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**Worship and COVID-19** - With case, test positivity and hospitalization rates at their highest yet this year, we recommend wearing masks and physically distancing during worship. Physically distanced seating is offered on the right side of the sanctuary and masks are available in the Narthex.

**Livestream and FM Broadcast** - A reminder that we will continue to livestream over the internet and broadcast on 96.5 FM all of our church services. A link to all worship livestreams can be found at [rushcityfirstlutheran.org](http://rushcityfirstlutheran.org)

**Milestones Begin This Week** - It feels good to pray for others by name, but sometimes we feel the urge to share significant things going on in our lives. Beginning this Sunday, we will set aside a moment in worship for you to share milestones during our regular announcements. What's a milestone? Perhaps it's an answer to prayer. Maybe it's a significant anniversary or birthday. Maybe it's a thanksgiving for where you saw God at work recently. If you have a milestone, come ready to share!

**Flowers on the Altar** - Are placed by Noel and Brenda Nessel in celebration of Brian, Tabitha, Jesse and Jenn.

**Connections with the Liturgy** - The prayer of the day, based on a contemporary one from the Anglican Church of Canada, situates us with the man who inquires of Jesus the way to eternal life. With him, we are called to forsake what lies behind and, obeying the commandments, to follow Christ.

**Life on Earth** - The prophet Amos was especially concerned with our pattern of ignoring the poor in order to enrich ourselves. Many Christians are now inquiring into our pattern of ignoring the land, the seas, the animals, the weather, in order to enrich ourselves. How can we establish justice for the earth itself?

**Special Offering Envelopes** - If you give by envelope, once every two months there is an envelope designated as "Special Offering." These offerings support endeavors beyond the regular ministries of First Lutheran. October offerings support the Decorating Committee.

**Weekly Giving Report** - Sunday Offering last week: General Fund \$2,800 and Building Fund \$1,200. Sunday Offering this month: General Fund \$2,800 and Building Fund \$1,200.

**DaySpring Cards** - A variety of cards are available in the Narthex. The cost is 2 cards for \$1.

**Prayer List Updates** - "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone..." So begins Paul's instructions on prayer in his letter to Timothy (1 Timothy 2:1). We maintain an active prayer list here at First Lutheran, and we take to heart the call to pray by name for those we care about. We could use your help updating our prayer list in our weekly announcements. Join us this Sunday following worship as we go over those names and, most importantly, pray for each of them.

**Presentation of Bibles** - One of the great gifts of our Lutheran tradition was Martin Luther's insistence that everyone read the Bible in their own native tongue. Taking his lead from Luther, William Tyndale (*whom we commemorated last week*) was jailed and executed for translating the Bible into English in 1536. To offer our children a Bible they can read for themselves is a precious gift. Next Sunday we are pleased to offer all our Confirmation students a leather-bound travel-sized Bible. We look forward to praying for them on this important occasion!

**Adult Forum Next Sunday** - The desire to learn sometimes happens in unexpected places. Member Teresa Hasbrook has had an interesting past year teaching business classes to prisoners. Come hear about both the challenges and joys of her experience.

**Rushseba Station Service** - Our congregation has begun a partnership with Rushseba Station by offering a chapel service on the 4th Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM. This is a wonderful gift to several members and friends already living there. If you would like to attend or assist in leading the service, please speak to Pastor Nathan.

**Trunk or Treat** - Sunday, October 31st from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in church parking lot. Please join us by bringing a vehicle and decorating it and handing out candy!

**Pictorial Directory** - Missed out on our photo directory photo sessions last month? No worries! You can now sign-up to have your picture taken either at St. Gregory in North Branch on November 2nd - 6th or at Sacred Heart on November 16th - 17th. A sheet explaining how to sign-up is outside the church office.

**New/Old Member Gatherings** - Interested in deepening your connection to our fellowship through full membership? Or are you a longtime member who would like to get to know those new to our congregation? New member gatherings begin on Sunday, November 28th, following Coffee Fellowship at 10:30 AM. We'll meet a few more times before and after Christmas and formally receive new members on January 9th at worship.

**Free Frozen Meals** - Catholic Charities will be distributing free frozen meals of 10, 20 or 30 to those who are 60 and over on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the parking lot at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

**Baptism & Membership** - God's grace is a gift that is freely given to us. We don't earn a thing when it comes to God's love, and we only try to live in response to that gift. Please speak to Pastor Nathan if you interested in baptism or becoming a member of the congregation.

