



# Moment of Contact

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## Pastor's Message

When Jesus called his disciples, the root word of disciple is discipline. It implies that there are real implications when we choose to follow a Christian way of life. But discipleship is not hardship or strife. There is true joy in pursuing a life of faith.

As we worship together during the upcoming autumn season Jesus warns his would-be disciples to consider the cost. The cost of discipleship becomes a literal issue in the many texts which focus on wealth and power and what we do with both.

When we consider what it means to follow Jesus as his disciple in our own time and place, we inevitably come up short. Perhaps it is helpful to remember that God works through the most unlikely of people, including, but not limited to, unjust judges, a dishonest manager, and a tax collector. We will also learn about Jacob, whom God chooses to be the patriarch of a great faithful family even though he himself is referred to as a "trickster."

This autumn season Luke's gospel will invite us to consider our wealth, our power, and how our identity as Jesus' disciples and followers stands up to scrutiny. Thanks be to God, for the gift of grace which is available to all disciples. Grace allows us to be called to serve our neighbor not out of duty, but out of joy, and based in love.

Discipleship is a serious calling but it is also a joyful one. As we gather as a faithful community to participate in the variety of ways of serving which you will find in this month's newsletter, may you be inspired to enter fully into the joy of being a disciple of Jesus. Really, what are you waiting for?

*Pastor Kristine*

## ADULT EDUCATION

After a brief hiatus, Adult Bible Study resumes on **September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm in the Fireside Room.** We will be studying the book of Genesis. Utilizing a study guide, we will explore God's relationship with early biblical characters as they wrestle with themes of temptation, encountering the holy, providence, judgment and forgiveness. There is a study guide which accompanies our study, if you are interested in joining us, we will provide a guide for you!



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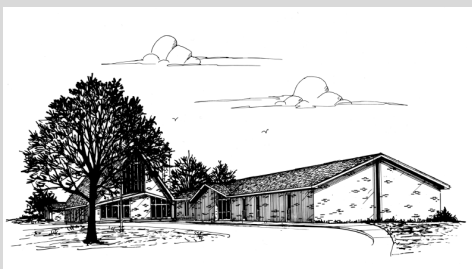
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**God's Work. Our Hands.**

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** when we will once again focus on our ministry to spread the good news of the gospel through **our hands**. Our hands is a way of saying, our service. How do we take what we have learned from the gospel into our daily lives. Service is an important aspect of being a Christian, a follower of Jesus.

A small team is putting together a day full of worship, fellowship and service projects. **God's Work. Our Hands.** will emphasize a variety of ways we can serve our neighbors in need. Featured will be our **Holy Family Food Pantry**, a **Neighborhood Social** opportunity on October 2 and **Lutheran Services of Iowa**, mentorship and housing kits for resettled families. Plan to join in the lending a *hand* on this Sunday by coming to learn more about our year-round programming of serving those in need.

**Worship Pattern for the Fall**

As we head into the autumn season, the gospel of Luke is filled with parables and memorable characters. The shepherd looks for the sheep and the woman her lost coin. The dishonest steward cuts deals. The rich man pleads with Father Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers. The widow bargains with the unjust judge. The Pharisee congratulates himself for not being like the tax collector. Week after week we will learn the cost of discipleship and the dangers of wealth.

As we worship together, we will emphasize the joy that follows when those who were lost, especially those lost in their wealth, are found.

Join us in worship for the stories of Jesus where we offer our thanks and praise to the God who seeks out and saves all who are lost, not because of who we are, but because of who God is.

A memorial service for Pastor David Carlson is planned for **Sunday, September 18th at 2 pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church.

**ATTENTION YOUTH:**

Youth will be working on cans **Saturday, September 10** starting at **9:00 am** and being done by noon or earlier.

## NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in joining First Lutheran congregation, please be in contact with Pastor Kristine or Mike VanBeest, council representative for membership and growth. We have planned a new member Sunday for **September 25<sup>th</sup>** and would welcome an opportunity to be in conversation with you.

Joining a congregation includes being an active member involved in worship, giving your gifts for the good of the faith community and finding ways to serve God and neighbor through your time, talent and tithe. Your questions are welcome, your presence received with joy!

## FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget is \$5,442.31/for the month of August \$21,769.24. August income is \$17,426.00.



## FAITH FORMATION

This fall we are providing a variety of programming opportunities for children, youth and adults....all ages.

On Sunday mornings our pre-school and grade school children will gather during worship to learn about Jesus' teaching. On Wednesday evenings, two confirmation classes will guide students to learn scripture, catechism and God's word will gather to hear about God's love for us.

Pre-school and grade school children will gather on Sunday mornings beginning **September 25<sup>th</sup>** during worship to hear a word from Pastor Kristine during the *time for children* before heading to the Fireside Room for craft time based on the gospel lesson for the day. Thanks to new members Vanessa Bremer and Jackie Paulson for volunteering to lead this learning time.

