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Pastor's Message

Our new hymnbook, *All Creation Sings*, is a treasure trove of beautiful poetry. In the lament section is a poem by Adam M. L. Tice entitled "Sometimes Our Only Song is Weeping."

Sometimes our only song is weeping;
our only sound is gasping breath.
Sometimes it seems that God is sleeping
while our brief lives are bound in death.
Who hears the song our sorrows swallow
and offers hope to calm our fears?
When all our words seem frail and hollow,
God heeds the prayers within our tears.

As we celebrate All Saints Sunday on November 7th, we gather to remember those who have died in the faith. As we mourn the loss of those whom we love, and track the number of deaths due to covid, we pause with our hearts in our throats. Praying for healing, trusting in God to provide, protect, bring to wholeness, our words seem frail and hollow. We have many "why" questions. Why has this happened? Why can't more be done? Why has our health become political? Why is God silent? As Adam pens, when all our words, all our questions seem frail and hollow, God heeds the prayers within our tears.

The prophets, the psalmists, the poets provide us with words to match our emotions when our sighs are too deep for words. When our pain is too intense, our only sound gasping breath, it is then God holds us close. Our tears communicate our pain to God.

May the God of resurrection hope draw you near in close embrace as you mourn the loss of those whom you love. And may we gather to bring our frail and hollow words to the God who heeds our prayers.

Pastor Kristine

ALL SAINTS, Sunday, November 7, 2021

If you would like to remember a loved one on **Sunday, November 7th**, please provide their name by signing the "Tree of Life" book, found at the entrance to the sanctuary. We will remember before God those who have died this past year, as well as those you list in the Tree of Life book. All family and friends, loved ones, those whom you wish to remember may be included. May God bless the memory of these children of God, who lived and worked among us.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join our Bible Study as we continue to explore Jeremiah, God's prophet. The faithful group who gathers each week has noted the similarities of Jeremiah's world to our present day. This comparison makes for interesting discussion! Join the conversation on **Thursdays, at 1 pm**, in the Fireside Room. The coffee pot is on!

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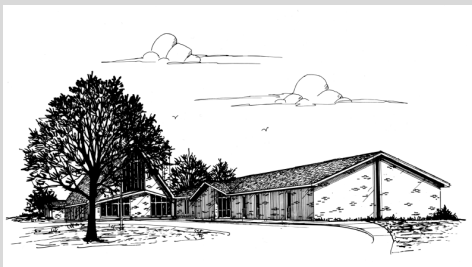
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Faithful Family Confirmation

Families continue to gather **Wednesday evenings from 5:45 – 7:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall, to study the stories of God and God's people. In November we will learn from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob the importance of being family.

On **Wednesday, November 3rd**, we will participate in a service project as we create luminaries for our All Saints Sunday worship service. All are welcome to join us for this intergenerational time of learning.

STEWARDSHIP, November 14, 2021

Return your personal goal pledge cards....

During the month of October we heard from members of the congregation regarding their gifts of time, talent and tithe (financial support), of this congregation. We are grateful for these gifts and in response, we are called by God to be generous.

As you consider how generous God has been to you, we ask that you determine how you will give generously to this congregation. Completing your personal goal pledge card and bringing it to worship on **Sunday, November 14th** and placing in the offering plate is one way to support this congregation.

Your gifts of time, volunteering to greet or teach. Your gifts of talent, singing in the choir, painting a room. Your gifts of financial support provide educational materials for our Faithful Family Confirmation programming. And your tithe reaches out to help those in need and their families with the help of our food pantry.

God loves a cheerful giver. We encourage your giving with gratitude and with generosity!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, Advent Wednesdays

Beginning on **December 1st**, Wednesday Advent Worship will be held in Fellowship Hall. We will gather with the Faithful Family Confirmation group for an interactive study of the story of Jesus' birth. Mark your calendars and set aside time to welcome the Christ child into your life this Advent season. On Wednesday nights, **December 1, 8 and 15 from 5:45 – 7:00 pm**, we will learn, create and explore the incredible days before Jesus' birth. Come and join us!

Life Passages

You belong to Christ

Paige Kay Helgeland and Jack Richard Helgeland,

October 10, 2021

Annika Kay Tillo, October 24, 2021



I am the bread of life

First Communion Instruction, October 17, 2021

Collin Goosmann, Caroline Goosmann, Evie Hertenstein, Brinley

Hebert, Braxton Bratvold

FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget

\$5,442.31/for the month of

October \$27,211.55. As of Octo-

ber 26 income is \$17,324.00



First Lutheran Church Council Report, October 18, 2021

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

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

- ♦ Council continues to review the book, Becoming a Hybrid Church. The chapter for this meeting dealt with the subject of facilities, the sharing of facilities among multiple congregations and the technical and sound issues that would need to be addressed. Next month we will discuss the subject of Servanthood.
- ♦ Financial reports show generous giving by the members of our congregation. We discussed the subject of increased utility costs as predicted during the upcoming winter season and how we may make the best of our building while maintaining a favorable temperature for the organ.
- ♦ Pastor Kristine attended a meeting at LSI which centered on an upcoming request for volunteers and assistance with 150 Afghan who will arrive in Sioux City in January. Details to follow.
- ♦ Carla Flores has requested a decrease in her pay of \$1 per hour to comply with the requirements for her retirement effective September 1, 2021. A pay increase will be given to Jim Larson of \$2 per hour following his recent evaluation. Increase will be effective November 1, 2021.
- ♦ Christmas Eve services: Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM, no service on Christmas Day, and regular Worship on Sunday, December 26th.
- ♦ Signature cards are being updated at the bank.
- ♦ Our attorney, Frank Baron, is retiring. Council President Alison Hertenstein will be discussing our options with Dan Moore and Jay Denne and their recommendation will lead to more discussion.
- ♦ Many hours of work will be conducted in the next few months to establish a slate of officers and Council structure. The Nominating Committee is Jay Schenzel and Angie Reinhardt.
- ♦ There will be a Communication Meeting following Worship on October 24th.
- ♦ The Council will start Budget preparation at the November Council meeting.



