

The First News

October 26, 2011

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

MONTHLY 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. Woman to Woman can be heard on either KCMO 710 or KGGN 890, for more information go to www.lhm.org.

Attendance for the Month of October:

October 2: 131
October 9: 169
October 16: 140
October 23: 139

Avg. Attendance YTD: 162

Home	\$15,119.31
TIM	\$120.00
Missions	\$95.00
Birthday	\$25.00
Building for the Future	\$2,067.00
Average Weekly YTD	\$4,557.09
Needed Weekly	\$5,463.62

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Amount received to date: \$483,563.11

FIRST NEWS” DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER:

All articles for the “First News” are due by Monday, November 28, 2011 at 5:00pm. The newsletter will be mailed out on Wednesday, November 30.

GUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

October 2: Noah Byard; Jacen Ohlmeier; Elizabeth DuPont; Amber Behnke; Greg & Lori Surbaugh

October 9: Josh, Heather, Ruth & Rose Simons; Tammie Wilkins; Wade Welch; Anne Miesner; Lee & Glenda Ohlmeier; Flynn Langner; Elizabeth DuPont; Greg & Lori Surbaugh

October 16: Pastor Ron Flentgen; Greg & Lori Surbaugh; Kalli Burton; Kale Kaiser; Tammie Wilkins; Derek Hill; C. J. Peuser; Lucas Wilson

October 23: Pastor Ron & Ruth Ann Flentgen; Jon Flentgen; Tammie Wilkins, Horn family

GUEST PASTOR/DEACON SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER:

November 6: Ron Flentgen

November 13: Ron Flentgen

November 20: Kyle Garrett

November 24:

November 27: Josh Simons

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 30 from 4-6pm in the lot across from First Lutheran Church, the Family Ministry team will be hosting its first annual Trunk or Treat. Please come dressed in your Halloween costumes – nothing too scary. The youth will be serving hot dogs, chips and a drink for a small donation. There will be lots of games and candy for all.

E-MAIL CHANGE

Sandy's new email address for the church office is FLCsecretary@att.net. Last month the other email account was hacked and she lost a lot of email addresses. To make sure she has your address please email her at the above address.

.ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday will be Sunday, November 6. All those who have gone before us during the last 12 months will be acknowledged during the services on this weekend. If there is someone you would like to have acknowledged please let Sandy know by calling the church office at 294-3476.

LWML

LWML will meet on Thursday November 10, in the church basement at 7:00pm. Mary Ginkel and Jody Brown will have Opening Devotions. Hostesses will be Debbie Polson and Loree Gardner. Ethel Weaver will be the Mission Leader and the mission/service will be making the large print Christmas cards that go to the nursing homes and shut-ins.

The Mission for the month will be collecting new mittens, gloves, and hats for LUMA. Please bring your items to the church and place on the hat tree in the narthex. When we share and care for others, God takes care of us. Also, remember to bring your LUMA Christmas Store Items.

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 1:00pm in the church basement. All ladies are welcome to come to the meeting. Eleanor Been will have the Devotions and Topic will be given by Jeanette Norton. The hostess will be Ella Hinman. Please bring your Fall Women's Quarterly. The ladies will be tacking comforts on Monday, November 14 at 1:00pm.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, November, 7, 2011 at 7:00pm with Anita Ward as hostess and topic leader. Please bring your Fall Women's Quarterly and your Bible.

PACA FOOD BANK NEEDS

The PACA Food Bank is in need of the following non-perishable items: Coffee, crackers, jell-o & pudding mix, fruit, dry potatoes, dried beans, rice, vegetables, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, tuna, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, canned tomatoes, canned meat, and bread. You may also donate cash.. You may either take your donations to My Father's House, 1004 N. Pearl or drop them off here at the church.

