

Handclasp

August 2017 Monthly Newsletter of First Lutheran Church

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Congratulations!

The Mayor's Arts Awards were presented on July 20th at the Fairview Golf Course. First Lutheran's Dr. James and Carol Roever were presented with the **Extraordinary Lifetime Achievement Award**. The Roevers have been involved in the arts for a number of years, with Jim serving as Allied Arts Council board president in 2000-2001. Currently Jim and Carol are spearheading the Missouri Theatre Improvement Project, raising funds to preserve and improve the theater for the 75,000 audience members and 350 artists who use the theatre annually. Funds raised will go towards the sound system as well as dressing room and green room renovations. Under their leadership, over \$347,000 has been raised to date, which will help preserve the city's finest downtown cultural treasure for future generations.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING



October 21, 2017

573.474.3332 • www.FestivalofSharing.org • festival@socket.net

On the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri

Please see Misty in the office or call her cell (816-752-5742) if you would like to participate in assembling packs and gathering donations, or even going to the event!

Happy Birthday

Winters, Joy	8/1	Johnson, Trevor	8/12
Runge, Ben	8/2	Bunge, Gail	8/16
Redden, Randall	8/3	Aarstad, Justin	8/17
Anderson, Gay	8/5	Johnson, Glenda	8/20
Hoeffner, Janey	8/6	Luthans, Brett	8/20
Briner, Linda	8/7	Bunge, Carol	8/23
Kunz, Elsa	8/8	Kirkpatrick, Pamela	8/23
Moore, Jodi	8/9	Starks, Ellen	8/24
Thompson, Sharmyn	8/9	Redden, Lana	8/25
Howard, Kay	8/10	Young, Karen	8/25
Justice, Stetson	8/11	Lynch, Frances	8/26
Harmsen, Howard	8/12	Schmidt, David	8/27

Happy Anniversary

Sylvester & Marla Heeler	8/1/1992	25 years
Karen & Deon Jensen	8/1/1987	30 years
Robert & Frances Lynch	8/3/1977	40 years
Michael & Trisha Viselli	8/3/1991	26 years
Linda & Govenor Briner	8/4/2004	13 years
Jacqueline & Morton Bigham	8/8/1960	57 years
Howard & Janice Harmsen	8/10/1963	54 years
Nancy & Steve Gingery	8/18/1979	38 years



Aly Viselli will be signing autographs at the **Kansas City Chiefs' Training Camp** at MWSU on July 31st and August 4th from 8:30am - 11:00 am. Aly is also featured in the 2017 Chiefs Cheerleader Calendar for the month of March. Anyone interested in purchasing the calendar, can buy one from Aly for \$20, following the Training Camp.

We will be creating a new Church Directory! The weekend for photos taken will be September 22nd and 23rd. Please mark your calendars for this weekend. We will also take this time to update personal records kept here at the church such as email addresses, cell phone numbers, baptismal dates, etc. More information to come in the near future!

The Weaver

My life is but a weaving,
Between the Lord and me.
I cannot choose the colors,
He worketh steadily.

Of't times He weaveth sorrow,
And I in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper,
And I, the underside.

The dark threads are as needful,
In the weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

Not 'til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly.
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reasons why.

~Author Unknown~

Treasurer's Report June 2017

Cyndee Simpson, Treasurer

June Income	\$14, 005.87
June Expenses	\$15, 994.29
Year to Date Income	\$105, 725.93
Year to Date Expenses	\$101, 608.42



Roundtable

Dwelling in the Word

Phoebe Circle - Tuesday, August 8th, 6:00 pm,
Ladies Night Out @ Jake's Steakhouse

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 10 am
at church

Fellowship

Early Morning Breakfast - Tuesday, August 15th,
6:30 am, at Le Peep

Imagine Eleven - Sundays @ 6 pm,
at Coleman Hawkins Park
August 6th - Stephanie Gummelt / Atlantic Express
August 13th - Shawn Minter / Soca Juke Box

Service

Camp Luther - Wednesdays Aug. 2nd & 9th at 6:00 pm

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays, starting August 30th,
at 7:00 pm

Quilting Ladies - Wednesday, August 16th,
9 am Fellowship Hall

Leadership

Congregational Council - Thursday, August 10th,
6:30 pm



What Now Lord!?!

