



Someone You Should Know: Congratulations Abraham Gayetaye!



Pastor Katherine Olson, Visitation Pastor Coordinator

On June 29th, Abraham Gayetaye became a naturalized citizen of the United States, along with

118 other individuals in a ceremony held at Mount Rushmore. Abraham is a member of First Lutheran Church and the ministry leader of First Lutheran African Ministries in Sioux Falls. Abraham is also a seminary student and a candidate for ordination with the South Dakota Synod. First Lutheran's Coordinator of Visitation Ministry, Pastor Katherine Olson,

serves as Abraham's mentor in ministry, and attended the special event along with several members of the Gayetaye family. Special thanks to First Lutheran's Lutheran Men in Mission organization, who offset the expenses of travel with a generous gift.



There's Still Time to Reserve Your Tickets!

To mark First Lutheran's 100-year anniversary milestone, Juilliard composer and professor Wayne Oquin was commissioned to write a new piece of music for organ, orchestra, and choir. You are invited to a unique afternoon of music and celebration with Grammy-award-winning organist Paul Jacobs, members of the South Dakota ensemble Transept, and Maestro David Gier of the South Dakota Symphony. Tickets are free but are required as seating is limited.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

God's Grace: Our Heritage and Future Capital Campaign

Jean Hoff, Chair

Things are progressing well on the 3 projects that the Church Council choose as priorities for the capital campaign. Those 3 priorities are the tuck pointing, the sound system and the Atrium. The 4th item of importance to our congregation is the 10% that goes to missions. The tuck pointing began on August 3. The bell tower has the most extensive work to be completed. You will note that there will be scaffolding set up in order to do the work on the bell tower. The grinding of the mortar in many places on the church has begun as well. Please pray



for the team of people that will be doing this work. It is hard work and the weather is always a factor.

The process for the sound system began before the capital campaign started by James Moore and the Worship and Music board. This group began working with a sound system designer and they are continuing with this work. We are waiting for some information on the design and then will be seeking bids on the sound system.

The third project is the Atrium remodel. As you all know, there is concern for the safety of the receptionist in an area where they have no escape route should they need to get out of the reception area. For many years, the Sioux Falls Police Department, has indicated that the church should make a change. In another article you will see pictures of what the

project will look like upon completion. There is still need for some funding for this project. Would you prayerfully consider a gift for the campaign? The mission component of the campaign has received a total of \$116,770.72. This component will continue to receive money based on the money given to the campaign by the congregation. There is an additional project that funds are needed for and that is the sanctuary ceiling. We estimate that this is a cost of \$750,000. However, the longer this project is put off, the more costly it might become to the congregation. Again, please pray about this project and what you might be able to give to help provide a new ceiling in the sanctuary. If you have questions about any aspect of the campaign, please contact Jean Hoff at 605-339-1983, ext.236.

Atrium Remodel First Look

There have been many meetings throughout the summer on the Atrium remodel project. I hope you will enjoy seeing the renderings of the Atrium remodel reflected in this article. The bid process began on August 15 and will close on September 14. The bids will be opened on September 15 here at First Lutheran. The bids will then be brought before the church council at the September 22 Church Council meeting and a decision on the contractor will be made. After a contractor is chosen, then the time frame of when the work will start and be completed will be shared with the congregation. There is a desire to get the project started immediately so that as we approach Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, the construction would be completed. Yes, there will be some disruption during the week when the construction crew is working but we hope to minimize that for the weekends. Yes, this may cause some inconveniences and there will be areas that will be blocked off. Please know that the staff will do all they can to help with issues during the construction. Your patience and prayers during this time would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jean Hoff at 605-339-1983, ext 236.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

Call Committee: We Begin Our Search



*Kristin Skogstad,
Call Committee
Board Member*

Greetings from the First Lutheran Church Senior Pastor Call Committee. When we were called to serve our congregation as members of the Call Committee we made a commitment to work diligently as we worked through

the process of finding a new Senior Pastor. As you know, we have completed our Ministry Site Profile and it is posted through the ELCA website. We are pleased to share that we have started to receive names of potential Pastors from the Bishop's office. We have also received names from some of our members. As we receive names we are vetting the candidates and will have screening interviews with some of them soon. Please remember if you have a recommendation on a potential candidate, please contact either Denise Aamlid or Micah Aberson,

the Co-Chairs of the Call Committee. We know that "God is in control" and that He is preparing our next Senior Pastor for this important job. My devotion today was titled, "Full of Surprises". The author shared that God will continually ask for us to step into the unknown and to use uncertainties to develop trust in Him. God assures us that if we are patient and trust in Him, He will lead us and guide us each step of the way so that His plans are made clear for us. We continue to ask for your prayers for us, this process, and for our next Senior Pastor.

Care & Health board to support Alzheimer's Awareness Month

*Barney Brandenburg
Care & Health Board*

September is Alzheimer's Awareness month. The current estimate for the US population is that approximately 5.8 million people suffer from some form of dementia.



