



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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All Saints Sunday, November 5

For all the saints who from their labor rest.

I remember this hymn from childhood, when on the first Sunday in November we would stand and sing the saints home.

We have remembered before God many of our beloved saints this past year. And on Sunday, November 5, we will remember each one by name. If you would like your loved ones' name to be read during our prayers of intercessions, the *Book of Life* will be in the narthex this Sunday for you to add names of those who have died this past year, or those you want to remember before God.

Pastor Kristine

Welcome.
Worship.
Serve.

Baptized, We Live

We continue to gather following worship to study together a guide to Lutheranism as a Way of Life. This material is a reread of your confirmation class! Remember those days?! No matter what you thought of confirmation as a teenager, you might be surprised what you could learn when you join us for *Baptized, We Live*, written by Daniel Erlander. On Reformation Sunday, we will talk about Dr. Martin Luther and his impact on how we have learned to be Lutherans, five hundred years later. His teachings revolutionized what the church understood to be the "only" path to God. We celebrate the Reformation and remember we are always in the process of reforming lives.

ELCA Youth Leadership Summit

Ian Hertenstein, a senior at Hinton High School, will be attending the ELCA Youth Leadership Summit in Chicago in November. He was selected as one of two youth to represent the Western Iowa Synod. We look forward to hearing what Ian and a hundred or more youth do together as they learn, advocate and lead us into the future!

Siouxland ELCA Congregations

Members of the congregation council attended a gathering of the *Siouxland ELCA Congregations*. We discussed what we are doing well, what values our congregation holds and what ministry opportunities we anticipate doing in the future. We are scheduled for another time together in January 2024 to continue our discussions. The congregation council will share our insights from the meeting in the coming months.

Siouxland Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship hosted by First Lutheran

First Lutheran will serve as the host congregation for the Siouxland Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship on **Wednesday, November 22 at 7 pm** in the sanctuary. There will be pick-up choir, rehearsing prior to the worship service.

This gathering will invite ELCA congregations, as well as our ecumenical partners to join in worshipping together to give thanks to God for the blessings we enjoy. Following the worship service, a time for conversation and pie will be

offered in Fellowship Hall.

Living into our vision word, as **welcoming** congregation, we look forward to hosting this gathering and invite you to participate by serving as greeters and ushers, kitchen assistants (other congregations will bring the pie!) and choir members.

Please mark your calendars and plan to include this worship service in your Thanksgiving plans. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Pastor Kristine.

Holy Family Food Pantry Gratitude Gathering

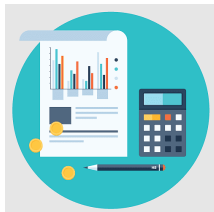
Please join the congregation on Sunday, November 26 for a **Gratitude Gathering**.

Following worship, we will meet in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will bring your favorite dish to share and stay for conversation and a time of gratitude for our Holy Family Food Pantry on their 25th anniversary.



During the month of October we collected quarters in M&M containers. Thanks to all who contributed to this fun project, including the kids. We raised \$182 to support our food pantry.

Third Quarter Financial Statements



Third quarter financial statements have been sent to financial givers to First Lutheran. If you did not receive a statement and believe you contributed, please contact Jody in the office.

Soup Kitchen



First Lutheran was represented again this month (October) at the Soup Kitchen with six serving/clean up volunteers. On October 18th, Becky McGlaufflin, Janet Gross, Ron Wayman, Cindy Bennet, Randy Burnight and Candy Johnson spent a couple of hours helping to serve approximately 127 plates of food! Thank you so much for this giving service!! On Tuesday, November 7th our congregation is signed up for the 4:00 serving shift. Please call Candy @ 251-9411 if you are interested in helping. There is a need for only four volunteers on that date.