

The First News

September 28, 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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Attendance for the Month of September:

September 3/4: 153

September 11: 136

September 18: 157

September 24/25: 140

Avg. Attendance YTD: 164

Home \$16,216.95

TIM \$110.00

Missions \$25.00

Birthday \$70.00

Lutheran Witness \$13.00

Building for the Future \$2,399.00

Average Weekly YTD \$4,785.98

Needed Weekly \$5,463.62

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Amount received to date: \$483,563.11

FIRST NEWS” DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER:

All articles for the “First News” are due by Monday, October 24, 2011 at 5:00pm. The newsletter will be mailed out on Wednesday, October 26.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." *Matthew 6:19-21*

GUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

September 3/4: Pastor Roger & Laurie Schepmann; Trout family; Jessica Baker & Sadie Wells; Christine & Anthony Jacques; Xzavier Herrera

September 11: Pastor & Ruth Ann Flentgen; Xzavier Herrera

September 18: Pastor & Ruth Ann Flentgen; Xzavier Herrera; Bill & Carol Vandenburg

September 24:25: Pastor Tom Krause; Jeff Menefee family; Anthony Jacques; Shon and Holly Taylor and daughter; Xzavier Herrera

VOTER'S CALL MEETING

The Call Committee held a special voter's meeting on Sunday, October 18 to vote on calling Pastor Flannery to be the new pastor of First Lutheran. The congregation passed the vote 70-5 to call Pastor Flannery.

The next step in the process was to send the Call Documents to Pastor Flannery which was done that week. Now the congregation is waiting to hear if Pastor Flannery accepts the call or not. Please pray that God's will be done and First will soon have a new permanent pastor.

GUEST PASTOR SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 2 – Pastor Jerry Peck

October 9 – Deacon Josh Simons

October 16 – Pastor Ron Flentgen

October 23 – Pastor Ron Flentgen

October 30 – Deacon Josh Simons

At this time the Elders have decided to cancel Saturday evening services until further notice. The current weekend worship service times are: Traditional at 8:00am; Education Hour at 9:15am; and Contemporary at 10:30am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your help is needed! We need volunteers for ushers, nursery attendants, and communion assistants for our church worship services. Please see an elder or Sandy in the office if you would like to help the church in this way. We will train you for ushering, communion, and the AV Tech positions. Also, thanks to everyone who has stepped up to volunteer so far.

LWML

LWML will meet on Thursday, October 6 in the church basement at 7:00pm. Sandy Arens will have opening devotions; Samaritan's Purse will be the topic with Debra Burrows-Dameron as the guest speaker. Hostesses are Vicki Teagarden and Jennifer Siders. Activities for the month include: October 1st and 2nd will be LWML Sunday. The theme for this year is "Being with Jesus Living on the Edge." Noodle making day will be Monday, October 17 beginning at 9:00am. Chili-Chicken Noodle Dinner will be Friday, October 21 beginning @ 4:00am. Kansas City Crossroads Zone Fall Event will be on Saturday, October 22 at St. Luke Lutheran Church.

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 1:00pm in the church basement. All ladies are welcome to come to the meeting. The Devotions and Topic will be given by Ella Hinman: "Heaven: A Five Star Review", please bring your Fall Women's Quarterly. Jeanette Norton will be the hostess. The ladies will be tacking comforts on Monday, October 10th at 1:00pm.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Mission House. Loree Gardner will be the hostess. Please bring your Fall Women's Quarterly and your Bible.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Terry Drugg informed the Council that Pastor Reinke's was no longer preaching at First.

Nominations for vacant offices in 2012 need to be ready for the December annual meeting. The nominating committee is comprised of one Elder, one member from the Stewardship Committee, and a member-at-large. Bob Gardner will serve as the Elder, Phil Ward has agreed to serve for the Board of Stewardship, and Melinda Pitzer will be the member-at-large.

Mary submitted her letter of retirement. A copy of her letter of retirement is on the AV booth in the Sanctuary.

The 90th Anniversary Celebration will be held October 30th. It is also Reformation Sunday. There will be one combined service at 10:00 a.m. Leona Rentz has prepared a history of the congregation, and there will be a potluck at 11:00am.

Council approved a bid to have work done on the Mission House porch and front door. Work should begin soon.

CHILI/CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Annual Chili/Chicken Noodle Supper will be Friday, October 21. The ladies will serve from 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

The ladies will be making noodles on Monday, October 17 starting between 8:30 and 9:00am; if you are able to help, they would appreciate it. A light lunch will be provided.

If you would like to help and or donate groceries, your time and or money please contact Debbie Polson @ 294-3930 or Iris Simons @ 294-4395. Or you can sign up on the sheets at church on the LWML bulletin board.

ALL noodle supplies will need to be at church Sunday, October 16 or Sunday, October 17 by 8am. Noodle supplies include flour, eggs, and half and half. All other groceries and supplies need to be at church on Thursday or Friday morning by 8:00am.

NEW PHONE DIRECTORY

Sandy is working on the 2012 phone directory to be distributed October. Please get all changes in addresses and phone numbers into the church office by the end of September.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

September 11 was the kick-off of First Lutheran's Youth Bash. What fun was had by all. There were 9 youth in attendance along with their families. They enjoyed playing badminton, croquet and having lots of conversations. Those who were unable to attend were missed.

The youth were powered up with enthusiasm while planning the upcoming activities for the new year.

The youth group decided to meet the 2nd Sunday of the month when possible. The group will usually meet at the church for most of the activities. Details will be given out before each monthly activity. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Youth bulletin board outside the church office.