In SD, the number is now at approximately 18,000. Dementia is an umbrella term which includes Alzheimer's disease, vascular dementia, mixed dementia, Lewy-Body dementia, and Fronto-Temporal dementia. There are additional types of dementia which occur with other disease states such as Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus and Parkinson's disease. Of these types of dementia, Alzheimer's disease is the most prevalent. There are approximately 16 million dementia care givers in the US at this time. The cost of giving care has been estimated at \$290 billion dollars per year. But that just speaks to the economic costs. There are immeasurable costs to caregivers. The physical strains and the

emotional toll is nearly impossible to gauge.

For that reason, the Care and Health Board of FLC has undertaken a caregiver support group. The purpose of the support group is to meet the basic central needs of dementia care partners. Those needs include:

- 1) Telling and retelling your story.
- 2) Educating yourself about the disease type of dementia
- 3) Learning to adapt to a changing relationship with your partner
- 4) Allowing time to grieve the losses brought about by the disease
- 5) Learning about the importance of taking care of yourself
- 6) Learning to ask for and accept help from others
- 7) Preparing for what may come in the future due to disease progression
- 8) Exploration of spiritual and existential questions to help find meaning and purpose.

We are using as our guide the "Dementia Care-Partner's Workbook" written by Dr. Edward Shaw, MD, MA. We are currently meeting monthly and have anywhere from 8-14 participants. Each participant has been given a copy of the book, and we typically spend between 60-90 minutes in discussion each month.



The group has had many interesting discussions and has grown closer as a result of their interactions. Because September is Alzheimer's Awareness month, the SD chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is sponsoring a fundraising walk on September 17 at the Levitt at the Falls. It begins with registration at 8:30 (although online registration is available) and an opening ceremony at 10:00. The walk will follow. The FLC Care and Health Board would like to get a team to walk in support of this mission this year. Please contact Barney Brandenburg at brandenvfp@gmail.com if you are interested in joining our team for this important event.

YOUTH & FAMILY

Summer of Fun: Youth Ministry throughout the Summer



Marnie Dahle Backer, Director

It was a wonderful summer in Youth & Family with camps and mission trips back in the saddle! Some youth even spent some time IN

the saddle at Outlaw Ranch riding their favorite horses! These adventures are so awesome to witness as we are able to watch our youth see how God is alive in the world. They build great relationships with one another and with people from other towns and states too! Here are some of their highlights: Marnie joined the boys and girls of Outlaw. They loved playing games on the field, meeting other people, their counselors, learning dances from the Colombian staff members, campfire worship and the FOOD! Some of them were especially good at singing all the camp songs—LOUDLY! It was such a gift to see them come out of their comfort zones and try new things. We spent two separate weeks at Outlaw this summer, both were great! Our July week did end up ending one day early due to a COVID outbreak, but the staff handled it so well.

While we were sad to leave early, we had a little extra time to make a pit stop at Wall Drug!

Skylar headed north with campers to beautiful Camp Metigoshe. Amelia loved group camping and the funny skits. She learned that Jesus is everywhere! Evan loved the boat wars with their adventure group. Loving his neighbors really stuck out for him throughout the week. He encourages others to go to camp so they can challenge themselves! Kanaan saw God in the camp songs and learned how widespread God's love is! He loved swimming in the lake!

Valerie was on the road with our youngest campers to Shetek for a half week and a week long adventure at NeSoDak with our older elementary youth. Shetek was a hit for our first time campers—singing the songs, the fun counselors, the lake and free time! They all said they would go again and tell their friends it was SO fun! They learned that God made everything and that we should forgive each other. And... God loves us! They all did great staying overnight but one camper did confess "I do miss my mom."

Skylar, two of our amazing adult leaders, Karol Baer and Isaac Hewitt, flew with our high school youth to the Big Apple/ New York City on their mission trip.

Since 2002 we have been visiting this amazing city to serve God's people in a soup kitchen at the Trinity Lutheran on the Lower Eastside, visit the sites and remember 9-11. High school youth today were all born post 9-11 and so they only know what they hear in school.

A few of their thoughts: Finn Backer said the 9-11 museum really brought the stories to life. He got chills hearing some of the stories and was overwhelmed at times with the sadness of it all.

Ella Leiseth was moved by being able to see sunsets in the big city and the friendly and appreciative way that people reacted during her time serving in the soup kitchen.

Some highlights from the group were Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Broadway show, Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Highline Park but they all agreed that serving at the soup kitchen and being with the community in the neighborhood was their biggest highlight! It was a wonderful summer filled with great memories, relationship building and learning more about how we can see Jesus in all the things we do, the places we go and the people we meet. We are so grateful for your prayers for all of God's children as they headed out into the world and now return to their lives here.

