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Make an Impact on Hundreds - Part-time (20 hr./week) custodial position here at First Lutheran Church. Flexible hours; basic understanding of HVAC, security, plumbing systems required. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the church office.

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 continue to livestream over the internet and broadcast on 96.5 FM all of our church services. A link to worship livestreams can be found at rushcityfirstlutheran.org

Flowers on the Altar - Are placed for the glory of God.

Thank You Guest Organist - We are so grateful to Lynn Seppman who led our singing last week and this week. Lynn is a regular substitute organist in the Twin Cities area and we look forward to welcoming him again in November.

Milestones Continue 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. We are setting 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!

Life on Earth - To describe the experience of the redeemed, the poem in Jeremiah speaks of brooks of water in the desert. For Christians, poetry about water always recalls the life granted in baptism. But this poetry can lead us to think also of natural brooks of water, of their scarcity, of the people who live far distant from water sources, of climate change that will lessen the availability of streams of water.

Connections with the Liturgy - A hymn most appropriate for this Sunday is "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound." Its author John Newton was master of a slave-trading ship, until under the influence of the evangelical preacher George Whitefield he became an abolitionist and later an Anglican priest. Newton composed this hymn, one of the most well-known Christian songs throughout the world, in response to his meditation on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, where King David praises God for mercy. Grace is God's blessing on undeserving wretches like us.

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 \$2,642 and Building Fund \$935. Sunday Offering this month: General Fund \$7,920 and Building Fund \$2,995. (Note: these totals do not include electronic giving which will be included in the monthly Treasurer's Report.)

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

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.

Confirmation Sunday October 31st - At worship next week we celebrate three youth as they affirm the promises of God and give voice to their own faith: Austin Buehring, Alex Flaten, and Leah Stavig. This will be a wonderful morning to pray for them and extend our hands in blessing. With a smaller class this year, we will have ample space for all of our regular worshippers—including expanded and physically distanced seating. Let's show our young people how we can be the church together!

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. Please call the church office A.S.A.P. to schedule your appointment.

All Saints Sunday November 7th - Every year on this day we remember by name the faithful departed during worship. This includes especially members and friends of First Lutheran who have died in the past year. Have the name of someone you want to be sure is included? Please use your Count Me In form to include that person.

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.

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

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	Judy Lindahl	Pam Plash
Cary Behrendt	Karen Guthmueller	Mick Louzek	Corey Ploetz
Mike Behrendt	Melanie Hedberg	Luke Maher	Heather Rasmussen
Jeri Bergquist	Sarah Heling	Hazel Massey	JoAnn Rieland
Kyle Bergquist	Janis Hendrick	LaDez Mell	Melissa Rosschi
Matthew Bertram	Steven Horazdovsky	Christina Mercer	Sue Roth
Bernice Blastervold	Jenna Heibner	Jerry Mollberg	Rick Schellbach
Darlene Walter Boyce	Jean Howard	Kaison Morrow	Ray Schoeberl
ReGina Clapp	Chelsea Jacobson	Sawyer Morton	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 Kurtok	Helen Peterson	Kirsten Waxberg
Dorothy Folkema	Traci Kurtok	Linda Philips	Keith Weller
Darrin Forcier	Bonnie Larson	Elaine Pierce	Jen Witte
Diane Friday	LeRoy Larson		

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.

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.

This Week

Sunday, October 24th

9:00 AM: Worship
10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship
10:00 AM: Sunday School

Monday, October 25th

1:00 - 5:00 PM: Office Hours
7:00 PM: Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 26th

Wednesday, October 27th

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 Practice

Thursday, October 28th

8:00 - 1:00 PM: Office Hours
1:00 PM: Worship at Rushseba
4:00 PM: Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, October 29th

Saturday, October 30th

Sunday, October 31st

9:00 AM: Worship with Affirmation of Baptism
10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship
10:00 AM: Sunday School
10:30 AM: Praise Band Rehearsal