If you are new to the youth group (must be in at least 5th grade) health and release forms are needed to be filled out and given to the leaders.

Some of the events planned for this upcoming year include: Cedar Cove, holiday baking and gift wrapping, winter swim party, Worlds of Fun, and much more. It's going to be a great year so come join the fun. Invite those you know from fifth grade through college age to come and feel the love of Christ and build friendships with other youth.

For more information contact: Mary Ginkel – 731-7123, Kris Fuchs – 294-5097, or RoseAnne Chilson – 913-244-9353.

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.

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

THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, emails and visits while I was hospitalized at the Miami County Medical Center, Olathe Medical Center and Meadowbrook Rehab Center. Especially a big thanks to Pastor Hopwood from the Methodist church and Pastor Reinke. I appreciate the kindness and concern shown for my family and me.

Don Prothe

SONSHINE PRESCHOOL UPDATES

Wow! We made it through the first month of preschool for the 2011-2012 school year. Started off the year learning the about the letters A-D and the colors red, blue, green and brown. The kids had fun dressing up as cowboys and cowgirls and getting to eat vittles. We also took a walking trip to the Paola Library.

On November 4 the Booster Club will hold its annual Art Fair. All families are encouraged to be a part of this fun event. There will be many items available in a silent auction during the evening. At the end of the evening there will be a live auction. So come out and support the SonShine Pre-School Art Fair. All proceeds go back into the classrooms.

LIFE CHAIN

Join the thousands of Pro-lifers throughout the USA on Sunday, October 2 from 2-3:00pm. The pro-lifers in Paola will meet on Baptiste Dr. Bring your whole family, lawn chairs, umbrellas, water and strollers. Please do not park in front of any open business. This is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion.

JOHNSON COUNTY LUTHERAN'S FOR LIFE

Johnson County Lutherans For Life has served the Johnson County are with educational information and programs on life issues and service projects assisting caring pregnancy centers in the KC area since 1995. The members are presently praying for someone who has financial skills and a Lutheran For Life FOR LIFE attitude that would be willing to join the group and serve as treasurer. Interested persons should contact Dennis Hixson at 913-897-0327 or Jeanne Mackay 913-991-3350.

EXCELLENT INFORMATION to be shared by Rev. Michael Penikis, Sunday, October 23, 2:00-3:00pm at Bethany Lutheran, 9101 Lamar, Overland Park, KS Room 201. Sponsored by Johnson County Lutherans For Life, his brief presentation will give highlights of topics covered at LFL's National Conference in Dallas, August 5-6 such as "The Rights of Pastors and Churches, and the IRS" , "In Vitro Fertilization" Promise or Peril", "The Significance of Adoption," followed by a question and answer. Refreshments will be served. Jo Co LFL meets monthly and encourages anyone interested to join them at their regular planning meetings. For more information, contact Jeanne Mackay, President @ 913-991-3350 or email jmac@gmail.com.

LUMA MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS STORE 2011

Volunteers are needed for set-up and gift delivery on the following days and times: Saturday, December 3 from 10-2; Saturday, December 10 from 10-2; Sunday, December 11 from 2-5; and Monday, December 12 from 9-4. The Christmas Store is open from December 13-16 from 9-4. If you are able to volunteer your time please contact Linda Verman @ 913-948-9700 ext. 1 or email luma@lumakc.org.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST 2011:

BALANCE:	\$9,806.35
Offerings.....	\$17,111.910
Other income.....	\$1,857.25

Total Income.....\$18,969.15
 Expenses\$18,452.58
 (This includes all utilities, salaries, LCMS commitment withholdings, office supplies, etc.)
Ending balance.....\$10,322.92

Average Sunday offering\$4,277.98
 Needed each Sunday for General Budget.....\$5,463.62

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

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE ACCOUNT

Balance.....\$6,734.08
 Pledges & donations.....\$2,796.00
 Loan Payment & Principal paid out.....\$1,453.61
Balance\$8,076.47

SONSHINE PRE-SCHOOL

Beginning Balance\$7,004.35
 Donations & Tuition.....\$266.00
 Expenses.....\$249.95
 Balance.....\$7,020.40

SONSHINE ACTIVITY ACCOUNT:

Balance.....\$2,295.58
 Income and Expenses.....\$378.56
Ending Balance.....\$2,674.14

SONSHINE ENDOWMENT

Balance.....\$1,061.17
 Classes and Teacher Education.....\$97.00
Ending Balance.....\$964.17

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

SONSHINE BOOSTER CLUB ACCOUNT\$1,339.88

YOUTH GATHERING EVENT- Sunday, October 9

The youth event for October is a trip to Louisburg to Cedar Cove then out for dinner. Please sign-up on the Youth Bulletin Board outside the church office if you are planning on attending this event. For more information please contact either RoseAnne Chilson or Kris Fuchs.

90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

First Lutheran will be celebrating its 90th anniversary on Sunday, October 30. There will only be 1 (one) worship service at 10:00am with Family Education Hour at 9:00am. Deacon Josh Simons will be here as our guest speaker.

After the worship service there will be a potluck for the congregation in the church basement. Please bring a covered dish. The meat (probably brisket) and eating utensils will be furnished for the meal.

CONDLOENCES

Condolences for the family of Jan Mueller, grandmother of Jonathan Kamin, principal at Trinity Lutheran School. If you would like to send condolences, please send them in care of Trinity Lutheran School, 34944 Block Rd. Paola, KS 66071.

THANK YOU

Thank you members of First Lutheran Church for keeping Ben Dillenbeck in your prayers while he served in Afghanistan. He is home safe and sound and adjusting to being back home. Keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues to make this adjustment. Thank you again.