

The First News

November 30, 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 November:

October 30: 168
November 6: 152
November 13: 225
November 20: 136
November 24: 58
November 27: 147

Avg. Attendance YTD: 163

Home	\$19,157.62
TIM	\$131.00
Missions	\$215.00
Lutheran Witness	\$48.00
Birthday	\$10.00
KCK Inner Churches	\$465.00
Building for the Future	\$6,669.00
Average Weekly YTD	\$4,577.50
Needed Weekly	\$5,463.62

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

Amount received to date: \$490,232.11

FIRST NEWS” DEADLINE FOR JANUARY:

All articles for the “First News” are due by Monday, December 19, 2011 at 5:00pm. The newsletter will be mailed out on Wednesday, December 28.

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE:

What St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians is a message for us today as well. "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever. Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion." *2 Corinthians 10: 9-10*

FAN INTO FLAME:

On behalf of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, LCMS World Mission thanks you for your continued and faithful support of new mission projects through the *Fan into Flame* campaign! This important fundraising effort is providing financial support for new local, regional, national and international *Ablaze!* Mission projects. In the quarter ending June 30, 2011, \$102.60 was returned to First Lutheran as the percentage given by First Lutheran members that is to be used by this congregation for mission outreach.

GUESTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

October 30: Josh, Heather, Ruth & Rose Simons; Brenda Brown; Contanza Gaurte; Tammi Wilkins

November 6: Pastor Ron & Ruth Ann Flentgen, Brad & Chasity Hendrickson

November 13: Pastor Ron & Ruth Ann Flentgen; Cary & Owen Prothe; Brad & Chasity Hendrickson; Lloyd & Katie Prichard & family; Tammi Wilkins; Brogan McWilliams; David & Mary Zimmerman; Anthony & Christine Jacquez; Ivy

Male; Kyle, Pamela, Chancie & Cooper Minden; Harriet Meaux; Tammi Wilkins; Dan, Crystal, Jace & Easton Hensley; Jason & Kashena Scollin & family; Samantha Creach & family; Lindsey Creach & family; Chris & Susan Bell & family; Joyce McIntire

November 20: Deacon Kyle Garrett; Tammi Wilkins; Braden Thoden; Ryan Nickell

November 24: Vernon & Lois Rausch

November 27: Josh, Heather, Ruth & Rose Simon; Vernon & Lois Rausch; Sandra Awang; Tammi Wilkins; Brad Gillespie; Christine & Anthony Jacques; Tara Haag

GUEST PASTOR/DEACON SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER:

December 4: Pastor Jerry Peck

December 11: Pastor Ron Flentgen

December 18: Pastor Ron Flentgen

December 25:

VOTER'S MEETING

The annual Voter's Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11 @ 9:15am in the sanctuary. We will be voting on the budget, church officers, resolutions and Endowment Board items.

LWML – ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

All the women of First Lutheran and their guests are invited to come join the LWML ladies on Thursday, December 8 at 6:30pm for Advent by Candlelight. Please sign-up on the bulletin board outside the church office if you are planning to attend by Sunday, December 4.

MARY-MARTHA CIRCLE

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Monday, December 5 at 1:00pm. The Circle will be visiting the nursing homes. Everyone is asked to bring one dozen cookies that will be shared with everyone. Tacking comforts will be on Monday, December 12 at 1:00pm.

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 7:00pm with Kathy Lovig as hostess and Mary Ginkel will have the Topic. Please bring you Winter Women's Quarterly and a Bible.

PACA FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The following food items are needed to help supplement the food pantry needs: instant coffee, jelly, syrup, pancake mix, canned fruit and vegetables, boxed potatoes, saltine crackers, 1# dried beans and rice pasta and sauce, cereal. You may either take your donations to My Father's House, 1004 N. Pearl or drop them off here at the church.

CHILI/CHICKEN NOODLE COMMITTEE

The Chili/Chicken Noodle Committee would like to thank our wonderful congregation for all their help, support and prayers in making our dinner so successful. Of course, all this is only possible by God's Grace. Thank-you seems like such a small gesture compared to all our hard workers young and old alike. Thank you also, to all who donated their time, money, groceries, pies and other delicious desserts.

Thank you again,
Chili/Chicken Noodle Committee

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

The following is the Christmas Worship schedule the Elders have set for this year:

Family Christmas Service @ 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

SONSHINE PRESCHOOL UPDATE

With the holidays here it is a busy time in our classroom. We would like to take a minute and thank everyone who attended the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, November 13. The kids had a wonderful time singing for the members of First Lutheran. Also, thank you to the Family Ministry Team for the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner after worship.

During November we celebrated Thanksgiving and had activities and stories around the first Thanksgiving and the Mayflower. As you walk around the preschool area please look at the artwork that our children have been working on.

In December we will be having our Christmas Party with a surprise guest for all the children. Also, on Thursday, December 15 at 6:30pm the children will have their annual Christmas Program. Please come join us at this event.

From our classrooms to your home we wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! In our busyness, let us remember to focus on the reason for the season – Jesus Christ!

