



First Word

The newsletter of First Lutheran Church • Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Happy 102nd Anniversary, First Lutheran Church!

On September 21, First Lutheran Church celebrated 102 years of being a Congregation. In September, a concert celebrated our 100th anniversary—

postponed from 2020 due to the pandemic. The concert included esteemed guests Paul Jacobs, Wayne Oquin, The South Dakota Symphony

directed by Delta David Gier, and Transept directed by Dr. Timothy Campbell.



Committee and Board Updates

Visitation Ministry and Senior Living Worship



Gene Erickson, Care and Health Board

Carry each others burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.

"So continue encouraging each other and building each other up, just

like you are doing already." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Thanks to the pandemic, many of us have found isolation from others to be difficult. Now consider those who are shut ins, unable to get out, or ill with no one to visit them. Their need is great.

FLC provides for those needs through Visitation Ministry. Pastors visit those in the hospitals and nursing homes, those who are home bound, and those with special spiritual needs. They visit them, pray with them, and offer communion. If you have one of those needs, please contact Pastor Katherine Olson, 605-336-3734 or kolson@flcsf.org.

Additionally, many of our Phone Buddies continue to call senior citizens who have difficulty getting out. They enjoy having someone to talk to and share prayer and devotions. Some say it is the highlight of their day. Not only is it great for the shut ins, but it gives those who make the calls a lift knowing they have brought joy into the lives of others. Although

formal support is no longer available (the program was developed during the COVID crisis and now fewer people are in isolation), many of the phone buddies are still meeting. It is our hope that a similar program can be developed in the future to support companionship between shut ins and church members who volunteer to call.

Let us pray for those who are ill, homebound, isolated, and in need:

Dear Heavenly Father, be with those in need. Please be with those who are ill, lonely, and isolated. Let them know you are right there beside them. Inspire all of us to look out for our neighbor. Keep us all safe from the coronavirus and all other illnesses and bless us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

October Special Offering: Lowell Elementary



Val Peters, Evangelism and Outreach Board

First Lutheran has a special partnership with Lowell Elementary, a neighborhood school. Lowell is rich in its diversity of student and

family population. There are 24 different home languages spoken within the Lowell community, and a high percentage of students are eligible for free and reduced lunch. Diane Kennedy, the principal at Lowell; and Sarah Herbert, a member of FLC who takes the lead in coordinating our service to Lowell Elementary; share why this is a valuable partnership.

What does the FLC/Lowell partnership "look" like? FLC offers support for the teachers and students financially as well as volunteering in various capacities.

What are some of the activities that FLC and Lowell have partnered with over this past year? We have held movie nights

and a bingo night to build community with parents and kids. FLC has provided volunteers as reading buddies, classroom adopters (to help with holiday parties and classroom needs), activities for Dr. Seuss Week, and projects and reading programs. A new activity is supporting Lowell in the Neighborhood Soccer League on Saturday mornings.

How does FLC support Lowell in other ways? FLC provided meals at conferences and Teacher Appreciation Week, purchased a washer and dryer, the book vending machine, as well as sweatpants, under garments, pillows, blankets, and classroom supplies. Volunteers painted games on the playground, put together PVC pipe desk dividers, and sewed children's masks to support in-school learning during COVID.

What had it meant to Lowell teams and families to have an active partnership together? It means everything to us. Lowell does not have a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), and FLC's support allows us to meet the various needs of our families, students, and staff at Lowell. Not only has FLC been a financial

support for us, they also are an emotional support. The staff appreciate that FLC comes alongside them to help educate the students at Lowell.

What are the current opportunities for FLC members to become involved in the partnership? We would love to have more people become involved whether you can only help once during the school year or every week. Please email Sarah at herbertj@sio.midco.net if you would like to receive opportunities to volunteer at Lowell! If you are interested in Saturday morning Neighborhood Soccer League, please visit flcsf.org/now and sign up!

Lowell's vision states: *"Lowell values the uniqueness of each individual as an essential part of our diverse community. We foster a caring, respectful, and creative environment and nurture the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of each person. All will learn and achieve beyond what they believe is possible."* We at FLC have the opportunity to be an important part in the success of their vision. Please consider supporting our ministry with Lowell by volunteering your time, donating, and praying for the Lowell community.

