

# “The First News”

## April 2016



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## Worship and Events Schedule

- Friday, April 1 April Fool's Day  
Sunday, April 3 Worship 8:00 & 10:30  
*First Steps Membership Class* begins 12:30-3:00  
Monday, April 4 Mary-Martha 1:00  
Ruth Circle 6:30pm  
Family Ministry Meeting 6:30pm  
Tuesday, April 5 Elder's Meeting 5:15pm  
Trustee's Meeting 6:30pm  
Wednesday, April 6 Men's Bible Study 6:00am  
Friday, April 8 Children's Magic Show 6:30pm  
Sunday, April 10 Worship 8:00 & 10:30  
Preschool Sings at 10:30 service

### Voter's Meeting at noon

- Confirmation Parent Meeting 12:30  
*First Steps Membership Class* 12:30  
Monday, April 11 LLL Meeting 7:00pm  
Tuesday, April 12 Council Meeting 6:00pm  
Wednesday, April 13 Men's Bible Study 6:00am  
Thursday, April 14 Quilting 9:00- noon  
Thursday, March 14 LWML 7:00pm  
Sunday, April 17 Worship 8:00 & 10:30  
*First Steps Membership Class* 12:30  
Monday, April 18 Sr. Breakfast 8:00am at Whistle Stop  
Tuesday, April 19 Braille 8:30am  
Evangelism Meeting 6:00pm  
Wednesday, April 20 Men's Bible Study 6:00am  
Sunday, April 24 Worship 8:00 & 10:30  
Confirmation Elder review 9:30am  
Nursing Home Visits 1:30 & 2:30  
Wednesday, April 27 Men's Bible Study 6:00am  
Thursday, April 28 Quilting 9:00- noon  
PACA Meeting 7pm

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## Thank you!!!

We would like to say Thank You to everyone who attended, helped with or donated to the Mariah Dairy Benefit Dinner/Auction, Lenten Dinner and to those who made cash donations. Many people put in a lot of hours to make the dinners and auction a success. The generosity of family, friends, the church members and the community has been amazing. Words cannot express how much your kindness means to us. Please continue to pray for Mariah as she is still having heart complications. May God Bless you, Shelly, Mariah and Crystal



## Less Paper, More News...

### **\*\*NEW\*\*** Congregational E-news Information

Subscribe to our email lists! We've upgraded our email subscription system to include several new sub-categories that will allow us to send messages targeted to your specific interests. *Even if you're already on our general email list, visit our homepage ([www.firstlutheran-paola.org](http://www.firstlutheran-paola.org)) to sign-up for the targeted lists.*

# First Steps: membership class –

April 3, 10, 17 @ 12:30pm-3:00pm

Interested in learning more about membership at First Lutheran?

Check out FIRST STEPS, a class where you can explore the teachings, practices, and ins & outs of First Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark. The next FIRST STEPS classes will meet April 3, 10, 17 @ 12:30-3:00pm. Lunch will be provided. To register, please send an email to the church office ([office@firstlutheran-paola.org](mailto:office@firstlutheran-paola.org)) including your name and contact information.

Questions? Pastor Mark (913.731.0673;  
[pastormark@firstlutheran-paola.org](mailto:pastormark@firstlutheran-paola.org))

## Hospitality!!\*kindness\*love\*share\*SERVE

Would you, as a family, like to sponsor Hospitality time one Sunday out of the year? If you would, please let us know which Sunday you prefer.

We need your help to have goodies available for the Hospitality times during the 10:30 Sunday services. Listed below are a few suggestions as to what we like to have. Please just sign up next to the item and the date you can bring it. (in the Narthex)

donuts	cutie oranges	carrots
muffins	bananas	yogurt
apple	fruit	bread

These are foods that we are short on and we like to have on hand.

These are suggestions only-

please feel free to bring what you think would be good.

Single serving wrapped items work the best!

Crackers w/Peanut Butter or Cheese      Peanuts

Granola Bars      Oatmeal

Cheese sticks or String Cheese      Pretzels

Protein Bars      Cereal

If you would like to help supply the hospitality needs, but do not like to shop- we have placed a jar just inside the office and you can drop a donation there.

Questions? *Cindy Mead or Kristi Fletcher at [office@firstlutheran\\_paola.org](mailto:office@firstlutheran_paola.org)*

# Special Voters' Meeting

April 10 @ Noon

A special Voter's Meeting will be held Sunday, April 10 at Noon. The only business to be held is the vote to approve Generis. If anyone needs more information before the meeting, please contact...

Gregg Lewis (gpannerlewis@gmail.com),

Pastor Mark (pastormark@firstlutheran-paola.org),

Terry Drugg (eldoradowayne@embarqmail.com) or

Judy Carlson (judyc.lwml@gmail.com).

*Please plan on attending!*

## Nursing Home Services

The evangelism committee would like to invite the congregation to join us Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:30. We will be conducting worship services at Country Club Estates and Vintage Park at 2:15. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate in this outreach of the love of Jesus.

