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FEBRUARY 2017 Monthly Newsletter of First Lutheran Church

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Special Global Missions Guest On February 19th

Rev. Gary Teske will be our special guest preacher on Sunday, February 19th. Rev. Teske is a retired ELCA pastor who lives in Topeka, KS and is the Companion Synod Chair for the Central States Synod.

Rev. Teske grew up with missionary parents in Papua New Guinea. He served congregations in the U.S. until his retirement. He has organized trips to Lutheran missions in Papua New Guinea and Eastern Russia. He will make a presentation on those missions following worship in the sanctuary.

Transfiguration Sunday, February 26th Guest Speaker

Our own Rev. Jim Pierce will be our guest speaker at worship on Sunday, February, 26th. Rev. Pierce will be leading the 2017 Vision Initiative for First Lutheran. His message will center on the theme “Creating a New Way of Living.”

Annual Meeting Actions

Elected to Council

Carol Bunge, Laurel Goforth,
Sylvester Heeler, Debbie Taylor,

Elected to First Lutheran Foundation

Barton Dennis

Approved 2017 Ministries Budget of

\$217,197

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

The group received a thank you letter which read: “Awesome job again this year! Thank you for your help

making our goal. You are the **#1** group.” signed Lu Ann. This year the group raised a total of :

\$4,561.19

Happy Birthday!

Rasmussen, Gene	2/7
Hoeffner, George	2/10
Nelson, Morton	2/12
Olson, Jeremy	2/12
Cotton, Sarah	2/13
Starks, Jason	2/13
Amos, Allen	2/14
Aarstad, Jaxon	2/15
Ponce, Stanley	2/16
Douglass, Jean	2/17
Chladek, Karri	2/19
Smith, Mason	2/21
Myers, Gary	2/24
Bezona, David	2/25
Perkins, Carl	2/27
Pierce, Juel	2/28
Runge, Sophie	2/28
Farrell, Pamela	2/29



Happy Anniversary!

Harlan & Donna Osborn	2/10/1967	50 years
Charlotte & Pete Chirila	2/14/1963	54 years

Treasurer's Report December 2016

Cyndee Simpson, Treasurer

December Income	\$23, 310.49
December Expenses	\$17, 278.35
Year to Date Income	\$210, 059.88
Year to Date Expenses	\$210, 977.41

Over the next month, the office will be switching over to a new software program used to maintain attendance and contributions of members here at First Lutheran. You may receive a call as we will be updating family and household information as we transfer over the data.

Thank You

I would like to thank the ladies of the church for the cookies they took to my husband, Carl Perkins. He also enjoys the lap robe that was made for him. The folks that cam and sang carols was good as well. Special Thanks to Pastor Lenander for his visits.

*Blessings for the New Year,
Betty Perkins*

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers during Jim's hospitalization and surgery. We are happy to report that he is recovering very nicely!

Jim & Carol Roever

Roundtable

Dwelling in the Word

Phoebe Circle - Tuesday, Feb. 14th, 7:00 pm, Place TBD

Confirmation - Mondays, 6:30 pm

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursday at 10 am
at church

Fellowship

Early Morning Breakfast - Tuesday, Feb. 21st,
6:30 am, at Le Peep

Wednesday With Friends - Wednesday, Feb. 15th,
12 pm noon @ Le Peep

First Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast
On Saturday, February 4th from 8 – 11 a.m. come to The Crossing at 7th and Locust for the First Saturday Neighborhood Breakfast. Enjoy a free breakfast of pancakes and sausage. Enjoy the acoustical music of Kerwood Band from Hiawatha, KS.

***This is an opportunity to get to know neighbors and invite those who not have a church home to join you in worship at First Lutheran. ***

Service

Quilting Ladies - Wednesdays, Feb. 8th and Feb. 22nd,
9 am Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Community Dinner - Sunday, Feb. 26th, 4:00 pm

Leadership

Altar Guild - No Altar Guild for the month of February

Congregational Council - Thursday, Feb. 9th, 6:30 pm

Black Archives Museum

February 23, 2017, 5pm - 7pm, 3406 Frederick Ave.
2017 Black Archives Hall of Fame Honorees:

Sheila Gilbert and Kenzie Gilbert

Will be recognized for their leadership and contributions to the St. Joseph community.

Reception begins at 5pm and the presentations will be at 5:30pm. Call 816-232-8471 for more information.

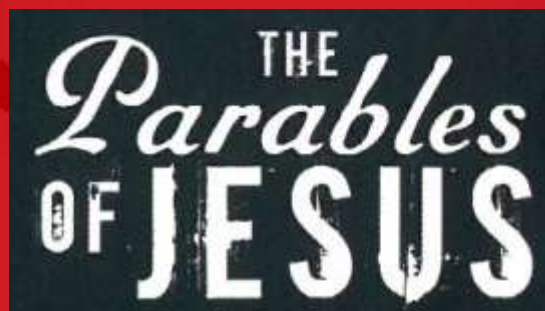
CONGRATULATIONS!

In 2016 over 335,000 Thrivent members chose to direct Choice Dollars® to more than 32,000 churches, schools and other nonprofits, including First Lutheran Church, through Thrivent Choice®.

Based on member recommendations, First Lutheran Church received \$1,213 in charitable outreach funding in 2016. The Thrivent Choice program helps members of Thrivent Financial make a positive impact in their communities.

2016 CHOICE DOLLARS EXPIRE SOON!

Make sure to direct 2016 Choice Dollars soon as they expire on March 31. If you have questions call Thrivent Representative Cody Vaughn at (816) 273-0026.



The Women's Sunday School Group will be studying the Deeper Connections series "The Parables of Jesus". All are welcomed to participate. We meet in the library.

We all know Christians who are bored with Bible study---not because the Bible is boring, but because they haven't been introduced to its meaning in its first century context and how that is significant for our lives today. When we begin to understand some of these "deeper connections"---both to the first century and to the twenty-first century---our lives are transformed.

Don't be scared by the word "deeper"---deeper does not mean that these studies are hard to understand. It simply means that we are attempting to get at the true meaning of the biblical text, which involves investigating the historical, religious, and social background of first century Jewish culture and their Greek and Roman neighbors.

Karl R.



Jamie J.



Vickie



Sylvester S. (hat) & Charles R.



Richard K.



Mark J.



John K.

Rodger B.



God is at home in a loving heart. He lives in you.

Thank you for your kindness.

Members from our adopted Christmas Family

