



Handclasp

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Newsletter of First
Lutheran Church

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Discovery Moments

Folks who attended Sunday worship in May were privileged to hear Laurel Goforth, Gene Rasmussen, Carolyn Pearl and Misty Coyle talk about ministries they are involved in and the paths that led to those involvements. Folks who attended on June 18 heard Sarah Knorr share some of her life journey and how faith, family, church family and childhood cancer led to the work she does today.

At June 11 and 18 Discovery sessions participants learned how our life together is ordered around three ministry keys: Welcoming (through hospitality, building relationships and maintaining inviting property), Education in our Faith and Spiritual Growth (through worship, service and personal development). Clustered under these are an impressive list of ministries within the congregation and in the community in which our members are involved. Participants were invited to share which of those ministries they were familiar with and which they knew nothing about. Participants were also invited to reflect on where they have enjoyed using spiritual gifts in their own lives, and what ways we as a congregation can assist one another in identifying and using our spiritual gifts.

All of this is part of our emphasis *After Baptism: Creating a New Way of Living* a journey of discovery: what it means that we were born anew, claimed as God's children through baptism, and what it means that we continue to grow as God's children throughout our lives. That growth doesn't just happen in our inner life of faith. It leads us outside ourselves in relationships and service to the world around us.

Our calling to be and live as God's children is constant through our lives. How we live out that calling changes through our lives as we are shaped through encounters with God, other believers and the world around us. Take time for your own discovery moments. Reflect on your own journey as God's child. Where have you been surprised to find God lead you? What gifts did you receive there? What gifts did you give? How is God at work creating your new way of living?

Happy Birthday

Eyberg, Jo	7/1	Newman, Daniel	7/14
Viselli, Alyson	7/1	Hunter, Blake	7/17
Viselli, Michael	7/2	Lyman William	7/18
Rush, Felicia	7/3	Jonas, Elizabeth	7/21
Dennis, Barton	7/8	Runge, Megan	7/24
Coyle, Misty	7/9	Hoeffner, Scott	7/27
Knorr, Sarah	7/9	Kinney, Rachael	7/27
Lyman, Jennifer	7/9	Wessler, Kathy	7/28
Lyman, Justin	7/9	Burns, Matthew	7/29
Pierce, Sarah	7/13	Dennis, Cole	7/29
Heeler, Sylvester	7/14	Dunning, Catherine	7/31
		Lyman, Sara	7/31

Loving God, Creator of all times and places,
we thank you for the gift of summertime,
the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we
look:

the multi-colored flowers,
the deep blue of the sky,
the tranquil surface of lakes,
the laughter of children at play,
people strolling in park,
families gathered around picnic tables and
the increased time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature
and people,

open our hearts to receive all as gift.

Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist.

Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring
to keep all in existence.

And warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer
deepen our awareness of you love
so that we may share this with others and enjoy
a summertime of re-creation.

Amen

Happy Anniversary

Paul & Debbie Kunz	7/13/1981	36 years
William & Kristy Langdon	7/13/1975	42 years
Bruce & Deborah Taylor	7/16/1983	34 years
Brett & Angie Luthans	7/19/1997	20 years
Lana & Randall Redden	7/21/1972	45 years



*All are invited to a public concert at
The Albrecht-Kemper Museum
2818 Frederick Ave.
July 16th at 2:00 pm
Our own, David Bezona, will be performing
Admission: suggested \$10 donation to the museum*

Roundtable

Dwelling in the Word

Phoebe Circle - Tuesday, July 11th, 6:00 pm,
Ladies Night Out @ Gators

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 10 am
at church

Fellowship

Early Morning Breakfast - Tuesday, July 18th,
6:30 am, at Le Peep

Imagine Eleven - Sundays @ 6 pm,
at Coleman Hawkins Park

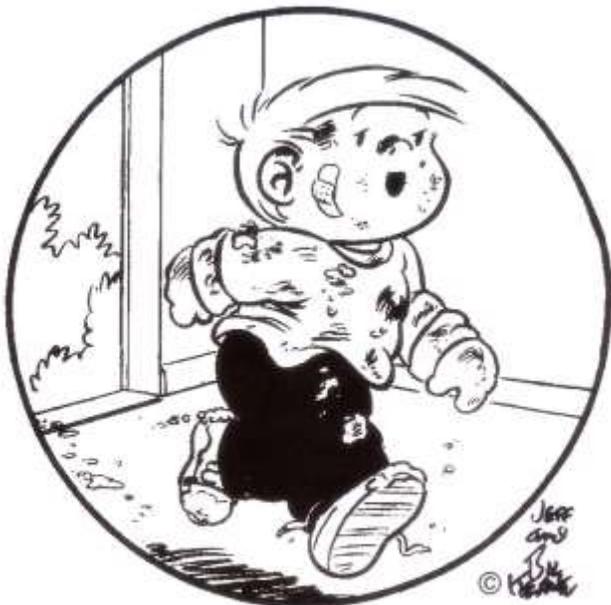
Service

Camp Luther - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Leadership

Congregational Council - Thursday, July 13th,
6:30 pm

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"My Guardian Angel had a busy day
today, but we had FUN!"



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!

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MR. & MRS. MICHAEL VISELLI
REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE
AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER

Kylie Alexis Viselli

TO

Zachary Edward Officer

SON OF
MR. & MRS. LYLE OFFICER

SATURDAY THE TWENTY-SECOND OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
302 SOUTH 10TH STREET
SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI 64501

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT THE MOILA COUNTRY CLUB
701 N NOYES BLVD
SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI 64506

~~~ Please call 816-233-4400 and let Janice know if you plan to attend~~~