Confirmation students will meet on Wednesday nights beginning in October to start or continue their studies as they prepare to affirm their baptism. Two classes will be held for confirmands aged 11-15. Dan Moore and Pastor Kristine will serve as teachers.

Throughout the program year (September-May) intergenerational learning opportunities will be held on a monthly basis for all who want to attend. Life Passages including First Communion, Affirma-

tion of Baptism and Senior Recognition will be scheduled and we look forward to blessing our children as they journey through these milestone events.

A monthly time for high school students will be determined by the youth and led by Pastor Kristine. Youth will discuss "*hot*" topics of the day in light of current events and life changes.

Adult Bible Study begins on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will study the Book of Genesis.

More information will be provided to families of children and youth through emails. Faith formation is not just for kids! All of us are invited to stay active as we remember our baptismal promise to grow in faith!





# September 2022



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat                                      |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Key</b><br>CR = Community Rm<br>FH = Fellowship Hall<br>FR = Fireside Room<br>SS = Sunday School Room<br>YR = Youth Room   |   |  |  | 1   | 2<br>9:00 Quilters in FH<br><br>7:00 AA in FH  | 3  |
| 4<br>10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion Fellowship in FR  | 5<br>Labor Day Holiday<br>  | 6<br>Carla Vac Day<br>10:00 Text Study<br><br>6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts in FH              | 7<br>9-11:30 Food Pantry<br>1:00 WELCA in FR | 8<br>1:00 Adult Bible Study in FR                         | 9<br>9:00 Quilters in FH<br><br>7:00 AA in FH  | 10<br>9:00 Youth Working on Cans/Bottles |
| 11<br>10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion God's Work. Our Hands.- Lunch and Service Projects   | 12<br>Pastor's Day Off<br>Office Closed<br><br>7:00 Scouts in FH                            | 13<br><br><br>6:30 Exec in FR<br>6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts in FH                           | 14<br>9-11:30 Food Pantry                    | 15<br>1:00 Adult Bible Study in FR                        | 16<br>9:00 Quilters in FH<br><br>7:00 AA in FH | 17                                       |
| 18<br>10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion Fellowship in FR<br>Worship Leaders Mtg. 2:00-4:00<br>LaVonne's Birthday Coffee in FH<br>2:00 Dave Carlson Funeral at Trinity Lutheran | 19<br>Pastor's Day Off<br>Office Closed<br><br>6:30 Mary Circle<br>7:00 Scouts in FH        | 20<br><b>Contact Deadline</b><br><br>6:30 Council in FR<br>6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts in FH | 21<br>9-11:30 Food Pantry                    | 22<br>12:30 Rachel Circle<br>1:00 Adult Bible Study in FR | 23<br>9:00 Quilters in FH<br><br>7:00 AA in FH | 24                                       |
| 25<br>New Member/Rally Day/SS Begins<br>10:00 Worship - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion Fellowship in FR<br><br>Pastor Kristine to Western Iowa Synod Convo                                  | 26<br>Office Closed<br>Pastor Kristine at Western Iowa Synod Convo<br><br>7:00 Scouts in FH | 27<br>Pastor Kristine at Western Iowa Synod Convo<br><br>6:30-8:00 Girl Scouts in FH   | 28<br>9-11:30 Food Pantry                    | 29<br>1:00 Adult Bible Study in FR                        | 30<br>9:00 Quilters in FH<br><br>7:00 AA in FH |  |



## ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

|                               | September 4                       | September 11              | September 18                     | September 25                |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>     | Dan Moore                         | Bruce Miller              | Janet Gross                      | Alison Hertenstein          |
| <b>Sacristan</b>              | Mike VanBeest                     | Chris Taylor              | Kaia Downing                     | David Gross                 |
| <b>Reader</b>                 | Janet Gross                       | Vanessa Bremer            | Ian Hertenstein                  | Bruce Miller                |
| <b>Crucifer</b>               | TBD                               | Judah Henderson           | Karsen Maynard                   | Ian Hertenstein             |
| <b>Communion Minister</b>     | David Gross                       | TBD                       | Jim Lippke                       | Sheila & Tim Geary          |
| <b>Ushers/Greeters</b>        | Ann Doellinger<br>Mark Viksten    | Jenny Denne<br>Jami Denne | Bruce Miller<br>Dorothy Chauncey | Mary McCoy<br>Mike VanBeest |
| <b>Coffee Fellowship Host</b> | Marlus Mammen<br>Dorothy Goettsch | God's Work.<br>Our Hands. | Liz Draisey<br>Bev Rosenkrans    | Rally Day                   |

THANK YOU  
Volunteers



We extend our gratitude for the extremely faithful volunteers for serving at the Siouxland Soup Kitchen. On August 25th,

Janet Gross, Lee Knop, Chris Taylor, Candy Johnson and her friend Karen worked the serving and clean up shift.