2012 CHURCH BOARD OFFICERS

It is time to start thinking about the new year. Bob Gardner, Phillip Ward and Melinda Pitzer will be calling members of the congregation to talk about serving on one of the boards for the next 2 years. If you receive a call please prayerfully consider being on a church board. This is another way we have to serve God.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2012 Church directory will be available to the congregation the weekend of November 6. Copies will be in the Narthex and the church office.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

It's not too early to begin our worship service planning for the holiday season. The following is the schedule the Elders have set for this year:

Thursday, November 23 @ 9:00am –Thanksgiving Day Service

Family Christmas Program @ 10:30am on Sunday, December 18

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 @ 6:30pm Candle Light Service *(There will not be an 11:00pm service.)*

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 @ 10:00am with Education Hour @ 9:00am

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31 @ 6:30pm

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1 @ 10:00am with Education Hour @ 9:00am

BLOCK TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL CLOSING

This email was sent out to parents and supporters of Trinity Lutheran School on Monday. Keep them, Jonathan Kamin and Jody Brown in your prayers.

Good Morning Trinity Families,

There is a bit of sad news to share with you this morning. After 144 years of Christian education, Trinity Lutheran Church's voters have decided to close our school, as it is, in the summer of 2012. They are looking to work with First Lutheran Church in Paola to perhaps rebuild our school in Paola, and to begin with Kindergarten and hopefully grow each year. We don't know how this will be sorted out in the end, but there is hope for the future for Christian education in Miami County. However, this education will not leave opportunities for our current students to be a part of our system next year.

If there is any way I can help you connect with another Christian school, I will be happy to do that. I would like to host a Christian education night, and invite the nearest Lutheran Schools, our local Catholic school, and our local Lutheran High School to send representatives in order for you to consider other Christian education opportunities for your children for the coming years.

We let the children know the news this morning, in order to avoid worrying and rumors. We shared with them that our school will close in the summer and no sooner.

We will finish this school year as strongly as we have begun, all by the grace of our amazing God who has a plan for each one of us – for today, next year, and the rest of our lives. It's a plan for our well-being and for each of us to prosper. He will continue to bless each one of us, and I pray that our time together will be a blessing to each that can then shine to the world around us wherever we go.

In His Peace, Jonathan Kamin

SONSHINE KIDS WILL SING @ 10:30 on Sunday, November 13

The children from our SonShine Preschool will come and sing at the opening of the worship service at 10:30am on Sunday, November 13. After the worship service the Family Ministry Team is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner for both the congregation and the families of SonShine Pre-School. Family Ministry will provide the turkey, ham, rolls, dressing, gravy, drinks and table settings. We will have a sign-up sheet on the Family Ministry Board for the rest of the meal which will include vegetables, salads and desserts.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING – NOVEMBER 13

For more information please contact RoseAnne Chilson and Kris Fuchs.

SONSHINE PRESCHOOL UPDATES

Wow, what a busy month we have had and the next couple of months will keep us very busy as well.

The 4-5 year old class went on a field trip to the Powell Pumpkin Patch and had a wonderful time. They each got to pick out a pumpkin to take home to their family. Thanks for all the parents that came along and chaperoned.

Earlier in the month both classes enjoyed a field trip to the fire station. This is always a fun trip for the kids. They learned about fire safety and how to stop, drop and roll.

Next we will begin learning our songs for November 13 when we will sing for the members of First Lutheran Church. What fun that will be! Then on to Christmas and all the fun learning events that will bring to our little ones.

The month of October we learned about the letters E, F, G and H. We also will be walking around the Square Trick or Treating. Lots of new games were played and new songs were sung.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Family Ministry would like to invite the congregation to join us on Sunday, December 18 at 1:30pm to go caroling at North Point and Medicalodge. Please meet at the church at 1:15pm.



BOOSTER CLUB ART FAIR – Friday, November 4 at 6:00pm

SonShine Pre-School Booster Club is hosting the 3rd annual Art Expo and Auction to help raise funds to benefit the Pre-School. The SonShine Booster Club is a parent organization to help support the children and teachers at SonShine in order to provide the best pre-school experience possible. All funds raised by the Booster Club are used to fund items or activities that have a direct impact on the students.

In the past the fundraising events have helped purchase new tables, chairs, story time rugs, new die cut machine with dies, a sand/water table, musical chime bells, and reusable graduation gowns for the end of the year promotion ceremony.