*Come prepared to sing His praise and share His love.*

If you would like to help out, please contact Arlene Peck or Cindy Mead at office@firstlutheran\_paola.org

**MOST Ministries Eyeglasses** provide recycled eyeglasses to people living in developing nations around the world and are distributed through short-term missionary teams. Gently used eye glasses, adult-sized prescription glasses, child-sized prescription glasses, reading glasses, and non-prescription sunglasses are all needed and appreciated. If you have any glasses you wish to donate, please leave in the Eyeglass Ministry box is located on the buffet in the Narthex. Eyeglasses will be collected until April 14, 2016.



## February Financial Update

First Lutheran experienced a net operating surplus for the month of \$9,503. Month-end general fund balance was \$20,408. February offerings were \$26,664 compared to monthly budget of \$25,000.

## Offering Envelopes

Attention FLC Members: If you would like to have envelopes to use for your offering, please let us know. We have extras we can share with you. If you already have a box of envelopes, please use them, as it makes it much easier for the counters and the Financial Secretary to record your offering. Contact Judy Carlson at 913-294-3506 or [ejcarlson@classicnet.net](mailto:ejcarlson@classicnet.net)

## Children's Magician Show

April 8 @ 6:30pm

We are privileged to welcome Children's Magician Brad Lynn to First Lutheran & SonShine Preschool on Friday, April 8 @ 6:30pm. He will entertain the kids with his special brand of magic and fun! This event is for the whole family... invite friends and family, as well! After the show we'll have popsicles on the playground (weather permitting). Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet outside the preschool classroom.



# SonShine Preschool Update

Spring has sprung and we at SonShine are very grateful! Along with beginning to learn about things related to spring, we are enjoying spending more time outdoors on our playground.



We finished out March by learning about something very important.....Jesus' death and resurrection.

We know that because of this wonderful gift, as believers, we will one day be in heaven with Jesus. It doesn't get any better than that!

In April, we have lots of fun things coming up. We will be learning about many things spring: Spring Weather, Caterpillars and Bugs! These are just a few of the fun things about which we will be talking and doing coordinating activities. Springtime makes us very happy and reminds us about the new life we have in Jesus.

Please mark your calendars noting the following events in April: Friday, April 8 -- Brad Lynn, a Children's Magician from Kansas City will be here to entertain our kiddos. We extend an invitation to our church brothers and sisters to attend this as well. Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends for an evening of family-friendly entertainment. The show will begin at 6:30pm and last for about 45 minutes. After the show, we will go out to the playground for popsicles (weather permitting), If it is raining, we will eat our popsicles in the church basement. Please let Kris Fuchs or Jody Brown know if you are planning to attend and how many will be attending with your family so that we make sure to have enough popsicles for everyone! All children who attend must have an adult attend with them. Thanks!

Sunday, April 10-- The SonShine Preschoolers will be singing in church at the 10:30am worship service. We have been working on some songs and are looking forward to praising God with our beautiful voices!

We wish everyone God's blessings during this beautiful Easter and Spring season!

GodBless,

Your Friends at SonShine



# Ladies!! Please join us ...

## **Mary-Martha Circle**

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Monday, April 4th at 1:00 in the church basement. Bible Study will be led by Ethel Weaver and the lesson is the LWML Spring Quarterly pages 18 and 19, Milestones of Faith.

*All ladies are welcome to attend.*

## **Ruth Circle**

*Ladies, you are invited to join us on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Please bring your LWML Spring Quarterly and Bible for bible study. Vicki Teagarden will be hosting.*

*All ladies are invited!*

## **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

All women of First Lutheran and guests are invited to attend Thursday, April 14th at 7:00pm. Opening Devotions will be lead by Loree Gardner and we will have a skit titled "Hook, Line and Sinker." Our hostess for the evening are Loree Gardner and Debbie Polson. All Ladies are invited to join us!

## **LWML Convention coming to Manhattan, Kansas!**

Lutheran Women in Mission from all over the state of Kansas will meet April 15-17, 2016 at the *Four Points by Sheraton* in Manhattan, KS to study God's Word, hear of mission adventures by women who have served in many places and many ways, enjoy worship and singing, conversation with women of all ages, walk for missions, engage in servant events making witness bracelets for use by MOST Ministries mission teams, decorate lunch sacks for meals for the homeless in Kansas City, tie fleece blankets for cancer patients or make cards of hope for cancer care kits.

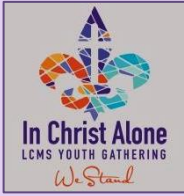
The theme of this LWML event is "**For Such a Time as This**"  
"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

*Ephesians 2:10*

For more information and registration forms, go to [www.kansaslwml.org](http://www.kansaslwml.org); Newsletter; Convention Issue; or ask for help in the church office.



# National Youth Gathering



Jordan Menefee has been selected to serve as a Young Adult Volunteer at the National Youth Gathering. She submitted her application in 2015 and was informed in February she was selected, she will be helping with the many activities on a daily basis at the gathering.

We will be taking 4 young women and 2 adults leaders to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. Those attending will be: Ivy Male, Hannah Menefee, Haleigh West, Annabell Worrell, Leaders will be Autumn Menefee and Maria Worrell. Watch for fundraising details in the coming months!

