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Monthly Newsletter | First Lutheran Church | March 2018

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Because every community has children and families in crisis. **4 million** children are touched by the child welfare system in the U.S. In those same communities, **40 million** adults regularly attend church. CarePortal connects our church to children and families in crisis in our neighborhood.

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me." Matthew 25:40

For the last year, First Lutheran Church has been a part of the CarePortal community here in St. Joseph. We are in partnership with nine churches. Together, we work to fill the needs of those families in crisis identified by the social workers with the schools and family division. The needs we fill are the needs that cannot be filled by another agency in Buchanan County. The only way the need will be filled is from the goodness of another person or group of people. As one pastor said during a training I attended, "The more we meet these needs, the more we look like the church."

First Lutheran is a Tier 1 partner, which means we help to meet the physical need to stabilize the environment of the children and their caregivers. Some have expressed the need or want to build relationships. That is Tier 2, where you would form a relationship to support children and families through time. Training is required for this tier and will be offered in the spring and possibly the summer and I will let you know the dates as soon as they are given.

Not one person is expected to help with an entire need as some are costly. The group we have formed, here in St. Joseph, works quickly together. One church may have a carpenter to help fix a door frame and another church may have the money to purchase the materials needed. One church may have 10 - 20 people pitch in \$10 each to purchase two twin beds for a brother and sister new to the foster care system. Some of you have asked for updates on the requests sent out.

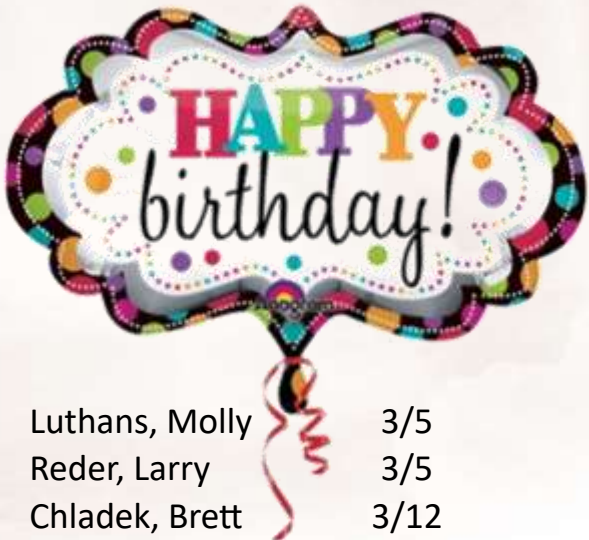
Holy Week Worship

Sunday, March 25th
9:00 am
Palm Passion Sunday

Thursday, March 29th
7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 30th
7:00 pm
Good Friday

Sunday, April 1st
9:00 am
Easter Sunday



- Luthans, Molly 3/5
- Reder, Larry 3/5
- Chladek, Brett 3/12
- Bufkin, Jennifer 3/13
- Wearing, Patrick 3/16
- Officer, Kylie 3/22
- Pearl, Jack 3/23
- Reder, Nancy 3/31
- Taylor, Bruce 3/31

An unforgettable story in an amazing stage production by The Dance Arts Center Performing Arts Company

THE LION WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Saturday, March 3
2:00 PM AND 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 4
2:00 PM

Historic Missouri Theater
Tickets: \$8 - \$15

Order your tickets online today:
www.jomotickets.com or call 816-233-5442



- Gene & Deanna Rasmussen 3/2/1957 61 years
- Robert & Toni Gunderson 3/7/1965 53 years
- James & Carol Roever 3/19/1966 52 years

"The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior, who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love."

Zephaniah 3:17

Treasurer's Report January 2018

Cyndee Simpson, Treasurer

January Income	\$16, 711.28
January Expenses	\$16, 738.36
Year to Date Income	\$16, 711.28
Year to Date Expenses	\$16, 738.36



Roundtable

Dwelling in the Word

Phoebe Circle - Tuesday, Mar. 13th, 7 pm

Confirmation - Mondays at 4:00pm

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 10 am
at church

Fellowship

Early Morning Breakfast - Tuesday, Mar. 20th,
6:30 am, at Le Peep

Wednesday With Friends - Wednesday, Mar. 14th,
12:00 pm @ Church

Wednesday Café - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Service

Quilting Ladies - Tuesdays, Mar. 6th & Mar. 20th,
12:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7 pm

Community Dinner - Sunday, Mar. 25th, 4:00 pm

Leadership

Altar Guild - Thursday, Mar. 8th 10:00 am

Congregational Council - Thursday, Mar. 8th 6:30 pm

Cub Scout Pack 26 - Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

FLC Girl Scouts - Thursdays, 6:00 pm

Girl Scout Cadette Troop #8085 - Mondays, 6:00 pm

Places to Help

There are many open slots for snacks for coffee hour. The sign-up sheet is located in the kitchen. You don't have to be a baker – store bought work just as well as homemade!

MHNA Easter Egg Hunt

Museum Hill Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31st from 10 am – 12 noon at the Wyeth-Tootle Museum. Volunteers are needed **to help**

with the event. You can sign up on Sundays or call the church office. First Lutheran Church is a member of MHNA.



Immigration Awareness Forum

The 2nd in a series of Immigration Awareness Forums will be on Tuesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 1824 Sylvan.

Topic is Education and Health Services.

Moderator is Rev. Krista Kiger and the panelists are; Rev. Tom Russell, Gena Villegas, and Nancy Clisbee.



The Chancel Choir will be singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" at the Easter Sunday service and we would like to invite any of you who are interested to come join us. Perhaps you have sung it in a choir in the past or maybe you have always wanted to. If you are interested, please call, text or email Sharmyn Thompson soon and she will give you the rehearsal details. We'd love to have you with us!

I will start doing that and letting you know which group did what to solve the issue. I leave my cell phone at the end of each email because, as I have said, the group works quickly to provide for the need and it is done through out the day and evening. So, please do not hesitate to text or call if you would like to help a family. If you have any more questions, comments, or concerns about CarePortal, please contact me , 816-752-5742 or mistycoyle75@gmail.com

*Continuing our tradition of promoting “up and coming”
concert organists, the St. Joseph Chapter of the American Guild of Or-
ganists presents:*

Isaac Drewes Organ Recital



Isaac recently graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, and is continuing his organ studies at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY.

Sunday, March 11th, 3:00 p.m.
Francis Street First United Methodist Church
12th & Francis (across from Civic Center)
Adults: \$10 Students: FREE with ID

First Lutheran Church Council

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