The Booster Club is asking for participation from the congregation to help sponsor the event! All donations are tax-deductible. We are collecting monetary donations and selling ad space in the program. They are also asking for gift certificates and/or gift baskets to be auctioned off at the show. A basket can include anything from a salon donating hair products, services or accessories, a bank donating giveaway items, etc. Any business that donated will be mentioned in the program and have a place on the sponsorship table for flyers or brochures at the event!

The Art Action is open to the public and is a free event. The children have also been busy making art projects that will be for sale that night.

Please come and join in the fun beginning at 6:00pm.

LUTHERAN MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS STORE – December 13-16, 2011

LUMA is preparing to open its annual Christmas Store on December 13. This year's goal is to help 300+ families or 1,300 individuals. Who would not have a Christmas without the generosity of churches.. They are asking for the following items to be donated:

1. **Adult Men:** quilted flannel shirts, heavy sweaters and sweatshirts, tools, heavy work gloves
2. **Teens:** sports equipment, sweatshirts, "boom box" w/Cd player
Boys: hooded sweatshirts in larger sizes and dark colors, age appropriate toys
Girls: outfits, shoes & cute purse, makeup kits
3. **Infants:** layettes, crib toys, baby clothes, Fisher Price toys
4. **Adult women:** practical household items such as crock pots, heavy duty stock pots, rice cookers, heavy duty pan sets, coffee makers, toaster ovens, irons, can openers, toasters, dishes, bed linens, bedspreads (Queen size and up).
5. **Children: ages 3-6:** creative toys, large baby dolls, educational toys, large kitchen toys,
Over 6: dolls, metal trucks and cars, sports equipment, wooden blocks, games, light-up small tennis shoes (NO Barbie dolls).
6. Families: new blankets and quilts – full and larger
7. Grab bag items for children: crayons, markers, coloring books, miniature cars, plastic jewelry, stuffed animals
8. Scotch tape
9. Everyone: mittens, gloves, stocking caps, socks (especially men's and infants gloves).
10. Food for the food basket each family will receive (turkey, canned veggies, fruit, etc. for a special dinner.)
11. Batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, and 9 volt)
12. Cash contributions and gift cards are especially welcome so that they are able to supplement the stock of food and gifts. If they are short of anything, the volunteers go shopping to replenish the inventory.

Please bring your donations to the First Lutheran Church by Sunday, November 27 so that all items can be delivered in time for the December 3 set-up.

If you would like to help with set-up or taking the items to the Christmas Store please let Sandy know. The items will need to be delivered before December 3. Set-up days are December 3, December 10- 12. For more information contact Linda Verman at (913) 948-9700 ext. 1.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2011:

BALANCE:.....\$10,328.42
Offerings.....\$16,231.95
Other income.....\$591.95
Total Income.....\$16,823.90
Expenses.....\$14,708.76
(This includes all utilities, salaries, LCMS commitment withholdings, office supplies, etc.)
Ending balance.....\$12,443.56

Average Sunday offering\$4,057.99
Needed each Sunday for General Budget.....\$5,463.62

LOAN PAYMENTS FROM RENTAL PROPERTIES:.....\$1,256.58

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE ACCOUNT

Balance.....\$8,076.47
Pledges & donations.....\$2,399.00
Loan Payment & Principal paid out.....\$4,453.61
Balance.....\$6,021.86

SONSHINE PRE-SCHOOL

Beginning Balance\$7,020.40
Donations & Tuition.....\$3,385.00
Expenses.....\$3,175.23
Balance.....\$7,230.17

SONSHINE ACTIVITY ACCOUNT:

Balance.....\$2,674.14
Income and Expenses.....\$154.06
Ending Balance.....\$2,828.20

SONSHINE ENDOWMENT

Balance.....\$964.17
Classes and Teacher Education.....\$38.00
Ending Balance.....\$926.17

SONSHINE TUITION ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.....\$1,123.00

SONSHINE BOOSTER CLUB ACCOUNT\$1,339.88
Expenses.....\$409.55
Ending Balance.....\$1,123.00