

The First News

January 27, 2010



"Our purpose at First Lutheran is to unite in hearing the good news of Jesus through lowship, and service in order to encourage spiritual growth, personal witness, and a concern for others.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Lutheran Hour Worship Radio Stations and Times: Sunday morning @ 8:00am on 710AM and on 1320AM @ 8:30am, or listen online anytime @ www.lutheranhour.com.

Offerings and Attendance for the Month of JANUARY:

	5:30pm	8:00am	9:15am	10:30am	Total
December 31:	33				
January 2/3:	28	39	29	47	114
January 9/10:	22	33	40	75	130
January 16/17:	23	38	37	90	151
January 23/24:	32	56	35	71	159

Avg. Attendance YTD: 139

Home	\$15,729.80
TIM	\$370.00
Peterson's	\$40.00
Missions	\$30.00
Endowment	\$207.00
Building for the Future	\$2,860.00
Average Weekly YTD	\$3,932.45
Needed Weekly	\$5,163.58

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Amount received to date: **\$416,319.65**

Father, let me dedicate all this year to Thee,
In whatever earthly state thou will have me be.
Not from sorrow, pain, or care, freedom dare I claim;
This alone shall be my prayer: Glorify Thy name.
The Lutheran Hymnal # 118

FLOWER CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY:

February 6/7:

February 13/14:

February 20/21:

February 27/28:

GUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

December 31: Jake Robinson

January 2/3: Trinity Jacobs; Ben Debrick; Ronny Debrick; Tom & Teresa Berry

January 9/10: Steve & Denise Sombke; Athen Nano; Charlie Schmidt

January 16/17: Charlie & Amy Schmidt; Ashley, Austin, Avery & Reece Stecklein; Tom, Lisa, Abby & Gretchen Hogan

January 23/24: Lauren Wood; Sandi Duncan; Charlie Schmidt; Tom, Teresa, Sierra & Kaleb Clark; and a family from Hillsdale

“FIRST NEWS” DEADLINE FOR MARCH:

All articles for the March “First News” will be due by Monday February 22, at 5:00pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Wes & Rachel Reitingner on the birth of their son, Cale Liam, who was born on Wednesday, January 6 @ Olathe Medical Center.

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Monday, February 1 @ 1:00pm
Devotions & Topic: Glenda Moore
Hostess: Mable Sinclair

Please bring your Winter Quarterly and Bible.
Tacking Comforts on Monday, February 8 @ 1:00pm
Braille on Tuesday, February 16 @ 8:30am

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, February 1 at 7:00pm at the Mission House. Mary will be the hostess and will also lead Devotions. Remember to bring your Winter Quarterly, Bible and a friend.

LWML

Thanks to everyone who donated women’s products to My Father’s House. The next LWML meeting will be on Thursday, February 11 @ 7:00pm. The Mission of the Month will be non-perishable items for LUMA. Hostesses will be Norlene Medlin and Lois Moore. The topic of the month is 2010 Day of Prayer Service.

CONDOLENCES

Mary Ginkel’s sister, Susan Yakir, passed away on Tuesday, January 12. She leaves behind her husband Rich and her daughter Amy.

Elmer Dettmer, father and father-in-law of Wayne & Dee Young, and also the grandfather of Barrett Young passed away on Friday, January 15 in Nebraska.

Harold Garrison, the father and father-in-law of Bruce and Melody Windisch Garrison died on Saturday, January 9.

Glenadyne Haley, mother and mother-in-law of Joel & Sharon Haley, passed away on Saturday, January 23.

SENIOR’S BREAKFAST

The members of First Lutheran Senior’s group continue to meet the third Monday of each month at the Whistle Stop Café in Osawatomie at 8:00am. Please plan to join this wonderful group for a time of fellowship and much laughter. The next breakfast is set for Monday, February 15.

DINNER FOR 8 REUNION

The Dinner for 8 groups will have a reunion on Friday, January 29 @ 6:30pm in the church basement. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish to share. If you have never been to one of the dinners but would like to come and find out more about this group please join us. We will also be breaking into new groups that evening.



