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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH | DECEMBER 2018

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## TRIPLE T PLEDGE OFFERING

### “Time – Talent – Treasure”

God has proclaimed that we alone are the stewards of all we are and all we have been given. For 2019 we are asked to pledge to grow in the gift of our Time, Talent, and Treasure in our life together at First Lutheran Church. Through the year we are asked to go to God daily in

prayer for wisdom and perseverance for our self, one another, and the whole church for **Triple T** growth for the sake of Christ.

At our worship on **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will offer our Triple T Pledge to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Sundays in December will feature First Lutheran brothers and sisters in Christ who will

## ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONS

The daily Advent devotions are reflections from favorite Advent Christmas songs written by six authors from First Lutheran. The devotions will follow the weekly Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. The devotions will be sent by email and also available in printed form at Sunday worship. Contact the office, 232-8378, if you would like them to be mailed to you weekly.

## CALENDAR

12.1

9:00 am Decorate the church

12.8

Christmas Caroling

12.2

Altar Guild Cookie Sale

Advent Breakfast

12.16

6:00 pm Imagine Eleven  
Christmas Show

12.23

4:00 pm Community  
Christmas Dinner

12.24

5:00 pm Candlelight Service

6:00 pm  
Catered Dinner

7:30 pm  
Candlelight  
Service





Heringer, Dorothy	12/7
Burns, Nadine	12/11
Olson, Jacob	12/12
Lenander, Roger	12/20
Olson, Payton	12/21
Simpson, Cyndee	12/23
Johnson, Randy	12/27
Thompson, Sonny	12/27
Newman, David	12/31



Phil & Linda Heeler	12/10/1966	52 years
Laurel & Carroll Goforth	12/11/1971	47 years
James & Linda Perry	12/18/1965	53 years
Larry & Nancy Reder	12/20/1980	38 years
Ron & Lin Starks	12/20/1969	49 years
Sarah Pierce & Rebecca Morris	12/21/2013	5 years
Ben & Megan Runge	12/29/2012	6 years
Bill & Rachael Kinney	12/31/2012	6 years



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 6:00 PM, FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

The evening opens with singing some of the favorite songs of the season. Then hang on for a joyous ride led by the sounds of a big band. A free-will offering will be taken in support of the mental health counseling fund for The Center.

5 Star Jazz Band is a non-profit community youth band dedicated to providing Kansas City's top young musicians, age 12-21, the unique opportunity to rehearse & perform in a professional-caliber jazz ensemble. Our high-energy repertoire of over 100+ charts includes Big Band, Swing, Jazz, Blues, Funk and Latin styles.

### Treasurer's Report October 2018

*Cyndee Simpson, Treasurer*

October Income	\$14, 127.83
October Expenses	\$18, 424.47
Year to Date Income	\$169, 596.80
Year to Date Expenses	\$176, 187.88



### Christmas Eve Dinner

December 24th, 6pm - 7pm,

catered by **Spanky and Buckwheat's**

Reservations are needed by Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Adults \$12.00 / Children 6-10 years \$6.00

Children 5 and under Free

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# ROUNDTABLE

## DWELLING IN THE WORD

Phoebe Circle - Friday, Dec. 11th, 6 pm, Christmas Party at Kris Langdon's house

Thursday Morning Bible Study - Thursdays at 10 am at church

Online Bible Study - Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Sunday School - Sundays at 10:30 am

Kids – End of the hall of the 2nd Floor

Adult – Fellowship Hall - Phil Hornbostel and Jim Pierce

Koinonia – 1st Floor Sunday School Room - Ron Starks and Nadine Burns

**Women's Bible Study** – Library - Misty Coyle

Confirmation – Third Floor - Pastor Roger

## FELLOWSHIP

Advent Breakfast - Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 10:30 am  
Hosted by the Girl Scouts

Early Morning Breakfast - Tuesday, Dec. 19th,  
6:30 am, at Le Peep

Wednesday Café - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm  
until Dec. 20th

Community Dinner - Sunday, Dec. 23rd, 4pm  
"Celebrating God's Gift of Community"

## SERVICE

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays at 7 pm

Archive Committee - Wednesdays at 9 am

## LEADERSHIP

Cub Scout Pack 26 - Tuesdays, 6:00 pm

Girl Scouts - Thursdays, 6:00 pm

Altar Guild - Saturday, Dec. 1st, 9:00 am  
Bake Sale Set-up

Thursday, Dec. 13th, 10:00 am Meeting  
11:30 pm Luncheon

Congregational Council - Thursday, Dec. 13th, 6:30 pm

## PLACES TO HELP

### Warming Tree

Donate hats, mittens and new or used blankets for people in the community. Place them at the "Warming Tree" in the narthex.

**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.

**Christmas Caroling** will be on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm starting at Charlotte and Pete Chirila's house (2822 Scott St.). After caroling is done, there will be Fellowship and snacks at Nadine Burn's home (4309 W Haverhill). Carolers can join us anywhere along the way.

**Sunday Community Dinner** *All are welcome to enjoy this community dinner.* Gifts of turkeys, hams, potatoes, canned corn and beans, and desserts are welcomed. Bring to the church by December 14<sup>th</sup>.



The Girl Scouts of First Lutheran Church would like to invite you to the Advent Breakfast, Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Funds raised will help support the Cadette and Senior trip to Savannah, Georgia, for the Quest Fest. Biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, and juice will be available.



# Christmas Cookie Sale and Silent Auction

Proceeds will go to CarePortal

## December 2nd

8:00 am to 9:00 am / 10:30 am to 11:00am

**Cookie Sale:** We need cookie donations. Please bring two dozen (or more) to the church by Dec. 1st

**Silent Auction:** Bidding to start at 8:00 am and end at 11:00am  
**MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN**

We are needing items for the silent Auction.  
Please contact Janell O'Mara (816-324-2226)  
if you have an item to donate.



## CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

*Christmas through Poetry and Song*

Sunday, December 16th  
3 p.m.

Monday, December 17th  
7:30 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Joseph  
519 North Tenth Street,  
St. Joseph, MO

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

## Executive Committee

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Roger Lenander
<b>President</b>	Jim Farrell
<b>Vice President</b>	Jim Pierce
<b>Secretary</b>	Debbie Taylor
<b>Treasurer</b>	Cyndee Simpson
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Joy Winters

## Council Members

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

**Online Offering  
Scan to give!**



## Support Staff

<b>Office Administrator</b>	Misty Coyle	<b>Custodian</b>	Debbie & Larry Stafford
<b>Associate Director of Music</b>	Sharon Gray	<b>Director of Music</b>	Sharmyn Thompson
<b>Sudanese Worship Director</b>	Phillip Alier Deng	<b>Central States Synod</b>	Bishop Roger Gustafson