheran Lakeside Day Camp Counselors will lead the program. The theme will focus on **God keeps God's promises.** First Lutheran will serve as the host congregation welcoming children from all congregations. We will take our turn to serve a meal to the children and counselors on **Thursday, July 15th.**



HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Casandra & Catrina Tounjian preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Dorothy Chauncey Candy Johnson August Schenzel	Mary McCoy Chris Taylor August Schenzel	Candy Johnson Ann Doellinger August Schenzel	Katherine Henshaw Nadine Holst August Schenzel	Dorothy Goettsch LaVonne Lundgren August Schenzel

July 6, 13, 20 & 27

Casandra & Catrina Tounjian preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.



July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28	August 4
Mary McCoy LaVonne Lundgren August Schenzel	Ann Doellinger Chris Taylor August Schenzel	Candy Johnson Mary McCoy August Schenzel	Katherine Henshaw Dorothy Henshaw August Schenzel	LaVonne Lundgren Dorothy Goettsch August Schenzel





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Return Service Requested

July 1-17 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> <i>1:00 Bible Study in FR</i>	<i>2</i> <i>7:00 AA in FH</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>  <i>10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Holiday - Office Closed</i> <i>7:00 Scouts in FH</i>	<i>6</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<i>7</i> <i>9-12 Food Pantry</i> <i>1:00 WELCA in FR</i>	<i>8</i> <i>1:00 Bible Study in FR</i>	<i>9</i> <i>7:00 AA in FH</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> <i>10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<i>13</i> <i>6:30 Exec in FR</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>10:00 PEO Mtg. in FR</i> <i>1:00 Bible Study in FR</i>	<i>16</i> <i>7:00 AA in FH</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Carla on vacation next week</i>