## 6th/7th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting

April 10 @ 12:30pm

Parents of 6th/7th graders who are being confirmed...  
mark your calendar for this important meeting.

We will get the kids measured for robes and discuss the details of Confirmation Day (May 1 @ 10:30am).

*If you keep my commands,  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commands  
and remain in his love.*

*I have told you this so that my joy  
may be in you  
and that your joy may be complete.*

*John 15:10-11*

# Confirmation!!

## Class Schedule for April

4/3 Class?? YES!! Catechism 9  
4/10 Class?? YES!! Catechism 10  
4/17 Class?? YES!! Review Catechism  
4/24 Elder Review #2  
5/1 Confirmation Sunday (no class)



## Memory Work for grades 4

4/3 Coveting 9/10 Commandments & Meanings SC p13  
4/10 Ten Commandments Review Matthew 22:37-40 p1138

## Memory Work for grades 5

4/3 Time of Trial/Deliver us from Evil  
9/10 Commandments & Meanings SC p34  
4/10 Doxology/LP Review  
Returning Thanks (only the final prayer) SC p34

## Memory Work for grades 6

4/3 Confirming My Convictions  
9/10 Commandments & Meanings FAB p1120  
4/10 Claiming My Calling  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 FAB p 1403

## Acolyte and Senior Worship Assistant Schedule

4/3	SWA	8:00	Sophia Arens	10:30	Ben Damron
	Acolytes		Brandon Law		Trevor Hinman
			Quintin Chilson		Hayden West
4/10	Acolytes	8:00	Molly Kane	10:30	Aubrey Huber
			Anna Kane		Joleigh Osborn
4/17	SWA	8:00	Bell Worrell	10:30	Courtney Lee
	Acolytes		Josie Worrell		Mika Menefee
4/24	Acolytes	8:00	Lydia Prothe	10:30	Brock Pitzer
			Alex Pillow		Maddie Pitzer



## Quilters' Group... April 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

Come socialize with the Quilters in the church basement on Thursday, April 14th from 9:00am-Noon. Bring your extra fabric scraps and we will turn them into warm, wonderful quilts that will be given out *right here in our community!* Cindy will be here from 9-noon, so come in when you can! Any and all help is greatly appreciated. After talking to several organizations here in our area, there is a great need for these quilts. Cindy used a Thrivent Action Team gift card to purchase a sewing machine and cutting tools so we have them here, available for you to use during our quilting sessions. We also have one other machine here and possibly one more on the way. Hope to see you there!



*Questions? Contact Cindy Mead at office @firstlutheran-paola.org or call or text me at 859-576-1891*



### Active Aging Expo

A one-day expo to promote positive attitudes about aging and encourage individuals to be active physically, mentally, and financially.

Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Lighthouse Presbyterian Church

**“Enhancing Your Memory Throughout Life”**

**Dr. Mark Johnson Professor, Pittsburg State University** to remember 10, 20, or even 50 items in just a few minutes.

**“Standing Tall and Preventing Falls”**

**Teresa Pomatto, PT, MHA Rehabilitation Services**

**For more information contact ...Rebecca McFarland,**  
rmcfarla@ksu.edu, 785-229-3520, or Diane Burnett,  
dburnett@ksu.edu, 913-294-4306, your local extension office,  
or <http://www.agingexpo.k-state.edu>

**Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station  
and Cooperative Extension Service**

*More information available on the bulletin board outside the church office*

# April Birthdays

April 1 Dawna Brandt  
Charles Dageforde  
Dorothy Heisman  
Charlean Honn  
Charley Stanchfield

April 2 Michelle Ohlmeier  
Brent Wehmeier  
Scott West

April 4 Seth Lofing  
Rayme Russell

April 5 Trevor Hinman  
Jeanette Norton

April 6 M'Liss Curry

April 7 Lee Brewer  
Rachel Reitinger

April 8 Whitney Prothe  
Nathan Siders

April 9 Jennifer Garcia

April 10 Jacob Weaver

April 11 Gail Sawyer

April 12 Janice Buhrmann  
Shannon Lee  
Elizabeth Schrotberger  
Sarah Shappell  
Vincent Varnell

April 13 Sophia Arens  
Javan Bolling  
Randy Brandt  
Walter Lohaus  
David Luehrs  
Eric Smith

April 15 Jane Swearingen

April 16 Jackie Brewer  
LeRoy Elliott  
Isaiah Hall  
Jackson Rhea  
Derek Weaver

April 17 April Chronister  
John Cook

April 18 Ben Brandt  
Zachary Henry

April 19 Bailey Chilson  
Lydia Prothe  
Erin D'Urso  
Joie King  
Carol Pope  
Ashton Thoden

April 20 Jackson Huber  
Timothy McIntire

April 22 Ella Hinman  
Eli Jacobs  
Kailen Ludes  
Dawson Moore  
Steven Page  
Russell Schrotberger

April 24 Jade King

April 25 Katelyn D'Urso  
Anna Kane

April 27 Cindy Mead  
Lindsey Pitzer

April 28 Emma Haselrick  
Katie Oberg

April 30 DeAnn Dageforde  
Joseph Flake

