



# Moment of Contact

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## Pastor's Message

As we begin the new year, what are you looking forward to? Will you set new year's resolutions? Is there a major celebration to remember? Do you anticipate a change in your life's work?

As a congregation, what are you hoping for? Are you interested in serving in a new way? Do you wonder about what God has in store for this congregation? Are you hopeful, are you concerned, are you sad?

When I was called to come to Sioux City to serve among you, I was asked to work with you to determine the future of the congregation, in the building, with the church's ministries and programs, with worship and with education. Covid took the wind out of our sails, but the Holy Spirit has not been deterred!

As we gather this month to envision where the congregation is headed for the future your input is wanted and needed. For three weeks prior to the annual meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>, you are invited and expected to join with others in talking about 2023 how we as a congregation will navigate the future. Led by the Holy Spirit, trusting in God's future for this congregation we will listen, learn, hope and pray for this congregation and its ministry in the future.

I look forward to our conversation and to your participation in the life of this congregation in this critical time.

*Pastor Kristine*

## ADULT EDUCATION:

### Isaiah the Prophet

On Thursday's beginning **January 12th, at 1 pm**, we continue our adult faith formation opportunity. We will gather to read scripture and interpret it utilizing an Isaiah study guide. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Pastor Kristine for a study guide and join us as together we explore the prophet Isaiah's amazing body of work.



**Annual Meeting  
Sunday, February  
5, immediately fol-  
lowing worship in  
fellowship hall.**

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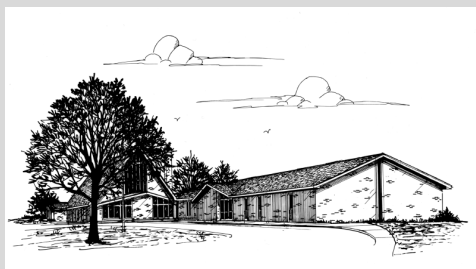
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**VISIONING SESSIONS**

On three Sundays in January, you are invited to gather following worship for part two of our listening sessions begun last October.

The visioning sessions will include time to reflect and prepare for the future of the congregation. During this time, we will consider how to navigate a new future to discern where God is leading us in changing times.

Join other members on **Sundays, January 15, 22, 29** as we dwell in the word, reflect, share and listen. We will ask “what keeps you awake at night?” We will listen to longings and losses, participate in an analysis tool, and together prepare a vision for the future.

At our annual meeting on **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, we will discuss our findings and discover together the next chapter in the life of this congregation.

**FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION**

Our Wednesday evening programming continues in January as confirmands and their parents gather on January 4<sup>th</sup>. This winter we will take a close look at the events surrounding Jesus during Holy Week. What happened in the last week of Jesus life when he entered Jerusalem to hosanna and praise, and, how did this “holy” week end with his death on a cross? We will explore Jesus’ life and learn how it impacts our lives today.

Our programming begins on **Wednesday, January 4 at 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm in Fireside Room**. As always, if Sioux City schools close due to bad weather, so do we!

**COUNCIL ACTIONS**

The congregation council is busy preparing for the **Annual Meeting of the congregation**, which will be held on **Sunday, February 5, immediately following worship**. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for lunch, followed by the meeting of the congregation. We ask you to bring a dish to share, salad, vegetable or dessert, we will provide Sneaky’s Chicken as the main course.

If you are responsible for a group which provides a written report for the annual report, please have your report submitted to Pastor Kristine no later than **Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**.