SWEETHEART DINNER

First Lutheran’s Relay for Life team will be sponsoring a Valentine’s Dinner on Sunday, February 14 at noon in the church basement. They will be serving Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, several different decadent desserts, sparking grape juice, tea, water and coffee. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office by Sunday, February 7. The dinner is free, but we ask that you make a donation to First Lutheran Church Relay for Life team.

YEAR-END ANNUAL REPORTS

All year-end reports are due in the Church office by Friday, January 29. Remember if your report needs to be audited please have the information into the office before January 29.

CHILDREN'S LENT SERVICE

In an effort to make our Lent services more family friendly, we will be offering a Lent service just for children ages 3 years thru 4th grade. It will be held in the North Classroom during the Lent worship service.

Please bring your entire family for our wonderful Lent suppers and then let your child(ren) join us for Children's Worship. We look forward to teaching your child the wonderful meaning of Lent.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for their cards, calls and prayers for the 90th birthday celebration of Don Debrick and also for the time he was ill.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER:

Ending Balance (November 2009).....	\$(-7,958.01)
Offerings for December.....	\$25,069.08
Rent (309 E. Piankishaw).....	\$925.00
Other Income for December.....	\$1,720.37
Total December Income.....	\$27,714.45
Total Income available for budget.....	\$19,756.44
Expenses for December.....	\$23,368.10
Ending Balance (December 31, 2009).....	\$(-3,611.66)

SPECIAL OFFERINGS:

Missions.....	\$125.00
T.I.M.....	\$615.00
Enoch Petersen.....	\$37.00
Lutheran Witness.....	\$266.00
Heated Sidewalk.....	\$961.00
Christmas Eve @ 7:00pm.....	\$625.43
Christmas Eve @ 11:00pm.....	\$48.00
Christmas Day.....	\$283.00
New Year's Eve.....	\$48.00
Endowment for Budget.....	\$279.57
Thrivent (Christmas Candy).....	\$50.00

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS:

AV/Praise band.....	\$1,724.40
Birthday.....	\$3,281.36
Children's Church.....	\$504.25
Choir/Bells Music.....	\$239.01
Evangelism.....	\$1,586.05
Family Ministry.....	\$411.92
Parish Nurse.....	\$4,982.34
Rent (309 E. Piankishaw).....	\$(-447.05)
Rent (410 E. Piankishaw).....	\$372.13
SonShine Booster Club.....	\$2,200.31
Stephen Ministries.....	\$2.52
Sunday school.....	\$390.81
Youth- Mission Trips.....	\$5,967.99
Youth Servant Account.....	\$5,358.94
LCEF – Kitchen Relocation.....	\$35,107.50

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE:

Balance (November 30, 2009).....	\$12,891.77
Receipts for December.....	\$3,693.00
Expenses: Loan Payment.....	\$1,453.61
Plus amount on principal.....	\$6,000.00
Balance (December 31, 2009).....	\$9,131.16

SONSHINE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Beginning Balance (November 30, 2009).....	\$621.61
Income: Donations.....	\$50.13
Tuition.....	\$2,645.00
Total.....	\$3,316.74
Expenses.....	\$2,484.03
Balance (December 31, 2009).....	\$840.71

ACTIVITY ACCOUNT

Balance (November 30, 2009).....	\$2,155.77
Expenses.....	\$35.89
Balance (December 31, 2009).....	\$2,117.18

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT

Balance (November 30, 2009).....	\$411.53
Endowment Gift.....	\$761.80
Balance (December 31, 2009).....	\$1,173.33

BOOSTER CLUB ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance.....	\$1,768.51
Income.....	\$510.00
Expenses.....	\$78.20
Ending Balance.....	\$2,200.31

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING NOTES:

Business Managers report was reviewed and noted that some headway was made in the church’s deficit during the month of December. Went from a balance of –(\$7,958.01) to –(\$3,611.66) by the end of December. Thanks to everyone who made this happen. Let’s continue this push into 2010.

Pastor Peck announced his plans for retirement from the position of pastor at First Lutheran Church and full-time ministry as of June 30, 2010.