September Special Offering: Neighbors in Solidarity



*Jordan Brockhoff,
Evangelism and
Outreach Board*

In September, we spotlighted the South Dakota Synod program Neighbors in Solidarity. Neighbors in Solidarity includes

ministry and outreach programs within our local community and throughout the state. With a common message of *Pray, Learn, Act!*, Neighbors in Solidarity provides us with an opportunity to support our neighbors locally.

Pueblos de Dios: Members from Mexico and Central America provide support within the community to build partnerships and support.

Companion Synods: The South Dakota Synod partners with a Lutheran church in Nicaragua and Cameroon and have missionaries in both locations.

McLaughlin Community Alliance Group: This task force supports healing, reconciliation, and growth within the McLaughlin community.

Spirit of Hope: Neighbors in Solidarity supports this congregation in Scotland, South Dakota.

First Lutheran African Ministry: A ministry of African immigrants who gather and worship to celebrate their faith. The group originally met here at FLC.

Church on the Street: A mission that reaches out and takes the gifts of the church to all people, with a focus on individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty.

St. Dysmas: Prison ministries in Sioux Falls and Springfield provide an opportunity to worship and also provide a reentry program providing mentoring support for those returning to the community.

Lutheran Campus Ministries: Reaching out to students in communities of

Vermillion, Aberdeen, Brookings, Rapid City, and Spearfish; Lutheran Campus Ministries provides opportunities for worship, study, fellowship, and service for young adults living away from home.

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center: The Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center provides support to those affected by trauma and poverty.

Woyatan Lutheran Church: Located in Rapid City, SD; Woyatan Lutheran is a diverse congregation that focuses on worship and ministry with and by Lakota people, welcoming everyone.

Please consider the opportunity to support your neighbors by supporting Neighbors in Solidarity. Your gift can be included in your special offering envelope that is included with your regular offering envelopes, or you may write Special Offerings for Neighbors in Solidarity on your check and mail to First Lutheran Church. Visit flcsf.org/give to give through digital channels.

Call Committee Update



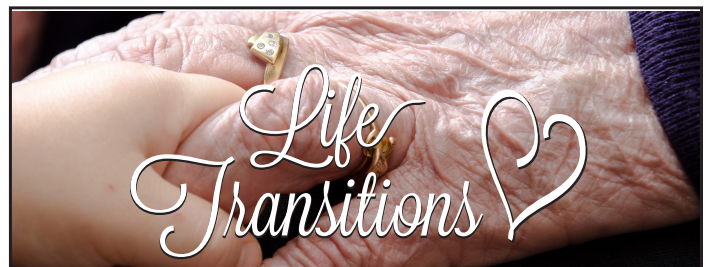
*Micah
Aberson,
Co-chair, Call
Committee*

Dear Members of First Lutheran Church:
On behalf

of the senior pastor call committee, I write today with a sense of optimism and enthusiasm as to the status of our search. Since publishing our MSP in early July, we have been encouraged with the

interest in the position, both by those who have submitted their Rostered Minister Profile to us, and those who have gladly opened the door when we've come knocking.

We are actively in the process of vetting and interviewing and will be having prolonged meetings with some of the emerging candidates over the weeks to come. The call committee is grateful for your continued prayers as we dutifully work through the process.



Baptisms:	Brandsma
August 14: Taelyn Renae Bruns, daughter of Jared & Ashley Bruns	August 6: Robert Mathiesen August 8: Rodney Olinger August 15: Earl 'Terry' Rosium
Weddings:	August 16: Richard Lundin August 19: Scott Olson August 24: Roberta Schlekeway
Deaths:	August 28: Orvill Hill August 30: Vivian Bauer
August 4: Majorie	

Meet the New Staff!

Josh Casper: Interim Youth & Family Coordinator



Greetings everybody! My name is Joshua Casper, and I am the new Interim Youth and Family Coordinator. I will be assisting the Youth and Family department with tasks and taking the knowledge to help

form my style of Pastoral Ministry in the future.

I grew up in Brewster, Minnesota, which is roughly eight miles east of

Worthington. I recently—with the support my of my wife Michaela—completed my Bachelor's degree from Liberty University in March 2022. In May, I began a Master of Divinity Professional Chaplaincy: Military degree, also through Liberty University, and will continue to pursue multiple degrees (theology, youth and family ministries) to one day become a military chaplain and a youth pastor.