**Need Some Quiet?** - Our sanctuary is regularly open and quiet on many weekdays during office hours. A daily scripture reading and other devotional items are available near the entrance.

### Members and Friends Homebound or in Assisted Living

■ Dorothy Folkema ■ Jan Goebel ■ Vada Hanson ■ Gladys Haugrud ■ Shirley Jones  
■ Lois Moses ■ Gwen Olson ■ Pastor Beverly Robinson ■ Cliff Shoberg ■ Randy Ziesmer

### Remember in Prayer

Prayer requests can be emailed or phoned in to the Church Office: 320-358-4076 or email: [office@rushcityfirstlutheran.org](mailto:office@rushcityfirstlutheran.org)

Please specify if the request is to be on the prayer chain, on the prayer list, or on both.

Please let the Church Office know when a name can be removed from the prayer list. -Thank you.

Cindy Bauerfeld	Cathy Gamache	LeRoy Larson	Pam Plash
Cary Behrendt	Karen Guthmueller	Judy Lindahl	Corey Ploetz
Mike Behrendt	Melanie Hedberg	Mick Louzek	Heather Rasmussen
Jeri Bergquist	Sarah Heling	Luke Maher	JoAnn Rieland
Kyle Bergquist	Janis Hendrick	Hazel Massey	Melissa Rossoci
Matthew Bertram	Steven Horazdovsky	LaDez Mell	Sue Roth
Bernice Blastervold	Jenna Heibner	Christina Mercer	Rick Schellbach
Darlene Walter Boyce	Jean Howard	Jerry Mollberg	Ray Schoeberl
ReGina Clapp	Chelsea Jacobson	Kaison Morrow	Richard Schultz
Kelly Constenius	Megan Jacobson	Tyler Muchow	Cathy Stanley
Margaret Craine	Emily James	Kathleen Munt	Rick Steltz
Evelyn Dahle	Dan Jensen	Darla Nelson	Jeff Stevens
Kari Dittberner	Gary Johnson	Gary Olson	DJ Stevens
Karissa Dittberner	Marsha Johnson	Phyllis Olson	Nancy Stevens
John Dreschel	Priscilla Johnson	Dale Oscarson	Erika Matzke Stoltz
Terry Duban	Josh	Andy Osland	Zach Stoltz
Will Dunker	Terry Kay	Cheryl Pearson	Emily Stuber
Jeff Elsenpeter	Angela Kuhlman	Mary Ann Pearson	Joann Sybrant
Braydon Erickson	Scott Kurtock	Helen Peterson	Kirsten Waxberg
Dorothy Folkema	Traci Kurtock	Linda Philips	Keith Weller
Darrin Forcier	Bonnie Larson	Elaine Pierce	Jen Witte
Diane Friday			

Pastoral Calls - You are welcome to contact the church office anytime for a pastoral visit. After hours emergency numbers are provided on the church's answering message. You can also use the "Count Me In" to request a pastoral visit.

### This Week

#### Sunday, October 10th

9:00 AM: Worship  
10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 AM: Sunday School  
10:30 AM: Adult Forum: Prayer List Updates  
10:30 AM: Praise Band Rehearsal  
11:00 AM: Adopt A Highway Clean-Up

#### Monday, October 11th

1:00 - 5:00 PM: Office Hours  
4:00 PM: Church Directory Meeting

#### Tuesday, October 12th

#### Wednesday, October 13th

8:00 - 1:00 PM: Office Hours  
9:00 AM: Quilters  
11:00 AM: Staff Meeting  
3:15 PM: W.A.S.P.  
4:15 PM: 6th Grade Confirmation  
5:00 PM: Family Meal  
5:30 PM: 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation  
6:30 PM: Senior Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, October 14th

8:00 - 1:00 PM: Office Hours

#### Friday, October 15th

#### Saturday, October 16th

#### Sunday, October 17th

9:00 AM: Worship with Presentation of Bibles  
10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship  
10:00 AM: Sunday School  
10:00 AM: Youth Group: Valley Fair  
10:30 AM: Adult Forum: Educating Prisoners  
10:30 AM: Christian Education Committee Meeting