It was moved and seconded by the church council to honor Pastor Peck’s request and grant him a peaceful release of his duties as of June 30, 2010. (*Resolution below*)

Pat Tagler was present at the meeting to discuss the house located at 410 E. Piankishaw. The house is now vacant, and a decision needs to be made on what should be done with the property. Pat offered three options for the council to discuss. Pat was asked to bring concrete numbers to the next council meeting in February before any decisions are made.

RESOLUTION 1/24/2010

Whereas, the Reverend Jerome K. Peck answered God’s call to serve His Church here on earth, and
Whereas, Pastor Peck has faithfully served the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on earth for the past 37 years, and

Whereas, Pastor Peck has devoted his Pastoral service to First Lutheran Church, Paola, Kansas these past 15 years, and

Whereas, Pastor Peck has prayerfully considered his continued full time pastoral service, and

Whereas, Pastor Peck desires to retire from full time service to First Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and

Whereas, Pastor Peck and his wife Arlene plan on continuing to live in the area at this time, and

Whereas, Pastor and Arlene desire to take some time off from some of the services they are giving to their Lord and God at First Lutheran, therefore let it be

Resolved, that First Lutheran acknowledge and give praise to God for Pastor Peck’s service to one another, and service to the community, and to the whole Christian Church on earth, and be it further

Resolved that First Lutheran give thanks and praise to God for the time, effort, and dedication that Pastor’s devoted wife, Arlene, gave to the congregation, the community, and to the whole church of God, and be it finally

Resolved, that First Lutheran Church respectfully honor and accept Pastor Peck’s announcement of retirement from full time ministry to First Lutheran Church effective June 30, 2010.

Respectfully submitted:
Board of Elders
1/24/2010

ASH WEDNESDAY OFFERING

Each year Kansas District Congregations join to support district missions and ministry through the Ash Wednesday offering. This year on February 17, 2010, each member of the Kansas District will have the opportunity to make a special offering to be divided equally between the District Scholarship Fund and the District Education Loan Repayment Fund as designated by the Kansas District Board of Directors.

The Scholarship Fund supports students pursuing a career in professional church work at an LCMS university or seminary. Over \$30,930 was distributed to thirty-four students last year, with amounts varying from \$575 for freshman to \$1,900 for seminary students.

We want to encourage more of our members to become church workers, but the high cost of tuition can be overwhelming. The average cost of tuition only at a Concordia university is \$22,924. School scholarships may possibly cut that figure in half, but that still leaves students with a significant amount to finance. Tuition cost alone at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis is \$28,800, with an average scholarship award of \$15,465.

The Education Loan Repayment Fund supports professional church workers who carry indebtedness from their college and seminary education. Forty-one applications in 2009 reported loans totaling over \$1,254,231. Of the pastors that applied for a grant, the average current loan outstanding was \$25,791 of the teachers - \$27,957, and of the DCE's - \$22,328. All 2009 applicants received a \$600 grant toward their indebtedness.

Please make checks payable to the church. We will then forward the entire Ash Wednesday offering to the Kansas District for the Scholarship and Education Loan Repayment Funds.

LENT SUPPERS

This years Lent Suppers will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17 @ 5:00pm with Sloppy Joes. Check the sign-up sheet outside the church office to see what you can bring for the dinner. Each week there will be a new sign-up sheet.

On February 24 we will serve: Chicken Noodle Soup & Sandwiches

March 3: Scalloped potatoes with ham

March 10: Chili

March 17: Irish Stew

March 24: Lasagna

Worship services will begin at 6:30pm every Wednesday evening beginning with Ash Wednesday. Please come join us for supper then stay for worship.

