



BACK IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Today is about celebrating what God has done and what God is doing in and through First Lutheran Church since last November. Our mission continues to focus on raising up disciples and transforming lives.

Inside you will find the year's highlights organized by using our FOUR CORES. Together we are making a difference in God's kingdom. We hope you find yourself connected to one of the bullets listed. If you feel called to help with one of the areas, please contact the church and we will get you connected.

We have much to CELEBRATE – take a look!

Worship

- Live/virtual worship options continue
- Prayer Around the Manger
- 4 Christmas Eve Worship services
- Christmas Day Devotion from Pastor Ernesto
- Lent Worship with Holden Evening Prayer
- Maundy Thursday Worship
- Good Friday Worship
- Easter Worship – 3 services
- Worship moved to Mission Center (May – November) for All In! updates
- ## Baptisms thus far...
- Community outreach through radio broadcast and livestream/video worship opportunities
- Back 2 Basics Fall programming theme
- 13 confirmands affirmed their faith
- **Volunteers ~ PRICELESS**

Discipleship

- Called Pastor Ernesto Medina as Lead Pastor
- Called Deacon Kristin Johnson as Deacon of Faith Formation
- Call Committee for Associate Pastor
- New Year's Message from staff
- *The Chosen* studies
- *1000 Gifts* book study
- Chick Flicks movie discussion group
- Beatitudes study
- FirstCare visits and phone calls made
- Trip to Cloisters on the Platte
- Gentle Conversations with Pastor Ernesto
- Adult Confirmation
- Contemporary Topics
- Old Testament study
- Small Group studies
- *The Way* movie shown at the theater
- 110 attended the summer Ice Cream Social
- Bread/muffins distributed on 5 Sundays
- 14 new people were welcomed into our faith community

Discipleship (continued)

- ReGeneration (2020) inter-generational education time
- Sunday School resumed (Sep 2021)
- 12 Confirmation Small Group Guides and Junior guides
- 8 youth on the Teens in Ministry (TIM) Team
- Church Directory photos
- Popovers
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Children and Youth

- Advent Grab & Go Kits
- Live Nativity
- Confirmation service project for The Banquet
- First Communion (11)
- First Lutheran Women mailed gift cards to 46 college students in 2020 and 37 in 2021
- Pastor's Egg Decorating
- Hands of Faith puppet ministry
- Celebrated with our 26 High School seniors
- FLY summer trip to Minnesota (15 youth, 4 adults)
- Zoe! (7 middle school youth/ 3 high school leaders)
- Spoudazo (25 high school youth and 10 adult leaders)
- (35) 7th & 8th grade confirmation students meet weekly
- 20+ high school youth meet weekly with 4 adult leaders
- Confirmation students pack LWR kits
- Back to School Blessing and Kona Ice
- Disc Golf Fall Kickoff event
- Early Learning Center has 50 kids enrolled. 12 full-time staff and 3 part-time staff
- 10 third graders received their Bible
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Mission and Outreach

- Three Rivers Covid vaccine site (Feb – May)
- The Banquet served 12,652 to-go meals thus far in 2021
- \$6,375 collected for LifeHouse Holiday Food Drive 2020
- Operation Christmas Child Boxes collected in 2020:
FLC (213), Relay Center (898)
- Advent Tree for The Bridge families
- Hygiene drive for new Fremont High School store
- Red Cross Shelter Training
- Care packages to delivery drivers
- Donuts for Dunklau (coffee and donuts for care givers)
- Donated 78 balls to the ELC and Fremont Public Schools
- 78 pints of blood donated at Red Cross Bloodmobiles
- 68 vaccinated at community flu immunization clinic
- 128 pairs of shoes and over 300 pairs of socks given to Lutheran Family Services
- 184 school kits, 96 baby kits and 72 personal care kits were completed for LWR
- Led chapel for the Summer Food Program
- 260 quilts made by our Quilt Ministry
- \$22,250 was given to local, regional, and global ministries by our Endowment Fund in the past year
- LifeHouse Meal served up to five times a month
- Northeast Nebraska Community Action Program monthly food distribution
- Prayer shawls and baptismal blankets
- 911 Commemoration and 300 First Responder Thank You Yards signs
- 200 caring casseroles delivered to First Responders, health care workers and veterans
- **Volunteers ~ PRICELESS**

**Thank you First Lutheran for all you do.
We have many reasons to celebrate!**