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.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Family Christmas Service will be on Sunday, December 18 @ 10:30am. Practice will be on Saturday, December 17 @ 9:30am.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

On Sunday, December 18 will be the annual Christmas Bake Sale before and after each worship service. This event is sponsored by the youth. All donations will go to the Youth Mission Fund.

COOKIES! MORE COOKIES! CANDIES! TREATS!

Your help is needed to supply treats for the Christmas Bake Sale. If you can donate your favorite cookies, fudge, divinity, pies, breads, etc. please have them to the church basement by 9:30am on Saturday, December 17.

REMINDER – FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH!!!!

The youth will be packaging cookie plates for the Bake sale on Saturday, December 17 @ 10:30am in the church basement following the practice for the Family Christmas Service. Please be in the basement by 10:30am.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

The youth will be decorating the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 3 at 10:00am. There are three trees to decorate. See you at 10:00am.



BELL RINGERS NEEDED!!!

There are a few slots left to be filled for ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. If you would like to help fill those spots please either call the church office or sign-up on the bulletin board outside the office door.

BOOSTER CLUB ART EXPO FOLLOW-UP

WOW!!! What a wonderful crowd there was at the annual Art Expo on Friday, November 4! The Booster Club would like to thank everyone who came and supported SonShine! It was a huge success, with a total of \$2,400.00 raised. We especially want to thank everyone who donated their time and talent: Alexis Shaw and Brigette McIntire for their hours and hours of selfless preparation. The SonShine Booster Club for hosting the event. Thank you to all of the families and businesses who donated items for baskets and/or money for the ads in the program. All who bid on the baskets and class clay pots and especially to the highest bidders for their generous donations. Thanks to Brigette and Jodi Walters for their tireless efforts selling ads and bringing in numerous basket/auction items. Thanks also to, Laura Epp for designing our ad program for the art show. Thanks to Jane Chronister for copying, collating, and stapling the programs. All those who helped set up for the show on Thursday night: Jennifer Brown, Pam Peckman-Minden, Jodi Walters, Brigette McIntire, Helen Webster, Ben Webster, and Jennifer Siders. Those who put the finishing touches on Friday morning: Alexis Shaw, Susan Bell, Katy Prichard, Crystal Hensley and Jodi Walters. Errett Rush for emceeing the event. The dads who served as butlers: Kyle Minden, Dan Hensley, Tim McIntire and Rusty Walters. Thanks also to, Katy Prichard for putting most of the baskets together to be presented at the silent auction. All those who came to help with the children while they created their art projects: Jane Chronister, Kashena Scollin, Jodi Walters, Pam Peckman-Minden and Alexis Shaw. And to all our First Lutheran church members who supported the art show and auction.

The Booster Club is very blessed to have such wonderful support for the parents and church. We thank God for all of you! We could not do what we do without your support and kindness.

If you were unable to attend the event there are still some artwork pieces for sale. Please see Kris Fuchs if you would like to purchase any of these items.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

The church council met on Thursday, November 17 and the following is from the meeting:

- Offerings were down in October and have been low for November.
- The remodel of the porch at the Mission House came in on budget.
- Budgets for 2012 were looked at and a few changes need to be made before the final budget meeting on Tuesday, December 6.
- Call Committee will meet on Monday, December 5.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2011:

BALANCE:	\$12,495.56
Offerings.....	\$17681.06
Other income.....	\$15,763.76
Total Income.....	\$45,940.38
Expenses	\$27,114.60
(This includes all utilities, salaries, LCMS commitment withholdings, office supplies, etc.)	
Ending balance	\$18,825.78

Average Sunday offering	\$3,536.21
Needed each Sunday for General Budget.....	\$5,463.62

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

BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE ACCOUNT

Balance	\$6021.86
Pledges & donations.....	\$2,322.00
Loan Payment & Principal paid out.....	\$1,453.61
Balance	\$6,890.25

SONSHINE PRE-SCHOOL

Beginning Balance	\$7230.17
Donations & Tuition.....	\$2,542.00
Expenses.....	\$2,997.79
Balance.....	\$6,774.38

SONSHINE ACTIVITY ACCOUNT:

Balance	\$2,828.20
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SONSHINE ENDOWMENT

Balance	\$926.17
Classes & Expenses.....	\$74.00
Ending Balance	\$852.17

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

SONSHINE BOOSTER CLUB ACCOUNT\$930.33

Income & Expenses.....	\$710.28
Ending Balance	\$1,220.05

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Scott and Amanda West and children on the passing of Scott’s grandfather James Roberts, on Thursday, November 17.

BAPTISM

Marcus Bolling, infant son of Kyle and Sonja Bolling, will be baptized on Sunday, December 4 at 10:30am.

WINTER WEATHER ALERT

With winter weather on our doorstep remember to be safe. If the roads are not safe to travel on please stay home. We do not want to see someone in an accident trying to come to church. If we need to cancel church or other events please watch Fox 4 or KCTV 5 for cancellations. If you are still not sure you can call either Mary @ 731-7123, Sandy @ 731-2847 or the church office @ 294-3476. Please use your good judgment before attempting to travel.