LENT OFFERINGS for 2010

Ash Wednesday – Kansas District Education Repayment & Scholarship Fund

2nd Lenten Service – First Lutheran Good Samaritan Fund

3rd Lenten Service – First Lutheran Endowment Association

4th Lenten Service – Good Shepherd Mission

5th Lenten Service – Together in Mission – Tim Norton

6th Lenten Service – Lutheran Church Extension Fund

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERAN REACT TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN HAITI

In response to the devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is announcing a \$1 million challenge to its members across the country. Thrivent Financial will match \$1 for every \$2 donated by Thrivent Financial members up to \$1 million for the potential of generating \$3 million. Funds will be directed to [Lutheran World Relief](#) and [LCMS World Relief and Human Care](#) to support their Haiti earthquake relief efforts: "Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Haiti and all those working tirelessly to rescue the thousands of victims," said Bruce Nicholson, Thrivent Financial chairman, president and chief executive officer. "Thrivent Financial and our members want to help in this time of great need. We believe our members throughout the country will give generously to those affected by this catastrophic natural disaster."

Thrivent Financial members interested in making a financial gift to help earthquake victims in Haiti can make their donation online at www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti or by phone at 1-800-236-3736 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday. When prompted, please say "directory" then enter ext. 83003. Thrivent Financial will add a maximum of \$250 per member donation, and donations will be accepted through March 31, 2010.

BIBLE STUDY @ BLOCK

Kathy Peckman member of Block Lutheran Church, will be leading a Bible study: **Stewardship 101: The Gift God Gave Me**, beginning on Thursday, January 28 @ 7:00pm. This Bible study will last for 8 weeks. Please Call Kathy @ 731-1110 if you are interested in joining her class.

PICTURES OF CONFIRMATION RETREAT

To see the latest pictures from the Jr. High Youth Retreat go to www.firstlutheran-paola.org. The theme was "This I Believe".



SONSHINE PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE

After a couple of snow days the 2010 semester has gotten off to a roaring start. The kids have gotten back into the routine very quickly. For the month of January the focus has been on winter themes including mittens, snow and snowmen, and penguins. We also went on a fun filled field trip to the Paola Free Library.

THRIVENT SPONSORED BAKE SALE

Thrivent financial for Lutherans will sponsor a bake sale to benefit the Mark and Brenda Schmidt family of rural Osawatomie on Saturday, January 30, at the Trinity Lutheran Church basement, Block. This bake sale will be held in conjunction with a breakfast sponsored by the Block Ruritan Club between the hours of 6 and 9 a. m. on the 30th. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the bake sale and breakfast.

Monetary donations or items for the bake sale will be gratefully appreciated. Matching funds from Thrivent Financial will be applied for to be used for the benefit.

Mark is the son-in-law of Jim and Beverly Scott, of Louisburg, and the father of Brianna Schmidt. He is suffering from liver failure and other complications and is a patient at the Olathe Medical Center.

PRAYERS FOR:

Members: Rodney Brandt; Ed Carlson; Don Debrick; Hilda Eckhoff; LeRoy Elliott; Ruby Emmart; Glenn Evans; Twila Frye; Hazel Henry; Lillian Homrighausen; Betty Jochem; Mona Lammers; Peter Lewis; Walter Lohaus; Addie & Bob Masenthin; Nellie McCoy; Reuben Miller; Bessie Minden; Edith Ohlmeier; Josephine Prothe; Roger Prothe; Ron Samuels; Mary Kay Stanley; Robert Taylor; **Family & Friends:** Norma Addy; Baby Allison; Marah Bucholz; Lois Dalton; Ethel Goodeyon; Les Gulley; John Hanson; C J Jackson; Ruth Johnson; Karen Lacey; Fred Lammers; Bill Magnenat; Julia Martin; Pastor Tom Mendenhall; Fred Miller; Sadie Olson; Mark Orr; Natalia Padilla; Hiriam Pettey; Peter Pretzer; Austin Lee Scheffer; Donna Sue Schele; Sharon Simpson; Beverly Skidmore; Ray Slyter; Gabriel Smith; Nicole Smith; Glenn Strickler; Sue Thornhill; Laura Walker; Helen Wammack; Vivian Weien; **Missionaries:** Tim, Beth, Katie & Andrea Heiney; Andrea Herman; John & Susan Mehl; Tim, Heidi, Philip & Leslie Norton; Enoch, Kristin, Sydney & Lucas Petersen; **Serving in the Military:** *Josh Clark; *Jessika Gutierrez; *Adam Merrill; *Quentin New; *Jackson VanTrece and all the military families