We are a bit short of people who are contacting us to let us know they would be interested in volunteering. I'm hoping to keep this outreach continued, we hope you will consider giving this opportunity a try!

### Worship Leaders Meeting, September 18<sup>th</sup> following worship

Join Pastor Kristine for an informative meeting regarding our worship leadership practices for the autumn season. We have many new volunteers serving and we will take this opportunity to provide additional direction and help as you step up to serve.

The Worship Leadership meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, following worship and is intended for sacristans, greeters, readers, communion ministers and for all who are interested in serving in this way. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.




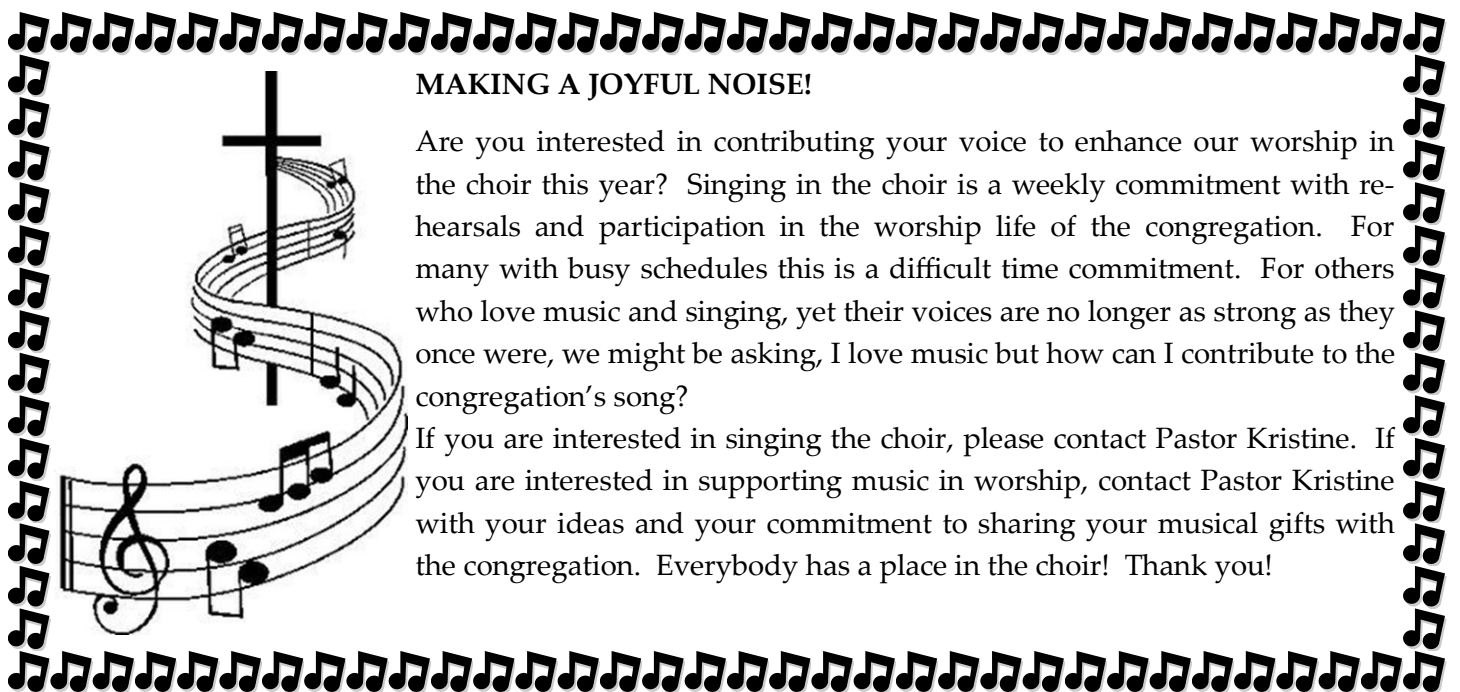
## HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

September 6, 13, 20, & 27 Janet Gross & TBD preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

| September 7                | September 14                    | September 21               | September 28                         | October 5                      |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mary McCoy<br>Chris Taylor | Candy Johnson<br>Ann Doellinger | Sue Mullin<br>Nadine Holst | LaVonne Lundgren<br>Dorothy Goettsch | Mary McCoy<br>LaVonne Lundgren |



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**MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE!**

Are you interested in contributing your voice to enhance our worship in the choir this year? Singing in the choir is a weekly commitment with rehearsals and participation in the worship life of the congregation. For many with busy schedules this is a difficult time commitment. For others who love music and singing, yet their voices are no longer as strong as they once were, we might be asking, I love music but how can I contribute to the congregation's song?

If you are interested in singing the choir, please contact Pastor Kristine. If you are interested in supporting music in worship, contact Pastor Kristine with your ideas and your commitment to sharing your musical gifts with the congregation. Everybody has a place in the choir! Thank you!