NYC Mission Trip



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July Gifts and Memorials

Media Ministry

In memory of Dennis King

Lisa and Scott Brunk, Rachel and Bill Burggraaf, Karen Carmicheal, Judy Gearhart, Sharon and Fred Gee, Verla Grius, Mark and Ida Hohman, Mary Hohman, Sandra Holleman, Robbie Jacobsen, Eunice Mansfield, Pam and Randy McKenny, Ron and Kim Mikkelson, Ken Nagel, Fran Noteboom, Ione Stiles, Gerrit and Lazetta Van Den Top, Don Weberg Family, Joan Weberg, Norma Wieve, Mike and Kathy Winter.

In honor of Pastor Lars Olson

Mary and Brent Hohman, Hazel Wek

In honor of Mary Eich

Linda Braun

In memory of Gayle Johnson

Linda Braun, Jeanette Edman, Stephen Johnson, Kathy Stelzer

In memory of John Buren

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In memory of John Kittelson

LaVonne and Donald Wolf

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In memory of Aggie Schlump

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In memory of Aggie Schlump

Dale Schlump

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In memory of Mel Anderson

Sandra Holleman, Kevin & Brook Roalson, Rex & Margie Roling

Music Ministry

In memory of John Kittelson

Russell and Carol Greenfield

In honor of Jerry Hanson

John Hegg

Lowell School Programs

In honor of Pastor Lars Olson

William and Nancy Olson

Thank You, July Media Sponsors

July 3, 2022

The broadcast on KELO-FM, closed captioning on the CW, and livestream on You Tube were sponsored in celebration of what would have been Ken & Lois Herbert's 70th anniversary on July 2. It was given by Jeff & Sarah Herbert and Jill & Chris Andersen and family.

July 10, 2022

The telecast on KSFY was sponsored by Dr. Brian & Denise Aamlid in memory of Verlyn & Corinne Petersen, Jill McCormick, and Robert & Sandra Aamlid.

July 17, 2022

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

July 24, 2022

The telecast on KSFY was sponsored in honor of what would have been Trudy and John Peckham's 67th wedding anniversary on July 24. It was given by their family.

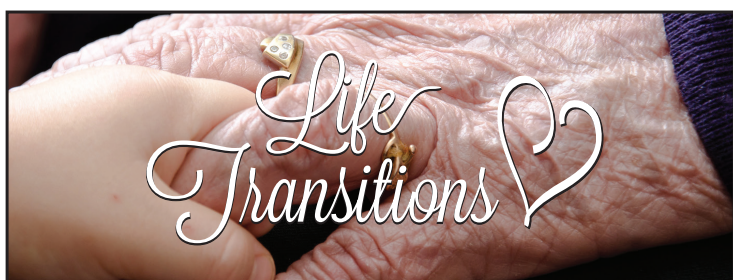
The broadcast on KELO-FM was sponsored in memory of Leon Doescher and Earl Doescher by the Bob Doescher.



The First Lutheran Church Foundation will be inviting all of the Legacy Society members to a dinner at Minnehaha Country Club on October 25th to thank our members and give them an update on the Foundation. Becoming a member of the Legacy Society is easy! Members of the church only have to inform the church that they have included First Lutheran in their estate plan. After the church is notified the member's name will be

published along with the other Society members to recognize their gift and encourage others to do likewise. Members who join and RSVP before Oct. 11 are invited to the appreciation dinner!

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



Baptisms:

July 10: Astrid Suzanne Fonkert, daughter of Jesse & Kelsey Fonkert
 July 17: Sophia Kathryn Guthmiller, daughter of Adam & Allison Guthmiller
 July 24: Marlie Jo Sehr, daughter of Aaron & Amy Sehr

Weddings:

July 31: Rose Linsner & Matt Tylutki
 July 31: Bethany Lippert & Connor McElroy

Deaths:

July 17: Dean Everetts
 July 30: Mavis Headrick
 July 30: Jane Vequist

Become a Media Ministry

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Thank you for your generous support. The continuing pandemic has shown how critical our Media Ministry is to our extended congregation outside the walls of First Lutheran Church.

To learn about sponsoring, please visit flcsf.org/media-ministry or call the church at (605) 336-3734. Sponsor opportunities include weekly worship:

- KSFY telecast
- Closed captioning
- KELO-FM radio
- YouTube live stream

Additional opportunities include church holiday worship and special events. General Media Ministry donations are always welcome.



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Upcoming September Events

- **Saturday, Sept. 2: Grieving with Grace**
- **Monday, Sept. 5: Labor Day, Offices Closed**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 7: Wednesday meals begin, view our website for more upcoming meals**
 - **Wednesday School begins**
- **Sunday, Sept. 11: 100th Anniversary Concert 3pm**
 - **Sunday School begins**
- **Sunday, Sept. 18: Senior Brunch**
- **Sunday, Sept. 25: 3rd grade and 7th grade milestones during worship**

visit our website for more information on these events!