In my free time, I enjoy woodworking and working on our lawn. Most often it is a solo act, which allows for time of reflection; however, the times are most

enjoyable when my wife or two daughters, Sophia and Amelia, join in on the projects. When not working on projects (rarely), I enjoy playing with our two dogs and cats. While their temperament is different, they are each relaxing in their own ways.

I look forward to learning as much as I can an interacting with as many members as possible. It is exciting to make a change and finally to be a part of church setting. I am thankful and truly blessed to be a part of First Lutheran Church.

Lori Ingalls: Office Coordinator/Afternoon Receptionist



Hello friends, my name is Lori Ingalls, and I am so happy to be working at First Lutheran Church in the finance office. I grew up in Hartford, SD, and moved to Sioux

Falls after high school. I was a member of FLC 1991-2002 when we moved to Brandon, SD, and became members of Beaver Valley Church. I have worked in banking and accounting for many years, and I am excited for new opportunities with FLC. I have three adult children, four grandkids, and my dog Buster. I moved to Georgia in 2017, and I returned

to Sioux Falls in 2020 as everything was closing due to COVID—but mainly because I missed my kids and grandkids. When not at work, I enjoy camping and hanging out with family and friends.

Youth & Family Updates

Fall Into the Season



Marnie Dahle Backer, Youth & Family Director

Fall has arrived, and we are having a great time welcoming everyone back, getting them all set for another year of Sunday/Wednesday School,

confirmation, youth group, Wednesday night meals, and worship!

What a joy it is to have families in worship! Watching the children all come up for a children's message is exciting! They are so eager and ready to move! It is thrilling to hear and see them be a part of things in worship. Watching them learn the Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, and the hymns and songs. And as we head into October, we welcome a new crop of 7th graders to acolyte, 8th graders to usher, and 9th graders to help with communion.

Be on the lookout for these new faces in their new roles, and don't be afraid to offer them an encouraging word!

Sunday and Wednesday School is using the *Jesus Storybook Bible* to hear all about how Jesus is central to the Old and New Testaments and to our lives. The children are learning new songs, making new friends, and being led by some amazing adult shepherds. What a gift to have all these volunteers to share the love of Jesus with our younger children.

When our middle school youth are in confirmation class, they too have some great adult shepherds to help guide them each week. Pastor Katherine Olson is helping out by teaching 6th grade confirmation. I heard a story that at orientation she announced that she would still be using the great curriculum that Pastor Lars (her husband) put together but adding some pizzazz! Classic Pastor Katherine—ha! And Pastor Dave Zellmer is hard at work teaching the Bible from

beginning to end to our 7th and 8th grade students. His knowledge, visits to Israel, and great stories will be wonderful for our youth to partake in.

The high school youth are busy getting to know all the awesome new freshmen. The sophomores are finishing up their final preparations for their Affirmation of Baptism service. The juniors and seniors are busy being leaders and preparing for all that is to come for them. And again, we have a great group of adult leaders who assist the staff with relationship building, and sharing God's story and love with the youth.

And to top all this off, we have milestones galore in the fall: First Step for our 3-year-olds getting new Bibles and starting Sunday School; 7th Grade Study Bibles; Kindergarten Prayer Pillows; and 6th Graders starting confirmation—to name a few! Thank you for continuing to pray for our children and youth. And...we hope to see you all in worship!

THE BAZAAR IS BACK!

YES, there is going to be a bazaar. The size and scope of the bazaar will be dependent on the Atrium construction. We will have more information once the contractor has been selected by the Church Council. Look for more information on the website, an announcement at church or call Sharyl Wolf at 605-521-1026.

Thank You, August Media Sponsors

August 7, 2022

The telecast on KSFY was sponsored in memory of Bob & Margaret Doescher's wedding anniversary by their friends and family.

The closed captioning on KSFY was sponsored in memory of Cora Boneff through earnings from a bequest she made to the FLC Foundation.

The broadcast on KELO-FM was sponsored in memory of Bob & Margaret Doescher's wedding anniversary by their daughters—Robin, LeAnne, and Sarah.

August 14, 2022

The telecast on KSFY was sponsored in memory and honor of all mothers by the First Lutheran Church Women.

The broadcast on KELO-FM was sponsored in memory of Arlen, Bea, and Chuck Osthus by their family.

August 21, 2022

The telecast on KSFY was sponsored by earnings of the Griffin Endowment for Media Ministry through the First Lutheran Church Foundation.

August 28, 2022

The telecast on KSFY was sponsored in memory of Jerry Bloch by his family.