# January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1</b> 10:00 Worship-SS - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion After Worship - Fellowship in FR	<b>2</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed  7:00 Scouts in FH	<b>3</b> 10:00 Text Study  5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym  7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym	<b>4</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry  5:30 Parents & 8th & 9th Confirmation in FR	<b>5</b>   7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym	<b>6</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  7:00 AA in FH	<b>7</b> 9:00-11:00 Pickleball in Gym	
<b>8</b> 10:00 Worship-SS - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion After Worship - Reception for Carla and Jody	<b>9</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed  5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym  7:00 Scouts in FH	<b>10</b> 10:00 Text Study  5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 6:30 Exec in FR 7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym	<b>11</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry  4:15 - 5:15 7th Gr Confirmation in FR 5:30-7:00 8th & 9th Gr Confirmation in FR  7-8:00 Choir in Sanc.	<b>12</b> 1:00-2:00 Bible Study in FR  7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym	<b>13</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  Annual Meeting Reports Due  7:00 AA in FH	<b>14</b> 9:00-11:00 Pickleball in Gym	
<b>15</b> 10:00 Worship-SS - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion After Worship - FH Visioning Session in FR	<b>16</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed  5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 6:30 Mary Circle  7:00 Scouts in FH	<b>17</b> 10:00 Text Study  5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym 6:30 Council in FR  7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym	<b>18</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry  4:15 - 5:15 7th Gr Confirmation in FR 5:30-7:00 8th & 9th Gr Confirmation in FR  7-8:00 Choir in Sanc.	<b>19</b> 12:30 Rachel Circle 1:00-2:00 Bible Study in FR  7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym	<b>20</b> 9:00 Quilters in FH  7:00 AA in FH	<b>21</b> 9:00-11:00 Pickleball in Gym	
<b>22</b> 10:00 Worship-SS - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion After Worship - Fellowship in FH Visioning Session in FR	<b>23</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed  5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym  7:00 Scouts in FH	<b>24</b> 10:00 Text Study  5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym  7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym	<b>25</b> 9-11:30 Food Pantry  4:15 - 5:15 7th Gr Confirmation in FR 5:30-7:00 8th & 9th Gr Confirmation in FR  7-8:00 Choir in Sanc.	<b>26</b> 1:00-2:00 Bible Study in FR  7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym	<b>27</b>   7:00 AA in FH	<b>28</b> 9:00-11:00 Pickleball in Gym	
<b>29</b> 10:00 Worship-SS - In Person/FB Live/Radio w/Holy Communion After Worship - Fellowship in FH Visioning Session in FR	<b>30</b> Pastor's Day Off Office Closed  5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym  7:00 Scouts in FH	<b>31</b> 10:00 Text Study  5:00-6:30 Rising Stars in Gym  7:00-9:00 Pickleball in Gym				<b>Key</b> CR = Community Rm FH = Fellowship Hall FR = Fire-side Room SS = Sunday School Room YR = Youth Room	

## ASSISTING ON SUNDAY MORNING

	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Alison Hertenstein	Dan Moore	Janet Gross	Bruce Miller
<b>Sacristan</b>	Mike VanBeest	Chris Taylor Dorothy Chauncey	Kaia Downing	Ian Hertenstein Tyler Hagan
<b>Reader</b>	Kassie Henderson	Ian Hertenstein	Dan Moore	Janet Gross
<b>Crucifer</b>	Zach Hagan	Logan Hebert	Ethan Walz	Seth Reinhardt
<b>Communion Minister</b>	Tim Geary	Sheila Geary	Jim Lippke	Tyler Hagan
<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	Mike VanBeest Mark Viksten Dorothy Goettsch	Gary Troth Bruce Miller Ann Doellinger	Mike Mahaney Jenny & Jami Denne	Jay Schenzel Brian & Julie Thiele
<b>Coffee Fellowship Host</b>	Nadine Holst Dee Bertram	Jay & Lisa Schenzel	Mike and Tammy Mahaney	LaVonne Lundgren Mary McCoy

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all who served during our Christmas celebrations. It takes many volunteers to plan and create our seasonal offerings. To those who gave a poinsettia, decorated the church, served during worship, volunteered by sponsoring a broadcast or attended and brought friends, thank you!

### FLC Finance Update

Needed weekly per budget is \$5,442.31/for the month of December \$21,769.24. December income is \$31,115.00.



The 2023 Giving Envelopes are in the Narthex. Stop by and pick yours up your designated box.



## HELPING IN THE HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 231 Janet Gross & Nissa Downing preparing bags for Wednesday distribution.

January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25	February 1
Mary McCoy Jeanne Hanna	Ann Doellinger Chris Taylor	Candy Johnson Sue Mullin	Mary McCoy Becki McGlaufflin	Jeanne Hanna Dorothy Goettsch

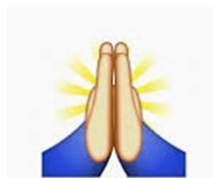


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Return Service Requested**

**2023 radio and livestream  
sponsor signup lists are  
in the narthex.**

Joe and Enola's temporary address if you would like to send a card and Enola's contact number.

Joe and Enola Peters  
c/o Hope Lodge Omaha  
8030 Farnam Drive  
Omaha, NE 68114  
Enola's cell: 712-251-0527



**Farewell and Welcome**

Carla Flores has served this congregation as our Office Manager for six years. She and her husband are moving to Arkansas in the new year. Carla completes her work with us on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

We give thanks for Carla's gifts of organization, administration and multi-tasking! She has been a wonderful employee of the congregation. We are truly grateful for her service these past years. Thank you, Carla, for your good work among us!

Jody Hines has been hired as our new office manager. She began her work with us on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Jody lives in Dakota City, NE, she has previously worked in a church office and has experience with Food Banks. She owns and operates a food truck in the area. Jody, welcome to First Lutheran Church!

On **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**, we will recognize Carla's years of service and welcome Jody to her new position. Hospitality following worship will be in their honor.