Women's Retreat

For those of you who are attending the retreat in September, please turn in your \$45 fee to Kris Langdon or Carol Bunge.



What is Soles For Christ? SFC is a program started as an outreach project by a local church group to provide a free pair of shoes to school-aged children.

What is the goal of the program? To provide a new pair of shoes for each child in need and in turn to

boost the child's self-esteem and enthusiasm for the coming school year. For parents, the goal is to alleviate some of the costs associated with getting their child(ren) ready for a new school year.

Who does the program serve? Any child who lives in Andrew, Buchanan or Doniphan counties and will be enrolled in pre-school through 12th grades will be eligible to receive a new pair of shoes.

What can I do to help? We need shoes! Last year 1,106 pairs of shoes were given away. We are asking for NEW TENNIS SHOES in toddler sizes 5-10, youth sizes 11-6 and all adult sizes. Monetary donations are also welcome. We use these donations to purchase shoes for those we aren't able to fit on the days of the giveaway. We also need volunteers to help with the program. If interested, you can contact us at the number below.

Where and when can I drop off donations? We are asking for donations to be dropped off at AFL-CIO Community Services at the address below no later than Wednesday, August 9. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

When and where will the shoes be given away? Shoes will be distributed on Monday, August 14th from 8am to 4pm and again on Tuesday, August 15th from 8am to 6pm at AFL-CIO Community Services. Parents or guardians need to bring their child(ren) with them to the distribution, provide proof of each child's age and proof of residency. Preschoolers must have proof of enrollment in a preschool.

AFL-CIO Community Services would like to thank you in advance if you choose to participate in this worthwhile program. We guarantee your donation will put a smile on a child's face!

AFL-CIO Community Services
1203 N 6th Street St Joseph, MO 64501
816-364-1131 800-365-7724 Fax 816-364-2304
www.helpmenow.org

[Creating a New Way of Living Action Sunday](#)

Explore and experience the variety of ministries through First Lutheran at the Creating A New Way of Living Ministry Action Sunday, September 10th.

9:00 Worship – “Commitment to Action”

10:30 Discovery Fair – Hear and Explore the various ministries through First Lutheran

[Open Table Team Ready to Take Off](#)

The first Open Table Team of First Lutheran is trained and ready to support a household in poverty through the next 12 months. They will meet weekly for an hour with the brother/sister as they work on personal goals to strengthen their family. Keep the team and family in your prayers.


If you are interested in learning about The Open Table and being a team member contact Pastor Lenander.

[Reformation 500 Planning Team](#)

2017 marks the 500th year since Martin Luther began the Reformation movement with the posting of the 95 Thesis. A planning team is being formed to plan the activities and worship for the weekend of October 25-26. This is for the congregation and community. Be a part of this fun event by being a member of the planning team. Contact Pastor Lenander if you can be a part of the team. **The first meeting will be Sunday, August 6th at 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.**

[Single Parents Conversation on Sunday, August 13th](#)

Join the conversation on **Sunday, August 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall** on discovering the ways the congregation can be supportive for single parent families and children. This conversation includes single parents and any who want to be supportive of single parents in our congregation and community.



Our High Calling: Biblical Manhood in the Home, Church, & World.

August 19, 2017
Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church

On August 19, men and young men will come together for worship, instruction, and fellowship. We will strive by God's grace to be faithful to the high calling of God in our lives. Pastors and men's ministry leaders, we encourage you to bring a group of men from your church. The cost is \$15 per person and lunch is included with your registration.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-high-calling-mens-event-tickets-32418896793>

For more information, contact: Jeremiah Bradford, Pastor of McCarthy Baptist Church, 816-279-2432 or email: jeremiah@mccarthybaptist.org