August Gifts and Memorials

Caring Ministry

In memory of Gayle Johnson
Donald & LaVonne Wolf

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In memory of Terry Roisum
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Dorothy Grevlos

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In memory of Bob Mathiesen
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In memory of Dean Everetts
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In memory of Terry Roisum
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Timothy & Jane Sanstead

Youth Ministry

In memory of Ed Novak
Betty Pfeieffe

Capital Campaign Update



*Jean Hoff,
Chair*

Have you noticed that the heavy machinery that was on the church property is gone? The tuck pointing project should be finished by the end of September. To the right you can see a picture of the work being done and a picture of the completed work on the Bell Tower. Take a few minutes to look at the church the next time you are at worship. This project helped to restore the beauty and stability of the brick as well as helping to maintain the integrity of the interior of the church.



The Church Council made the decision to hire 605 Companies to do the remodel work on the Atrium. As we work with the company about events that take place at First Lutheran (funerals, Wednesday school, bazaar, etc.), when work will begin and a possible completion date, the church will update the website and First Word as well as making pertinent announcements before worship. Your patience while we work on these details is greatly appreciated.

Around the Church

The First Lutheran Church Foundation invites all Legacy Society members to a dinner at Minnehaha Country Club on October 25 to thank our members and give an update on the Foundation.

Becoming a member of the Legacy Society is easy! Members of the church only have to inform the church they have included First Lutheran

in their estate plan. After the church is notified, the member's name will be published along with other

Legacy Society members to recognize their gift and encourage others to do likewise.



Members who join and RSVP before October 11 are invited to the appreciation dinner.

If you have any questions or would like to let us know you will be a donor to the Foundation, please contact Larry Toll, 605-521-7161.

Council Highlights: August 25, 2022

If First Lutheran members wish to add items to an upcoming Council meeting agenda, please contact Jodi Hoyt, jhoyt@flcsf.org. Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month. Church members are welcome to visit meetings. Art prints and cards will be available for sale with funds supporting the Capital Campaign.

- Finances are improving each month. Overall we're ahead for the year.
- FLC is being recognized by Lutheran Social Services as the partner of the year.
- The nominating committee will start working on 2023 leadership positions.
- Two new staff people started this week—part-time morning receptionist and a full time Office Coordinator/afternoon receptionist.
- A new interim Youth & Family coordinator has also been hired to begin next week.
- The cultural shift for funerals has been an adjustment with many families choosing to wait a month or more between death and funeral. Pr. Dave thanked Pr. Katherine for her work coordinating visitation and the many funerals at FLC recently.
- Architect renderings were presented for viewing. Designs at this time are complete. Bids open August 15, with four companies considering bids. Work will hopefully begin October 1.



FLCW volunteers assembled and boxed 100 complete baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief on Tuesday, August 30.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sat. 5PM Traditional,
Sanctuary

Sun. 8AM Radio—rebroadcast
of previous week on KELO-
FM (101.9)

Sun. 9AM Traditional,
Sanctuary; Watch live at
[youtube.com/flcsf](https://www.youtube.com/flcsf)

Sun. 11AM Contemporary,
Sanctuary; Watch live at
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Aberdeen

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Help Us Honor Our Veterans



WELCA is planning a Veterans Recognition for our congregational members and we need your help in updating our list of veterans. If you or you know of another FLC member who is a veteran, please call the office at 605-336-3734 and let us know the name. Please respond by Oct. 14.

Hy-Vee Gift Cards available Now! Help support FLC youth in raising money for summer camps and mission trips! Gift cards can be purchased at church and 5% of money given will go into general fundraising—AT NO COST TO YOU! Stop at reception next time you're in and a staff member can help you. Or get into contact with Skylar at 605-339-1983 ext. 235

Upcoming October Events

Saturday, October 1: Grieving
with Grace

Sunday, October 2: Prayer Pillow
Milestone

Friday, October 7: First Fridays
Book Club

Saturday-Sunday, October 8-9:
New Member Installation, all
services

Sunday, October 9: 10th grade
retreat

Saturday, October 15:
Alzheimer's and Dementia
Support Group

Saturday, October 15: We are the
Church Milestone

Saturday, October 15: Elias
Johnson-Youngquist
Ordination

October 25: Legacy Society
dinner

See all the details, [flcsf.org/events](https://www.flcsf.org/events).