November 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 Scouts in FH	2 10:00 Text Study 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym	3 9-11:30 Food Pantry 1:00 WELCA in FR 5:45 FFC (Faithful Family Confirmation) in FH/CR 6:30 Building Task Force Mtg. in FR	4 1:00 Bible Study in FR 7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball	5 9:00 Quilters in FH 7:00 AA in FH	6 9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball in Gym
7 ALL SAINTS 9:15 Choir in CR 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion	8 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 Scouts in FH	9 10:00 Text Study 5:00 First Responder Support Mtg. in CR 5:00-6:00 Rising Stars in Gym 6:30 Exec in FR 7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym	10 9-11:30 Food Pantry 5:45 FFC (Faithful Family Confirmation) in FH/CR	11 1:00 Bible Study in FR 7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym	12 9:00 Quilters in FH 7:00 AA in FH	13 9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball in Gym
14 STEWARDSHIP 9:15 Choir in CR 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion	15 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 6:30 Mary Circle in FR 7:00 Scouts in FH	16 10:00 Text Study 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 6:30 Council in FR 7:00 Kaia in Comm. Rm. 7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym	17 9-11:30 Food Pantry 5:45 FFC (Faithful Family Confirmation) in FH/CR	18 12:30 Rachel Circle 1:00 Bible Study in FR 7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym	19 9:00 Quilters in FH 7:00 AA in FH	20 9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball in Gym
21 CHRIST THE KING 9:15 Choir in CR 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion After Worship - 150th Task Force Mtg. in FR	22 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Carla on Vacation all week</i> 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 Scouts in FH	23 10:00 Text Study 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym	24 9-11:30 Food Pantry	25 Thanksgiving Day 	26 9:00 Quilters in FH 9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball in Gym 7:00 AA in FH	27 9:00 - 11:00 Pickleball in Gym
28 ADVENT ONE 10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/ Radio w/Holy Communion	29 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 Scouts in FH	30 10:00 Text Study 5:00 - 6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 7:00 - 9:00 Pickleball in Gym			Key CR = Community Rm FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fireside Room SS = Sunday School Room YR = Youth Room	

ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	November 7 All Saints	November 14 Stewardship	November 21 Christ the King	November 28 Advent One
Assisting Minister	Dan Moore	Bruce Miller	Janet Gross	Alison Hertenstein
Sacristan	Chris Taylor	David Gross	Julie Thiele	Kaia Downing
Reader	August Schenzel	Gary Troth	Enola Peters	Janet Gross
Communion Minister	David Gross	Angie Reinhardt	August Schenzel	Jim Lippke
Hosts/Greeters	Jenny Denne Jami Denne Jacob Simons	Ann Doellinger Enola Peters Carole Heider	Jay Schenzel August Schenzel Katherine Henshaw	Bruce Miller Ken Carlson Jen Snyder
Crucifer/Book	Ian Hertenstein Andrew Hagan	Ian Hertenstein Seth Reinhardt	Ian Hertenstein Karsen Maynard	Ian Hertenstein Ethan Walz

2021 Sioux City CROP Walk:

Thank you to all who supported the Crop Walk this year. We surpassed our goal by raising \$315 to support the hungry. Thank you to those who walked and organized and supported this ministry.

Four volunteers are needed at the Soup Kitchen on **November 18 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm**. Please contact Candy Johnson at 251 9411 or Carla in the church office.



Bread For The Day Daily Bible Readings and Prayers books....begin January 2022, request a copy from the office, cost is \$10



*thank you =
volunteers!*

HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Janet Gross & Shae Downing preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24	December 1
Dorothy Goettsch LaVonne Lundgren	Sue Mullin Mary McCoy	Chris Taylor Ann Doellinger	Candy Johnson Katherine Henshaw	Dorothy Chauncey Nadine Holst



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Building Task Force Meeting:
Nov. 3 at 6:30 PM in the Fireside Room.

First Lutheran financially supports college students who attend ELCA affiliated universities by participating in a matching grant. Emma Gross is a recipient of a matching grant with St Olaf College. We are delighted to assist in this way and have invited her to tell us how her first year is going!

Hello! My name is Emma Gross and if you haven't seen me in a while, it is because I am away at college. I am currently a first-year at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. I am currently undecided, but I intend to major in Psychology. The transition from high school to college didn't affect me as it does in most first years. I currently live with two other roommates that I call my "built-in friends". Living with not just one but two people was frightening at first, but they are both nice and great people! One surprising thing about this new life so far is the community built here. In my first week moving in I auditioned for the band ensembles and was selected in the St. Olaf Band. The band members were accepting and friendly to not just me but to the other nine first-years as well. The overall community is loving, and it definitely feels like home here, just a little colder!