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May 2017 Monthly Newsletter of First Lutheran Church  
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## Discovery

*Jim Pierce*

We have been on a journey of discovery over these last several weeks. We invited leaders of community organizations to share their experiences of First Lutheran. We discovered how we look through their eyes and through the eyes of the people they serve. These last two Sundays in April we have joined in conversations over coffee after worship. There we shared our experiences of First Lutheran and what others have told us their experiences have been.

These conversations deepen our understanding of who we are as God's people in mission. Beginning in May we dive deeper into discovery as we invite members to share the various ministries they are engaged in—either as volunteers or through the vocations into which God has called them. You will hear those stories during Sunday morning worship.

As they share we will discover what those ministries are. “I never knew she did that.” “I knew he did that but never knew why.” “I knew this person does that but never thought about it as something that God called this person into, never thought about that as a ministry.” As we listen, God will invite us to reflect on our own ministries—what we are doing, how we found ourselves doing these things, how these things are ministries.

That journey of discover will lead us to listen again to God, to ask how God is stirring up our passions for ministry and where God is leading us to serve. What will happen as God works in and among us we do not know. We will discover that along the way as well!

What we do know is that God is at work here at First Lutheran. God gives us gifts of grace, forgiveness and life wrestled from darkness and death on the cross and brought to us through the open door of the tomb on Easter. God calls us to give thanks for these gifts, claim their power in our lives and then to share these gifts with others. As we sang in worship on Transfiguration Sunday: “Listen! Listen God is calling, through the word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.” Listen. God is calling you. Do you hear?



## Happy Anniversary

David & Diana Schmidt	5/2/1992	25 years
Elizabeth & Pat Jonas	5/7/2005	12 years
Jim & Pamela Farrell	5/8/1976	41 years
Alan & Catherine Dunning	5/31/2008	9 years
Randall & Marcia Johnson	5/31/1974	43 years
Jim & Juel Pierce	5/31/1971	46 years

## Happy Birthday

Gunderson, Toni	5/1
Heeler, Lily	5/2
Anderson, Doris	5/3
Freeman, Barbara	5/3
Osborn, Harlan	5/4
Bufkin, Kendra	5/6
Jensen, Karen	5/6
Clark, Gerald	5/9
Starks, Katressa	5/9
Guenther, Elaine	5/11
Heeler, Marla	5/17
Archer, Nita	5/24
Hornbostel, Anna	5/25
Taylor, Deborah	5/27
Haynes, Virgil	5/28
Kunz, David	5/29

### Treasurer's Report March 2017

*Cyndee Simpson, Treasurer*

March Income	\$17, 562.19
March Expenses	\$16, 615.36
Year to Date Income	\$53, 248.88
Year to Date Expenses	\$51, 372.01

CHEERS TO  
**90**  
years!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
HONORING  
**VIRGIL "DOC" HAYNES**

Sunday, May 28th, 2017  
3-7 pm

Castle Bridge Event Center  
8403 SW US Highway 59 South  
Saint Joseph, Mo 64504

No gifts please, your presence is present enough.

# Roundtable

## Dwelling in the Word

Phoebe Circle - Tuesday, May 9th, 7:00 pm,  
Cyndee, hostess; Kathy C, Dessert;  
Ann, Lesson

Confirmation - Mondays, 6:30 pm

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 10 am  
at church

## Fellowship

Early Morning Breakfast - Tuesday, May 16th,  
6:30 am, at Le Peep

Wednesday With Friends - Wednesday, May 17th,  
12 pm, at Cracker Barrel

Dinner Theatre - Thursday, May 18th, 5:30 pm please  
see the last page for more details.

## Service

Quilting Ladies - Wednesdays, May 3rd and 24th,  
9 am Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Wednesday Café - Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Community Dinner - Sunday, May 28th, 4:00 pm

## Leadership

Altar Guild - Thursday, May 11th, 10:00 am  
Nancy Reder, Hostess

Congregational Council - Thursday, May 11th,  
6:30 pm

Girl Scouts - Mondays, 6:00 pm

Cub Scout Pack 26 - Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Training Session 1 for Open Table - Thursday, May 4th,  
6-8pm



## A Community Ministry of First Lutheran Church In its 5<sup>th</sup> year!

Sundays 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Coleman Hawkins Park, 7<sup>th</sup> and Felix

### 2017 Line Up

**June 4** Kerwood Band  
Roger Price  
Donovan Jones and Jeremy Howe

**June 11** Soul Harvest  
Under the Big Oak Tree

**June 18** Tom Keller  
Funk Syndicate

**June 25** The Center State

**July 2** Liverpool  
Children's Parade

**July 9** 5 Star Jazz

**July 16** Maria the Mexican

**July 23** Restoration Band  
Ann and Terry Brock

**July 30** Multiphonics

**August 6** Stephanie Gummelt  
Atlantic Express

**August 13** Soca Juke Box

This outdoor music series is sponsored by First Lutheran and funded by donations from area churches, businesses, organizations and individuals. Consider making your (tax deductible) donation to support this series.

## Missouri Western Alum to Conduct at Carnegie Hall in the Big Apple



Kim Evans Carson, 2003, J. C. Penney High School graduate has been the choir instructor at Truman High School in Independence for the last five years. Previously, she taught at Lafayette High School here in St. Joseph for four years. During that time, she qualified the Lafayette Concert Choir to perform at the Missouri Music Educators Conference in Tan Tar A. No other high school choir from St. Joseph before or since has performed at MMEA. Because of that stellar performance, she was recruited to become the head choral director at Truman High School in Independence.

This school year got off to a typical start with students anxious to reconnect and start making music. Less than 24 hours later, everyone's life changed dramatically. Carson received a phone call from Dr. David Rayl, a former professor from Michigan State University where she earned her M.M. degree in Choral Conducting, inviting her and her students to perform under his direction on May 29, 2017 at Carnegie Hall in New York City! Recognizing the opportunity of a lifetime, Carson immediately accepted.

Her acceptance set in motion a hectic schedule preparing music to perform a twenty-minute program as the featured choir. The Truman choir will then join four other nationwide choirs, accompanied by the New England Symphony, to perform Dan Forrest's *Requiem For the Living*. This will be the school's first solo appearance and second combined performance at Carnegie Hall since the school was founded in 1964.

In addition to preparing musically for the event, the choir has been engaged in moneymaking activities to raise the \$150,000 necessary to cover expenses. At this time, the students are just \$10,000 short of their goal. The Independence choir will perform for a dinner theater production in her hometown May 5. The students will also perform their twenty-minute Carnegie program as well Forrest's *Requiem* Thursday, May 18, 2017 at a dinner theater at First Lutheran Church, 302 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street in St. Joseph, MO.

If you can't make it to Carnegie Hall on May 29 at 8 p.m., be sure to attend the dinner theater presentation on May 18 at the First Lutheran Church! Richard and Linda Evans will be catering an Italian meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the concert to follow at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 per plate and must be purchased in advance. To reserve tickets, please call 816-232-8378 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Thursday or go to [www.flcsj.org](http://www.flcsj.org) to order and pay online for tickets. All proceeds go directly to the Truman High School choir account for their trip.



**Pastor & Easter Bunny swap Easter stories at Museum Hill Neighborhood Association Easter Egg Hunt**



***Living Last Supper Passion Sunday Worship***