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Monthly Newsletter | First Lutheran Church | May 2018

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Imagine Eleven 2018

The Imagine Eleven season is almost upon us for the summer! Favorites have been brought back such as 5 Star Jazz, Soca Juke Box, and Big Time Grain Company. New this year, we will have a opening with open Mic Night on June 24th. There are five spots open for Open Mic, so call to reserve your spot!

We would like to invite any families or groups to help host our bands. What does it mean to host a band?

Your group would help to provide a dinner for the band and it's crew and family before the show. If you are interested in helping, please call Misty in the office at 816-232-8378.

June 3	Stephanie Glenn	Big Time Grain Company
June 10	Rick Cole	Adelaide
June 17	Brent Isom	5 Star Jazz Band
June 24	Open Mic	Lyin' Eyes
July 1	Tom Keller	Under the big Oak Tree
July 8	Restoration Band	The Center State
July 15	Jerry Rodriguez	Wildwood
July 22	Stephanie Gummelt	Bill Hoffman & The FireBabies
July 29	Roger Price	Valentine & The Knights
August 5	Phil Vandel	Atlantic Express
August 12	Shawn Minter	Soca Juke Box

Sundays 6:00—8:30 p.m.



Coleman Hawkins Park - 7th and Felix

St. Joseph, MO

www.imagineeleven.com

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



InterServ's Annual Meeting: InterServ Community Center

Join us for a peek at InterServ's New Community Center at 5400 King Hill Avenue.

Monday, May 21, 2018

Open House: 4 to 5 p.m.

Building Blessing: 5 to 5:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting Dinner with David G. Berger
Awards: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The dinner is sponsored by Heffernan and underwritten by The InterServ Foundation.

Our own Philip Alier Deng, pastor of South Sudanese Congregation of St. Joseph (ELCA), will receive the David G. Berger Award for contributions to the community.

Interfaith Alliance for Immigration Prayerful Gathering

Thursday, May 24th 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Summers Hall
4503 Frederick Ave, St Joseph

Keynote: Dr. Sofia Khan, Founder and Director of KC for Refugees



David & Diana Schmidt	5/2/1992	26 years
Elizabeth & Pat Jonas	5/7/2005	13 years
Jim & Pamela Farrell	5/8/1976	42 years
Alan & Catherine Dunning	5/31/2008	10 years
Randall & Marcia Johnson	5/31/1974	44 years
Jim & Juel Pierce	5/31/1971	47 years

Treasurer's Report March 2018

Cyndee Simpson, Treasurer

March Income	\$15, 376.85
March Expenses	\$17, 406.95
Year to Date Income	\$48, 785.93
Year to Date Expenses	\$52, 579.64

Roundtable

Dwelling in the Word

Phoebe Circle - Tuesday, May 8th, 7 pm
Cyndee Simpson - Hostess,
Laurel Goforth - Dessert
Randi Lenander - Lesson

Confirmation - Mondays at 4:00pm

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 10 am
at church

Fellowship

Early Morning Breakfast - Tuesday, May 15th,
6:30 am, @ Le Peep

Wednesday With Friends - Wednesday, May 9th,
12:00 pm @ Le Peep

Wednesday Café - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm - last
Wednesday will be May 16th,

Service

Quilting Ladies - Tuesdays, May 1st,
12:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7 pm

Community Dinner - Sunday, May 27th, 4:00 pm

Leadership

Altar Guild - Thursday, May 10th, 10:00 am
Pam Farrell - Hostess

Congregational Council - Thursday, May 10th, 6:30 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! We could also use creamers, napkins, teas and hot chocolate.

Council Actions: April

- Received update on Building Fund.
- Set a Congregational Meeting date of April 29th following worship to vote on transferring the Housing Fund to the Building Fund.
- Authorized a follow up mailing for pledges to the Building Fund.
- Jane Nelson was appointed to Chair the Archives Project.
- Acknowledged an Estate Gift of \$10,000 from Denton and Nadien Matteson to the First Lutheran Foundation.
- Donated \$500 from memorials for Imagine Eleven.
- Acknowledged Estate Gift of \$50,000 from Art Johnson to First Lutheran Church.
- Approved the installation of safety monitors and ringers from memorials at cost of \$1887.07 to Hammond's Custom Installation.
- Approved cleaning out of existing exterior east drain pipes for no more than \$1000 from Rory Wynes Excavating.
- Approved \$1500 to Scottish Stained Glass for evaluation and recommendations for repair of existing stained glass from the Stained Glass Repair Fund.

Food For Kids Sunday, May 6th

Sheila and Kenzie Gilbert will speak at worship on Sunday, May 6th to provide updates on this summer's neighborhood lunch program that feeds 150 children daily. A freewill offering will be received to support this hunger ministry.

Welcome Spring!

by Rick Hamlin

Be mindful of the wonderful changes blooming around you.

For, Lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.—Song of Solomon 2:11

I spotted my bus turning the corner a couple of blocks away and I raced to catch it, darting through pedestrians, crossing the street against a flashing DON'T WALK sign, nearly running into a car. I could have gotten hit, I suppose, but all I was thinking was I have to get that bus!

On Sunday afternoon buses don't come that often. And what would I do if I had to wait 15 minutes for another one?

Despite my athletic prowess I still missed it. Now there was nothing to do but walk. In a huff I began my hike through the park, taking big strides on the path that wound under the pine trees.

It was early spring, the sky gray but the grass lime green, daffodils pushing up under the trees. A Little League team had gathered in a pine grove to practice. The wobbly tosses and swings proved it was early in the season. A kid raced past me on his bicycle, and a golden retriever scurried after a squirrel.

I slowed my step. The smell of the damp earth, the sight of the buds, the sound of the whacked ball gave me a feeling of gladness. Winter was done. Spring was here. And to think, if I hadn't missed my bus, I would have missed it.

God, I love spring!

First Lutheran Church Council

Executive Committee

Pastor	Rev. Roger Lenander
President	Jim Farrell
Vice President	Jim Pierce
Secretary	Debbie Taylor
Treasurer	Cindy Simpson

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Carol Bunge	David Newman
Laurel Goforth	Jim Perry
Sylvester Heeler	Phil Hornbostel
Kris Langdon	Brenda Bass

Support Staff

Office Administrator	Misty Coyle	Custodian	Debbie & Larry Stafford
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